

Preston Hunter, ein Amerikaner in Florida, hat - aus persönlichem Interesse - die wohl umfangreichste Sammlung von statistischen Angaben über Religionen in der ganzen Welt zusammengetragen. Seine Internetseite (<http://www.adherents.com>) ist ein einzigartiges Kompendium dieser Art.

In der folgenden Auflistung sind von ihm die **Religionsgemeinschaften** zusammengestellt worden, die **mehr als 1 Million Mitglieder** haben. (Begonnen wurde diese Zusammenstellung 1999, die letzte Aktualisierung war 2005.)

<u>Religious Body</u>	<u>Number of Adherents</u>
Catholic Church**	1,100,000,000
<u>Sunni Islam*</u>	1,000,000,000
<u>Eastern Orthodox Church*</u>	225,000,000
<u>Jinja Honcho*</u>	83,000,000
<u>Anglican Communion*</u>	76,000,000
<u>Assemblies of God*</u>	50,000,000
Ethiopian Orthodox Church	35,000,000
<u>Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland (EKD)*</u>	27,400,000
Sikhism	23,000,000
Juche (North Korea)	19,000,000
<u>Southern Baptist Convention*</u>	16,000,000
Jehovah's Witnesses**	15,597,746
Seventh-day Adventist Church	<u>12,894,005</u>
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	12,275,822
<u>United Methodist Church*</u>	11,708,887
Soka Gakkai	11,000,000
New Apostolic Church	10,260,000
Ahmadiyya *	10,000,000
Veerashaivas (Lingayats)	10,000,000
Coptic Orthodox	10,000,000
Sathya Sai Baba	10,000,000
Church of Uganda	8,000,000
Chogy Buddhism	8,000,000
Church of Sweden	7,143,292
Church of God in Christ	6,500,000
Kimbanguist Church	6,500,000
Bahai World Faith	6,000,000
Universal Church of the Kingdom of God (Igreja Universal do Reino de Deus)	6,000,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	5,500,000
China Christian Council	5,000,000

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Rissho Koseikai	5,000,000
Swaminarayanism	5,000,000
Aglipayan Church	4,500,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland	4,400,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark	4,350,000
Iglesia ni Cristo (<i>mostly in the Philippines</i>)	4,000,000
Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee)	4,000,000
Kale Heywet (SIM, Ethiopia)	4,000,000
Church of Norway (Evangelical Lutheran)	3,850,000
Church of South India	3,800,000
Armenian Apostolic Church	3,500,000
Christian Congregation (Brazil)	3,120,000
National Baptist Convention of America	3,106,000
"God is Love" Pentecostal Church (<i>Igreja Pentecostal "Deus e Amo"</i>)	3,000,000
Zion Christian Church (South Africa)	3,000,000
Cao Dai	3,000,000
Ch'on dogyo	3,000,000
Church of the Lord Aladura	3,000,000
Reiyukai	3,000,000
United Church of Canada	3,000,000
International Church of the Foursquare Gospel	2,863,232
Balinese Hinduism	2,800,000
Christian and Missionary Alliance	2,644,296
Netherlands Reformed Church (NHK)	2,600,000
Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod	2,582,440
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)	2,560,201
Protestant Christian Batak Church (<i>Huria Kristen Batak Protestan -- HKBP, Indonesia</i>)	2,500,000
Evangelical Churches of West Africa	2,500,000
Progressive National Baptist Convention	2,500,000
Tenrikyo	2,350,000
United Pentecostal Church International	2,300,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania	2,200,000
Presbyterian Church of Korea (Haptong)	2,094,338
Africa Inland Church (Kenya)	2,000,000
Brazil for Christ	2,000,000
Churches of Christ	2,000,000
Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar	2,000,000
Syrian Orthodox Church ("Jacobite")	2,000,000
Radhasoami	2,000,000

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United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism	2,000,000
True (Old Calendar) Orthodox Church of Greece	2,000,000
Reformed Church in Hungary	2,000,000
American Muslim Society	2,000,000
Presbyterian Church of Korea (Tonghap)	1,660,248
Council of Baptist Churches of NE India	1,630,000
Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus	1,625,994
Baptist Bible Fellowship International	1,600,000
Salvation Army	1,500,000
Myanmar Baptist Convention	1,500,000
Malagasy Lutheran Church (Madagascar)	1,500,000
American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A.	1,455,855
Brazilian Baptist Convention	1,440,000
Dutch Reformed Church (NGK; South Africa)	1,403,180
Alawi	1,400,000
Council of Evangelical Methodist Churches of Latin America and the Caribbean	1,400,000
Uniting Church in Australia	1,386,000
United Church of Christ	1,377,320
Christ Apostolic Church (Nigeria)	1,300,000
Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Reform)	1,300,000
Pentecostal Church of Indonesia	1,280,000
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church	1,252,369
Church of Central Africa, Presbyterian (CCAP; Malawi)	1,250,000
Nigerian Baptist Convention	1,250,000
Church of the Nazarene	1,216,657
African Methodist Episcopal Church	1,200,000
Divine Light Mission	1,200,000
Church of God Miss. Intl. (Nigeria)	1,200,000
British Methodist Church	1,200,000
Church of North India	1,125,000
Christian Churches and Churches of Christ	1,070,000
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	1,043,943
United Orthodox Jewish Congregation of America	1,043,943
Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, USA	1,050,000
Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil	1,000,000
ISKCON	1,000,000
Syrian Orthodox Church of Malabar (Mar Thoma)	1,000,000
National Primitive Baptist Convention of the U.S.A.	1,000,000

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Pentecostal Assemblies of the World	1,000,000
PL Kyodan	1,000,000
Sekai Kyuseikyo	1,000,000
Church of Christ in Nigeria	1,000,000
Unity Church	1,000,000
Igreja Evangelica Pentecostal (<i>Brazil</i>)	1,000,000
Church of Scotland	1,000,000
Sukyo Mahikari	1,000,000

bold = International religious body

* Most of the groups in this list are very clearly religious bodies, that is, they have a recognized central leadership and a single membership body. But a few groups listed here (*) might not be considered religious bodies in a strict sense.

** **Catholic Church:** Includes non-Latin Rites in communion with Rome, such as Ukrainian Catholics, Coptic Catholics, etc.

** **Jehovah's Witnesses:** This 15+ million figure is the approximate number of adherents -- intended to reflect all those who consider Jehovah's Witnesses their preferred faith, regardless of current activity status. Figure is based on reported once-a-year memorial attendance (adjusted). Actual number of publishers was 6 million worldwide in 1999. Worldwide, the number of practicing Jehovah's Witnesses may actually be higher than the number of practicing Anglicans.

(⇒ *Religionszugehörigkeiten, Weltweit, nach kontinentalen Arealen*)

(⇒ *Religionszugehörigkeiten, USA, „Top Twenty“, 2001*)

(⇒ *Religionsgemeinschaften, Deutschland, detailliert, 2003*)