
GLOBAL POPULATION

1. Total population
2. Urban population
3. Rural dwellers
4. Adult population (over 15s)
5. Literates
6. Nonliterate

WORLDWIDE EXPANSION OF CITIES

7. Megacities (over 1 million population)
8. Urban poor
9. Urban slum dwellers

GLOBAL POPULATION BY RELIGION

10. Christians (total all kinds) (=W (all) = Anglicans + Evangelicals + Orthodox + Catholics + Protestants)
11. Muslims
12. Hindus
13. Nonreligious
14. Buddhists
15. Chinese folk-religionists
16. Ethnoreligionists
17. Atheists
18. New-Religionists (Neoreligionists)
19. Sikhs
20. Jews
21. Non-Christians (=Worlds A and B)

GLOBAL CHRISTIANITY

22. Total Christians as % of world (=World C)
23. Affiliated Christians (church members)
24. Church attenders
25. Evangelicals
26. Great Commission Christians
27. Pentecostals/Charismatics/Neocharismatics
28. Christians per year (10-year average)

MEMBERSHIP BY 6 ECCLESIASTICAL MEGABLOCKS

29. Roman Catholics
30. Protestants
31. Independents
32. Orthodox
33. Anglicans
34. Marginal Christians

MEMBERSHIP BY 6 CONTINENTS, 21 UN REGIONS

35. Africa (5 regions)
36. Asia (4 regions)
37. Europe (including Russia; 4 regions)
38. Latin America (3 regions)
39. Northern America (1 region)
40. Oceania (4 regions)

CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS

41. Denominations
42. Congregations (worship centers)
43. Service agencies
44. Foreign mission sending agencies

CONCIILARIUM: ONGOING COUNCILS OF CHURCHES

45. Councils
46. National councils of churches

CHRISTIAN WORKERS (clergy, laypersons)

47. Nationals (citizens; all denominations)
48. Men
49. Women
50. Aliens (foreign missionaries)

CHRISTIAN FINANCE IN US$, per year

51. Personal income of church members
52. Giving to Christian causes
53. Churches' income
54. Parachurch and institutional income
55. Cost-effectiveness (cost per baptism)
56. Ecclesiastical crime
57. Income of global foreign missions
58. Computers in Christian use (numbers)

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE (titles, not copies)

59. Books about Christianity
60. Christian periodicals
61. Scriptures distribution (all sources, per year)
62. Scriptures including gospels, selections
63. Bible density (copies in place)
64. Total monthly listeners/viewers
65. Christian urban mission
66. New non-Christian urban dwellers per day
67. Urban Christians

GLOBAL EVANGELISM (per year)

68. Evangelism-hours
69. Hearer-hours (offers)
70. Disciple-advancements (offers) per capita

WORLD EVANGELIZATION

71. Unevangelized population (=World A)
72. Unevangelized % of world
73. World evangelization plans since AD 30

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(referring to numbered lines)

Indented categories form part of, and are included in, unindented categories above them. Definitions of categories are as given and explained in World Christian Encyclopedia (1st ed., 1982; 2nd ed., 2001) and World Christian Trends (2001), with additional data and explanations as below. The analytical trichotomy of Worlds A, B, C are explained in WCT.


10. Widest definition: professing Christians plus crypto-Christians (secret believers), which equals affiliated (church members) plus unaffiliated Christians. World C is the world of all who individually are Christians.

21. Total of all non-Christians (sum of rows 11-20 above, plus adherents of other smaller religions). This is also the same as World A (the unevangelized) plus World B (evangelized non-Christians).

24-27. These categories overlap in varying degrees.

25. Churches, denominations, and individuals who identify themselves as evangelicals by membership in denominations linked to evangelical alliances (e.g. World Evangelical Alliance), or by self-identification in polls.

26. Great Commission Christians are defined as active church members of all traditions who take seriously Christ's Great Commission and his call to mission.

27. Church members involved in the Pentecostal / charismatic / neocharismatic renewal in the Holy Spirit, known collectively as Renewalists. Totals on lines 24-27 overlap with those on lines 29-34.

28. World totals of current long-term trend for all confessions. (See WCT, part 4, "Martyrology.") Figures reflect the collapse of Communism but also the expansion of terrorism.

51-57. Defined in WCT, part 20, "Finance."

56. Amounts embezzled by top custodians of Christian monies (U.S. dollar equivalents, per year).

58. Total general-purpose computers and word processors owned by churches, agencies, groups, and individual Christians.

68-70. These measures are defined, derived, and analyzed in WCT, part 23, "Evangelization."

71-72. Defined as in WCT, part 25, "Macroevangelistics."

73. Grand total of all distinct plans and proposals for accomplishing world evangelization made by Christians since A.D. 30. See WCT, part 27, "GeoStrategies."

Columns

Trend % p.a. Average annual rate of change, 2000-2013, as a % per year.

24-hour change. Lines 28, 51, 52, 53, 54, 56, 57, 61, 62, 68, 69, and 70 (which lines are all expressed as rates per year) show the actual 24-hour change, rather than the 24-hour change in the rate per year. e.g. Line 28 shows simply the "number of martyrs per day" instead of showing the "increase per day in the number of martyrs per year". Dashes indicate the calculated figure is small but not meaningful.

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