

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	CLUSTER				TOTAL A-U	Language	A-D	I	II	CLUSTER				TOTAL A-U
			III	IV	V	III						IV	V			
English (I)	199	563	584	2	22	294	1465	Maltese (I)	2	5	7	0	0	4	16	
French (I)	119	328	354	0	11	233	926	Polish (I)	2	7	9	0	1	8	25	
Spanish (I)	70	177	200	0	3	107	487	Slovakian (I)	2	5	8	0	1	8	22	
Arabic (M)	52	116	127	0	1	67	311	Slovene (I)	2	7	8	0	0	5	20	
Russian (I)	35	88	106	0	2	47	243	Bulgarian (I)	1	3	5	0	0	8	16	
Portuguese (I)	32	69	70	0	1	48	188	Croatian (I)	1	6	3	0	0	1	10	
German (I)	18	48	45	0	6	38	137	Filipino (I)	1	1	2	0	0	0	3	
Chinese (M)	16	42	61	0	1	22	126	Indonesian (I)	1	1	7	0	0	1	9	
Swedish (I)	12	24	24	0	1	37	86	Japanese (I)	1	2	7	0	0	1	10	
Danish (I)	11	21	21	0	0	33	75	Korean (I)	1	2	1	0	1	0	4	
Norwegian (M)	10	17	16	0	2	25	60	Laotian (I)	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	
Italian (I)	9	23	19	0	2	16	60	Malay (I)	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	
Dutch (I)	7	17	20	0	3	15	55	Mon-Khmer languages (F)	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	
Icelandic (I)	5	11	5	0	0	12	28	Persian (M)	1	1	2	0	0	2	5	
Faroese (I)	3	6	2	0	1	7	16	Romanian (I)	1	4	5	0	0	7	16	
Finnish (I)	3	11	16	0	0	20	47	Tamil (I)	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	
Czech (I)	2	5	10	0	2	8	25	Thai (I)	1	2	5	0	1	0	8	
Estonian (M)	2	6	8	0	0	4	18	Turkish (I)	1	4	1	0	0	1	6	
Hungarian (I)	2	5	9	0	0	9	23	UN languages (O)	1	3	0	0	0	0	3	
Irish Gaelic (I)	2	5	9	0	1	10	25	Vietnamese (I)	1	1	1	0	0	3	5	
Latvian (M)	2	6	7	0	0	4	17									
Lithuanian (I)	2	6	8	0	0	4	18									