

## Figure 1.1.1. (a) Types of organization Overview of number of international organizations by type: 2005

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
<b>GROUP: CONVENTIONAL INTERNATIONAL BODIES</b>								
A. Federations of international organizations	1	2.70	0.41	36	97.30	0.49	37	0.48
B. Universal membership organizations	34	6.72	13.93	472	93.28	6.37	506	6.61
C. Intercontinental membership organizations	33	3.01	13.52	1063	96.99	14.34	1096	14.32
D. Regionally oriented membership organizations	176	2.93	72.13	5841	97.07	78.80	6017	78.59
<b>TOTAL: CONVENTIONAL BODIES</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>3.19</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>7412</b>	<b>96.81</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>7656</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>GROUP: OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES</b>								
E. Org's emanating from places, persons, bodies	870	24.45	51.24	2689	75.55	19.75	3559	23.24
F. Organizations of special form	723	14.41	42.58	4295	85.59	31.55	5018	32.77
G. Internationally oriented national organizations	105	1.56	6.18	6630	98.44	48.70	6735	43.99
<b>TOTAL: OTHER BODIES</b>	<b>1698</b>	<b>11.09</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>13614</b>	<b>88.91</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>15312</b>	<b>100.00</b>
TOTAL Types E + F	1593	18.57		6984	81.43		8577	
TOTAL Types A B C D E F	1837	11.32		14396	88.68		16233	
TOTAL Types A B C D E F G	1942	8.46		21026	91.54		22968	
<b>GROUP: SPECIAL TYPES</b>								
H. Dissolved or apparently inactive organizations	671	13.91	12.22	4152	86.09	13.08	4823	12.96
J. Recently reported bodies - not yet confirmed	73	20.28	1.33	287	79.72	0.90	360	0.97
K. Subsidiary and internal bodies	499	28.58	9.09	1247	71.42	3.93	1746	4.69
N. National organizations	0	0.00	0.00	2629	100.00	8.28	2629	7.06
R. Religious orders and secular institutes	0	0.00	0.00	905	100.00	2.85	905	2.43
S. Autonomous conference series	136	18.35	2.48	605	81.65	1.91	741	1.99
T. Multilateral treaties, intergov'tal agreements	2358	99.96	42.95	1	0.04	0.00	2359	6.34
U. Currently inactive nonconventional bodies	1753	7.41	31.93	21911	92.59	69.04	23664	63.57
<b>TOTAL: SPECIAL TYPES</b>	<b>5490</b>	<b>14.75</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>31737</b>	<b>85.25</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>37227</b>	<b>100.00</b>
TOTAL Types H + U	2424	8.51		26063	91.49		28487	
<b>TOTAL ALL TYPES</b>	<b>7432</b>	<b>12.35</b>		<b>52763</b>	<b>87.65</b>		<b>60195</b>	