

Global Table 5. Status of global mission, presence and activities, AD 1800–2025.

| Column: 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|---|
| Year: | 1800 | 1900 | 1970 | mid-2000 | Trend % p.a. | mid-2007 | 2025 | |
| GLOBAL POPULATION | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Total population | 903,650,000 | 1,619,625,000 | 3,696,594,000 | 6,085,572,000 | 1.20 | 6,615,848,000 | 7,905,234,000 | |
| 2. Urban dwellers (urbanites) | 36,146,000 | 232,695,000 | 1,336,655,000 | 2,873,249,000 | 2.03 | 3,306,696,000 | 4,616,329,000 | |
| 3. Rural dwellers | 867,504,000 | 1,386,930,000 | 2,359,939,000 | 3,212,323,000 | 0.43 | 3,309,152,000 | 3,288,905,000 | |
| 4. Adult population (over 15s) | 619,000,000 | 1,073,621,000 | 2,315,770,000 | 4,257,127,000 | 1.62 | 4,763,408,000 | 5,995,477,000 | |
| 5. Literates | 123,800,000 | 296,146,000 | 1,478,531,000 | 3,263,248,000 | 1.67 | 3,664,358,000 | 5,053,723,000 | |
| 6. Nonliterates | 495,200,000 | 777,475,000 | 837,239,000 | 993,879,000 | 1.45 | 1,099,050,000 | 941,754,000 | |
| WORLDWIDE EXPANSION OF CITIES | | | | | | | | |
| 7. Metropolises (over 100,000 population) | 40 | 300 | 2,400 | 4,050 | 1.84 | 4,600 | 6,500 | |
| 8. Megacities (over 1 million population) | 1 | 20 | 161 | 402 | 1.94 | 460 | 650 | |
| 9. Urban poor | 18 million | 100 million | 650 million | 1,400 million | 3.07 | 1,730 million | 3,000 million | |
| 10. Urban slum-dwellers | 3 million | 20 million | 260 million | 700 million | 3.32 | 880 million | 1,600 million | |
| GLOBAL POPULATION BY RELIGION | | | | | | | | |
| 11. Total of all distinct organized religions | 700 | 1,000 | 6,000 | 9,900 | 1.65 | 11,100 | 15,000 | |
| 12. Christians (total all kinds) (=World C) | 204,980,000 | 558,153,000 | 1,238,712,000 | 2,015,551,000 | 1.23 | 2,195,529,000 | 2,685,650,000 | |
| 13. Muslims | 90,500,000 | 199,914,000 | 548,097,000 | 1,199,609,000 | 1.81 | 1,359,745,000 | 1,811,108,000 | |
| 14. Hindus | 108,000,000 | 203,003,000 | 462,429,000 | 807,631,000 | 1.37 | 888,300,000 | 1,077,600,000 | |
| 15. Nonreligious | 300,000 | 3,024,000 | 532,397,000 | 775,629,000 | 0.21 | 787,236,000 | 813,884,000 | |
| 16. Chinese universists | 310,000,000 | 380,007,000 | 231,866,000 | 368,465,000 | 0.74 | 388,098,000 | 431,175,000 | |
| 17. Buddhists | 69,400,000 | 127,077,000 | 233,004,000 | 364,657,000 | 0.82 | 386,023,000 | 453,040,000 | |
| 18. Ethnoreligionists | 92,000,000 | 117,537,000 | 163,889,000 | 241,362,000 | 1.21 | 262,502,000 | 285,885,000 | |
| 19. Atheists | 10,000 | 226,000 | 165,391,000 | 150,717,000 | 0.31 | 154,019,000 | 152,676,000 | |
| 20. New-Religionists (Neoreligionists) | 0 | 5,951,000 | 78,324,000 | 101,416,000 | 0.65 | 106,124,000 | 117,572,000 | |
| 21. Sikhs | 1,800,000 | 2,962,000 | 10,617,000 | 23,571,000 | 1.53 | 26,210,000 | 32,282,000 | |
| 22. Jews | 9,000,000 | 12,292,000 | 15,097,000 | 14,299,000 | 0.87 | 15,193,000 | 17,166,000 | |
| 23. Non-Christians (=Worlds A and B) | 698,670,000 | 1,061,472,000 | 2,457,882,000 | 4,070,021,000 | 1.19 | 4,420,319,000 | 5,219,584,000 | |
| GLOBAL CHRISTIANITY | | | | | | | | |
| 24. Total Christians as % of world (=World C) | 22.7 | 34.5 | 33.5 | 33.1 | 0.03 | 33.2 | 34.0 | |
| 25. Affiliated Christians (church members) | 195,680,000 | 521,664,000 | 1,128,549,000 | 1,906,936,000 | 1.23 | 2,077,909,000 | 2,555,599,000 | |
