

Table 10–2. Status and trends in global mission as revealed by the annual Christian megacensus, AD 1800–AD 2025.

	Year:	1800	1900	1970	mid-2000 % p.a	trend.	mid-2002	2025
GLOBAL POPULATION								
1. Total population		903,650,000	1,619,626,000	3,696,148,000	6,055,049,000	1.22	6,203,789,000	7,823,703,000
2. Urban dwellers (urbanites)		36,146,000	232,695,000	1,353,370,000	2,881,079,000	1.90	2,991,572,000	4,611,677,000
3. Rural dwellers		867,504,000	1,386,931,000	2,342,778,000	3,173,970,000	0.60	3,212,217,000	3,212,026,000
4. Adult population (over 15s)		619,000,000	1,074,058,000	2,310,543,000	4,254,647,000	1.76	4,405,603,000	5,987,079,000
5. Literates		123,800,000	296,258,000	1,475,194,000	3,261,345,000	1.76	3,377,265,000	5,046,637,000
6. Nonliterates		495,200,000	777,800,000	835,349,000	993,302,000	1.75	1,028,338,000	940,442,000
WORLDWIDE EXPANSION OF CITIES								
7. Metropolises (over 100,000 population)		40	300	2,400	4,050	1.84	4,200	6,500
8. Megacities (over 1 million population)		1	20	161	402	2.21	420	650
9. Urban poor		18 million	100 million	650 million	1,400 million	3.16	1,490 million	3,000 million
10. Urban slumdweller		3 million	20 million	260 million	700 million	2.82	740 million	1,500 million
GLOBAL POPULATION BY RELIGION								
11. Total all distinct religions		700	1,000	6,000	9,900	1.70	10,200	15,000
12. Christians (total all kinds) (=World C)		204,980,000	558,132,000	1,236,374,000	1,999,564,000	1.27	2,050,616,000	2,616,670,000
13. Muslims		90,500,000	199,941,000	553,528,000	1,188,243,000	2.11	1,239,029,000	1,784,876,000
14. Nonreligious		300,000	3,024,000	532,096,000	768,159,000	0.80	780,557,000	875,121,000
15. Hindus		108,000,000	203,003,000	462,598,000	811,336,000	1.54	836,543,000	1,049,231,000
16. Buddhists		69,400,000	127,077,000	233,424,000	359,982,000	1.04	367,538,000	418,345,000
17. Atheists		10,000	226,000	165,400,000	150,090,000	0.24	150,804,000	159,544,000
18. New-Religionists		0	5,910,000	77,762,000	102,356,000	0.94	104,280,000	114,720,000
19. Ethnoreligionists		92,000,000	117,558,000	160,278,000	228,367,000	1.30	234,341,000	277,247,000
20. Sikhs		1,800,000	2,962,000	10,618,000	23,258,000	1.84	24,124,000	31,378,000
21. Jews		9,000,000	12,292,000	14,763,000	14,434,000	0.81	14,670,000	16,053,000
22. Non-Christians (=Worlds A and B)		698,670,000	1,061,494,000	2,459,774,000	4,055,485,000	1.20	4,153,173,000	5,207,033,000
GLOBAL CHRISTIANITY								
23. Total Christians as % of world (=World C)		22.7	34.5	33.5	33.0	0.05	33.1	33.4
24. Unaffiliated Christians		9,300,000	36,489,000	106,268,000	111,125,000	0.65	112,575,000	125,712,000
25. Affiliated Christians (church members)		195,680,000	521,643,000	1,130,106,000	1,888,439,000	1.30	1,938,041,000	2,490,958,000
26. Crypto-Christians		900,000	3,571,000	59,195,000	123,727,000	2.18	129,173,000	190,490,000
27. Great Commission Christians		21,000,000	77,931,000	277,152,000	647,821,000	1.44	666,640,000	887,579,000
28. Church attenders		180,100,000	469,303,000	885,777,000	1,359,420,000	1.04	1,387,834,000	1,760,568,000
29. Evangelicals		25,000,000	71,726,000	93,449,000	210,603,000	1.72	217,896,000	327,835,000
30. evangelicals		21,000,000	77,931,000	277,152,000	647,821,000	1.44	666,640,000	887,579,000
31. Pentecostals/Charismatics/Neocharismatics		0	981,000	72,223,000	523,767,000	1.87	543,578,000	811,552,000
32. Average Christian martyrs per year		2,500	34,400	377,000	160,000	1.24	164,000	210,000
MEMBERSHIP BY 6 ECCLESIASTICAL MEGABLOCKS								
33. Anglicans		11,910,000	30,571,000	47,501,000	79,650,000	1.34	81,799,000	113,746,000
34. Independents		400,000	7,931,000	95,605,000	385,745,000	2.17	402,641,000	581,642,000
35. Marginal Christians		40,000	928,000	11,100,000	26,060,000	1.79	27,000,000	45,555,000
36. Orthodox		55,220,000	115,844,000	139,662,000	215,129,000	0.52	217,371,000	252,716,000
37. Protestants		30,980,000	103,024,000	210,759,000	342,002,000	1.36	351,362,000	468,633,000
38. Roman Catholics		106,430,000	266,548,000	665,954,000	1,057,328,000	1.24	1,083,708,000	1,361,965,000
MEMBERSHIP BY 7 CONTINENTS, 21 UN REGIONS								
39. Africa (5 regions)		4,330,000	8,756,000	117,069,000	335,116,000	2.62	352,886,000	600,526,000
40. Antarctica (1 region)		0	0	370	3,400	2.90	3,600	8,000
41. Asia (4 regions)		8,350,000	20,759,000	97,329,000	307,288,000	1.62	317,314,000	459,029,000
42. Europe (including Russia; 4 regions)		171,700,000	368,210,000	468,480,000	536,832,000	0.08	537,656,000	532,861,000
