

Figure 1.1.1. (a) Types of organization Overview of number of international organizations by type: 2002

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	0.42	36	97.30	0.55	37	0.54
B. Universal membership organizations	34	6.73	14.29	471	93.27	7.15	505	7.40
C. Intercontinental membership organizations	32	2.96	13.45	1048	97.04	15.92	1080	15.83
D. Regionally oriented membership organizations	171	3.29	71.85	5029	96.71	76.38	5200	76.22
TOTAL: CONVENTIONAL	238	3.49	100.00	6584	96.51	100.00	6822	100.00
GROUP: OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES								
E. Org's emanating from places, persons, bodies	860	27.03	50.59	2322	72.97	19.76	3182	23.66
F. Organizations of special form	736	16.17	43.29	3815	83.83	32.47	4551	33.84
G. Internationally oriented national organizations	104	1.82	6.12	5612	98.18	47.77	5716	42.50
TOTAL: OTHER	1700	12.64	100.00	11749	87.36	100.00	13449	100.00
TOTAL Types E + F	1596	20.64	-	6137	79.36	-	7733	-
TOTAL Types A B C D E F	1834	12.60	-	12721	87.40	-	14555	-
TOTAL Types A B C D E F G	1938	9.56	-	18333	90.44	-	20271	-
GROUP: SPECIAL TYPES								
H. Dissolved or apparently inactive organizations	614	12.78	11.64	4191	87.22	13.46	4805	13.20
J. Recently reported bodies - not yet confirmed	94	19.42	1.78	390	80.58	1.25	484	1.33
K. Subsidiary and internal bodies	578	29.30	10.95	1395	70.70	4.48	1973	5.42
N. National organizations	1	0.03	0.02	3369	99.97	10.82	3370	9.25
R. Religious orders and secular institutes	0	0.00	0.00	903	100.00	2.90	903	2.48
S. Autonomous conference series	136	19.10	2.58	576	80.90	1.85	712	1.96
T. Multilateral treaties, intergov'tal agreements	2293	100.00	43.45	0	0.00	0.00	2293	6.30
U. Currently inactive nonconventional bodies	1561	7.14	29.58	20314	92.86	65.24	21875	60.07
TOTAL: SPECIAL	5277	14.49	100.00	31138	85.51	100.00	36415	100.00
TOTAL Types H + U	2175	8.15	-	24505	91.85	-	26680	-
TOTAL ALL TYPES	7215	12.73	-	49471	87.27	-	56686	-