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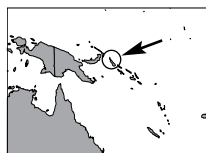
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# BOUGAINVILLE



## SECULAR DATA, AD 2000

### STATE

**Official name:** Bougainville.  
**Short name:** Bougainville. **Adjective of nationality:** Bougainville Islanders.  
**Flag:** That of Papua New Guinea.  
**Area:** 10,050 sq. km. (3,880 sq. mi.).  
**Government:** Papua New Guinea provincial rule but de facto secessionist movement, since 1975 (1884 British protectorate, 1906 Australian territory, 1973 self-government, 1975 Independence).  
**Legislature:** Provincial government of Papua New Guinea.  
**Official language:** English.  
**Monetary unit:** 1 Solomon Islands dollar (SI\$) = 100 cents. **US\$1** = S\$4.99.  
**Chief cities:** Arawa 20,000.  
**Political divisions:** 1 province.

### DEMOGRAPHY

**Population:** 198,000.  
**Population density:** 19.7/sq. km. (51.1/sq. mi.).  
**Under 15 years:** 77,000.  
**Growth rate p.a.:** 2.14% (births 30.39, deaths 9.00).  
**Mortality: infant, per 1,000:** 54.8; **Maternal per 100,000:** 20.0.  
**Life expectancy:** 60 (male 59, female 61).  
**Household size:** 4.0. **Floor area per person, sq.m:** 7.0.  
**Major languages:** Nissan, Buin, Halia, Nasiol, Nagovisi.  
**Urban dwellers:** 20.00%. **Urban growth rate p.a.:** 2.0%.  
**Labor force:** 30%.

### ETHNOLINGUISTIC PEOPLES

14.6% Buin (Uitai); 14.4% Halia (Tasi, Tulon); 7.7% Nasiol (Kieta, Naasioi); 7.7% Neo-Melanesian Papuan; 5.2% Nagovisi.

### ECONOMY

**National income p.a. per person:** US\$1,400; **per family:** US\$5,602.

### EDUCATION

**Adult literacy:** 80% (male 86%, female 74%). **Schools:** 140. **Universities:** 0. **School enrolment:** female/male: 50%/50%.

### HEALTH

**Access to health services:** 20%. **Access to safe water:** 30%. **Hospitals:** 5 (20 beds per 10,000). **Doctors:** 15. **Blind:** 200. **Deaf:** 11,900. **Murder rate:** 7. **Lepers:** 7,000.

### LITERATURE

**New book titles p.a.:** 24 (120 p.a. per million). **Periodicals:** 0. **Newspapers:** 0 dailies.

### COMMUNICATION (per 1,000 people)

**Phones:** 8 (15% mobile). **Radios:** 72. **TV sets:** 163. **Daily newspaper circulation:** 15. **Computers:** 10.

### HUMAN LIFE AND LIBERTY (optimum condition=100.0%)

**HDI:** 47.8. **HSI:** 30.0. **HFI:** 30.0. **EFL:** 25.0.

Country Table 1. Religious adherents in Bougainville, AD 1900-2025.

