

Understanding UK Evangelicals

Data report – Evangelical Alliance

8,407

Whole survey base

3,804

Weighted base for those who describe their religion as Christian

A note on the figures. Due to rounding and weighting of data, some of the percentages may not add up to 100%. Numbers in this data report may not fully add up because of either weightings or rounding, or a combination of the two.

The whole survey base were asked an initial question to determine their religious identity. 45% of the whole sample, 3804 respondents, selected Christian and this group were then asked further questions regarding their Christian practice and evangelical beliefs and identity.

Margin of error

The sub base of 3,804 respondents who identify as Christian has an overall margin of error of $\pm 1.6\%$.

How to read the tables

Where a table shows both a count and a percentage, the larger figure in navy is the absolute number from the sample and the smaller figure beneath it in blue is the corresponding percentage. Rows shaded in pale blue and labelled **NET** are combined totals of the rows they summarise.

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Identity evangelicals

How people describe their own evangelical identity, whether or not they hold evangelical beliefs.

View of evangelical identity		Absolute number from sample	Percentage of Christians	Percentage of UK Population	Combined absolute number from sample	Combined percentage of UK Christians	Combined percentage of UK population
NET: I consider myself an evangelical Christian	I consider myself an evangelical Christian and am comfortable describing myself as such	454	11.9%	5.4%	961	25.3%	11.4%
	I consider myself an evangelical Christian but would not generally use the term 'evangelical' to describe myself to others	507	13.3%	6%			
NET: I don't consider myself an evangelical Christian	I am unsure if I consider myself an evangelical Christian	658	17.3	7.8%	2842	74.7%	33.8%
	I am not an evangelical Christian	1590	41.8%	18.9%			
	I don't know / prefer not to say	594	15.6%	7.1%			

Evangelicals in name only

Those who consider themselves evangelical Christians, set against their agreement with the four belief statements.

All figures shown as a percentage of the UK population, **with the absolute number from the sample above.**

Consider themselves as evangelical Christians			
	Comfortable describing as such	Would not generally use the term	Consider themselves as evangelical Christians
Strongly agree with all four statements	248 2.95%	107 1.27%	355 4.22%
NET: Agree with all four statements	376 4.47%	287 3.41%	664 7.90%
NET: Agree with between three and one statement	60 0.71%	177 2.11%	238 2.83%
Agree with none of the statements	17 0.2%	43 0.51%	60 0.71%
NET: do not agree with all four statements	78 0.93%	220 2.62%	298 3.54%

Belief evangelicals

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Base: **Christian respondents**

	The Bible is the inspired and authoritative word of God	Jesus Christ died in our place to save us from our sins	I believe in the need for personal conversion through faith in Christ	It is important to put my faith into action through evangelism and good works
Agree strongly	924 24%	1206 32%	801 21%	653 17%
Tend to agree	1226 32%	1157 30%	876 23%	992 26%
Tend to disagree	507 13%	320 8%	608 16%	650 17%
Disagree strongly	357 9%	271 7%	526 14%	540 14%
Don't know	789 21%	850 22%	994 26%	969 25%
NET: Agree	2150 57%	2363 62%	1677 44%	1645 43%
NET: Disagree	865 23%	590 16%	1133 30%	1190 31%

Extrapolated to the UK population

Using the **whole survey base**

	The Bible is the inspired and authoritative word of God	Jesus Christ died in our place to save us from our sins	I believe in the need for personal conversion through faith in Christ	It is important to put my faith into action through evangelism and good works
Agree strongly	11%	14.3%	9.5%	7.8%
Tend to agree	14.6%	13.8%	10.4%	11.8%
Tend to disagree	6%	3.8%	7.2%	7.7%
Disagree strongly	4.2%	3.2%	6.3%	6.4%
Don't know	9.4%	10.1%	11.8%	11.5%
NET: Agree	25.6%	28.1%	19.9%	19.6%
NET: Disagree	10.3%	7%	13.5%	14.2%

Agreement to statements about faith

Level of agreement	Absolute number from sample	Percentage of Christians	Percentage of the UK population
Agree strongly with all four	487	12.8%	5.8%
NET: Agree with all four	1185	31.2%	14.1%
NET: Agree with three out of four	501	13.2%	6%
NET: Agree with two out of four	560	14.7%	6.7%
NET: Agree with one out of four	471	12.4%	5.6%

Reluctant evangelicals

All figures shown as a percentage of the UK population, **with the absolute number from the sample above.**

Don't consider themselves as evangelical Christians				
	I am unsure if I consider myself an evangelical Christian	I am not an evangelical Christian	I don't know / prefer not to say	NET: I don't consider myself as an evangelical Christian
Strongly agree with all four	57 0.68%	55 0.65%	19 0.23%	131 1.56%
NET: Agree with all four	207 2.46%	248 2.95%	67 0.8%	522 6.21%

Broad evangelicals

All figures shown as a percentage of the UK population, **with the absolute number from the sample above.**

Consider themselves as evangelical Christians			
	Comfortable describing as such	Would not generally use the term	Consider themselves evangelical Christians
Agree strongly with all four	248 2.95%	107 1.27%	355 4.22%
NET: Agree with all four	376 4.47%	287 3.41%	664 7.9%

