

The World's 251 Countries in Statistics

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NOTES

a. **Countries and nations.** The table below lists distinct and separate countries in existence in mid-1990. The term "countries" covers both sovereign states (termed "nations") and nonsovereign dependencies. The latter term includes colonies and overseas territories which are not integral parts of the parent nation, but excludes all such territories which have no resident human population.

b. **The total count.** The grand total of countries in the world fluctuates from year to year and even from month to month. In mid-1990, there were 251 countries, which consisted of 180 nations (of which 172 were members or observer members of the United Nations) and 71 dependencies.

c. **Source lists.** The definitive lists of countries to consult are (1) the UN's regular-updated *Terminological bulletin* and (2) the UN's *Population and vital statistics report* (quarterly) which lists 231 countries, of which the smallest in 1987 was the Pitcairn Islands with 44 inhabitants.

d. **Size.** Population size has no bearing on whether or not a territory should be included in such a listing of countries. Nevertheless, the number of countries the reader wants to work with depends on what cutoff point he chooses. If the cutoff is 1 million, in 1990 the world has 137 countries. If 100,000, it has 188 countries. If 1,000, it has 230 countries. And so on.

e. **De facto countries.** The UN listing is not a scientific one, but a diplomatic listing (drawn up to the requirements of the 172 UN member nations) and is not complete. To it, one needs to add certain de facto countries whose existence may not be recognized by the UN nor by particular nations. These include: China (Taiwan); Timor; Transkei and

other former Bantustans; and the 16 Antarctic territories all with permanently-manned scientific bases. All the latter are de facto colonies, although almost all are, by international agreement, not claimed as such. Several are highly organized, with their own political status, postage stamps, government and so on.

f. **New nations.** Also in this listing are 4 other countries that were in process of coming into existence in mid-1990: Germany (East united with West), Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania. Until their status becomes finalized, they are shown below in the alphabetical sequence but without sequential numbers and so are not counted in the enumeration in the present survey. East and West Germany, by contrast, are enumerated as 2 countries here (until reunification is formally completed), and so each retain a reference number in the first column. The reader can thus keep this table up to date when changes take place.

g. **Duplications.** Countries whose statistics are also counted here in the statistics of other or larger countries are followed by an asterisk,* reminding the reader to avoid their population figures being counted twice in world or continental totals below.

h. **Totals.** Country population figures are UN estimates made to the last digit, then rounded. For this reason the figures shown below may not always total exactly to the totals or subtotals shown.

i. **Columns.** Meanings are as follows: Column 1= reference number, 2= country, 3-5= mid-year population, 6= affiliated church members (% of population), 7= evangelized persons (% of population), 8= which of the 3-tiered worlds this country belongs in (A, B, or C where A means E%≤50; B means E%>50 and C%<60; C means E%≥95 and C%≥60).

Ref	Country	Population 1990	Population 1995	Population 2000	C%	E%	W
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Afghanistan	16,557,000	23,141,000	26,608,000	0.25	17	A
2	Albania	3,245,000	3,521,000	3,795,000	6.02	37	A
3	Algeria	25,364,000	29,306,000	33,247,000	0.81	29	A
4	American Samoa	38,000	40,000	43,000	97.48	100	C
5	Andorra	47,000	48,000	49,000	94.57	100	C
6	Angola	10,020,000	11,531,000	13,295,000	65.54	96	C
7	Anguilla	7,000	8,000	8,000	80.48	100	C
8	Antigua & Barbuda	86,000	93,000	99,000	71.45	100	C
9	Argentina	32,322,000	34,264,000	36,238,000	92.79	99	C
10	Argentinian Antarctic Territory	50	60	70	80.00	99	C
11	Aruba	68,000	71,000	74,000	85.00	100	C
12	Australia	16,746,000	17,690,000	18,610,000	66.42	99	C
13	Australian Antarctic Territory	60	70	80	50.00	100	B
14	Austria	7,492,000	7,479,000	7,461,000	93.12	99	C
15	Bahamas	260,000	278,000	297,000	83.22	100	C
16	Bahrain	515,000	601,000	682,000	3.78	46	A
17	Bangladesh	115,593,000	132,219,000	150,589,000	0.57	46	A
18	Barbados	261,000	272,000	285,000	62.39	100	C
19	Belau	13,000	14,000	15,000	90.00	100	C
20	Belgian Antarctic Territory	40	50	60	70.00	100	C
21	Belgium	9,938,000	9,980,000	10,034,000	89.90	99	C
22	Belize	182,000	201,000	221,000	81.36	100	C
23	Benin	4,741,000	5,573,000	6,561,000	22.80	75	B
24	Bermuda	58,000	60,000	62,000	89.24	100	C
25	Bhutan	1,516,000	1,698,000	1,906,000	0.41	17	A
26	Bolivia	7,314,000	8,421,000	9,724,000	95.06	99	C
27	Bophuthatswana*	3,015,000	3,414,000	3,849,000	50.00	100	B
28	Botswana	1,285,000	1,528,000	1,804,000	28.83	98	B
29	Brazil	150,368,000	165,083,000	179,487,000	93.91	99	C
30	Brazilian Antarctic Territory	40	50	60	80.00	100	C
31	Britain (UK of GB & NI)	56,926,000	57,268,000	57,509,000	74.62	99	C
32	British Antarctic Territory	400	500	600	76.74	100	C
33	British Indian Ocean Territory	2,000	2,000	2,000	31.60	96	B
34	British Virgin Islands	14,000	15,000	16,000	69.45	100	C
35	Brunei	266,000	301,000	333,000	11.75	61	B

