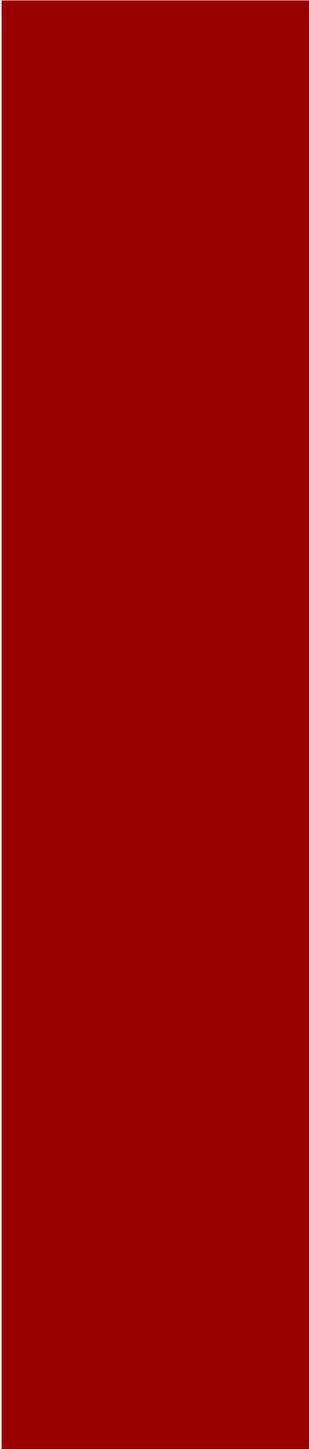




# **Growing Gospel Partnerships in Church Planting**





# Agenda

- Understanding the Scale of Gospel need
- Demonstrating partnership in meeting Gospel need

# Who's Who?



# Background

- How large is the evangelical church in Glasgow?
- How great is the need for church planting?
- Where is the need for church planting greatest?

# The Research

- Identified 83 'broadly evangelical' churches within the city boundary
- Surveyed them by telephone with an 89% response rate
- Analysed Demographic by ward
- Developed interactive Google map

# The Survey

Aimed at identifying the size, location and nature of the evangelical church in the city.

- Attendance
- Age
- Labels
- Planting

# How large is the evangelical church in the City?

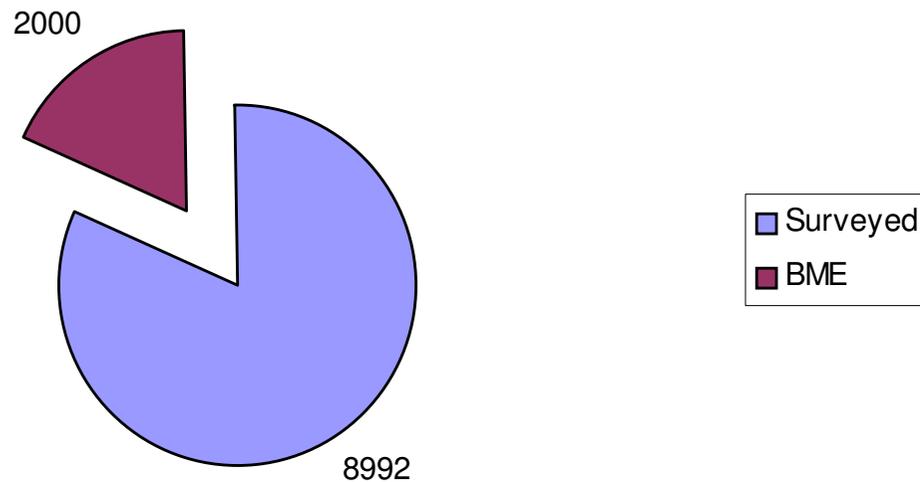
74 responses and 9 guesses.

- Normal Sunday attendance in these 83 churches of 8,992
- Considering those we missed and including the BME church? ADD 2,000

The evangelical church in Glasgow is between 9,000 and 11,000 strong.

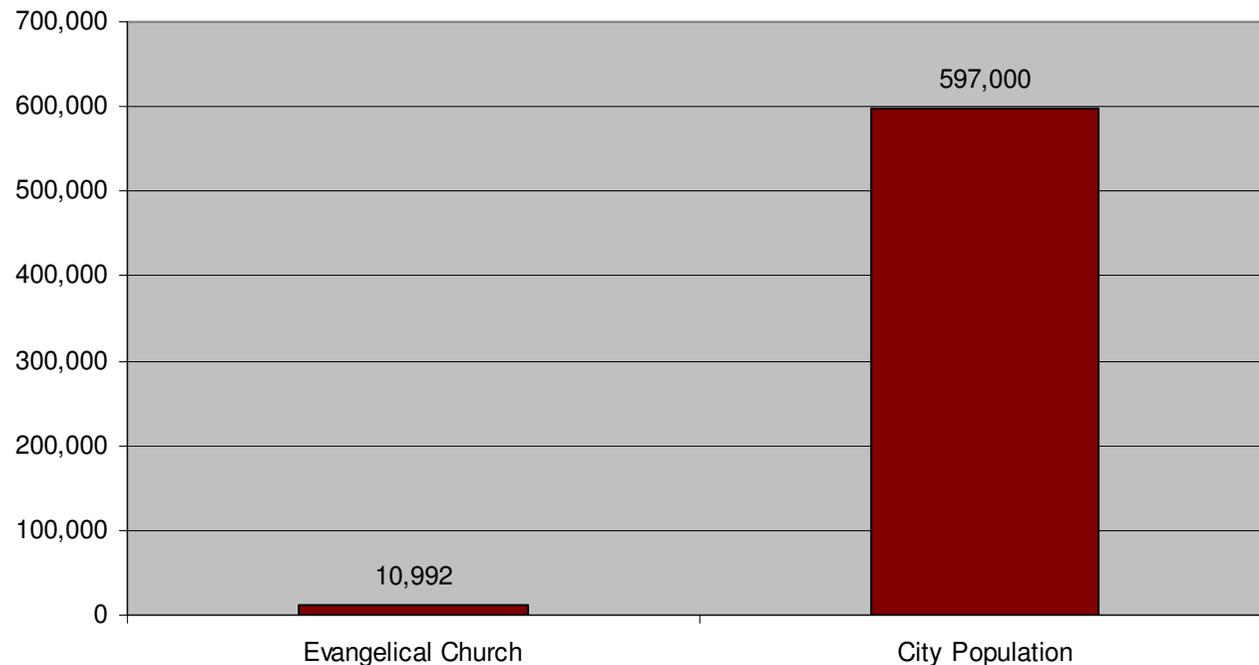
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## Estimating the Size of the Evangelical Church in Glasgow



