SVALBARD & JAN MAYEN ISLANDS

SECULAR DATA, AD 2000

STATE
Official name: Svalbard & Jan Mayen Islands.
Short name: Svalbard & Jan Mayen Islands. Adjective of nationalit-
y: Svalbard & Jan Mayen Islanders.
Flag: That of Norway.
Area: 62,160 sq. km. (24,000 sq. mi.).
Government: Overseas area of Norway, since 1925 (1596 Dutch
claim, 1920 Norwegian sovereignty, 1925 part of Norway).
Legislature: Norwegian provincial government.
Official language: Norwegian (Norsk).

HUMAN LIFE AND LIBERTY.

Human rights and freedoms. Svalbard has a small
population of 3,700 inhabitants of whom nearly two-
thirds are Russian. There are no human rights prob-
lems on these bleak Arctic islands.

CHRISTIANITY

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in the islands. They are numbered among Norwegian
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Country status. Svalbard Island and Jan Mayen
Island are territories of the Kingdom of Norway. Jan
Mayen Island has no native inhabitants. Coal and
other minerals are mined.

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Life expectancy: male 76. Female 80.
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Notes on religions.

CHRISTIANS. About 1,000 Norwegian Lutherans (since 1611), and
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CHURCH AND STATE
The Svalbard archipelago and Jan Mayen Island are dependencies of Norway and are subject to the same laws regarding church and state as exist in the mother country.

FUTURE TRENDS AND PROSPECTS
Christians, 96% of the population in 1900, are likely to decline to 45% by 2025. Christianity could continue to decline throughout the 21st century due to the influence of secularization.

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