

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	CLUSTER						TOTAL A-U
	A-D	I	II	III	IV	V	
English	6384	9307	2480	12	1200	2363	15362
French +	2078	3248	1128	2	379	1324	6081
Spanish +	1195	1901	574	1	240	568	3284
German +	908	1262	327	2	182	448	2221
Portuguese +	418	648	185	0	51	143	1027
Italian +	286	462	171	0	74	130	837
Arabic +	270	444	220	0	65	161	890
Russian	220	374	179	0	49	116	718
Swedish	154	211	63	0	14	161	449
Dutch +	143	243	84	1	81	99	508
Danish	138	185	46	0	10	128	369
Norwegian	129	166	38	0	8	118	330
Chinese +	98	192	100	0	42	35	369
Icelandic	66	90	16	0	3	58	167
Japanese	61	97	30	1	23	15	166
Finnish	58	88	32	0	12	56	188
Faeroese	41	53	8	0	1	38	100
Polish	38	68	34	0	10	16	128
Greek +	32	59	37	0	11	24	131
Korean	28	48	11	0	22	1	82
Hebrew	22	36	11	0	14	11	72
Esperanto	20	32	14	0	2	24	72
Czech	18	34	20	0	6	15	75
Serbo-Croatian +	18	43	29	0	11	9	92
Hungarian	17	34	21	0	6	14	75
Romanian +	17	33	12	0	8	11	64
Turkish	16	34	5	0	13	4	56
Mand. Chinese +	14	27	4	0	5	1	37
Slovakian	13	21	14	0	3	11	49
Lithuanian	12	21	13	0	2	7	43
Celtic +	11	18	10	0	4	8	40
Slovene	11	21	18	0	0	7	46
Hindi +	10	30	16	0	17	10	73
Latvian	10	19	11	0	2	7	39
Tai +	10	27	9	0	4	2	42
Thai +	10	27	7	0	3	2	39
Croatian +	9	24	12	0	3	3	42
Persian	9	17	4	0	7	4	32
Ukrainian	9	14	7	0	3	3	27
Afrikaans	8	12	1	0	2	0	15
Bahasa Indonesia +	8	20	14	0	5	3	42
Bulgarian	8	17	12	0	1	11	41
Estonian	8	17	15	0	2	7	41
Indonesian	8	18	13	0	5	3	39
Catalan +	7	15	5	0	4	3	27
Swahili +	7	21	3	0	17	6	47
Bahasa Malaysia +	6	11	5	0	3	0	19
Latin	6	6	5	0	0	4	15
Maltese	6	11	10	0	0	6	27
Vietnamese	6	14	4	0	2	4	24
Creole +	5	8	4	0	3	6	21
Irish	5	10	10	0	0	7	27
Malay	5	9	5	0	2	0	16
Mongolian	4	4	0	0	2	2	8
Serbian +	4	10	9	0	7	3	29
Tamil	4	10	4	0	5	1	20
Yiddish	4	4	0	0	1	5	10
Filipino	3	11	5	0	4	2	22
Kyrgyz	3	4	0	0	0	1	5
Sanskrit +	3	5	0	0	0	0	5
Tagalog +	3	14	9	0	7	2	32
Tajik	3	3	0	0	0	0	3
Bengali	2	4	3	0	3	2	12
Bosnian	2	5	5	0	1	1	12
Gujarati +	2	3	0	0	0	0	3
Interlingua	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Kazakh	2	3	0	0	0	0	3
Occitan +	2	2	1	0	0	0	3
Sotho	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Tsonga +	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Urdu +	2	5	3	0	7	3	18
Welsh	2	3	0	0	2	0	5
Amharic	1	3	2	0	1	0	6
Armenian	1	5	4	0	4	1	14
Azeri +	1	1	1	0	1	0	3
Belorussian +	1	1	0	0	1	1	3
Belorussian +	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Breton	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Burmese	1	4	3	0	0	0	7
Cornish	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Flemish	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Gaelic	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Galician	1	2	1	0	1	0	4
Guarani	1	3	1	0	0	0	4
Haitian Creole	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Khmer +	1	5	5	0	4	0	14
Kurdish	1	2	0	0	4	0	6
Malayalam	1	3	1	0	0	0	4
Manx	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Montenegrin	1	2	2	0	0	0	4
Ndebele +	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Nepalese	1	4	4	0	0	0	8
North Sámi	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Papiamentó	1	2	0	0	0	1	3
Punjabi +	1	2	2	0	1	0	5
Sámi +	1	2	0	0	0	2	4
Shona	1	3	0	0	2	0	5
Sinhala +	1	4	3	0	1	0	8
Telugu +	1	3	3	0	0	1	7
Tibetan +	1	2	1	0	0	0	3
Tonga	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Tswana +	1	1	0	0	1	1	3
Uzbek	1	2	1	0	0	1	4
Wolof +	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Xhosa +	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Zulu	1	1	0	0	2	1	4