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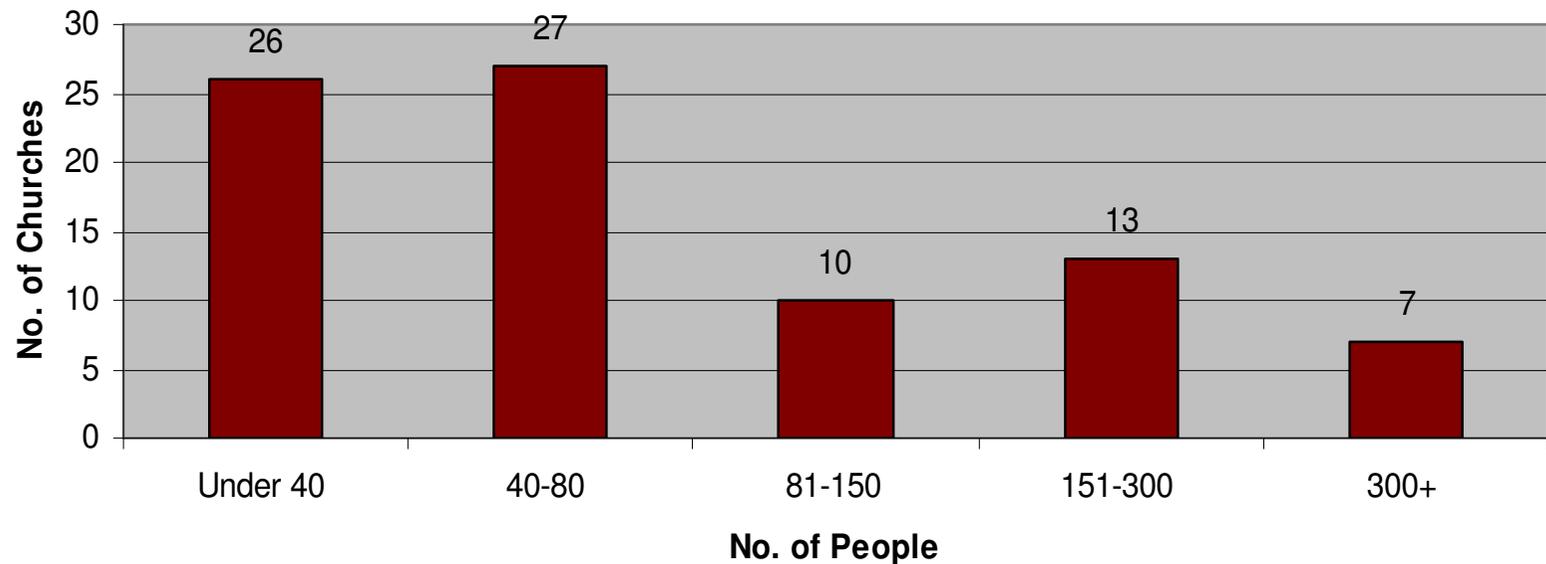
Evangelical Church compared to City Population



Between **1.5% and 1.8%** of Glasgow's population attend a 'broadly evangelical church'.

