

Figure 7.5.
Languages most commonly used by intergovernmental 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 intergovernmental organizations 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
English	198	552	575	2	22	285	1436
French +	117	323	353	0	11	225	912
Spanish +	68	176	196	0	3	103	478
Arabic +	53	115	122	0	1	64	302
Russian	34	87	102	0	2	46	237
Portuguese +	33	69	68	0	2	46	185
German +	19	49	43	0	6	38	136
Chinese +	16	42	60	0	2	21	125
Swedish	12	24	24	0	1	37	86
Danish	11	22	20	0	0	33	75
Norwegian	10	19	16	0	2	25	62
Italian +	9	22	19	0	1	16	58
Dutch +	7	17	19	0	3	15	54
Icelandic	5	12	5	0	0	12	29
Faeroese	3	7	2	0	1	7	17
Finnish	3	10	16	0	0	20	46
Czech	2	5	10	0	2	8	25
Estonian	2	6	8	0	0	4	18
Greek +	2	5	9	0	1	9	24
Hungarian	2	5	9	0	0	9	23
Latvian	2	6	7	0	0	4	17
Lithuanian	2	6	7	0	0	4	17
Maltese	2	5	7	0	0	4	16
Polish	2	6	9	0	1	8	24

Language	A-D	I	II	CLUSTER III	IV	V	TOTAL A-U
Slovakian	2	4	8	0	1	8	21
Slovene	2	7	8	0	0	5	20
Bahasa Indonesia+ 1	1	1	4	0	0	1	6
Bahasa Malaysia + 1	1	1	1	0	0	0	2
Bulgarian	1	3	5	0	0	8	16
Celtic +	1	3	5	0	0	4	12
Croatian +	1	6	3	0	0	1	10
Filipino	1	1	2	0	0	0	3
Indonesian	1	1	3	0	0	1	5
Irish	1	3	5	0	0	4	12
Japanese	1	2	7	0	0	1	10
Khmer +	1	1	2	0	0	0	3
Korean	1	2	1	0	1	0	4
Malay	1	1	1	0	0	0	2
Persian	1	1	1	0	0	2	4
Romanian +	1	4	6	0	0	7	17
Serbo-Croatian +	1	10	6	0	0	3	19
Swahili +	1	2	0	0	0	2	4
Tagalog +	1	1	2	0	0	0	3
Tai +	1	2	4	0	1	0	7
Tamil	1	1	1	0	0	0	2
Thai +	1	2	3	0	1	0	6
Turkish	1	4	1	0	0	1	6
Vietnamese	1	1	1	0	0	3	5

