

DEPARTMENT FOR EVANGELISATION AND DISCIPLESHIP

RELIGIOUS STATISTICS 2023

TABLE 1 – Formation Data for Religious Congregations and Societies of Apostolic Life*

	Members of Religious Congregations and Societies of Apostolic Life		Enclosed Nuns	Associations of the Faithful Intending to become Religious Congregations (Women)	Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Ordinariate)	TOTAL
	Men	Women				
Entering Formation	20 (20)	17 (3)	4 (5)	2 (1)	0 (0)	43 (29)
First Profession	4 (2)	6 (7)	3 (1)	1 (0)	0 (0)	14 (10)
Final Profession	5 (7)	3 (5)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	9 (13)

Total number of men that entered religious life: 20 (20)

Total number of women that entered religious life: 23 (9)

Total number of entrants to religious life: **43 (29)**

Numbers in brackets are figures from 2022

***See appendix for historical data**

TABLE 2 – Analysis by Age at Entry

Age Range	Members of Religious Congregations and Societies of Apostolic Life		Enclosed Nuns
	Men	Women	
17-18	1	0	0
19-22	9	0	1
23-25	6	5	1
26-30	1	3	0
31-35	0	3	0
36-40	1	2	0
41-50	0	5	1
51+	2	1	1
TOTAL	20	19	4

Appendix

Entrants into Religious Communities in England and Wales 1987-2023

Year	Enclosed Nuns	Other Religious Sisters	TOTAL WOMEN	Order Brothers	Order Priests	TOTAL MEN	TOTAL
1987	23	55	78	4	56	60	138
1988	12	38	50	1	48	49	99
1989	20	31	51	3	49	52	103
1990	24	30	54	3	49	52	106
1991	14	25	39	1	54	55	94
1992	9	28	37	1	39	40	77
1993	17	17	34	3	45	48	82
1994	12	22	34	1	38	39	73
1995	19	16	35	2	36	38	73
1996	13	13	26	0	32	32	58
1997	10	12	22	3	24	27	49
1998	10	12	22	1	23	24	46
1999	10	12	22	1	20	21	43
2000	10	12	22	1	19	20	42
2001	10	12	22	0	16	16	38
2002	9	10	19	0	15	15	34
2003	12	8	20	2	10	12	32
2004	4	3	7	1	11	12	19
2005	9	4	13	0	18	18	31
2006	6	8	14	2	12	14	28
2007	7	9	16	1	13	14	30
2008	11	15	26	2	12	14	40
2009	9	6	15	0	19	19	34
2010	9	10	19	0	19	19	38
2011	8	17	25	0	19	19	44
2012	11	23	34	0	30	30	64
2013	13	17*	30	0	22	22	52*
2014	18	27	45	0	18	18	63
2015	10	19	29	0	25	25	54
2016	9	22	31	0	29	29	60
2017	9	6	15	0	20	20	35
2018	8	13	21	0	16	16	37
2019	3	16	19	0	24	24	43
2020	5	20	25	0	18	18	43
2021	3	11	14	0	12	12	26
2022	5	4	9	0	20	20	29
2023	4	19	23	0	20	20	43

These statistics are provided by the Conference of Religious and the National Office for Vocation.

*This figure does not include the 10 former Anglican sisters who established an autonomous monastery within the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham.