GLOBAL CHRISTIANITY

a look at the status of Christianity in 2018

Christians, 2018
2.5 billion total, 33% of global population

2018 marks the first year that AFRICA has the most Christians—30 million more than Latin America.

Source: Todd M. Johnson & Gina A. Zurlo, eds. World Christian Database. Leiden/Boston: Brill, accessed April 2018. Not equal to total Christians because unaffiliated and double-counted are excluded.

Christian Traditions

2018
- Catholics (49%)
- Protestants (22%)
- Independents (17%)
- Orthodox (12%)
Percent of all Christians excluding unaffiliated and double-counted.

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Catholics
- Latin-Rite Catholic (49%)
- Eastern-Rite Catholic (0.8%)
- Old Catholic Church (0.2%)

Protestants/Independents
- Pentecostal/Charismatic (13.5%)
- Anglican (3.8%)
- Nondenominational (3.5%)
- Baptist (3.4%)
- United Church or joint mission (2.8%)
- Lutheran (2.6%)

Orthodox
- Eastern Orthodox (8.9%)
- Oriental and other Orthodox (2.6%)

TOP 10

Largest Denominations by Country 2015

1. Igreja Católica no Brasil
   Brazil
   149,550,000

2. Iglesia Católica en México
   Mexico
   111,233,000

3. Russian Orthodox Church
   Russia
   109,650,000

4. Han house churches
   China
   82,400,000

5. Catholic Church in the Philippines
   Philippines
   78,271,000

6. Catholic Church in the USA
   United States
   72,798,000

7. Chiesa Cattolica in Italia
   Italy
   45,563,000

8. Eglise Catholique au Congo-Zaïre
   DR Congo
   42,891,000

9. Iglesia Católica en Colombia
   Colombia
   42,706,000

10. Iglesia Católica en España
    Spain
    39,967,000

Largest Protestant/Independent Denominations by Country 2015

1. Han house churches
   China
   82,400,000

2. Three-Self Patriotic Movement
   China
   26,000,000

3. Assembleias de Deus
   Brazil
   25,000,000

4. Evangelsche Kirche in Deutschland
   Germany
   24,450,000

5. Church of England
   United Kingdom
   23,400,000

6. Anglican Church of Nigeria
   Nigeria
   22,000,000

7. Southern Baptist Convention
   United States
   20,000,000

8. Church of Uganda
   Uganda
   14,185,000

9. Église de Jésus Christ sur la Terre par Son Envoi Spécial Simon Kimbangu
   DR Congo
   12,000,000

10. National Baptist Convention
    United States
    9,195,000

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