

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	5910	8292	1808	9	943	1993	13045	Creole +	4	6	4	0	3	4	17
French +	1952	2857	747	2	308	1058	4972	Maltese	4	6	3	0	0	3	12
Spanish +	1080	1635	357	0	207	457	2656	Swahili +	4	15	3	0	14	4	36
German +	892	1199	277	2	153	393	2024	Yiddish	4	4	0	0	1	5	10
Portuguese +	366	544	113	0	42	95	794	Bahasa Malaysia +	3	7	4	0	1	0	12
Italian +	262	419	151	0	61	111	742	Sanskrit +	3	4	0	0	0	0	4
Arabic +	209	302	86	0	52	94	534	Belorussian +	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Russian	183	279	70	0	41	67	457	Bosnian	2	4	3	0	0	1	8
Swedish	145	187	37	0	10	124	358	Galician	2	3	1	0	1	0	5
Dutch +	134	216	58	1	68	79	422	Gujarati +	2	3	0	0	0	0	3
Danish	127	160	26	0	8	96	290	Interlingua	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Norwegian	118	144	23	0	4	92	263	Kazakh	2	3	0	0	0	0	3
Chinese +	74	134	34	0	34	16	218	Kyrgyz	2	3	0	0	0	1	4
Icelandic	60	74	11	0	2	46	133	Malay	2	5	4	0	1	0	10
Japanese	54	85	24	1	20	15	145	Mongolian	2	2	0	0	1	0	3
Finnish	51	72	15	0	8	37	132	Occitan +	2	2	1	0	0	0	3
Faeroese	40	48	6	0	0	31	85	Sotho	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Polish	33	58	23	0	8	9	98	Tajik	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Greek +	27	49	24	0	9	16	98	Urdu +	2	5	3	0	5	3	16
Korean	25	43	10	0	13	0	66	Welsh	2	3	0	0	1	0	4
Hebrew	22	36	10	0	13	10	69	Amharic	1	2	2	0	0	0	4
Esperanto	19	31	14	0	2	25	72	Bengali	1	4	2	0	3	1	10
Serbo-Croatian +	18	32	19	0	8	5	64	Breton	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Czech	15	28	11	0	3	7	49	Burmese	1	2	3	0	0	0	5
Mandarin Chinese +	13	26	3	0	5	1	35	Cornish	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Celtic +	12	16	5	0	2	5	28	Filipino	1	8	3	0	2	2	15
Hungarian	12	24	12	0	6	6	48	Gaelic	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Romanian +	12	26	6	0	6	5	43	Guarani	1	2	1	0	0	0	3
Turkish	12	27	6	0	10	3	46	Kurdish	1	2	0	0	3	0	5
Slovakian	11	17	7	0	2	4	30	Macedonian	1	5	1	0	1	0	7
Afrikaans	8	11	1	0	2	0	14	Malayalam	1	3	1	0	0	0	4
Hindi +	8	25	17	0	14	7	63	Manx	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Persian	8	16	3	0	7	2	28	Montenegrin	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Slovene	8	14	10	0	0	3	27	Ndebele +	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Bahasa Indonesia +	7	17	10	0	5	2	34	Nepalese	1	5	4	0	0	0	9
Bulgarian	7	15	6	0	1	2	24	North Sámi	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Catalan +	7	13	4	0	3	3	23	Papiamentó	1	2	0	0	0	1	3
Croatian +	7	16	8	0	2	1	27	Punjabi +	1	2	2	0	1	0	5
Estonian	7	12	7	0	2	4	25	Sámi +	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Indonesian	7	16	10	0	5	2	33	Tagalog +	1	11	7	0	4	2	24
Latin	7	7	5	0	0	4	16	Tamil	1	6	3	0	3	0	12
Lithuanian	7	12	5	0	1	4	22	Tibetan +	1	2	1	0	0	0	3
Tai +	7	18	6	0	2	2	28	Tsonga +	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Thai +	7	18	5	0	1	2	26	Tswana +	1	1	0	0	1	1	3
Ukrainian	7	12	6	0	2	2	22	Uzbek	1	2	0	0	0	1	3
Irish	6	8	5	0	0	4	17	Wolof +	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Serbian +	6	8	7	0	6	3	24	Xhosa +	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Latvian	5	11	4	0	2	4	21	Zulu	1	1	0	0	2	1	4
Vietnamese	5	11	3	0	2	1	17								