

Global Table 5. Statistical Overview of the world's 2.2 billion Christians and their activities, encompassing 2 alternative parallel but different groupings: (a) Global Christian Forum (GCF), and (b) Conference of Christian World Communions (CCWC), enumerating below 80 varieties of ministry for the period AD 1800–AD 2025.

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Year:	1800	1900	1970	mid-2000	Trend % p.a.	24-hour change	mid-2009	2025
GLOBAL POPULATION								
1. Total population	903,650,000	1,619,625,000	3,698,683,000	6,124,123,000	1.00	228,000	6,828,157,000	8,010,511,000
2. Urban dwellers (urbanites)	36,146,000	232,695,000	1,335,588,000	2,866,630,000	1.99	186,000	3,421,425,000	4,601,834,000
3. Rural dwellers	867,504,000	1,386,930,000	2,363,095,000	3,257,493,000	0.50	42,000	3,406,732,000	3,408,677,000
4. Adult population (over 15s)	619,000,000	1,073,634,000	2,313,632,000	4,273,329,000	1.58	214,000	4,922,329,000	6,079,482,000
5. Literates	123,800,000	296,149,000	1,477,166,000	3,275,668,000	1.73	181,000	3,821,562,000	5,124,532,000
6. Nonliterates	495,200,000	777,485,000	836,466,000	997,661,000	1.10	33,000	1,100,767,000	954,950,000
WORLDWIDE EXPANSION OF CITIES								
7. Metropolises (over 100,000 population)	40	300	2,400	4,050	1.91	0.3	4,800	6,500
8. Megacities (over 1 million population)	1	20	161	402	1.99	0.03	480	650
9. Urban poor	18 million	100 million	650 million	1,400 million	3.08	155,000	1,840 million	3,000 million
10. Urban slum dwellers	3 million	20 million	260 million	700 million	3.33	86,000	940 million	1,600 million
GLOBAL POPULATION BY RELIGION								
11. Total of all distinct organized religions	700	1,000	6,000	9,900	1.68	0.5	11,500	15,000
12. Christians (total all kinds) (=World C)	204,980,000	558,158,000	1,235,050,000	2,018,396,000	1.32	82,000	2,271,727,000	2,714,741,000
13. Muslims	90,500,000	199,901,000	550,051,000	1,239,928,000	1.75	70,000	1,449,614,000	1,880,731,000
14. Hindus	108,000,000	202,973,000	459,171,000	809,644,000	1.35	34,000	913,455,000	1,091,008,000
15. Nonreligious	300,000	3,029,000	533,318,000	764,243,000	0.14	3,000	773,947,000	819,374,000
16. Chinese universists	310,000,000	380,207,000	231,807,000	366,988,000	0.64	6,800	388,609,000	425,919,000
17. Buddhists	69,400,000	126,919,000	233,467,000	363,447,000	0.73	7,700	387,872,000	438,079,000
18. Ethnoreligionists	92,000,000	117,527,000	165,883,000	243,246,000	1.01	7,400	266,281,000	287,041,000
19. Atheists	10,000	226,000	165,301,000	145,417,000	0.22	900	148,346,000	149,110,000
20. New-Religionists (Neoreligionists)	0	5,951,000	78,024,000	101,058,000	0.55	2,000	106,183,000	110,814,000
21. Sikhs	1,800,000	2,962,000	10,677,000	20,955,000	1.51	1,000	23,988,000	29,483,000
22. Jews	9,000,000	12,292,000	15,097,000	14,047,000	0.80	330	15,088,000	16,779,000
23. Non-Christians (=Worlds A and B)	698,670,000	1,061,467,000	2,463,633,000	4,105,727,000	1.16	146,000	4,556,430,000	5,295,770,000
GLOBAL CHRISTIANITY								
24. Total Christians as % of world (=World C)	22.7	34.5	33.4	33.0	0.10	0.0	33.3	33.9
25. Affiliated Christians (church members)	195,680,000	521,712,000	1,123,374,000	1,905,437,000	1.35	79,000	2,149,761,000	2,583,576,000
26. Church attenders	180,100,000	469,303,000	885,777,000	1,359,420,000	1.04	42,000	1,492,043,000	1,760,568,000
27. Evangelicals	25,000,000	71,726,000	98,074,000	215,775,000	2.07	15,000	259,369,000	347,818,000
28. Great Commission Christians	21,000,000	77,918,000	276,988,000	619,761,000	1.37	26,000	700,411,000	837,269,000
