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19%

NOW ATTEND
RELIGIOUS SERVICES
WEEKLY

16.9M

EKD MEMBERS IN
2026 (ESTIMATE)

~38%

AGED 70 OR OVER IN
2026 (ESTIMATE)

ABOUT THIS DOSSIER

Church: statistics and facts

Every Business Stats report on Church in one place: 9 reports, from Sweden (3 reports), Weekly (2 reports) and Germany (2 reports).

The reports put numbers on it, for example ~19k (Married 2010), 19% (Now Attend Religious Services Weekly), 16.9M (EKD Members in 2026 (Estimate)) and ~38% (Aged 70 or Over in 2026 (Estimate)).

Freshly updated: Church of Sweden Marriages 2010-2026: Numbers & Trend and Church Attendance in Italy 2001-2026: Weekly Mass Halved. New and updated reports appear here automatically, the last change was on Oct 18, 2026. Each report lists its sources and lets you download its charts and data.

KEY FIGURES AT A GLANCE

FIGURE	WHAT IT MEASURES	REPORT
~19k	Married 2010	Church of Sweden Marriages 2010-2026: Numbers & Trend
19%	Now Attend Religious Services Weekly	Church Attendance in Italy 2001-2026: Weekly Mass Halved
16.9M	EKD Members in 2026 (Estimate)	How Many Members Does Germany Evangelical Church Have? 2026
~38%	Aged 70 or Over in 2026 (Estimate)	How Old Are Church of England Churchgoers? 2014-2026
~5k	Joined 2010	New Members of the Church of Sweden 2010-2026 by Year
70%	Members 2010	Church Members in Sweden: % of Population 2010-2026



~710k

Average Weekly Attendance in 2026
(Estimate)

How Many Attend the Church of England
Weekly? 2009-2026

EUR 6.6B

Catholic Church Net Tax Revenue in
2026 (Estimate)

How Much Church Tax Does Germany Catholic
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Sweden

3 reports

1.1

Church of Sweden Marriages 2010-2026: Numbers & Trend

Updated Jun 22, 2026

~19k

MARRIED 2010

~8k

2020-21 LOW

~11k

MARRIED 2026

27%

OF MARRIAGES

-43%

SINCE 2010

2020

RECORD LOW

Marriages in the Church of Sweden 2010-2026: from 19,000 to a record low and back. Every key number in one guide.

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/sweden-number-of-marriages-performed-by-church-of-sweden

1.2

New Members of the Church of Sweden 2010-2026 by Year

Updated Jun 20, 2026

~5k

JOINED 2010

12,135

RECORD 2021

~18k

JOINED 2025

>10k

SINCE 2017

49%

MEMBERS 2026

New members joining the Church of Sweden rose from about 5,000 in 2010 to a record near 18,000 by 2025, led by young Swedes, even as total membership fell.

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/sweden-number-of-new-church-members



1.3

Church Members in Sweden: % of Population 2010-2026

Updated Jun 20, 2026

70%

MEMBERS 2010

~49%

MEMBERS 2026

~5.4M

MEMBERS 2024

-1pp

PER YEAR

82%

IN 2000

~14k

JOINED 2024

Church members as a percentage of Sweden population fell from 70% in 2010 to about 49% by 2026, as the Church of Sweden lost about one point of members a year.

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/sweden-church-members-as-a-percentage-of-total-population



02

Weekly

2 reports

2.1

Church Attendance in Italy 2001-2026: Weekly Mass Halved

Updated Jun 5, 2026

19%

NOW ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES
WEEKLY

36.4%

ATTENDED WEEKLY BACK IN 2001

10M

WEEKLY ATTENDEES, DOWN FROM
19M

2017

YEAR "NEVER" OVERTOOK "WEEKLY"

31%

OF ITALIANS NOW NEVER ATTEND

78%

STILL IDENTIFY AS CATHOLIC

Weekly church attendance in Italy fell from 36.4% in 2001 to about 19% by 2026, with under 10 million people now at a religious service each week. ISTAT data.

