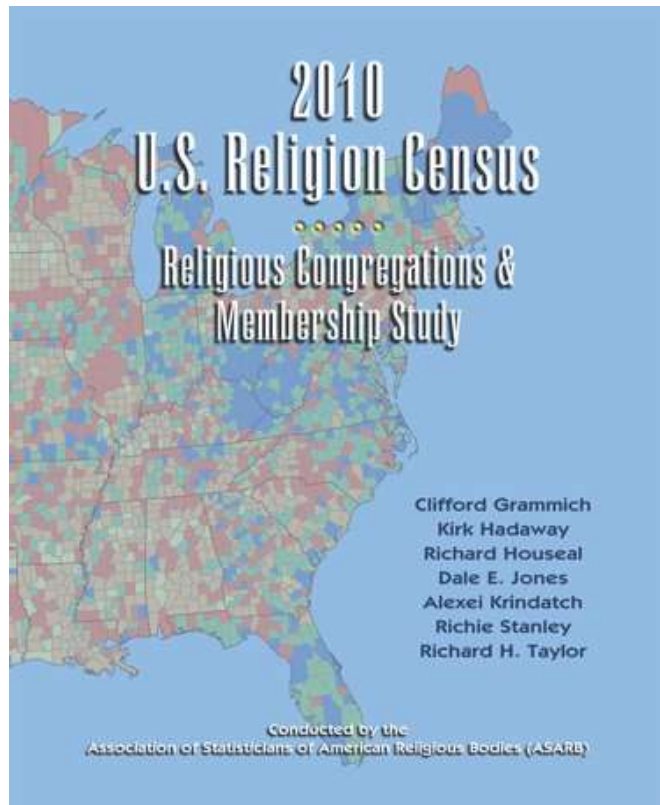


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Online Resources . . .

- www.USReligionCensus.org
- www.twitter.com/ReligionCensus
- www.asarb.org
- www.thearda.com
- www.glenmary.org/rcms2010
- 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

	1952, first in series	2000, previous most recent	2010, new release
Groups reporting ...			
...Congregations	112	149	236
...Adherents	108	135	153
...Attendance	n/a	57	107
Total congregations	182,856	268,254	344,894
Total adherents	74,125,462	141,371,963	150,686,156
Claimed as % of population	49	50	49

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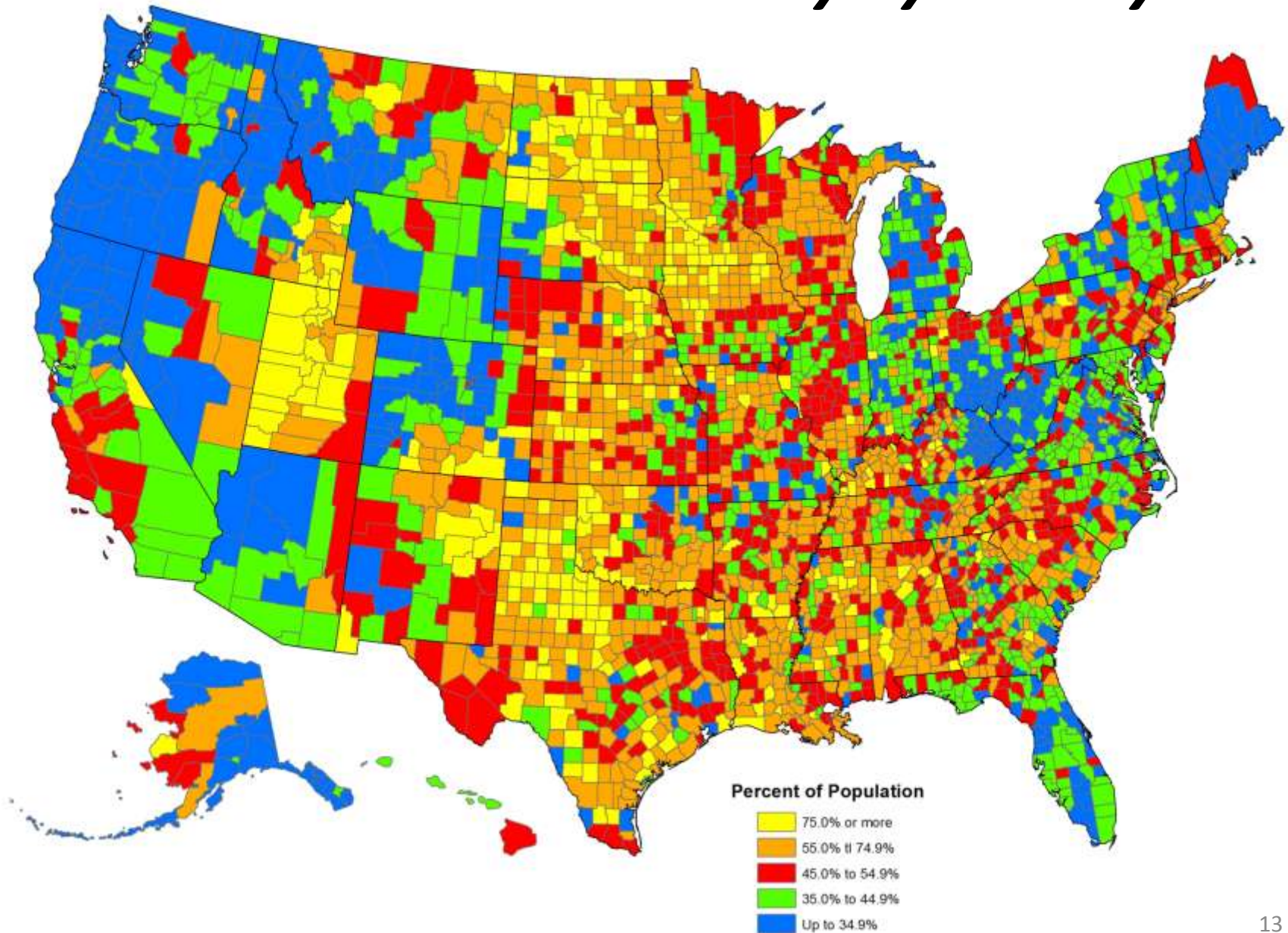
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Protestant Bodies Account for Most Congregations and Adherents

Grouping	Congregations	Adherents	% of population
Black Protestant	17,754	4,877,067	1.6
Evangelical and Conservative Protestant	191,112	50,013,803	14.3
Mainline Protestant	77,760	22,655,826	7.3
Catholic	20,589	58,928,987	19.1
Orthodox Christian	2,551	1,056,535	0.3
Latter-day Saints	14,393	6,267,771	2.0
Other Faiths	11,661	6,667,542	2.2
Total*	344,894	150,686,156	48.8

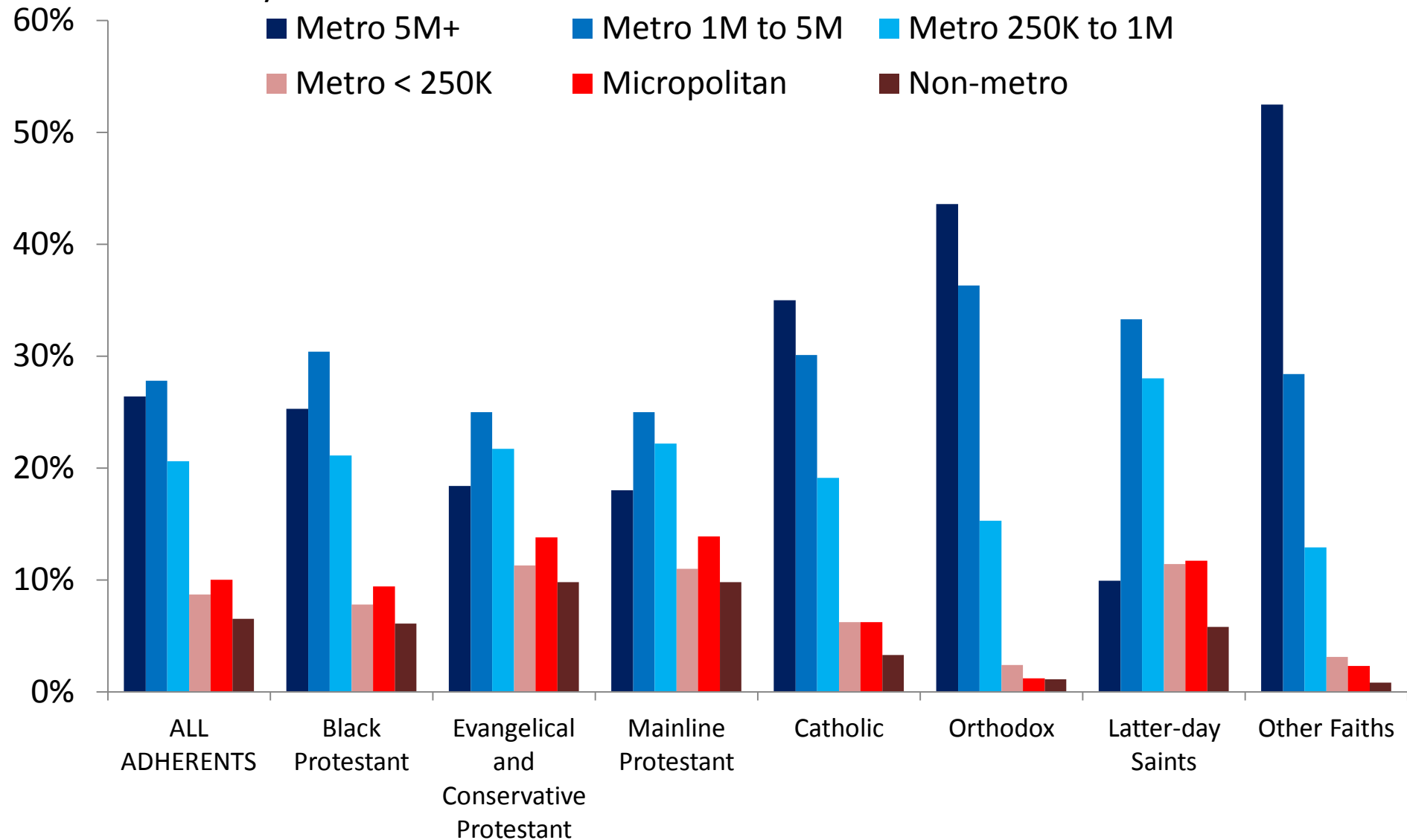
*includes 9,074 congregations and 218,625 adherents of
Other Christian bodies not listed above

