

Table 74. Self-Identified Religious Identification of Adult Population: 1990 and 2001

[In thousands (175,440 represents 175,440,000). The American Religious Identification Survey (ARIS) 2001 was based on a random digit-dialed telephone survey of 50,281 American residential households in the continental U.S.A. (48 states). Respondents were asked to describe themselves in terms of religion with an open-ended question. Interviewers did not prompt or offer a suggested list of potential answers. Moreover, the self-description of respondents was not based on whether established religious bodies, institutions, churches, mosques, or synagogues considered them to be members. Quite the contrary, the survey sought to determine whether the respondents themselves regarded themselves as adherents of a religious community. Subjective rather than objective standards of religious identification were tapped by the surveys]

Religious group	1990	2001	Religious group	1990	2001
Adult population, total ¹	175,440	207,980	Fundamentalist	27	61
Total Christian	151,496	159,506	Salvation Army	27	25
Catholic	46,004	50,873	Independent Christian Church	25	71
Baptist	33,964	33,830	Total other religions.	5,853	7,740
Protestant—no denomination supplied	17,214	4,647	Jewish	3,137	2,831
Methodist/Wesleyan	14,174	14,150	Muslim/Islamic.	527	1,104
Lutheran	9,110	9,580	Buddhist	401	1,082
Christian—no denomination supplied.	8,073	14,150	Unitarian/Universalist	502	629
Presbyterian	4,985	5,596	Hindu	227	766
Pentecostal/Charismatic	3,191	4,407	Native American	47	103
Episcopalian/Anglican	3,042	3,451	Scientologist	45	55
Mormon/Latter-Day Saints	2,487	2,787	Bahá'í	28	84
Churches of Christ	1,769	2,593	Taoist	23	40
Jehovah's Witness	1,381	1,331	New Age	20	68
Seventh-Day Adventist	668	724	Eckankar	18	26
Assemblies of God.	660	1,106	Rastafarian	14	11
Holiness/Holy	610	569	Sikh	13	57
Congregational/United Church of Christ	599	1,378	Wiccan	8	134
Church of the Nazarene	549	544	Deity	6	49
Church of God	531	944	Druid.	(NA)	33
Orthodox (Eastern)	502	645	Santeria	(NA)	22
Evangelical ²	242	1,032	Pagan	(NA)	140
Mennonite	235	346	Spiritualist	(NA)	116
Christian Science.	214	194	Ethical Culture.	(NA)	4
Church of the Brethren	206	358	Other unclassified	837	386
Born Again ²	204	56	No religion specified, total	14,331	29,481
Nondenominational ²	195	2,489	Atheist	(NA)	902
Disciples of Christ	144	492	Agnostic.	1,186	991
Reformed/Dutch Reform	161	289	Humanist	29	49
Apostolic/New Apostolic	117	254	Secular	(NA)	53
Quaker	67	217	No religion	13,116	27,486
Full Gospel	51	168	Refused to reply to question.	4,031	11,246
Christian Reform	40	79			
Foursquare Gospel	28	70			

NA Not available. ¹ Refers to the total number of adults in all fifty states. All other figures are based on projections from surveys conducted in the continental United States (48 states). ² Because of the subjective nature of replies to open-ended questions, these categories are the most unstable as they do not refer to clearly identifiable denominations as much as underlying feelings about religion. Thus they may be the most subject to fluctuation over time.

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