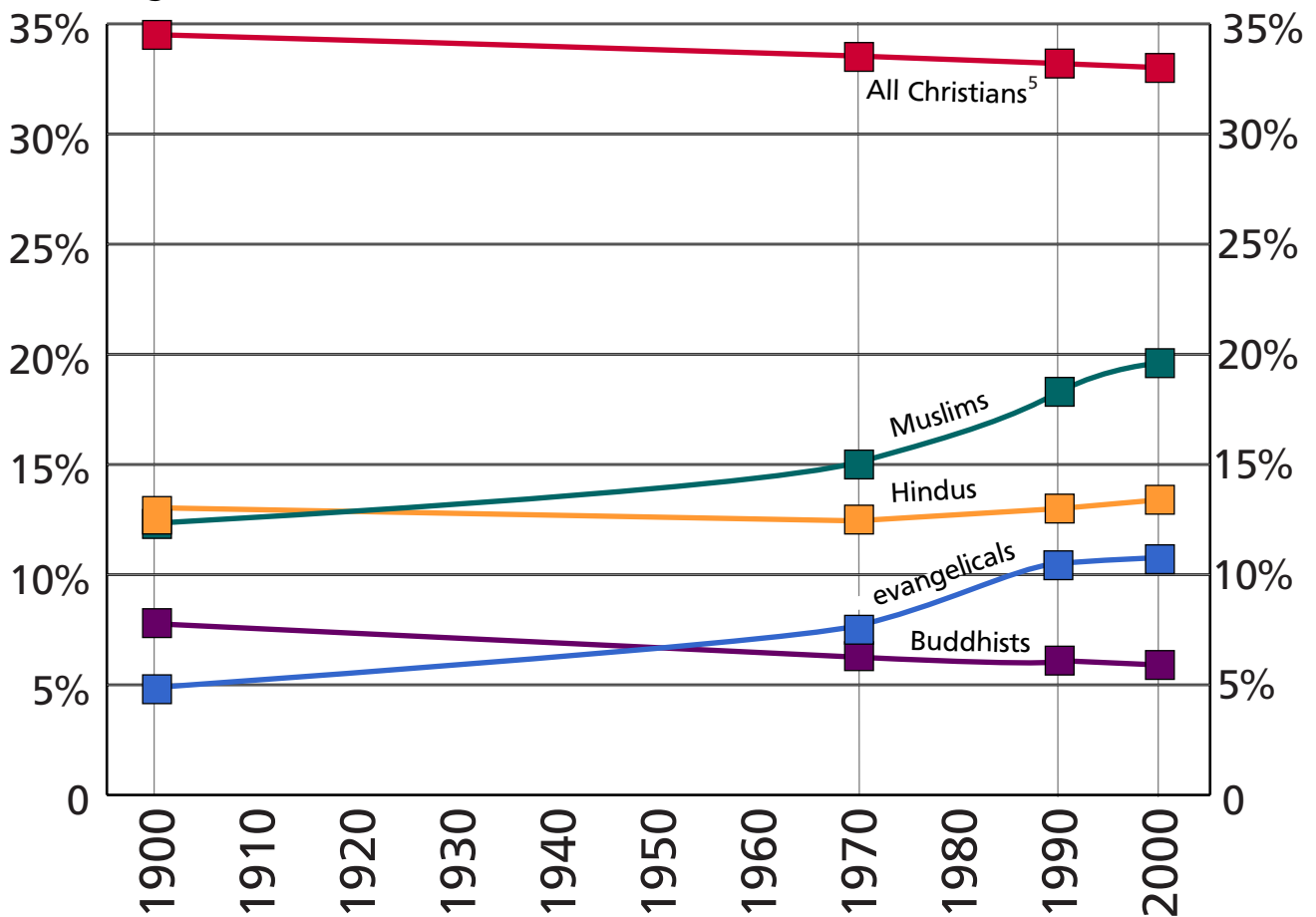


Adherents of the Major World Religions as a Percent of World Population; 1900-2000

Figure 1



- Christians⁵
- Muslims
- Hindus
- evangelicals
- Buddhists

Notes on The Overview of the World by Religious Adherents:

1. Barrett and Johnson have defined evangelicals (lowercase) as the broad stream of Christians who are affiliated with a Christian denomination or movement that actively evangelizes or sends missionaries. They have also referred to this category in a near equivalent term: Great Commission Christians.
2. Pentecostals/Charismatics and evangelicals are overlapping subsets of the larger total of all Christians.
3. The total growth rate is the sum of growth that occurs by births minus deaths (natural growth) and by a shift of faith allegiance (conversion growth). This figure is an annual average of data collected from the years 1990-1995.
4. Conversion growth is the annual increase (or decrease) in followers of a particular faith that is attributable to a shift of faith allegiance. These figures are annual averages measured and forecasted from the years 1990-2000.
5. At a glance, it may seem odd that Christians have a growth rate of 1.45 percent (Figure 4), but still have a slightly downward slope on the graph (Figure 1). This is because the calculated growth rate of Christianity (1.45%) is slightly lower than the population growth of the world (1.47%).