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
36	Bulgaria	9,010,000	9,036,000	9,071,000	64.93	95	C
37	Burkina Faso	9,007,000	10,382,000	12,025,000	12.16	56	B
38	Burundi	5,451,000	6,299,000	7,283,000	79.13	100	C
39	Cambodia	8,246,000	9,205,000	10,046,000	0.83	26	A
40	Cameroon	11,245,000	12,875,000	14,787,000	50.63	86	B
41	Canada	26,525,000	27,567,000	28,508,000	73.88	99	C
42	Cape Verde	379,000	444,000	518,000	94.57	99	C
43	Cayman Islands	21,000	23,000	24,000	75.15	100	C
44	Central African Republic	2,913,000	3,306,000	3,765,000	55.58	97	B
45	Chad	5,678,000	6,447,000	7,337,000	21.75	69	B
46	Channel Islands	138,000	143,000	147,000	84.42	100	C
47	Chile	13,173,000	14,237,000	15,272,000	87.42	99	C
48	Chilean Antarctic Territory	40	50	50	70.00	100	C
49	China	1,135,496,000	1,214,221,000	1,285,894,000	6.00	49	A
50	China (Taiwan)*	20,370,000	21,562,000	22,765,000	7.20	92	B
51	Chinese Antarctic Territory	70	90	110	30.00	80	B
52	Christmas Island	3,000	3,000	3,000	10.03	78	B
53	Ciskei*	769,000	871,000	982,000	70.00	100	C
54	Cocos (Keeling) Islands	820	950	1,000	21.00	85	B
55	Colombia	31,819,000	34,939,000	37,998,000	97.22	99	C
56	Comoros	457,000	535,000	627,000	0.39	40	A
57	Congo	1,994,000	2,289,000	2,635,000	58.57	97	B
58	Cook Islands	20,000	21,000	22,000	92.28	100	C
59	Costa Rica	3,015,000	3,374,000	3,711,000	97.23	99	C
60	Cuba	10,324,000	10,788,000	11,189,000	42.37	91	B
61	Cyprus	491,000	515,000	537,000	78.03	95	C
62	Czechoslovakia	15,667,000	15,874,000	16,179,000	79.91	97	C
63	Denmark	5,120,000	5,129,000	5,139,000	94.23	99	C
64	Djibouti	406,000	473,000	552,000	11.02	64	B
65	Dominica	81,000	87,000	93,000	94.66	100	C
66	Dominican Republic	7,170,000	7,915,000	8,621,000	85.74	99	C
67	Ecuador	10,782,000	12,314,000	13,939,000	72.53	99	C
68	Egypt	54,059,000	60,470,000	66,710,000	17.88	66	B
69	El Salvador	5,252,000	5,943,000	6,739,000	94.46	99	C
70	Equatorial Guinea	440,000	497,000	561,000	89.00	95	C
	Estonia*	1,580,000	1,675,000	1,688,000	90.00	99	C
71	Ethiopia	46,743,000	53,383,000	61,206,000	54.40	86	B
72	Faeroe Islands	47,000	48,000	49,000	98.53	100	C
73	Falkland Islands	2,000	2,000	2,000	79.03	100	C
74	Fiji	749,000	794,000	834,000	47.72	97	B
75	Finland	4,975,000	5,030,000	5,076,000	87.93	100	C
76	France	56,173,000	57,188,000	58,196,000	81.73	97	C
77	French Guiana	92,000	102,000	112,000	87.77	100	C
78	French Polynesia	182,000	200,000	217,000	83.55	100	C
79	French Southern & Antarctic Terrs	190	210	230	85.29	100	C
80	Gabon	1,171,000	1,380,000	1,620,000	90.68	97	C
81	Gambia	858,000	983,000	1,116,000	3.95	76	B
82	Gazankulu*	584,000	661,000	745,000	68.00	100	C
83	German Antarctic Territory	40	50	60	50.00	100	B
	Germany*	77,188,000	76,819,000	76,436,000	84.57	99	C
84	East Germany (GDR)	16,649,000	16,618,000	16,618,000	64.16	99	C
85	West Germany (FRG)	60,539,000	60,201,000	59,818,000	90.18	99	C
86	Ghana	15,020,000	17,543,000	20,418,000	43.87	89	B
87	Gibraltar	30,000	31,000	32,000	81.15	100	C
88	Greece	10,047,000	10,124,000	10,193,000	96.72	99	C
89	Greenland	56,000	58,000	60,000	70.71	100	C
90	Grenada	103,000	110,000	117,000	95.44	100	C
91	Guadeloupe	340,000	346,000	354,000	95.53	99	C
92	Guam	122,000	130,000	136,000	95.42	100	C
93	Guatemala	9,197,000	10,621,000	12,221,000	87.34	100	C
94	Guinea	6,876,000	7,807,000	8,879,000	2.20	20	A
95	Guinea Bissau	987,000	1,105,000	1,244,000	9.35	55	B
96	Guyana	1,040,000	1,119,000	1,197,000	44.01	94	B
97	Haiti	6,504,000	7,148,000	7,837,000	94.39	99	C
98	Holy See	1,000	1,000	1,000	98.02	100	C
99	Honduras	5,138,000	5,968,000	6,846,000	97.14	99	C
100	Hong Kong	5,841,000	6,159,000	6,449,000	19.70	89	B
101	Hungary	10,552,000	10,509,000	10,531,000	82.88	99	C

