

Figure 1.1.1. (a) Types of organization Overview of number of international organizations by type: 2001

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").

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.)

Note that the corresponding table for last year is reprinted, with corrections, on the next page.

Types	Intergovernmental			Nongovernmental			Total	
	No.	% Type	% IGO	No.	% Type	% NGO	No.	% Total
CONVENTIONAL INTERNATIONAL BODIES								
A. Federations of international organizations	1	2.63	0.43	37	97.37	0.57	38	0.57
B. Universal membership organizations	34	6.74	14.65	470	93.26	7.34	504	7.60
C. Intercontinental membership organizations	31	2.85	13.36	1055	97.15	16.48	1086	16.38
D. Regionally oriented membership organizations	166	3.31	71.56	4836	96.69	75.61	5002	75.45
TOTAL CONVENTIONAL	232	3.49	100.00	6398	96.51	100.00	6630	100.00
OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES								
E. Org's emanating from places, persons, bodies	832	26.68	54.49	2286	73.32	39.00	3118	42.19
F. Organizations of special form	695	16.27	45.51	3576	83.73	61.00	4271	57.81
TOTAL Types E + F	1527	20.67	100.00	5862	79.33	100.00	7389	100.00
TOTAL Types A to F	1759	12.55	-	12260	87.45	-	14019	-
G. Internationally oriented national organizations	100	1.69	100.00	5807	98.31	100.00	5907	100.00
TOTAL OTHER (Types E + F+ G)	1627	12.23	-	11669	87.77	-	13296	-
TOTAL Types A to G	1859	9.33	-	18067	90.67	-	19926	-
SPECIAL TYPES								
H. Dissolved or apparently inactive organizations	632	13.40	12.10	4084	86.60	13.56	4716	13.34
J. Recently reported bodies - not yet confirmed	115	21.06	2.20	431	78.97	1.43	546	1.54
K. Subsidiary and internal bodies	551	27.02	10.55	1488	72.98	4.93	2039	5.76
N. National organizations	0	0	0	3598	100	11.93	3598	10.17
R. Religious orders and secular institutes	0	0	0	900	100	2.98	900	2.54
S. Autonomous conference series	124	17.89	2.37	569	82.11	1.88	693	1.96
T. Multilateral treaties, intergov'tal agreements	2265	99.95	43.40	1	0.05	0	2266	6.40
U. Currently inactive nonconventional bodies	1534	7.44	29.38	19064	92.56	63.29	20598	58.29
TOTAL SPECIAL	5221	14.76	100.00	30135	85.24	100.00	35356	100.00
TOTAL G + N	100	1.05	-	9405	98.95	-	9505	-
TOTAL H + U	2166	8.55	-	23148	91.45	-	25314	-
TOTAL ALL TYPES	7080	12.80	-	48202	87.20	-	55282	-