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## Service Year Report of Jehovah's Witnesses Worldwide

# 2017 Grand Totals

Branches of Jehovah's Witnesses:	90
Number of Lands Reporting:	240
Total Congregations:	120,053
Worldwide Memorial Attendance:	20,175,477
Memorial Partakers Worldwide:	18,564
Peak of Publishers*:	8,457,107
Average Publishers Preaching Each Month:	8,248,982
Percentage of Increase Over 2016:	1.4
Total Number Baptized <sup>#</sup> :	284,212
Average Pioneer <sup>△</sup> Publishers Each Month:	1,249,946
Average Auxiliary Pioneer Publishers Each Month:	439,571
Total Hours Spent in Field:	2,046,000,202
Average Bible Studies <sup>⊠</sup> Each Month:	10,071,524

During the 2017 service year,<sup>□</sup> Jehovah's Witnesses spent over \$202 million in caring for special pioneers, missionaries, and circuit overseers in their field service assignments. ■ Worldwide, a total of 19,730 ordained ministers staff the branch facilities. All are members of the Worldwide Order of Special Full-Time Servants of Jehovah's Witnesses.

\* A publisher refers to one who actively publishes, or preaches, the good news of God's Kingdom. (Matthew 24:14) For a complete explanation of how this figure is determined, see the [jw.org](http://jw.org) article "How Many of Jehovah's Witnesses Are There Worldwide?"

<sup>#</sup> For more information on the steps leading to baptism as one of Jehovah's Witnesses, see the [jw.org](http://jw.org) article "How Do I Become One of Jehovah's Witnesses?"

<sup>△</sup> A pioneer is an exemplary baptized Witness who volunteers to spend a specified number of hours each month in preaching the good news.

<sup>⊠</sup> For more information, see the [jw.org](http://jw.org) article "What Is a Bible Study?"

<sup>□</sup> The 2017 service year ran from September 1, 2016, through August 31, 2017.

