

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	6105	8826	2346	11	960	2261	14404	Swahili +	5	17	4	0	14	6	41
French +	2071	3178	1086	2	319	1274	5859	Vietnamese	5	11	4	0	2	4	21
Spanish +	1147	1807	539	0	210	553	3109	Creole +	4	6	4	0	3	6	19
German +	911	1248	317	2	157	431	2155	Yiddish	4	4	0	0	1	5	10
Portuguese +	399	612	173	0	44	138	967	Bahasa Malaysia +	3	7	5	0	1	0	13
Italian +	271	443	168	0	62	125	798	Sanskrit +	3	4	0	0	0	0	4
Arabic +	260	417	204	0	53	152	826	Belorussian +	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Russian	216	367	168	0	43	109	687	Bosnian	2	4	4	0	0	1	9
Swedish	157	212	61	0	11	158	442	Galician	2	3	1	0	1	0	5
Dutch +	141	233	76	1	70	93	473	Gujarati +	2	3	0	0	0	0	3
Danish	138	184	46	0	8	126	364	Interlingua	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Norwegian	127	163	39	0	5	115	322	Kazakh	2	3	0	0	0	0	3
Chinese +	90	178	94	0	35	33	340	Kyrgyz	2	3	0	0	0	1	4
Icelandic	64	85	15	0	2	57	159	Malay	2	5	5	0	1	0	11
Japanese	55	86	31	1	20	16	154	Mongolian	2	2	0	0	1	2	5
Finnish	54	82	29	0	8	56	175	Occitan +	2	2	1	0	0	0	3
Faeroese	43	56	9	0	1	37	103	Sotho	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Polish	35	66	32	0	9	16	123	Tajik	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Greek +	29	55	32	0	10	24	121	Urdu +	2	5	3	0	5	4	17
Korean	26	44	11	0	13	0	68	Welsh	2	3	0	0	1	0	4
Hebrew	22	37	11	0	13	10	71	Amharic	1	2	2	0	0	0	4
Esperanto	19	31	14	0	2	25	72	Bengali	1	4	3	0	3	2	12
Serbo-Croatian +	18	37	25	0	8	7	77	Breton	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Czech	17	35	21	0	5	14	75	Burmese	1	2	3	0	0	0	5
Celtic +	14	22	11	0	2	8	43	Cornish	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Hungarian	14	31	21	0	6	14	72	Filipino	1	8	6	0	2	2	18
Mandarin Chinese +	13	26	3	0	5	1	35	Gaelic	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Slovakian	13	24	15	0	3	11	53	Guarani	1	3	1	0	0	0	4
Turkish	13	32	7	0	10	4	53	Kurdish	1	2	0	0	3	0	5
Romanian +	12	28	11	0	6	11	56	Macedonian	1	5	2	0	1	0	8
Slovene	10	21	18	0	0	7	46	Malayalam	1	3	1	0	0	0	4
Estonian	9	19	14	0	2	7	42	Manx	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Lithuanian	9	19	12	0	1	7	39	Montenegrin	1	1	1	0	0	0	2
Persian	9	17	4	0	7	4	32	Ndebele +	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Afrikaans	8	11	1	0	2	0	14	Nepalese	1	5	4	0	0	0	9
Hindi +	8	25	17	0	14	9	65	North Sámi	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Irish	8	14	10	0	0	7	31	Papiamentu	1	2	0	0	0	1	3
Bahasa Indonesia +	7	17	13	0	5	3	38	Punjabi +	1	2	2	0	1	0	5
Bulgarian	7	18	11	0	1	8	38	Sámi +	1	2	0	0	0	2	4
Catalan +	7	13	5	0	3	4	25	Tagalog +	1	11	10	0	4	2	27
Croatian +	7	20	11	0	2	1	34	Tamil	1	6	4	0	3	0	13
Indonesian	7	16	13	0	5	3	37	Tibetan +	1	2	1	0	0	0	3
Latin	7	7	5	0	0	4	16	Tsonga +	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Latvian	7	18	11	0	2	7	38	Tswana +	1	1	0	0	1	1	3
Tai +	7	18	10	0	3	2	33	Uzbek	1	2	1	0	0	1	4
Thai +	7	18	8	0	2	2	30	Wolof +	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Ukrainian	7	13	6	0	2	2	23	Xhosa +	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Maltese	6	12	10	0	0	6	28	Zulu	1	1	0	0	2	1	4
Serbian +	6	9	8	0	6	3	26								