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		3	4	5	6	7	8
102	Iceland	253,000	264,000	274,000	96.21	100	C
103	India	853,052,000	946,972,000	1,042,143,000	3.64	72	B
104	Indian Antarctic Territory	60	80	100	10.00	80	B
105	Indonesia	180,514,000	194,811,000	208,329,000	10.42	79	B
106	Iran	56,585,000	64,525,000	74,460,000	1.35	32	A
107	Iraq	18,920,000	22,411,000	26,339,000	3.77	35	A
108	Ireland	3,720,000	3,900,000	4,086,000	94.61	100	C
109	Isle of Man	63,000	63,000	63,000	79.45	100	C
110	Israel	4,581,000	4,920,000	5,280,000	2.15	98	B
111	Italy	57,322,000	57,591,000	57,881,000	83.55	99	C
112	Ivory Coast	12,596,000	15,315,000	18,547,000	27.76	87	B
113	Jamaica	2,521,000	2,706,000	2,886,000	48.67	100	B
114	Japan	123,457,000	126,319,000	129,105,000	1.87	79	B
115	Japanese Antarctic Territory	40	50	60	3.00	95	B
116	Johnston Island	300	300	300	77.00	100	C
117	Jordan	4,270,000	5,218,000	6,329,000	4.89	59	B
118	KaNgwane*	183,000	207,000	224,000	70.00	100	C
119	Kenya	25,130,000	30,844,000	37,581,000	60.29	95	C
120	Kiribati	68,000	72,000	77,000	92.02	100	C
121	Kuwait	2,090,000	2,438,000	2,782,000	6.88	51	B
122	KwaNdebele*	178,000	201,000	227,000	70.00	100	C
123	KwaZulu*	3,883,000	4,398,000	4,957,000	70.00	100	C
124	Laos	4,071,000	4,583,000	5,134,000	3.73	40	A
	Latvia*	2,693,000	2,786,000	2,878,000	88.00	97	C
125	Lebanon	2,965,000	3,286,000	3,603,000	59.78	85	B
126	Lebowa*	1,982,000	2,244,000	2,530,000	70.00	100	C
127	Lesotho	1,774,000	2,044,000	2,354,000	80.69	99	C
128	Liberia	2,554,000	3,005,000	3,543,000	27.73	95	B
129	Libya	4,544,000	5,445,000	6,500,000	3.23	18	A
130	Liechtenstein	28,000	28,000	28,000	95.67	100	C
	Lithuania*	3,706,000	3,835,000	3,960,000	92.00	100	C
131	Luxembourg	367,000	368,000	368,000	87.01	100	C
132	Macao	479,000	571,000	656,000	13.20	88	B
133	Madagascar	11,980,000	14,074,000	16,562,000	44.47	97	B
134	Malawi	8,428,000	9,950,000	11,706,000	56.88	95	B
135	Malaysia	17,339,000	19,186,000	20,870,000	6.81	79	B
136	Maldives	215,000	248,000	283,000	0.17	19	A
137	Mali	9,362,000	10,878,000	12,658,000	3.15	60	B
138	Malta	353,000	360,000	366,000	94.77	99	C
139	Marshall Islands	31,000	31,000	31,000	90.00	100	C
140	Martinique	331,000	338,000	352,000	91.40	100	C
141	Mauritania	2,024,000	2,329,000	2,685,000	0.56	11	A
142	Mauritius	1,103,000	1,172,000	1,240,000	46.29	88	B
143	Mayotte	62,000	72,000	83,000	1.20	56	B
144	Mexico	88,598,000	97,967,000	107,233,000	93.15	99	C
145	Micronesia	379,000	408,000	436,000	90.00	100	C
146	Midway Islands	2,000	2,000	2,000	58.65	100	B
147	Monaco	28,000	29,000	30,000	95.95	100	C
148	Mongolia	2,227,000	2,595,000	2,996,000	1.97	15	A
149	Montserrat	13,000	14,000	15,000	83.36	100	C
150	Morocco	24,922,000	28,035,000	31,106,000	0.90	33	A
151	Mozambique	15,663,000	17,913,000	20,445,000	33.02	85	B
152	Myanmar	41,675,000	46,275,000	51,129,000	6.60	53	B
153	Namibia	1,876,000	2,191,000	2,567,000	85.92	100	C
154	Nauru	8,000	9,000	9,000	43.54	100	B
155	Nepal	19,143,000	21,521,000	24,084,000	0.50	38	A
156	Netherlands	14,752,000	15,008,000	15,207,000	72.04	99	C
157	Netherlands Antilles	125,000	136,000	147,000	85.78	100	C
158	New Caledonia	165,000	178,000	189,000	86.70	100	C
159	New Zealand	3,379,000	3,507,000	3,632,000	75.46	100	C
160	Nicaragua	3,871,000	4,540,000	5,261,000	94.09	99	C
161	Niger	7,109,000	8,313,000	9,750,000	0.58	21	A
162	Nigeria	113,016,000	134,351,000	159,149,000	28.42	84	B
163	Niue Island	3,000	3,000	3,000	89.03	100	C
164	Norfolk Island	2,000	2,000	2,000	63.59	100	C
165	North Korea	22,937,000	25,548,000	28,165,000	0.92	28	A
166	Northern Cyprus	210,000	219,000	228,000	10.00	70	B
167	Northern Mariana Islands	18,000	19,000	20,000	90.00	100	C