Claimed Adherents Vary by County

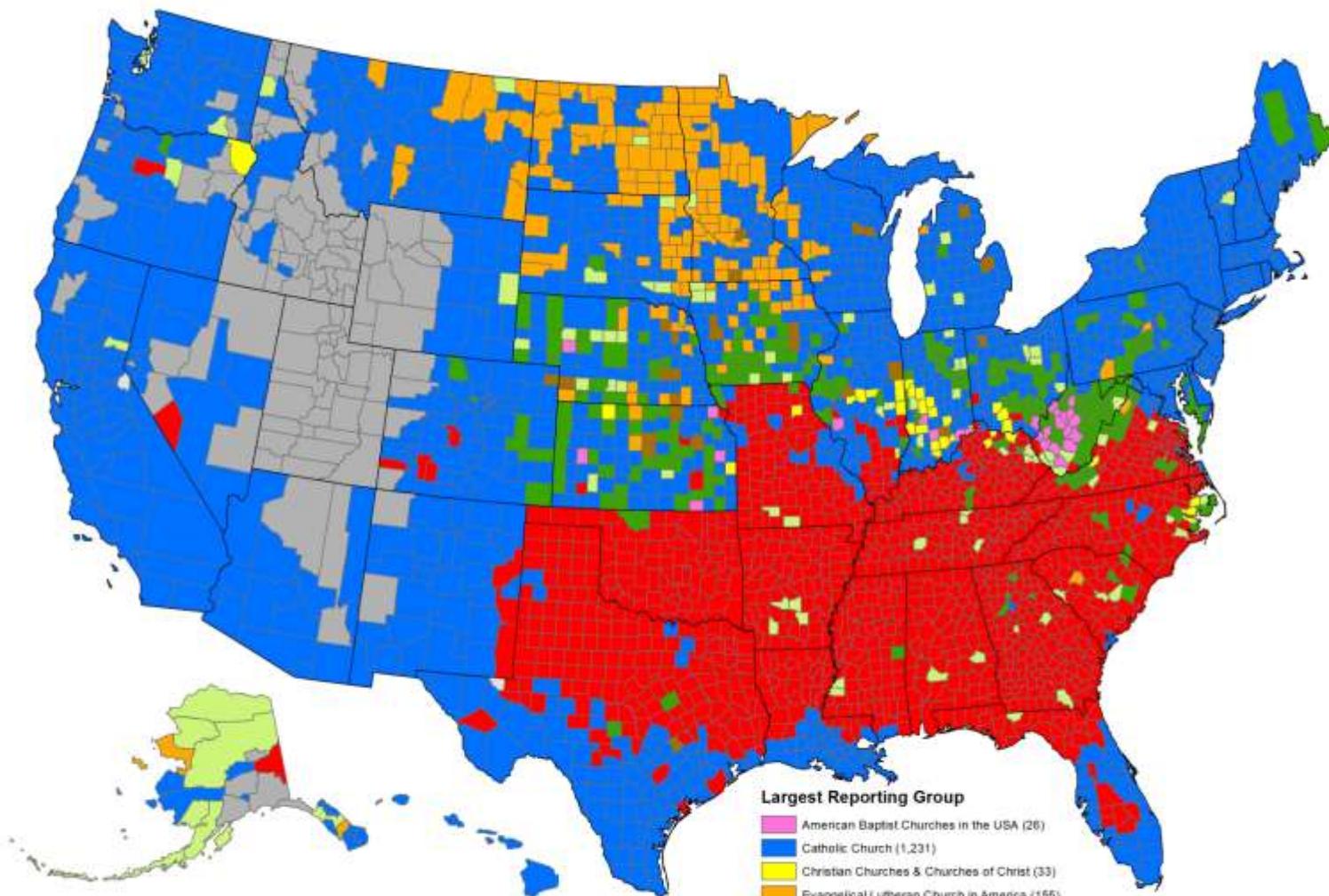


Distributions Vary by Metropolitan Status

Distribution by area



Historic Patterns Continue to be Evident



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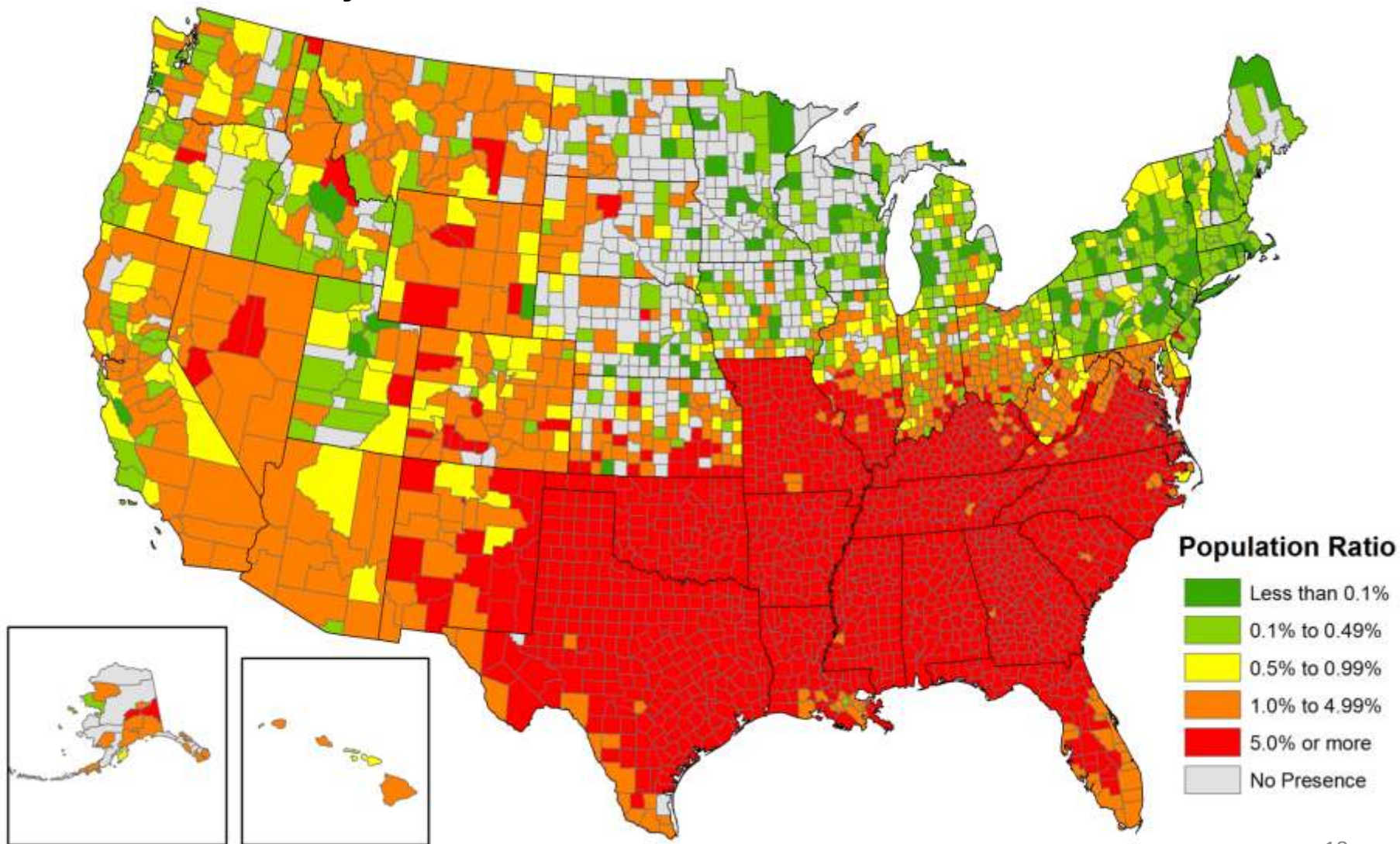
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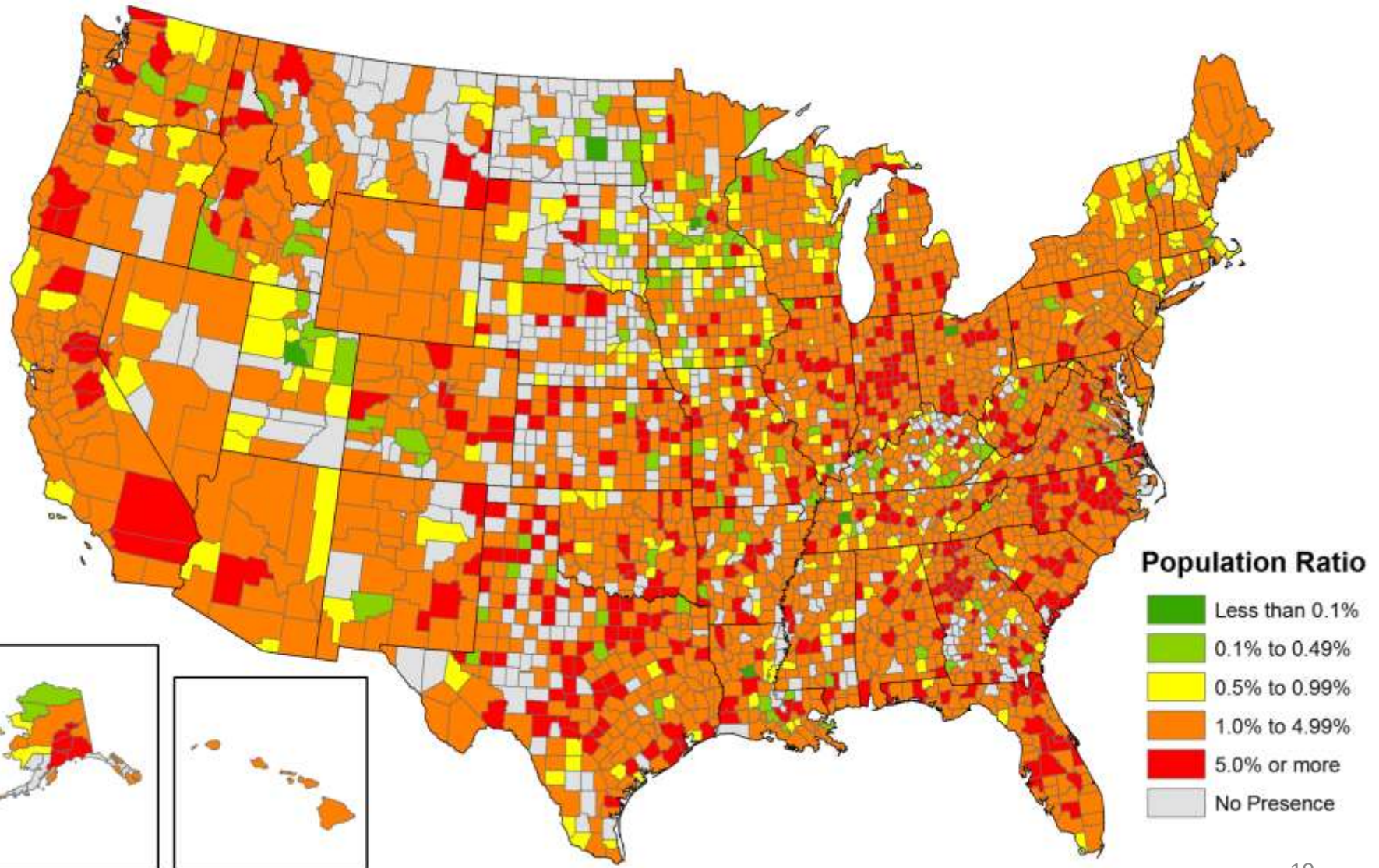
SBC, Independent Churches Are Majority of Evangelical and Conservative

Group	Congregations	Adherents	% of population
Southern Baptist Convention (SBC)	50,816	19,896,975	6.4
Non-denominational Christian Churches	35,496	12,241,329	4.0
Assemblies of God	12,258	2,944,887	1.0
Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod	6,040	2,270,921	0.7
Churches of Christ	12,584	1,584,162	0.5
Christian Churches and Churches of Christ	5,293	1,453,160	0.5
Seventh-day Adventist Church	5,665	1,194,996	0.4
Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee)	6,100	1,109,992	0.4
All Other Evangelical and Conservative Protestants	56,860	7,317,381	2.4
Total Evangelical and Conservative Protestants	191,112	50,013,803	16.2