Name	1900		1970		mid-1990		Annual change, 1990-2000			mid-1995		mid-2000		mid-2025		
	Adherents	%	Adherents	%	Adherents	%	Natural	Conversion	Total	Rate	Adherents	%	Adherents	%	Adherents	%
<b>Christians</b>	<b>1,920</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>99,600</b>	<b>93.1</b>	<b>155,300</b>	<b>94.1</b>	<b>3,157</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>3,288</b>	<b>1.94</b>	<b>174,880</b>	<b>94.8</b>	<b>188,176</b>	<b>95.0</b>	<b>273,800</b>	<b>95.7</b>
<b>PROFESSION</b>																
<b>professing Christians</b>	1,920	4.0	99,600	93.1	155,300	94.1	3,157	131	3,288	1.94	174,880	94.8	188,176	95.0	273,800	95.7
<b>AFFILIATION</b>																
unaffiliated Christians	680	1.4	1,274	1.2	2,300	1.4	46	9	55	2.15	2,500	1.4	2,845	1.4	3,800	1.3
<b>affiliated Christians</b>	<b>1,240</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>98,326</b>	<b>91.9</b>	<b>153,000</b>	<b>92.7</b>	<b>3,009</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>3,233</b>	<b>1.94</b>	<b>172,380</b>	<b>93.4</b>	<b>185,331</b>	<b>93.6</b>	<b>270,000</b>	<b>94.4</b>
Roman Catholics	740	1.5	87,000	81.3	124,820	75.7	2,496	-138	2,358	1.75	139,000	75.3	148,401	75.0	208,000	72.7
Protestants	500	1.0	11,226	10.5	18,000	10.9	360	105	465	2.32	20,700	11.2	22,650	11.4	37,500	13.1
Independents	0	0.0	5,000	4.7	10,000	6.1	200	200	400	3.42	12,500	6.8	14,000	7.1	24,000	8.4
Marginal Christians	0	0.0	100	0.1	180	0.1	4	6	10	4.52	180	0.1	280	0.1	500	0.2
doubly-affiliated	0	0.0	-5,000	-4.7	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Trans-megabloc groupings</b>																
Evangelicals	500	1.0	5,100	4.8	4,800	2.9	96	-56	40	0.80	5,140	2.8	5,200	2.6	5,700	2.0
Pentecostals/Charismatics	0	0.0	500	0.5	6,600	4.0	132	138	270	3.49	8,120	4.4	9,300	4.7	17,160	6.0
<b>Great Commission Christians</b>	<b>1,680</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>12,400</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>2.69</b>	<b>14,600</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>16,167</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>28,600</b>	<b>10.0</b>
Ethnoreligionists	46,080	96.0	6,800	6.4	7,200	4.4	144	-143	1	0.01	7,200	3.9	7,207	3.6	6,500	2.3
Nonreligious	0	0.0	500	0.5	2,000	1.2	40	16	56	2.49	2,400	1.3	2,557	1.3	5,000	1.8
Buddhists	0	0.0	100	0.1	500	0.3	10	-4	6	1.07	520	0.3	556	0.3	700	0.2
World A (unevangelized persons)	45,600	95.0	428	0.4	330	0.2	6	-9	-3	-1.24	369	0.2	198	0.1	286	0.1
World B (evangelized non-Christians)	480	1.0	6,973	6.5	9,370	5.7	188	-122	66	0.27	9,251	5.3	9,626	5.1	11,914	4.2
World C (Christians)	1,920	4.0	99,600	93.1	155,300	94.1	3,157	131	3,288	1.94	174,880	94.5	188,176	94.8	273,800	95.7
<b>Country's population</b>	<b>48,000</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>107,002</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>165,000</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,351</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,351</b>	<b>1.84</b>	<b>184,500</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>198,000</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>286,000</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### COLUMNS, ROWS.

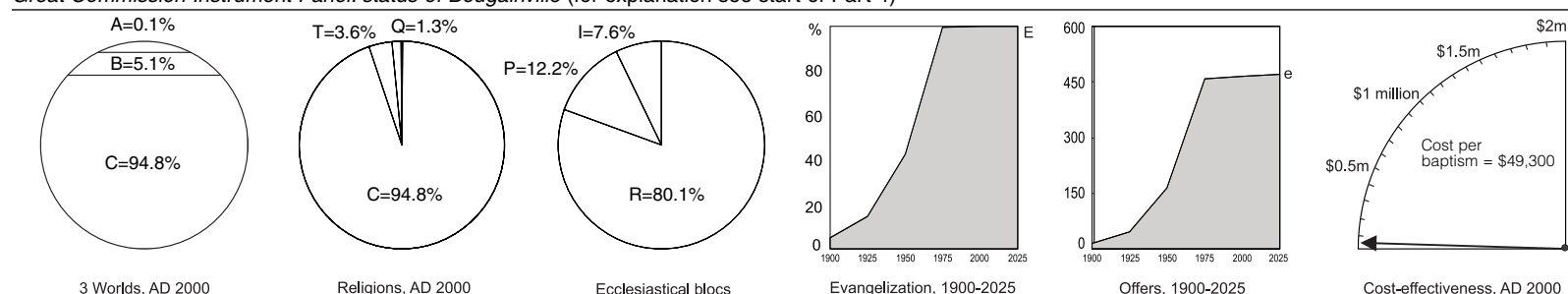
For meanings and definitions, see Codebook (Part 3). Note that, by definition, total 'Christians' = professing + crypto-Christians, which