## Country and Territory Reports

Country or Territory	Population	2017 Peak Pubs.	Ratio, 1 Publisher to	% Inc. Over 2016	2017 No. Bptzd.	Av. Pio. Pubs.	No. of Congs.	Memorial Attendance
Albania	3,204,000	5,637	568	2	230	1,351	89	11,927
American Samoa	55,519	189	294	-11		38	3	625
Andorra	72,280	178	406	9	1	18	3	352
Angola	26,849,678	143,322	187	12	11,758	19,631	1,913	617,099
Anguilla	17,087	81	211	3	1	10	2	297
Antigua	91,889	485	189	1	15	49	7	1,398
Argentina	44,044,811	150,823	292	1	3,962	24,676	1,999	312,070
Armenia	2,986,500	10,974	272	-1	295	2,221	134	21,874
Aruba	105,000	1,072	98	3	34	87	14	2,879
Australia	24,658,074	67,748	364	1	1,272	6,348	798	116,274
Austria	8,773,686	21,567	407		411	1,667	301	34,712
Azerbaijan	9,810,000	1,414	6,938	2	72	349	14	2,865
Azores	245,283	755	325	1	25	90	15	1,512
Bahamas	395,000	1,702	232	-1	43	244	27	4,375
Bangladesh	161,200,886	307	525,084	9	6	138	6	976
Barbados	292,336	2,529	116	-1	48	206	30	6,003
Belarus	9,495,500	5,913	1,606		186	1,205	78	9,767
Belgium	11,322,088	25,480	444		404	1,864	348	42,998
Belize	375,200	2,628	143	1	52	516	61	8,348
Benin	11,458,611	12,939	886	3	663	1,663	202	43,514
Bermuda	61,000	480	127	-3	6	89	5	990
Bolivia	11,145,770	27,699	402	4	976	5,947	372	80,663
Bonaire	25,000	131	191	-9		14	2	333
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3,531,159	1,144	3,087	-2	4	192	16	1,855
Botswana	2,351,673	2,245	1,048	3	68	295	44	6,550
Brazil	208,053,804	858,799	242	4	31,740	106,202	12,135	1,822,259
Britain	64,311,135	137,468	468		2,216	14,302	1,626	222,201
Bulgaria	7,085,000	2,475	2,863	2	51	690	56	5,327
Burkina Faso	19,173,322	1,863	10,292	4	69	279	46	5,009
Burundi	9,564,000	13,927	687	3	768	2,091	267	51,909
Cambodia	15,517,635	1,120	13,855	10	42	617	14	2,791
Cameroon	24,994,885	43,092	580	2	1,517	4,945	461	100,674
Canada	36,766,975	115,580	318		1,902	12,939	1,406	183,587
Cape Verde	560,899	2,239	251	2	103	423	33	7,374
Cayman Islands	62,000	257	241	3	6	31	3	631
Central African Republic	4,659,000	2,763	1,686	3	182	326	53	17,255
Chad	14,900,000	863	17,265	13	59	76	18	4,312
Chile	18,373,917	78,603	234	1	1,872	13,201	991	175,877
Chuuk	48,651	46	1,058	-7		15	2	225
Colombia	49,465,000	173,802	285	2	6,380	27,056	2,359	515,800
Congo, Dem. Republic of	82,800,771	216,696	382	-2	14,276	20,685	3,763	1,156,482
Congo, Republic of	4,893,896	7,270	673	10	416	607	81	31,230
Cook Islands	18,100	213	85	1	1	30	3	547
Costa Rica	4,909,600	31,423	156	2	1,159	3,654	447	71,445
Côte d'Ivoire	23,865,304	11,948	1,997	3	498	1,682	324	75,233
Croatia	4,284,889	5,206	823	-3	85	478	60	7,944
Cuba	11,475,982	95,385	120		2,780	10,307	1,569	220,661
Curaçao	161,000	2,123	76		49	233	26	5,310
Cyprus	885,600	2,600	341	1	65	454	40	4,709
Czech Republic	10,588,063	15,587	679		226	1,263	219	25,837
Denmark	5,760,694	14,669	393		194	1,026	175	21,301
Dominica	73,897	453	163	-4	6	74	10	1,365
Dominican Republic	10,800,857	38,286	282	1	1,449	7,487	585	120,171
Ecuador	16,626,000	92,752	179	3	3,552	16,824	1,074	267,182
El Salvador	6,168,800	41,424	149	1	1,036	5,625	709	90,332
Equatorial Guinea	778,358	2,147	363	9	142	255	17	7,670
Estonia	1,315,635	4,053	325		61	516	56	6,159
Ethiopia	100,000,000	10,355	9,657	1	392	2,454	222	24,910
Falkland Islands	2,910	11	265			1	1	23
Faroe Islands	50,030	130	385	-3	1	28	4	186
Fiji	902,547	3,278	275	3	152	489	80	11,986
Finland	5,508,714	18,372	300	-1	236	2,105	291	25,447
France	64,979,548	128,980	504	1	2,472	15,219	1,708	220,124
French Guiana	282,731	2,614	108	3	93	428	49	10,049
Gabon	1,772,255	4,499	394	2	166	599	50	12,704
Gambia	2,105,164	213	9,883	-8	8	28	4	576
Georgia	3,718,200	18,150	205	-1	395	3,393	225	30,044