| 26. Church attenders | 180,100,000 | 469,303,000 | 885,777,000 | 1,359,420,000 | 1.04 | 1,461,495,000 | 1,760,568,000 | |
| 27. Evangelicals | 25,000,000 | 71,726,000 | 98,358,000 | 224,559,000 | 2.04 | 258,669,000 | 348,648,000 | |
| 28. Great Commission Christians | 21,000,000 | 77,931,000 | 277,153,000 | 650,094,000 | 1.13 | 703,225,000 | 853,379,000 | |
| 29. Pentecostals / Charismatics / Neocharismatics | 0 | 981,000 | 72,223,000 | 525,599,000 | 1.98 | 602,792,000 | 798,320,000 | |
| 30. Average Christian martyrs per year | 2,500 | 34,400 | 377,000 | 160,000 | 1.12 | 173,000 | 210,000 | |
| MEMBERSHIP BY 6 ECCLESIASTICAL MEGABLOCKS | | | | | | | | |
| 31. Roman Catholics | 106,430,000 | 266,568,000 | 665,484,000 | 1,055,498,000 | 1.14 | 1,142,968,000 | 1,353,674,000 | |
| 32. Independents | 400,000 | 7,931,000 | 96,926,000 | 377,830,000 | 2.12 | 437,673,000 | 602,190,000 | |
| 33. Protestants | 30,980,000 | 103,025,000 | 211,054,000 | 346,889,000 | 1.53 | 385,815,000 | 497,703,000 | |
| 34. Orthodox | 55,220,000 | 115,844,000 | 139,646,000 | 214,091,000 | 0.42 | 220,488,000 | 236,364,000 | |
| 35. Anglicans | 11,910,000 | 30,571,000 | 47,409,000 | 75,335,000 | 1.33 | 82,632,000 | 109,690,000 | |
| 36. Marginal Christians | 40,000 | 928,000 | 11,100,000 | 29,500,000 | 2.53 | 35,133,000 | 49,775,000 | |
| MEMBERSHIP BY 6 CONTINENTS, 21 UN REGIONS | | | | | | | | |
| 37. Africa (5 regions) | 4,330,000 | 8,756,000 | 117,138,000 | 353,225,000 | 2.40 | 417,001,000 | 634,611,000 | |
| 38. Asia (4 regions) | 8,350,000 | 20,781,000 | 96,381,000 | 306,446,000 | 2.07 | 353,822,000 | 486,035,000 | |
| 39. Europe (including Russia; 4 regions) | 171,700,000 | 368,209,000 | 467,940,000 | 531,285,000 | 0.04 | 532,715,000 | 521,313,000 | |
| 40. Latin America (3 regions) | 14,900,000 | 60,027,000 | 263,561,000 | 479,475,000 | 1.31 | 525,162,000 | 634,198,000 | |
| 41. Northern America (1 region) | 5,600,000 | 59,570,000 | 168,942,000 | 215,593,000 | 0.52 | 223,621,000 | 252,793,000 | |
| 42. Oceania (4 regions) | 100,000 | 4,322,000 | 14,586,000 | 20,909,000 | 1.16 | 22,668,000 | 26,642,000 | |
| CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS | | | | | | | | |
| 43. Denominations | 500 | 1,900 | 18,800 | 33,800 | 2.07 | 39,000 | 55,000 | |
| 44. Congregations (worship centers) | 150,000 | 400,000 | 1,450,000 | 3,448,000 | 1.50 | 3,826,000 | 5,000,000 | |
| 45. Service agencies | 600 | 1,500 | 14,100 | 23,000 | 1.77 | 26,000 | 36,000 | |
| 46. Foreign-mission sending agencies | 200 | 600 | 2,200 | 4,000 | 1.63 | 4,480 | 6,000 | |
| CONCILIARISM: ONGOING COUNCILS OF CHURCHES | | | | | | | | |
| 47. Confessional councils (CWCs, at world level) | 20 | 40 | 150 | 310 | 1.75 | 350 | 600 | |
| 48. International councils of churches | 0 | 10 | 36 | 59 | 1.10 | 64 | 80 | |
| 49. National councils of churches | 0 | 19 | 283 | 598 | 1.50 | 660 | 870 | |
| 50. Local councils of churches | 0 | 70 | 2,600 | 9,000 | 2.20 | 10,500 | 15,500 | |
| CHRISTIAN WORKERS (clergy, laypersons) | | | | | | | | |
| 51. Nationals (citizens; all denominations) | 900,000 | 2,100,000 | 4,600,000 | 10,900,000 | 1.08 | 11,751,000 | 14,000,000 | |
| 52. Men | 800,000 | 1,900,000 | 3,100,000 | 6,540,000 | 0.85 | 6,939,000 | 8,000,000 | |
| 53. Women | 100,000 | 200,000 | 1,500,000 | 4,360,000 | 1.42 | 4,812,000 | 6,000,000 | |
