

Figure 0.1. Current overview

Number of international organizations: 2008

These tables suggest answers to the question "How many international organizations are there?"

To be included in the *Yearbook of International Organizations* an organization must satisfy, or appear to satisfy, some understanding of being "non-profit" and "international" (see Appendix "Types of organization"). However, opinion may vary on what bodies are really eligible, or interesting.

Each of five tables below is a different (and exclusive) cluster of international organizations that share similar broad characteristics. Each cluster is itself a grouping of more narrowly defined types of organization. There is also a summary table combining the five clusters.

For further discussion, and numbers of organizations according to a more detailed classification common with previous *Yearbooks*, see Figure 1.1.1.

Figure 0.1.1. All bodies in Yearbook database

Description	Yearbook types	Intergovernmental IGO		Nongovernmental NGO		Total	
Cluster I: International organizations	A-D, F	989	13%	12446	23%	13435	22%
Cluster II: Dependent bodies	E, K, R	1209	16%	4817	9%	6026	10%
Cluster III: Organizational substitutes	S, T	2516	34%	590	1%	3106	5%
Cluster IV: National bodies	G, N	123	2%	9740	18%	9863	16%
Cluster V: Dead, inactive and unconfirmed bodies	H, J, U	2654	35%	27384	50%	30038	48%
	all	7491	100%	54977	100%	62468	100%

Figure 0.1.2. International organizations (Cluster I)

Description	Yearbook types	Intergovernmental IGO		Nongovernmental NGO		Total	
Conventional international bodies	A-D	247	25%	8003	64%	8250	61%
Unconventional international bodies	F	742	75%	4443	36%	5185	39%
Total organizations		989	100%	12446	100%	13435	100%

Figure 0.1.3. Dependent bodies (Cluster II)

Description	Yearbook types	Intergovernmental IGO		Nongovernmental NGO		Total	
Org's emanating from places, persons, bodies	E	840	69%	2781	58%	3621	60%
Subsidiary and internal bodies	K	369	31%	1129	23%	1498	25%
Religious orders and secular institutes	R	0	0%	907	19%	907	15%
Total organizations		1209	100%	4817	100%	6026	100%

Figure 0.1.4. Organizational substitutes (Cluster III)

Description	Yearbook types	Intergovernmental IGO		Nongovernmental NGO		Total	
Autonomous conference series	S	135	5%	590	100%	725	23%
Multilateral treaties, intergov'tal agreements	T	2381	95%	0	0%	2381	77%
Total organizations		2516	100%	590	100%	3106	100%

Figure 0.1.5. National bodies (Cluster IV)

Description	Yearbook types	Intergovernmental IGO		Nongovernmental NGO		Total	
Internationally oriented national organizations	G	123	100%	6764	69%	6887	70%
National organizations	N	0	0%	2976	31%	2976	30%
Total organizations		123	100%	9740	100%	9863	100%

Figure 0.1.6. Inactive, unconfirmed and excluded bodies (Cluster V)

Description	Yearbook types	Intergovernmental IGO		Nongovernmental NGO		Total	
Dissolved or apparently inactive conventional org's	H	760	29%	4309	16%	5069	17%
Recently reported bodies - not yet confirmed	J	56	2%	234	1%	290	1%
Currently excluded nonconventional bodies	U	1838	69%	22841	83%	24679	82%
Total organizations		2654	100%	27384	100%	30038	100%