

Status of global mission, AD 2003, in context of 20th and 21st centuries

	Year:	1900	1970	mid-2000	Trend	mid-2003	2025
GLOBAL POPULATION							
1. Total population		1,619,626,000	3,696,148,000	6,055,049,000	1.22	6,278,519,000	7,823,703,000
2. Urban dwellers (urbanites)		232,695,000	1,353,370,000	2,881,079,000	1.90	3,048,398,000	4,611,677,000
3. Rural dwellers		1,386,931,000	2,342,778,000	3,173,970,000	0.60	3,230,122,000	3,212,026,000
4. Adult population (over 15s)		1,074,058,000	2,310,543,000	4,254,647,000	1.76	4,483,078,000	5,987,079,000
5. Literates		296,258,000	1,475,194,000	3,261,345,000	1.76	3,436,761,000	5,046,637,000
6. Nonliterates		777,800,000	835,349,000	993,302,000	1.75	1,046,317,000	940,442,000
WORLDWIDE EXPANSION OF CITIES							
7. Metropolises (over 100,000 population)		300	2,400	4,050	1.84	4,300	6,500
8. Megacities (over 1 million population)		20	161	402	2.21	430	650
9. Urban poor		100 million	650 million	1,400 million	3.16	1540 million	3,000 million
10. Urban slumdwellers		20 million	260 million	700 million	2.82	760 million	1,500 million
GLOBAL POPULATION BY RELIGION							
11. Total all distinct religions		1,000	6,000	9,900	1.70	10,400	15,000
12. Christians (total all kinds) (=World C)		558,132,000	1,236,374,000	1,999,564,000	1.27	2,076,629,000	2,616,670,000
13. Muslims		199,941,000	553,528,000	1,188,243,000	2.11	1,265,230,000	1,784,876,000
14. Nonreligious		3,024,000	532,096,000	768,159,000	0.80	786,831,000	875,121,000
15. Hindus		203,003,000	462,598,000	811,336,000	1.54	849,439,000	1,049,231,000
16. Buddhists		127,077,000	233,424,000	359,982,000	1.04	371,375,000	418,345,000
17. Atheists		226,000	165,400,000	150,090,000	0.24	151,162,000	159,544,000
18. New-Religionists		5,910,000	77,762,000	102,356,000	0.94	105,256,000	114,720,000
19. Ethnoreligionists		117,558,000	160,278,000	228,367,000	1.30	237,386,000	277,247,000
20. Sikhs		2,962,000	10,618,000	23,258,000	1.84	24,569,000	31,378,000
21. Jews		12,292,000	14,763,000	14,434,000	0.81	14,789,000	16,053,000
22. Non-Christians (=Worlds A and B)		1,061,494,000	2,459,774,000	4,055,485,000	1.20	4,201,890,000	5,207,033,000
GLOBAL CHRISTIANITY							
23. Total Christians as % of world (=World C)		34.5	33.5	33.0	0.05	33.1	33.4
24. Unaffiliated Christians		36,489,000	106,268,000	111,125,000	0.65	113,307,080	125,712,000
25. Affiliated Christians (church members)		521,643,000	1,130,106,000	1,888,439,000	1.30	1,963,328,000	2,490,958,000
26. Crypto-Christians		3,571,000	59,195,000	123,727,000	2.18	131,985,000	190,490,000
27. Church attenders		469,303,000	885,777,000	1,359,420,000	1.04	1,402,263,000	1,760,568,000
28. Evangelicals		71,726,000	93,449,000	210,603,000	1.72	221,637,000	327,835,000
29. Great Commission Christians (evangelicals)		77,931,000	277,152,000	647,821,000	1.44	676,254,000	887,579,000
30. Pentecostals/Charismatics/Neocharismatics		981,000	72,223,000	523,767,000	1.87	553,763,000	811,552,000
31. Average Christian martyrs per year		34,400	377,000	160,000	1.24	166,000	210,000
MEMBERSHIP BY 6 ECCLESIASTICAL MEGABLOCKS							
32. Anglicans		30,571,000	47,501,000	79,650,000	1.34	82,895,000	113,746,000
33. Independents		7,931,000	95,605,000	385,745,000	2.17	411,365,000	581,642,000
34. Marginal Christians		928,000	11,100,000	26,060,000	1.79	27,483,000	45,555,000
35. Orthodox		115,844,000	139,662,000	215,129,000	0.52	218,501,000	252,716,000
36. Protestants		103,024,000	210,759,000	342,002,000	1.36	356,138,000	468,633,000
37. Roman Catholics		266,548,000	665,954,000	1,057,328,000	1.24	1,097,144,000	1,361,965,000
MEMBERSHIP BY 6 CONTINENTS, 21 UN REGIONS							
38. Africa (5 regions)		8,756,000	117,069,000	335,116,000	2.62	360,059,000	600,526,000
39. Asia (4 regions)		20,759,000	97,329,000	307,288,000	2.12	327,249,000	459,029,000
40. Europe (including Russia; 4 regions)		368,210,000	468,480,000	536,832,000	0.08	538,068,000	532,861,000