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		3	4	5	6	7	8
168	Norway	4,208,000	4,267,000	4,327,000	97.41	100	C
169	Oman	1,468,000	1,735,000	2,057,000	0.84	19	A
170	Pakistan	122,666,000	141,599,000	162,467,000	1.54	48	A
171	Palestine	547,000	606,000	668,000	4.77	97	B
172	Panama	2,418,000	2,659,000	2,893,000	87.65	100	C
173	Papua New Guinea	4,011,000	4,553,000	5,141,000	76.10	99	C
174	Paraguay	4,277,000	4,893,000	5,538,000	97.75	99	C
175	Peru	22,332,000	25,123,000	27,952,000	69.76	98	C
176	Philippines	62,409,000	69,922,000	77,447,000	85.03	97	C
177	Pitcairn Islands	44	90	90	97.80	100	C
178	Poland	38,423,000	39,365,000	40,366,000	90.12	100	C
179	Polish Antarctic Territory	30	40	50	70.00	100	C
180	Portugal	10,285,000	10,429,000	10,587,000	94.16	99	C
181	Puerto Rico	3,709,000	3,958,000	4,192,000	96.12	100	C
182	Qatar	367,000	436,000	499,000	11.94	51	B
183	Queen Maud Land	30	30	30	50.00	100	B
184	Qwaqwa*	179,000	203,000	228,000	70.00	100	C
185	Reunion	595,000	641,000	685,000	88.12	98	C
186	Romania	23,272,000	23,816,000	24,346,000	83.34	99	C
187	Ross Dependency	50	60	70	59.00	100	B
188	Rwanda	7,232,000	8,582,000	10,144,000	69.47	99	C
189	Sahara	178,000	202,000	228,000	1.41	13	A
190	Saint Christopher & Nevis	50,000	53,000	57,000	84.87	100	C
191	Saint Helena	7,000	8,000	10,000	85.15	100	C
192	Saint Lucia	136,000	146,000	156,000	97.30	100	C
193	Saint Pierre & Miquelon	6,000	6,000	6,000	96.76	100	C
194	Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	111,000	118,000	127,000	71.14	100	C
195	Samoa	170,000	178,000	181,000	94.81	100	C
196	San Marino	23,000	24,000	25,000	93.47	100	C
197	Sao Tome & Principe	112,000	129,000	149,000	88.77	100	C
198	Saudi Arabia	14,131,000	17,118,000	20,686,000	1.18	34	A
199	Senegal	7,369,000	8,448,000	9,668,000	5.83	53	B
200	Seychelles	69,000	72,000	75,000	94.48	100	C
201	Sierra Leone	4,151,000	4,726,000	5,399,000	10.78	79	B
202	Sikkim	321,000	354,000	387,000	2.83	56	B
203	Singapore	2,702,000	2,836,000	2,950,000	10.14	95	B
204	Solomon Islands	329,000	389,000	448,000	81.48	100	C
205	Somalia	7,555,000	8,505,000	9,803,000	1.75	18	A
206	South Africa	35,248,000	39,189,000	43,332,000	61.39	100	C
207	South African Antarctic Territory	20	20	20	80.00	100	C
208	South Georgia & Sandwich Islands	40	50	60	50.00	100	B
209	South Korea	43,582,000	45,814,000	48,012,000	27.06	99	B
210	Soviet Union (USSR)	287,991,000	298,000,000	307,737,000	36.27	88	B
211	Spain	39,333,000	40,060,000	40,812,000	95.59	100	C
212	Spanish North Africa	217,000	239,000	260,000	83.56	100	C
213	Sri Lanka	17,209,000	18,320,000	19,385,000	7.83	60	B
214	Sudan	25,195,000	29,116,000	33,610,000	9.96	61	B
215	Suriname	403,000	435,000	469,000	60.88	98	C
216	Svalbard & Jan Mayen Islands	4,000	4,000	4,000	27.99	100	B
217	Swaziland	789,000	938,000	1,116,000	54.34	99	B
218	Sweden	8,339,000	8,326,000	8,322,000	70.92	99	C
219	Switzerland	6,521,000	6,552,000	6,553,000	86.92	99	C
220	Syria	12,501,000	14,904,000	17,611,000	9.57	63	B
221	Tanzania	27,328,000	32,892,000	39,572,000	36.43	91	B
222	Thailand	55,702,000	59,605,000	63,670,000	1.19	62	B
223	Timor	737,000	812,000	876,000	38.20	71	B
224	Togo	3,455,000	4,038,000	4,727,000	33.00	74	B
225	Tokelau Islands	2,000	2,000	2,000	78.59	100	C
226	Tonga	120,000	129,000	140,000	96.97	100	C
227	Transkei*	3,404,000	3,855,000	4,346,000	70.00	100	C
228	Trinidad & Tobago	1,283,000	1,385,000	1,480,000	65.36	97	C
229	Tunisia	8,169,000	9,019,000	9,821,000	0.80	31	A
230	Turkey	55,616,000	61,151,000	66,622,000	0.40	29	A
