

Figure 2.9.
Historical overview of number of international organizations by type
1909-2015

Presented in this table is the number of international organizations listed in past editions of the *Yearbook of International Organizations* and its precursors – notably the *Annuaire de la Vie Internationale*.

The organizations are totalled by type (see 1.3. “Types of organization”) and by whether they are intergovernmental or not.

To understand the policies governing the inclusion of types, and definitions of these types over time, see 1.4. “Continuity”.

This table suggests answers to the question “How many international organizations were there?” The comments given in Figure 2.1. are also applicable here.

Year/Edition		TYPES OF ORGANIZATION																TOTAL		
		A	B	C	D	ABCD	E	F	G	EFG	H	J	K	M	N	R	S		T	U
1909 ed. 0	IGO	-	-	-	-	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37
	NGO	-	-	-	-	176	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	176
	Total	0	0	0	0	213	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	213
1951 ed. 4	IGO	-	-	-	-	123	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	123
	NGO	-	-	-	-	832	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	832
	Total	0	0	0	0	955	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	955
1954 ed. 5	IGO	-	-	-	-	118	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	118
	NGO	-	-	-	-	997	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1008
	Total	0	0	0	0	1115	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1126
1956 ed. 6	IGO	-	-	-	-	132	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	132
	NGO	-	-	-	-	973	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	985
	Total	0	0	0	0	1105	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1117
1958 ed. 7	IGO	-	-	-	-	149	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	149
	NGO	-	-	-	-	1060	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1073
	Total	0	0	0	0	1209	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1222
1960 ed. 8	IGO	-	-	-	-	154	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	154
	NGO	-	-	-	-	1255	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1268
	Total	0	0	0	0	1409	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1422
1962 ed. 9	IGO	-	-	-	-	163	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	163
	NGO	-	-	-	-	1324	-	-	-	228	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1552
	Total	0	0	0	0	1487	0	0	0	228	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1715
1964 ed. 10	IGO	-	-	-	-	179	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	179
	NGO	-	-	-	-	1470	-	-	-	248	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1718
	Total	0	0	0	0	1649	0	0	0	248	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1897
1966 ed. 11	IGO	-	-	-	-	199	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	199
	NGO	-	-	-	-	1675	-	-	-	1155	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2830
	Total	0	0	0	0	1874	0	0	0	1155	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3029
1968 ed. 12	IGO	-	-	-	-	229	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	229
	NGO	-	-	-	-	1899	-	-	-	678	741	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3318
	Total	0	0	0	0	2128	0	0	0	678	741	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3547
1970 ed. 13	IGO	-	-	-	-	242	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	242
	NGO	-	-	-	-	1993	-	-	-	1386	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3379
	Total	0	0	0	0	2235	0	0	0	1386	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3621
1972 ed. 14	IGO	-	-	-	-	280	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	280
	NGO	-	-	-	-	2173	283	-	339	622	938	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3733
	Total	0	0	0	0	2453	283	0	339	622	938	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4013
1976 ed. 16	IGO	-	-	-	-	252	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	252
	NGO	-	-	-	-	2502	-	2653	-	2653	1067	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6222
	Total	0	0	0	0	2754	0	2653	0	2653	1067	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6474
1977 ed. 17	IGO	-	-	-	-	252	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	252
	NGO	-	-	-	-	2502	-	-	-	-	1067	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3569
	Total	0	0	0	0	2754	0	0	0	0	1067	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3821
1978 ed. 18	IGO	-	-	-	-	289	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	289
	NGO	-	-	-	-	2420	-	5927	-	5927	1174	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9521
	Total	0	0	0	0	2709	0	5927	0	5927	1174	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9810
1981 ed. 19	IGO	1	31	50	255	337	384	278	40	702	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1039
	NGO	43	370	859	2991	4263	1010	680	3443	5133	1393	539	-	-	-	-	-	-	1904	13232
	Total	44	401	909	3246	4600	1394	958	3483	5835	1393	539	0	0	0	0	0	0	1904	14271
1983 ed. 20	IGO	1	29	50	280	360	624	422	59	1105	174	-	-	-	0	-	910	-	-	2549
	NGO	45	394	838	3502	4779	1119	1111	4514	6744	1503	-	-	-	607	-	0	-	-	13633
	Total	46	423	888	3782	5139	1743	1533	4573	7849	1677	872	515	0	607	0	910	2010	-	19579
1984 ed. 21	IGO	1	30	51	283	365	643	450	72	1165	191	105	-	34	-	0	-	910	72	2842
	NGO	43	397	792	3383	4615	1285	1209	5577	8071	1549	925	-	888	-	605	-	0	2961	19614
	Total	44	427	843	3666	4980	1928	1659	5649	9236	1740	1030	0	922	0	605	0	910	3033	22456
1985 ed. 22	IGO	1	30	51	296	378	705	485	64	1254	197	125	-	33	-	0	34	1419	106	3546
	NGO	43	397	796	3440	4676	1532	958	6602	9092	1528	1175	-	0	-	599	344	0	3220	20634
	Total	44	427	847	3736	5054	2237	1443	6666	10346	1725	1300	0	33	0	599	378	1419	3326	24180

