

Volume 5. Wilhelmine Germany and the First World War, 1890-1918 Catholics in the Public Sector (1907)

Many disparities grew out of the confessional divide between Catholics and Protestants. The paucity of Catholics in the higher ranks of the military had much to do with the limitations set by the Protestant establishment in Prussia. Conversely, the high number of Catholics entering into Church service strengthened what many historians have called the "re-confessionalization" of German society. These 1907 statistics suggests that Catholics were more likely to create their own institutions than to cooperate with Protestants in inter-confessional institutions.

Military, court, civic, and church service, also the so-called liberal professions

			Overall numbers		%				
		Catholics	Israelites	Others	Protestants	Catholics	Israelites		
Professions	Protestants							Others	
 Officers, Military doctors, officials of equal rank 	27,455	5,478	16	118	83.2 (+21.1)	16.5 (-20.0)	0.04 (-0.88)	0.36 (-0.02)	
Non-commissioned officers and common administrative personnel of equal rank	417,813	197,471	2,009	834	67.6 (+5.5)	32.0 (-4.5)	0.34 (-0.58)	0.13 (-0.25)	
total	445,268	202,949	2,025	952	68.4 (+6.3)	31.3 (-5.2)	0.31 (-0.61)	0.14 (-0.24)	
2. Higher Reich and state officials	8,957	3,264	244	123	71.5 (+9.4)	25.9 (-10.5)	1.94 (+1.02)	0.98 (+0.60)	
Judges, Prosecutors	15,020	5,143	906	62	71.2 (+9.1)	24.4 (-12.1)	4.28 (+3.36)	0.29 (-0.09)	
Lawyers, Notaries, Patent attorneys	7,352	3,464	1,877	105	57.5 (-4.6)	27.1 (-9.4)	14.6 (+13.6)	0.82 (+0.44)	

Higher court officials of every kind		535	194	-	10	72.4 (+10.3)	26.3 (-10.2)	-	1.35 (+0.97)
Higher municipal officials		5,424	1,819	42	19	74.3 (+12.2)	24.9 (-11.6)	0.57 (-0.35)	0.26 (-0.12)
Higher officials of estate [standesherrlich] or seigneurial administration		223	247	4	4	46.7 (-15.4)	51.9 (+15.4)	0.84 (-0.08)	0.84 (+0.4)
Reich and state officials of mid- level rank, including the administration of justice		122,518	44,066	589	406	73.3 (+11.2)	26.3 (-10.2)	0.35 (-0.57)	0.24 (-0.14)
Mid-level court officials		1,235	630	4	3	66.1 (+4.0)	33.7 (-2.8)	0.21 (-0.71)	0.16 (-0.22)
Mid-level municipal officials		60,652	24,859	131	258	70.5 (+8.4)	29.0 (-7.5)	0.15 (-0.77)	0.30 (-0,08)
Mid-level officials of estate and seigneurial administration		1,232	755	2	7	61.7 (-0.4)	37.8 (+1.3)	0.10 (-0.82)	0.35 (-0.03)
Lower Reich and state officials		20,769	7,213	49	80	73.8 (+11.7)	25.6 (-10.9)	0.17 (-0.75)	0.28 (-0.10)
Lower court officials		3,698	1,278	-	13	74.3 (+12.2)	25.6 (-10.9)	_	0.26 (-0.12)
Lower municipal officials		28,493	14,089	55	169	66.4 (+4.3)	32.8 (-3.7)	0.13 (-0.79)	0.39 (+0.01)
Lower estate and seigneurial officials	1,004		706	1	3	58.5 (-3.6)	41.3 (+4.8)	0.05 (-0.87)	0.17 (-0.21)
total		277,112	107,727	3,904	1,262	71.1 (+9.0)	27,4 (-9.1)	1.00 (+0.08)	0.32 (-0.06)
3. Church, church service, missionary	а	22,822	22,854	841	845	48.3 (-13.8)	48.5 (+12.0)	1.77 (+0.85)	1.79 (+1.41)
work, also personnel in institutions with a	b	2,880	18,508	49	15	13,4 (-48.7)	86.5 (+50.0)	0.23 (-0.69)	0.07 (-0.31)
religious purpose	С	4,627	6,133	465	151	40.8 (-21.3)	54.2 (+17.7)	4.11 (+3.19)	1.34 (+0.96)
total		30,329	47,495	1,355	1,011	37.9 (-24.2)	59.3 (+22.8)	1.69 (+0.77)	1,26 (+0,88)

