

Figure 2.9.
Historical overview of number of international organizations by type
1909-2012

Presented in this table is the number of international organizations listed in past editions of the *Yearbook of International Organizations* and its precursors – notably the *Annuaire de la Vie Internationale*.

The organizations are totalled by type (see 1.3. “Types of organization”) and by whether they are intergovernmental or not.

To understand the policies governing the inclusion of types, and definitions of these types over time, see 1.4. “Continuity”.

This table suggests answers to the question “How many international organizations were there?” The comments given in Figure 2.1. are also applicable here.

		TYPES OF ORGANIZATION																		
Year/Edition		A	B	C	D	ABCD	E	F	G	EFG	H	J	K	M	N	R	S	T	U	TOTAL
1909 ed. 0	IGO	-	-	-	-	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37
	NGO	-	-	-	-	176	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	176
	Total	0	0	0	0	213	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1951 ed. 4	IGO	-	-	-	-	123	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	123
	NGO	-	-	-	-	832	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	832
	Total	0	0	0	0	955	0	0	0											

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									G	EFG	H	J										
1985	IGO	1	30	51	296	378	705	485	64	1254	197	125	-	33	-	0	0	34	1419	106		3546
ed. 22	NGO	43	397	796	3440	4676	1532	958	6602	9092	1528	1175	-	0	-	599	344	0	3220	20634		20634
	Total	44	427	847	3736	5054	2237	1443	6666	10346	1725	1300	0	33	0	599	378	1419	3326	24180		24180
1986	IGO	1	32	51	285	369	729	542	59	1330	212	77	-	33	-	0	49	1418	140		3628	
ed. 23	NGO	43	417	807	3382	4649	1710	1190	6969	9869	1684	792	-	0	-	652	368	0	3515	21529		21529
	Total	44	449	858	3667	5018	2439	1732	7028	11199	1896	869	0	33	0	652	417	1418	3655	25157		25157
1987	IGO	1	33	45	232	311	722	561	55	1338	242	88	-	-	-	0	58	1620	240		3897	
ed. 24	NGO	42	420	760	3013	4235	1751	1380	7577	10708	2172	1205	-	-	-	688	392	0	3848	23248		23248
	Total	43	453	805	3245	4546	2473	1941	7632	12046	2414	1293	0	0	0	688	450	1620	4088	27145		27145
1988	IGO	1	33	45	230	309	751	590	52	1393	240	137	-	-	-	0	63	1634	262		4038	
ed. 25	NGO	41	422	796	3259	4518	1996	1538	8273	11807	2109	1341	-	-	-	688	406	0	4033	24902		24902
	Total	42	455	841	3489	4827	2747	2128	8325	13200	2349	1478	0	0	0	688	469	1634	4295	28940		28940
1989	IGO	1	32	43	223	300	778	625	8	1411	247	154	-	-	-	0	71	1663	222		4068	
ed. 26	NGO	41	425	781	3374	4621	2051	1807	5854	9712	2138	1391	-	-	-	683	424	0	1094	20063		20063
	Total	42	458	824	3597	4921	2829	2432	5862	11123	2385	1545	0	0	0	683	495	1663	1316	24131		24131
1990	IGO	1	34	41	217	293	796	680	87	1563	251	141	-	-	-	0	71	1674	329		4322	
ed. 27	NGO	40	430	770	3406	4646	2129	1915	7518	11562	2204	1023	-	-	-	683	437	0	1779	22334		22334
	Total	41	464	811	3623	4939	2925	2595	7605	13125	2455	1164	0	0	0	683	508	1674	2108	26656		26656
1991	IGO	1	34	40	222	297	763	647	87	1497	257	144	-	-	-	0	76	1767	441		4565	
ed. 28	NGO	39	427	773	3381	4620	1656	1970	7867	11493	2323	944	-	-	-	753	449	0	2545	23635		23635
	Total	40	461	813	3603	4917	2419	2617	7954	12990	2580	1085	597	0	0	753	525	1767	2986	28200		28200
1992	IGO	1	34	36	215	286	719	633	52	1404	286	184	-	-	17	0	86	1789	479		4878	
ed. 29	NGO	39	426	774	3457	4696	1641	2325	3795	7761	2469	1128	-	-	5068	738	468	0	4109	27190		27190
	Total	40	460	810	3672	4982	2360	2958	3847	9165	2755	1312	1100	0	5085	738	554	1789	4588	32068		32068
1993	IGO	1	34	36	201	272	738	673	53	1464	305	199	-	-	17	0	91	1812	579		5103	
ed. 30	NGO	39	437	783	3571	4830	1661	2662	3606	7929	2638	1113	-	-	4411	807	488	0	5840	28901		28901
	Total	40	471	819	3772	5102	2399	3335	3659	9393	2943	1312	1209	0	4428	807	579	1812	6419	34004		34004
1994	IGO	1	34	37	191	263	725	706	59	1490	333	276	-	-	12	0	102	1838	653		5401	
ed. 31	NGO	38	436	801	3653	4928	1660	2754	3619	8033	2812	1357	-	-	3694	816	508	0	7881	31085		31085
	Total	39	470	838	3844	5191	2385	3460	3678	9523	3145	1633	1490	0	3706	816	610	1838	8534	36486		36486
1995	IGO	1	36	39	190	266	723	709	65	1497	338	245	-	-	16	0	103	1876	872		5668	
ed. 32	NGO	38	486	1001	3596	5121	1846	3025	4282	9153	2883	1254	-	-	4226	829	514	0	10907	36054		36054
	Total	39	522	1040	3786	5387	2569	3734	4347	10650	3221	1499	1622	0	4242	829	617	1876	11779	41722		41722
1996	IGO	1	36	37	186	260	751	743	76	1570	356	226	-	-	13	0	107	1914	935		5885	
ed. 33	NGO	39	493	1007	3933	5472	1944	3223	4469	9636	2921	1469	-	-	3665	870	526	0	12414	38243		38243
	Total	40	529	1044	4119	5732	2695	3966	4545	11206	3277	1695	1774	0	3678	870	633	1914	13349	44128		44128
1997	IGO	1	36	36	185	258	777	736	79	1592	368	217	-	-	8	0	114	1969	1017		6115	
ed. 34	NGO	39	485	997	4064	5585	2046	3361	4973	10380	3087	1534	-	-	3346	884	542	0	13623	40306		40306
	Total	40	521	1033	4249	5843	2823	4097	5052	11972	3455	1751	1897	0	3354	884	656	1969	14640	46421		46421
1998	IGO	1	36	35	182	254	775	732	75	1582	377	220	-	-	6	0	114	2001	1141		6250	
ed. 35	NGO	37	483	1074	4172	5766	2087	3436	5297	10820	3236	1286	-	-	3692	887	551	0	14583	42100		42100
	Total	38	519	1109	4354	6020	2862	4168	5372	12402	3613	1506	1834	0	3698	887	665	2001	15724	48350		48350
1999	IGO	1	35	35	180	251	775	724	89	1588	460	170	-	-	0	0	113	2028	1245		6415	
ed. 36	NGO	37	484	1057	4247	5825	2138	3547	5567	11252	3563	897	-	-	3370	893	542	0	16263	439		

