

**Documentation of statistics for  
Church Statistics 2014**

## **1 Introduction**

The statistics cover the people's relation to the national church. Furthermore it accounts for the number of different religious ceremonies, among other baptisms, confirmations and funerals.

The production of statistics on the national church was introduced in 1974. There have not been produced statistics on the national church for the years 2003-2006. For the years 1984-2002 statistics on recognized religious communities, their members and religious ceremonies corresponding to the religious ceremonies of the national church was also produced.

## **2 Statistical presentation**

The statistics is produced for parishes, deaneries and dioceses.

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### **2.2 Classification system**

The parishes in Denmark can be grouped by deaneries and dioceses.

### **2.3 Sector coverage**

Not relevant for this statistics.

## **2.4 Statistical concepts and definitions**

Member of the National Church: In the Central Population Register (CPR) there is information about whether a person is member of the National Church or not.

Religious ceremony: From the Ministry of Ecclesiastical Affairs is gathering information about religious ceremonies, e.g. baptisms, confirmations, funerals and weddings.

## **2.5 Statistical unit**

People.

## **2.6 Statistical population**

Population living in Denmark at 1st January, 1st April, 1st July and 1st October

## **2.7 Reference area**

Denmark.

## **2.8 Time coverage**

2007-

## **2.9 Base period**

Not relevant for this statistics.

## **2.10 Unit of measure**

People.

## **2.11 Reference period**

01-01-2014 - 01-01-2014

## **2.12 Frequency of dissemination**

The statistics on number of members of the National Church, registrations and resignations as well as births and deaths are disseminated quarterly.

The statistics on religious ceremonies, e.g. baptism, confirmations, funerals, persons presented to the church, number of banns and religious blessings are disseminated yearly.

### **2.13 Legal acts and other agreements**

The statistics are compiled for the Ministry of Ecclesiastical Affairs, which has decided that participation is compulsory.

### **2.14 Cost and burden**

Not relevant for this statistics.

### **2.15 Comment**

[Link to homepage concerning church statistics](#)

## **3 Statistical processing**

Daily deliveries from the Central Population Register (CPR) and yearly delivery from the Ministry of Ecclesiastical Affairs is basis for the statistics.

Data is not checked for errors.

### **3.1 Source data**

The Central Population Register (CPR) and information received from the Ministry and Ecclesiastical Affairs.

### **3.2 Frequency of data collection**

Daily deliveries from the Central Population Register (CPR) and yearly delivery from the Ministry of Ecclesiastical Affairs.

### **3.3 Data collection**

Register and table from the Ministry of Ecclesiastical Affairs.

### **3.4 Data validation**

Data is not checked for errors.

Annulments/corrections from the Central Population Register (CPR) are updated in the database, when they are received. The published data is therefore shown the most correct data as possible.

### **3.5 Data compilation**

Not relevant for this statistics.

### **3.6 Adjustment**

Not relevant for this statistics.

## **4 Relevance**

The Ministry of Ecclesiastical Affairs, interest groups within the ecclesiastical area and the media are using the statistics for public and private planning and as input to the public debate.

### **4.1 User Needs**

Users: The Ministry of Ecclesiastical Affairs, interest groups within the ecclesiastical area and the media.

### **4.2 User Satisfaction**

User satisfaction is measured in relation to tailor-made solutions.

### **4.3 Data completeness rate**

Not relevant for this statistics.

## **5 Accuracy and reliability**

The statistics are based on the Central Population Register (CPR). The quality of the data is very high.

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### **5.2 Sampling error**

Not relevant for this statistics.

### **5.3 Non-sampling error**

Not relevant for this statistics.

#### **5.4 Quality management**

Statistics Denmark follows the recommendations on organisation and management of quality given in the Code of Practice for European Statistics (CoP) and the implementation guidelines given in the Quality Assurance Framework of the European Statistical System (QAF). A Working Group on Quality and a central quality assurance function have been established to continuously carry through control of products and processes.

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Statistics Denmark follows the principles in the Code of Practice for European Statistics (CoP) and uses the Quality Assurance Framework of the European Statistical System (QAF) for the implementation of the principles. This involves continuous decentralized and central control of products and processes based on documentation following international standards. The central quality assurance function reports to the Working Group on Quality. Reports include suggestions for improvement that are assessed, decided and subsequently implemented.

#### **5.6 Quality assessment**

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#### **5.7 Data revision - policy**

Statistics Denmark revises published figures in accordance with the [Revision Policy for Statistics Denmark](#). The common procedures and principles of the Revision Policy are for some statistics supplemented by a specific revision practice.

#### **5.8 Data revision practice**

Only final figures are published.

### **6 Timeliness and punctuality**

The statistics concerning the National Church is published app. 45 days after the end of the year.

#### **6.1 Timeliness and time lag - final results**

Only final figures are published.

#### **6.2 Punctuality**

The statistic are usually published without delay in relation to the scheduled date.

## **7 Comparability**

The statistics on the National Church has been produced since 1974. Until 1984 the statistics were exclusively based on data from the the Central Personal Register (CPR) while the statistics for the years 1984-2002 have been supplemented with a survey on the recognized religious communities. In this period the statistics is comparable. For certain main figures comparable time series from 1980 were disseminated.

### **7.1 Comparability - geographical**

The statistics concerning deaths and causes of deaths are internationally comparable.

### **7.2 Comparability over time**

The statistics have been compiled since 1974. In the period until 1984 results were solely based on information from the Central Population Register (CPR), while from 1984-2002 the statistics were also based on questionnaires from the parishes. This implies that the statistics are comparable from 1984 and onwards. In connection with the publication certain main results are shown in time series. The statistics have not been compiled since 2002.

### **7.3 Coherence - cross domain**

Comparable statistics are not available.

### **7.4 Coherence - internal**

Not relevant for this statistics.

## **8 Accessibility and clarity**

*Nyt fra Danmarks Statistik* and the Statbank.

Yearly publications: *Statistical yearbook* and *Statistical ten-year review*.

### **8.1 Release calendar**

The publication date appears in the release calendar. The date is confirmed in the weeks before.

### **8.2 Release calendar access**

The Release Calender can be accessed on our English website: [Release Calender](#).

### **8.3 User access**

Statistics are always published at 8:00 a.m. at the day announced in the release calendar. No one outside of Statistics Denmark can access the statistics before they are published.

#### **8.4 News release**

[Link to homepage concerning church statistics](#)

#### **8.5 Publications**

[Link to homepage concerning church statistics](#)

#### **8.6 On-line database**

[Link to tables in the Statbank](#)

#### **8.7 Micro-data access**

Data on individual level are accessible via the division Research and Methods in Statistics Denmark.

#### **8.8 Other**

It is possible to buy special statistics - also combined with other areas of the statistics.

#### **8.9 Confidentiality - policy**

[Data confidentiality Policy at Statistics Denmark](#)

#### **8.10 Confidentiality - data treatment**

Not relevant for this statistics.

#### **8.11 Documentation on methodology**

Not relevant for this statistics.

#### **8.12 Quality documentation**

Results from the quality evaluation of products and selected processes are available in detail for each statistics and in summary reports for the Working Group on Quality.

### **9 Contact**

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