231	Turks & Caicos Islands	9,000	9,000	10,000	94.50	100	C
232	Tuvalu	9,000	9,000	10,000	95.01	100	C
233	Uganda	18,442,000	22,012,000	26,285,000	65.75	99	C
234	United Arab Emirates	1,588,000	1,776,000	1,950,000	12.37	62	B
235	United States of America (USA)	249,235,000	258,204,000	266,194,000	71.47	99	C

251 Countries in Statistics

Ref	Country	Population 1990 1	Population 1995 2	Population 2000 3	C%	E%	W
		3	4	5	6	7	8
236	Uruguay	3,128,000	3,246,000	3,364,000	64.90	99	C
237	US Virgin Islands	113,000	121,000	129,000	87.10	100	C
238	USA Antarctic Territory	100	100	100	80.00	100	C
239	USSR Antarctic Territory	300	400	500	40.00	100	B
240	Vanuatu	164,000	191,000	219,000	76.87	99	C
241	Venda*	560,000	634,000	715,000	30.00	99	B
242	Venezuela	19,736,000	22,213,000	24,716,000	94.42	99	C
243	Viet Nam	67,171,000	75,030,000	83,030,000	8.14	65	B
244	Wake Island	300	300	300	62.75	100	C
245	Wallis & Futuna Islands	12,000	12,000	12,000	92.50	100	C
	Yemen*	10,508,000	12,353,000	14,575,000	0.08	17	A
246	North Yemen	8,017,000	9,425,000	11,145,000	0.00	16	A
247	South Yemen	2,491,000	2,928,000	3,430,000	0.33	18	A
248	Yugoslavia	23,849,000	24,471,000	25,026,000	74.85	96	C
249	Zaire	35,990,000	42,255,000	49,349,000	79.83	98	C
250	Zambia	8,456,000	10,174,000	12,197,000	63.39	99	C
251	Zimbabwe	9,721,000	11,352,000	13,135,000	46.12	98	B
<i>Regional, continental, and global totals and sub-totals</i>							
Africa							
	Eastern Africa	647,518,000	752,626,000	872,234,000	35.75	77	
	Middle Africa	194,823,000	228,947,000	269,185,000	50.50	89	
	Northern Africa	69,564,000	80,710,000	93,498,000	66.94	93	
	Southern Africa	142,649,000	161,832,000	181,481,000	9.10	49	
	Western Africa	40,972,000	45,889,000	51,172,000	62.19	100	
	Antarctica	199,511,000	235,247,000	276,898,000	24.11	75	
Latin America							
	Caribbean	448,096,000	493,802,000	539,697,000	89.96	99	
	Central America	33,640,000	36,137,000	38,566,000	71.68	97	
	South America	117,670,000	131,273,000	145,125,000	92.93	99	
	Temperate South America	296,787,000	326,393,000	356,007,000	90.85	99	
	Tropical South America	48,625,000	51,750,000	54,875,000	89.54	99	
Northern America							
	275,880,000	285,895,000	294,830,000	71.70	99		
Asia							
	Eastern Asia	3,108,476,000	3,404,077,000	3,697,849,000	6.67	60	
	Southeastern Asia	1,334,018,000	1,421,227,000	1,501,277,000	6.27	53	
	Southern Asia	440,831,000	482,567,000	523,814,000	18.77	74	
	Western Asia	1,202,858,000	1,350,597,000	1,502,312,000	2.98	64	
Europe							
	Eastern Europe	497,741,000	503,156,000	508,569,000	83.16	98	
	Northern Europe	113,573,000	115,219,000	117,112,000	80.84	99	
	Southern Europe	83,794,000	84,442,000	84,995,000	78.37	99	
	Western Europe	144,535,000	146,661,000	148,768,000	85.35	97	
Oceania							
	26,746,000	28,304,000	30,139,000	69.96	99		
	Australia-New Zealand	20,124,000	21,197,000	22,242,000	67.93	99	
	Melanesia	5,417,000	6,104,000	6,832,000	72.85	99	
	Micronesia	379,000	408,000	436,000	90.54	100	
	Polynesia	555,000	594,000	630,000	91.55	100	
USSR							
	287,991,000	298,000,000	307,737,000	36.27	88		
World A countries							
	1,697,135,000	1,859,799,000	2,020,378,000	4.37	45		
World B countries							
	2,149,841,000	2,365,549,000	2,591,845,000	14.78	77		
World C countries							
	1,445,202,000	1,540,513,000	1,638,832,000	81.95	99		
More developed regions							
	1,205,193,000	1,234,567,000	1,262,482,000	60.75	94		
Less developed regions							
	4,086,985,000	4,531,294,000	4,988,573,000	20.67	66		
GRAND TOTAL FOR GLOBE							
	5,292,178,000	5,765,861,000	6,251,055,000	30.60	76		

