

**Peter Brierley estimates of church attendance in Britain, 1980-2015**

**Total Church Attendance in England 1980-2015**

England	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015
Anglican	1370400	1264600	1259800	1126700	963300	870600	780000	660000
Baptist	286900	274000	271600	275800	270900	254800	242100	226000
Catholic	2064000	1851500	1571300	1360500	1090400	893100	736600	608000
Independent	239200	252900	258100	198900	186100	190500	174500	170000
Methodist	606400	560500	506400	433100	372600	289400	248800	200000
New Churches	75000	124700	174600	213100	195500	183600	178400	166000
Orthodox	10200	11300	12700	20500	25300	25600	25900	26100
Pentecostal	221100	225800	235900	228600	233300	287600	289300	298000
United Reformed	188300	163000	141500	127900	112000	69900	55700	33100
Other Churches	139800	116800	112100	99300	94800	101100	91500	87000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5201300</b>	<b>4845100</b>	<b>4544000</b>	<b>4084400</b>	<b>3544200</b>	<b>3166200</b>	<b>2822800</b>	<b>2474200</b>
% of population	11.1	10.2	9.4	8.3	7.2	6.3	5.5	4.7

Sources: Religious Trends 3 (published 2002/3) and Religious Trends 7 (published 2008). Estimates for 2015 data from Religious Trends 7, but note its 1990, 1995 and 2000 figures are taken from Table 2

**Total Church Attendance in Wales 1980-2015**

Wales	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015
Church in Wales	108200	100100	85000	71900	62300	56800	50600	42000
Baptist	47900	42500	34700	27300	22500	19000	13800	11700
Catholic	75800	72200	58300	50200	43800	37500	34100	28000
Methodist	27000	23900	19500	17200	15600	13900	13200	11100
Presbyterian Church	55600	46100	35100	29500	23800	19400	15900	12600
Union of Welsh Ind	34800	31000	24400	19900	16300	13300	10900	8400
Other Churches	46500	48000	43500	40400	39500	40400	38200	35900
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>395800</b>	<b>363800</b>	<b>300500</b>	<b>256400</b>	<b>223800</b>	<b>200300</b>	<b>176700</b>	<b>149700</b>
% of population	14.1	12.9	10.6	9.0	7.7	6.7	5.8	4.8

Sources: 1980, 1985 data first published as Table 2.23.2 in Religious Trends 3, from which adult figures taken

**Total Church Attendance in Scotland 1980-2015**

Scotland	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015
Episcopal	17900	19600	19900	20100	19500	18500	18300	18000
Baptist	30200	28700	25900	24500	24800	24000	23500	23200
Catholic	367100	353500	283600	250400	211200	215200	202100	176000
Church of Scotland	371100	351000	320800	281800	248600	208400	169300	145700
Independent	41400	39800	44400	45000	45000	45800	47100	49700
Other Presbyterian	32300	28600	26000	23100	22600	20300	18600	18000
Other Churches	27200	29200	30500	31600	30700	27600	27200	27000
<b>Total</b>	<b>887200</b>	<b>850400</b>	<b>751100</b>	<b>676500</b>	<b>602400</b>	<b>559800</b>	<b>506100</b>	<b>457600</b>
% of population	<b>17.1</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>8.9</b>

Sources: 1980, 1985 estimates first published as Table 2.23.3 in *Religious Trends 3*. Adult figures taken fr

### Total Church Attendance in Great Britain 1980-2015

Great Britain	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015
TOTAL	6484300	6059300	5595600	5017300	4370400	3926300	3505600	3081500
% of population	<b>11.8</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>5.0</b>

Sources: 1980, 1985 data first published as Table 2.23.4 in *Religious Trends 3*. 1990-2015 data first publis

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shed as Table 2.24.4 in *Religious Trends 7*.

Adult figures taken from 2.14.1 in Religious Trends No. 2, 2000/2001. Children's figures from Prospects for the Future (1995) (Church of England figures include those of the Church of England and other Anglican churches pro rata for England), and United Reformed Church Table 8.12

*for Wales* (Bible Society and MARC Europe: 1983) p. 28; *Challenge to Change* (Bible Society: 1995), Table A3

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Christian Research and Church of Scotland: 2003), Table 4.11; the 2015 total is taken as the average of the proj

ected 2010 and 2020 totals.