Southern Baptists Most Prevalent in South, Least Prevalent in Midwest



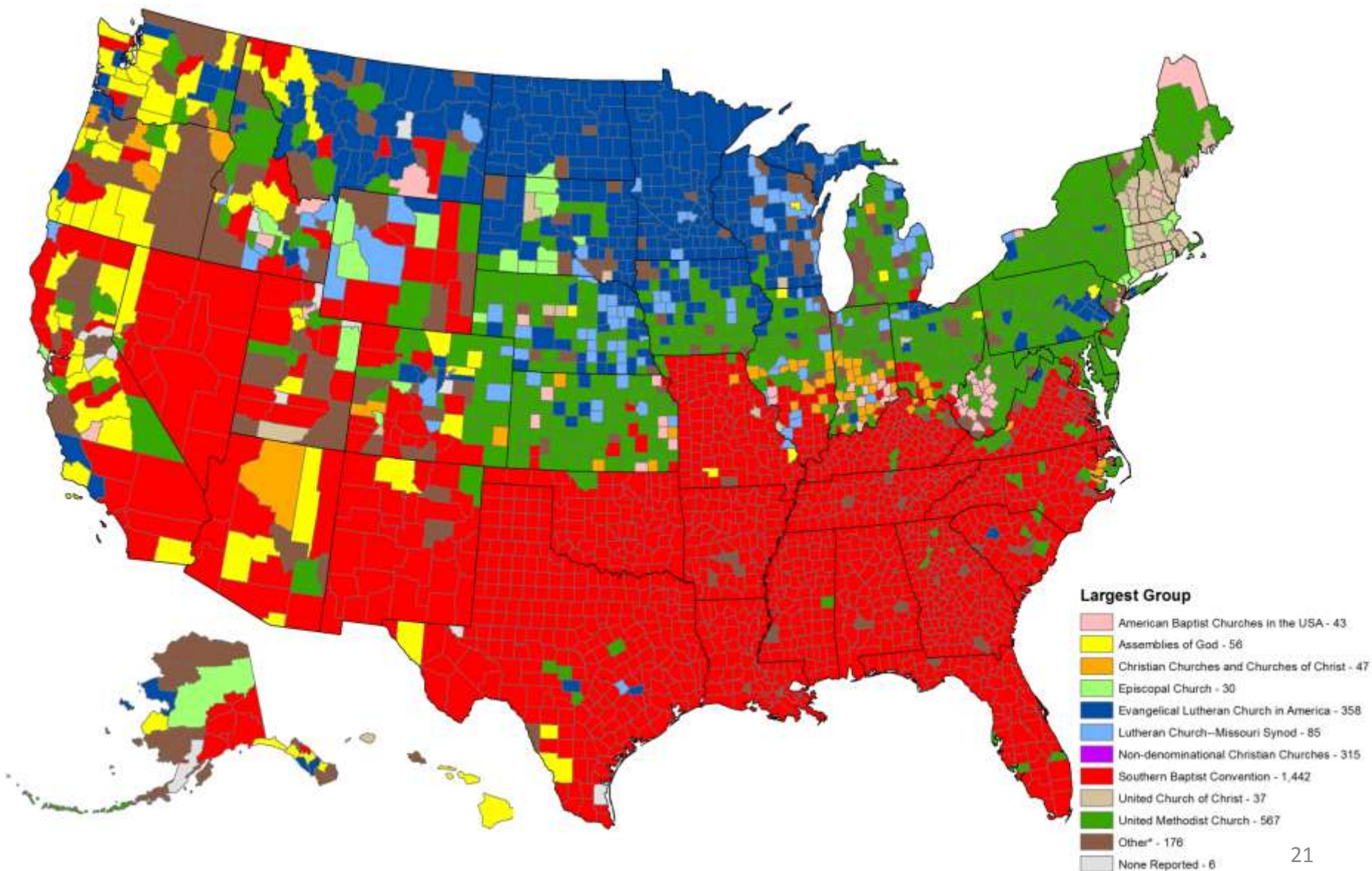
Independent Churches Are Dispersed



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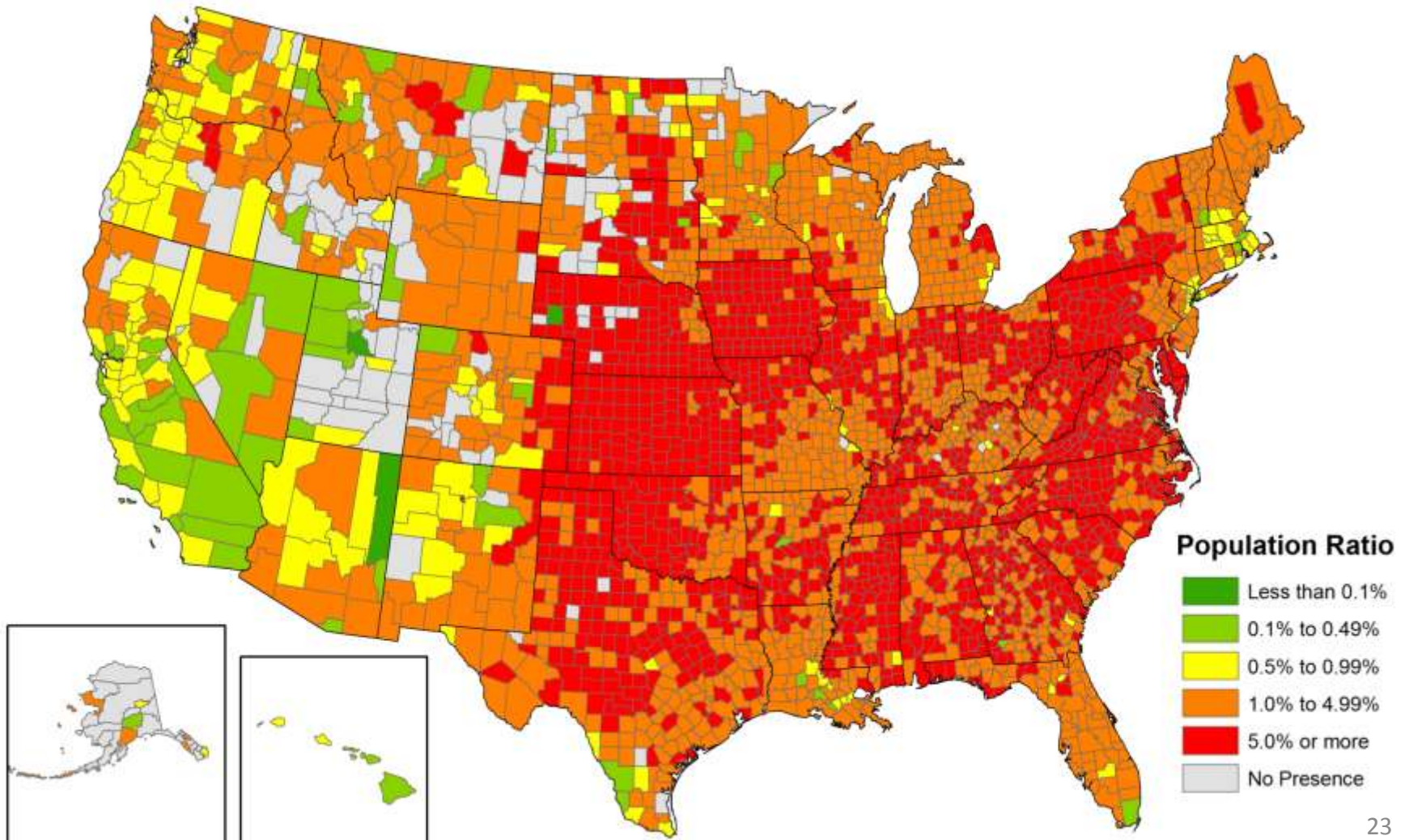
Mainline Protestants More in North



Mainline Protestants More Concentrated in Large Bodies

Group	Congregations	Adherents	% of population
United Methodist Church	33,323	9,948,221	3.2
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	9,846	4,181,219	1.4
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)	10,487	2,451,980	0.8
Episcopal Church	6,794	1,951,907	0.6
American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A.	5,243	1,560,572	0.5
United Church of Christ	5,225	1,284,296	0.4
All Other Mainline Protestant	6,842	1,277,631	0.4
Total Mainline Protestant	77,760	22,655,826	7.3

United Methodist Church Remains Most Dispersed U.S. Religious Body



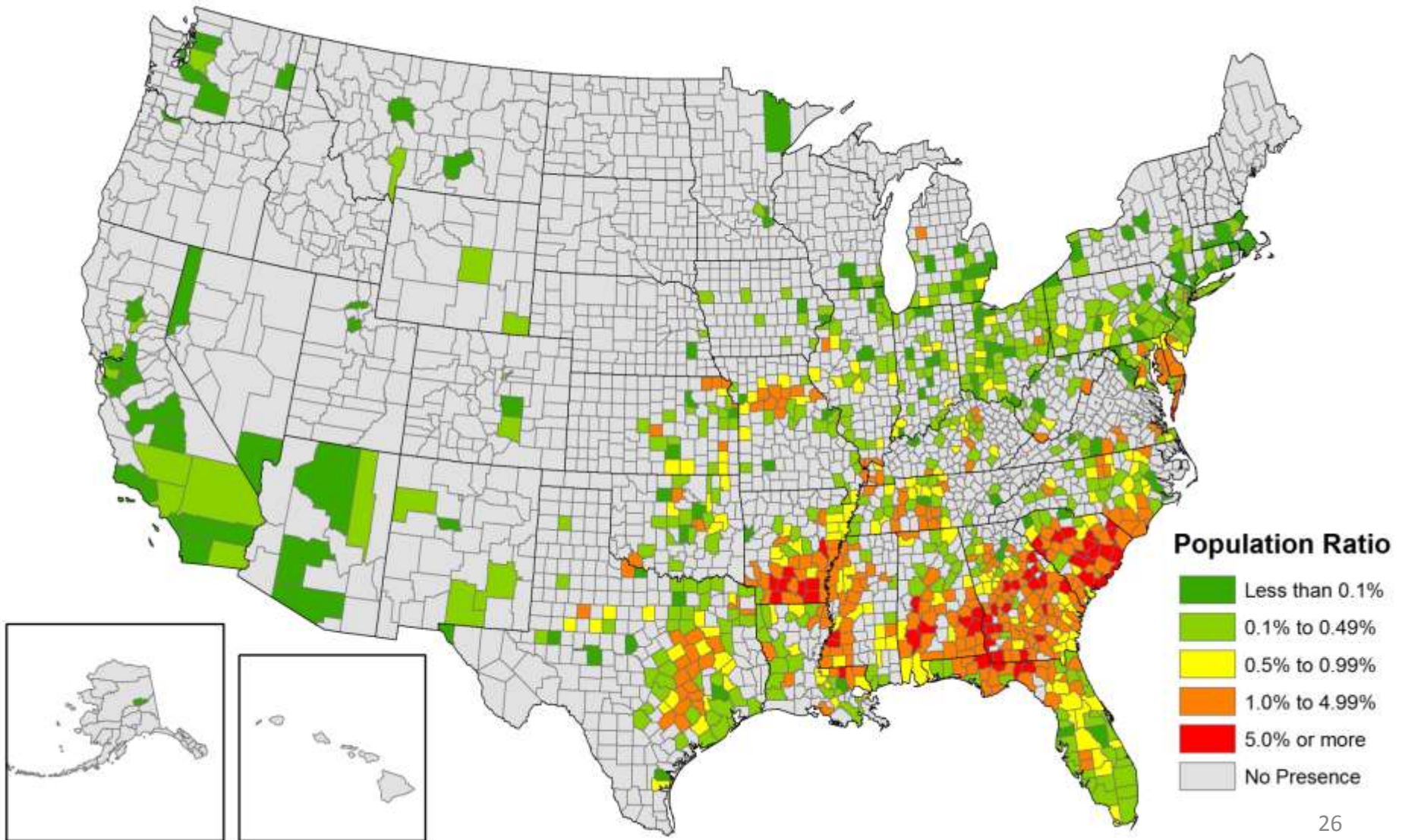
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Religion Census 2010 Has Extensive But Incomplete Coverage of Black Protestants