Year/Edition		TYPES OF ORGANIZATION																	TOTAL	
		A	B	C	D	ABCD	E	F	G	EFG	H	J	K	M	N	R	S	T		U
1986	IGO	1	32	51	285	369	729	542	59	1330	212	77	-	33	-	0	49	1418	140	3628
ed. 23	NGO	43	417	807	3382	4649	1710	1190	6969	9869	1684	792	-	0	-	652	368	0	3515	21529
	Total	44	449	858	3667	5018	2439	1732	7028	11199	1896	869	0	33	0	652	417	1418	3655	25157
1987	IGO	1	33	45	232	311	722	561	55	1338	242	88	-	-	-	0	58	1620	240	3897
ed. 24	NGO	42	420	760	3013	4235	1751	1380	7577	10708	2172	1205	-	-	-	688	392	0	3848	23248
	Total	43	453	805	3245	4546	2473	1941	7632	12046	2414	1293	0	0	0	688	450	1620	4088	27145
1988	IGO	1	33	45	230	309	751	590	52	1393	240	137	-	-	-	0	63	1634	262	4038
ed. 25	NGO	41	422	796	3259	4518	1996	1538	8273	11807	2109	1341	-	-	-	688	406	0	4033	24902
	Total	42	455	841	3489	4827	2747	2128	8325	13200	2349	1478	0	0	0	688	469	1634	4295	28940
1989	IGO	1	33	43	223	300	778	625	8	1411	247	154	-	-	-	0	71	1663	222	4068
ed. 26	NGO	41	425	781	3374	4621	2051	1807	5854	9712	2138	1391	-	-	-	683	424	0	1094	20063
	Total	42	458	824	3597	4921	2829	2432	5862	11123	2385	1545	0	0	0	683	495	1663	1316	24131
1990	IGO	1	34	41	217	293	796	680	87	1563	251	141	-	-	-	0	71	1674	329	4322
ed. 27	NGO	40	430	770	3406	4646	2129	1915	7518	11562	2204	1023	-	-	-	683	437	0	1779	22334
	Total	41	464	811	3623	4939	2925	2595	7605	13125	2455	1164	0	0	0	683	508	1674	2108	26656
1991	IGO	1	34	40	222	297	763	647	87	1497	257	144	86	-	-	0	76	1767	441	4565
ed. 28	NGO	39	427	773	3381	4620	1656	1970	7867	11493	2323	941	511	-	-	753	449	0	2545	23635
	Total	40	461	813	3603	4917	2419	2617	7954	12990	2580	1085	597	0	0	753	525	1767	2986	28200
1992	IGO	1	34	36	215	286	719	633	52	1404	286	184	347	-	17	0	86	1789	479	4878
ed. 29	NGO	39	426	774	3457	4696	1641	2325	3795	7761	2469	1128	753	-	5068	738	468	0	4109	27190
	Total	40	460	810	3672	4982	2360	2958	3847	9165	2755	1312	1100	0	5085	738	554	1789	4588	32068
1993	IGO	1	34	36	201	272	738	673	53	1464	305	199	364	-	17	0	91	1812	579	5103
ed. 30	NGO	39	437	783	3571	4830	1661	2662	3606	7929	2638	1113	845	-	4411	807	488	0	5840	28901
	Total	40	471	819	3772	5102	2399	3335	3659	9393	2943	1312	1209	0	4428	807	579	1812	6419	34004
1994	IGO	1	34	37	191	263	725	706	59	1490	333	276	434	-	12	0	102	1838	653	5401
ed. 31	NGO	38	436	801	3653	4928	1660	2754	3619	8033	2812	1357	1056	-	3694	816	508	0	7881	31085
	Total	39	470	838	3844	5191	2385	3460	3678	9523	3145	1633	1490	0	3706	816	610	1838	8534	36486
1995	IGO	1	36	39	190	266	723	709	65	1497	338	245	455	-	16	0	103	1876	872	5668
ed. 32	NGO	38	486	1001	3596	5121	1846	3025	4282	9153	2883	1254	1167	-	4226	829	514	0	10907	36054
	Total	39	522	1040	3786	5387	2569	3734	4347	10650	3221	1499	1622	0	4242	829	617	1876	11779	41722
1996	IGO	1	36	37	186	260	751	743	76	1570	356	226	504	-	13	0	107	1914	935	5885
