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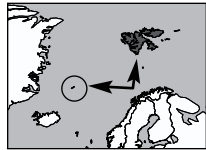
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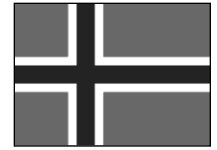
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# SVALBARD & JAN MAYEN ISLANDS



## SECULAR DATA, AD 2000

**STATE**  
**Official name:** Svalbard & Jan Mayen Islands.  
**Short name:** Svalbard & Jan Mayen Islands. **Adjective of nationality:** 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).  
**Monetary unit:** 1 Norwegian krone (Nkr) = 100 øre. **US\$1=** Nkr 7.40.  
**Chief cities:** LONGYEARBYEN (Longyear City) 603.  
**Political divisions:** 1 province.

**DEMOGRAPHY**  
**Population:** 4,000.

**Population density:** 0.3/sq. km. (0.1/sq. mi.).  
**Under 15 years:** 1,000.  
**Growth rate p.a.:** 0.45% (births 12.23, deaths 9.97).  
**Mortality: infant, per 1,000:** 4.9; **Maternal per 100,000:** 10.0.  
**Life expectancy:** 79 (male 76, female 82).  
**Household size:** 2.0. **Floor area per person, sq.m:** 25.0.  
**Major languages:** Norwegian, Russian.  
**Urban dwellers:** 80.00%. **Urban growth rate p.a.:** 0.00%.  
**Labor force:** 45%.

**ETHNOLINGUISTIC PEOPLES**  
 57.8% Russian; 41.9% Norwegian.

**ECONOMY**  
**National income p.a. per person:** US\$16,050; **per family:** US\$32,100.

**EDUCATION**  
**Adult literacy:** 100% (male 100%, female 100%). **Schools:** 1.

**Universities:** 0. **School enrolment:** female/male: 90%/90%.

**HEALTH**  
**Access to health services:** 85%. **Access to safe water:** 85%.  
**Hospitals:** 1 (50 beds per 10,000). **Doctors:** 10.  
**Blind:** 15. **Deaf:** 200. **Murder rate:** 2.  
**Lepers:** 0.

**LITERATURE**  
**New book titles p.a.:** 1 (300 p.a. per million). **Periodicals:** 0.  
**Newspapers:** 0 dailies.

**COMMUNICATION** (per 1,000 people)  
**Phones:** 100 (25% mobile). **Radios:** 1,000. **TV sets:** 150.  
**Daily newspaper circulation:** 0. **Computers:** 1,000.

**HUMAN LIFE AND LIBERTY** (optimum condition=100.0%)  
**HDI:** 80.0. **HSI:** 90.0. **HFI:** 80.0. **EFL:** 50.0.

Country Table 1. Religious adherents in Svalbard & Jan Mayen Islands, 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>	480	96.0	1,300	74.5	1,600	53.3	53	-21	32	1.85	1,840	52.6	1,922	52.3	2,250	47.9
<b>PROFESSION</b>																
<b>professing Christians</b>	480	96.0	1,300	74.5	1,600	53.3	53	-21	32	1.85	1,840	52.6	1,922	52.3	2,250	47.9
<b>AFFILIATION</b>																
unaffiliated Christians	30	6.0	0	0.0	150	5.0	5	-3	2	1.44	175	5.0	173	4.7	170	3.6
<b>affiliated Christians</b>	450	90.0	1,300	74.5	1,450	48.3	48	-18	30	1.89	1,665	47.6	1,749	47.2	2,080	44.3
Protestants	450	90.0	1,000	57.3	850	28.3	28	-13	15	1.64	975	27.9	1,000	27.0	1,100	23.4
Orthodox	0	0.0	300	17.2	600	20.0	20	-5	15	2.24	690	19.7	749	20.2	980	20.9
<b>Trans-megabloc groupings</b>																
Evangelicals	200	40.0	100	5.7	140	4.7	5	-4	1	0.69	146	4.2	150	3.8	180	3.8
Pentecostals/Charismatics	0	0.0	10	0.6	65	2.2	2	1	3	3.87	85	2.4	95	2.4	200	4.3
<b>Great Commission Christians</b>	40	8.0	420	24.1	850	28.3	28	-6	22	2.29	1,000	28.6	1,066	28.8	1,410	30.0
Nonreligious	20	4.0	400	22.9	1,400	46.7	14	21	35	2.28	1,660	47.4	1,754	47.7	2,450	52.1
World A (unevangelized persons)	1	0.2	205	11.8	30	1.0	1	-2	-1	-2.62	24	0.7	24	0.6	20	0.4
World B (evangelized non-Christians)	19	3.8	239	13.7	1,370	45.7	13	23	36	2.50	1,635	46.7	1,730	47.1	2,430	51.7
World C (Christians)	480	96.0	1,300	74.5	1,600	53.3	53	-21	32	1.85	1,840	52.6	1,922	52.3	2,250	47.9
<b>Country's population</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,745</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>2.92</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,700</b>	<b>100.0</b>