29. Pentecostals/Charismatics/Neocharismatics	10,000	981,000	67,873,000	497,911,000	2.19	36,000	605,306,000	797,109,000
30. Average Christian martyrs per year	2,500	34,400	377,000	160,000	1.06	480	176,000	210,000
MEMBERSHIP BY 6 ECCLESIASTICAL MEGABLOCKS								
31. Roman Catholics	106,430,000	266,580,000	665,883,000	1,046,597,000	0.90	28,000	1,134,584,000	1,317,038,000
32. Independents	400,000	7,931,000	91,682,000	338,005,000	2.44	28,000	419,958,000	571,362,000
33. Protestants	30,980,000	103,025,000	210,889,000	339,806,000	1.58	17,000	391,217,000	495,107,000
34. Orthodox	55,220,000	115,879,000	139,709,000	239,626,000	0.66	5,000	254,170,000	263,406,000
35. Anglicans	11,910,000	30,571,000	47,409,000	74,985,000	1.37	3,000	84,723,000	108,590,000
36. Marginal Christians	40,000	928,000	11,085,000	28,871,000	2.15	2,000	34,958,000	50,849,000
MEMBERSHIP BY 6 CONTINENTS, 21 UN REGIONS								
37. Africa (5 regions)	4,330,000	8,756,000	116,451,000	355,374,000	2.59	32,000	447,277,000	662,881,000
38. Asia (4 regions)	8,350,000	20,781,000	92,473,000	293,840,000	2.48	25,000	366,276,000	490,860,000
39. Europe (including Russia; 4 regions)	171,700,000	368,257,000	467,771,000	547,910,000	0.12	2,000	553,868,000	539,078,000
40. Latin America (3 regions)	14,900,000	60,027,000	263,719,000	478,723,000	1.17	17,000	531,393,000	623,207,000
41. Northern America (1 region)	5,600,000	59,570,000	168,372,000	208,643,000	0.66	4,000	221,435,000	241,180,000
42. Oceania (4 regions)	100,000	4,322,000	14,587,000	20,945,000	1.10	1,000	23,121,000	26,363,000
CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS								
43. Denominations	500	1,900	18,700	33,800	1.89	2.1	40,000	55,000
44. Congregations (worship centers)	150,000	400,000	1,445,000	3,191,000	1.81	190	3,751,000	5,000,000
45. Service agencies	600	1,500	14,100	23,000	1.80	1.3	27,000	36,000
46. Foreign-mission sending agencies	200	600	2,200	4,000	1.57	0.2	4,600	6,000
CONCILIARISM: ONGOING COUNCILS OF CHURCHES								
47. Confessional councils (CWCs, at world level)	20	0	150	310	1.68	0.02	360	600
48. International bilateral dialogues	0	40	20	200	4.61	0.04	300	400
49. International councils of churches	0	10	36	59	1.10	0.002	65	80
50. National councils of churches	0	19	283	598	1.50	0.03	680	870
51. Local councils of churches	0	70	2,600	9,000	2.20	0.7	10,900	15,500
CHRISTIAN WORKERS (clergy, laypersons)								
52. Nationals (citizens; all denominations)	900,000	2,100,000	4,600,000	10,900,000	1.06	347	11,982,000	14,000,000
53. Men	800,000	1,900,000	3,100,000	6,540,000	0.84	161	7,049,000	8,000,000
54. Women	100,000	200,000	1,500,000	4,360,000	1.38	186	4,933,000	6,000,000
55. Aliens (foreign missionaries)	25,000	62,000	240,000	420,000	1.09	14	463,000	550,000
56. Men	21,000	47,000	160,000	240,000	0.45	3	250,000	270,000
57. Women	4,000	15,000	80,000	180,000	1.89	11	213,000	280,000
CHRISTIAN FINANCE (in US\$, per year)								
58. Personal income of church members, \$	40 billion	270 billion	4,100 billion	15,230 billion	2.20	51 billion	18,520 billion	26,000 billion
59. Giving to Christian causes, \$	1 billion	8 billion	70 billion	270 billion	4.75	1.1 billion	410 billion	870 billion
60. Churches' income, \$	950 million	7 billion	50 billion	108 billion	4.46	440 million	160 billion	300 billion
61. Parachurch and institutional income, \$	50 million	1 billion	20 billion	162 billion	4.94	680 million	250 billion	570 billion
62. Cost-effectiveness (cost per baptism), \$	7,500	17,500	128,000	330,000	0.56	5	347,000	380,000
