

World Population and Membership—History and Projections

Year	Church Membership at End of Year	Annual Growth Rate	Prev. 5 Year Avg Annual Growth Rate	Prev. 10 Year Avg Annual Growth Rate	Prev. 20 Year Avg Annual Growth Rate	Mid-Year World Population	Population to SDA Ratio				
1863	3,500					1,306,000,000	373,143				
1870	5,440					1,360,000,000	250,000				
1880	15,570			111.09%		1,443,000,000	92,678				
1890	29,711			106.68%	108.86%	1,532,000,000	51,563				
1900	75,767			109.81%	108.23%	1,628,000,000	21,487				
1910	104,526			103.27%	106.49%	1,740,000,000	16,647				
1920	185,450			105.90%	104.58%	1,861,000,000	10,035				
1930	314,253			105.42%	105.66%	2,070,000,000	6,587				
1940	504,752			104.85%	105.13%	2,296,000,000	4,549				
1950	756,812			104.13%	104.49%	2,520,000,000	3,330				
1960	1,245,125			105.10%	104.62%	3,022,000,000	2,427				
1970	2,051,864	105.058%	105.39%	105.12%	105.11%	3,698,000,000	1,802				
1971	2,145,061	104.542%	105.24%	105.07%		3,771,000,000	1,758				
1972	2,261,403	105.424%	105.29%	105.20%		3,845,000,000	1,700				
1973	2,390,124	105.692%	105.31%	105.28%		3,920,000,000	1,640				
1974	2,521,429	105.494%	105.24%	105.27%		3,998,000,000	1,586				
1975	2,666,484	105.753%	105.38%	105.38%		4,077,000,000	1,529				
1976	2,810,606	105.405%	105.55%	105.40%		4,148,000,000	1,476				
1977	2,949,758	104.951%	105.46%	105.37%		4,220,000,000	1,431				
1978	3,117,535	105.688%	105.46%	105.38%		4,293,000,000	1,377				
1979	3,308,191	106.116%	105.58%	105.41%		4,368,000,000	1,320				
1980	3,480,518	105.209%	105.47%	105.43%	105.27%	4,414,000,000	1,268				
1981	3,668,087	105.389%	105.47%	105.51%	105.29%	4,492,000,000	1,225				
1982	3,897,814	106.263%	105.73%	105.60%	105.39%	4,585,000,000	1,176				
1983	4,140,206	106.219%	105.84%	105.65%	105.47%	4,677,000,000	1,130				
1984	4,424,612	106.869%	105.99%	105.78%	105.53%	4,762,000,000	1,076				
1985	4,716,859	106.605%	106.27%	105.87%	105.63%	4,845,000,000	1,027				
1986	5,092,503	107.964%	106.78%	106.12%	105.76%	4,942,000,000	970				
1987	5,445,249	106.927%	106.92%	106.32%	105.85%	5,026,000,000	923				
1988	5,816,767	106.823%	107.04%	106.44%	105.91%	5,128,000,000	882				
1989	6,260,617	107.631%	107.19%	106.59%	106.00%	5,234,000,000	836				
1990	6,694,880	106.936%	107.26%	106.76%	106.09%	5,321,000,000	795				
1991	7,102,976	106.096%	106.88%	106.83%	106.17%	5,384,000,000	758				
1992	7,498,653	105.571%	106.61%	106.76%	106.18%	5,420,000,000	723				
1993	7,962,210	106.182%	106.48%	106.76%	106.20%	5,506,000,000	692				
1994	8,382,558	105.279%	106.01%	106.60%	106.19%	5,607,000,000	669				
1995	8,812,555	105.130%	105.65%	106.45%	106.16%	5,702,000,000	647				
1996	9,296,127	105.487%	105.53%	106.20%	106.16%	5,771,000,000	621				
1997	9,702,834	104.375%	105.29%	105.95%	106.13%	5,840,000,000	602				
1998	10,163,414	104.747%	105.00%	105.74%	106.09%	5,926,000,000	583				
1999	10,939,182	107.633%	105.47%	105.74%	106.16%	5,982,000,000	547				
2000	11,687,229	106.838%	105.81%	105.73%	106.24%	6,067,267,000	519				