- 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

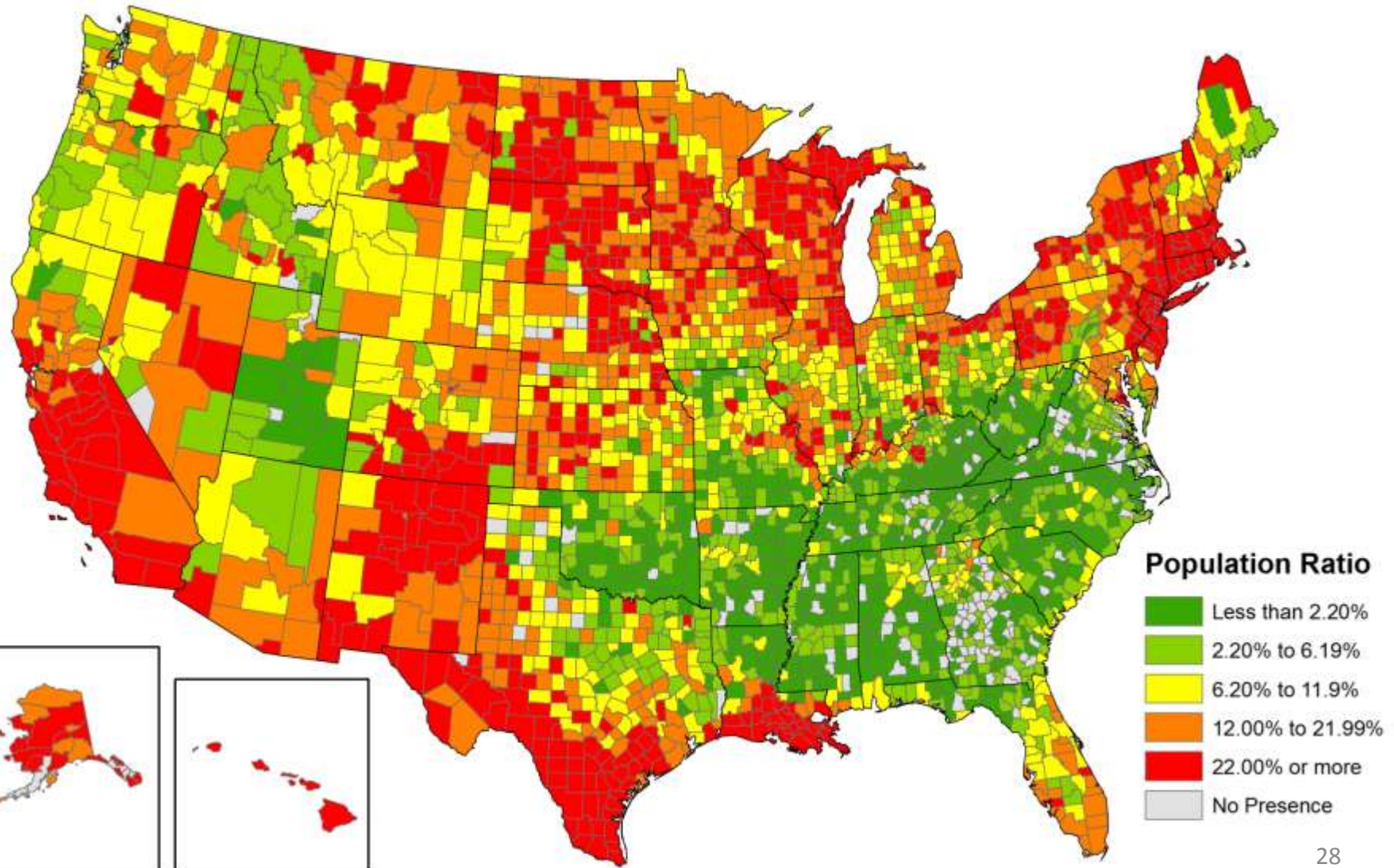
African Methodist Episcopal Church Concentrated in Deep South



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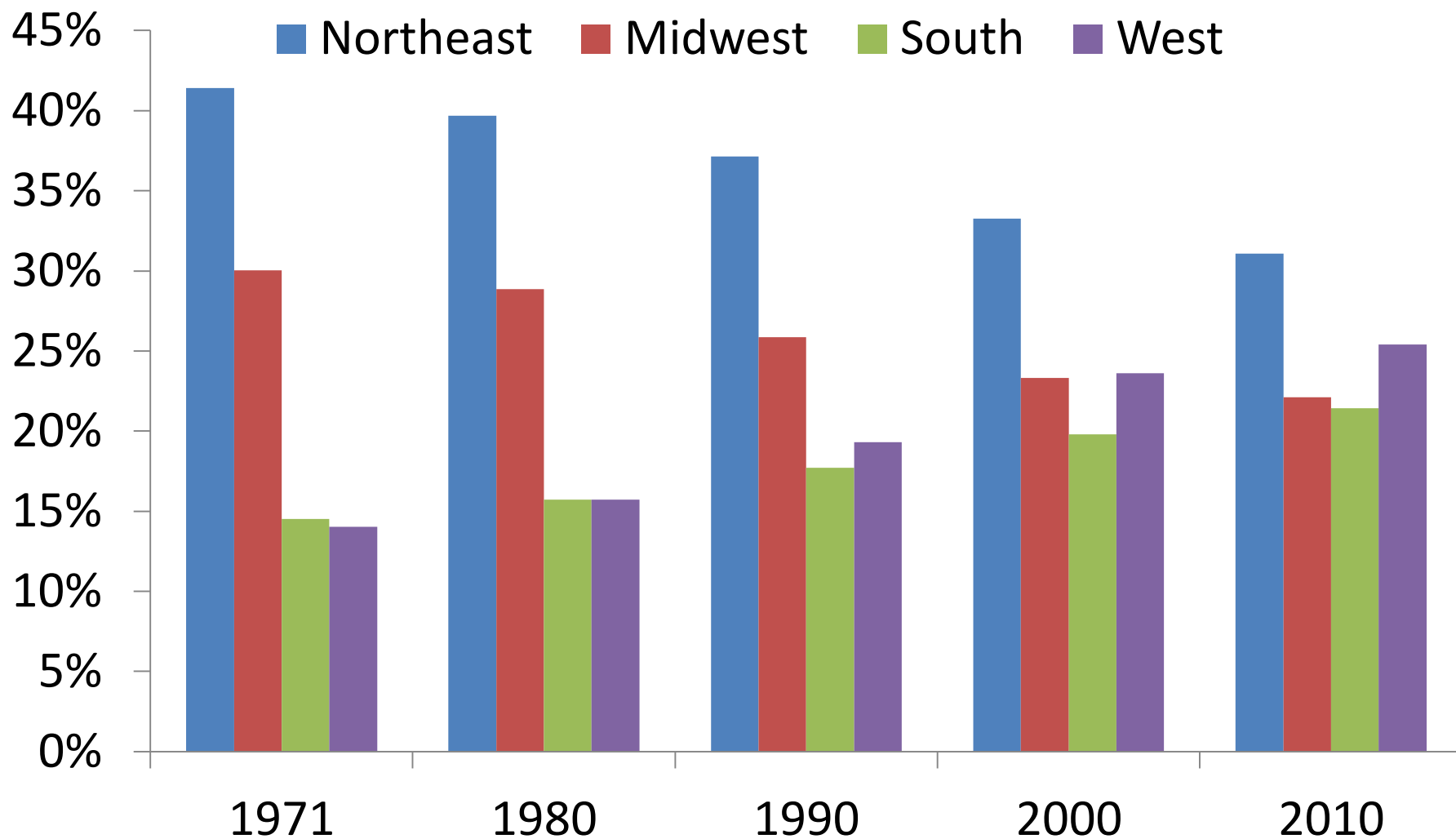
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Catholics Prevalent in Northeast, Midwest, Southwest



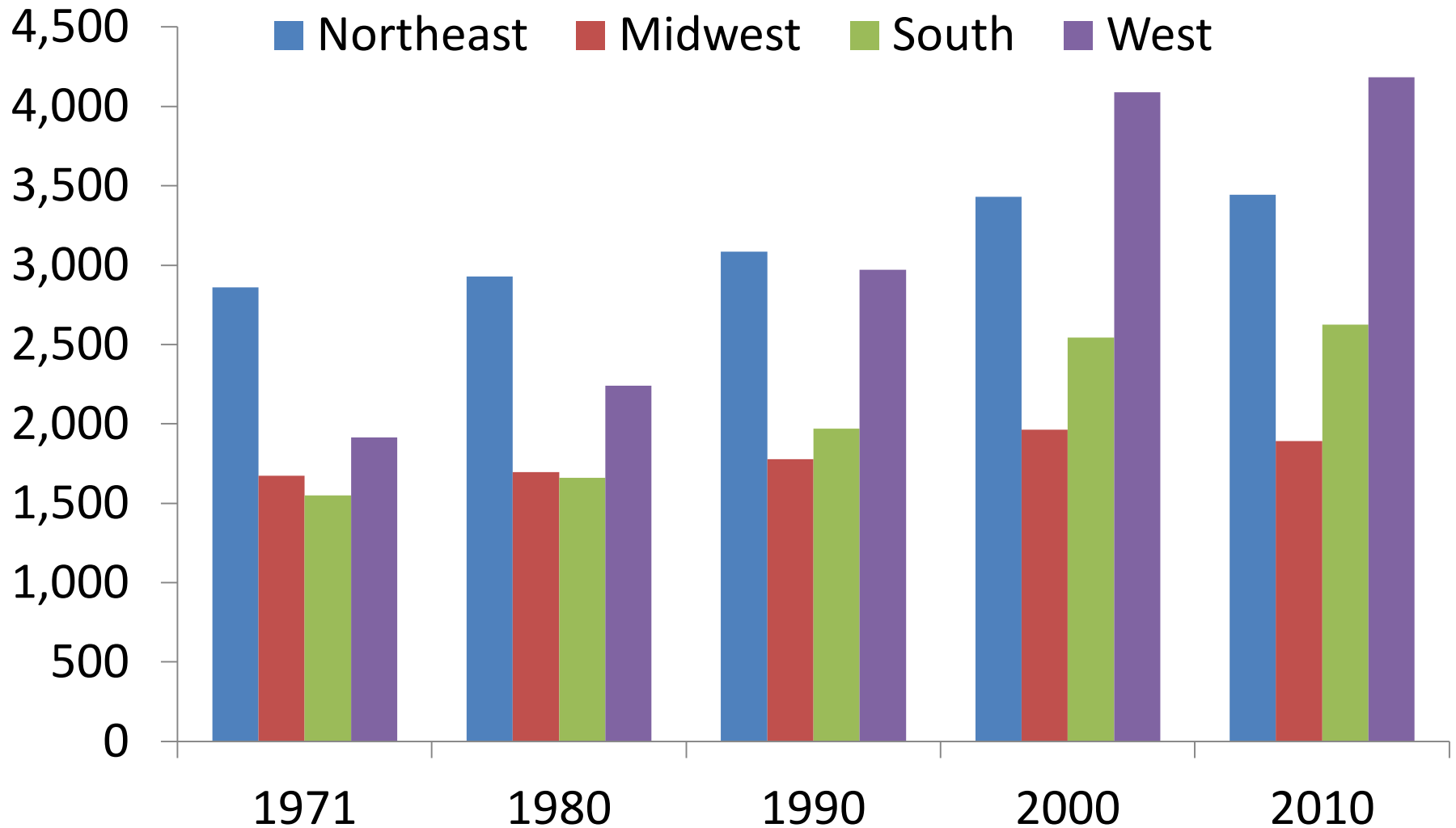
Catholics Shift West and South . . .