also = affiliated + unaffiliated Christians, and also = Great Commission Christians + latent Christians. Percentages may not always total exactly, due to rounding.

### NOTES ON RELIGIONS

ETHNORELIGIONISTS. By 1995, 20% or less of most tribal groups followed traditional religions.

## Great Commission Instrument Panel: status of Bougainville (for explanation see start of Part 4)



**Country status.** Bougainville is the largest of the volcanic islands in the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific Ocean. In 1989 Melanesian nationalists declared independence and guerilla warfare since then has closed down the country's copper and gold mines.

## HUMAN LIFE AND LIBERTY

**Human rights and freedoms.** Part of the national territory of Papua New Guinea, Bougainville has been for some years the scene of protracted fighting between government troops and secessionists led by the Bougainville Revolutionary Army (BRA). Both sides are responsible for violations of human rights of both civilians and combatants. The BRA, which con-

trols parts of the island, has alleged that government troops engage in brutal executions of its leaders to strike terror into the people. Government has only limited access to BRA-controlled areas.

## NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS

**Traditional religions** continue to exert an influence in the Northern Solomons (Bougainville) as in

Country summary. Worlds A, B, C by ethnolinguistic peoples, cities, and major civil divisions in Bougainville.																					
World	PEOPLES							CITIES							CIVIL DIVISIONS						
	Num	Pop 2000	C%	Christians	E%	U%	Unevangelized	Num	Pop 2000	C%	Christians	E%	U%	Unevangelized	Num	Pop 2000	C%	Christians	E%	U%	Unevangelized
A	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0
B	1	794	29.97	238	93	7	56	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
C	34	197,702	93.62	185,096	100	0	201	1	20,000	93.00	18,600	99	1	120	1	198,495	93.37	185,331	100	0	256
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>198,496</b>	<b>93.37</b>	<b>185,334</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>93.00</b>	<b>18,600</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>198,495</b>	<b>93.37</b>	<b>185,331</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>256</b>

the Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea. As with the other areas, non-Christian cargo cults have also developed and played an important role in the islands; there have been 4 on Bougainville island and 5 on Buka.

### CHRISTIANITY

**CATHOLIC CHURCH.** Catholicism has been represented in the Northern Solomons since the year 1900 and is now by far the principal religion of the territory. The diocese of Bougainville which continues to form part of the archdiocese of Rabaul in Papua New Guinea is at present served by 5 national and 34 expatriate priests, as well as brothers and sisters who are also predominantly expatriate.

The Holy See has no diplomatic relations with Bougainville in AD 2000.

**PROTESTANT CHURCHES.** Two Protestant churches are active. The United Church has its centre in Papua New Guinea and traces its origin to both New Zealand Methodists and native Christians from other Pacific islands. Tongan and Fijian missionaries are still at work there, although the church is controlled by local personnel. The other Protestants are Seventh-day Adventists, a more recent arrival (1929) but still with substantial membership.

**OTHER CHURCHES.** The Hahalis Welfare Society is a syncretistic sect formed among Catholic and Methodist Buka villagers in 1957, with a mixture of Christian elements combined with traditional and cargo cult emphases. Friday Religion is an ex-Catholic movement. There is also a small community of Jehovah's Witnesses.

