

Figure 7.3.
Languages most commonly used by international organizations
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The data in this figure are extracted from Figure 7.2.

This figure lists languages in descending order of the number of international organizations (both intergovernmental and non-governmental) of Types A to D whose descriptions in Volume 1 of this Yearbook series specify the use, whether officially or informally, of those languages.

See 1.3. "Types of organization" for more information on organization types.

In addition, totals are given at the end of each row by cluster. The organization types allocated to each cluster are as follows:

Cluster I (International organizations): Types A B C D F

Cluster II (Dependent organizations): Types E K R

Cluster III (Organizational substitutes): Types S T

Cluster IV (National organizations): Types G N

Cluster V (Dead, inactive and unconfirmed bodies): Types H J U

Language	A-D	I	II	CLUSTER III	IV	V	TOTAL A-U	Language	A-D	I	II	CLUSTER III	IV	V	TOTAL A-U
English	5465	7501	1988	5	321	1751	11566	Czech	11	27	19	0	2	5	53
French +	2098	2973	993	2	109	1076	5153	Icelandic	10	14	3	0	0	5	22
Spanish +	1030	1523	479	0	69	465	2536	Korean	10	20	3	0	2	0	25
German +	931	1197	291	1	45	338	1872	Hindi +	9	21	13	0	5	7	46
Portuguese +	304	451	135	0	18	108	712	Hungarian	8	24	20	0	4	7	55
Italian +	242	374	136	0	15	96	621	Romanian +	8	20	14	0	1	8	43
Arabic +	226	337	152	0	17	139	645	Thai +	8	19	3	0	1	0	23
Russian	213	327	144	0	14	92	577	Slovakian +	7	19	16	0	2	4	41
Dutch +	112	182	71	1	18	71	343	Afrikaans	6	8	1	0	0	0	9
Swedish	95	129	46	0	5	96	276	Latin	6	7	4	0	0	3	14
Danish	75	99	36	0	1	65	201	Mandarin Chinese+	6	11	1	0	1	0	13
Norwegian	69	87	26	0	0	59	172	Bulgarian	5	14	12	0	0	7	33
Chinese +	65	122	80	0	9	27	238	Indonesian	4	8	7	0	3	3	21
Scandin./Nordic+	61	76	14	0	0	45	135	Slovak	4	14	14	0	1	0	29
Japanese	47	66	21	1	7	15	110	Slovenian +	4	16	18	0	0	1	35
Scandinavian	47	58	10	0	0	33	101	Yiddish	4	4	0	0	0	5	9
Finnish	37	57	25	0	4	35	121	Urdu +	3	5	2	0	2	1	10
Greek +	25	51	26	0	3	16	96	Vietnamese	3	6	3	0	1	3	13
Polish	23	45	33	0	2	9	89	Faeroese +	2	2	0	0	1	1	4
Hebrew	21	31	9	0	3	10	53	Irish +	2	8	10	0	0	1	19
Esperanto +	20	35	15	0	1	22	73	Lithuanian	2	13	13	0	1	1	28
Nordic	14	18	4	0	0	12	34	Ukrainian	2	6	3	0	0	1	10
Turkish	12	21	3	0	1	2	27	Latvian	1	12	13	0	0	1	26