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)	6575	9653	2531	16	1488	2935	16623
French (I)	2085	3289	1144	2	483	1531	6449
Spanish (I)	1266	2038	581	1	302	675	3597
German (I)	912	1291	326	2	229	518	2366
Portuguese (I)	463	727	192	0	67	180	1166
Italian (I)	317	508	184	0	105	162	959
Arabic (M)	277	467	228	0	85	190	970
Russian (I)	220	384	180	0	62	134	760
Swedish (I)	158	220	63	0	18	180	481
Dutch (I)	155	262	91	1	97	123	574
Danish (I)	142	187	47	0	11	144	389
Norwegian (M)	133	173	40	0	16	129	358
Chinese (M)	93	173	98	0	38	51	360
Finnish (I)	68	104	30	0	17	65	216
Icelandic (I)	65	86	16	0	3	63	168
Japanese (I)	62	102	34	1	36	22	195
Polish (I)	43	88	36	0	15	20	159
Faroese (I)	34	42	8	0	1	41	92
Irish Gaelic (I)	29	50	32	0	18	28	128
Korean (I)	28	51	11	0	30	7	99
Czech (I)	26	47	18	0	8	18	91
Hebrew (I)	23	38	11	0	16	11	76
Hungarian (I)	23	46	20	0	7	16	89
Mandarin Chinese (I)	20	37	6	0	4	3	50
Romanian (I)	20	40	13	0	13	17	83
Esperanto (I)	19	31	14	0	2	26	73
Greek (I)	19	35	10	0	10	0	55
Turkish (I)	19	39	7	0	15	6	67
Ukrainian (I)	18	29	10	0	6	3	48
Slovakian (I)	17	32	12	0	3	15	62
Indonesian (I)	14	32	16	0	7	4	59
Croatian (I)	12	31	15	0	3	5	54
Latvian (M)	12	23	9	0	2	9	43
Lithuanian (I)	12	24	12	0	3	9	48
Slovene (I)	12	24	19	0	0	10	53
Thai (I)	11	31	9	0	3	5	48
Estonian (M)	10	22	13	0	2	9	46
Persian (M)	10	17	4	0	9	5	35
Afrikaans (I)	9	17	1	0	2	1	21
Hindi (I)	9	31	15	0	18	9	73
Bulgarian (I)	8	19	13	0	2	11	45
Catalan (I)	8	17	7	0	9	4	37
International Sign Language (I)	8	12	2	0	1	0	15
Swahili (I)	7	26	4	0	23	10	63
Vietnamese (I)	7	18	5	0	5	4	32
Maltese (I)	6	11	9	0	0	7	27
Malay (I)	5	10	4	0	5	2	21
Serbian (I)	5	15	10	0	8	5	38
Kazakh (I)	4	5	0	0	1	0	6
Latin (I)	4	4	6	0	1	7	18
Macedonian (I)	4	11	4	0	1	0	16
Mongolian (M)	4	4	0	0	2	2	8
Tamil (I)	4	9	4	0	6	4	23
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	4	0	10	5	26
Albanian (M)	2	6	2	0	3	2	13
Belarusian (I)	2	2	0	0	2	1	5
Bengali (I)	2	6	3	0	6	2	17
Bosnian (I)	2	7	5	0	0	3	15
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
Zulu (I)	2	3	0	0	2	1	6
Amharic (I)	1	3	3	0	2	1	9
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	3	0	0	0	0	3
Cornish (I)	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
EU languages (O)	1	7	11	0	0	1	19
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	1	0	5
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	3	3	0	1	2	9
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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