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Catholic "Faithful" in Spain: 1973 and 2025

Defintion of 'Faithful': a Catholic who regularly attends weekly mass

From 1973 to 2025, regular weekly mass attendance (the "Faithful") among Catholics in Spain declined from 68% to 19%; a decline of 18.5 million or 78%.

	1973	2025	Change 1973-2025	%Change 1973-2025
% of Catholics regularly attending weekly mass (the "Faithful")	68%	19%	-49%	-72%
Number of Catholics regularly attending weekly mass (the "Faithful")	23,649,729	5,183,273	-18,466,456	-78%
Number of Catholics	34,779,013	27,280,386	-7,498,627	-22%
Number of Catholics (% of population)	99.4%	55.5%	-44%	-44%
Number of Non-Catholics	300,000	20,939,540	20,639,540	69x
Number of Non-Catholics (% of population)	1%	43%	42%	49x
Spain population	34,988,947	49,153,849	14,164,902	40%

Sources:

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Spain population data for 1973 is from <https://www.macrotrends.net/global-metrics/countries/esp/spain/population> and for April 2025 is from <https://www.ine.es/dyngs/Prensa/en/ECP1T25.htm>.