4. Education and	а	183,64	89,251	3,235	1,019	66.3	32.2	1.17	0.37
teaching, libraries,		8	4.450			(+4.2)	(-4.3)	(+0.25)	(-0.01)
scientific and artistic	b	2,880	1,152	64	31	70.0	27.9	1.55	0.75
collections						(+7.9)	(-8.6)	(+0.63)	(+0.37)
	С	11,163	6,851	46	56	61.6	37.8	0.25	0.31
						(-0.5)	(+1.3)	(-0.67)	(-0.07)
total	197,691		97,254	3,345	1,106	66.0	32.4	1.12	0.37
						(+3.9)	(-4.1)	(+0.20)	(0.01)
Health care and	а	49,695	23,489	4,719	647	63.2	30.0	6.00	0.83
infirmary service						(+1.1)	(-6.5)	(+5.08)	(+0.45)
	b	9,328	2,644	84	67	76,8	21.8	0.69	0.55
						(+14.7)	(-14.7)	(-0.23)	(+0.17)
	С	48,211	39,859	417	622	54.0	44.7	0.47	0.69
						(-8.1)	(+8.2)	(-0.45)	(+0.31)
	d	17,569	10,195	87	84	62.6	36.5	0.31	0.30
						(+0.5)	(-0.0)	(-0.61)	(-0.08)
total		124,803	76,187	5,307	1,420	60.2	36.8	2.56	0.68
						(-1.9)	(+0.3)	(+1.64)	(+0.30)
6. Private scholars,		5,638	1,905	712	498	64.3	21.7	8.14	5.69
writers, journalists		-,	,			(+2.2)	(-14.8)	(+7.22)	(+5.31)
7. Stenographers,		7,371	2,575	296	334	69.8	24.3	2.81	3.16
private secretaries, accountants, clerks,		.,	_,			(+7.7)	(-12.2)	(+1.89)	(+2.78)
etc.									
8. Music, theater,	а	58,663	20,276	1,775	701	72.0	25.2	2.18	0.86
theatrical	a	30,003	20,270	1,775	701	(+9.9)	(-11.3)	(+1.26)	(+0.48)
performances of	b	1,690	603	76	22	70,7	25.2	3.18	0.92
every kind	D	1,090	003	70	22	(+8.6)	(-11.3)	(+2.16)	(+0.54)
every kind	с	4,796	2,019	53	25	69.6	29.6	0.77	0.36
	C	4,790	2,019	55	25	(+7.5)	(-6.9)	(-0.15)	(-0.02)
total		65,149	22,898	1,904	748	71.8	25.2	2.09	0.82
lotal		05,149	22,090	1,904	/40	(+9.7)	25.2 (-11.3)		
	+	<u> </u>	20.5	0.02	0.00	(+9.7)	(-11.3)	(+1.17)	(+0.44)
On 12 June 1907 there were in %:		62.1	36.5	0.92	0.38				

Source: "Die Benachteiligung der Katholiken im öffentlichen Dienst (bes. akademische Berufe) 1907" ["Discrimination against Catholics in the Public Sector (particularly in the educated professions) in 1907"], from Hans Rost, *Die wirtschaftliche und kulturelle Lage der deutschen Katholiken* [*The Economic and Cultural Position of German Catholics*]. Cologne, 1911, p. 71 f.

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