Percent of U.S. Catholics in region



... Where Church Size Also Grows

Average Number of Catholics per Church



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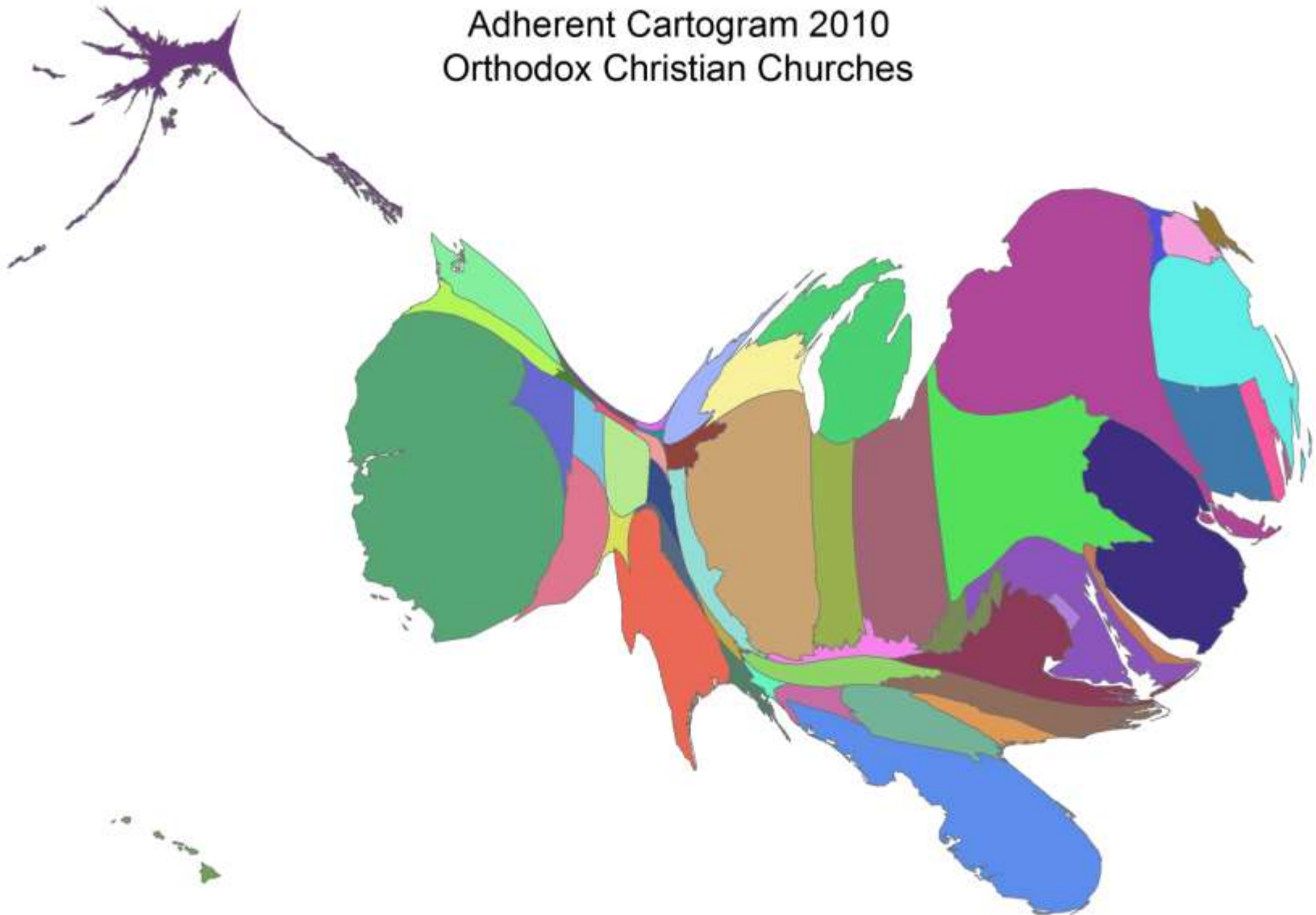
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U.S. Orthodox Christian Churches Are Growing Dynamically

- 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

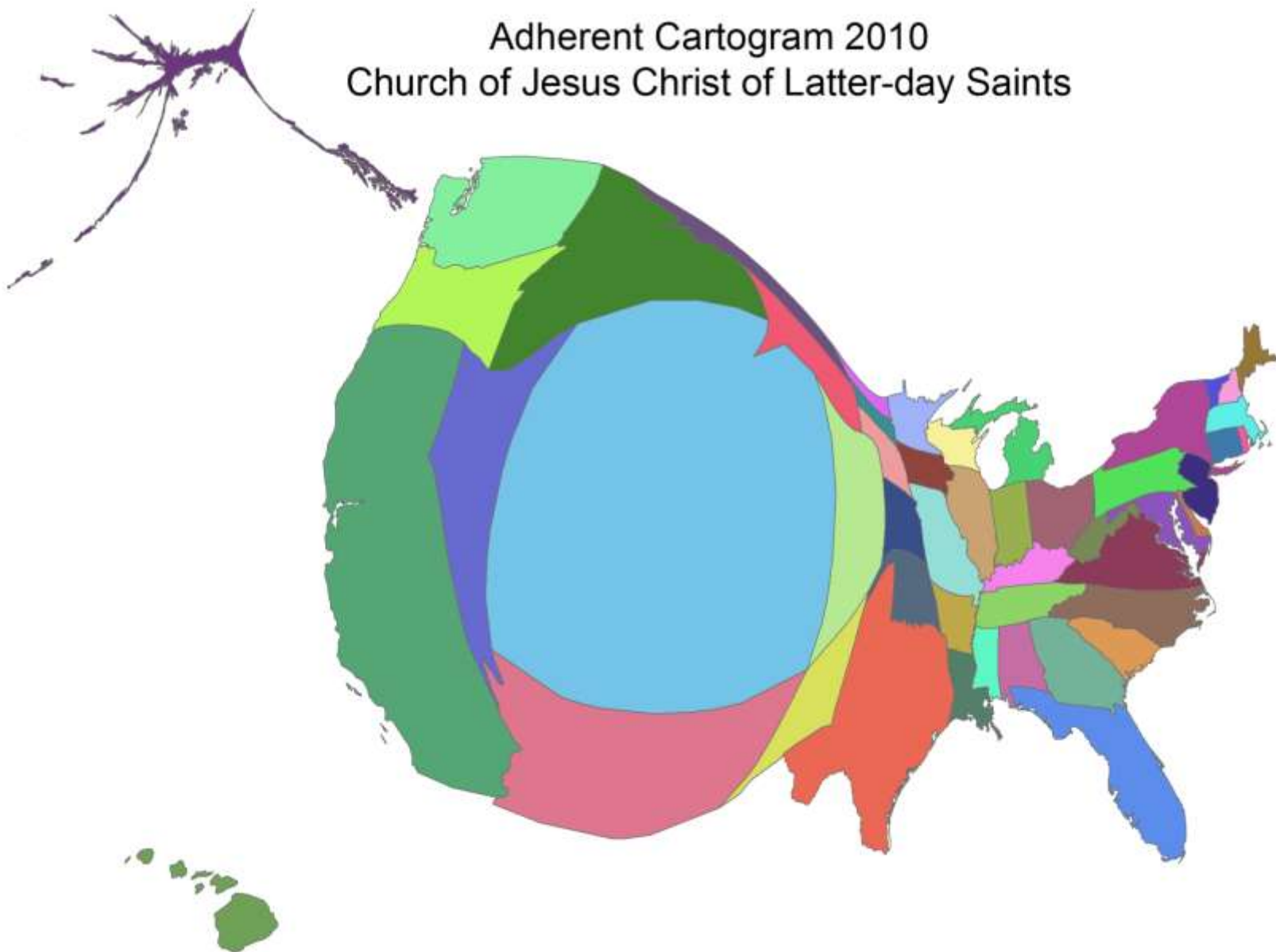


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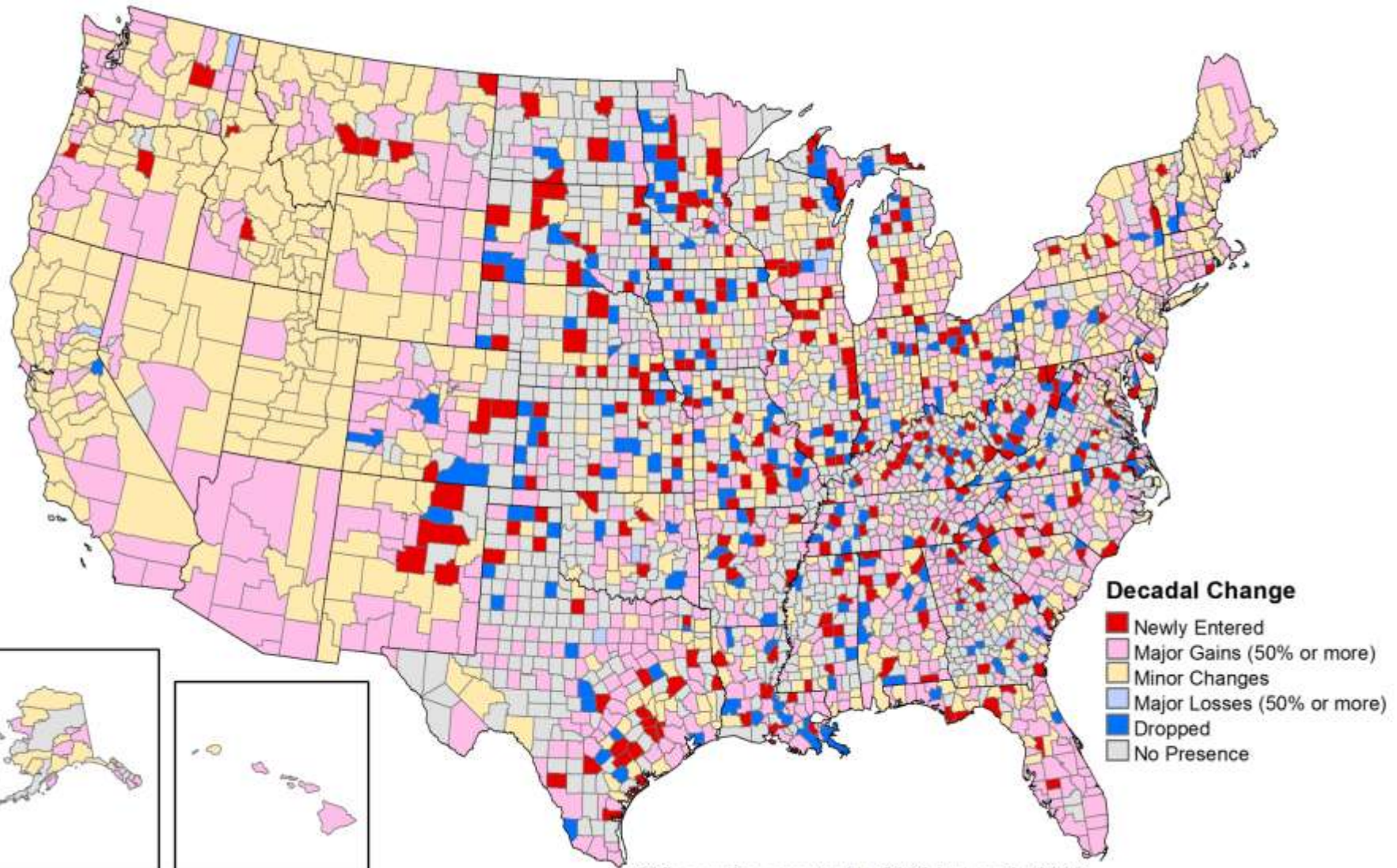
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Nearly One in Three Mormons Are in Utah

Adherent Cartogram 2010
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints



Mormon Change Throughout Nation



295 counties reported in 2010 but not in 2000.
226 counties reported in 2000 but not in 2010.

