

**Figure 2.1.**  
**Number of international organizations by type**  
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Presented in this table is the number of international organizations currently listed in the database of the *Yearbook of International Organizations*. The organizations are totalled by type (see 1.3. "Types of organization") and by whether they are intergovernmental or not. In addition, totals are given for certain groupings of types ("conventional", "other" and "special"). For other groupings of types, see Figure 2.5.

This table suggests different answers to the question "How many international organizations are there?"

1. Conventional intergovernmental organizations, when attaching importance to the non-recognition of international non-governmental organizations in terms of international law. (Multilateral treaties, Type T, might be added as closely related international "instruments".)
2. Conventional international bodies, both governmental and non-governmental, when attaching importance to the existence of autonomous international bodies as a social reality.
3. Conventional bodies (Types A to D) plus special forms (Type F), when recognizing the importance of organizational substitutes and unconventional form. (To the latter might be added conference series, Type S, and multilateral treaties, Type T, as forms of organization substitute.)
4. Conventional bodies (Types A to D), special forms (Type F) and religious orders (Type R), when attaching importance to the social reality of the latter as independent actors.
5. Conventional bodies (Types A to D), other international bodies (Types E to G), religious orders (Type R), and multilateral treaties (Type T), when recognizing the international impact of semi-autonomous and nationally tied organizations. (Documentalists might also include inactive bodies, Type H, which figure in the "authority lists" of international organizations.)

Types by group	Intergovernmental			Nongovernmental			Total	
	No. of this type	% of this type	% of this group	No. of this type	% of this type	% of this group	No. of this type	% of this group
<b>GROUP: CONVENTIONAL INTERNATIONAL BODIES</b>								
A. Federations of international organizations	1	2.56	0.38	38	97.44	0.44	39	0.44
B. Universal membership organizations	37	6.79	13.96	508	93.21	5.92	545	6.16
C. Intercontinental membership organizations	35	2.54	13.21	1345	97.46	15.68	1380	15.61
D. Regionally oriented membership organizations	192	2.79	72.45	6686	97.21	77.95	6878	77.79
<b>TOTAL: CONVENTIONAL BODIES</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>8577</b>	<b>97.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>8842</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>GROUP: OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES</b>								
E. Org's emanating from places, persons, bodies	894	22.52	50.91	3075	77.48	19.54	3969	22.69
F. Organizations of special form	715	13.31	40.72	4657	86.69	29.60	5372	30.72
G. Internationally oriented national organizations	147	1.80	8.37	8001	98.20	50.85	8148	46.59
<b>TOTAL: OTHER BODIES</b>	<b>1756</b>	<b>10.04</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>15733</b>	<b>89.96</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>17489</b>	<b>100.00</b>
TOTAL Types E + F	1609	17.23		7732	82.77		9341	
TOTAL Types A B C D E F	1874	10.31		16309	89.69		18183	
TOTAL Types A B C D E F G	2021	7.68		24310	92.32		26331	
<b>GROUP: SPECIAL TYPES</b>								
H. Dissolved or apparently inactive organizations	779	14.12	13.69	4739	85.88	13.83	5518	13.81
J. Recently reported bodies - not yet confirmed	63	8.06	1.11	719	91.94	2.10	782	1.96
K. Subsidiary and internal bodies	363	25.00	6.38	1089	75.00	3.18	1452	3.63
N. National organizations	2	0.06	0.04	3078	99.94	8.98	3080	7.71
R. Religious orders and secular institutes	0	0.00	0.00	906	100.00	2.64	906	2.27
S. Autonomous conference series	137	18.22	2.41	615	81.78	1.79	752	1.88
T. Multilateral treaties, intergov'tal agreements	2403	100.00	42.24	0	0.00	0.00	2403	6.01
U. Currently inactive nonconventional bodies	1942	7.75	34.14	23132	92.25	67.48	25074	62.74
<b>TOTAL: SPECIAL TYPES</b>	<b>5689</b>	<b>14.23</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>34278</b>	<b>85.77</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>39967</b>	<b>100.00</b>
TOTAL Types H + U	2721	8.89		27871	91.11		30592	
<b>TOTAL ALL TYPES</b>	<b>7710</b>	<b>11.63</b>		<b>58588</b>	<b>88.37</b>		<b>66298</b>	