Figure 7.4. Languages most commonly used by intergovernmental organizations Edition 60, 2023/2024 (data collected in 2022)

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

				CLUSTER			TOTAL
Language	A-D	l	II	III	IV	V	A-U
- r	400		500		-00	000	4.470
English (I)	199	570	586	2	22	293	1473
French (I)	119	330	357	0	11	233	931
Spanish (I)	70	180	201	0	3	107	491
Arabic (M)	52	116	129	0	1	67	313
Russian (I)	35	88	107	0	2	47	244
Portuguese (I)	32	72	70	0	1	47	190
German (I)	18	49	46	0	6	38	139
Chinese (M)	16	43	62	0	1	22	128
Swedish (I)	12	24	24	0	1	37	86
Danish (I)	11	21	21	0	0	33	75
Norwegian (M)	10	17	16	0	2	25	60
Italian (I)	9	24	20	0	2	16	62
Dutch (I)	7	17	20	0	3	15	55
Icelandic (I)	5	11	5	0	0	12	28
Faroese (I)	3	6	2	0	1	7	16
Finnish (I)	3	11	16	0	0	20	47
Czech (I)	2	5	10	0	2	8	25
Estonian (M)	2	6	8	0	0	4	18
Hungarian (I)	2	5	9	Õ	Ö	9	23
Irish Gaelic (I)	2	5	9	0	1	10	25
Latvian (M)	2	6	7	0	ò	4	17
Lithuanian (I)	2	6	8	0	Ö	4	18

			CLUSTER					
Language	A-D	1	II	III	IV	V	A-U	
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Maltese (I)	2	5	7	0	0	4	16	
Polish (I)	2	7	9	0	1	8	25	
Slovakian (I)	2	5	8	0	1	8	22	
Slovene (I)	2	7	9	0	0	5	21	
Bulgarian (I)	1	3	5	0	0	8	16	
Croatian (I)	1	6	3	0	0	1	10	
Filipino (I)	1	1	2	0	0	0	3	
Indonesian (I)	1	1	6	0	0	1	8	
Japanese (I)	1	2	7	0	0	1	10	
Korean (I)	1	2	1	0	1	0	4	
Laotian (I)	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	
Malay (I)	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	
Mon-Khmer								
languages (F)	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	
Persian (M)	1	1	2	0	0	2	5	
Romanian (I)	1	4	5	0	0	7	16	
Tamil (I)	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	
Thai (I)	1	2	5	0	1	0	8	
Turkish (I)	1	4	1	0	0	1	6	
UN languages (C) 1	3	0	0	0	0	3	
Vietnamese (I)	1	1	1	0	0	3	5	