

**Figure 7.3.**  
**Languages most commonly used by international organizations**  
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The data in this figure are extracted from Figure 7.2.

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	CLUSTER					TOTAL A-U	Language	CLUSTER					TOTAL A-U		
	A-D	I	II	III	IV			V	A-D	I	II	III		IV	V
English	5971	8569	2296	11	668	2183	13727	Vietnamese	5	10	3	0	2	4	19
French +	2071	3135	1062	2	225	1245	5669	Cantonese +	4	5	1	0	1	0	7
Spanish +	1121	1757	527	0	139	545	2968	Creole +	4	6	4	0	3	5	18
German +	920	1247	312	2	105	415	2081	Flemish	4	6	1	0	0	0	7
Portuguese +	380	583	167	0	33	139	922	Serbian +	4	9	9	0	2	2	22
Italian +	265	426	161	0	40	119	746	Yiddish	4	4	0	0	1	5	10
Arabic +	247	398	190	0	36	154	778	Bahasa Malaysia +	3	5	5	0	1	0	11
Russian	217	364	165	0	32	100	661	Malay	3	5	0	0	0	0	5
Swedish	155	208	67	0	7	154	436	Swahili +	3	13	2	0	6	5	26
Dutch +	139	222	79	1	53	91	446	Belorussian +	2	2	0	0	0	1	3
Danish	138	184	52	0	3	124	363	Brazilian	2	2	0	0	0	1	3
Norwegian	128	165	42	0	2	114	323	Castilian	2	2	1	0	0	0	3
Chinese +	84	167	93	0	23	32	315	Galician	2	3	1	0	1	0	5
Icelandic	65	88	17	0	1	56	162	Gujarati +	2	3	0	0	0	0	3
Japanese	56	82	28	1	17	16	144	Interlingua	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Finnish	53	79	30	0	4	54	167	Kazakh	2	3	0	0	0	0	3
Faeroese	43	58	10	0	1	37	106	Kyrgyz	2	3	0	0	0	1	4
Polish	34	62	33	0	6	16	117	Mongolian	2	2	0	0	1	2	5
Greek +	27	53	28	0	7	25	113	Occitan +	2	2	1	0	0	0	3
Hebrew	21	34	10	0	9	12	65	Sanskrit +	2	3	0	0	0	0	3
Korean	21	37	8	0	9	1	55	Tajik	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Esperanto	20	33	15	0	3	23	74	Urdu +	2	6	3	0	5	3	17
Czech	19	37	22	0	3	12	74	Welsh	2	3	0	0	0	0	3
Hungarian	15	32	23	0	5	14	74	Amharic	1	2	2	0	0	0	4
Serbo-Croatian +	15	34	28	0	2	6	70	Armenian	1	4	3	0	3	1	11
Celtic +	14	22	12	0	1	8	43	Basque	1	2	4	0	0	0	6
Slovakian	14	25	17	0	3	10	55	Bosnian	1	3	5	0	0	1	9
Turkish	13	29	6	0	8	5	48	Breton	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Mandarin Chinese +	12	23	2	0	1	1	27	Burmese	1	2	3	0	0	0	5
Romanian +	11	25	12	0	3	10	50	Cornish	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Slovene	10	21	20	0	0	7	48	Filipino	1	6	5	0	1	1	13
Estonian	9	19	15	0	1	7	42	Frisian	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Lithuanian	9	18	13	0	1	7	39	Gaelic	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Afrikaans	8	11	1	0	0	0	12	Guarani	1	2	1	0	0	0	3
Hindi +	8	24	16	0	14	8	62	Kiswahili	1	2	2	0	4	1	9
Irish	8	14	11	0	0	7	32	Macedonian	1	5	3	0	1	0	9
Persian	8	16	4	0	5	4	29	Malayalam	1	3	1	0	0	0	4
Bahasa Indonesia +	7	16	12	0	4	3	35	Manx	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Bulgarian	7	18	11	0	1	7	37	Nepalese	1	5	4	0	0	0	9
Catalan +	7	14	5	0	3	2	24	North Sámi	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Croatian +	7	18	10	0	0	1	29	Papiamentó	1	2	0	0	0	1	3
Latin	7	7	5	0	0	4	16	Punjabi +	1	2	2	0	1	0	5
Latvian	7	18	12	0	2	7	39	Sámi +	1	1	0	0	0	2	3
Tai +	7	17	9	0	2	1	29	Tagalog +	1	8	10	0	2	2	22
Thai +	7	17	7	0	1	1	26	Tibetan +	1	2	1	0	0	0	3
Maltese	6	12	11	0	0	6	29	Uzbek	1	2	1	0	1	0	4
Indonesian	5	8	10	0	4	3	25	Wolof +	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Ukrainian	5	11	6	0	0	2	19								