

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)	6398	9099	1959	10	1336	2260	14664	Belarusian (I)	2	2	0	0	2	1	5
French (I)	1995	3008	793	2	419	1170	5392	Bengali (I)	2	5	2	0	4	1	12
Spanish (I)	1187	1841	390	1	263	494	2989	Creoles and pidgins (F)	2	3	3	0	3	3	12
German (I)	898	1255	289	2	197	435	2178	Filipino (I)	2	10	3	0	4	2	19
Portuguese (I)	429	642	125	0	58	101	926	Gujarati (I)	2	3	0	0	1	0	4
Italian (I)	300	476	163	0	83	121	843	Interlingua (I)	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Arabic (M)	226	351	99	0	73	104	627	Occitan (I)	2	3	1	0	0	0	4
Russian (I)	192	302	79	0	52	75	508	Papiamentu (I)	2	3	0	0	0	1	4
Swedish (I)	149	198	40	0	15	130	383	Serbo-Croatian (M)	2	3	1	0	0	0	4
Dutch (I)	147	250	69	1	88	93	501	Sotho (I)	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Danish (I)	133	171	28	0	11	101	311	Urdu (I)	2	6	3	0	8	3	20
Norwegian (M)	124	153	23	0	8	96	280	Welsh (I)	2	4	0	0	2	0	6
Chinese (M)	76	132	40	0	35	18	225	Zulu (I)	2	2	0	0	2	1	5
Icelandic (I)	61	78	11	0	3	46	138	Albanian (M)	1	4	1	0	4	1	10
Japanese (I)	61	99	24	1	28	15	167	Amharic (I)	1	3	3	0	1	0	7
Finnish (I)	59	88	15	0	15	39	157	Arawak (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Polish (I)	40	74	24	0	10	11	119	Armenian (I)	1	6	3	0	4	1	14
Faroese (I)	34	41	6	0	0	32	79	Azerbaijani (M)	1	1	1	0	1	0	3
Irish Gaelic (I)	30	51	28	0	16	17	112	Breton (I)	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Korean (I)	27	47	10	0	27	3	87	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	36	4	0	4	1	45	Friulian (I)	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Turkish (I)	18	35	6	0	14	4	59	Galician (I)	1	3	1	0	1	0	5
Hungarian (I)	17	35	13	0	6	6	60	Georgian (I)	1	4	0	0	2	0	6
Romanian (I)	17	35	8	0	11	10	64	Germanic languages (F)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Slovakian (I)	15	25	5	0	2	5	37	Guarani (M)	1	2	1	0	0	0	3
Indonesian (I)	11	29	10	0	6	3	48	Haitian (I)	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Latvian (M)	11	18	3	0	2	4	27	Hawaiian (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Lithuanian (I)	11	18	4	0	2	4	28	Kashmiri (I)	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Ukrainian (I)	11	19	9	0	3	2	33	Kurdish (M)	1	2	0	0	4	0	6
Greek (I)	10	18	8	0	5	0	31	Ladakhi (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Slovene (I)	10	17	11	0	0	3	31	Ladin (I)	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Hindi (I)	9	30	15	0	14	5	64	Lithuanian Sign Language (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Persian (M)	9	16	3	0	8	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	15	1	0	2	0	18	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	20	12	0	3	2	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
International Sign Language (I)	8	12	2	0	1	0	15	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	15	5	0	6	3	29	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	8	3	30	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
Bosnian (I)	3	5	4	0	1	1	11	Xhosa (I)	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
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								
Tajik (I)	3	3	0	0	0	0	3								
Tamil (I)	3	9	3	0	5	2	19								