Our Globe's 170 Least Evangelized Megapeoples

Peoples over 1 million in population in the year 2000, and 50% or less evangelized, forming the heart of World A.

Information in this list is based on the World Evangelization Database and is forthcoming from New Hope Press with its full rationale under the title *Good News for All Peoples* by P. J. Johnstone, D.B. Barrett, and T. M. Johnson. All of these peoples represent primary targets for world evangelization if closure is to be achieved, or even attempted. Any mission agency raising money from the Christian public by claiming to be undertaking "world mission", but which is not targeting at least 20 of these 170 megapeoples, should be persuaded to remove that claim from its goals and its literature in the interests of honesty.

Meaning of columns

1. *Name of people*, anglicized, with any additional or alternate names; together with (in bold italic capitals) name of country in

which they reside. Identical people names refer to peoples speaking different mother tongues (see column 2).

2. *Autoglossonym*: this people's own name, in their own language, for their mother tongue; how the people term their own language. Note that virtually all people spell their language names with a lower-case first letter. English is the only language in the world which capitalizes its autoglossonym (or, in fact, all language names). Names in parentheses are alternates; these are only capitalized if they are anglicized names.

3. Population of this people in mid-1990 (based on *World Population Prospects 1988*, U.N. 1989).

4. Population of this people in mid-2000 (*ibid*).

COUNTRY People name 1	autoglossonym 2	pop 1990 3	pop 2000 4	COUNTRY People name 1	autoglossonym 2	pop 1990 3	pop 2000 4
AFGHANISTAN				GUINEA			
Hazara (Berberi)	hazaragi (Afghan Persian)	1,060,000	1,700,000	Fula Jalon (Futa Dyalon)	futa jalo (pulaar)	1,920,000	2,480,000
Pathan (Pushtun, Afghani)	pashto (pushtu, pakhlu)	8,620,000	13,850,000	Maninka (South Malinke)	maninka (manding, malinke)	1,740,000	2,240,000
Tadzhik	tadzhik (galcha, dari)	3,920,000	6,310,000	Susu (Soso)	soso (susu)	790,000	1,030,000
Uzbek	uzbek (kypchak)	880,000	1,410,000				
ALGERIA				INDIA			
Algerian Arab	jazairi (maghribi)	17,700,000	23,200,000	Bagri (Baghri)	bagri (baorias)	1,640,000	2,010,000
Greater Kabyle (Western)	qabayil (senhaja, zwawa)	1,870,000	2,450,000	Central Bhil	bhili (Bhilori)	3,940,000	4,820,000
Hamyan Bedouin	badawi (Bedouin Arabic)	1,770,000	2,320,000	Central Gond (Ghond)	mandla gondi	850,000	1,040,000
CAMBODIA				Deccani (Dakhini Hindi)	dakhini (deccan, dakni)	11,790,000	14,400,000
Khmer (Cambodian)	khmer (Cambodian)	6,680,000	8,130,000	Dogri (Hindi Dogri)	dogri (dhogaryali, bhatoli)	1,850,000	2,260,000
CAMEROON				Eastern Bhil (Vil)	dehwali bhili (bhilbari)	2,370,000	2,900,000
Fula (Adamawa Fulani)	fulfulde (peul)	970,000	1,270,000	Garhwali (Central Pahari)	tehri	860,000	1,060,000
CHAD				Garhwali (Pahari Gashwali)	srinagaris (gadwahi)	1,140,000	1,390,000
Chad Arab	arabiya (Chad Arabic)	1,460,000	1,880,000	Hindustani	hindustani	870,000	1,070,000
CHINA				Ho	ho (lanka kol, lohara)	1,170,000	1,430,000
Bai (Pai, Minchia)	pai (minchia, minkia)	1,270,000	1,440,000	Kashmiri (Keshur)	kashmiri (poguli, rambani)	3,770,000	4,610,000
Central Tibetan (Hsifan)	zang wen (Central Tibetan)	4,360,000	4,940,000	Kortha Bihar	kortha magahi	1,710,000	2,090,000
Chinese Tai	Chinese Tai	1,000,000	1,130,000	Kui (Khondi, Kond)	kui (khand, kodu, kodulu)	2,560,000	3,130,000
Eastern Meo (Black, Heh)	ch'ientung miao	2,050,000	2,320,000	Kumaoni (Central Pahari)	kumauni (kumgoni)	1,920,000	2,350,000
Han Chinese (Hainanese)	wanning (Wenchang)	5,110,000	5,790,000	Lamani (Banjara, Labhani)	lamani (lambadi, kora)	1,870,000	2,290,000
Han Chinese (Hakka)	wukinfu (hakka colloquial)	14,760,000	16,720,000	Malvi (Ujjaini, Malavi)	malvi (bachadi, patvi)	1,000,000	1,230,000
Han Chinese (Hakka)	sankiang (sam kiong)	4,540,000	5,140,000	Manipuri (Meithi, Kathe)	manipuri (ponna)	1,220,000	1,490,000
Han Chinese (Hakka)	kejia (hakka colloquial)	24,980,000	28,290,000	Mina	mina	2,240,000	2,740,000
Han Chinese (Hakka)	tingchow	1,140,000	1,290,000	Nagpuri Bihari (Sadri)	sadan (nagpuri, dikkukaji)	1,900,000	2,320,000
Hani	hani (woni, ho, haw)	1,190,000	1,350,000	Nepalese (Gurkhali)	khas kura (nepali, palpa)	2,000,000	2,450,000
Hui (Dungan, Tunya)	kuoyu (Mandarin)	8,130,000	9,210,000	Nimadi (Nimari)	nimadi (nemadi, bhuan)	1,240,000	1,510,000
I (Yi, Lolo)	nesu (lolo, i, yi)	6,140,000	6,960,000	North Central Gond	chhindwara gondi	880,000	1,090,000
Kazakh	hasaka (kazakh)	930,000	1,050,000	Northem Gond (Betul)	betul gondu (koitor, gandi)	850,000	1,040,000
Khalka Mongol	khalka (dariganga, urat)	3,840,000	4,350,000	Rajasthani (Bikaneri)	bikaneri	860,000	1,070,000
Manchu	sibo (manchu, juchen)	4,840,000	5,480,000	Rajasthani (Mewari)	mewari	840,000	1,030,000
Northern Meo (Huayuan)	hsiangshi meo (chiwei)	1,000,000	1,130,000	Sindhi (Kachchi, Bhatia)	sindhi (lari, thareli)	1,880,000	2,290,000
Nosu	nosu	1,140,000	1,290,000	Southern Bhil	valvi bhili	1,120,000	1,360,000
Puyi (Bouyei, Pu-I)	chungchia (dioi, jui, igen)	2,390,000	2,700,000	Tulu (Tulu, Thulu, Tal)	tulu (tulu, tuluvu basha)	1,800,000	2,200,000
Tujia (Tuchia)	tuchia	3,190,000	3,610,000	Wagdi (Wagheri, Vagdi)	wagdi (vagi, wagholi)	1,470,000	1,800,000
Tung (Dong, Kam)	kam (tung-chia, tong)	1,610,000	1,820,000				
Uighur (Kashgar)	wei wuer (i-kha, lop)	6,710,000	7,600,000				
Western Meo (Peh, Hwa)	ch'uanch'ientien miao	2,620,000	2,960,000				
Yao	yao (mien, man, taipan)	1,580,000	1,790,000				
Zhuang (Chuang, Chwang)	chwang (chuang, yungpei)	15,070,000	17,060,000				
EGYPT				INDONESIA			
Arabized Berber	masri (mashriqi)	1,070,000	1,300,000	Achehnese (Acheh, Atjeh)	aceh (banda, daja, pase)	3,020,000	3,490,000
Bedouin	badawi (Bedouin Arabic)	1,080,000	1,330,000	Banjarese	banjar	1,440,000	1,660,000
Halebi Gypsy	masri (mashriqi)	860,000	1,070,000	Bazaar Low Malay Creole	pasar melayu (Bazaar, Low)	1,260,000	1,460,000
ETHIOPIA				Buginese (Bugis)	bugis	4,830,000	5,580,000
Somali	somali (soomaali)	2,450,000	3,210,000	Jambinese Malay (Batin)	jambina (Jambinese)	1,280,000	1,480,000
				Komereng (Ogan)	komering (ogan)	1,080,000	1,250,000
				Lamponger (Lampungese)	lampung (Lampungese)	1,170,000	1,350,000
				Madurese	bankalan (Madurese)	11,330,000	13,080,000
				Makassarese (Macassar)	macassar (mengkasara)	3,070,000	3,540,000
				Malay (Coast Malay)	malay (bahasa malaysia)	1,810,000	2,080,000
				Minangkabau	minangkabau	6,680,000	7,710,000
				Sasak	sasak	2,070,000	2,390,000
				Sundanese	sundanese	24,550,000	28,330,000
IRAN							
Afghan Persian (Kaboli)	dari (kaboli, khurasani)	1,580,000	2,080,000				
Afshari (Afsar)	azeri (azerbaijani)	850,000	1,120,000				