# How large are the churches?

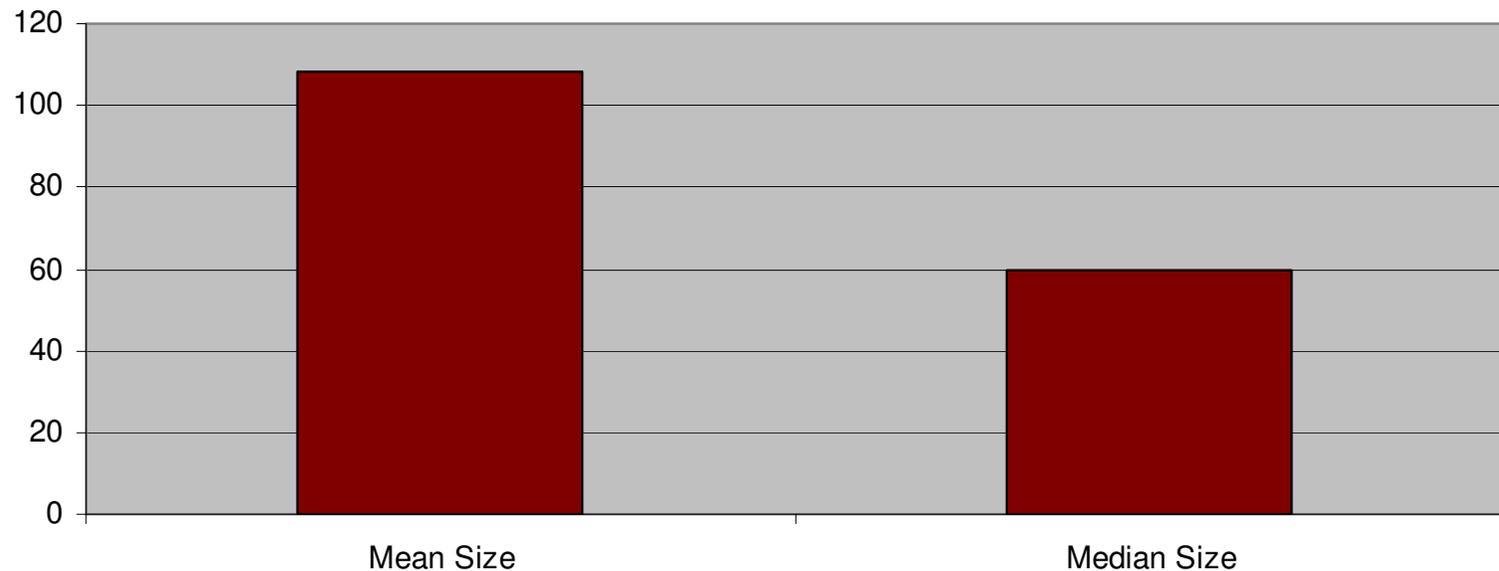
Evangelical Church Attendance



31% have under 40 people attending  
24% have over 150 people attending

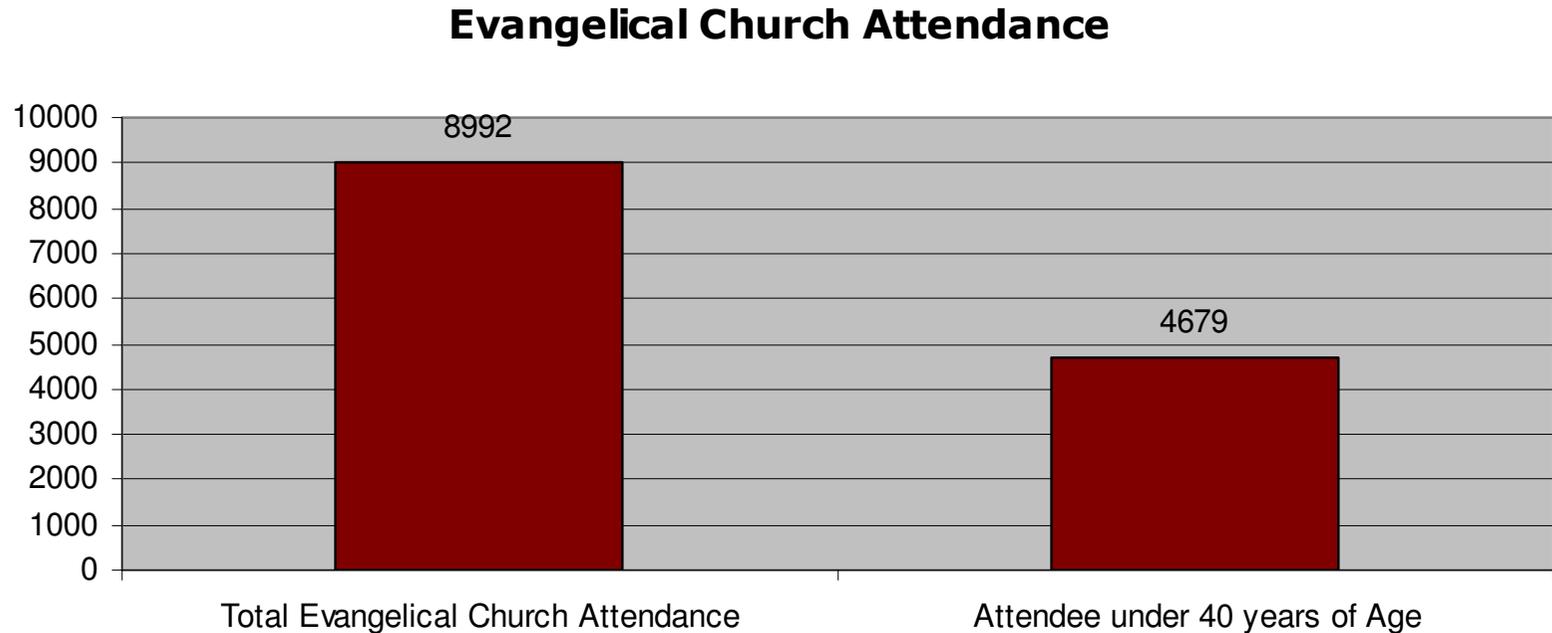
# How large are the churches?

**Average Church Size**



Mean 108 people per church  
Median 60 people per church

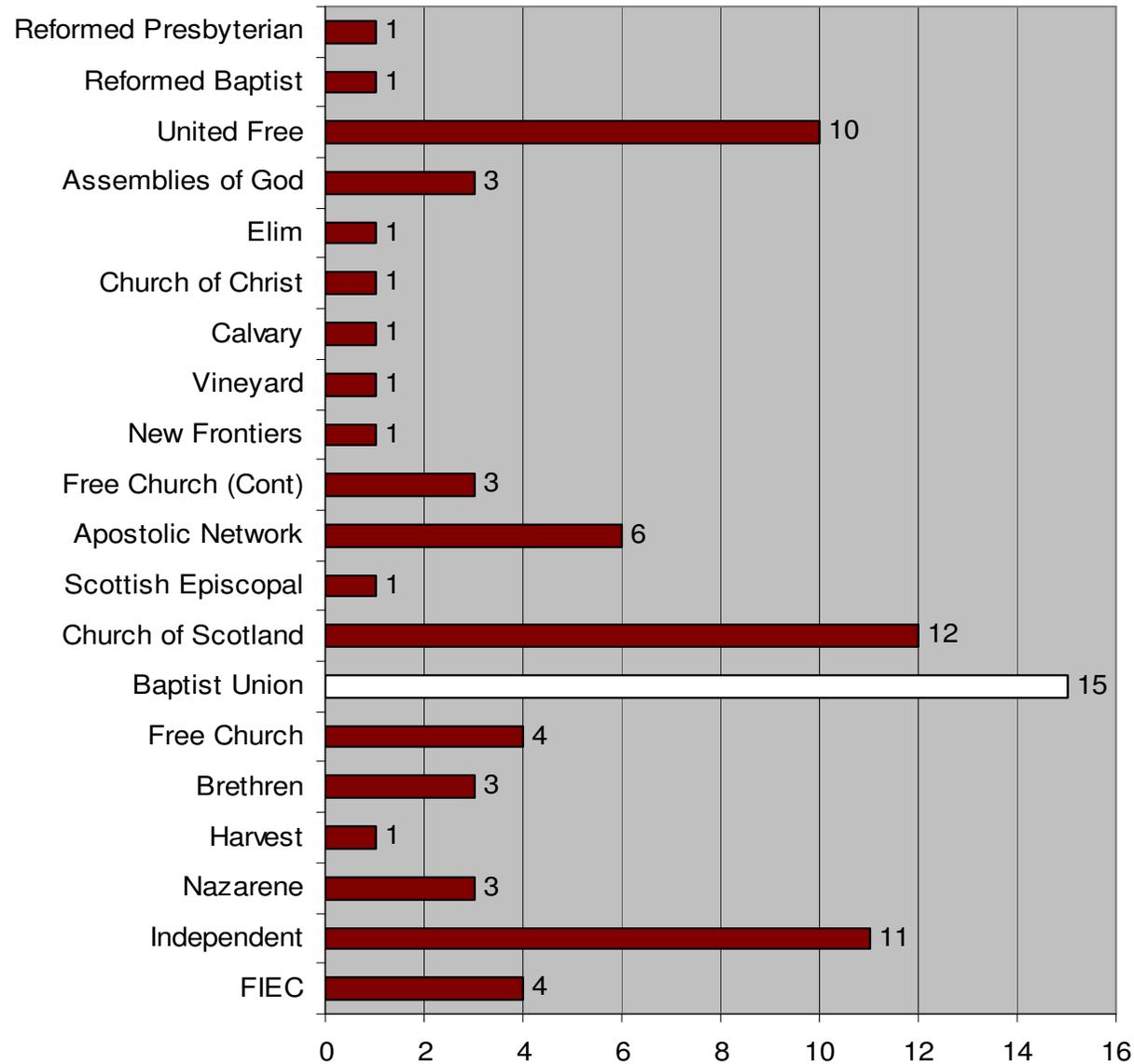
# How old are the congregations?



