

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	A-D	I	II	CLUSTER III	IV	V	TOTAL A-U
English (I)	6416	9163	1955	12	1413	2352	14895
French (I)	1992	3013	789	2	446	1204	5454
Spanish (I)	1191	1864	389	1	281	517	3052
German (I)	893	1252	288	2	215	448	2205
Portuguese (I)	431	649	127	0	62	109	947
Italian (I)	302	486	165	0	93	131	875
Arabic (M)	228	353	98	0	77	105	633
Russian (I)	193	307	78	0	57	78	520
Dutch (I)	148	251	71	1	93	95	511
Swedish (I)	150	200	42	0	17	131	390
Danish (I)	135	172	30	0	11	101	314
Norwegian (M)	127	157	25	0	12	96	290
Chinese (M)	78	133	40	0	35	22	230
Japanese (I)	60	98	26	1	32	18	175
Finnish (I)	62	91	16	0	16	39	162
Icelandic (I)	61	78	11	0	3	46	138
Polish (I)	42	81	27	0	12	11	131
Irish Gaelic (I)	30	49	28	0	15	17	109
Korean (I)	27	48	12	0	28	4	92
Faroese (I)	34	41	6	0	0	32	79
Esperanto (I)	20	33	14	0	2	24	73
Hebrew (I)	23	37	10	0	14	10	71
Hindi (I)	9	30	14	0	17	7	68
Czech (I)	23	39	9	0	6	9	63
Hungarian (I)	20	38	13	0	6	6	63
Romanian (I)	16	33	8	0	12	10	63
Turkish (I)	18	35	6	0	16	4	61
Swahili (I)	7	22	3	0	22	4	51
Indonesian (I)	12	30	10	0	6	3	49
Greek (I)	14	29	8	0	9	1	47
Mandarin Chinese (I)	20	37	4	0	3	2	46
Ukrainian (I)	15	24	10	0	6	2	42
Croatian (I)	10	22	12	0	3	4	41
Slovakian (I)	16	27	5	0	2	6	40
Thai (I)	9	27	5	0	2	3	37
Slovene (I)	11	19	12	0	0	3	34
Serbian (I)	5	10	9	0	8	5	32
Catalan (I)	6	15	6	0	7	3	31
Persian (M)	9	16	3	0	9	3	31
Estonian (M)	9	17	7	0	2	4	30
Lithuanian (I)	11	19	5	0	2	4	30
Bulgarian (I)	7	16	8	0	2	3	29
Latvian (M)	11	18	3	0	2	4	27
Vietnamese (I)	5	16	4	0	4	1	25
Urdu (I)	3	7	3	0	8	4	22
Tamil (I)	3	9	3	0	5	3	20
Afrikaans (I)	8	15	1	0	2	1	19
Filipino (I)	2	10	3	0	4	2	19
Malay (I)	4	9	3	0	4	2	18
Latin (I)	5	5	6	0	0	6	17
International Sign Language (I)	8	12	2	0	1	0	15
Armenian (I)	1	6	3	0	4	1	14
Bengali (I)	2	6	2	0	4	1	13
Creoles and pidgins (F)	2	3	3	0	3	3	12
Macedonian (I)	2	8	3	0	1	0	12
Maltese (I)	5	7	3	0	0	2	12
Nepali (I)	1	4	5	0	3	0	12
Bosnian (I)	2	4	4	0	0	3	11
Tagalog (I)	1	5	3	0	3	0	11
Albanian (M)	1	4	1	0	3	2	10
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	0	0	3	0	7
Sinhala (I)	1	4	2	0	0	1	7
Welsh (I)	2	4	0	0	3	0	7
Kurdish (M)	1	2	0	0	4	0	6
Mongolian (M)	4	4	0	0	2	0	6
Telugu (I)	1	3	1	0	0	2	6
Belarusian (I)	2	2	0	0	2	1	5
Galician (I)	1	3	1	0	1	0	5
Kazakh (I)	3	4	0	0	1	0	5
Kirghiz (I)	3	4	0	0	0	1	5
Papiamentu (I)	2	3	0	0	1	1	5
Sanskrit (I)	3	5	0	0	0	0	5
Zulu (I)	2	2	0	0	2	1	5
Gujarati (I)	2	3	0	0	1	0	4
Malayalam (I)	1	3	1	0	0	0	4
Occitan (I)	2	3	1	0	0	0	4
Serbo-Croatian (M)	2	3	1	0	0	0	4
Uzbek (M)	1	2	0	0	1	1	4
Azerbaijani (M)	1	1	1	0	1	0	3
Guarani (M)	1	2	1	0	0	0	3
Tajik (I)	3	3	0	0	0	0	3
Tibetan (I)	1	2	1	0	0	0	3
Tswana (I)	1	1	0	0	1	1	3
Breton (I)	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Cornish (I)	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
EU languages (O)	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
Interlingua (I)	2	2	0	0	0	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
Sotho (I)	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Wolof (I)	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Xhosa (I)	1	1	0	0	1	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