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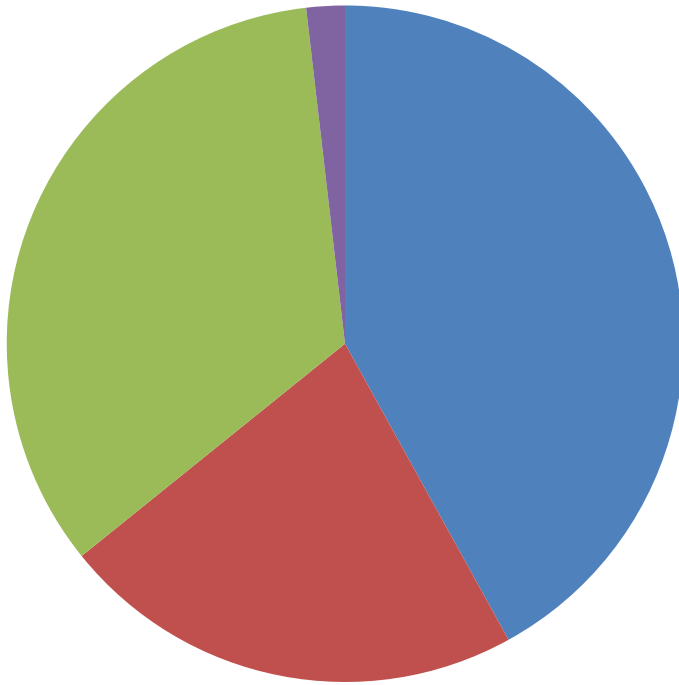
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Religion Census 2010 Has Most Extensive Data Collected for Other U.S. Religions

- 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

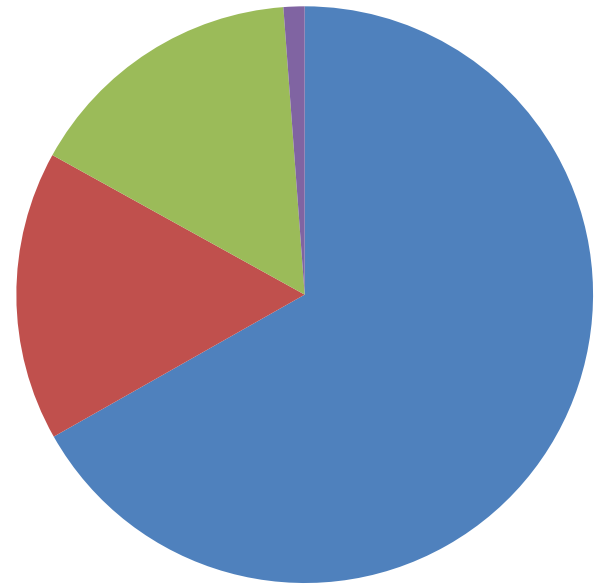
Among Jewish Traditions, Orthodox Claim Highest Adherence and Attendance

Adherents: 2.3 Million

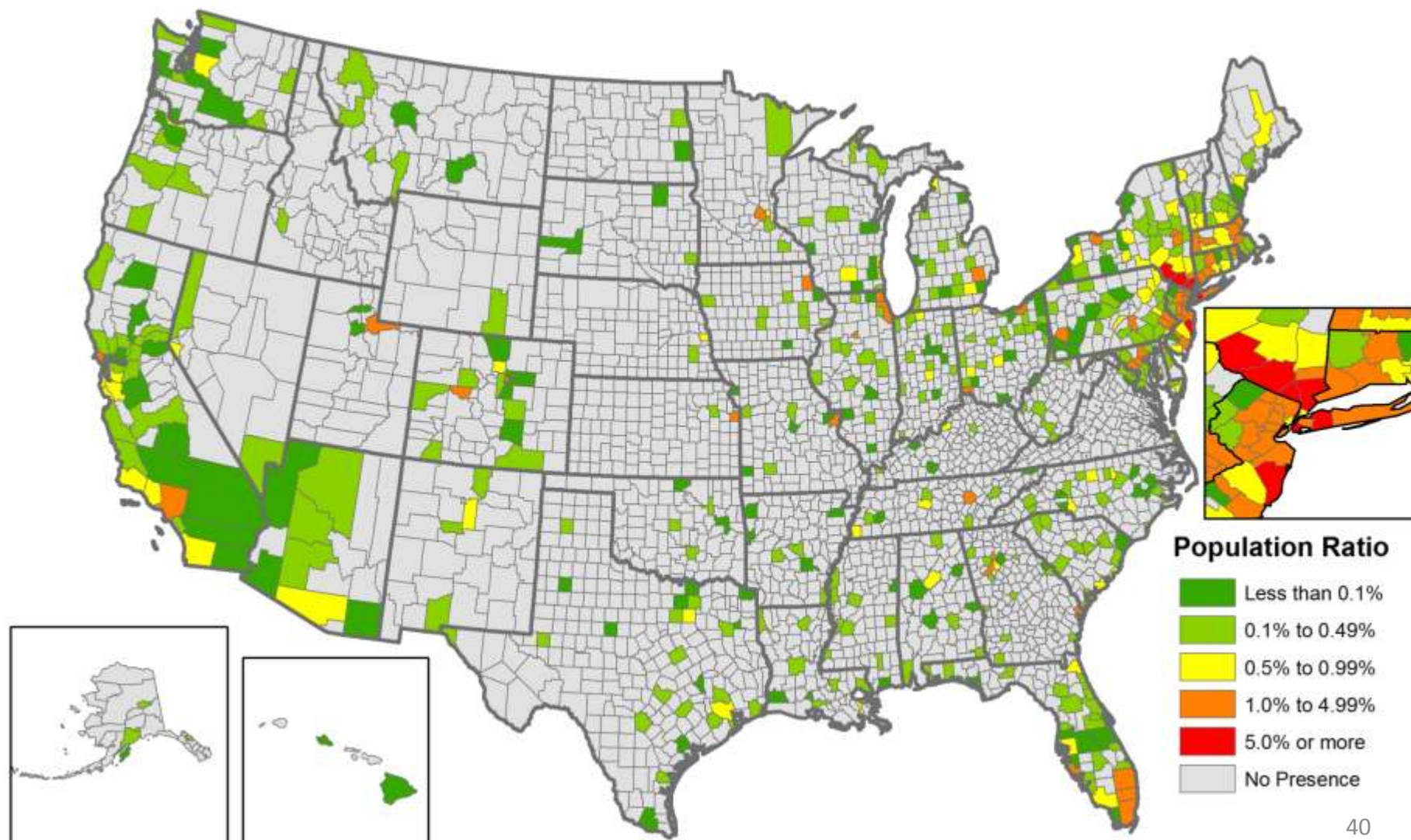


Attendance: 1.0 Million

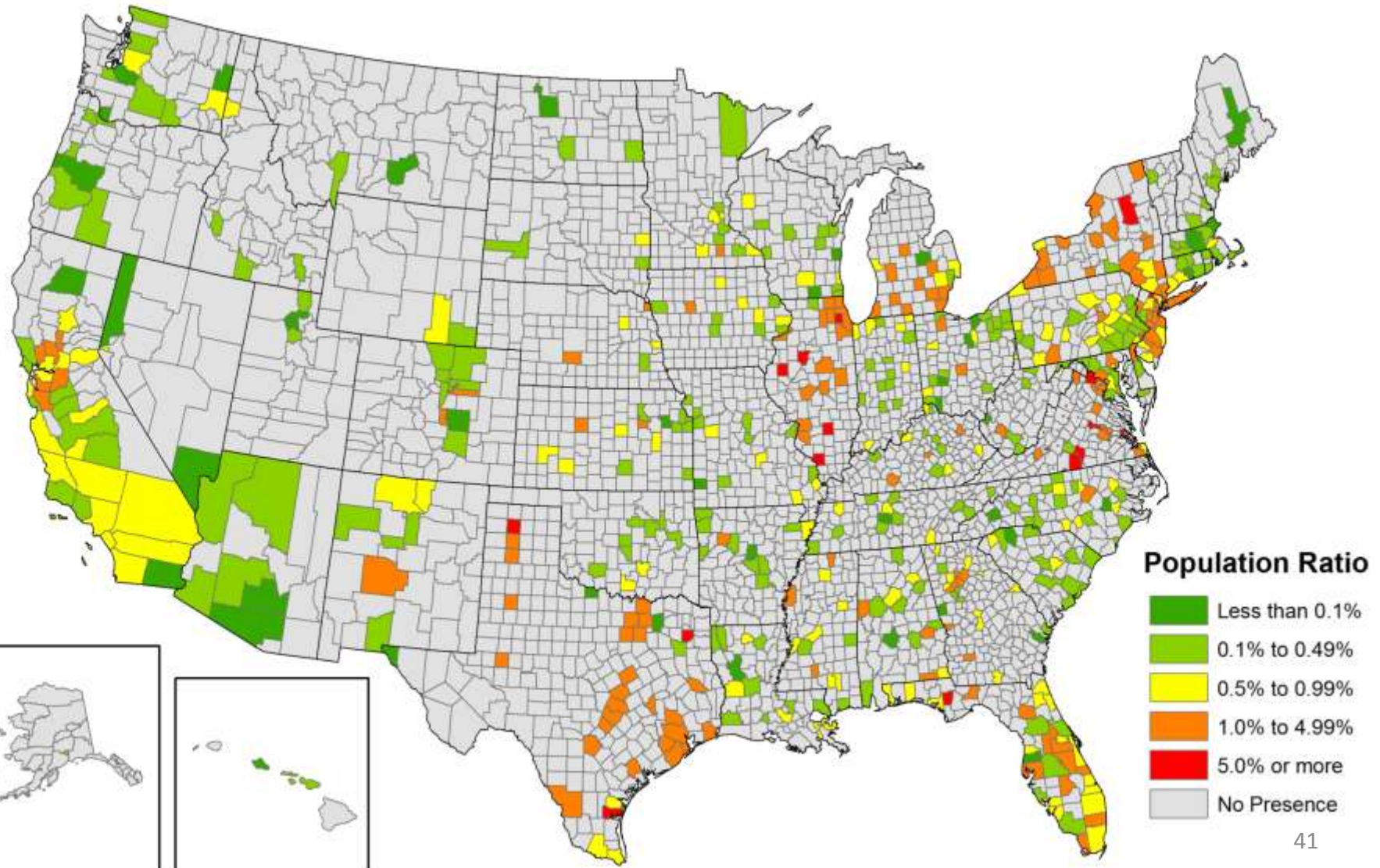
■ Orthodox ■ Conservative
■ Reform ■ Reconstructionist



