Figure 7.2.
Languages most commonly used by international 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 organizations (both intergovernmental and non-governmental) 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	II	III	IV	V	A-U
English (I)	6615	9731	2542	14	1435	2649	16371
French (I)	2112	3343	1147	2	457	1438	6387
Spanish (I)	1260	2043	590	1	284	626	3544
German (I)	911	1301	333	2	221	486	2343
Portuguese (I)	462	719	196	0	63	158	1136
Arabic (M)	281	468	227	0	78	173	946
Italian (I)	311	510	185	0	95	147	937
Russian (I)	228	393	184	0	59	127	763
Dutch (I)	154	267	90	1	96	111	565
Swedish (I)	162	224	64	0	18	168	474
Danish (I)	146	193	49	0	11	134	387
Chinese (M)	94	176	101	0	36	45	358
Norwegian (M)	137	175	41	0	14	121	351
Finnish (I)	65	102	30	0	16	59	207
Japanese (I)	61	100	33	1	32	19	185
Icelandic (I)	66	89	17	0	3	58	167
Polish (I)	44	89	35	0	13	19	156
Irish Gaelic (I)	32	54	35	0	16	27	132
Korean (I)	28	50	13	0	29	4	96
Faroese (I)	37	47	8	0	1	39	95
Czech (I)	25	45	18	0	8	17	88
Hungarian (I)	22	44	21	0	6	15	86
Romanian (I)	17	37	13	0	12	17	79
Esperanto (I)	20	33	14	0	2	24	73
Hebrew (I)	23	37	11	0	14	11	73
Hindi (I)	9	30	14	0	17	8	69
Turkish (I)	19	39	7	0	16	5	67
Slovakian (I)	18	33	12	0	3	14	62
Indonesian (I)	13	31	16	0	6	4	57
Swahili (I)	7	24	4	0	22	6	56
Slovene (I)	13	26	20	0	0	8	54
Croatian (I)	11	28	16	0	3	5	52
Greek (I)	14	30	10	0	9	1	50
Mandarin Chinese (I)	20	37	6	0	3	2	48
Estonian (M)	11	23	14	0	2	8	47
Lithuanian (I)	13	25	12	0	2	8	47
Bulgarian (I)	8	19	13	0	2	11	45
Thai (I)	10	29	10	0	3	3	45
Ukrainian (I)	15	25	10	0	6	3	44
Latvian (M)	13	24	9	0	2	8	43
Persian (M)	10	17	5	0	9	5	36
Serbian (I)	5	12	10	0	8	5	35
Catalan (I)	6	15	7	0	7	4	33
Vietnamese (I)	6	17	5	0	4	4	30
Maltese (I)	7	12	9	0	0	6	27
Urdu (I)	3	7	3	0	8	5	23
Filipino (I)	3	11	5	0	4	2	22
Tamil (I)	4	10	4	0	5	3	22
EU languages (O)	1	7	12	0	0	1	20
Malay (I)	5	10	4	0	4	2	20
Afrikaans (I)	8	15	1	0	2	1	19
Latin (I)	5	5	6	0	0	6	17
Armenian (I)	1	6	4	0	4	1	15
Bengali (I)	2	6	3	0	4	2	15
International Sign Language (I)	8	12	2	0	1	0	15
Macedonian (I)	2	9	4	0	1	0	14
Mon-Khmer languages (F)	1	5	4	0	4	0	13
Bosnian (I)	2	5	5	0	0	3	13
Creoles and pidgins (F)	2	3	3	0	3	4	13
Albanian (M)	1	5	2	0	3	2	12
Nepali (I)	1	4	5	0	3	0	12
Tagalog (I)	1	5	3	0	3	0	11
Yiddish (M)	4	4	0	0	1	5	10
Amharic (I)	1	3	3	0	1	1	8
Burmese (I)	1	5	3	0	0	0	8
Georgian (I)	1	4	1	0	3	0	8
Sinhala (I)	1	4	3	0	0	1	8
Mongolian (M)	4	4	0	0	2	2	8
Telugu (I)	1	3	2	0	0	2	7
Welsh (I)	2	4	0	0	3	0	7
Kurdish (M)	1	2	0	0	4	0	6
Serbo-Croatian (M)	2	3	1	0	0	2	6
Galician (I)	1	3	1	0	1	0	5
Laotian (I)	1	2	2	0	1	0	5
Belarusian (I)	2	2	0	0	2	1	5
Papiamento (I)	2	3	0	0	1	1	5
Zulu (I)	2	2	0	0	2	1	5
Kazakh (I)	3	4	0	0	1	0	5
Kirghiz (I)	3	4	0	0	0	1	5
Sanskrit (I)	3	5	0	0	0	0	5
Azerbaijani (M)	1	1	2	0	1	0	4
Guarani (M)	1	3	1	0	0	0	4
Malayalam (I)	1	3	1	0	0	0	4
UN languages (O)	1	3	1	0	0	0	4
Uzbek (M)	1	2	0	0	1	1	4
Gujarati (I)	2	3	0	0	1	0	4
Occitan (I)	2	3	1	0	0	0	4
Tibetan (I)	1	2	1	0	0	0	3
Tswana (I)	1	1	0	0	1	1	3
Tajik (I)	3	3	0	0	0	0	3
Breton (I)	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Cornish (I)	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Friulian (I)	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Haitian (I)	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Kashmiri (I)	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Ladin (I)	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Ndebele (I)	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Wolof (I)	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Xhosa (I)	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Interlingua (I)	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Sotho (I)	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Arawak (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
French-based creoles and pidgins (F)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Germanic languages (F)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Hawaiian (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Iranian Persian (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Ladakhi (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Lingua Franca (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Lithuanian Sign Language (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Malagasy (M)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Manx (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Northern Sami (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Odia (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Romance languages (F)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Romansh (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Saint Lucian Creole French (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Tsonga (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1

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