

STATUS OF GLOBAL MISSION, AD 2006, IN CONTEXT OF 20TH AND 21ST CENTURIES

	Year:	1900	1970	mid-2000	Trend % p.a.	mid-2006	2025
GLOBAL POPULATION							
1. Total population		1,619,625,000	3,692,495,000	6,070,581,000	1.22	6,529,426,000	7,851,455,000
2. Urban dwellers (urbanites)		232,695,000	1,362,295,000	2,878,861,000	2.05	3,252,255,000	4,572,885,000
3. Rural dwellers		1,386,930,000	2,330,200,000	3,191,720,000	0.44	3,277,171,000	3,278,570,000
4. Adult population (over 15s)		1,073,621,000	2,313,053,000	4,241,871,000	1.66	4,682,974,000	5,950,587,000
5. Literates		296,146,000	1,476,797,000	3,251,554,000	1.65	3,587,095,000	5,015,884,000
6. Nonliterates		777,475,000	836,256,000	990,317,000	1.70	1,095,879,000	934,703,000
WORLDWIDE EXPANSION OF CITIES							
7. Metropolises (over 100,000 population)		300	2,400	4,050	1.77	4,500	6,500
8. Megacities (over 1 million population)		20	161	402	1.90	450	650
9. Urban poor		100 million	650 million	1,400 million	3.09	1,680 million	3,000 million
10. Urban slum-dwellers		20 million	260 million	700 million	3.29	850 million	1,600 million
GLOBAL POPULATION BY RELIGION							
11. Total of all distinct organized religions		1,000	6,000	9,900	1.62	10,900	15,000
12. Christians (total all kinds) (=World C)		558,131,000	1,234,339,000	2,000,909,000	1.25	2,156,350,000	2,630,559,000
13. Muslims		199,914,000	549,226,000	1,196,451,000	1.90	1,339,392,000	1,861,360,000
14. Hindus		203,003,000	462,379,000	808,175,000	1.38	877,552,000	1,031,168,000
15. Nonreligious		3,024,000	532,339,000	762,099,000	0.23	772,497,000	817,091,000
16. Chinese universists		380,006,000	231,866,000	390,850,000	0.65	406,233,000	431,956,000
17. Buddhists		127,077,000	232,667,000	362,374,000	0.90	382,482,000	459,448,000
18. Ethnoreligionists		117,558,000	163,477,000	239,103,000	1.21	257,009,000	270,210,000
19. Atheists		226,000	165,391,000	147,223,000	0.49	151,628,000	151,742,000
20. New-Religionists (Neoreligionists)		5,951,000	78,324,000	103,847,000	0.78	108,794,000	122,188,000
21. Sikhs		2,962,000	10,618,000	23,512,000	1.48	25,673,000	31,985,000
22. Jews		12,292,000	15,097,000	14,528,000	0.92	15,351,000	16,895,000
23. Non-Christians (=Worlds A and B)		1,061,494,000	2,458,156,000	4,069,672,000	1.21	4,373,076,000	5,220,896,000
GLOBAL CHRISTIANITY							
24. Total Christians as % of world (=World C)		34.5	33.4	33.0	0.03	33.0	33.5
25. Unaffiliated Christians		36,489,000	105,626,000	105,387,000	1.35	114,200,000	122,673,000
26. Affiliated Christians (church members)		521,642,000	1,128,713,000	1,895,522,000	1.25	2,042,150,000	2,507,886,000
27. Church attenders		469,303,000	885,777,000	1,359,420,000	1.04	1,446,457,000	1,760,568,000
28. Evangelicals		71,726,000	98,358,000	224,791,000	2.11	254,797,000	348,648,000
29. Great Commission Christians		77,931,000	277,153,000	650,094,000	1.13	695,229,000	853,179,000
30. Pentecostals/Charismatics/Neocharismatics		981,000	72,223,000	526,916,000	2.08	596,096,000	798,320,000
31. Average Christian martyrs per year		34,400	377,000	160,000	1.11	171,000	210,000
MEMBERSHIP BY 6 ECCLÉSIASTICAL MEGABLOCS							
32. Roman Catholics		266,546,000	665,475,000	1,055,651,000	1.12	1,128,883,000	1,334,338,000
33. Independents		7,931,000	96,926,000	379,085,000	2.23	432,832,000	607,670,000
34. Protestants		103,024,000	211,052,000	347,764,000	1.52	380,799,000	489,084,000
35. Orthodox		115,844,000	139,646,000	214,436,000	0.45	220,290,000	235,834,000
36. Anglicans		30,571,000	47,409,000	75,164,000	1.24	80,922,000	107,557,000
37. Marginal Christians		928,000	11,100,000	29,501,000	2.79	34,799,000	49,768,000
MEMBERSHIP BY 6 CONTINENTS, 21 UN REGIONS							
38. Africa (5 regions)		8,756,000	117,227,000	346,415,000	2.33	397,676,000	595,821,000
39. Asia (4 regions)		20,759,000	96,460,000	302,651,000	2.51	351,234,000	498,120,000