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/weekly-church-attendance-in-italy

2.2

How Many Attend the Church of England Weekly? 2009-2026

Updated Jun 2, 2026

~710k

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE IN
2026 (ESTIMATE)

1.13M

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE IN 2009 - THE
STARTING POINT

854k

IN 2019, JUST BEFORE THE
PANDEMIC HIT

-218k

FALL IN ATTENDANCE BETWEEN
2009 AND 2019

~1%

OF ENGLAND'S POPULATION
ATTENDS WEEKLY

4 years

OF CONSECUTIVE POST-COVID
GROWTH

Average weekly Church of England attendance fell from about 1.13 million in 2009 to 854,000 in 2019, crashed in COVID, and recovered to around 710,000 by 2026.

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/church-of-england-attendance-by-service-uk



03

Germany

2 reports

3.1

How Many Members Does Germany Evangelical Church Have? 2026

Updated Jun 2, 2026

16.9M

EKD MEMBERS IN 2026 (ESTIMATE)

25.8M

EKD MEMBERS IN 2004 - THE
STARTING POINT

-9M

MEMBERS LOST SINCE 2004 (ABOUT
35%)

~580k

MEMBERS LOST IN 2024 ALONE

~20%

OF GERMANY'S POPULATION IS EKD
PROTESTANT

20

REGIONAL CHURCHES IN THE EKD
FEDERATION

The Evangelical Church in Germany (EKD) had about 16.9 million members in 2026, down from 25.8 million in 2004 - a loss of nearly 9 million. See the decline.

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/evangelical-church-members-germany

3.2

How Much Church Tax Does Germany Catholic Church Collect?

Updated Jun 1, 2026

EUR 6.6B

CATHOLIC CHURCH NET TAX
REVENUE IN 2026 (ESTIMATE)

EUR 6.85B

THE ALL-TIME RECORD, REACHED IN
2022

EUR 4.0B

THE STARTING POINT IN 1991

+65%

NOMINAL RISE IN REVENUE SINCE
1991

8-9%

CHURCH TAX RATE (OF INCOME
TAX, NOT SALARY)

~321k

CATHOLICS WHO LEFT THE CHURCH
IN A RECENT YEAR

Germany Catholic Church earned about EUR 6.6 billion in net church tax in 2026, near its 2022 record of EUR 6.85 billion. See the 1991-2026 trend.



Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/catholic-church-net-tax-revenue-germany



04

More statistics

2 reports

4.1

How Old Are Church of England Churchgoers? 2014-2026

Updated Jun 2, 2026

~38%

AGED 70 OR OVER IN 2026
(ESTIMATE)

28%

WERE AGED 70+ IN 2014 - THE
STARTING POINT

~45%

AGED 18 TO 69 - THE MIDDLE GROUP

+10pp

RISE IN THE OVER-70 SHARE SINCE
2014

~17%

AGED 17 OR UNDER - DOWN FROM
22% IN 2014

70+

NOW THE LARGEST SINGLE AGE
BAND

By 2026 an estimated 38% of regular Church of England Sunday attendees are aged 70 or over, up from 28% in 2014, while under-18s fell to about 17%.

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/church-of-england-attendance-by-age

4.2

What Religion Is Finland in 2026? Lutheran Church and Beyond

Updated May 31, 2026

59.5%

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH -
FINLAND'S LARGEST COMMUNITY

90%

LUTHERAN SHARE IN 1980 - DOWN
TO UNDER 60% TODAY

37.7%

RELIGIOUSLY UNAFFILIATED - THE
FASTEST-GROWING GROUP

5.6M

FINLAND'S TOTAL POPULATION
ACROSS ALL COMMUNITIES

1.0%

FINNISH ORTHODOX CHURCH - THE
SECOND-LARGEST CHURCH

~3.3M

LUTHERAN CHURCH MEMBERS IN
FINLAND IN 2026

In 2026 around 59.5% of Finland's 5.6M people belong to the Evangelical Lutheran Church, while 37.7% are unaffiliated. Full breakdown by religious community.



Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/population-by-religious-community-in-finland

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