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	TOTAL A-U
English (I)	6629	9731	2534	16	1460	2764	16505
French (I)	2113	3335	1146	2	468	1465	6416
Spanish (I)	1274	2054	584	1	292	637	3568
German (I)	916	1298	329	2	227	499	2355
Portuguese (I)	463	727	196	0	66	162	1151
Italian (I)	318	516	187	0	99	149	951
Arabic (M)	281	468	227	0	84	179	958
Russian (I)	229	396	181	0	59	129	765
Swedish (I)	161	222	63	0	17	174	476
Dutch (I)	152	264	92	1	96	116	569
Danish (I)	145	190	48	0	11	140	389
Norwegian (M)	135	173	40	0	15	126	354
Chinese (M)	94	174	99	0	37	48	358
Finnish (I)	70	106	30	0	16	62	214
Icelandic (I)	67	89	16	0	3	60	168
Japanese (I)	63	102	33	1	33	21	190
Polish (I)	45	89	36	0	14	19	158
Faroese (I)	36	46	8	0	1	39	94
Irish Gaelic (I)	31	52	33	0	18	27	130
Korean (I)	29	50	11	0	30	7	98
Czech (I)	26	46	18	0	8	17	89
Hebrew (I)	23	37	11	0	16	11	75
Hungarian (I)	23	46	21	0	6	15	88
Esperanto (I)	20	33	14	0	2	24	73
Mandarin Chinese (I)	20	37	6	0	3	3	49
Romanian (I)	19	39	13	0	12	17	81
Turkish (I)	19	39	7	0	15	6	67
Greek (I)	18	34	10	0	9	1	54
Slovakian (I)	18	33	12	0	3	14	62
Ukrainian (I)	17	27	10	0	6	3	46
Indonesian (I)	14	32	16	0	6	4	58
Latvian (M)	13	24	9	0	2	8	43
Lithuanian (I)	13	25	12	0	2	8	47
Slovene (I)	13	26	20	0	0	8	54
Croatian (I)	12	31	16	0	3	5	55
Estonian (M)	11	23	14	0	2	8	47
Thai (I)	11	31	9	0	3	4	47
Persian (M)	10	17	5	0	9	5	36
Hindi (I)	9	31	14	0	18	8	71
Afrikaans (I)	8	16	1	0	2	1	20
Bulgarian (I)	8	19	13	0	2	11	45
International Sign Language (I)	8	12	2	0	1	0	15
Catalan (I)	7	16	7	0	7	4	34
Maltese (I)	7	12	9	0	0	6	27
Swahili (I)	7	25	4	0	22	8	59
Vietnamese (I)	7	18	5	0	4	4	31
Latin (I)	5	5	6	0	1	6	18
Malay (I)	5	10	4	0	4	2	20
Serbian (I)	5	14	10	0	8	5	37
Kazakh (I)	4	5	0	0	1	0	6
Macedonian (I)	4	11	4	0	1	0	16
Mongolian (M)	4	4	0	0	2	2	8
Tamil (I)	4	10	4	0	5	3	22
Yiddish (M)	4	4	0	0	1	5	10
Filipino (I)	3	11	5	0	4	2	22
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
Urdu (I)	3	7	3	0	9	5	24
Albanian (M)	2	6	2	0	3	2	13
Belarusian (I)	2	2	0	0	2	1	5
Bengali (I)	2	6	3	0	5	2	16
Bosnian (I)	2	6	5	0	0	3	14
Creoles and pidgins (F)	2	3	3	0	3	4	13
Gujarati (I)	2	3	0	0	1	0	4
Interlingua (I)	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Occitan (I)	2	3	1	0	0	0	4
Papiamento (I)	2	3	0	0	1	1	5
Serbo-Croatian (M)	2	3	1	0	0	2	6
Sotho (I)	2	3	0	0	0	0	3
Welsh (I)	2	4	0	0	4	0	8
Amharic (I)	1	3	3	0	1	1	8
Arawak (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Armenian (I)	1	6	4	0	4	1	15
Azerbaijani (M)	1	1	2	0	1	0	4
Breton (I)	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Burmese (I)	1	5	3	0	0	0	8
Chinese languages (F)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Cornish (I)	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
EU languages (O)	1	7	12	0	0	1	20
French-based creoles and pidgins (F)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Friulian (I)	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Galician (I)	1	3	1	0	1	0	5
Georgian (I)	1	4	1	0	3	0	8
Germanic languages (F)	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Guarani (M)	1	3	1	0	0	0	4
Haitian (I)	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Hawaiian (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Iranian Persian (I)	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Kashmiri (I)	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Kurdish (M)	1	2	0	0	4	0	6
Ladakhi (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Ladin (I)	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Laotian (I)	1	2	2	0	2	0	6
Lingua Franca (I)	1	1	1	0	0	0	2
Lithuanian Sign Language (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Malagasy (M)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Malayalam (I)	1	3	1	0	0	0	4
Manx (I)	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Mon-Khmer languages (F)	1	5	4	0	4	0	13
Montenegrin (I)	1	3	0	0	0	0	3
Ndebele (I)	1	3	0	0	0	0	3
Nepali (I)	1	4	5	0	3	0	12
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
Sinhala (I)	1	4	3	0	0	1	8
Tagalog (I)	1	5	3	0	3	0	11
Telugu (I)	1	3	2	0	0	2	7
Tibetan (I)	1	2	1	0	0	0	3
Tsonga (I)	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Tswana (I)	1	2	0	0	1	1	4
UN languages (O)	1	3	1	0	0	0	4
Uzbek (M)	1	2	0	0	1	1	4
Wolof (I)	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Xhosa (I)	1	2	0	0	1	0	3

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