**52%** of people who attend 'broadly evangelical churches' in Glasgow City are under age 40

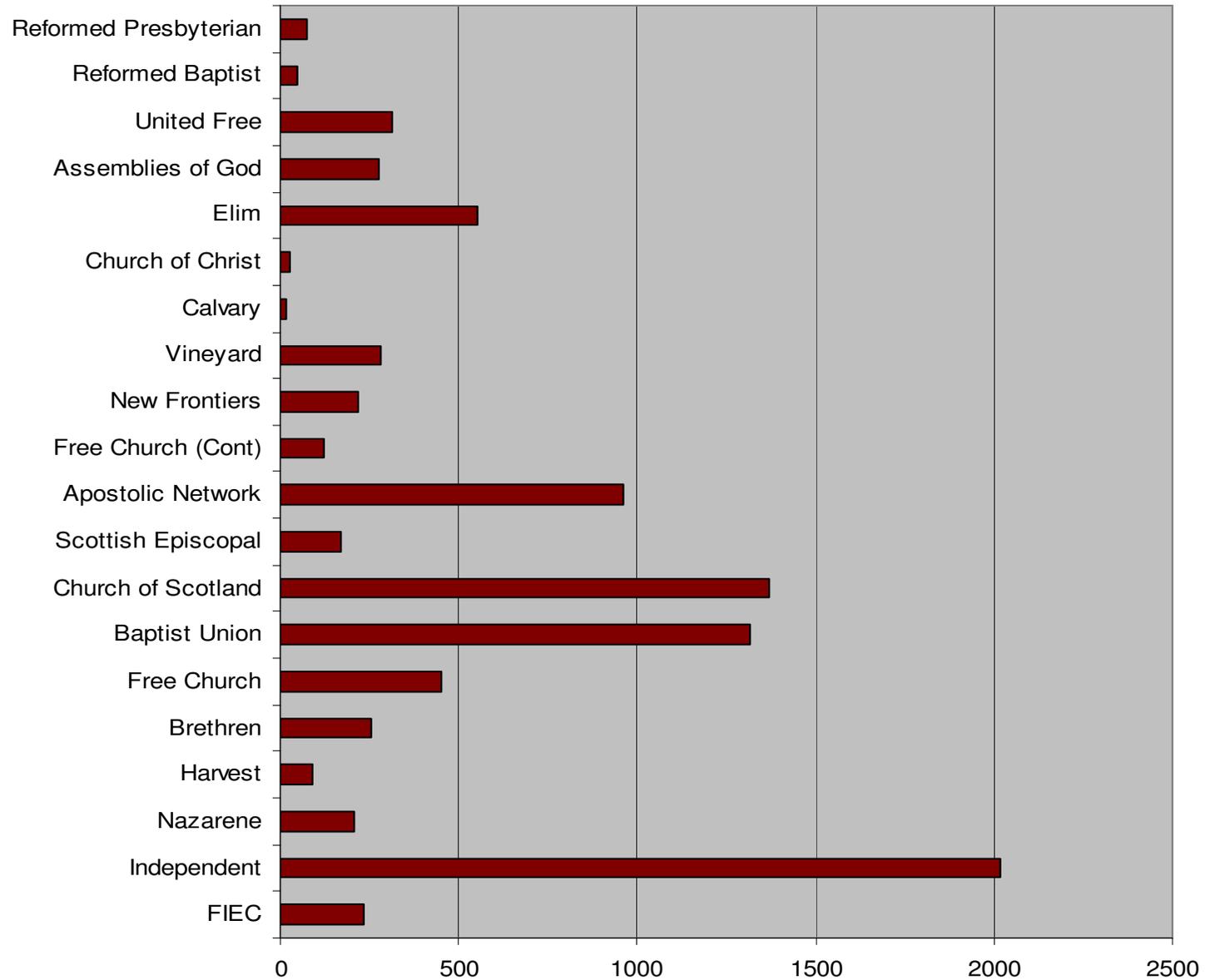
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Congregations by Denominational Affiliation



