

**Figure 2.1.**  
**Number of international organizations by type**  
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Presented in this table is the number of international organizations currently listed in the database of the *Yearbook of International Organizations*. The organizations are totalled by type (see 1.3. "Types of organization") and by whether they are intergovernmental or not. In addition, totals are given for certain groupings of types ("conventional", "other" and "special"). For other groupings of types, see Figure 2.5.

This table suggests different answers to the question "How many international organizations are there?"

1. Conventional intergovernmental organizations, when attaching importance to the non-recognition of international non-governmental organizations in terms of international law. (Multilateral treaties, Type T, might be added as closely related international "instruments".)
2. Conventional international bodies, both governmental and non-governmental, when attaching importance to the existence of autonomous international bodies as a social reality.
3. Conventional bodies (Types A to D) plus special forms (Type F), when recognizing the importance of organizational substitutes and unconventional form. (To the latter might be added conference series, Type S, and multilateral treaties, Type T, as forms of organization substitute.)
4. Conventional bodies (Types A to D), special forms (Type F) and religious orders (Type R), when attaching importance to the social reality of the latter as independent actors.
5. Conventional bodies (Types A to D), other international bodies (Types E to G), religious orders (Type R), and multilateral treaties (Type T), when recognizing the international impact of semi-autonomous and nationally tied organizations. (Documentalists might also include inactive bodies, Type H, which figure in the "authority lists" of international organizations.)

Types by group	Intergovernmental			Non-governmental			Total	
	No. of this type	% of this type	% of this group	No. of this type	% of this type	% of this group	No. of this type	% of this group
<b>GROUP: CONVENTIONAL INTERNATIONAL BODIES</b>								
A. Federations of international organizations	1	2.70	0.41	36	97.30	0.46	37	0.46
B. Universal membership organizations	35	6.80	14.52	480	93.20	6.19	515	6.44
C. Intercontinental membership organizations	35	2.99	14.52	1134	97.01	14.63	1169	14.63
D. Regionally oriented membership organizations	170	2.71	70.54	6102	97.29	78.72	6272	78.47
<b>TOTAL: CONVENTIONAL BODIES</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>3.02</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>7752</b>	<b>96.98</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>7993</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>GROUP: OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES</b>								
E. Org's emanating from places, persons, bodies	817	22.76	49.31	2773	77.24	19.90	3590	23.03
F. Organizations of special form	709	14.06	42.79	4334	85.94	31.11	5043	32.35
G. Internationally oriented national organizations	131	1.88	7.91	6825	98.12	48.99	6956	44.62
<b>TOTAL: OTHER BODIES</b>	<b>1657</b>	<b>10.63</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>13932</b>	<b>89.37</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>15589</b>	<b>100.00</b>
TOTAL Types E + F	1526	17.68		7107	82.32		8633	
TOTAL Types A B C D E F	1767	10.63		14859	89.37		16626	
TOTAL Types A B C D E F G	1898	8.05		21684	91.95		23582	
<b>GROUP: SPECIAL TYPES</b>								
H. Dissolved or apparently inactive organizations	765	13.70	13.55	4820	86.30	14.11	5585	14.03
J. Recently reported bodies - not yet confirmed	53	17.55	0.94	249	82.45	0.73	302	0.76
K. Subsidiary and internal bodies	376	25.23	6.66	1114	74.77	3.26	1490	3.74
N. National organizations	0	0.00	0.00	3289	100.00	9.63	3289	8.26
R. Religious orders and secular institutes	0	0.00	0.00	907	100.00	2.65	907	2.28
S. Autonomous conference series	136	18.48	2.41	600	81.52	1.76	736	1.85
T. Multilateral treaties, intergov'tal agreements	2393	100.00	42.38	0	0.00	0.00	2393	6.01
U. Currently inactive nonconventional bodies	1923	7.66	34.06	23190	92.34	67.87	25113	63.07
<b>TOTAL: SPECIAL TYPES</b>	<b>5646</b>	<b>14.18</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>34169</b>	<b>85.82</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>39815</b>	<b>100.00</b>
TOTAL Types H + U	2688	8.76		28010	91.24		30698	
<b>TOTAL ALL TYPES</b>	<b>7544</b>	<b>11.90</b>		<b>55853</b>	<b>88.10</b>		<b>63397</b>	