ed. 33	NGO	39	493	1007	3933	5472	1944	3223	4469	9636	2921	1469	1270	-	3665	870	526	0	12414	38243
	Total	40	529	1044	4119	5732	2695	3966	4545	11206	3277	1695	1774	0	3678	870	633	1914	13349	44128
1997	IGO	1	36	36	185	258	777	736	79	1592	368	217	572	-	8	0	114	1969	1017	6115
ed. 34	NGO	39	485	997	4064	5585	2046	3361	4973	10380	3087	1534	1325	-	3346	884	542	0	13623	40306
	Total	40	521	1033	4249	5843	2823	4097	5052	11972	3455	1751	1897	0	3354	884	656	1969	14640	46421
1998	IGO	1	36	35	182	254	775	732	75	1582	377	220	555	-	6	0	114	2001	1141	6250
ed. 35	NGO	37	483	1074	4172	5766	2087	3436	5297	10820	3236	1286	1279	-	3692	887	551	0	14583	42100
	Total	38	519	1109	4354	6020	2862	4168	5372	12402	3613	1506	1834	0	3698	887	665	2001	15724	48350
1999	IGO	1	35	35	180	251	775	724	89	1588	460	170	560	-	0	0	113	2028	1245	6415
ed. 36	NGO	37	484	1057	4247	5825	2138	3547	5567	11252	3563	897	1353	-	3370	893	542	0	16263	43958
	Total	38	519	1092	4427	6076	2913	4271	5656	12840	4023	1067	1913	0	3370	893	655	2028	17508	50373
2000	IGO	1	35	33	172	241	814	677	88	1579	525	109	538	-	1	0	110	2072	1381	6556
ed. 37	NGO	37	474	1041	4384	5936	2267	3490	5671	11428	3827	717	1397	-	3674	897	536	0	17262	45674
	Total	38	509	1074	4556	6177	3081	4167	5759	13007	4352	826	1935	0	3675	897	646	2072	18643	52230
2001	IGO	1	35	34	173	243	817	679	97	1593	577	79	520	-	0	0	110	2122	1499	6743
ed. 38	NGO	37	475	1063	4782	6357	2328	3631	6007	11966	3834	472	1417	-	3599	903	555	0	17995	47098
	Total	38	510	1097	4955	6600	3145	4310	6104	13559	4411	551	1937	0	3599	903	665	2122	19494	53841
2002	IGO	1	34	31	166	232	832	695	100	1627	632	115	551	-	0	0	124	2265	1534	7080
ed. 39	NGO	37	470	1055	4836	6398	2286	3576	5807	11669	4084	431	1488	-	3598	900	569	1	19064	48202
	Total	38	504	1086	5002	6630	3118	4271	5907	13296	4716	546	2039	0	3598	900	693	2266	20598	55282
2003	IGO	1	34	32	171	238	860	736	104	1700	614	94	578	-	1	0	136	2293	1561	7215
ed. 40	NGO	36	471	1048	5029	6584	2322	3815	5612	11749	4191	390	1395	-	3369	903	576	0	20314	49471
	Total	37	505	1080	5200	6822	3182	4551	5716	13449	4805	484	1973	0	3370	903	712	2293	21875	56686
2004	IGO	1	34	33	177	245	885	748	110	1743	593	94	582	-	1	0	133	2323	1592	7306
ed. 41	NGO	36	474	1075	5676	7261	2635	4136	6819	13590	3815	366	1406	-	3746	901	583	0	18990	50658
	Total	37	508	1108	5853	7506	3520	4884	6929	15333	4408	460	1988	0	3747	901	716	2323	20582	57964
2005	IGO	1	34	33	178	246	882	727	108	1717	628	64	558	-	0	0	133	2340	1664	7350
ed. 42	NGO	36	474	1072	5724	7306	2700	4124	6798	13622	3962	261	1429	-	3632	901	582	0	19814	51509
	Total	37	508	1105	5902	7552	3582	4851	6906	15339	4590	325	1987	0	3632	901	715	2340	21478	58859
2006	IGO	1	34	33	176	244	870	723	105	1698	671	73	499	-	0	0	136	2358	1753	7432
ed. 43	NGO	36	472	1063	5841	7412	2689	4295	6630	13614	4152	287	1247	-	2629	905	605	1	21911	52763
	Total																			

