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# Selecting a BIBLE

1. Accuracy of Translation
2. Easier to read
3. Getting meaning in another form (clearness)

## 1. Word for Word

NASB - New American Standard Bible  
AMP - Amplified Bible  
ESV - English Standard Version  
RSV - Revised Standard Version  
KJV - King James Version  
NKJV - New King James Version

## 2. Thought for Thought

HCSB - Holman Christian Standard Bible  
NRSV - New Revised Standard Version  
NAB - New American Bible  
NJB - New Jerusalem Bible  
NIV - New International Version  
TNIV - Today's New International Version  
NCV - New Century Version  
NLT - New Living Translation

## 3. Paraphrase

NIRV - New International Reader's Version  
GNT - Good News Translation (also Good News Bible)  
CEV - Contemporary English Version  
TLB - The Living Bible  
MSG - **The Message**

For an online source for multi-version of the bible: [www.biblos.com](http://www.biblos.com)



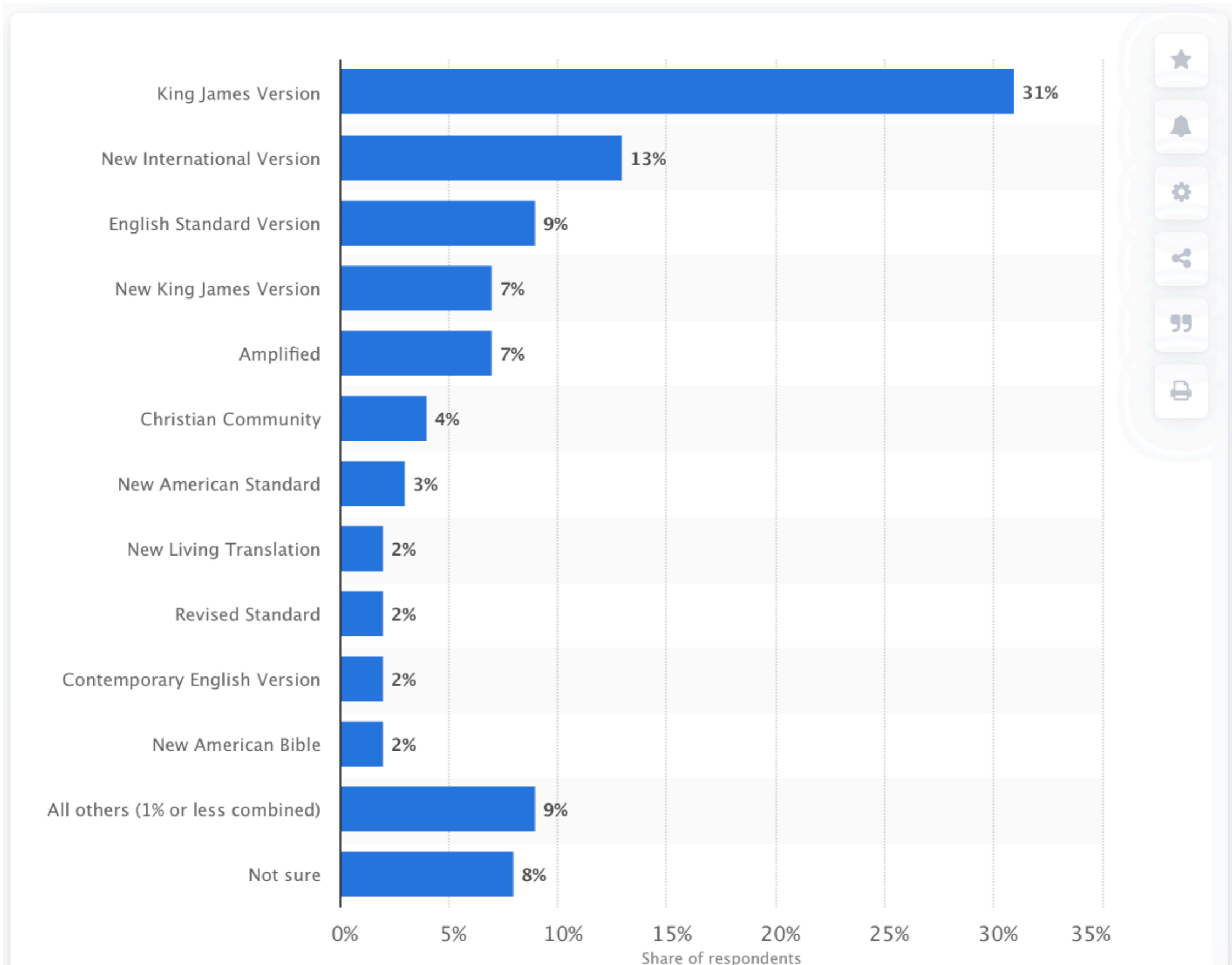
# Most Popular Versions Sold

The [evangelical Christian Booksellers Association](#) lists the most popular versions of the Bible sold by their members in the United States. Through 29 December 2012, the top five best selling translations (based on both dollar and unit sales) were as follows:<sup>[16]</sup>

1. [New International Version](#)
2. [King James Version](#)
3. [New Living Translation](#)
4. [New King James Version](#)
5. [English Standard Version](#)



# What is the version or translation of the Bible you **read most often**?



Preferred Bible version in the U.S. 2017

# Based on Functional Equivalence or Literal (Word-for-Word) here are the 5 most accurate translations of the Bible:

**1. The New American Standard Bible** (NASB) was first published in 1963, with the **most** recent edition published in 1995. It holds the reputation for being the “**most accurate**” **Bible translation** in English.

## **2. English Standard Version (ESV)**

The ESV is a revision of the Revised Standard Version (RSV). It is also very close to the NASB. It was originally published in 2001. A new edition was published in 2009 including the deuterocanonical –or apocryphal- books. This makes it suitable for reading for Catholic believers.

## **3. New English Translation (NET)**

The NET was first published in 2005, and it is a completely new version. It is a free online Bible and it can be [accessed at this link](#). It was designed as a free online version of the Bible for worldwide ministry so that people who do not have access to the Bible could have a high-quality resource for Bible study.

## **4. King James Version (KJV)**

That venerable old standard –the King James Version (KJV) also shows up very high on the list of most accurate Bibles. But what holds it back from being higher on the list? The English is 400 years old, dating to the original publishing date of 1611. Our language has changed greatly since the KJV was published 4 centuries ago so it doesn't get to the top of the list when measured by today's standards.

## **5. New King James Version (NKJV)**

The NKJV –the New King James Version- is a beautifully updated version of the KJV. It retains the beautiful structure and literary qualities of the KJV, but just enough of the antiquated words are changed into modern English words that the reader's understanding is greatly improved.

# What Americans Read

A study published in 2014 by The Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture at Indiana University and Purdue University found that Americans read versions of the Bible as follows:

1. King James Version (55%)
2. New International Version (19%)
3. New Revised Standard Version (7%)
4. New American Bible (6%)
5. The Living Bible (5%)
6. All other translations (8%)



*“Knowledge* **is realizing**  
**that the street**  
**is one way.** *Wisdom*  
**is looking both**  
**directions anyway.”**

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