Least Evangelized Megapeoples

COUNTRY People name 1	autoglossonym 2	pop 1990 3	pop 2000 4	COUNTRY People name 1	autoglossonym 2	pop 1990 3	pop 2000 4
IRAN (continued)				NORTH KOREA			
Azerbaijani (Turk) Bakhtiari Baluchi Central Kurd Gilaki Iranian Arab Iranian Kurd Luri (Lori) Mazanderani Persian (Irani) Qashqai Southern Kurd (Carduchi) Turkmen (Turkoman) Zott Gypsy (Nawar)	azeri (tabris, moqaddan) bakhtiari (luri) baluchi mukri (Eastern Kermanji) gilaki (gelaki, gilani) arabiya (Iranian Arabic) farsi (Persian) luri (feylî, alaki, kelhuri) mazanderani (tabri, palari) farsi (Persian, dari) qashqai kermanshahi (kurdi) turkmen (anauli, esari, teke) arabiya (Arabic)	7,160,000 1,080,000 1,240,000 1,130,000 3,280,000 1,190,000 3,400,000 3,230,000 2,600,000 18,900,000 2,830,000 910,000 1,080,000	9,420,000 1,410,000 1,640,000 1,490,000 4,320,000 1,560,000 4,470,000 4,240,000 3,430,000 24,870,000 3,720,000 1,190,000 1,410,000	Korean	chosenmal (Korean)	22,720,000	27,900,000
IRAQ				OMAN			
Iraqi Arab Iraqi Kurd Northern Kurd	arabiya (Iraqi Arabic) arabiya (Iraqi Arabic) kermanji (hakari, jezire)	12,940,000 1,140,000 2,820,000	18,020,000 1,580,000 3,920,000	Omani Arab	arabiya (Omani Arabic)	1,060,000	1,480,000
IVORY COAST				PAKISTAN			
Malinke (Ivorian) Senufo (Minianka)	maninka (south malinke) senari (senadi, tyebara)	1,390,000 1,140,000	2,040,000 1,670,000	Baluchi Brahui Pathan (Afghani, Waziri) Sindhi Urdu	baluchi brahui pashto (pushtu, paktu) sindhi (lari, lasi) urdu	3,670,000 910,000 12,480,000 17,810,000 11,160,000	4,860,000 1,200,000 16,530,000 23,590,000 14,780,000
LIBYA				SAUDI ARABIA			
Cyrenaican Arab Tripolitanian Arab	barqi (mashriqi) tarabulusi (maghribi)	1,180,000 1,360,000	1,690,000 1,950,000	Saudi Arab Yemeni Arab	arabiya (Saudi Arabic) arabiya (Yemeni Arabic)	9,290,000 2,970,000	13,600,000 4,340,000
MALI				SENEGAL			
Fula (Peuhala)	massina (fula peuhala)	830,000	1,130,000	Fulakunda (Fula Cunda)	fulakunda (pulaar)	910,000	1,200,000
MALAYSIA				SOMALIA			
Malay (Melaju, Melayu)	malay (bahasa malaysia)	5,600,000	6,740,000	Sab Somali	somali (sab) somali (somalinya)	820,000 5,940,000	1,060,000 7,710,000
MAURITANIA				SOUTH YEMEN			
Bidan (White Moor)	hassani (badawi)	1,040,000	1,390,000	Yemeni Arab	arabiya (Yemeni Arabic)	2,060,000	2,830,000
MONGOLIA				SOVIET UNION (USSR)			
Khalka Mongol	khalka (Mongolian)	1,480,000	2,000,000	Azerbaijani (Azurbijan) Bashkir Kazakh Kirghiz Tadzhik Tatar (Kazan Tatar) Turkmen Uzbek	azeri (azerbaijani) bashkir (bashkirian) kazakh (Western Kirghiz) kirghiz (kara, Black) tadzhik kazan tatar turkmen (jagarta) uzbek	6,846,000 1,510,000 8,200,000 2,550,000 4,250,000 6,700,000 2,740,000 16,820,000	7,315,000 1,610,000 8,770,000 2,730,000 4,540,000 7,160,000 2,930,000 17,970,000
MOROCCO				SRI LANKA			
Arabized Berber Beraber Jebala Moroccan Arab	maghribi (mogrebi) tamazight (beraber, ksurs) maghribi (mogrebi) maghribi (mogrebi)	2,140,000 2,590,000 1,080,000 12,600,000	2,670,000 3,230,000 1,350,000 15,710,000	Ceylon Moor	tamil	1,120,000	1,260,000
Riffian (Northern Shilha) Shleuh Susiuia (Southern Shilha)	riff (senhaja, iznacen) tachelhait (masmudah) susiuia (susi, susina)	1,480,000 1,780,000 1,010,000	1,850,000 2,230,000 1,250,000	SUDAN			
MYANMAR				Beja (Beni-Amer, Ababda) Eastern Nuer (Jikany Door) Gaaliiin Guhyana	bedawye (beja, bedawiya) naath (ji kany door) ja'ali (mashriqi-badawi) kababish (mashriqi-badawi)	1,160,000 820,000 1,690,000 780,000	1,550,000 1,090,000 2,250,000 1,040,000
Burmese (Myen) Burmese Shan (Thai Yai)	bama (Burmese) shan (ngio, sha)	26,290,000 2,920,000	32,260,000 3,580,000	SYRIA			
NEPAL				Bedouin Arab Western Kurd (Kermanji)	badawi (Bedouin Arabic) kermanji (kurdi)	930,000 960,000	1,300,000 1,350,000
Bhojpuri Bihari Maithili (Tirahutia) Nepalese (Eastern Pahari) Tamang (Tamar, Sain)	bhojpuri maithili khas kura (parbatiya) tamang	1,370,000 2,260,000 9,910,000 950,000	1,730,000 2,850,000 12,460,000 1,190,000	THAILAND			
NIGER				Northern Tai (Yuan, Phyap) Pattani Malay Southern Tai (Pak Thai)	tai (kammyang, myang) malay pattani tai orkhon (Southern)	5,300,000 930,000 3,120,000	6,060,000 1,070,000 3,560,000
Hausa (Tazarawa) Sokoto Fulani Zerma (Dyerma)	hausa fulfulde niger (sokoto) zarma (dyerma, adzerma)	1,490,000 780,000 1,190,000	2,040,000 1,070,000 1,630,000	TUNISIA			
NIGERIA				Sahel Bedouin Tunisian Arab	badawi (Bedouin Arabic) ifriqi (maghribi)	1,750,000 5,460,000	2,100,000 6,570,000
Bororo (Western Fulani) Fulani (Haabe) Fulani (Toroobe) Hausa Kanuri Sokoto Fulani	fulfulde fulfulde (kano-katsina) hausa (Eastern Hausa) hausa kanuri fulfulde (sokoto)	1,700,000 1,920,000 5,540,000 18,990,000 4,450,000 1,930,000	2,390,000 2,710,000 7,800,000 26,740,000 6,270,000 2,720,000	TURKEY			
				Crimean Tatar Northern Kurd (Kermanji) Turk Turkish Kurd	turkce (Turkish) zaza (dimli, gurmanji) turkce (Turkish) turkce (Turkish)	3,890,000 5,010,000 38,670,000 4,450,000	4,660,000 6,000,000 46,320,000 5,330,000
				VIET NAM			
				Khmer (Cambodian)	khmer (Cambodian)	1,030,000	1,270,000

Global Diagram 19. TODAY'S GREAT COMMISSION HARVEST FORCE: 23,500 DENOMINATIONS, 4,000 MISSION NETWORKS, 860 NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL COUNCILS OF CHURCHES, 56 GLOBAL NETWORKS, 9 GLOBAL MEGANETWORKS.

The entire range of Christian resources is listed earlier in Global Diagram 14. This diagram below concentrates on the cutting edge of these resources, namely personnel and groupings of personnel, front-line organizations, agencies, and activities.

The statistics below describe various aspects of organized Christianity, mainly giving figures referring to mid-1990. In particular, the category of Great Commission Christians (all Christians who take seriously Christ's final command while on Earth) is elaborated and enumerated. Together they constitute today's "force for evangelism."

