WRD-WCD Comparison

Below you will find a short overview of how the WRD and WCD complement each other and differ from each other. Special pricing is available for institutions who desire both.

World Religion Database (WRD)

- *Are there more Muslims or more Christians in the world?*
- *What is the religious demographic profile of China?*
- *Which U.S. state has the most Muslims?*
- *How fast is Hinduism growing in the Sweden?*
- *Are census figures available for religious affiliation in Brazil?*
- *What is the breakdown of Sunnis and Shi'as in Pakistan?*
- *What will be the largest religion in Nigeria in 2050?*

Features unique to the WRD
- Breakdown of major religions into traditions (*e.g.* the WRD is the only resource in the world to provide a Sunni-Shia breakdown for every country where Muslims reside)
- Access to source material on religious affiliation (censuses and surveys)
- For user comments a feedback mechanism is provided.

World Christian Database (WCD)

- *What are the world's fastest growing Christian denominations?*
- *How many Pentecostals are there in Latin America?*
- *What is the largest Christian tradition in Japan?*
- *What year did Presbyterians begin work in India?*
- *What is the largest mother tongue with no Bible translation?*
- *What cities have the fewest number of Christians?*
- *What percentage of Zimbabwe is Methodist or Baptist?*

Features unique to the WCD
- The only resource for detailed statistics on Christian traditions and denominations, listing no less than 9,000 Christian denominations.
- Detailed statistics on Christian evangelistic activities at country, people, province, and city level.
- Comprehensive treatment of Bible translation and distribution.
- Chronology of World Christianity (major new module with 7,500 entries)

Features in both databases
- Updated quarterly
- Population and 19 categories of religious adherents for every country and United Nations region
- Socio-demographic statistics for every country and United Nations region
- Basic religious breakdown for ethnolinguistic groups
- Multiple data points to compare growth rates (1900, 1950, 1970, 2000, 2005, 2025, 2050)

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WRD AND WCD PACKAGE

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The *World Religion Database* (WRD) contains detailed statistics on religious affiliation for every country in the world. It is *the* major source to render a definitive picture of international religious demography.

The WRD provides both current and historical data, as well as sophisticated forecasts of future developments. For each of the world's religions, best estimates at multiple dates for the period 1900 to 2050 are given.

The WRD also offers access to the sources which underlie the figures in the database, such as censuses and surveys. Through an interactive feedback mechanism users can leave comments on sources or methodology related to any figure reported in the WRD.

The WRD is constantly updated with new sets of data as they become available, such as estimates of religious affiliation at the province level and religious freedom information for all countries in the world.

No other database available today is as comprehensive.

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'The World Religion Database marks an important step for the study of global religion. It will be an indispensable resource for scholars, journalists and anyone else interested in this increasingly salient phenomenon.'
Peter L. Berger, Director, Institute on Culture, Religion and World Affairs, Boston University

'Whether as a researcher or as an interested citizen, it is enormously important to have good data on the shape of religion in today's world. This new resource makes that information reliable and accessible.'
Nancy T. Ammerman, Boston University

'Religion is constantly in the news. Effective contributions to these frequently crucial debates require accurate sources of data. The World Religion Database is one such – I recommend it very strongly.'
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J. Gordon Melton, Institute for the Study of American Religion, University of California, Santa Barbara

FEATURES

- Global comparative figures for every major religion
- Population and religious adherents for every country and United Nations region
- Access to source material on religious affiliation (census and survey figures)
- Breakdown of major religions into traditions (e.g. Sunni-Shi'as within Islam)
- Multiple data points to compare growth rates (1900, 1950, 1970, 2000, 2005, 2025, 2050)
- Feedback mechanism for users to comment on data, sources and methodology
- Updated quarterly
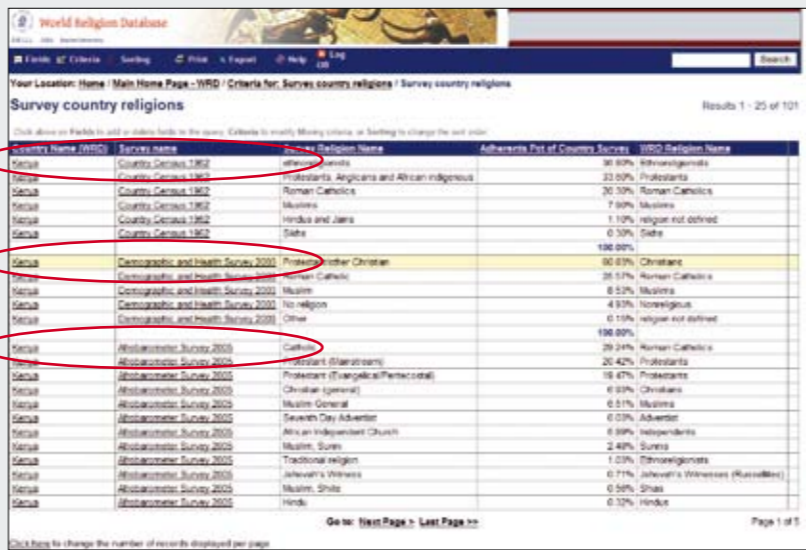
DATABASE FUNCTIONALITY