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Germany	82,315,658	165,470	497		2,839	13,699	2,118	267,296
Ghana	28,833,629	135,498	213	3	6,743	15,267	2,019	340,731
Gibraltar	32,348	124	261	-4		17	2	171
Greece	10,815,197	28,773	376		510	4,201	370	44,748
Greenland	55,860	173	323	3	1	39	5	348
Grenada	117,724	569	207	1	4	71	10	1,446
Guadeloupe	403,544	8,207	49		198	726	120	19,092
Guam	159,358	726	220		21	142	9	1,852
Guatemala	17,033,200	40,222	423	2	1,783	6,572	902	96,767
Guinea	13,371,995	929	14,394	7	55	119	20	3,728
Guinea-Bissau	1,865,108	170	10,971	8	5	45	3	745
Guyana	773,651	3,545	218	2	119	500	48	12,315
Haiti	9,993,000	20,472	488		1,057	2,853	290	79,415
Honduras	8,314,200	23,106	360		987	4,435	445	65,718
Hong Kong	7,389,500	5,452	1,355		454	1,041	63	9,101
Hungary	9,784,000	21,853	448	-2	392	1,942	295	37,831
Iceland	335,679	377	890		8	52	7	695
India	1,348,399,000	46,996	28,692	4	2,592	7,821	660	126,809
Indonesia	261,000,000	27,475	9,500	3	675	4,136	492	56,795
Ireland	6,632,107	6,747	983	3	68	1,001	120	12,082
Israel	8,952,000	1,707	5,244	5	46	268	30	3,594
Italy	60,589,445	251,192	241		4,542	36,938	2,955	431,035
Jamaica	2,890,000	11,525	251	-2	327	1,559	186	33,029
Japan	127,974,958	213,473	599		1,970	65,821	3,047	291,158
Kazakhstan	18,054,014	17,639	1,024	-1	411	3,781	260	30,112
Kenya	49,699,862	28,222	1,761	2	1,700	3,605	639	70,011
Kiribati	116,405	179	650	-5	11	34	4	403
Korea, Republic of	51,753,820	100,245	516		1,743	42,554	1,300	132,497
Kosovo	2,350,000	269	8,736	6	2	110	8	625
Kosrae	6,616	19	348	-15		5	1	106
Kyrgyzstan	6,140,000	5,235	1,173	1	225	1,184	71	10,067
Latvia	1,935,800	2,278	850	-1	42	336	36	3,366
Lesotho	2,189,902	4,067	538	1	230	470	90	9,955
Liberia	4,176,265	6,808	613	2	379	709	138	49,606
Liechtenstein	38,076	89	428	4	1	1	1	148
Lithuania	2,817,537	3,056	922		66	445	46	4,747
Luxembourg	590,667	2,172	272	1	59	165	33	3,889
Macao	648,400	305	2,126		5	74	4	630
Macedonia	2,072,490	1,320	1,570	-1	58	175	24	2,821
Madagascar	25,612,972	34,980	732	5	1,224	5,978	736	139,608
Madeira	254,876	1,119	228	-1	24	105	18	1,834
Malawi	18,422,948	93,412	197		10,854	7,127	1,540	315,784
Malaysia	31,500,000	5,069	6,214	2	151	1,387	118	12,780
Mali	18,578,509	307	60,516	1	7	51	7	1,267
Malta	428,000	757	565	3	15	96	9	1,204
Marshall Islands	69,747	188	371	-5	6	30	4	888
Martinique	384,896	4,809	80		118	618	65	10,310
Mauritius	1,265,138	1,922	658	1	34	212	25	4,359
Mayotte	253,045	165	1,534	1	11	41	3	367
Mexico	130,355,300	871,207	150	2	32,408	145,041	13,331	2,257,346
Moldova	4,052,000	19,553	207	-1	490	2,365	233	34,657
Mongolia	2,976,877	482	6,176	1	15	205	10	1,275
Montenegro	631,490	271	2,330	3	2	65	5	566
Montserrat	5,292	27	196	25		12	1	158
Mozambique	29,879,087	59,990	498	5	3,236	5,206	1,254	283,861
Myanmar	54,874,536	4,296	12,773	2	158	639	79	8,659
Namibia	2,579,051	2,473	1,043	3	168	263	45	7,779
Nauru	10,301	21	491	7	1	2	1	123
Nepal	28,441,000	2,506	11,349	6	132	861	40	7,346
Netherlands	17,153,292	29,756	576		494	2,001	360	50,429
Nevis	12,000	62	194	-9		3	1	239
New Caledonia	280,000	2,383	117	2	81	244	34	5,964
New Zealand	4,817,903	14,150	340		363	1,334	187	26,735
Nicaragua	6,223,400	29,082	214	2	1,054	4,487	491	88,198
Niger	21,563,607	316	68,239	5	6	38	7	866
Nigeria	190,886,000	381,398	500	3	13,531	39,389	6,533	800,874
Niue	1,614	24	67			3	1	67
Norfolk Island	1,748	7	250				1	18
Norway	5,258,317	11,652	451		214	1,064	167	18,100
Pakistan	197,015,955	1,109	177,652	4	27	99	19	3,956
Palau	21,108	85	248	5	3	13	2	231

