

Figure 7.7.
Languages most commonly used by international non-governmental 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 non-governmental 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	III	IV	V	TOTAL A-U
English	6186	8755	1905	10	1178	2078	13926
French +	1961	2925	775	2	368	1099	5169
Spanish +	1127	1725	378	1	237	465	2806
German +	889	1213	284	2	176	410	2085
Portuguese +	385	579	117	0	49	97	842
Italian +	277	440	152	0	73	114	779
Arabic +	217	329	98	0	64	97	588
Russian	186	287	77	0	47	70	481
Swedish	142	187	39	0	13	124	363
Dutch +	136	226	65	1	78	84	454
Danish	127	163	26	0	10	95	294
Norwegian	119	147	22	0	6	93	268
Chinese +	82	150	40	0	40	14	244
Icelandic	61	78	11	0	3	46	138
Japanese	60	95	23	1	23	14	156
Finnish	55	78	16	0	12	36	142
Faeroese	38	46	6	0	0	31	83
Polish	36	62	25	0	9	8	104
Greek +	30	54	28	0	10	15	107
Korean	27	46	10	0	21	1	78
Hebrew	22	36	10	0	14	10	70
Esperanto	20	32	14	0	2	24	72
Serbo-Croatian +	17	33	23	0	11	6	73
Czech	16	29	10	0	4	7	50
Romanian +	16	29	6	0	8	4	47
Hungarian	15	29	12	0	6	5	52
Turkish	15	30	4	0	13	3	50
Mandarin Chinese + 14	27	3	0	0	5	1	36
Slovakian	11	17	6	0	2	3	28
Celtic +	10	15	5	0	4	4	28
Hindi +	10	30	16	0	17	8	71
Lithuanian	10	15	6	0	2	3	26
Slovene	9	14	10	0	0	2	26
Tai +	9	25	5	0	3	2	35
Thai +	9	25	4	0	2	2	33
Ukrainian	9	14	7	0	3	2	26
Afrikaans	8	12	1	0	2	0	15
Croatian +	8	18	9	0	3	2	32
Latvian	8	13	4	0	2	3	22
Persian	8	16	3	0	7	2	28
Bahasa Indonesia + 7	19	10	0	0	5	2	36
Bulgarian	7	14	7	0	1	3	25
Catalan +	7	15	4	0	4	2	25
Indonesian	7	17	10	0	5	2	34
Estonian	6	11	7	0	2	3	23
Latin	6	6	5	0	0	4	15
Swahili +	6	19	3	0	17	4	43
Bahasa Malaysia + 5	10	4	0	0	3	0	17
Creole +	5	8	4	0	3	4	19
Vietnamese	5	13	3	0	2	1	19
Irish	4	7	5	0	0	3	15
Malay	4	8	4	0	2	0	14

Language	A-D	I	II	III	IV	V	TOTAL A-U
Maltese	4	6	3	0	0	2	11
Mongolian	4	4	0	0	2	0	6
Serbian +	4	8	8	0	7	3	26
Yiddish	4	4	0	0	1	5	10
Kyrgyz	3	4	0	0	0	1	5
Sanskrit +	3	5	0	0	0	0	5
Tajik	3	3	0	0	0	0	3
Tamil	3	9	3	0	5	1	18
Bengali	2	4	2	0	3	1	10
Bosnian	2	4	4	0	1	1	10
Filipino	2	10	3	0	4	2	19
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
Tagalog +	2	13	7	0	7	2	29
Tsonga +	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Urdu +	2	5	3	0	7	2	17
Welsh	2	3	0	0	2	0	5
Amharic	1	3	2	0	1	0	6
Armenian	1	5	3	0	4	1	13
Azeri +	1	1	1	0	1	0	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	2	1	0	0	0	3
Haitian Creole	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
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	1	1	0	0	0	2
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	0	2
Shona	1	3	0	0	2	0	5
Sinhala +	1	4	2	0	1	0	7
Telugu +	1	3	2	0	0	1	6
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	0	0	0	1	3
Wolof +	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Xhosa +	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Zulu	1	1	0	0	2	1	4

