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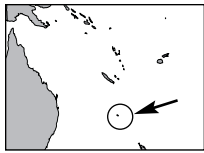
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# NORFOLK ISLAND



## SECULAR DATA, AD 2000

**STATE**  
**Official name:** The Territory of Norfolk Island.  
**Short name:** Norfolk Island. **Adjective of nationality:** Norfolk Islander.  
**Flag:** Vertical green stripes on right and left, tree on white in center.  
**Area:** 40 sq. km. (15 sq. mi.).  
**Government:** Territory of Australia, since 1913 (1856 settlement).  
**Legislature:** Norfolk Island Council, 9 members.  
**Official language:** English.  
**Monetary unit:** 1 Australian dollar (\$) = 100 cents. **US\$1= \$A 1.70.**  
**Chief cities:** KINGSTON-NORFOLK 1,228.  
**Political divisions:** 1 province.

## DEMOGRAPHY

**Population:** 2,100.  
**Population density:** 51.8/sq. km. (138.3/sq. mi.).

**Under 15 years:** 420.  
**Growth rate p.a.:** 0.91% (births 12.57, deaths 7.65).  
**Mortality: infant, per 1,000:** 5.5; **Maternal per 100,000:** 40.0.  
**Life expectancy:** 79 (male 76, female 82).  
**Household size:** 4.0. **Floor area per person, sq.m:** 25.0.  
**Major languages:** English.  
**Urban dwellers:** 70.00%. **Urban growth rate p.a.:** 0.00%.  
**Labor force:** 35%.

## ETHNOLINGUISTIC PEOPLES

41.4% Norfolk (Pitcairner); 31.0% Anglo-Australian; 13.8% Anglo-New Zealander; 10.1% British; 3.2% Euronesian.

## ECONOMY

**National income p.a. per person:** US\$2,409; **per family:** US\$9,638.

## EDUCATION

**Adult literacy:** 95% (male 96%, female 94%). **Schools:** 1.

**Universities:** 0. **School enrolment:** female/male: 85%/85%.

## HEALTH

**Access to health services:** 75%. **Access to safe water:** 85%.  
**Hospitals:** 1 (20 beds per 10,000). **Doctors:** 5.  
**Blind:** 20. **Deaf:** 100. **Murder rate:** 4.  
**Lepers:** 0.

## LITERATURE

**New book titles p.a.:** 1 (300 p.a. per million). **Periodicals:** 0.  
**Newspapers:** 0 dailies.

## COMMUNICATION (per 1,000 people)

**Phones:** 150 (15% mobile). **Radios:** 800. **TV sets:** 200.  
**Daily newspaper circulation:** 0. **Computers:** 500.

**HUMAN LIFE AND LIBERTY** (optimum condition=100.0%)  
**HDI:** 80.0. **HSI:** 80.0. **HFI:** 75.0. **EFL:** 45.0.

Country Table 1. Religious adherents in Norfolk Island, AD 1900-2025.

Name	1900		1970		mid-1990		Annual change, 1990-2000			mid-1995		mid-2000		mid-2025		
	Adherents	%	Adherents	%	Adherents	%	Natural	Conversion	Total	Rate	Adherents	%	Adherents	%	Adherents	%
<b>Christians</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>87.9</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>77.8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1.35</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>77.5</b>	<b>1,601</b>	<b>77.2</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>72.0</b>
<i>PROFESSION</i>																
<b>professing Christians</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>87.9</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>77.8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1.35</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>77.5</b>	<b>1,601</b>	<b>77.2</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>72.0</b>
<i>AFFILIATION</i>																
unaffiliated Christians	100	10.0	151	13.5	190	10.6	7	-1	6	2.70	226	11.3	248	11.8	210	8.4
<b>affiliated Christians</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>90.0</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>74.4</b>	<b>1,210</b>	<b>67.2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1.12</b>	<b>1,324</b>	<b>66.2</b>	<b>1,353</b>	<b>64.4</b>	<b>1,590</b>	<b>63.6</b>
Anglicans	720	72.0	360	32.3	580	32.2	4	-1	3	0.51	600	30.0	610	29.0	700	28.0
Protestants	160	16.0	290	26.0	420	23.3	9	-3	6	1.24	460	23.0	475	22.6	580	23.2
Roman Catholics	20	2.0	180	16.1	240	13.3	1	0	1	0.33	250	12.5	248	11.8	250	10.0
Marginal Christians	0	0.0	0	0.0	10	0.5	1	0	1	1.18	14	0.7	20	1.0	60	2.4
doubly-affiliated	0	0.0	0	0.0	-40	-2.2	4	0	4	-30.85	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<i>Trans-megabloc groupings</i>																
Evangelicals	100	10.0	250	22.4	390	21.7	4	0	4	0.86	413	20.7	425	20.2	480	19.2
Pentecostals/Charismatics	0	0.0	10	0.9	85	4.7	2	1	3	2.61	98	4.9	110	5.2	160	6.4
<b>Great Commission Christians</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1.55</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>29.2</b>
Nonreligious	0	0.0	119	10.7	400	22.2	4	3	7	1.71	450	22.5	474	22.8	700	28.0
World A (unevangelized persons)	0	0.0	2	0.2	6	0.3	0	0	0	1.55	8	0.4	6	0.3	12	0.6
World B (evangelized non-Christians)	0	0.0	132	11.8	394	21.9	4	3	7	-4.05	442	22.1	493	22.5	188	27.4
World C (Christians)	1,000	100.0	981	87.9	1,400	77.8	23	-3	20	1.35	1,550	77.5	1,601	77.2	1,800	72.0
<b>Country's population</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,116</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### COLUMNS, ROWS.