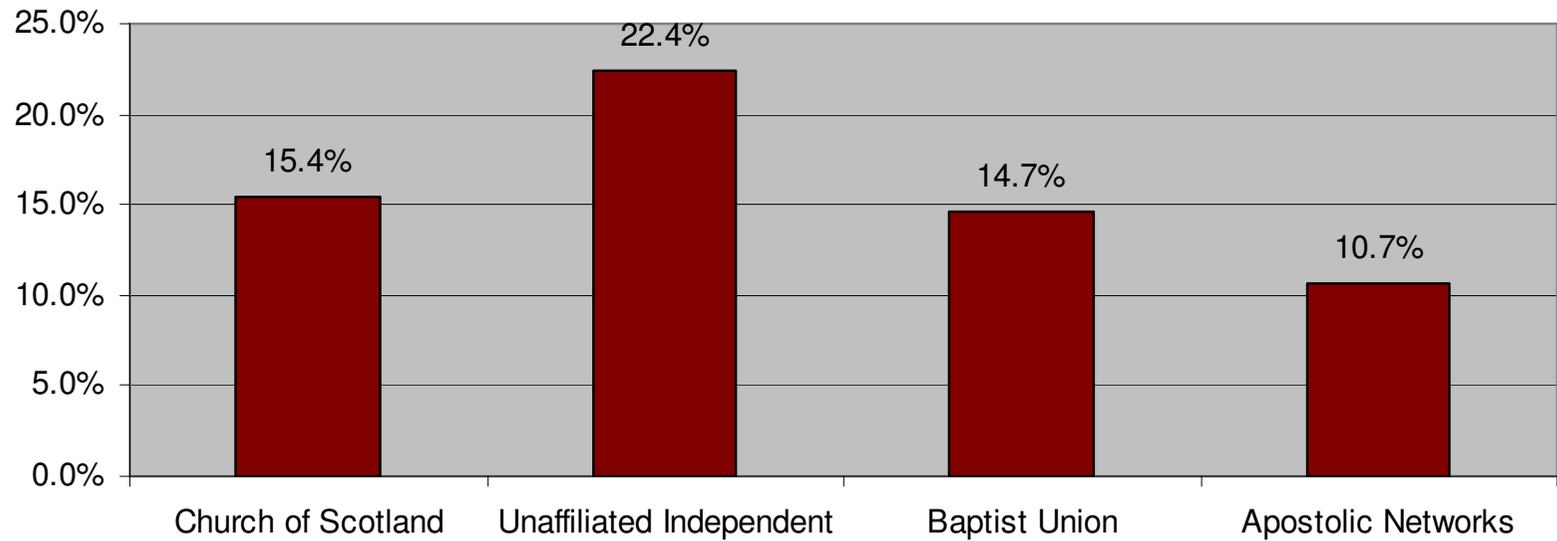
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Attendance by Denominational Affiliation

