

Table 1-5. Organized Christianity: global membership ranked by 6 major ecclesiastico-cultural megablocs and 300 major traditions, AD 1970-2025.

This table is derived from the 238 Country Tables 2 in Part 4 "Countries" for all countries. All figures are given to the last digit in order that totals here, and in all other tables, shall add up exactly. When quoting any aggregate or global figures in these tables, therefore, they should be rounded, either to the nearest thousand, or ten thousand, or 0.1%, or 1% as may be appropriate to the reader's requirements.

Meaning of columns.

- 1. *Ecclesiastical bloc.* On these 6 lines are given the global statistical totals applicable to each bloc, and also, at the end of the table, for global church membership.
- 1-2. *Ecclesiastical tradition.* Under each of the 6 blocs are specified each's major constituent ecclesiastical traditions, listed in their codes' alphabetical order. First comes the 3-letter code used in Tables 2, then the full name of each tradition. At the end of each listing for a bloc, the line "Other" (whose code in Tables 2 is a blank space) then sums any smaller residual, aggregate or unspecified traditions in that bloc.
- 3-4. *Congregations* (worship centers) and adult church members (all referring to the year 1995). These two columns are totals derived directly by addition from columns in Country Tables 2 for all countries.
- 5-6. *Affiliated church members* (total Christian community) in 1970 and 1995.

7-12. *Denominations.* A denomination is defined in this Encyclopedia as an organized aggregate of worship centers or congregations of similar ecclesiastical tradition within a specific country; i.e. as an organized Christian church or tradition or religious group or community of believers, within a specific country, whose component congregations and members are called by the same denominational name in different areas, regarding themselves as one autonomous Christian church distinct from other denominations, churches and traditions. As defined here, world Christianity consists of 6 major ecclesiastico-cultural blocs, divided into 300 major ecclesiastical traditions, composed of over 33, 000 distinct denominations in 238 countries, these denominations themselves being composed of over 3,400,000 worship centers, churches or congregations.

7-8. *Significant.* This word refers to those denominations which are significantly large, important or otherwise significant in a country's context for each to have its own single line in the country's Table 2.

9-12. *Total distinct denominations,* significant and less significant (or relatively insignificant), the latter being smaller bodies too small to each be enumerated with its own single line in Tables 2, for the years 1970, 1990, 1995, 2000, and 2025 assuming current trends continue.

13. *Countries.* Number of countries (out of 238) where this tradition exists.

