

Throughout history, in modern Germany several census had been carried out. Since the reformation until the 1960s the majority of the German population was Protestant (mainly Lutherans belonging to the [Evangelical Church in Germany](#)) while approximatively one third of the population was [Catholic](#).^{[41][42]}After the [German reunification](#), the religious landscape was significantly changed, as found by the 2011 Census, the first one since the 1960s.

The latest census in 2011 found that Christianity was the religion of 53,257,550 people or 66.8% of the total population, among whom 24,869,380 or 31.2% were Catholics, 24,552,110 or 30.8% were Protestants of the Evangelical Church in Germany, 714,360 or 0.9% were members of Protestant [free churches](#), and 1,050,740 or 1.3% were members of [Eastern Orthodox](#) and [Oriental Orthodox](#) churches. A further 2.6% was affiliated to any other Christian denomination. Jews were 83,430 people or 0.1%, and 4,137,140 or 5.2% were members of other religions. The remaining 22,223,010 people, or 27.9% of the total German population, were not believers in or not members of any religion (including atheists, agnostics and believers in unrecognised religions).^[3]

Religion in Germany according to the censuses 1910–2011^{[41][42]}The source for the years in *italics* is the church membership count.^{[43][44][45]}

Religion	1910 ^[α]		1925 ^[β]		1933 ^[β]		1939 ^[β]		1946 ^[γ]		1950 ^[γ]		1960s ^{[γ][δ]}		1990		2001		2011 ^{[3][46][47]}	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Christianity	63,812,000	98.3	60,208,000	96.5	62,037,000	95.2	65,127,000	94.0	59,973,519	94.9	65,514,677	94.7	65,455,144	89.4	<i>57,947,000</i>	73.2	<i>52,742,000</i>	64.1	53,257,550	66.8
– EKD and Free Churches	39,991,000	61.6	40,015,000	64.1	40,865,000	62.7	42,103,000	60.8	37,240,625	59.0	40,974,217	59.2	39,293,907	53.7	<i>29,422,000</i>	37.2	<i>26,454,000</i>	32.2	25,266,470	31.7
– Catholicism	23,821,000	36.7	20,193,000	32.4	21,172,000	32.5	23,024,000	33.2	22,732,894	35.9	24,540,460	35.5	26,161,237	35.7	<i>28,525,000</i>	36.1	<i>26,288,000</i>	32.0	24,869,380	31.2
– Orthodox Christianity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,050,740	1.3
– Other Christians	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,070,960	2.6
Judaism	615,000	1.0	564,000	0.9	500,000	0.8	222,000	0.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	84,430	0.1
Other ^[ε]	498,000	0.7	1,639,000	2.6	2,681,000	4.0	3,966,000	5.7	623,956	1.0 ^[ζ]	752,575	1.1	1,089,673	1.5	-	-	-	-	4,137,140	5.2
No religion	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,190,629	1.5	2,572,369	4.1 ^[η]	3,438,020	4.9	7,459,914	10.2	-	-	-	-	22,223,010	27.9
Total population	64,926,000	100	62,411,000	100	65,218,000	100	69,314,000	100	63,169,844	100	69,187,072	100	73,178,431	100	79,112,831	100	82,259,540	100	79,652,360	100

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- [German Empire](#) borders.
- [Weimar Republic](#) borders, i.e. German state borders of 31 December 1937.
- Aggregated data from the [Federal Republic of Germany](#) and from the [Democratic Republic of Germany](#), excluding the [Saar Protectorate](#) until 1956.
- The censuses were carried out in different years; that of West Germany was done on 6 June 1961 while that of East Germany was done on 31 December 1964.
- Data from 1910 to 1939 included non-religious Germans, non-religious Jews, and people of non-Christian religions, while religious Jews were counted separately. From 1939 onwards non-religious people were counted separately. Data from 1946 to the 1960s included Jews, who otherwise did not have a separate category.
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Church figures and other estimates