

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	CLUSTER						TOTAL A-U	Language	CLUSTER						TOTAL A-U
	A-D	I	II	III	IV	V			A-D	I	II	III	IV	V	
English (I)	6586	9614	2541	12	1348	2507	16022	Tajik (I)	3	3	0	0	0	0	3
French (I)	2111	3311	1150	2	428	1386	6277	Bengali (I)	2	4	3	0	4	2	13
Spanish (I)	1251	1990	590	1	267	591	3439	Creoles and pidgins (F)	2	3	3	0	3	4	13
German (I)	919	1298	332	2	201	468	2301	Gujarati (I)	2	3	0	0	1	0	4
Portuguese (I)	459	703	196	0	58	146	1103	Interlingua (I)	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Italian (I)	303	491	182	0	85	136	894	Occitan (I)	2	3	1	0	0	0	4
Arabic (M)	275	460	227	0	75	169	931	Papiamentu (I)	2	3	0	0	0	1	4
Russian (I)	224	384	186	0	55	122	747	Serbo-Croatian (M)	2	3	1	0	0	2	6
Swedish (I)	162	220	63	0	16	167	466	Sotho (I)	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Dutch (I)	152	264	92	1	90	107	554	Urdu (I)	2	5	3	0	8	4	20
Danish (I)	143	191	49	0	11	134	385	Welsh (I)	2	4	0	0	2	0	6
Norwegian (M)	133	169	38	0	10	121	338	Zulu (I)	2	2	0	0	2	1	5
Chinese (M)	91	174	100	0	36	38	348	Amharic (I)	1	3	3	0	1	0	7
Icelandic (I)	67	90	16	0	3	58	167	Arawak (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Japanese (I)	62	100	31	1	28	16	176	Armenian (I)	1	6	4	0	4	1	15
Finnish (I)	61	98	31	0	15	59	203	Azerbaijani (M)	1	1	2	0	1	0	4
Polish (I)	42	82	33	0	11	18	144	Breton (I)	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Faroese (I)	39	50	8	0	1	38	97	Burmese (I)	1	5	3	0	0	0	8
Irish Gaelic (I)	33	57	37	0	17	27	138	Cornish (I)	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Korean (I)	28	50	11	0	28	3	92	EU languages (O)	1	7	12	0	0	1	20
Czech (I)	22	41	19	0	6	17	83	French-based Creoles and pidgins (F)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Hebrew (I)	22	36	11	0	14	11	72	Friulian (I)	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Esperanto (I)	20	33	14	0	2	24	73	Galician (I)	1	3	1	0	1	0	5
Mandarin Chinese (I)	20	35	6	0	4	1	46	Georgian (I)	1	4	1	0	2	0	7
Hungarian (I)	19	40	21	0	6	15	82	Germanic languages (F)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Turkish (I)	18	37	7	0	14	5	63	Guarani (M)	1	3	1	0	0	0	4
Romanian (I)	17	40	13	0	10	12	75	Haitian (I)	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Slovakian (I)	16	29	13	0	3	13	58	Hawaiian (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Lithuanian (I)	14	25	13	0	2	8	48	Kashmiri (I)	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Latvian (M)	13	24	10	0	2	8	44	Kurdish (M)	1	2	0	0	4	0	6
Indonesian (I)	12	28	17	0	6	4	55	Ladakhi (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Slovene (I)	11	23	19	0	0	8	50	Ladin (I)	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Ukrainian (I)	11	18	8	0	3	3	32	Laotian (I)	1	2	2	0	1	0	5
Estonian (M)	10	22	14	0	2	8	46	Lithuanian Sign Language (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Persian (M)	10	17	5	0	8	5	35	Malayalam (I)	1	3	1	0	0	0	4
Thai (I)	10	30	10	0	3	3	46	Manx (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Bulgarian (I)	9	21	13	0	2	11	47	Mon-Khmer languages (F)	1	5	4	0	4	0	13
Croatian (I)	9	27	15	0	3	2	47	Ndebele (I)	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Hindi (I)	9	29	13	0	14	6	62	Nepali (I)	1	4	4	0	1	0	9
International Sign Language (I)	9	13	2	0	1	0	16	Northern Sami (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Afrikaans (I)	8	13	1	0	2	0	16	Odia (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Greek (I)	8	16	8	0	5	0	29	Romance languages (F)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Maltese (I)	7	12	10	0	0	6	28	Romansh (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Swahili (I)	7	23	3	0	20	6	52	Saint Lucian Creole French (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Catalan (I)	6	14	6	0	6	4	30	Sinhala (I)	1	4	3	0	0	0	7
Latin (I)	6	6	6	0	0	5	17	Telugu (I)	1	3	3	0	0	1	7
Vietnamese (I)	6	16	5	0	3	4	28	Tibetan (I)	1	2	1	0	0	0	3
Malay (I)	5	9	5	0	3	2	19	Tsonga (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Serbian (I)	5	12	10	0	7	3	32	Tswana (I)	1	1	0	0	1	1	3
Mongolian (M)	4	4	0	0	2	2	8	UN languages (O)	1	3	1	0	0	0	4
Tamil (I)	4	10	4	0	5	2	21	Uzbek (M)	1	2	1	0	1	1	5
Yiddish (M)	4	4	0	0	1	5	10	Wolof (I)	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Belarusian (I)	3	3	0	0	2	1	6	Xhosa (I)	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
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	1	5								
Sanskrit (I)	3	5	0	0	0	0	5								