MEGABLOC	Tradition name	Congs		Adults		Affiliated		Denominations					Countries	
		1995	1995	1970	1995	Sig 1970	Sig 1995	Total 1970	1995	2000	2025	Count	13	
Code	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	13	
ORTHODOX		90,900	130,759,000	139,662,000	209,624,000	431	466	533	764	781	887	133		
Alb	Albanian/Greek-speaking (Orthodox)	600	221,000	198,000	537,000	6	6	6	6	6	6	4		
Ara	Arabic- or Arabic/Greek-speaking Orthodox	1,100	722,000	777,000	1,380,000	31	31	31	31	31	31	29		
Arm	Armenian Orthodox (Gregorian)	1,100	3,314,000	2,573,000	5,593,000	49	50	49	50	50	51	47		
Bul	Bulgarian Orthodox	4,200	4,636,000	5,688,000	6,384,000	18	20	18	20	20	22	20		
Bye	Byelorussian/Belorusian (White Russian/White Ruthenian)	900	3,177,000	4,528,000	4,854,000	7	7	7	7	7	7	6		
Cyp	Coptic Orthodox	2,500	5,403,000	6,180,000	9,234,000	20	24	20	24	25	28	24		
Cze	Czech/Slavonic-speaking Orthodox	100	40,000	60,000	50,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Est	Estonian Orthodox	100	130,000	277,000	209,000	5	5	5	5	5	5	5		
Eth	Ethiopic, Ethiopian Orthodox, GeOez-speaking	13,100	10,647,000	11,932,000	21,902,000	13	15	13	15	15	17	15		
Fin	Finnish/Slavonic-speaking Orthodox	40	44,000	58,000	65,000	2	2	2	2	2	2	2		
Geo	Georgian Orthodox	600	1,156,000	1,268,000	2,589,000	9	9	9	9	9	9	9		
Gre	Greek Orthodox	36,000	10,315,000	12,280,000	14,912,000	77	78	77	78	78	79	72		
Hun	Hungarian/Slavonic-speaking Orthodox	40	30,000	40,000	50,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Lav	Latvian Orthodox	100	200,000	200,000	250,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Mac	Macedonian Orthodox	1,000	922,000	1,128,000	1,259,000	5	5	5	5	5	5	3		
Mol	Moldavian Orthodox	200	902,000	1,151,000	1,308,000	2	3	2	3	3	4	3		
Nes	Assyrian or Nestorian (East Syrian, Messihaye (Christians))	200	138,000	121,000	243,000	18	19	18	19	19	20	18		
Pol	Polish/Slavonic-speaking Orthodox	400	642,000	547,000	1,021,000	2	2	2	2	2	2	2		
Rum	Romanian Orthodox	8,300	13,135,000	16,108,000	19,271,000	21	23	21	23	23	25	23		
Rus	Russian Orthodox	11,200	50,310,000	41,570,000	80,451,000	55	58	55	58	58	61	51		
Ser	Serbian Orthodox	3,100	3,963,000	6,284,000	7,286,000	19	22	19	22	23	25	21		
Slo	Slovak Orthodox	10	11,000	216,000	22,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
SyM	Syro-Malabarese (Eastern Syrian), Syriac/Malayalam-speaking	1,600	1,339,000	1,424,000	2,251,000	11	12	11	12	12	13	12		
SyR	Syrian, Syriac-speaking Orthodox or Syro-Antiochian	700	449,000	208,000	1,018,000	17	24	17	24	25	31	24		
Ukr	Ukrainian Orthodox	3,100	18,703,000	24,686,000	27,121,000	9	10	9	10	10	11	9		
ROMAN CATHOLIC		328,000	621,200,000	665,954,000	994,154,000	239	240	239	240	242	245	235		
Arm	Armenian (Eastern-rite Catholic)	100	98,000	189,000	151,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	15		
Bul	Bulgarian (Byzantine rite)	30	12,000	7,000	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	1		
Byz	Byzantine-rite (jurisdiction for more than one ethnic group)	100	112,000	190,000	154,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	3		
Cha	Chaldean (Eastern Syrian rite)	100	178,000	281,000	312,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	9		
Cop	Coptic (Alexandrian rite)	200	111,000	107,000	190,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	2		
Eth	Ethiopic, Alexandrian rite	200	83,000	87,000	141,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	2		
Gre	Greek (Byzantine rite)	10	2,000	3,000	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	1		
Hun	Hungarian (Byzantine rite)	200	211,000	269,000	281,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	1		
Ita	Italo-Albanian (Byzantine rite)	100	52,000	68,000	62,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	9		
Jer	Jurisdiction for both Latin-rite and Eastern-rite Catholics	600	782,000	2,110,000	1,599,000	36	37	36	37	38	40	9		
Lat	Latin-rite Catholic	315,300	609,777,000	653,710,000	975,673,000	203	203	203	203	204	205	229		
Mal	Malankara (Syro-Antiochian, Eastern Syrian), Syro-Malankarese	900	183,000	202,000	311,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	1		
Mar	Maronite (Syro-Antiochian, Western Syrian)	1,000	1,802,000	1,030,000	2,976,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	11		
Mel	Melkite (Byzantine, Greek Catholic; Arabic-speaking)	500	633,000	353,000	1,116,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	3		
