

Figure 7.5.
Languages most commonly used by intergovernmental 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 intergovernmental 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	A-D	CLUSTER					TOTAL A-U		Language	A-D	CLUSTER					TOTAL A-U
		I	II	III	IV	V					I	II	III	IV	V	
English	195	534	538	2	17	268	1359		Celtic +	2	6	6	0	0	3	15
French +	119	321	339	0	11	216	887		Czech	2	7	10	0	2	7	26
Spanish +	67	172	182	0	3	96	453		Estonian	2	7	7	0	0	3	17
Arabic +	51	115	118	0	1	58	292		Greek +	2	6	8	0	1	8	23
Portuguese +	33	68	60	0	2	43	173		Hungarian	2	7	9	0	0	8	24
Russian	33	88	98	0	2	42	230		Irish	2	6	5	0	0	3	14
German +	19	49	40	0	4	38	131		Latvian	2	7	7	0	0	3	17
Chinese +	16	44	60	0	1	17	122		Lithuanian	2	7	7	0	0	3	17
Swedish	12	25	24	0	1	34	84		Maltese	2	6	7	0	0	3	16
Danish	11	24	20	0	0	30	74		Polish	2	8	9	0	1	7	25
Italian +	9	24	17	0	1	14	56		Slovakian	2	7	8	0	1	7	23
Norwegian	9	19	16	0	1	23	59		Slovene	2	7	8	0	0	4	19
Dutch +	7	17	18	0	2	14	51		Japanese	1	1	7	0	0	1	9
Icelandic	4	11	4	0	0	11	26		Korean	1	1	1	0	0	0	2
Faeroese	3	8	3	0	1	6	18		Persian	1	1	1	0	0	2	4
Finnish	3	10	14	0	0	19	43		Swahili +	1	2	1	0	0	2	5
									Turkish	1	5	1	0	0	1	7