

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	6508	9477	2516	12	1257	2396	15658
French +	2101	3283	1133	2	394	1341	6153
Spanish +	1229	1937	580	1	247	574	3339
German +	906	1262	327	2	189	457	2237
Portuguese +	438	672	190	0	50	140	1052
Italian +	287	464	173	0	78	133	848
Arabic +	278	458	222	0	69	162	911
Russian	224	379	182	0	49	117	727
Swedish	157	215	63	0	15	161	454
Dutch +	148	250	87	1	84	102	524
Danish	139	186	46	0	10	128	370
Norwegian	129	166	38	0	10	118	332
Chinese +	99	194	101	0	42	36	373
Icelandic	68	92	16	0	3	57	168
Japanese	63	98	30	1	25	15	169
Finnish	59	89	33	0	12	55	189
Faeroese	41	53	8	0	1	38	100
Polish	38	72	35	0	11	16	134
Greek +	34	63	38	0	11	24	136
Korean	30	49	11	0	25	0	85
Hebrew	22	36	11	0	14	11	72
Serbo-Croatian +	21	47	31	0	11	8	97
Esperanto	20	32	14	0	2	24	72
Czech	18	34	20	0	6	15	75
Romanian +	17	33	12	0	8	11	64
Turkish	17	36	5	0	13	5	59
Hungarian	16	34	22	0	6	14	76
Mandarin Chinese+	14	28	5	0	5	1	39
Slovakian	13	21	14	0	3	11	49
Hindi +	12	33	16	0	18	9	76
Lithuanian	12	21	14	0	2	7	44
Bahasa Indonesia+	11	24	15	0	5	4	48
Celtic +	11	18	11	0	4	8	41
Indonesian	11	22	14	0	5	4	45
Bulgarian	10	19	13	0	1	10	43
Croatian +	10	25	14	0	3	2	44
Latvian	10	19	11	0	2	7	39
Persian	10	17	4	0	7	4	32
Slovene	10	20	18	0	0	7	45
Tai +	10	25	11	0	4	3	43
Thai +	10	25	9	0	3	3	40
Ukrainian	9	14	7	0	3	3	27
Afrikaans	8	12	1	0	2	0	15
Estonian	8	17	15	0	2	7	41
Bahasa Malaysia +	6	11	5	0	3	0	19
Catalan +	6	14	6	0	5	3	28
Latin	6	6	4	0	0	5	15
Maltese	6	11	10	0	0	6	27
Swahili +	6	20	3	0	17	6	46
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
Serbian +	5	12	9	0	7	3	31

Language	CLUSTER						TOTAL A-U
	A-D	I	II	III	IV	V	
Mongolian	4	4	0	0	2	2	8
Tamil	4	10	4	0	5	1	20
Yiddish	4	4	0	0	1	5	10
Bosnian	3	6	5	0	1	1	13
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	3	13
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
Zulu	2	2	0	0	2	1	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	1	0	1	0	3
Galician	1	2	1	0	1	0	4
Georgian	1	3	1	0	2	0	6
Guarani	1	3	1	0	0	0	4
Haitian Creole	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Khmer +	1	5	4	0	4	0	13
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
Papiamentu	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

