

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	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)	6387	9051	1957	10	1326	2213	14557	Tajik (I)	3	3	0	0	0	0	3
French (I)	1992	2983	796	2	417	1153	5351	Tamil (I)	3	9	3	0	5	2	19
Spanish (I)	1181	1813	390	1	264	484	2952	Bengali (I)	2	4	2	0	4	1	11
German (I)	901	1250	287	2	195	430	2164	Creoles and pidgins (F)	2	3	3	0	3	3	12
Portuguese (I)	427	634	126	0	57	98	915	Filipino (I)	2	10	3	0	4	2	19
Italian (I)	294	468	163	0	83	120	834	Gujarati (I)	2	3	0	0	1	0	4
Arabic (M)	223	344	100	0	74	102	620	Interlingua (I)	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Russian (I)	189	296	80	0	53	75	504	Occitan (I)	2	3	1	0	0	0	4
Swedish (I)	150	196	39	0	15	130	380	Papiamentu (I)	2	3	0	0	0	1	4
Dutch (I)	145	247	72	1	87	92	499	Serbo-Croatian (M)	2	3	1	0	0	0	4
Danish (I)	132	170	28	0	11	101	310	Sotho (I)	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Norwegian (M)	123	152	22	0	8	96	278	Urdu (I)	2	5	3	0	8	3	19
Chinese (M)	75	132	39	0	35	16	222	Welsh (I)	2	4	0	0	2	0	6
Icelandic (I)	62	79	11	0	3	46	139	Zulu (I)	2	2	0	0	2	1	5
Japanese (I)	61	98	24	1	28	15	166	Amharic (I)	1	3	3	0	1	0	7
Finnish (I)	58	87	15	0	15	39	156	Arawak (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Polish (I)	40	75	24	0	10	10	119	Armenian (I)	1	6	3	0	4	1	14
Faroese (I)	36	44	6	0	0	31	81	Azerbaijani (M)	1	1	1	0	1	0	3
Irish Gaelic (I)	31	52	28	0	16	17	113	Breton (I)	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Korean (I)	27	48	10	0	27	3	88	Burmese (I)	1	5	3	0	0	0	8
Hebrew (I)	22	36	10	0	14	10	70	Cornish (I)	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Czech (I)	20	36	9	0	4	9	58	EU languages (O)	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Esperanto (I)	20	33	14	0	2	24	73	French-based creoles and pidgins (F)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Mandarin Chinese (I)	20	35	4	0	4	1	44	Friulian (I)	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Hungarian (I)	17	35	12	0	6	6	59	Galician (I)	1	3	1	0	1	0	5
Turkish (I)	17	33	6	0	14	4	57	Georgian (I)	1	4	0	0	2	0	6
Romanian (I)	16	36	8	0	10	5	59	Germanic languages (F)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Slovakian (I)	14	24	5	0	2	5	36	Guarani (M)	1	2	1	0	0	0	3
Lithuanian (I)	12	19	5	0	2	4	30	Haitian (I)	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Indonesian (I)	11	27	10	0	6	3	46	Hawaiian (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Latvian (M)	11	18	3	0	2	4	27	Kashmiri (I)	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Ukrainian (I)	11	18	8	0	3	2	31	Kurdish (M)	1	2	0	0	4	0	6
Hindi (I)	9	29	13	0	14	5	61	Ladakh (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
International Sign Language (I)	9	13	2	0	1	0	16	Ladin (I)	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Persian (M)	9	16	3	0	8	3	30	Lithuanian Sign Language (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Slovene (I)	9	16	11	0	0	3	30	Malayalam (I)	1	3	1	0	0	0	4
Thai (I)	9	28	5	0	2	3	38	Manx (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Afrikaans (I)	8	13	1	0	2	0	16	Ndebele (I)	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Bulgarian (I)	8	18	8	0	2	3	31	Nepali (I)	1	4	4	0	1	0	9
Croatian (I)	8	21	12	0	3	1	37	Northern Sami (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Estonian (M)	8	16	6	0	2	4	28	Odia (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Greek (I)	8	15	6	0	5	0	26	Romance languages (F)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Swahili (I)	7	22	3	0	20	4	49	Romansh (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Catalan (I)	6	14	5	0	6	3	28	Saint Lucian Creole French (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Latin (I)	6	6	6	0	0	5	17	Sinhala (I)	1	4	2	0	0	0	6
Maltese (I)	5	7	3	0	0	2	12	Telugu (I)	1	3	2	0	0	1	6
Serbian (I)	5	10	9	0	7	3	29	Tibetan (I)	1	2	1	0	0	0	3
Vietnamese (I)	5	15	4	0	3	1	23	Tsonga (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Malay (I)	4	8	4	0	3	2	17	Tswana (I)	1	1	0	0	1	1	3
Mongolian (M)	4	4	0	0	2	0	6	Uzbek (M)	1	2	0	0	1	1	4
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	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								