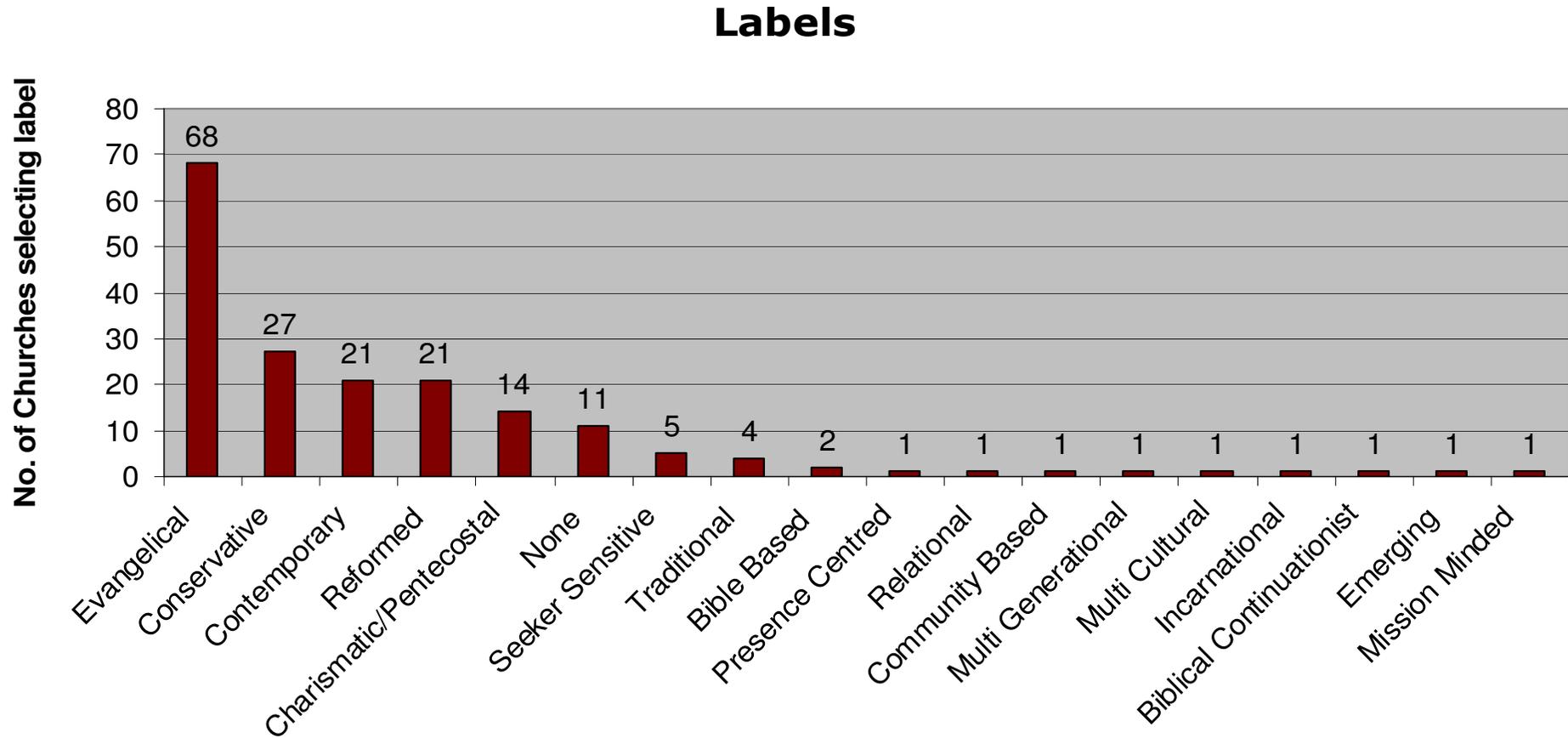


# Largest groupings by Attendance?

Largest Groupings

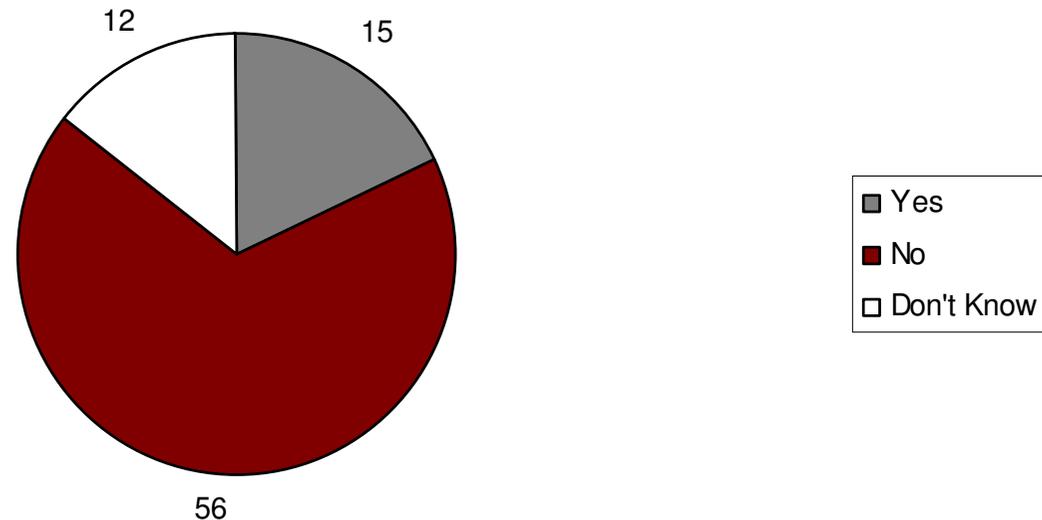


# Favourite Labels?



# Planning to church plant?

Are you planning to Church Plant in the next 2 years?

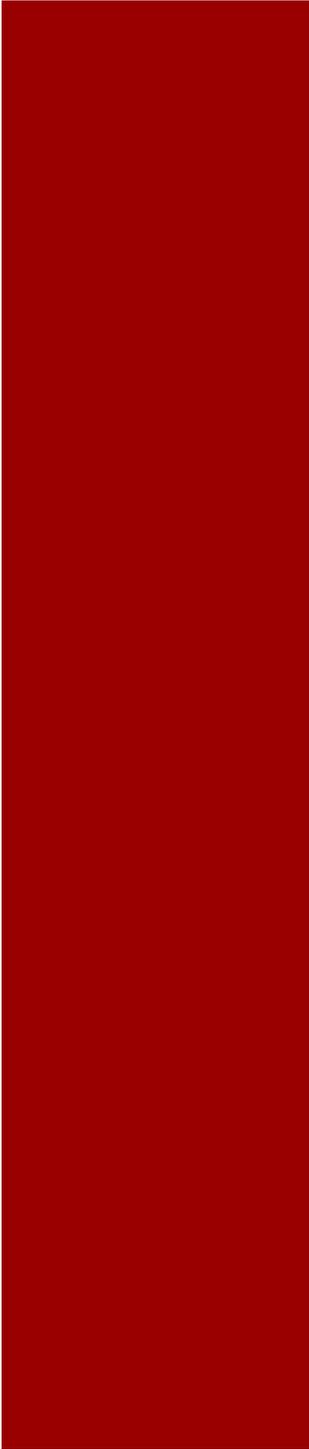


What sort of planting is going to take place?

# Planning to church plant?

Responses -

- Probably one plant or satellite
- Plant a church in Paisley in next 2 years
- Next plant will be in Oban
- Hope to plant 2 churches in the next three years
- One in East End



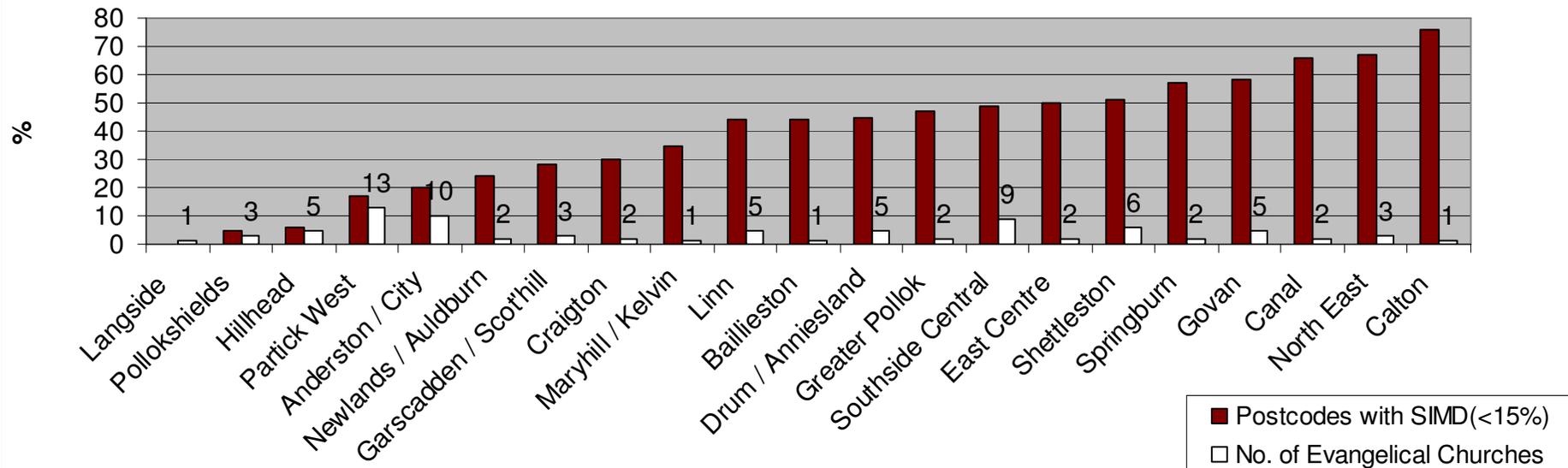
# The Secondary Research

- Analysis of Indicators covering
  - Population
  - Age
  - Ethnicity/Nationality
  - Health
  - Economic Activity
  - Housing
  - Multiple Deprivation

