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- www.asarbo.org
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- www.nazareneresearch.org
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Religion Census 2010 Offers Unique Insight on U.S. Religious Populations

• Continues decennial series started in 1952
• Provides data on specific religious bodies, from the Amana Church Society to Zoroastrians
• Differentiates among specific bodies within same tradition
• Features the only county-level data on U.S. religious adherence
Religion Census Includes Data on . . .

- **Congregations**, groups of persons who meet together regularly for worship
- **Members**, e.g., persons with communicant, confirmed, or full membership status
- **Adherents**, including members, their children, and the estimated number of other participants who are not considered members
- **Attendance**, average weekly attendance at worship services
Religion Census 2010 Has Several New Features

• 125 groups that did not participate in 2000 study
• Most exhaustive count ever of independent, non-denominational Christian churches
• Expanded coverage of Orthodox Christian Churches
• First-ever counts of Buddhist and Hindu congregations and adherents by tradition
• Improved coverage of predominantly African American religious bodies
• Counts of Jewish congregations and adherents by tradition
• Expanded coverage of Muslim congregations
• More comprehensive and specific coverage of Amish, Friends, and other traditions
### 2010 Work Is Most Extensive in Series

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## Protestant Bodies Account for Most Congregations and Adherents

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*includes 9,074 congregations and 218,625 adherents of other Christian bodies not listed above
Claimed Adherents Vary by County
Distributions Vary by Metropolitan Status

Distribution by area

- Metro 5M+
- Metro 1M to 5M
- Metro 250K to 1M
- Metro < 250K
- Micropolitan
- Non-metro

Faiths:
- ALL ADHERENTS
- Black Protestant
- Evangelical and Conservative Protestant
- Mainline Protestant
- Catholic
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Historic Patterns Continue to be Evident
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**SBC, Independent Churches Are Majority of Evangelical and Conservative**

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Independent Churches Are Dispersed
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Mainline Protestants More in North
## Mainline Protestants More Concentrated in Large Bodies

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United Methodist Church Remains Most Dispersed U.S. Religious Body
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Religion Census 2010 Has Extensive But Incomplete Coverage of Black Protestants

• African American religious bodies have traditionally lacked resources to gather data
• Religion Census used mailing lists and on-line resources to gather data on 11 African American religious bodies
• Data are most extensive ever aggregated for these groups at a county level but still incomplete
African Methodist Episcopal Church
Concentrated in Deep South
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Catholics Prevalent in Northeast, Midwest, Southwest
Catholics Shift West and South . . .

Percent of U.S. Catholics in region

- Northeast
- Midwest
- South
- West

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<td>1971</td>
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<td>33%</td>
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Where Church Size Also Grows

Average Number of Catholics per Church

- Northeast
- Midwest
- South
- West


Values:
- Northeast: 3,000
- Midwest: 2,000
- South: 1,500
- West: 4,000

Source: Chart prepared by authors.
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**U.S. Orthodox Christian Churches Are Growing Dynamically**

- Religion Census includes 23 Orthodox bodies
  - 817,501 adherents in Eastern Orthodox bodies
  - 239,034 adherents in Oriental Orthodox bodies
- Between 2000 and 2010, the number of Orthodox Christian congregations has changed
  - + 13 percent for Eastern Orthodox churches
  - + 35 percent for Oriental Orthodox churches
Nearly Half of Orthodox Adherents Are in Five States (CA, NY, IL, MA, and PA)

Adherent Cartogram 2010
Orthodox Christian Churches
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Nearly One in Three Mormons Are in Utah

Adherent Cartogram 2010
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Mormon Change Throughout Nation

Decadal Change
- Newly Entered
- Major Gains (50% or more)
- Minor Changes
- Major Losses (50% or more)
- Dropped
- No Presence

295 counties reported in 2010 but not in 2000.
226 counties reported in 2000 but not in 2010.
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Religion Census 2010 Has Most Extensive Data Collected for Other U.S. Religions