Broad evangelicals – demographics

Broad Evangelical base = **664**

Age

Age	NET: Agree with all 4	% of Broad Evangelicals	% of adult population
18-24	109	16.4%	1.3%
25-34	165	24.8%	1.96%
35-44	117	17.6%	1.39%
45-54	79	11.9%	0.94%
55-64	74	11.1%	0.88%
65+	120	18.1%	1.43%
65-74	51	7.7%	0.61%
75+	70	10.5%	0.83%

Ethnicity

Distribution of all ethnicities	NET: Agree with all 4	% of Broad Evangelicals	% of adult population
NET: Any other ethnic group	15	2.26%	0.18%
NET: Asian or Asian British	18	2.71%	0.21%
NET: Black, Black British, Caribbean or African	139	20.93%	1.65%
NET: Mixed or multiple ethnic background	26	3.92%	0.31%
NET: White	465	70.03%	5.53%

Gender distribution

Gender	NET: Agree with all 4	% of Broad Evangelicals	% of adult population
Male	397	59.8%	4.7%
Female	267	40.2%	3.2%

Broad evangelicals – denominations

Denominations	% of Broad Evangelicals
Anglican (including Scottish Episcopal Church, Church of Wales, Church of Ireland)	24%
Roman Catholic	19%
Pentecostal	15%
Methodist	5%
Baptist	6%
Independent	6%
New Church charismatic (e.g. Vineyard, New Frontiers, Pioneer etc)	4%
Presbyterian	8%
Eastern Orthodox	2%
Other	9%
Prefer not to say	1%

Classic evangelicals

Definition

- Strongly agree with all four statements
- Would personally identify as an evangelical

All figures shown as a percentage of the UK population, **with the absolute number from the sample above.**

Consider themselves as evangelical Christians			
	Comfortable describing as such	Would not generally use the term	Consider themselves evangelical Christians
Agree strongly with all four	223 2.65%	93 1.11%	316 3.76%

Base: Broad evangelicals (minus Roman Catholics and Eastern Orthodox) = **564**

Classic evangelicals – demographics

Age

Age	NET: Agree with all 4	% of Classic Evangelicals	% of adult population
18-24	61	19.4%	0.73%
25-34	76	24.1%	0.9%
35-44	62	19.7%	0.74%
45-54	34	10.8%	0.4%
55-64	34	10.8%	0.4%
65+	48	15.2%	0.57%
65-74	24	7.6%	0.29%
75+	24	7.6%	0.29%

Ethnicity

Distribution of all ethnicities	NET: Agree with all 4	% of Classic Evangelicals	% of adult population
NET: Any other ethnic group	3	1%	0.0%
NET: Asian or Asian British	7	2.22%	0.1%
NET: Black, Black British, Caribbean or African	88	27.94%	1%
NET: Mixed or multiple ethnic background	11	3.49%	0.1%
NET: White	206	65.4%	2.5%

Gender distribution

Gender	NET: Agree with all 4	% of Classic Evangelicals	% of adult population
Male	194	61.6%	2.3%
Female	121	38.4%	1.4%

Classic evangelicals – denominations

Denominations	% of Classic Evangelicals
Anglican (including Scottish Episcopal Church, Church of Wales, Church of Ireland)	17%
Pentecostal	29%
Methodist	7%
Baptist	12%
Independent	9%
New Church charismatic (e.g. Vineyard, New Frontiers, Pioneer etc)	6%
Presbyterian	7%
Other	12%
Prefer not to say	1%

Practising Christians

How often, if at all, do you do each of the following?

Base: **Christian respondents**

	Church attendance – combined	Church attendance – in person	Church attendance – online	Pray independently	Read the Bible independently
Most days	114 3%	80 2%	72 2%	1015 27%	387 10%
At least once a week	640 17%	580 15%	354 9%	409 11%	296 8%
At least once a month	256 7%	254 7%	196 5%	254 7%	184 5%
At least every few months	250 7%	267 7%	224 6%	324 9%	212 6%
At least once a year	770 20%	726 19%	562 15%	332 9%	352 9%
Never	1703 45%	1780 47%	2311 61%	1343 35%	2271 60%
Prefer not to say	70 2%	117 3%	84 2%	127 3%	102 3%

Percentage of UK population by practise

	Church attendance – combined	Church attendance – in-person	Church attendance – online	Pray independently	Read the Bible independently
Most days	1.4%	1%	0.9%	12.1%	4.6%
At least once a week	7.6%	6.9%	4.2%	4.9%	3.5%
At least once a month	3%	3%	2.3%	3%	2.2%
At least every few months	3%	3.2%	2.7%	3.9%	2.5%
At least once a year	9.2%	8.6%	6.7%	3.9%	4.2%
Never	20.3%	21.2%	27.5%	16%	27%
Prefer not to say	0.8	1.4%	1%	1.5%	1.2%

Practising Christian – definition

- Church attendance (in-person or online) once a week
- Independent prayer daily
- Reading the Bible independently daily

	Absolute number	% of Christians	% of UK populations
Practising Christians	602	15.8%	7.2%

	Absolute number	% of Broad evangelicals	% of UK population
Practising Broad Evangelicals	388	58.2%	4.62%

	Absolute number	% of Classic Evangelicals	% of UK population
Practising Classic evangelicals	244	77.2%	2.9%