- Sort, Modify, Print, or Export query results
- Customize reports and download data to generate charts, tables, and graphs
- Simple keyword search
- Browse pre-formatted directories on country, peoples, religions, etc.
- Access user stats (librarians only)

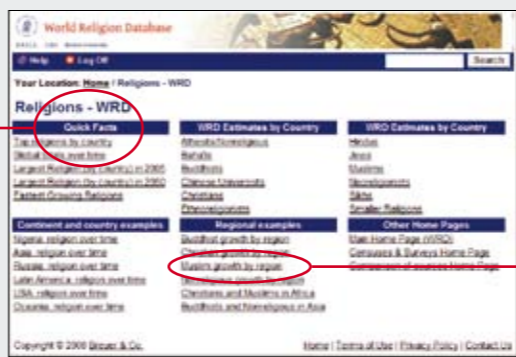View all surveys and their results.

Examine religious statistics per country.

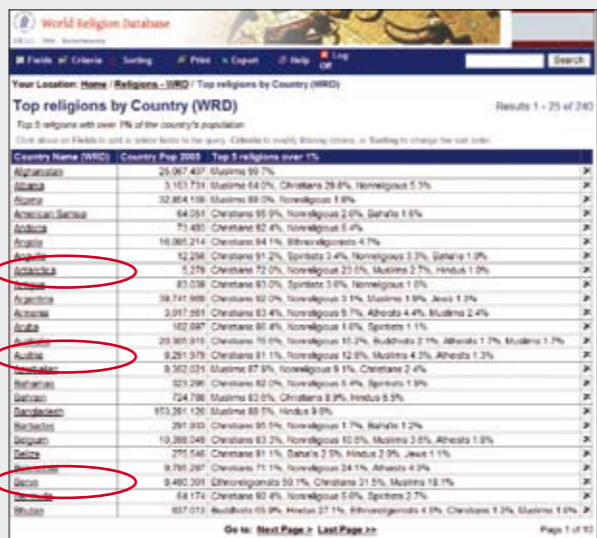Analyse changes in religious demography over time.

Use the quick facts for overviews of major changes in religious demography over time.

Analyse religious growth in specific regions.

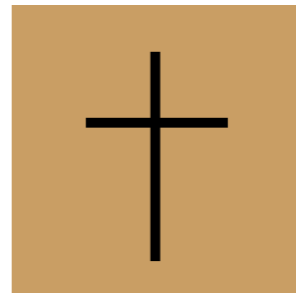Compare religious percentages for worldwide populations.

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- 9,000 Denominations
- 13,000 Ethnolinguistic Peoples
- 5,000 Cities
- 3,000 Provinces
- 238 Countries
- The *World Christian Database* is updated quarterly

As of 2007 Brill is also the publisher of the *World Christian Database*, which complements the *World Religion Database*. The WCD is updated quarterly. It includes detailed information on 9,000 Christian denominations and on religions in every country of the world. Extensive data are available on 238 countries and 13,000 ethnolinguistic peoples, as well as on 5,000 cities and 3,000 provinces.

This extraordinary database is an invaluable reference tool for professionals, scholars, students, agencies, health organizations, and news media. Information is readily available on religious activities, growth rates, religious literature, worker activity, and demography. Additional secular data is included on population, health, education, languages, and communication. All this information makes the WCD an invaluable resource for anyone interested in Christian and religious demography and the history of Christianity.

Thousands of sources are evaluated and reviewed on a weekly basis by a professional staff dedicated to expanding and updating the WCD. There is no other resource completely focused on providing global statistics on World Christianity today.
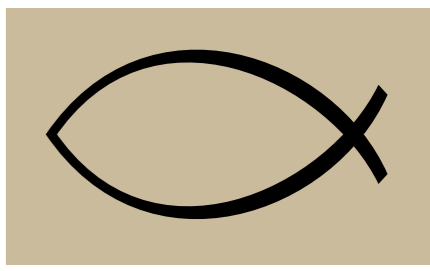
Sources

A large majority of the data collected for the WCD comes from published and unpublished sources, field work, interviews, and questionnaires.

- Around 5,000 statistical questionnaires returned by churches and national collaborators over the period 1982-present;
- Field surveys and interviews on the spot in over 200 countries;
- A mass of unpublished documentation on all countries, collected on the field, including reports, memoranda, photographs, maps, statistical summaries, and historical documents;
- Around 4,500 printed contemporary descriptions of churches, describing denominations, movements, countries and confessions;
- Officially-published reports of 500 government-organized national censuses of population;
- A series of in-depth interviews with bishops, church leaders, and theologians.

PRICE INFORMATION

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'The World Christian Database is a valuable resource for faculty, students, and religious practitioners seeking information about the religious characteristics of all countries in the world.'
Robert Wuthnow, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University

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Major New Module

In our ongoing efforts to provide the most comprehensive information on World Christianity, Brill is pleased to announce that the *World Christian Database* now includes the Chronology of World Christianity comprising over 7,500 entries. This Chronology lists all significant Christian and religious events from the birth of Christ to AD 2000.

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- Population and Adherents (for 1900, 1970, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2025, 2050)
- Demographics (birth rate, adult percentage, life expectancy)
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