40. Europe (including Russia; 4 regions)		368,209,000	467,935,000	532,107,000	-0.06	530,090,000	513,706,000
41. Latin America (3 regions)		60,027,000	263,561,000	477,149,000	1.35	516,974,000	623,355,000
42. Northern America (1 region)		59,570,000	168,943,000	216,221,000	0.46	222,292,000	250,186,000
43. Oceania (4 regions)		4,322,000	14,587,000	20,976,000	1.15	22,461,000	26,691,000
CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS							
44. Denominations		1,900	18,800	33,800	1.97	38,000	55,000
45. Congregations (worship centers)		400,000	1,450,000	3,448,000	1.50	3,770,000	5,000,000
46. Service agencies		1,500	14,100	23,000	2.06	26,000	36,000
47. Foreign-mission sending agencies		600	2,200	4,000	1.64	4,410	6,000
CONCILIARISM: ONGOING COUNCILS OF CHURCHES							
48. Confessional councils (CWCs, at world level)		40	150	310	2.04	350	600
49. International councils of churches		10	36	59	1.10	63	80
50. National councils of churches		19	283	598	1.50	650	870
51. Local councils of churches		70	2,600	9,000	2.20	10,300	15,500
CHRISTIAN WORKERS (clergy, laypersons)							
52. Nationals (citizens; all denominations)		1,050,000	2,350,000	5,104,000	0.97	5,409,000	6,500,000
53. Aliens (foreign missionaries)		62,000	240,000	420,000	1.08	448,000	550,000
CHRISTIAN FINANCE (in US\$, per year)							
54. Personal income of church members, \$		270 billion	4,100 billion	15,230 billion	0.44	15,930 billion	26,000 billion
55. Giving to Christian causes, \$		8 billion	70 billion	270 billion	4.91	360 billion	870 billion
56. Churches' income, \$		7 billion	50 billion	108 billion	4.42	140 billion	300 billion
57. Parachurch and institutional income, \$		1 billion	20 billion	162 billion	5.23	220 billion	570 billion
58. Cost-effectiveness (cost per baptism, \$)		17,500	128,000	330,000	2.80	349,000	650,000
59. Ecclesiastical crime, \$		300,000	5,000,000	16 billion	5.77	22 billion	65 billion
60. Income of global foreign missions, \$		200,000,000	3.0 billion	15 billion	5.70	21 billion	60 billion
61. Computers in Christian use (numbers)		0	1,000	328 million	5.80	460 million	1,200 million
CHRISTIAN LITERATURE (titles, not copies)							
62. Books about Christianity		300,000	1,800,000	4,800,000	3.08	5,957,000	11,800,000
63. Christian periodicals		3,500	23,000	35,000	4.28	45,000	100,000
SCRIPTURE DISTRIBUTION (all sources, per year/p.a.)							
64. Bibles, p.a.		5,452,600	25,000,000	53,700,000	4.96	71,787,000	180,000,000
65. Scriptures including gospels, selections, p.a.		20 million	281 million	4,600 million	2.24	5,250 million	8,000 million
66. Bible density (copies in place)		108 million	443 million	1,400 million	1.97	1,570 million	2,280 million
CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING							
67. Total monthly listeners/viewers		0	750,000,000	2,150,000,000	2.30	2,465,000,000	3,800,000,000
68. over Christian stations		0	150,000,000	600,000,000	3.13	722,000,000	1,300,000,000
69. over secular stations		0	650,000,000	1,810,000,000	1.76	2,010,000,000	2,800,000,000
CHRISTIAN URBAN MISSION							
70. Non-Christian megacities		5	65	226	1.14	242	300
71. New non-Christian urban dwellers per day		5,200	51,100	129,000	1.73	143,000	200,000
72. Urban Christians		159,600,000	660,800,000	1,160,000,000	1.59	1,275,000,000	1,720,000,000
CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM							
73. Evangelism-hours per year		5 billion	25 billion	165 billion	3.86	210 billion	425 billion
74. Hearer-hours (offers) per year		10 billion	99 billion	938 billion	6.23	1,350 billion	4,250 billion
75. Disciple-opportunities (offers) per capita per year		6	27	155	4.97	207	541
WORLD EVANGELIZATION							
76. Unevangelized population (=World A)		879,672,000	1,641,300,000	1,718,072,000	0.84	1,806,065,000	2,039,813,000
77. Unevangelized as % of world		54.3	44.4	28.3	-0.38	27.7	26.0
78. World evangelization plans since AD 30		250	510	1,500	2.80	1,770	3,000