For meanings and definitions, see Codebook (Part 3). Note that, by definition, total 'Christians' = professing + crypto-Christians, which also = affiliated + unaffiliated Christians, and also = Great Commission Christians + latent Christians. Percentages may not always total exactly, due to rounding.

### CENSUSES.

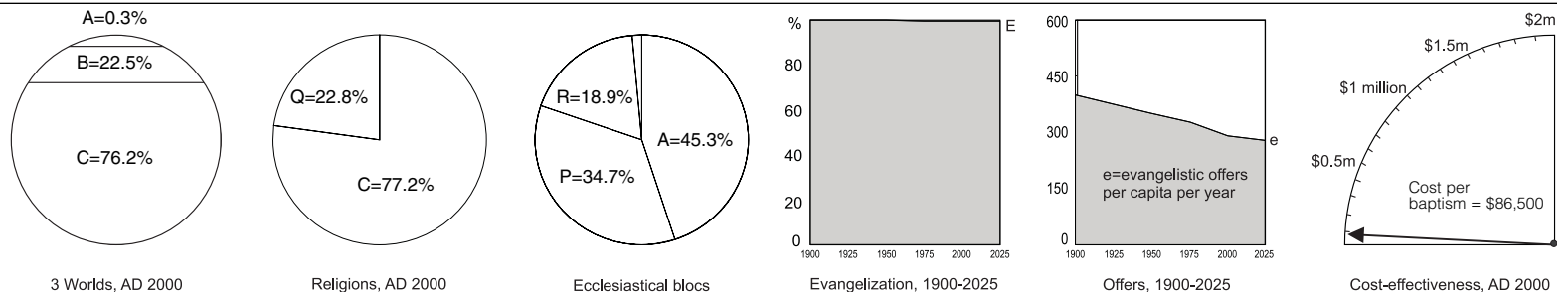
**30.VI.1947:** 92.8% Anglicans & Protestants, 6.9% Roman Catholics, 0.3% non-religious. **30.VI.1954:** 92.8% Anglicans & Protestants,

6.9% Roman Catholics, 0.4% non-religious. **30.VI.1961:** 59.6% Anglicans, 32.8% Protestants (17.2% Methodists, 9.1% SD Adventists, 4.5% Presbyterians), 7.1% Roman Catholics, 0.5% non-religious. **30.VI.1966:** 55.7% Anglicans, 31.8% Protestants (15.8% Methodists, 7.7% SD Adventists, 5.9% Presbyterians), 9.8% Roman Catholics, 2.6% non-religious. **30.VI.1971:** 47.0% Anglicans, 33.9% Protestants (15.8% Methodists, 7.9% Presbyterians, 5.6% SD Adventists, and followers of about 10 other denominations), 12.1% Roman Catholics, 7.0% non-religious. This census enumerates the population by 20 different categories of religion.

### NOTES ON RELIGIONS

**ANGLICANS.** These have decreased rapidly since 1960, whilst Roman Catholics and non-religious have increased markedly. **NONRELIGIOUS.** Europeans of British origin. **PROTESTANTS.** Although only 2 denominations have organized congregations, the 1971 census lists the following additional denominational traditions to which persons professed to belong: Baptist, Brethren, Churches of Christ, Congregational, Lutheran, and Salvation Army.

Great Commission Instrument Panel: status of Norfolk Island (for explanation see start of Part 4)



The Island's postage stamps often illustrate Christian themes: (left) the first Christmas service, 1788; (right) St. Barnabas Chapel, exterior and interior.

**Country status.** Norfolk Island, an external territory of Australia since 1913, is an island in the Pacific Ocean off the east coast of Australia. The island was originally settled by descendants of the mutineers from the *Bounty*.

## NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS

As the inhabitants of the island are either of British stock or Euronesian, non-Christian religions have gained no foothold. Persons without religion however have increased rapidly from one census to the next since 1947 and now number 23%.