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Palestinian Territory	4,816,000	83	58,024	4	3	11	2	177
Panama	4,056,300	17,620	230	4	571	3,030	326	53,494
Papua New Guinea	7,933,841	4,291	1,849		277	518	116	34,395
Paraguay	6,838,788	10,413	657	3	372	1,825	230	24,430
Peru	31,826,018	128,467	248	2	4,461	28,889	1,482	360,210
Philippines	103,320,222	210,914	490	3	10,781	44,860	3,383	575,813
Pohnpei	35,981	68	529	-10		23	1	209
Poland	38,432,992	118,036	326	-1	1,571	8,244	1,294	185,246
Portugal	9,809,414	49,466	198		994	4,638	652	87,239
Puerto Rico	3,663,000	25,187	145	-2	560	3,865	306	50,492
Réunion	876,562	3,270	268	3	83	426	38	6,517
Rodrigues	42,638	53	804	14	2	8	1	154
Romania	21,136,000	40,101	527	-1	886	3,956	551	75,587
Rota	2,477	11	225			3	1	29
Rwanda	11,809,295	28,972	408	4	1,680	5,146	571	80,093
Saba	1,800	12	150	22		3		74
St. Barthélemy	9,567	34	281	4		6	1	55
St. Eustatius	4,020	29	139	8		3	1	95
St. Helena	3,973	115	35	-3	1		3	269
St. Kitts	40,715	217	188	5	3	27	4	705
St. Lucia	164,994	783	211	1	17	106	11	2,177
St. Maarten	42,083	344	122	-3	15	38	5	1,101
St. Martin	36,457	311	117	-2	2	25	5	954
St. Pierre and Miquelon	6,320	14	451			7	1	14
St. Vincent & the Grenadines	102,089	344	297		8	43	8	1,139
Saipan	48,200	245	197	7	11	40	3	731
Samoa	196,006	510	384	-3	37	95	13	2,385
San Marino	33,196	191	174	-3		30	2	306
São Tomé and Príncipe	201,025	831	242	4	49	133	13	3,384
Senegal	15,887,044	1,353	11,742	5	37	170	26	2,795
Serbia	8,118,146	3,922	2,070		93	626	67	8,144
Seychelles	94,737	341	278		13	44	4	953
Sierra Leone	6,774,752	2,262	2,995	5	101	261	39	8,831
Slovakia	5,437,752	11,395	477		208	966	139	20,847
Slovenia	2,074,788	1,881	1,103	-2	29	241	30	2,934
Solomon Islands	611,343	2,066	296		62	250	53	10,405
South Africa	55,523,510	104,395	532	2	3,525	12,957	2,047	267,800
South Sudan	12,575,714	1,334	9,427	-1	111	172	35	5,225
Spain	45,929,057	112,916	407	1	2,037	16,131	1,499	188,092
Sri Lanka	20,894,716	6,165	3,389	2	194	817	114	14,570
Sudan	40,533,330	703	57,658	2	16	83	15	2,517
Suriname	558,368	3,106	180	3	120	338	55	10,237
Swaziland	1,323,468	3,212	412	2	144	302	81	9,020
Sweden	9,967,637	22,418	445		293	2,391	309	34,966
Switzerland	8,420,000	19,251	437		340	1,243	273	31,952
Tahiti	268,207	3,219	83	1	108	515	48	9,136
Taiwan	23,556,169	10,498	2,244	4	611	3,536	169	19,545
Tanzania	57,310,019	17,878	3,206	5	1,302	1,923	465	56,344
Thailand	68,414,135	4,868	14,054	5	114	1,758	122	9,535
Timor-Leste	1,242,616	349	3,561	5	34	73	5	1,002
Tinian	2,500	17	147	-24		2	1	45
Togo	7,691,915	20,683	372	3	846	2,145	297	66,927
Tonga	107,986	221	489	-5	15	26	3	582
Trinidad & Tobago	1,368,143	9,892	138	1	221	1,329	126	23,585
Turkey	79,815,000	3,030	26,342	7	118	629	40	5,431
Turks and Caicos	35,000	384	91	1	10	49	6	1,215
Tuvalu	9,975	125	80	60	6	5	1	178
Uganda	37,956,000	7,542	5,033	3	517	1,092	149	24,837
Ukraine	41,882,079	140,300	299	-1	3,125	19,888	1,610	229,126
United States of America	324,459,000	1,232,293	263	1	27,674	181,879	13,578	2,459,741
Uruguay	3,493,205	11,825	295	1	297	1,233	156	23,426
Vanuatu	284,486	770	369	8	87	81	15	2,925
Venezuela	31,570,000	149,355	211	2	6,765	33,353	1,886	478,266
Virgin Islands, British	31,000	241	129	-7		34	4	802
Virgin Islands, U.S.	105,000	607	173	-2	14	112	10	1,503
Wallis & Futuna Islands	11,200	46	243	8		1	1	198
Yap	11,376	27	421	-7	1	10	1	112
Zambia	16,405,229	191,311	86	3	11,884	15,232	3,126	883,246
Zimbabwe	16,337,760	46,440	352	1	2,417	6,365	1,239	120,065
33 Other Lands		218,096		-0.8	5,835	45,749	3,242	354,497
<b>Grand Total (240 Lands)</b>		<b>8,457,107</b>		<b>1.4</b>	<b>284,212</b>	<b>1,249,946</b>	<b>120,053</b>	<b>20,175,477</b>