| 54. Aliens (foreign missionaries) | 25,000 | 62,000 | 240,000 | 420,000 | 1.09 | 453,000 | 550,000 | |
| 55. Men | 21,000 | 47,000 | 160,000 | 240,000 | 0.47 | 248,000 | 270,000 | |
| 56. Women | 4,000 | 15,000 | 80,000 | 180,000 | 1.88 | 205,000 | 280,000 | |
| CHRISTIAN FINANCE (in US\$, per year) | | | | | | | | |
| 57. Personal income of church members, \$ | 40 billion | 270 billion | 4,100 billion | 15,230 billion | 0.74 | 16,400 billion | 26,000 billion | |
| 58. Giving to Christian causes, \$ | 1 billion | 8 billion | 70 billion | 270 billion | 4.60 | 370 billion | 870 billion | |
| 59. Churches' income, \$ | 950 million | 7 billion | 50 billion | 108 billion | 3.78 | 140 billion | 300 billion | |
| 60. Parachurch and institutional income, \$ | 50 million | 1 billion | 20 billion | 162 billion | 5.13 | 230 billion | 570 billion | |
| 61. Cost-effectiveness (cost per baptism, \$) | 7,500 | 17,500 | 128,000 | 330,000 | 2.80 | 349,000 | 650,000 | |
| 62. Ecclesiastical crime, \$ | 100,000 | 300,000 | 5,000,000 | 16 billion | 5.77 | 24 billion | 65 billion | |
| 63. Income of global foreign missions, \$ | 25,000,000 | 200,000,000 | 3.0 billion | 15 billion | 5.70 | 22 billion | 60 billion | |
| 64. Computers in Christian use (numbers) | 0 | 0 | 1,000 | 328 million | 5.90 | 490 million | 1,200 million | |
| CHRISTIAN LITERATURE (titles, not copies) | | | | | | | | |
| 65. Books about Christianity | 75,000 | 300,000 | 1,800,000 | 4,800,000 | 3.08 | 6,175,000 | 11,800,000 | |
| 66. Christian periodicals | 800 | 3,500 | 23,000 | 35,000 | 4.30 | 47,000 | 100,000 | |
| SCRIPTURE DISTRIBUTION (all sources, per year) | | | | | | | | |
| 67. Bibles, p.a. | 500,000 | 5,452,600 | 25,000,000 | 53,700,000 | 4.96 | 75,346,000 | 180,000,000 | |
| 68. Scriptures, including gospels, selections | 1,500,000 | 20 million | 281 million | 4,600 million | 1.07 | 4,720 million | 6,000 million | |
| 69. Bible density (copies in place) | 20 million | 108 million | 443 million | 1,400 million | 1.97 | 1,600 million | 2,280 million | |
| CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING | | | | | | | | |
| 70. Total monthly listeners / viewers | 0 | 0 | 750,000,000 | 2,150,000,000 | 2.31 | 2,522,000,000 | 3,800,000,000 | |
| CHRISTIAN URBAN MISSION | | | | | | | | |
| 71. Non-Christian megacities | 1 | 5 | 65 | 226 | 1.14 | 245 | 300 | |
| 72. New non-Christian urban dwellers per day | 500 | 5,200 | 51,100 | 129,000 | 1.78 | 146,000 | 200,000 | |
| 73. Urban Christians | 5,500,000 | 159,600,000 | 660,800,000 | 1,160,000,000 | 1.59 | 1,295,000,000 | 1,720,000,000 | |
| CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM | | | | | | | | |
| 74. Evangelism-hours per year | 600 million | 5 billion | 25 billion | 165 billion | 3.86 | 220 billion | 425 billion | |
| 75. Hearer-hours (offers) per year | 900 million | 10 billion | 99 billion | 938 billion | 6.23 | 1,430 billion | 4,250 billion | |
| 76. Disciple-opportunities (offers) per capita per year | 1 | 6 | 27 | 154 | 4.95 | 216 | 538 | |
| WORLD EVANGELIZATION | | | | | | | | |
| 77. Unevangelized population (=World A) | 674,350,000 | 879,672,000 | 1,641,300,000 | 1,722,011,000 | 1.03 | 1,850,402,000 | 2,156,012,000 | |
| 78. Unevangelized as % of world | 74.6 | 54.3 | 44.4 | 28.3 | -0.17 | 28.0 | 27.3 | |
| 79. World evangelization plans since AD 30 | 160 | 250 | 510 | 1,500 | 2.80 | 1,820 | 3,000 | |