63. Ecclesiastical crime, \$	100,000	300,000	5,000,000	16 billion	5.77	70 million	27 billion	65 billion
64. Income of global foreign missions, \$	25,000,000	200,000,000	3.0 billion	15 billion	5.70	70 million	25 billion	60 billion
65. Computers in Christian use (numbers)	0	0	1,000	328 million	5.70	84,000	540 million	1,200 million
CHRISTIAN LITERATURE (titles, not copies)								
66. Books about Christianity	75,000	300,000	1,800,000	4,800,000	3.66	700	6,635,000	11,800,000
67. Christian periodicals	800	3,500	23,000	35,000	4.27	6.0	51,000	100,000
SCRIPTURE DISTRIBUTION (all sources, per year)								
68. Bibles, p.a.	500,000	5,452,600	25,000,000	53,700,000	4.96	227,000	83,000,000	180,000,000
69. Scriptures including gospels, selections, p.a.	1,500,000	20 million	281 million	4,600 million	1.07	13 million	4,850 million	6,000 million
70. Bible density (copies in place)	20 million	108 million	443 million	1,400 million	1.98	91,000	1,670 million	2,280 million
CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING								
71. Total monthly listeners/viewers	0	0	750,000,000	2,150,000,000	2.30	167,000	2,639,000,000	3,800,000,000
CHRISTIAN URBAN MISSION								
72. Non-Christian megacities	1	5	65	226	1.14	0.01	250	300
73. New non-Christian urban dwellers per day	500	5,200	51,100	129,000	1.77	7.3	151,000	200,000
74. Urban Christians	5,500,000	159,600,000	660,800,000	1,160,000,000	1.59	58,000	1,337,000,000	1,720,000,000
GLOBAL EVANGELISM (per year)								
75. Evangelism-hours per year	600 million	5 billion	25 billion	165 billion	2.16	550 million	200 billion	300 billion
76. Hearer-hours (offers) per year	900 million	10 billion	99 billion	938 billion	4.80	3.9 billion	1,430 billion	3,000 billion
77. Disciple-opportunities (offers) per capita p.a.	1	6	27	153	3.54	1.0	209	375
WORLD EVANGELIZATION								
78. Unevangelized population (=World A)	674,350,000	879,583,000	1,638,228,000	1,797,833,000	1.00	54,000	1,966,911,000	2,280,236,000
79. Unevangelized as % of world	74.6	54.3	44.3	29.4	-0.21	0.0	28.8	28.5
80. World evangelization plans since AD 30	160	250	510	1,500	2.66	0.1	1,900	3,000

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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 global diagram series and the analytical trichotomy of Worlds A, B, C are explained in WCT.

Lines 1-4. Demographic totals are as shown in World Population Prospects: The 2006 Revision (New York: United Nations, 2007).

12. 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.

23. Total of all non-Christians (sum of rows 13-22 above, plus adherents of other smaller religions). This is also the same as World A (the unevangelized) plus World B (evangelized non-Christians).

26-29. These categories overlap in varying degrees.

27. 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.

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

29. Church members involved in the Pentecostal / charismatic / neocharismatic renewal in the Holy Spirit, known collectively as Renewalists. Totals on lines 25-29 overlap with those on lines 31-36.

30. 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.

58-64. Defined in WCT , part 20, "Finance."

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

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

75-77. These measures are defined, derived, and analyzed in WCT , part 23, "Evangelization."

78-79. Defined as in WCT , part 25, "Macroevangelistics."

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