

Biblical Nations and Bible Translation Statistics

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Go ye therefore, and teach all nations-Mt. 28:20

What is a Biblical Nation? See Genesis 11.

Any group of people who recognize themselves as having a *common lineage*, who speak a *distinct language*, who have *common laws* (written or oral), and who live in a prescribed *area of land*, are a nation in the sight of God (Charles Turner, Biblical Bible Translating)

Definition of Unreached Nation: Less than 2% evangelical.

Definition of Unreached-Unengaged Nation: An unreached nation that has had no gospel outreach (by any church or denomination) in the last two years, as far as is known.

World Statistics on Biblical Nations 2024:

Unreached People Groups by Continent

Source: Joshua Project

Continent ▲	Population	Total Countries	People Groups	Unreached Groups	Popl in Unreached	Est. Workers Needed *
Africa	1,490,520,000	58	3,749	972	426,403,000	8,885
Asia	4,891,421,000	50	7,470	5,400	2,949,738,000	61,294
Australia	37,029,000	2	1,092	35	1,487,000	44
Europe	602,591,000	51	1,959	461	28,498,000	872
North America	606,029,000	38	1,551	180	17,630,000	446
Oceania	8,676,000	25	488	39	474,000	42
South America	441,852,000	14	958	99	718,000	102
Totals: 7	8,078,118,000	238	17,267	7,186	3,424,947,000	71,685

*An estimate of the number of pioneer workers needed for initial church planting among unreached people groups by country. Estimates are calculated only for unreached people groups and are based on ratio of 1 worker-unit (single person or married couple) per 50,000 living in an unreached people group by country, or for example one team of four worker-units per 200,000 people. Some workers may already be onsite. Many more workers are needed beyond this initial estimate.

Bible Translation Statistics of the World's Languages as of December 2024:

Continent	Total Languages	Bible	NT Only	Portions	No Published Scripture
Africa	2222	293	498	432	999
Asia	2409	261	492	356	1300
Oceania	1339	53	337	220	729
Europe	316	76	45	86	109
Americas	1110	73	354	180	503
World	7396	756	1726	1274	3640

Wycliffe/statistics Bible Translation in Progress-The World in Number December 2024. Infographic page.

Statistics are often not as simple as they seem.

Out of the 3640 languages with no published Scripture, there are several hundred translation projects in progress.

Within the languages with whole Bibles and New Testaments, most have been translated from the corrupt United Bible Societies Greek text. Additionally, many have serious translation errors.

Some language groups could possibly be reached with another language Bible, such as Spanish, English, Swahili. However, even where a trade language exists that has a bible, many in the people group may only use the mother tongue to communicate. For example, everyone in Kenya is taught English, most speak Swahili, but some only use their tribal language. Ekegusii and Bukusu are such languages in western Kenya, preachers may study their English and Swahili bibles, then they will preach in Ekegusii and Bukusu.