

**Figure 7.6.**  
**Languages most commonly used by international non-governmental 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 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	CLUSTER III	IV	V	TOTAL A-U
English (I)	6361	8996	1951	10	1275	2158	14390
French (I)	1995	2975	791	2	400	1136	5304
Spanish (I)	1173	1788	389	1	253	477	2908
German (I)	896	1233	289	2	193	423	2140
Portuguese (I)	418	613	125	0	53	97	888
Italian (I)	289	456	159	0	79	120	814
Arabic (M)	222	338	98	0	71	100	607
Russian (I)	192	298	81	0	49	74	502
Swedish (I)	148	195	38	0	14	127	374
Dutch (I)	145	242	71	1	84	91	489
Danish (I)	131	167	26	0	11	98	302
Norwegian (M)	121	151	22	0	8	94	275
Chinese (M)	72	129	37	0	34	15	215
Icelandic (I)	61	78	11	0	3	46	138
Japanese (I)	61	96	24	1	26	15	162
Finnish (I)	57	84	16	0	12	37	149
Polish (I)	40	72	24	0	10	10	116
Faroese (I)	36	44	6	0	0	31	81
Korean (I)	26	45	10	0	25	3	83
Hebrew (I)	22	36	10	0	14	10	70
Esperanto (I)	20	33	14	0	2	24	73
Mandarin Chinese (I)	19	34	4	0	4	1	43
Czech (I)	17	31	9	0	4	9	53
Romanian (I)	17	33	7	0	9	4	53
Hungarian (I)	16	31	12	0	6	6	55
Turkish (I)	16	32	5	0	14	4	55
Slovakian (I)	14	22	5	0	2	5	34
Lithuanian (I)	11	16	5	0	2	4	27
Hindi (I)	10	28	13	0	13	4	58
Indonesian (I)	10	24	10	0	5	3	42
Latvian (M)	10	16	3	0	2	4	25
Greek (I)	9	15	5	0	4	0	24
International Sign Language (I)	9	11	2	0	1	0	14
Persian (M)	9	16	3	0	8	3	30
Slovene (I)	9	14	11	0	0	3	28
Thai (I)	9	24	4	0	2	3	33
Ukrainian (I)	9	15	8	0	3	2	28
Afrikaans (I)	8	12	1	0	2	0	15
Bulgarian (I)	8	16	9	0	2	3	30
Croatian (I)	8	19	12	0	3	1	35
Estonian (M)	7	14	6	0	2	4	26
Catalan (I)	6	14	5	0	5	3	27
Latin (I)	6	6	5	0	0	5	16
Swahili (I)	6	20	3	0	19	4	46
Maltese (I)	5	7	3	0	0	2	12
Serbian (I)	5	9	8	0	7	3	27
Vietnamese (I)	5	14	3	0	2	1	20
Malay (I)	4	8	4	0	3	2	17
Mongolian (M)	4	4	0	0	2	0	6
Yiddish (M)	4	4	0	0	1	5	10
Belarusian (I)	3	3	0	0	2	1	6
Bosnian (I)	3	5	4	0	1	1	11
Kazakh (I)	3	4	0	0	0	0	4
Kirghiz (I)	3	4	0	0	0	1	5
Sanskrit (I)	3	5	0	0	0	0	5
Tajik (I)	3	3	0	0	0	0	3
Tamil (I)	3	9	3	0	5	2	19
Bengali (I)	2	4	2	0	4	1	11
Creoles and pidgins (F)	2	3	3	0	3	3	12
Filipino (I)	2	10	3	0	4	2	19
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	0	3
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	3	0	4	1	14
Azerbaijani (M)	1	1	1	0	1	0	3
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	2	0	0	0	0	2
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	0	0	2	0	6
Germanic languages (F)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Guarani (M)	1	2	1	0	0	0	3
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
Malayalam (I)	1	3	1	0	0	0	4
Manx (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
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	2	0	0	0	6
Telugu (I)	1	3	2	0	0	1	6
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
Urdu (I)	1	4	3	0	7	3	17
Uzbek (M)	1	2	0	0	0	1	3
Wolof (I)	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Xhosa (I)	1	1	0	0	1	0	2