Other aspects of this world missions force are also

enumerated. In the main, its 3,970 mission agencies function in virtually standalone mode. But the most startling aspect concerns the location of this massive force: 95% of it is directed not at the non-Christian worlds (Worlds A & B) but, as the arrow shows, at the Christian world itself (World C). (See Global Diagram 12 for definitions). Christians in fact consume over 99% of the whole range of Christian resources, leaving under 1% for all forms of outreach to non-Christians. Our terminology in this survey terms all such missions as merely globalized (or pseudo-global) missions operating with a veneer of global terminology, instead of being engaged in global mission properly so called.

ORGANIZED CHRISTIANITY IN MID-1990

160 ecclesiastical traditions/families
90 major Christian world confessions
23,500 denominations
21,000 parachurch or service agencies
99,200 major institutions
50 megamistries (each reaching a million a day)
200 former denominations merged (organic union) since 1900 in 75 united churches
1.8 billion Christians
1.6 billion affiliated church members
1.2 billion practising Christians
2.6 million worship centers (local churches)
400,000 base ecclesial communities (BECs)
Sunday-school enrollment 320 million

GLOBAL GROWTH OF CHRISTIANS IN 1990
(figures in parentheses=annual rate of change)

1,759 million Christians in mid-1990
ANNUAL CHRISTIAN GAINS (c=a+b):
a. Births p.a. 47.5 million (2.7% p.a.)
b. Conversions p.a. 17.6 million (1.0% p.a.)
c. New Christians (-a+b) 65.1 million (3.7% p.a.)
d. Baptisms (-80% of c) 52.8 million (3.0% p.a.)
ANNUAL CHRISTIAN LOSSES (g=e+f):
e. Deaths p.a. -19.4 million (-1.1% p.a.)
f. Defections p.a. -7.0 million (-0.4% p.a.)
g. Total losses p.a. (-e+f) -26.4 million (-1.5% p.a.)
ANNUAL CHRISTIAN INCREASE (h=c-g):
h. Net increase p.a. 38.7 million (2.2% p.a.)

GLOBAL CHURCH GROWTH IN 1990

50,000 new churches planted or opened a year
6,000 churches closed or suppressed a year
44,000 net increase in churches a year

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP BY CONTINENTS, 1990

(by UN macro regions)

Africa 231,054,000

Antarctica	960
East Asia	84,456,000
Europe	408,393,000
Latin America	437,450,000
Northern America	189,461,000
Oceania	18,184,000
South Asia	143,176,000
USSR	107,615,000

GLOBAL ECCLESIASTICAL TRADITIONS, 1990
(church membership; note that indented categories are selected subgroups and are not intended as a complete breakdown of the unindented line above them)

<i>Mutually exclusive categories:</i>	
Anglicans	53,820,000
Catholics (non-Roman)	3,823,000
Marginal Protestants	18,275,000
Non-White indigenous	143,824,000
Black pentecostals	24,000,000
Orthodox	179,517,000
Eastern Orthodox	145,140,000
Oriental Orthodox	32,280,000
Protestants	324,240,000
United churches members	76,022,000
Baptists	53,500,000
Lutherans	50,797,000
Reformed	45,800,000
Classical Pentecostals	45,622,000
Methodists	30,415,000
Adventists	10,000,000
Roman Catholics	962,633,000
Eastern-rite Catholics	10,600,000
Catholic Charismatics	72,063,000
<i>Other overlapping categories:</i>	
Pentecostals/Charismatics	372,651,000
Pentecostals (1st Wave of Renewal)	193,679,000
Charismatics (2nd Wave of Renewal)	140,572,000
Third-Wavers (3rd Wave of Renewal)	33,000,000
Evangelicals	295,000,000
Crypto-Christians	137,000,000

GLOBAL CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP, 1990

4.2 million full-time Christian workers (36% women)
950,000 ordained clergy, ministers, pastors, priests (5% women)
1 million professional theologians
20,000 professional missiologists
1 million seminarians in 4,600 seminaries
40,000 church leaders (18,000 bishops, 9,000 moderators or other denominational heads, 10,000 executive agency heads)

GLOBAL CONCILARIANISM IN 1990: worldwide networks of 6,000 councils of churches, Christian councils, alliances, fellowships

LOCAL OR SUBNATIONAL (each for a city, county, or province):
5,000 local councils of churches

NATIONAL (for one country each):
610 nationwide Christian councils, or councils of churches (45 with Roman Catholic Church as member)

PLURINATIONAL (for 2 or 3 countries each):
30 plurinational councils of churches

SUBCONTINENTAL:

55 regional councils

CONTINENTAL:

30 continent-wide councils of churches

GLOBAL:

20 world councils of churches, or world Christian councils

MISSIONARY:

70 mission councils at national or international level

CONFESSITIONAL (for one tradition each):
45 world confessional councils (Christian world communions)

PANCONFESSITIONAL:

1 Conference of Christian World Communions (40 member confessions)

GLOBAL HARVEST FORCE, 1990

No church is 100% Great Commission Christians
No church is 0% Great Commission Christians

GREAT COMMISSION CHRISTIANS:

(found within 9,000 ethnolinguistic peoples, and in 23,500 denominations)

1.8 billion potential Great Commission Christians

1.2 billion evangelizing Christians (the "force for evangelization")

700 million professing Great Commission Christians

500 million active Great Commission Christians (evangelizers, the "force for evangelism"), growing at 6.9% p.a.

300 million daily-evangelizing Christians (evangelists, daily evangelizers)

170 million daily intercessors

20 million in full-time prayer ministry

10 million pacifists opposed to weapons

3 million full-time Great Commission workers

30,000 Great Commission broadcasting personnel

60 million Great Commission computer users

10 million Great Commission computer professionals

120 million Christian pilgrims or more every year

25,000 Great Commission church and agency leaders

24,170 Christians martyred every month on average

GLOBAL FOREIGN MISSION, 1990

3,970 mission agencies

285,250 career foreign missionaries

180,000 short-term foreign missionaries

400 Great Commission research centers

GREAT COMMISSION NETWORKS, 1990

4,000 computerized networks

36 worldwide intercessory networks

56 global networks

9 global meganetworks

1 Great Commission giganetwork