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		A	B	C	D	ABCD	E	F	G	EFG	H	J	K	M	N	R	S		T	U
2011 ed. 48	IGO	1	36	35	181	253	851	685	135	1671	781	57	369	-	1	0	137	2396	1943	7608
	NGO	38	490	1214	6456	8198	2927	4432	7514	14873	4660	380	1122	-	2924	905	603	0	23169	56834
	Total	39	526	1249	6637	8451	3778	5117	7649	16544	5441	437	1491	0	2925	905	740	2396	25112	64442
2012 ed.49	IGO	1	36	34	191	262	879	707	145	1731	780	60	367	-	1	0	137	2399	1942	7679
	NGO	38	495	1264	6585	8382	3033	4566	7770	15369	4669	603	1095	-	3057	907	609	0	23030	57721
	Total	39	531	1298	6776	8644	3912	5273	7915	17100	5449	663	1462	0	3058	907	746	2399	24972	65400
2013 ed.50	IGO	1	37	35	192	265	894	715	147	1756	779	63	363	-	2	0	137	2403	1942	7710
	NGO	38	508	1345	6686	8577	3075	4657	8001	15733	4739	719	1089	-	3078	906	615	0	23132	58588
	Total	39	545	1380	6878	8842	3969	5372	8148	17489	5518	782	1452	0	3080	906	752	2403	25074	66298
2014 ed.51	IGO	1	37	35	193	266	914	710	149	1773	801	61	356	-	2	0	138	2406	1953	7756
	NGO	37	523	1454	6612	8626	3127	4765	7875	15767	4980	691	999	-	3430	905	660	0	23325	59383
	Total	38	560	1489	6805	8892	4041	5475	8024	17540	5781	752	1355	0	3432	905	798	2406	25278	67139
2015 ed.52	IGO	1	37	36	199	273	920	713	152	1785	812	61	324	0	1	0	138	2412	1951	7757
	NGO	38	532	1560	6846	8976	3189	4863	8007	16059	4919	884	936	-	3400	906	673	0	23519	60272
	Total	39	569	1596	7045	9249	4109	5576	8159	17844	5731	945	1260	-	3401	906	811	2412	25470	68029