41. Latin America (3 regions)		60,027,000	263,597,000	475,659,000	1.57	498,399,000	635,271,000
42. Northern America (1 region)		59,570,000	168,932,000	212,167,000	0.81	217,387,000	235,112,000
43. Oceania (4 regions)		4,322,000	14,699,000	21,375,000	1.22	22,164,000	28,152,000
CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS							
44. Denominations		1,900	18,600	33,800	2.48	36,400	63,000
45. Congregations (worship centers)		400,000	1,450,000	3,448,000	1.53	3,608,000	5,035,000
46. Service agencies		1,500	14,100	23,000	2.15	25,000	40,000
47. Foreign-mission sending agencies		600	2,200	4,000	1.24	4,150	6,000
CHRISTIAN WORKERS (clergy, laypersons)							
48. Nationals (citizens; all denominations)		1,050,000	2,350,000	5,104,000	0.97	5,255,000	6,500,000
49. Aliens (foreign missionaries)		62,000	240,000	420,000	1.07	434,000	550,000
CHRISTIAN FINANCE (in US\$, per year)							
50. Personal income of church members, \$		270 billion	4,100 billion	15,198 billion	2.28	16300 billion	26,000 billion
51. Personal income of Renewalists, \$		250,000,000	157 billion	3,508 billion	4.08	3960 billion	9,500 billion
52. Giving to Christian causes, \$		8 billion	70 billion	270 billion	5.41	320 billion	870 billion
53. Churches' income, \$		7 billion	50 billion	108 billion	4.53	120 billion	300 billion
54. Parachurch and institutional income, \$		1 billion	20 billion	162 billion	5.99	190 billion	570 billion
55. Cost-effectiveness (cost per baptism, \$)		17,500	128,000	330,000	2.80	359,000	650,000
56. Ecclesiastical crime, \$		300,000	5,000,000	16 billion	6.07	19 billion	65 billion
57. Income of global foreign missions, \$		200,000,000	3.0 billion	15 billion	6.46	18 billion	60 billion
58. Computers in Christian use (numbers)		0	1,000	332 million	6.40	400 million	1.5 billion
CHRISTIAN LITERATURE (titles)							
59. Books about Christianity		300,000	1.8 million	4.8 million	3.08	5.3 million	11.8 million
60. Books on Christian mission		15,000	65,000	111,000	4.00	125,000	195,000
61. Christian periodicals		3,500	23,000	35,000	4.20	40,000	100,000
62. New books/articles on evangelization p.a.		500	3,100	16,000	6.07	19,000	80,000
SCRIPTURE DISTRIBUTION (all sources, per year/p.a.)							
63. Bibles, p.a.		5,452,600	25,000,000	53,700,000	4.96	62,088,000	180,000,000
64. New Testaments, p.a.		7,300,000	45,000,000	120,700,000	2.96	131,721,000	250,000,000
65. Scriptures including gospels, selections, p.a.		20 million	281 million	4,600 million	1.08	4750 million	8,000 million
66. Bible density (copies in place)		108 million	443 million	1,400 million	2.12	1490 million	2,280 million
CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING							
67. Christian radio/TV stations		0	1,230	4,000	0.62	4,075	5,400
68. Total monthly listeners/viewers		0	750,000,000	2,150,000,000	2.30	2,302,078,000	3,800,000,000
69. over Christian stations		0	150,000,000	600,000,000	3.14	658,334,000	1,300,000,000
70. over secular stations		0	650,000,000	1,810,000,000	1.76	1,907,288,000	2,800,000,000
CHRISTIAN URBAN MISSION							
71. Non-Christian megacities		5	65	226	1.10	234	300
72. New non-Christian urban dwellers per day		5,200	51,100	129,000	1.77	136,000	200,000
73. Urban Christians		159,600,000	660,800,000	1,160,000,000	1.58	1,215,940,000	1,720,000,000
CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM							
74. Evangelism-hours per year		5 billion	25 billion	165 billion	4.45	190 billion	425 billion
75. Hearer-hours (offers) per year		10 billion	99 billion	938 billion	6.30	1130 billion	4,250 billion
76. Disciple-opportunities (offers) per capita per year		6	27	155	5.03	180	529
WORLD EVANGELIZATION							
77. Unevangelized population (=World A)		879,672,000	1,641,245,000	1,629,375,000	0.50	1,653,901,000	1,845,406,000
78. Unevangelized as % of world		54.3	44.4	26.9	-0.71	26.3	23.6
79. World evangelization plans since AD 30		250	510	1,500	2.96	1,640	3,000

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