### CHURCH AND STATE

The Northern Solomons is a secular territory strongly influenced by Christianity, especially Catholicism. The Catholic Church and its bishops are known to have played a significant role in the move towards secession and the declaration in 1975 of independence for the Northern Solomons from Papua New Guinea.

### INTERDENOMINATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Bougainville Inter-Church Council (BICC), which had formerly been the Kieta Inter-Church Council, has 2 members, the Catholic and United Churches. The BICC is affiliated with the Melanesian Council of Churches with its headquarters in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

### FUTURE TRENDS AND PROSPECTS

Christianity will likely hover around 95% of the population for the next thirty years as losses by tribal religionists to Christianity are made up by losses of Christianity to the nonreligious.

After 2025, the nonreligious are expected to continue to grow with many defections from Christianity. By AD 2050 it is possible that Christians will represent less than 90% of the population.

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Country Table 2. Organized churches and denominations in Bougainville.									
Official name (bold type = church with over 10% of all affiliated)	Begun	Type	Counc	Congs	Adults	Affiliated 1970	Affiliated 1995	G%	Names, notes, and other statistics (see Codebook, Part 3)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Catholic Church: D Bougainville</b>	1900	R-Lat	P...Q	70	89,133	87,000	139,000	1.89	Under M Rabaul. M=SM. Copper mines. C=1+3+3. 5n,34x,43m,87w,1p,P=54%,2601Yy,286z. Split ex RCC. HQ Pontana, in mountains. 6 Laws. Catholic liturgy. Syncretistic cargo cult ex RCC, Methodists. Began at Hahalis (Buka). Baby gardens. <i>Watch Tower</i> . IBSA. Rapid expansion after first arrival in 1969. <i>Bougainville Mission</i> . HQ Kastiorita, Inus. Highly organized. 3n,1x,4m,6w,4f. <i>Bougainville Region</i> . Bishop a Tongan. M=MMB(NZ). 6 Circuits. 10n,5x,41m,3w,4f. Including Baptists in Kieta, and Campaigners for Christ (Everyman's Hut). Persons claimed as affiliated by both United Church, Catholic Church, and Hahalis.
Friday Religion	1958	I-3pP	.....	40	1,741	500	2,000	5.70	
Hahalis Welfare Society	1957	I-mar	.....	130	6,000	4,500	10,500	3.45	
Jehovah's Witnesses	1969	m-Jeh	x....	3	130	100	180	2.38	
Seventh-day Adventist Church	1929	P-Adv	x....	30	4,000	3,226	5,000	1.77	
United Ch in PNG & the Solomon Is	1922	P-Uni	.....	120	10,500	7,500	15,000	2.81	
Other Protestant denominations		P-	.....	20	500	500	700	0.05	
Doubly-affiliated		2-aff			0	-5,000	0		
<b>Totals</b>				<b>413</b>	<b>112,004</b>	<b>98,326</b>	<b>172,380</b>		
<i>Churches, members, growth, 1900-2025</i>				<i>Congs</i>	<i>Adults</i>	<i>Affiliated</i>	<i>G%</i>	<i>Total denominations</i>	
Total churches, members, and denominations (mid-1900)				30	570	1,240	6.45	1	O R A P I m
Total churches, members, and denominations (mid-1970)				202	45,164	98,326	6.45	8	0 1 0 0 0 0
Total churches, members, and denominations (mid-1990)				300	99,400	153,000	2.24	9	0 1 0 5 2 1
Total churches, members, and denominations (mid-1995)				413	112,004	172,380	2.41	10	0 1 0 6 2 1
Total churches, members, and denominations (mid-2000)				430	120,000	185,331	1.46	11	0 1 0 7 2 1
Total churches, members, and denominations (mid-2025)				550	175,000	270,000	1.52	35	0 1 0 20 10 4