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		A	B	C	D	ABCD	E	F	G	EFG	H	J	K	M	N	R	S	T	U	
2008 ed. 45	IGO	1	34	32	173	240	828	724	121	1673	768	56	374	-	0	0	138	2379	1831	7459
	NGO	32	465	1063	6068	7628	2685	4362	6549	13596	4462	222	1146	-	2924	907	588	0	22904	54377
	Total	33	499	1095	6241	7868	3513	5086	6670	15269	5230	278	1520	0	2924	907	726	2379	24735	61836
2009 ed. 46	IGO	1	34	33	179	247	840	742	123	1705	760	56	369	-	0	0	135	2381	1838	7491
	NGO	36	470	1097	6400	8003	2781	4443	6764	13988	4309	234	1129	-	2976	907	590	0	22841	54977
	Total	37	504	1130	6579	8250	3621	5185	6887	15693	5069	290	1498	0	2976	907	725	2381	24679	62468
2010 ed. 47	IGO	1	35	35	170	241	817	709	131	1657	765	53	376	-	0	0	136	2393	1923	7544
	NGO	36	480	1134	6102	7752	2773	4334	6825	13932	4820	249	1114	-	3289	907	600	0	23190	55853
	Total	37	515	1169	6272	7993	3590	5043	6956	15589	5585	302	1490	0	3289	907	736	2393	25113	63397
2011 ed. 48	IGO	1	36	35	181	253	851	685	135	1671	781	57	369	-	1	0	137	2396	1943	7608
	NGO	38	490	1214	6456	8198	2927	4432	7514	14873	4660	380	1122	-	2924	905	603	0	23169	56834
	Total	39	526	1249	6637	8451	3778	5117	7649	16544	5441	437	1491	0	2925	905	740	2396	25112	64442
2012 ed.49	IGO	1	36	34	191	262	879	707	145	1731	780	60	367	-	1	0	137	2399	1942	7679
	NGO	38	495	1264	6585	8382	3033	4566	7770	15369	4669	603	1095	-	3057	907	609	0	23030	57721
	Total	39	531	1298	6776	8644	3912	5273	7915	17100	5449	663	1462	0	3058	907	746	2399	24972	65400