43. Latin America (3 regions)		14,900,000	60,027,000	263,597,000	475,659,000	1.57	490,701,000	635,271,000
44. Northern America (1 region)		5,600,000	59,570,000	168,932,000	212,167,000	0.81	215,633,000	235,112,000
45. Oceania (4 regions)		100,000	4,322,000	14,699,000	21,375,000	1.22	21,898,000	28,152,000
CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS								
46. Denominations		800	1,900	18,600	33,800	2.48	35,500	63,000
47. Congregations (worship centers)		150,000	400,000	1,450,000	3,448,000	1.53	3,554,000	5,035,000
48. Service agencies		600	1,500	14,100	23,000	2.15	24,000	40,000
49. Foreign-mission sending agencies		200	600	2,200	4,000	1.24	4,100	6,000
50. Standalone global monoliths		5	35	62	80	6.07	90	300
CHRISTIAN WORKERS (clergy, laypersons)								
51. Nationals (citizens; all denominations)		400,000	1,050,000	2,350,000	5,104,000	0.97	5,204,000	6,500,000
52. Aliens (foreign missionaries)		25,000	62,000	240,000	420,000	1.07	429,000	550,000
CHRISTIAN FINANCE (in US\$, per year)								
53. Personal income of church members, \$		40 billion	270 billion	4,100 billion	15,198 billion	2.28	15,900 billion	26,000 billion
54. Personal income of Pentecostals/Charismatics, \$		0	250,000,000	157 billion	3,508 billion	4.08	3,800 billion	9,500 billion
55. Giving to Christian causes, \$		1 billion	8 billion	70 billion	270 billion	5.41	300 billion	870 billion
56. Churches' income, \$		950 million	7 billion	50 billion	108 billion	4.53	118 billion	300 billion
57. Parachurch and institutional income, \$		50 million	1 billion	20 billion	162 billion	5.99	182 billion	570 billion
58. Cost-effectiveness (cost per baptism, \$)		7,500	17,500	128,000	330,000	2.80	349,000	650,000
59. Ecclesiastical crime, \$		100,000	300,000	5,000,000	16 billion	6.07	18 billion	65 billion
60. Income of global foreign missions, \$		25,000,000	200,000,000	3.0 billion	15 billion	6.46	17 billion	60 billion
61. Computers in Christian use (numbers)		0	0	1,000	332 million	6.40	370 million	1.5 billion
CHRISTIAN LITERATURE (titles)								
62. Books about Christianity		75,000	300,000	1.8 million	4.5 million	3.28	4.8 million	11.8 million
63. Books on Christian mission		3,000	15,000	65,000	95,000	2.00	99,000	195,000
64. New commercial book titles per year		500	2,200	17,100	25,000	3.92	27,000	70,000
65. Christian periodicals		800	3,500	23,000	35,000	4.20	38,000	100,000
66. New books/articles on evangelization p.a.		50	500	3,100	16,000	6.07	18,000	80,000
SCRIPTURE DISTRIBUTION (all sources, per year/p.a.)								
67. Bibles, p.a.		500,000	5,452,600	25,000,000	53,700,000	4.96	59,156,000	180,000,000
68. New Testaments, p.a.		800,000	7,300,000	45,000,000	120,700,000	2.96	127,940,000	250,000,000
69. Scriptures including gospels, selections, p.a.		1,500,000	20 million	281 million	4,600 million	1.08	4,700 million	8,000 million
70. Bible density (copies in place)		20 million	108 million	443 million	1,400 million	2.12	1,460 million	2,280 million
CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING								
71. Christian radio/TV stations		0	0	1,230	4,000	0.62	4,050	5,400
72. Total monthly listeners/viewers		0	0	750,000,000	2,150,000,000	2.30	2,250,226,000	3,800,000,000
73. for Christian stations		0	0	150,000,000	600,000,000	3.14	638,285,000	1,300,000,000
74. for secular stations		0	0	650,000,000	1,810,000,000	1.76	1,874,291,000	2,800,000,000
CHRISTIAN URBAN MISSION								
75. Non-Christian megacities		1	5	65	226	1.10	231	300
76. New non-Christian urban dwellers per day		500	5,200	51,100	129,000	1.77	133,600	200,000
77. Urban Christians		5,500,000	159,600,000	660,800,000	1,160,000,000	1.58	1,197,000,000	1,720,000,000
CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM								
78. Evangelism-hours per year		600 million	5 billion	25 billion	165 billion	4.45	180 billion	425 billion
79. Offers per year (hearer-hours p.a.)		900 million	10 billion	99 billion	938 billion	6.30	1,060 billion	4,250 billion
80. Disciple-opportunities per capita per year		1	6	27	155	5.03	171	529
WORLD EVANGELIZATION								
81. Unevangelized population (=World A)		674,350,000	879,672,000	1,641,245,000	1,629,375,000	0.50	1,645,685,000	1,845,406,000
82. Unevangelized as % of world		74.6	54.3	44.4	26.9	-0.71	26.5	23.6
83. World evangelization plans since AD 30		160	250	510	1,500	2.96	1,590	3,000

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