





# World Christian Database

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Designed for professionals, scholars, and students, information is readily available on religious activities, growth rates, religious literature, worker activity, and demography. Additional secular data is included on population, health, education, languages, and communication. All this information makes the WCD an invaluable resource for anyone interested in Christian and religious demography and the history of Christianity, including religion scholars, historians, and social scientists.

## The World Christian Database

The World Christian Database (WCD) includes detailed information on all major world religions. Extensive religious and secular statistics are available on 9,000 Christian denominations, 238 countries and 13,000 ethnolinguistic peoples, as well as on 5,000 cities and 3,000 provinces. The WCD incorporates the core data from the *World Christian Encyclopedia* (WCE) and *World Christian Trends* (WCT). However, statistics in the WCD constitute a significant update of the data published in WCE/WCT in 2001. WCD is an initiative of the Center for the Study of Global Christianity at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

A full-time staff is dedicated to updating and maintaining the WCD. New information from thousands of sources is reviewed on a weekly basis to continually refine and improve the database.

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## Cited in the press

- The Wall Street Journal
- The Washington Post
- The New York Times
- Chicago Tribune
- Los Angeles Times
- Newsweek
- Time
- The Economist
- Christianity Today
- Reuters
- Associated Press
- ABC News
- BBC
- Der Spiegel

**What are the world's fastest growing Christian denominations?**

**How many Muslims will there be in Europe in 2025?**

**What cities have the fewest number of Christians?**

**What percentage of Zimbabwe is Methodist?**

**What country has the largest number of atheists in 1900? In 2010?**

**DETAILED RELIGIOUS AND DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS INCLUDE**

- Population and Adherents (for 1900, 1970, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2025, 2050)
- Demographics (birth rate, adult percentage, life expectancy)
- Health (HIV rates, access to water, mortality)
- Education (literacy percentage, schools, universities)
- Communication (scripture access, religious freedom)
- Christian personnel
- Evangelism rates
- Status of missions work
- Lists of Christian denominations in every country
- Country, regional, and global estimates of Pentecostals and Charismatics
- Status of Bible translation

## Sources

- A large majority of the data collected for the WCD comes from published and unpublished sources, field work, interviews, and questionnaires.
- Around 5,000 statistical questionnaires returned by churches and national collaborators over the period 1982-present
- Field surveys and interviews on the spot in over 200 countries
- A mass of unpublished documentation on all countries, collected on the field, including reports, memoranda, photographs, maps, statistical summaries, and historical documents
- Around 4,500 printed contemporary descriptions of churches, describing denominations, movements, countries and confessions
- Officially-published reports of 500 government-organized national censuses of population
- A series of in-depth interviews with bishops, church leaders, and theologians

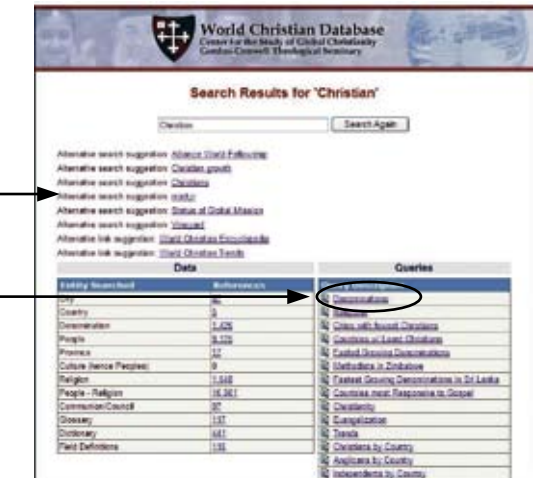
- Atheists
- Anglicans
- Baha'is
- Buddhists
- Catholics
- Charismatics
- Chinese universists
- Christians
- Confucianists
- Ethnoreligionists
- Hindus
- Independents
- Jains
- Jews
- Marginals
- Muslims
- Neoreligionists
- Nonreligious
- Orthodox
- Pentecostals
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- Shintoists
- Sikhs
- Spiritists
- Taoists
- Zoroastrians

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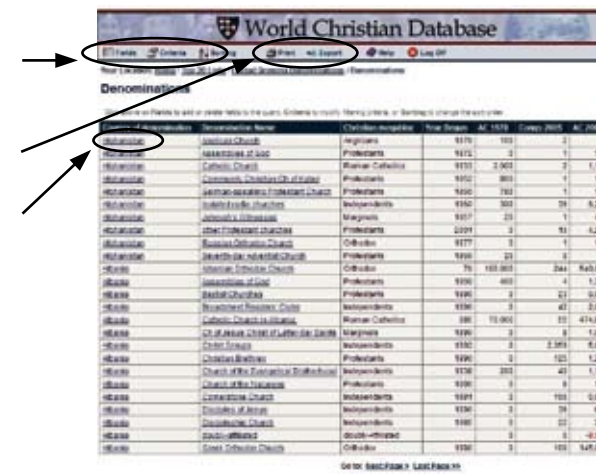
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