Ori	plural Oriental (jurisdiction for several Eastern rites)	40	172,000	129,000	255,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	2		
Rum	Romanian Byzantine rite	1,600	1,509,000	1,563,000	2,012,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	1		
Rus	Russian (Byzantine rite)	2	7,000	3,000	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	2		
Rut	Ruthenian (Byzantine rite)	400	249,000	130,000	391,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	2		
Slo	Slovak (Byzantine rite)	300	170,000	10,000	239,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	1		
SyM	Syro-Malabarese (Eastern Syrian)	2,600	1,797,000	2,017,000	3,055,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	7		
SyR	Syrian, Syriac-speaking (Syro-Antiochian, West Syrian)	100	61,000	75,000	111,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	10		
Ukr	Ukrainian Byzantine rite	3,700	3,201,000	3,422,000	5,093,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	10		
ANGLICAN		91,800	38,392,000	47,501,000	74,521,000	166	168	166	168	168	179	162		
ACa	Anglo-Catholic	5,000	1,105,000	1,424,000	1,965,000	38	38	38	38	38	38	39		
Cen	Central or Broad Church Anglican	5,500	5,094,000	10,204,000	9,292,000	31	31	31	31	31	32	32		
EcU	Ecumenical (Anglican/Protestant/Orthodox joint parishes)	700	80,000	0	120,000	0	1	0	1	1	1	1		
Eva	Anglican Evangelical, Evangelical Anglican	18,500	7,841,000	5,355,000	15,345,000	11	11	11	11	11	11	12		
Hig	High Church Anglican (Prayer Book Catholic)	12,800	3,452,000	5,805,000	7,604,000	31	31	31	31	31	33	30		
Low	Low Church Anglican (Conservative Evangelical)	15,800	10,786,000	4,459,000	20,065,000	15	15	15	15	15	15	15		
Plu	Anglican, of plural or mixed traditions	33,500	10,034,000	20,254,000	20,129,000	40	41	40	41	41	45	41		
PROTESTANT		947,000	195,757,000	210,037,000	318,027,000	2,933	3,399	5,198	8,844	8,973	9,490	231		
Adv	Adventist	34,000	5,966,000	4,189,000	11,011,000	195	214	195	214	218	233	199		
Bap	Baptist	125,400	31,520,000	27,726,000	48,133,000	266	313	266	313	322	360	163		
CBR	Christian Brethren (Plymouth Brethren; Open only)	16,700	1,341,000	1,535,000	2,798,000	120	124	120	124	125	128	113		
Con	Congregational, Congregationalist	11,500	1,385,000	1,893,000	2,438,000	81	85	81	85	86	89	55		
Dis	Disciple, Restorationist, Restorationist Baptist, Christian	6,700	1,053,000	2,455,000	1,919,000	13	17	13	17	18	21	18		
Dun	Dunker (Tunker), Dipper, German Baptist, Brethren	2,100	322,000	465,000	603,000	10	10	10	10	10	10	7		
EBr	Exclusive Brethren (Plymouth Brethren, Closed, Strict)	2,500	107,000	175,000	211,000	20	20	20	20	20	20	18		
Eva	Anglican Evangelical, Independent Evangelical	20,100	2,842,000	1,824,000	5,482,000	112	135	112	138	143	164	89		
Fun	Fundamentalist	2,600	122,000	67,000	211,000	13	16	13	16	17	19	14		
Hol	Holiness (Conservative Methodist, Wesleyan, Free Methodist)	43,600	3,978,000	4,111,000	7,387,000	283	339	283	339	350	395	117		
LuR	Lutheran/Reformed united church or joint mission	10,800	11,626,000	18,525,000	15,041,000	23	24	23	24	24	25	22		
Lut	Lutheran	81,900	39,853,000	54,717,000	60,686,000	231	249	231	249	253	267	122		
Men	Mennonite, Anabaptist (Left Wing or Radical Reformation)	9,500	1,166,000	1,117,000	2,009,000	99	123	99	123	128	147	59		
Met	Methodist (mainline Methodist, United Methodist)	89,500	13,860,000	21,933,000	22,902,000	113	121	113	121	123	129	108		
Mor	Moravian (Continental Pietist)	1,200	302,000	478,000	582,000	27	29	27	29	29	31	27		
Non	Nondenominational (no church or anti-church groups)	11,800	1,938,000	886,000	3,434,000	125	142	125	142	146	156	76		
Pe1	Oneness-Pentecostal or Unitarian-Pentecostal: Jesus Only	11,600	1,326,000	939,000	2,463,000	57	80	57	80	85	103	74		
Pe2	Baptistic-Pentecostal or Keswick-Pentecostal	232,000	30,284,000	12,006,000	49,420,000	311	380	311	382	396	453	174		
Pe3	Holiness-Pentecostal: 3-crisis-experience	28,800	3,219,000	2,322,000	5,650,000	167	233	167	233	246	299	118		
PeA	Apostolic, or Pentecostal Apostolic (living apostles)	11,500	762,000	706,000	1,597,000	29	31	29	31	31	33	30		
Pen	Pentecostal (Protestant; Classical Pentecostal)	20	1,000	0	3,000	0	1	0	1	1	1	1		
Qua	Friends (Quaker)	4,900	222,000	348,000	403,000	50	53	50	53	54	56	43		
Ref	Reformed, Presbyterian	97,700	26,318,000	33,121,000	43,902,000	269	295	269	295	300	321	141		
Sal	Salvationist (Sal													