- Jewish data for 3,464 congregations by four traditions: Conservative, Orthodox, Reconstructionist, and Reform
- Muslim data for 2,106 congregations
- Buddhist adherent and congregation data for 215 different bodies grouped by four traditions
- Hindu adherent and congregation data for 127 different bodies grouped by four traditions
- Continued coverage of Bahá'í, Jain, Sikh, Spiritualist, Tao and Zoroastrian traditions
- Added coverage of Shinto tradition
Among Jewish Traditions, Orthodox Claim Highest Adherence and Attendance

Adherents: 2.3 Million

Attendance: 1.0 Million

- Orthodox
- Reform
- Conservative
- Reconstructionist
One in Five Jewish Adherents Are in New York City, But Many Also Elsewhere
The U.S. Muslim Population of 2.6 Million Is Distributed in All Fifty States
Muslim Communities Are Increasing
The Hindu Population of Nearly 650,000 Is Present in 49 States and D.C.
Buddhists Have Nearly 3,000 Congregations and One Million Adherents
Largest Non-Christian Group Varies by Region
Christian Group with Largest Numeric Gain in Adherents by State, 2000-2010

* State where Muslim increase outpaced the named Christian group.

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2010 U.S. Religion Census: Religious Congregations & Membership Study
Created by Research Services using ESRI ArcMap 10.0
This map uses Simpson's Diversity Index to measure the likelihood of two individuals in the same county belonging to different religious groups based on the following groupings: Latter-day Saints, Catholic, Protestant, Other Christian (primarily Orthodox Christian churches), Islam, Jewish, or Other Religions. The high proportion of Protestants in the central states and the high proportion of Latter-day Saints in the mountain west create areas of low religious diversity. Greater diversity is found where many groups are at least moderately large or equally small, such as in many western states or northern New England.
Adherence Varies by Region

Percent of population in region by group

Northeast 52%
Midwest 50%
South 50%
West 43%

Total adherence rate:

- Black Protestant
- Evangelical and Conservative Protestant
- Mainline Protestant
- Catholic
- Latter-day Saints
- Orthodox
Among Protestants, Mainline More Prevalent in Northeast, Midwest
Catholics Least Prevalent in Rural South
Eastern Orthodox Christian Adherents By County

Population Ratio
- Less than 0.1%
- 0.1% to 0.49%
- 0.5% to 0.99%
- 1.0% to 4.99%
- 5.0% or more
- No Presence
Among Jewish Traditions, Orthodox Claim Highest Adherence and Attendance

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<td>165,591</td>
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<td>Reconstructionist</td>
<td>95</td>
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<td>845</td>
<td>766,352</td>
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Population Penetration, Church of the Brethren Adherents in the United States, 2010

1,032 congregations and 146,588 adherents were reported in 397 counties.

Population Ratio
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Population Penetration, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Adherents in the United States, 2010

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2010 U.S. Religion Census: Religious Congregations & Membership Study
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3,625 congregations and 785,776 adherents were reported in 1,278 counties.
Population Penetration, Episcopal Church Adherents in the United States, 2010

6,794 congregations and 1,951,907 adherents were reported in 2,049 counties.
Population Penetration, Evangelical Covenant Church Adherents in the United States, 2010

816 congregations and 228,365 adherents were reported in 343 counties.
Population Penetration, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Adherents in the United States, 2010

9,846 congregations and 4,181,219 adherents were reported in 1,739 counties.
Population Penetration, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Adherents in the United States, 2010

3,536 congregations and 1,881,341 adherents were reported in 722 counties.
Population Penetration, Reformed Church in America Adherents in the United States, 2010

864 congregations and 295,120 adherents were reported in 228 counties.
Population Penetration, Seventh-day Adventist Church Adherents in the United States, 2010

5,665 congregations and 1,194,996 adherents were reported in 1,827 counties.