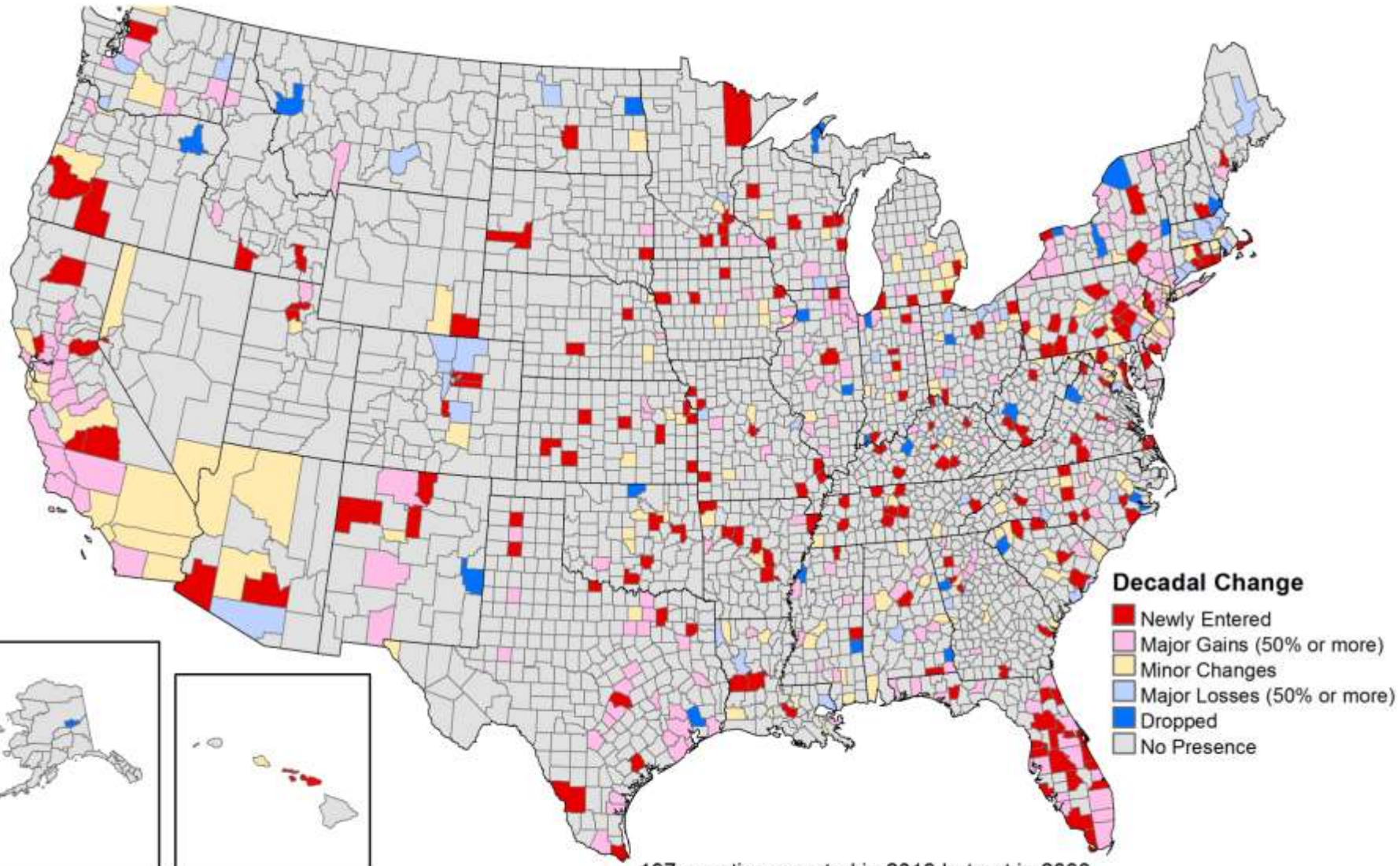
One in Five Jewish Adherents Are in New York City, But Many Also Elsewhere



The U.S. Muslim Population of 2.6 Million Is Distributed in All Fifty States

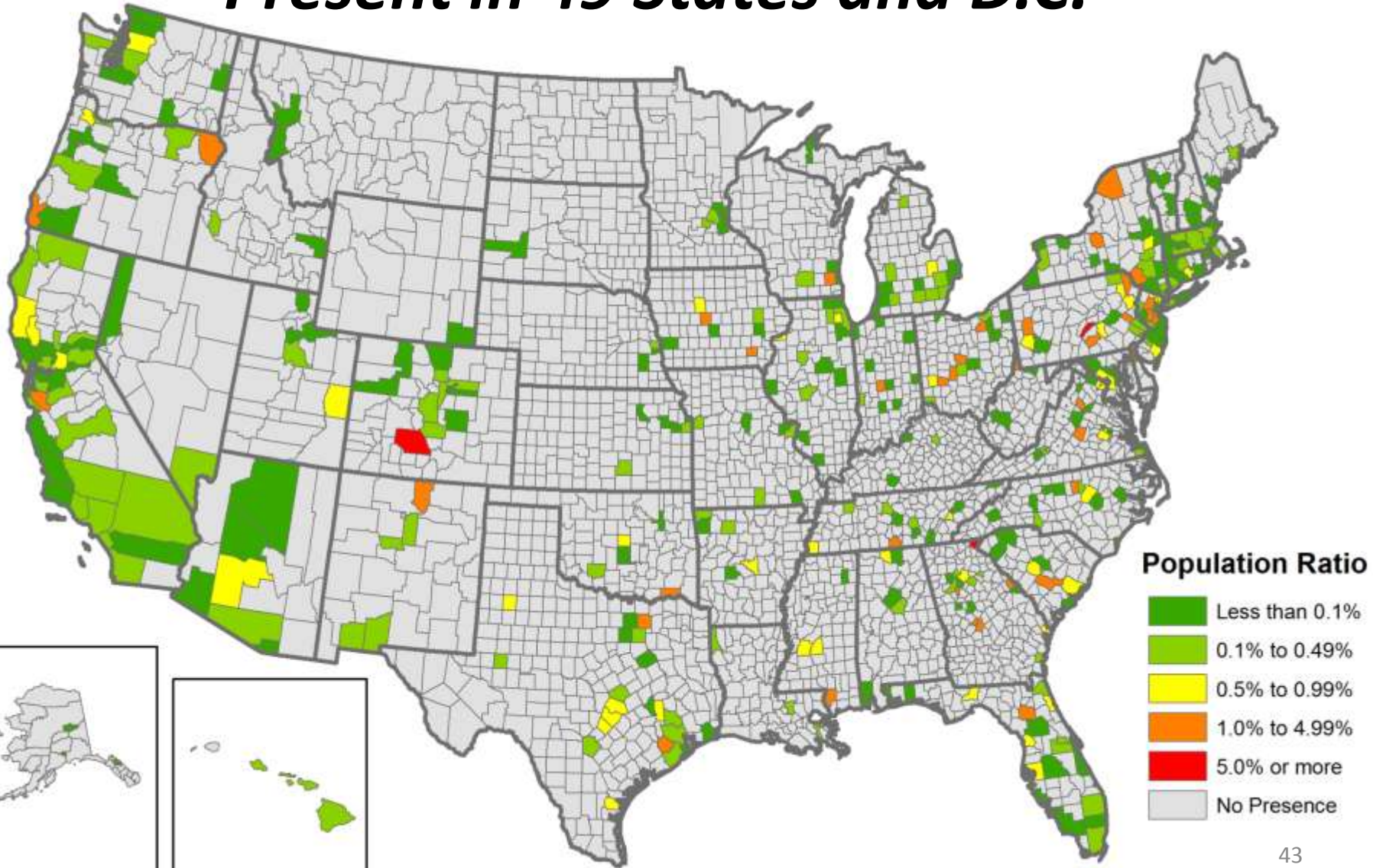


Muslim Communities Are Increasing

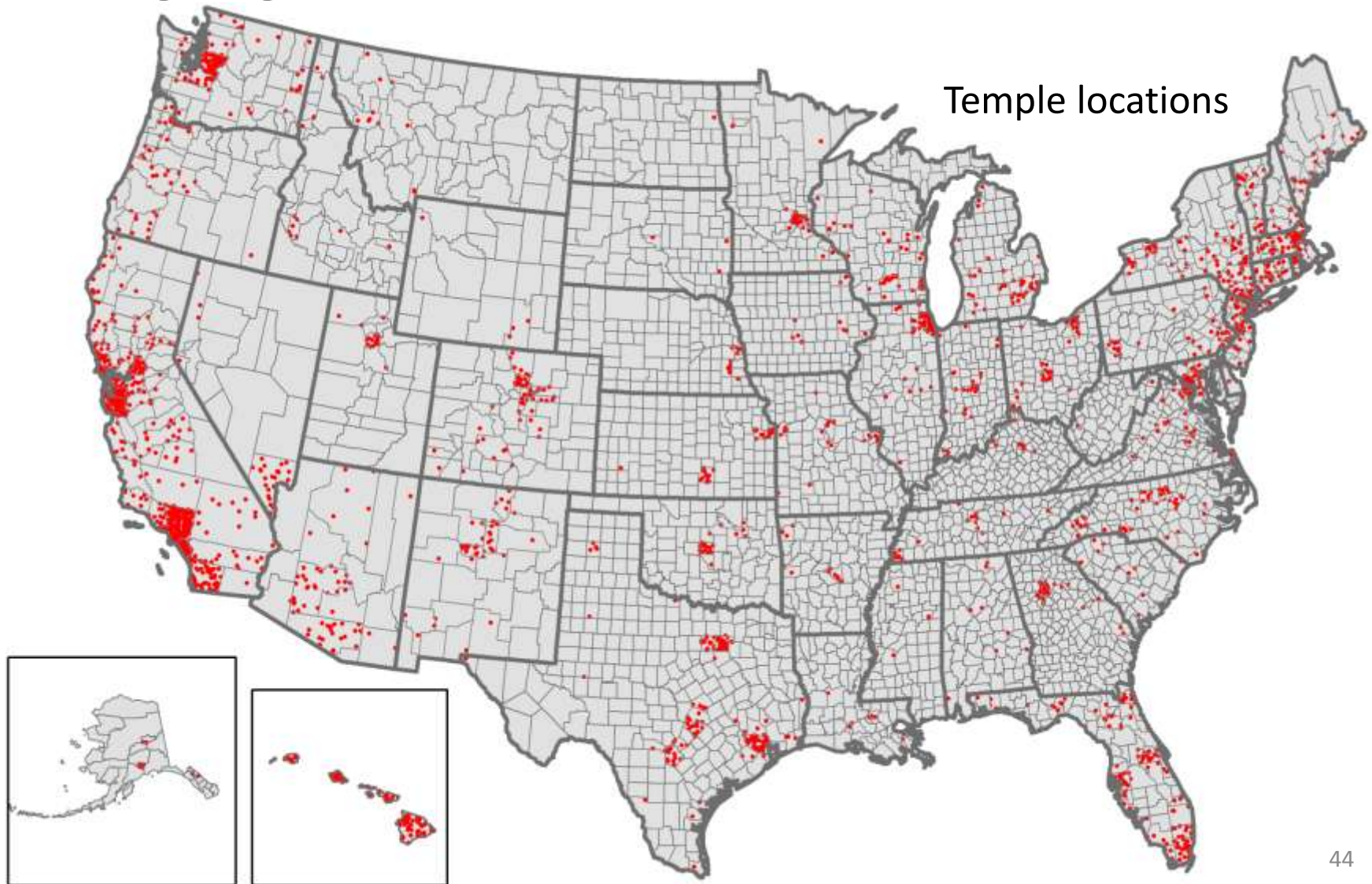


197 counties reported in 2010 but not in 2000.
29 counties reported in 2000 but not in 2010.

