

Figure 7.7.
Languages most commonly used by international non-governmental 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 non-governmental organizations 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	5781	8051	1768	9	655	1922	12405	Vietnamese	5	10	2	0	2	1	15
French +	1954	2821	723	2	215	1033	4794	Cantonese +	4	5	1	0	1	0	7
Spanish +	1055	1589	342	0	137	451	2519	Creole +	4	6	4	0	3	4	17
German +	900	1198	268	2	101	381	1950	Flemish	4	6	1	0	0	0	7
Portuguese +	350	518	107	0	31	96	752	Maltese	4	6	3	0	0	3	12
Italian +	256	402	142	0	39	106	689	Serbian +	4	8	8	0	2	2	20
Arabic +	198	287	77	0	36	95	495	Yiddish	4	4	0	0	1	5	10
Russian	185	277	66	0	30	59	432	Bahasa Malaysia +	3	5	4	0	1	0	10
Swedish	144	184	36	0	6	122	348	Malay	3	5	0	0	0	0	5
Dutch +	132	206	59	1	51	78	395	Swahili +	3	12	2	0	6	4	24
Danish	127	160	26	0	3	95	284	Belorussian +	2	2	0	0	0	1	3
Norwegian	119	146	22	0	1	91	260	Brazilian	2	2	0	0	0	1	3
Chinese +	68	124	32	0	22	14	192	Castilian	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Icelandic	61	76	12	0	1	45	134	Galician	2	3	1	0	1	0	5
Japanese	55	81	21	1	17	15	135	Gujarati +	2	3	0	0	0	0	3
Finnish	50	69	14	0	4	36	123	Interlingua	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Faeroese	40	49	6	0	0	31	86	Kazakh	2	3	0	0	0	0	3
Polish	32	54	23	0	5	9	91	Kyrgyz	2	3	0	0	0	1	4
Greek +	25	47	20	0	6	17	90	Mongolian	2	2	0	0	1	0	3
Hebrew	21	33	9	0	9	12	63	Occitan +	2	2	1	0	0	0	3
Esperanto	20	33	15	0	3	23	74	Sanskrit +	2	3	0	0	0	0	3
Korean	20	36	7	0	9	1	53	Tajik	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Czech	17	30	11	0	2	5	48	Urdu +	2	6	3	0	5	2	16
Serbo-Croatian +	15	29	23	0	2	4	58	Welsh	2	3	0	0	0	0	3
Hungarian	13	25	13	0	5	6	49	Amharic	1	2	2	0	0	0	4
Celtic +	12	16	5	0	1	5	27	Armenian	1	4	3	0	3	1	11
Mandarin Chinese +	12	23	2	0	1	1	27	Basque	1	2	4	0	0	0	6
Slovakian	12	18	8	0	2	3	31	Bosnian	1	3	4	0	0	1	8
Turkish	12	26	5	0	8	4	43	Breton	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Romanian +	11	23	6	0	3	4	36	Burmese	1	2	3	0	0	0	5
Afrikaans	8	11	1	0	0	0	12	Cornish	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Hindi +	8	24	16	0	14	6	60	Filipino	1	6	3	0	1	1	11
Slovene	8	14	11	0	0	3	28	Frisian	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Bahasa Indonesia +	7	16	9	0	4	2	31	Gaelic	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Bulgarian	7	15	6	0	1	1	23	Guarani	1	1	1	0	0	0	2
Catalan +	7	14	4	0	3	1	22	Macedonian	1	5	2	0	1	0	8
Croatian +	7	14	8	0	0	1	23	Malayalam	1	3	1	0	0	0	4
Estonian	7	12	7	0	1	4	24	Manx	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Latin	7	7	5	0	0	4	16	Nepalese	1	5	4	0	0	0	9
Lithuanian	7	11	5	0	1	4	21	North Sámi	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Persian	7	15	3	0	5	2	25	Papiamentu	1	2	0	0	0	1	3
Tai +	7	17	6	0	2	1	26	Punjabi +	1	2	2	0	1	0	5
Thai +	7	17	5	0	1	1	24	Sámi +	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Irish	6	8	5	0	0	4	17	Tagalog +	1	8	8	0	2	2	20
Indonesian	5	8	7	0	4	2	21	Tibetan +	1	2	1	0	0	0	3
Latvian	5	11	4	0	2	4	21	Uzbek	1	2	0	0	1	0	3
Ukrainian	5	10	6	0	0	2	18	Wolof +	1	1	0	0	1	0	2