## CHRISTIANITY

**ANGLICAN CHURCH.** The first Christmas service was held in 1788. The Melanesian Mission established its main headquarters on the island in 1867, and St Barnabas chapel there was consecrated as a church in 1880. By 1896 the church claimed 230 members. In 1919 the headquarters were moved to Siota in the British Solomon Islands, but the territory has re-

mained mainly Anglican in denomination, though Anglicans have recently declined in numbers. They form part of the diocese of Sydney in the Church of England in Australia.

**PROTESTANT CHURCHES.** Methodists and Adventists have organized congregations on the island. Both are related to their churches in Australia.

**CATHOLIC CHURCH.** A Marist priest serves one parish, which is attached to the archdiocese of Sydney (Australia). Catholics are growing in numbers, chiefly at the expense of Anglicans.

The Holy See has no diplomatic relations with Norfolk Island in AD 2000.

## CHURCH AND STATE

In 1774 Captain James Cook discovered an uninhabited island which he named after the English duke of Norfolk. The island was annexed by Great Britain in 1788, the second of Britain's possessions in the Pacific. Settlement began in 1856 from Pitcairn Island, and in 1914 it became a territory of the Australian

Commonwealth. Religion has never been an issue between church and state. Norfolk Island is today governed by an administrator named by the governor-general of Australia. There is also a Norfolk Island Council, elected every 2 years from the resident community, which acts in an advisory capacity to the administrator. The Australian constitution guarantees freedom of religion.

### FUTURE TRENDS AND PROSPECTS

Christianity is expected to steadily decline but remain above 70% of the population through AD 2025.

The nonreligious, 10.7% in 1970, would then grow to 28% by 2025. Correspondingly, Christians will likely decline from 87.9% in 1970 to 72% by 2025.

The nonreligious will likely continue to increase, perhaps growing to 40% before AD 2050.

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Country summary. Worlds A, B, C by ethnolinguistic peoples, cities, and major civil divisions in Norfolk Island.																								
World	Num	Pop 2000	C%	PEOPLES			U%	Unevangelized	Num	Pop 2000	C%	CITIES			U%	Unevangelized	Num	Pop 2000	C%	CIVIL DIVISIONS				
				Christians	E%	U%						Christians	E%	U%						Christians	E%	U%		
A	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
B	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
C	6	2,074	65.24	1,353	100	0	0	7	1	1,228	64.98	798	100	0	0	5	1	2,075	65.20	1,353	100	0	0	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2,074</b>	<b>65.24</b>	<b>1,353</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,228</b>	<b>64.98</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2,075</b>	<b>65.20</b>	<b>1,353</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>

Country Table 2. Organized churches and denominations in Norfolk Island.															
Official name (bold type = church with over 10% of all affiliated)	Begun	Type	Counc	Congs	Adults	Affiliated 1970	Affiliated 1995	G%	Names, notes, and other statistics (see Codebook, Part 3)						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10						
<b>Catholic Church (M Sydney)</b>		R-Lat	P. . . .	1	100	180	250	0.05	Attached to M Sydney (Australia). M=SM2. One parish. 1x.						
<b>Ch of England in Australia (D Sydney)</b>	1788	A-plu	awe. . .	1	319	360	600	2.06	Parish of All Saints, in Diocese of Sydney (Australia). M=Melanesian Mission (UK).						
<b>Jehovah's Witnesses</b>	1985	m-Jeh	x. . . .	1	6	—	14	10.00	Watch Tower.						
<b>Methodist Church</b>		P-Met	Vwe. . .	1	120	200	260	0.05	Related to Methodist Church of Australasia. Migrant workers and transients.						
<b>Seventh-day Adventist Church</b>	c1900	P-Adv	x. . . .	1	50	90	100	0.42	In Greater Sydney Conference, Trans-Tasman UC. Pitcairn Islanders.						
<b>Other Protestant churches</b>		P-	. . . . .	3	60	—	100	0.05	A handful of recent arrivals.						
<b>Totals</b>				<b>8</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>1,324</b>								
<i>Churches, members, growth, 1900-2025</i>															
Total churches, members, and denominations (mid-1900)				Congs	Adults	Affiliated	G%	Total denominations	6 Megablocs:	O	R	A	P	I	m
Total churches, members, and denominations (mid-1970)				4	600	900	-0.12	3	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
Total churches, members, and denominations (mid-1990)				4	550	830	-0.12	4	0	1	1	2	0	0	0
Total churches, members, and denominations (mid-1995)				8	600	1,210	1.90	8	0	1	1	5	0	1	1
Total churches, members, and denominations (mid-1995)				8	655	1,324	1.82	8	0	1	1	5	0	1	1
Total churches, members, and denominations (mid-2000)				8	670	1,353	0.43	8	0	1	1	5	0	1	1
Total churches, members, and denominations (mid-2025)				12	790	1,590	0.65	11	0	1	1	7	0	2	2