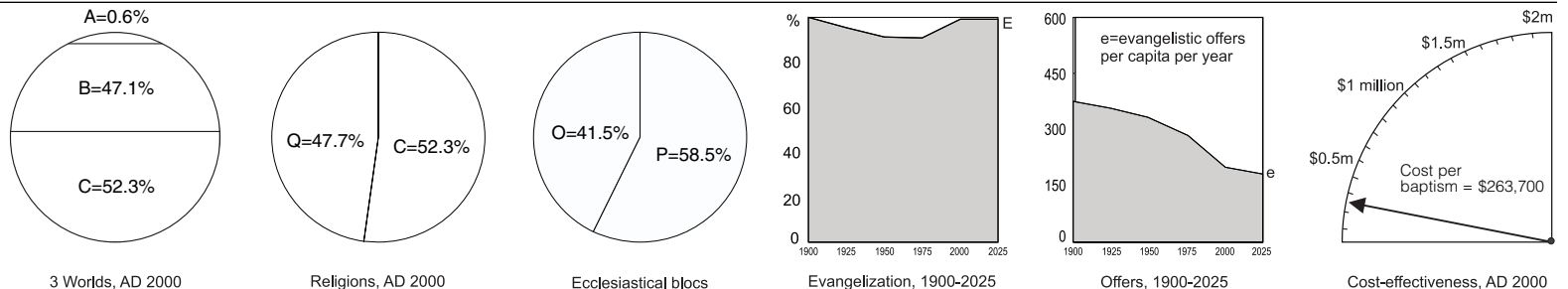
**COLUMNS, ROWS.**  
 For meanings and definitions, see Codebook (Part 3). Note that, by definition, total 'Christians' = professing + crypto-Christians, which also = affiliated + unaffiliated Christians, and also = Great Commission Christians + latent Christians. Percentages may not

always total exactly, due to rounding.

**NOTES ON RELIGIONS**  
**CHRISTIANS.** About 1,000 Norwegian Lutherans (since 1611), and 300 Russian Orthodox (since 1715).

**COUNTRY'S POPULATION.** This changes seasonally; the islands are inhabited during the winter season only; during the summer months, tourist arrive.  
**NONRELIGIOUS.** 98% Russians, 2% Norwegians.

Great Commission Instrument Panel: status of the Svalbard & Jan Mayen Islands (for explanation see start of Part 4)



**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.

## 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 problems on these bleak Arctic islands.

## CHRISTIANITY

Formal church activities are confined to the Church of Norway. Lutheran chaplains serve a population consisting of Norwegians on temporary assignment in the islands. They are numbered among Norwegian

population statistics because they belong to the municipalities in Norway in which they normally reside. The territory is theoretically also part of the Catholic vicariate of North Norway (Tromsø), but there are few if any Catholics, no resident Catholic priest nor Catholic religious services.

The Holy See has no diplomatic relations with Svalbard & Jan Mayen in AD 2000.

