

FIGURE 4
Number of Missions by Designation and Region

Designation	Africa and Middle East	Asia-Pacific	Europe	Latin America and Caribbean	North America	Total
Embassies	23	10	28	15	2	78
High Commissions	8	9	1	4	0	22
Program Offices of the Embassy/ High Commission	2	0	3	3	0	8
Offices of the Embassy/ High Commission	1	7	1	3	1	13
Representative Offices	1	1	0	0	0	2
Multilateral or Permanent	0	0	8	0	2	10
Consulates General	0	8	1	2	13	24
Consulates	1	3	2	1	3	10
Consular Agencies	0	0	0	0	7	7
Total	36	38	44	28	28	174

Source: Client Relations Division.
 Does not include Canadian regional offices.

Common Services Categorization

Categorization is based largely on the significance of the mission to Canada's interests abroad, and has traditionally been used as a guideline to determine the resources required to support missions.

Category 1 – Large missions that are the most significant in terms of Canada's bilateral and multilateral relations, which engage in the delivery of 12 or more federal government programs.²

Category 2 – Medium-sized missions that are significant in terms of Canada's bilateral and multilateral relations, which engage in the delivery of eight to 11 federal government programs.

Category 3 – Small missions with a resident HOM, which engage in the delivery of four to seven federal government programs.

Category 4 – Micro-missions without a resident HOM, which engage in the delivery of one or more federal government programs.

Category 5 – Missions headed by an honorary consul, which engage in the delivery of one or more federal government programs.

² For all Common Services Categorization, 'federal government programs' could also include co-locators.