

Figure 1.1.1. (a) Types of organization Overview of number of international organizations by type: 2004

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 the Appendix "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 1.1.1. (b) in this volume.

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			Nongovernmental			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
GROUP: CONVENTIONAL INTERNATIONAL BODIES								
A. Federations of international organizations	1	2.70	0.41	36	97.30	0.49	37	0.49
B. Universal membership organizations	34	6.69	13.82	474	93.31	6.49	508	6.73
C. Intercontinental membership organizations	33	2.99	13.41	1072	97.01	14.67	1105	14.63
D. Regionally oriented membership organizations	178	3.02	72.36	5724	96.98	78.35	5902	78.15
TOTAL: CONVENTIONAL BODIES	246	3.26	100.00	7306	96.74	100.00	7552	100.00
GROUP: OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES								
E. Org's emanating from places, persons, bodies	882	24.62	51.37	2700	75.38	19.82	3582	23.35
F. Organizations of special form	727	14.99	42.34	4124	85.01	30.27	4851	31.63
G. Internationally oriented national organizations	108	1.56	6.29	6798	98.44	49.90	6906	45.02
TOTAL: OTHER BODIES	1717	11.19	100.00	13622	88.81	100.00	15339	100.00
TOTAL Types E + F	1609	19.08		6824	80.92		8433	
TOTAL Types A B C D E F	1855	11.60		14130	88.40		15985	
TOTAL Types A B C D E F G	1963	8.58		20928	91.42		22891	
GROUP: SPECIAL TYPES								
H. Dissolved or apparently inactive organizations	628	13.68	11.66	3962	86.32	12.96	4590	12.76
J. Recently reported bodies - not yet confirmed	64	19.69	1.19	261	80.31	0.85	325	0.90
K. Subsidiary and internal bodies	558	28.08	10.36	1429	71.92	4.67	1987	5.52
N. National organizations	0	0.00	0.00	3632	100.00	11.88	3632	10.10
R. Religious orders and secular institutes	0	0.00	0.00	901	100.00	2.95	901	2.51
S. Autonomous conference series	133	18.60	2.47	582	81.40	1.90	715	1.99
T. Multilateral treaties, intergov'tal agreements	2340	100.00	43.44	0	0.00	0.00	2340	6.51
U. Currently inactive nonconventional bodies	1664	7.75	30.89	19814	92.25	64.79	21478	59.71
TOTAL: SPECIAL TYPES	5387	14.98	100.00	30581	85.02	100.00	35968	100.00
TOTAL Types H + U	2292	8.79		23776	91.21		26068	
TOTAL ALL TYPES	7350	12.49		51509	87.51		58859	