

Figure 7.4.
Languages most commonly used by intergovernmental 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 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

Language	A-D	I	II	CLUSTER III	IV	V	TOTAL A-U
English (I)	199	568	587	2	22	297	1476
French (I)	120	330	358	0	11	234	933
Spanish (I)	69	179	201	0	3	109	492
Arabic (M)	53	115	129	0	1	68	313
Russian (I)	35	86	106	0	2	49	243
Portuguese (I)	31	70	69	0	1	49	189
German (I)	18	49	45	0	6	38	138
Chinese (M)	16	43	61	0	1	23	128
Swedish (I)	12	24	22	0	1	37	84
Danish (I)	11	21	19	0	0	33	73
Italian (I)	9	24	20	0	2	16	62
Norwegian (M)	10	18	16	0	2	25	61
Dutch (I)	6	16	19	0	3	16	54
Finnish (I)	3	11	14	0	0	20	45
Icelandic (I)	5	11	6	0	0	12	29
Czech (I)	2	6	9	0	2	8	25
Polish (I)	2	8	8	0	1	8	25
Hungarian (I)	2	6	8	0	0	9	23
Irish Gaelic (I)	2	5	7	0	1	10	23
Slovakian (I)	2	6	7	0	1	8	22
Slovene (I)	2	7	8	0	0	5	20
Estonian (M)	2	6	7	0	0	4	17

Language	A-D	I	II	CLUSTER III	IV	V	TOTAL A-U
Lithuanian (I)	2	6	7	0	0	4	17
Bulgarian (I)	1	3	5	0	0	8	16
Romanian (I)	1	4	5	0	0	7	16
Latvian (M)	2	6	6	0	0	4	16
Faroese (I)	3	6	2	0	1	7	16
Maltese (I)	2	5	6	0	0	4	15
Croatian (I)	1	6	4	0	0	1	11
Japanese (I)	1	2	7	0	0	1	10
Indonesian (I)	1	1	6	0	0	1	8
Thai (I)	1	2	5	0	1	0	8
Turkish (I)	1	4	1	0	0	1	6
Persian (M)	1	1	2	0	0	2	5
Vietnamese (I)	1	1	1	0	0	3	5
Korean (I)	1	2	1	0	1	0	4
Filipino (I)	1	1	2	0	0	0	3
UN languages (O)	1	3	0	0	0	0	3
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
Tamil (I)	1	1	1	0	0	0	2