

**Figure 7.3.**  
**Languages most commonly used by international organizations**  
*Edition 55, 2018/2019 (data collected in 2017)*

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	CLUSTER					TOTAL A-U	Language	CLUSTER					TOTAL A-U		
	A-D	I	II	III	IV			V	A-D	I	II	III		IV	V
English	6222	9019	2408	11	1106	2280	14824	Bahasa Malaysia +	5	8	5	0	2	0	15
French +	2061	3190	1099	2	353	1301	5945	Serbian +	5	10	9	0	6	3	28
Spanish +	1164	1841	552	0	224	562	3179	Swahili +	5	19	4	0	15	6	44
German +	911	1251	319	2	168	435	2175	Creole +	4	6	4	0	3	6	19
Portuguese +	406	627	174	0	47	139	987	Malay	4	6	5	0	1	0	12
Italian +	274	445	171	0	70	125	811	Yiddish	4	4	0	0	1	5	10
Arabic +	261	424	208	0	56	160	848	Filipino	3	10	6	0	2	2	20
Russian	218	375	172	0	48	110	705	Mongolian	3	3	0	0	2	2	7
Swedish	156	211	61	0	14	159	445	Sanskrit +	3	5	0	0	0	0	5
Dutch +	143	238	80	1	76	98	493	Tagalog +	3	12	10	0	5	2	29
Danish	139	184	45	0	9	127	365	Tamil	3	8	4	0	4	1	17
Norwegian	127	164	38	0	7	116	325	Bosnian	2	4	5	0	0	1	10
Chinese +	91	183	94	0	40	33	350	Galician	2	3	1	0	1	0	5
Icelandic	65	88	15	0	3	57	163	Gujarati +	2	3	0	0	0	0	3
Japanese	57	89	31	1	23	16	160	Interlingua	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Finnish	56	82	31	0	11	56	180	Kazakh	2	3	0	0	0	0	3
Faeroese	42	55	8	0	1	37	101	Kyrgyz	2	3	0	0	0	1	4
Polish	35	64	31	0	9	16	120	Occitan +	2	2	1	0	0	0	3
Greek +	31	56	35	0	11	24	126	Sotho	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Korean	28	47	11	0	21	1	80	Tajik	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Hebrew	22	37	11	0	13	10	71	Urdu +	2	5	3	0	7	3	18
Esperanto	19	31	14	0	2	25	72	Welsh	2	3	0	0	1	0	4
Czech	17	33	20	0	6	15	74	Amharic	1	3	2	0	1	0	6
Serbo-Croatian +	17	38	29	0	8	8	83	Belorussian +	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Celtic +	14	20	11	0	3	8	42	Bengali	1	3	3	0	3	2	11
Hungarian	14	31	21	0	6	14	72	Breton	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Romanian +	14	30	11	0	8	11	60	Burmese	1	3	3	0	0	0	6
Turkish	14	33	7	0	11	5	56	Cornish	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Slovakian	13	22	14	0	3	11	50	Gaelic	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Mandarin Chinese +	12	25	4	0	5	1	35	Guarani	1	3	1	0	0	0	4
Slovene	11	20	18	0	0	7	45	Khmer +	1	4	5	0	4	0	13
Estonian	9	18	15	0	2	7	42	Kurdish	1	2	0	0	3	1	6
Lithuanian	9	18	12	0	1	7	38	Malayalam	1	3	1	0	0	0	4
Persian	9	17	4	0	7	4	32	Manx	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Tai +	9	21	10	0	4	2	37	Montenegrin	1	2	2	0	0	0	4
Thai +	9	21	8	0	3	2	34	Ndebele +	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Hindi +	8	27	17	0	17	9	70	Nepalese	1	4	4	0	0	0	8
Irish	8	12	10	0	0	7	29	North Sámi	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Afrikaans	7	10	1	0	2	0	13	Papiamentó	1	2	0	0	0	1	3
Bahasa Indonesia +	7	18	13	0	5	3	39	Punjabi +	1	2	2	0	1	0	5
Catalan +	7	15	5	0	4	3	27	Sámi +	1	2	0	0	0	2	4
Croatian +	7	20	12	0	2	2	36	Tibetan +	1	2	1	0	0	0	3
Indonesian	7	16	13	0	5	3	37	Tsonga +	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Latin	7	7	5	0	0	4	16	Tswana +	1	1	0	0	1	1	3
Latvian	7	16	11	0	2	7	36	Uzbek	1	2	1	0	0	1	4
Bulgarian	6	16	11	0	1	9	37	Wolof +	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Maltese	6	10	10	0	0	6	26	Xhosa +	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Ukrainian	6	12	6	0	3	2	23	Zulu	1	1	0	0	2	1	4
Vietnamese	6	12	4	0	2	4	22								