

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	6308	8919	1936	10	1235	2108	14208
French +	1983	2957	780	2	383	1114	5236
Spanish +	1159	1762	381	1	244	470	2858
German +	887	1213	283	2	183	419	2100
Portuguese +	405	603	121	0	48	93	865
Italian +	278	443	154	0	77	117	791
Arabic +	225	342	98	0	68	98	606
Russian	190	292	78	0	47	71	488
Swedish	145	191	39	0	14	124	368
Dutch +	141	233	67	1	81	87	469
Danish	128	164	26	0	10	95	295
Norwegian	119	147	22	0	8	93	270
Chinese +	83	152	39	0	40	15	246
Icelandic	63	80	11	0	3	45	139
Japanese	62	97	23	1	25	14	160
Finnish	56	79	17	0	12	35	143
Faeroese	38	46	6	0	0	31	83
Polish	36	66	26	0	10	8	110
Greek +	32	58	29	0	10	15	112
Korean	29	48	10	0	24	0	82
Hebrew	22	36	10	0	14	10	70
Esperanto	20	32	14	0	2	24	72
Serbo-Croatian +	20	37	25	0	11	5	78
Czech	16	29	10	0	4	7	50
Romanian +	16	29	6	0	8	4	47
Turkish	16	32	4	0	13	4	53
Hungarian	14	29	13	0	6	5	53
Mandarin Chinese+ 14	28	4	0	0	5	1	38
Hindi +	12	33	16	0	18	7	74
Slovakian	11	17	6	0	2	3	28
Bahasa Indonesia+ 10	23	10	0	0	5	3	41
Celtic +	10	15	5	0	4	4	28
Indonesian	10	21	10	0	5	3	39
Lithuanian	10	15	6	0	2	3	26
Bulgarian	9	16	8	0	1	2	27
Croatian +	9	19	11	0	3	1	34
Persian	9	16	3	0	7	2	28
Tai +	9	24	5	0	3	3	35
Thai +	9	24	4	0	2	3	33
Ukrainian	9	14	7	0	3	2	26
Afrikaans	8	12	1	0	2	0	15
Latvian	8	13	4	0	2	3	22
Slovene	8	13	10	0	0	2	25
Catalan +	6	14	5	0	5	2	26
Estonian	6	11	7	0	2	3	23
Latin	6	6	4	0	0	5	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
Serbian +	5	10	8	0	7	3	28
Vietnamese	5	13	3	0	2	1	19

Language	A-D	I	II	III	IV	V	TOTAL A-U
Irish	4	7	5	0	0	3	15
Malay	4	8	4	0	2	0	14
Maltese	4	6	3	0	0	2	11
Mongolian	4	4	0	0	2	0	6
Yiddish	4	4	0	0	1	5	10
Bosnian	3	5	4	0	1	1	11
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	2	11
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
Zulu	2	2	0	0	2	1	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	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
Georgian	1	3	0	0	2	0	5
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