2001	12,320,834	105.421%	105.80%	105.66%	106.25%	6,137,003,000	498				
2002	12,894,005	104.652%	105.85%	105.57%	106.16%	6,215,431,000	482				
	End-Year Membership Estimates (based on various average growth rates)					Population to SDA Ratios (based on various average growth rates)					
	Last Year	5 Year	10 Year	20 Year		Last Year	5 Year	10 Year	20 Year		
2003	13,493,840	13,648,524	13,612,199	13,688,825	6,310,549,597	468	462	464	461		
2004	14,225,388	14,439,538	14,382,960	14,543,743	6,386,027,015	449	442	444	439		
2005	14,996,595	15,276,396	15,197,363	15,452,054	6,460,553,564	431	423	425	418		
2006	15,809,612	16,161,755	16,057,880	16,417,092	6,534,313,358	413	404	407	398		
2007	16,666,706	17,098,426	16,967,123	17,442,401	6,607,621,138	396	386	389	379		
2008	17,570,266	18,089,382	17,927,848	18,531,744	6,680,395,690	380	369	373	360		
2009	18,522,810	19,137,771	18,942,973	19,689,120	6,752,407,908	365	353	356	343		
2010	19,526,996	20,246,920	20,015,577	20,918,779	6,823,634,553	349	337	341	326		
2011	20,585,621	21,420,351	21,148,915	22,225,235	6,894,404,759	335	322	326	310		
2012	21,701,639	22,661,789	22,346,426	23,613,284	6,965,043,510	321	307	312	295		
2013	22,878,160	23,975,176	23,611,743	25,088,021	7,035,510,372	308	293	298	280		
2014	24,118,464	25,364,681	24,948,706	26,654,862	7,105,742,995	295	280	285	267		
2015	25,426,009	26,834,717	26,361,372	28,319,557	7,175,675,066	282	267	272	253		
2016	26,804,440	28,389,950	27,854,026	30,088,219	7,245,288,991	270	255	260	241		
2017	28,257,602	30,035,319	29,431,199	31,967,340	7,314,461,124	259	244	249	229		
2018	29,789,544	31,776,046	31,097,676	33,963,820	7,382,998,412	248	232	237	217		
2019	31,404,538	33,617,659	32,858,513	36,084,987	7,450,875,958	237	222	227	206		
2020	33,107,086	35,566,004	34,719,054	38,338,629	7,518,010,600	227	211	217	196		
2021	34,901,935	37,627,268	36,684,944	40,733,019	7,584,381,714	217	202	207	186		
2022	36,794,090	39,807,995	38,762,148	43,276,948	7,649,912,460	208	192	197	177		
2023	38,788,824	42,115,107	40,956,969	45,979,755	7,714,476,341	199	183	188	168		
2024	40,891,700	44,555,931	43,276,067	48,851,362	7,778,073,178	190	175	180	159		
2025	43,108,580	47,138,215	45,726,479	51,902,311	7,840,660,355	182	166	171	151		
2026	45,445,645	49,870,158	48,315,640	55,143,804	7,902,342,365	174	158	164	143		
2027	47,909,410	52,760,434	51,051,407	58,587,740	7,963,212,293	166	151	156	136		
2028	50,506,745	55,818,218	53,942,080	62,246,763	8,023,194,171	159	144	149	129		
2029	53,244,889	59,053,220	56,996,431	66,134,305	8,082,254,314	152	137	142	122		
2030	56,131,479	62,475,709	60,223,729	70,264,639	8,140,344,240	145	130	135	116		
2031	59,969,881	66,104,822	63,674,350	74,651,786	8,197,534,217	137	124	129	110		
2032	64,070,763	69,944,743	67,322,679	79,312,855	8,253,863,919	129	118	123	104		

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Population Source: World Population Data Sheets of the Population Reference Bureau

Population Projections Source: US Bureau of the Census. <http://www.census.gov/ipc/www/worldpop.html> (Updated 5-10-2000)