

**Figure 7.4.**  
**Languages most commonly used by intergovernmental 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 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 (I)	202	563	581	2	23	289	1458
French (I)	120	328	353	0	12	228	921
Spanish (I)	70	175	199	0	3	105	482
Arabic (M)	53	116	125	0	1	65	307
Russian (I)	34	87	107	0	2	46	242
Portuguese (I)	33	70	70	0	1	47	188
German (I)	19	50	44	0	6	38	138
Chinese (M)	16	42	62	0	1	21	126
Swedish (I)	12	24	24	0	1	37	86
Danish (I)	11	21	20	0	0	33	74
Norwegian (M)	10	17	16	0	2	25	60
Italian (I)	9	22	19	0	2	16	59
Dutch (I)	7	17	20	0	3	15	55
Icelandic (I)	5	11	5	0	0	12	28
Faroese (I)	3	6	2	0	1	7	16
Finnish (I)	3	11	16	0	0	20	47
Czech (I)	2	5	10	0	2	8	25
Estonian (M)	2	6	8	0	0	4	18
Hungarian (I)	2	5	9	0	0	9	23
Latvian (M)	2	6	7	0	0	4	17
Lithuanian (I)	2	6	8	0	0	4	18
Maltese (I)	2	5	7	0	0	4	16
Polish (I)	2	6	9	0	1	8	24
Slovakian (I)	2	5	8	0	1	8	22
Slovene (I)	2	7	8	0	0	5	20
Bulgarian (I)	1	3	5	0	0	8	16
Croatian (I)	1	6	3	0	0	1	10
Filipino (I)	1	1	2	0	0	0	3
Indonesian (I)	1	1	7	0	0	1	9
Japanese (I)	1	2	7	0	0	1	10
Korean (I)	1	2	1	0	1	0	4
Laotian (I)	1	1	1	0	0	0	2
Malay (I)	1	1	1	0	0	0	2
Mon-Khmer languages (F)	1	1	1	0	0	0	2
Persian (M)	1	1	2	0	0	2	5
Romanian (I)	1	4	5	0	0	7	16
Tamil (I)	1	1	1	0	0	0	2
Thai (I)	1	2	5	0	1	0	8
Turkish (I)	1	4	1	0	0	1	6
UN languages (O)	1	3	0	0	0	0	3
Vietnamese (I)	1	1	1	0	0	3	5

