

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	200	558	580	2	22	288	1450
French +	118	326	353	0	11	227	917
Spanish +	70	175	199	0	3	104	481
Arabic +	53	116	124	0	1	64	305
Russian	34	87	104	0	2	46	239
Portuguese +	33	69	69	0	2	47	187
German +	19	49	44	0	6	38	137
Chinese +	16	42	62	0	2	21	127
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	21	19	0	1	16	57
Dutch +	7	17	20	0	3	15	55
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	8	0	0	4	18
Maltese	2	5	7	0	0	4	16
Polish	2	6	9	0	1	8	24
Slovakian	2	4	8	0	1	8	21
Slovene	2	7	8	0	0	5	20

Language	A-D	I	II	CLUSTER III	IV	V	TOTAL A-U
Bahasa Indonesia+	1	1	5	0	0	1	7
Bahasa Malaysia +	1	1	1	0	0	0	2
Bulgarian	1	3	5	0	0	8	16
Celtic +	1	3	6	0	0	4	13
Croatian +	1	6	3	0	0	1	10
Filipino	1	1	2	0	0	0	3
Indonesian	1	1	4	0	0	1	6
Irish	1	3	5	0	0	4	12
Japanese	1	1	7	0	0	1	9
Khmer +	1	1	1	0	0	0	2
Korean	1	1	1	0	1	0	3
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
Tagalog +	1	1	2	0	0	0	3
Tai +	1	1	6	0	1	0	8
Tamil	1	1	1	0	0	0	2
Thai +	1	1	5	0	1	0	7
Turkish	1	4	1	0	0	1	6
Vietnamese	1	1	1	0	0	3	5