By Council Ward then mapped against church findings

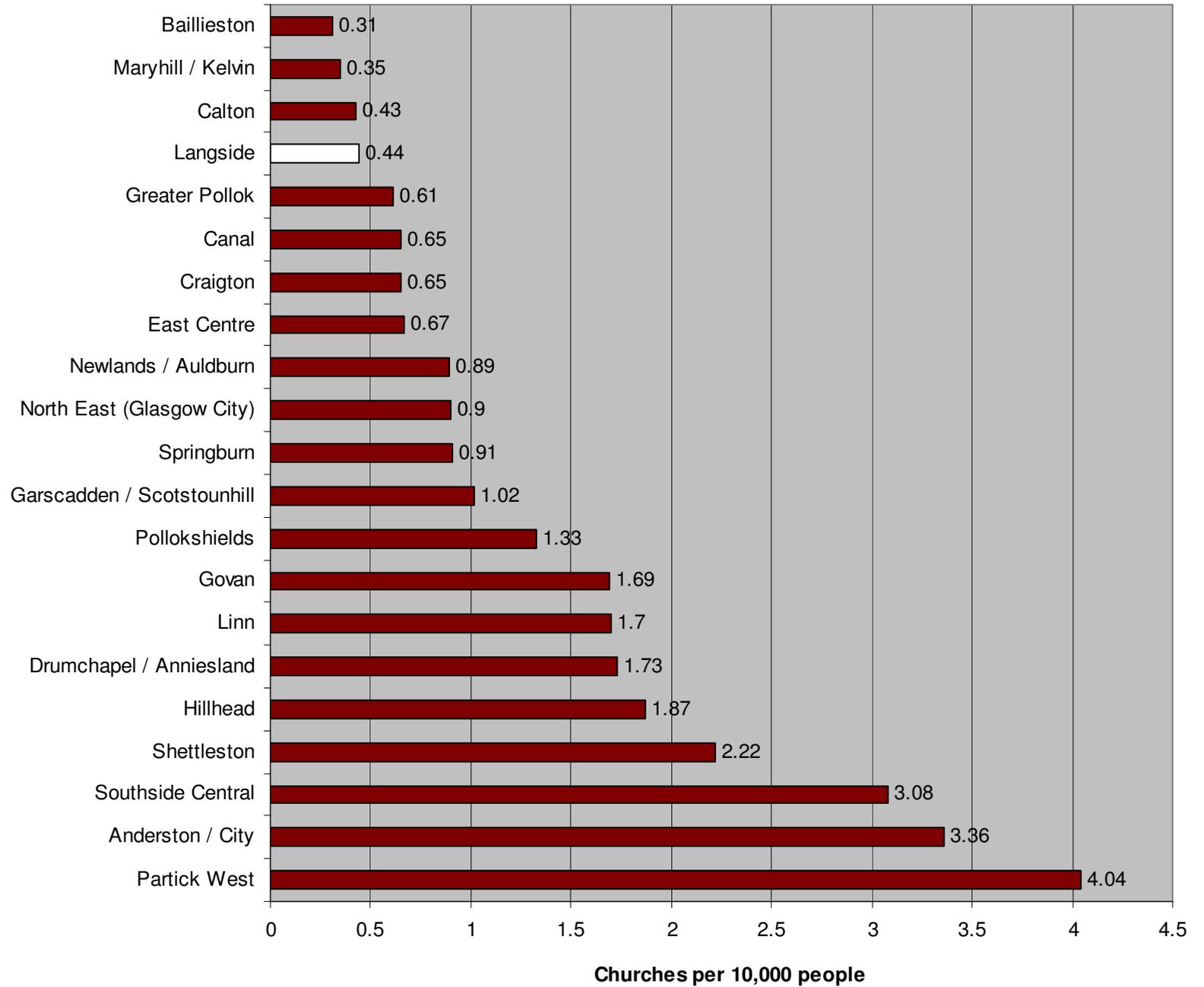
# Are our churches in the right place?

Deprivation & Number of Churches



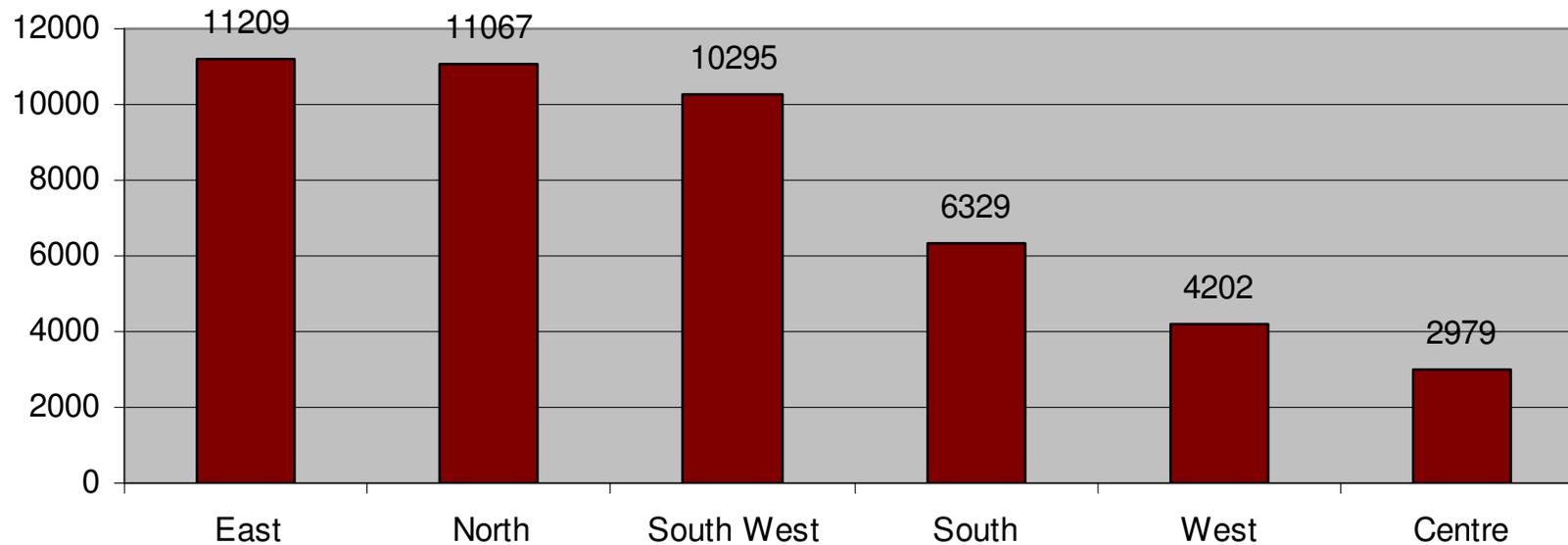
The most deprived areas of the city have the fewest evangelical churches. In the 3 most deprived wards there is 1 church for every 14,554 people

