

Jehovah's Witnesses

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History

Began in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania around the end of the 19th century with a small group of Bible students. It began with the groups going to the doctrines which was taught in church and comparing what they read from the Bible.

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“They began publishing what they learned in books , newspapers and the journal that is now called” The Watchtower–Announcing Jehovah’s Kingdom”, (Jehovah's Witnesses, 2012).

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A man name Charles Taze Russell was not the founder of the Jehovah's Witnesses he was the lead in the Bible education work and was the first editor of The Watchtower. “The goal of Russell and the other Bible students, as the group was then known, was to promote the teaching of Jesus Christ and to follow the practices of the first-century Christian congregation”, (Jehovah's Witnesses, 2012). Jesus is the Founder of Christianity which they view him as the founder of their organization.

Population

Total Members (2023)- 8.8 million active Jehovah's Witnesses. (Only includes active preachers)

Countries with the Largest Jehovah's Witness Populations

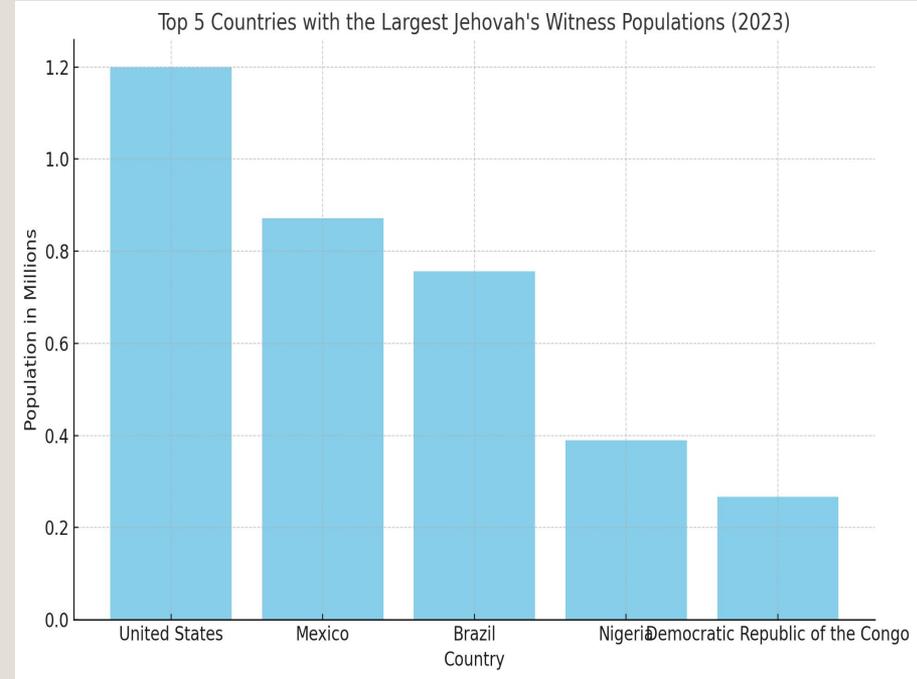
United States – 1.2 million (13.6% of total global membership).

Mexico – 871,207 (9.9%).

Brazil – 756,455 (8.6%).

Nigeria – 390,623 (4.4%).

Democratic Republic of the Congo – 266,689 (3.0%).



Population Cont..

Countries with the Least Jehovah's Witnesses

- **Minimal presence due to legal/cultural restrictions:**
 - **Saudi Arabia, Iran, China, North Korea** (banned or heavily restricted).
 - Small numbers in **some Asian & African nations**.

Growth & Trends

- **Increasing:** Africa, Latin America.
- **Declining/Stagnant:** Europe, North America (secularism, societal shifts).
- **Challenges:** Persecution, restrictions, cultural resistance.



Predominantly Diseases

1 Bacteria such as
tuberculosis

2 Virus such as rabies

3 Parasite such as
malaria

The Governing Body of Jehovah's Witnesses



There are 11 members in the former group and 42 members in the latter group.

Diet

- Do not eat anything that has blood
- May be vegetarian
- No smoking, drinking or other tobacco products used.
- Finding good balance is the most important.



Healthcare access and Beliefs

Healthcare Access

The Jehovah's access..

Surgical procedures

Medications.

Healthcare beliefs

The Jehovah's believes..

Not to accept blood transfusions because the Bible forbids taking in blood to sustain the body.

The body should be kept clean and healthy because it belongs to God.

Thank You!

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