

**Figure 2.1.**  
**Number of international organizations by type**  
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Presented in this figure is the number of international organizations currently listed in the database of the *Yearbook of International Organizations*. The organizations are totalled by type (see 1.3 "Types of organization") and by whether they are intergovernmental or not. In addition, totals are given for certain groupings of types ("conventional", "other" and "special"). For other groupings of types, see Figure 2.5.

This figure suggests different answers to the question "How many international organizations are there?"

1. Conventional intergovernmental organizations, when attaching importance to the non-recognition of international non-governmental organizations in terms of international law. (Multilateral treaties, Type T, might be added as closely related international "instruments".)
2. Conventional international bodies, both governmental and non-governmental, when attaching importance to the existence of autonomous international bodies as a social reality.
3. Conventional bodies (Types A to D) plus special forms (Type F), when recognizing the importance of organizational substitutes and unconventional form. (To the latter might be added conference series, Type S, and multilateral treaties, Type T, as forms of organization substitute.)
4. Conventional bodies (Types A to D), special forms (Type F) and religious orders (Type R), when attaching importance to the social reality of the latter as independent actors.
5. Conventional bodies (Types A to D), other international bodies (Types E to G), religious orders (Type R), and multilateral treaties (Type T), when recognizing the international impact of semi-autonomous and nationally tied organizations. (Documentalists might also include inactive bodies, Type H, which figure in the "authority lists" of international organizations.)

Types by group	Intergovernmental			Nongovernmental			Total	
	No. of this type	% of this type	% of this group	No. of this type	% of this type	% of this group	No. of this type	% of this group
<b>GROUP: CONVENTIONAL INTERNATIONAL BODIES</b>								
A. Federations of international organizations	1	2,78	0,34	35	97,22	0,33	36	0,33
B. Universal membership organizations	37	6,03	12,71	577	93,97	5,47	614	5,67
C. Intercontinental membership organizations	40	1,67	13,75	2352	98,33	22,30	2392	22,07
D. Regionally oriented membership organizations	213	2,73	73,20	7581	97,27	71,89	7794	71,93
<b>TOTAL: CONVENTIONAL BODIES</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>2,69</b>	<b>100,00</b>	<b>10545</b>	<b>97,31</b>	<b>100,00</b>	<b>10836</b>	<b>100,00</b>
<b>GROUP: OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES</b>								
E. Org's emanating from places, persons, bodies	995	21,53	52,09	3627	78,47	18,89	4622	21,89
F. Organizations of special form	757	11,47	39,63	5841	88,53	30,42	6598	31,25
G. Internationally oriented national organizations	158	1,60	8,27	9736	98,40	50,70	9894	46,86
<b>TOTAL: OTHER BODIES</b>	<b>1910</b>	<b>9,05</b>	<b>100,00</b>	<b>19204</b>	<b>90,95</b>	<b>100,00</b>	<b>21114</b>	<b>100,00</b>
TOTAL Types E + F	1752	15,61		9468	84,39		11220	
TOTAL Types A B C D E F	2043	9,26		20013	90,74		22056	
TOTAL Types A B C D E F G	2201	6,89		29749	93,11		31950	
<b>GROUP: SPECIAL TYPES</b>								
H. Dissolved or apparently inactive organizations	914	14,60	16,13	5346	85,40	13,94	6260	14,22
J. Recently reported bodies - not yet confirmed	64	3,50	1,13	1766	96,50	4,60	1830	4,16
K. Subsidiary and internal bodies	148	24,87	2,61	447	75,13	1,17	595	1,35
N. National organizations	1	0,03	0,02	3427	99,97	8,93	3428	7,79
R. Religious orders and secular institutes	0	0,00	0,00	910	100,00	2,37	910	2,07
S. Autonomous conference series	90	4,07	1,59	2120	95,93	5,53	2210	5,02
T. Multilateral treaties, intergov'tal agreements	2495	100,00	44,03	0	0,00	0,00	2495	5,67
U. Currently inactive nonconventional bodies	1955	7,43	34,50	24347	92,57	63,46	26302	59,74
<b>TOTAL: SPECIAL TYPES</b>	<b>5667</b>	<b>12,87</b>	<b>100,00</b>	<b>38363</b>	<b>87,13</b>	<b>100,00</b>	<b>44030</b>	<b>100,00</b>
TOTAL Types H + U	2869	8,81		29693	91,19		32562	
<b>TOTAL ALL TYPES</b>	<b>7868</b>	<b>10,36</b>		<b>68112</b>	<b>89,64</b>		<b>75980</b>	