### Churches/Person (x10000) by Ward



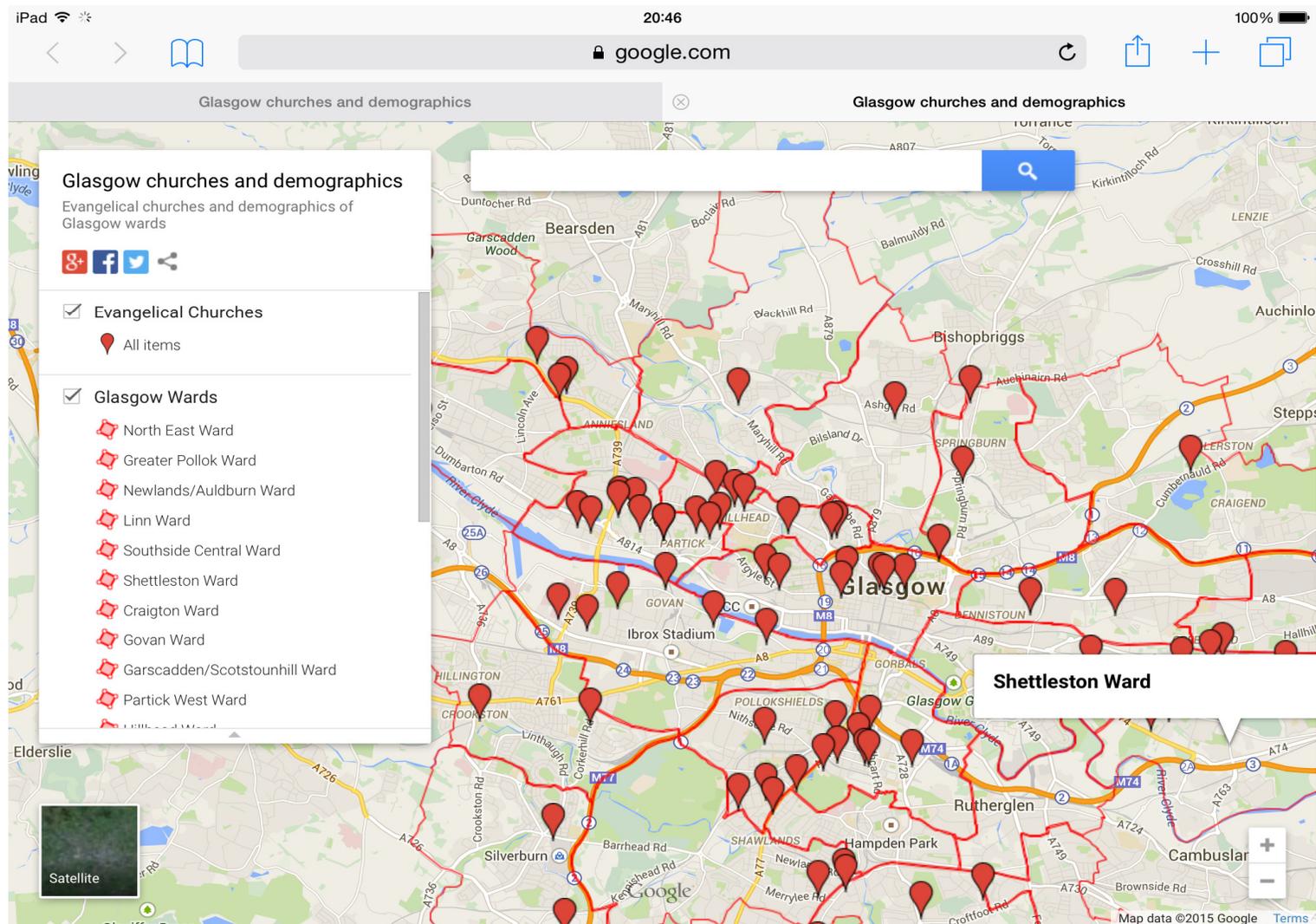
# What about City Zones

Population per Church in City Zones



In the 3 most deprived wards there is **1 church for every 14,554** people

# A Statistical Resource for the Church



# So what...

- The evangelical church in the city is tiny – 1.5%-1.8%. We could all fit in the Hydro
- 52% attendees in evangelical churches are under 40
- The average size of a church is 108 people (median=60)

# So what...

- If you live in a deprived part of the city you are unlikely to have even one 'broadly evangelical church' nearby.  
1 church for every 14,554 people in the 3 most deprived wards
- More than half the city wards have less than 1 church per 10,000 population! But Partick West has over 4 per 10,000 and Anderson /City and Southside Central have over 3 per 10,000

# So what...

- If you live in the west of the city you are three times more likely to have an evangelical church nearby than if you live in the East or the North

# So what...

- Gospel need in Glasgow is great
- Gospel need in the East and North is staggering.

It's time for Gospel Partnerships in Church Planting.