

**Figure 7.2.**  
**Languages most commonly used by international organizations**  
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The data in this figure are extracted from Figure 7.1.

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	A-D	I	II	III	IV	V	TOTAL A-U
English (I)	6563	9559	2532	12	1298	2447	15848
French (I)	2115	3303	1144	2	412	1364	6225
Spanish (I)	1243	1963	588	1	256	582	3390
German (I)	915	1283	333	2	199	461	2278
Portuguese (I)	451	683	195	0	54	144	1076
Italian (I)	298	478	178	0	81	136	873
Arabic (M)	275	454	223	0	72	165	914
Russian (I)	226	385	188	0	51	120	744
Swedish (I)	160	219	62	0	15	164	460
Dutch (I)	152	259	91	1	87	106	544
Danish (I)	142	188	46	0	11	131	376
Norwegian (M)	131	168	38	0	10	119	335
Chinese (M)	88	171	99	0	35	36	341
Icelandic (I)	66	89	16	0	3	58	166
Japanese (I)	62	98	31	1	26	16	172
Finnish (I)	60	95	32	0	12	57	196
Polish (I)	42	78	33	0	11	18	140
Faroese (I)	39	50	8	0	1	38	97
Korean (I)	27	47	11	0	26	3	87
Hebrew (I)	22	36	11	0	14	11	72
Esperanto (I)	20	33	14	0	2	24	73
Czech (I)	19	36	19	0	6	17	78
Mandarin Chinese (I)	19	34	6	0	4	1	45
Hungarian (I)	18	36	21	0	6	15	78
Romanian (I)	18	37	12	0	9	11	69
Turkish (I)	17	36	6	0	14	5	61
Slovakian (I)	16	27	13	0	3	13	56
Lithuanian (I)	13	22	13	0	2	8	45
Latvian (M)	12	22	10	0	2	8	42
Indonesian (I)	11	25	17	0	5	4	51
Slovene (I)	11	21	19	0	0	8	48
Hindi (I)	10	28	13	0	13	5	59
Persian (M)	10	17	5	0	8	5	35
Thai (I)	10	26	9	0	3	3	41
Bulgarian (I)	9	19	14	0	2	11	46
Croatian (I)	9	25	15	0	3	2	45
Estonian (M)	9	20	14	0	2	8	44
Greek (I)	9	16	6	0	4	0	26
International Sign Language (I)	9	11	2	0	1	0	14
Ukrainian (I)	9	15	8	0	3	3	29
Afrikaans (I)	8	12	1	0	2	0	15
Maltese (I)	7	12	10	0	0	6	28
Catalan (I)	6	14	6	0	5	4	29
Latin (I)	6	6	5	0	0	5	16
Swahili (I)	6	21	3	0	19	6	49
Vietnamese (I)	6	15	4	0	2	4	25
Malay (I)	5	9	5	0	3	2	19
Serbian (I)	5	11	9	0	7	3	30
Mongolian (M)	4	4	0	0	2	2	8
Tamil (I)	4	10	4	0	5	2	21
Yiddish (M)	4	4	0	0	1	5	10
Belarusian (I)	3	3	0	0	2	1	6
Bosnian (I)	3	6	5	0	1	1	13
Filipino (I)	3	11	5	0	4	2	22
Kazakh (I)	3	4	0	0	0	0	4
Kirghiz (I)	3	4	0	0	0	0	5
Sanskrit (I)	3	5	0	0	0	0	5
Tajik (I)	3	3	0	0	0	0	3
Bengali (I)	2	4	3	0	4	2	13
Creoles and pidgins (F)	2	3	3	0	3	4	13
Gujarati (I)	2	3	0	0	1	0	4
Interlingua (I)	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Occitan (I)	2	3	1	0	0	0	4
Serbo-Croatian (M)	2	2	1	0	0	2	5
Sotho (I)	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Welsh (I)	2	4	0	0	2	0	6
Zulu (I)	2	2	0	0	2	1	5
Amharic (I)	1	3	3	0	1	0	7
Arawak (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Armenian (I)	1	6	4	0	4	1	15
Azerbaijani (M)	1	1	2	0	1	0	4
Breton (I)	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Burmese (I)	1	4	3	0	0	0	7
Cornish (I)	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
EU languages (O)	1	7	12	0	0	1	20
French-based creoles/pidg. (F)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Galician (I)	1	3	1	0	1	0	5
Georgian (I)	1	4	1	0	2	0	7
Germanic languages (F)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Guarani (M)	1	3	1	0	0	0	4
Haitian (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Hawaiian (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Kurdish (M)	1	2	0	0	4	0	6
Ladakhi (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Laotian (I)	1	1	2	0	1	0	4
Malayalam (I)	1	3	1	0	0	0	4
Manx (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Mon-Khmer languages (F)	1	5	4	0	4	0	13
Ndebele (I)	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Nepali (I)	1	4	4	0	1	0	9
Northern Sami (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Odia (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Papiamentu (I)	1	2	0	0	0	1	3
Romance languages (F)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Saint Lucian Creole French (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Sinhala (I)	1	4	3	0	0	0	7
Telugu (I)	1	3	3	0	0	1	7
Tibetan (I)	1	2	1	0	0	0	3
Tsonga (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Tswana (I)	1	1	0	0	1	1	3
UN languages (O)	1	3	1	0	0	0	4
Urdu (I)	1	4	3	0	7	4	18
Uzbek (M)	1	2	1	0	0	1	4
Wolof (I)	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Xhosa (I)	1	1	0	0	1	0	2

