

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	5555	7669	2037	5	358	1789	11858	Czech	12	29	18	0	2	5	54
French +	2113	3021	1004	2	122	1097	5246	Icelandic	10	14	3	0	0	5	22
Spanish +	1050	1565	484	0	78	476	2603	Romanian +	10	22	14	0	3	8	47
German +	934	1217	291	1	53	349	1911	Hindi +	9	24	14	0	7	6	51
Portuguese +	323	476	140	0	19	110	745	Hungarian	9	26	19	0	4	7	56
Italian +	249	385	139	0	23	95	642	Slovakian +	8	21	15	0	2	4	42
Arabic +	233	352	154	0	18	137	661	Thai +	8	19	3	0	1	0	23
Russian	217	337	147	0	19	92	595	Bulgarian	7	16	13	0	2	7	38
Dutch +	119	193	70	1	22	74	360	Afrikaans	6	9	1	0	0	0	10
Swedish	96	133	45	0	5	97	280	Latin	6	7	4	0	0	3	14
Danish	75	102	35	0	1	66	204	MandarinChinese +	6	11	1	0	1	0	13
Chinese +	69	130	79	0	12	27	248	Indonesian	5	9	9	0	3	3	24
Norwegian	68	88	26	0	0	60	174	Slovak	4	15	13	0	1	0	29
Scand./Nordic +	59	74	15	0	0	45	134	Slovenian +	4	16	17	0	0	1	34
Japanese	50	72	22	1	9	14	118	Vietnamese	4	7	2	0	1	4	14
Scandinavian	46	57	10	0	0	33	100	Yiddish	4	4	0	0	1	5	10
Finnish	35	56	24	0	4	35	119	Ukrainian	3	7	4	0	0	1	12
Greek +	26	52	25	0	4	16	97	Urdu +	3	6	2	0	2	2	12
Polish	25	48	32	0	4	9	93	Faeroese +	2	2	0	0	1	1	4
Esperanto +	20	35	16	0	1	22	74	Irish +	2	8	10	0	0	1	19
Hebrew	20	31	9	0	5	10	55	Lithuanian	2	13	12	0	1	1	27
Korean	13	25	5	0	5	0	35	Estonian	1	13	13	0	0	1	27
Nordic	13	17	5	0	0	12	34	Latvian	1	13	12	0	1	1	27
Turkish	13	23	4	0	2	3	32								