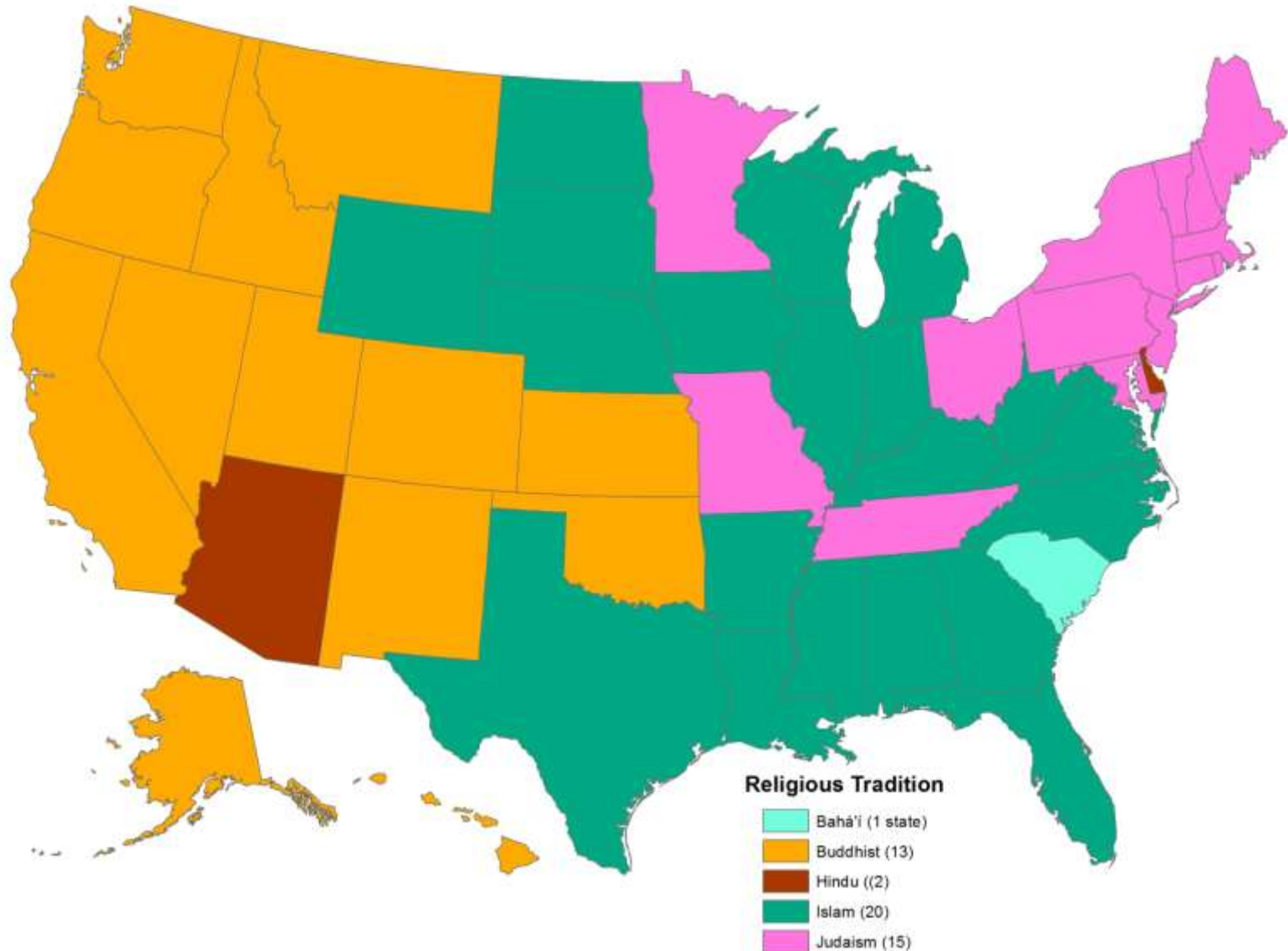
The Hindu Population of Nearly 650,000 Is Present in 49 States and D.C.



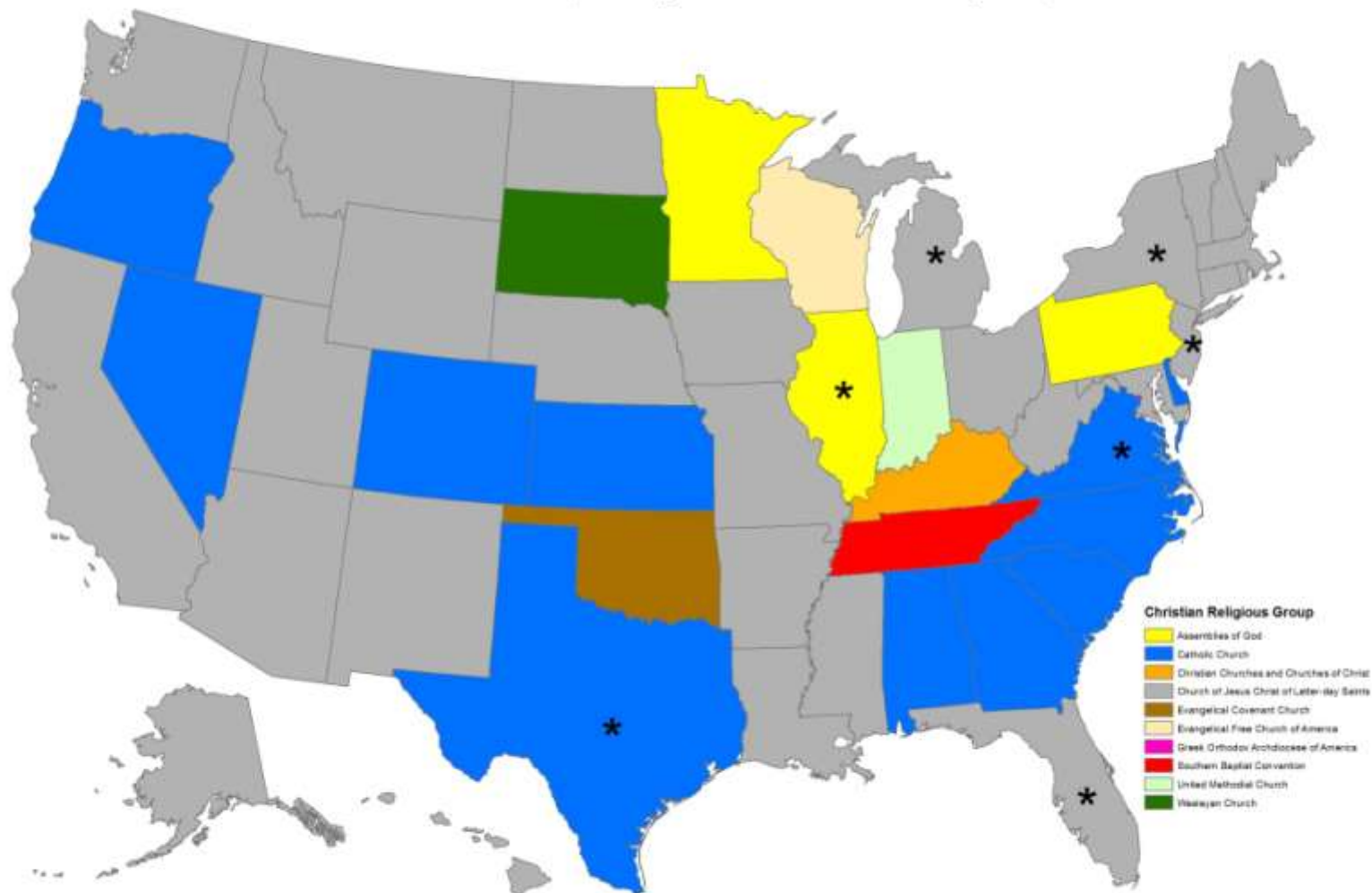
Buddhists Have Nearly 3,000 Congregations and One Million Adherents



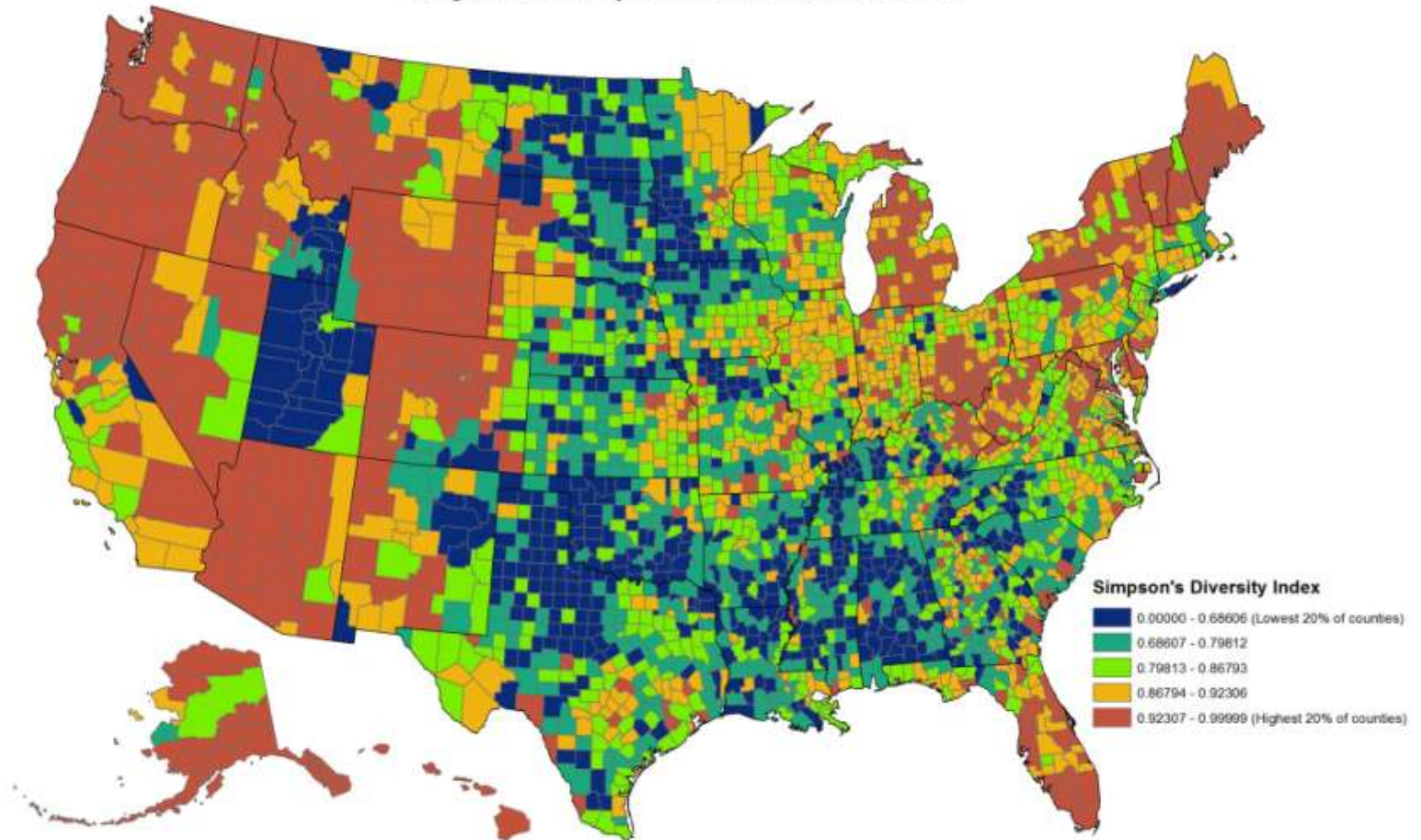
Largest Non-Christian Group Varies by Region



Christian Group with Largest Numeric Gain in Adherents by State, 2000-2010



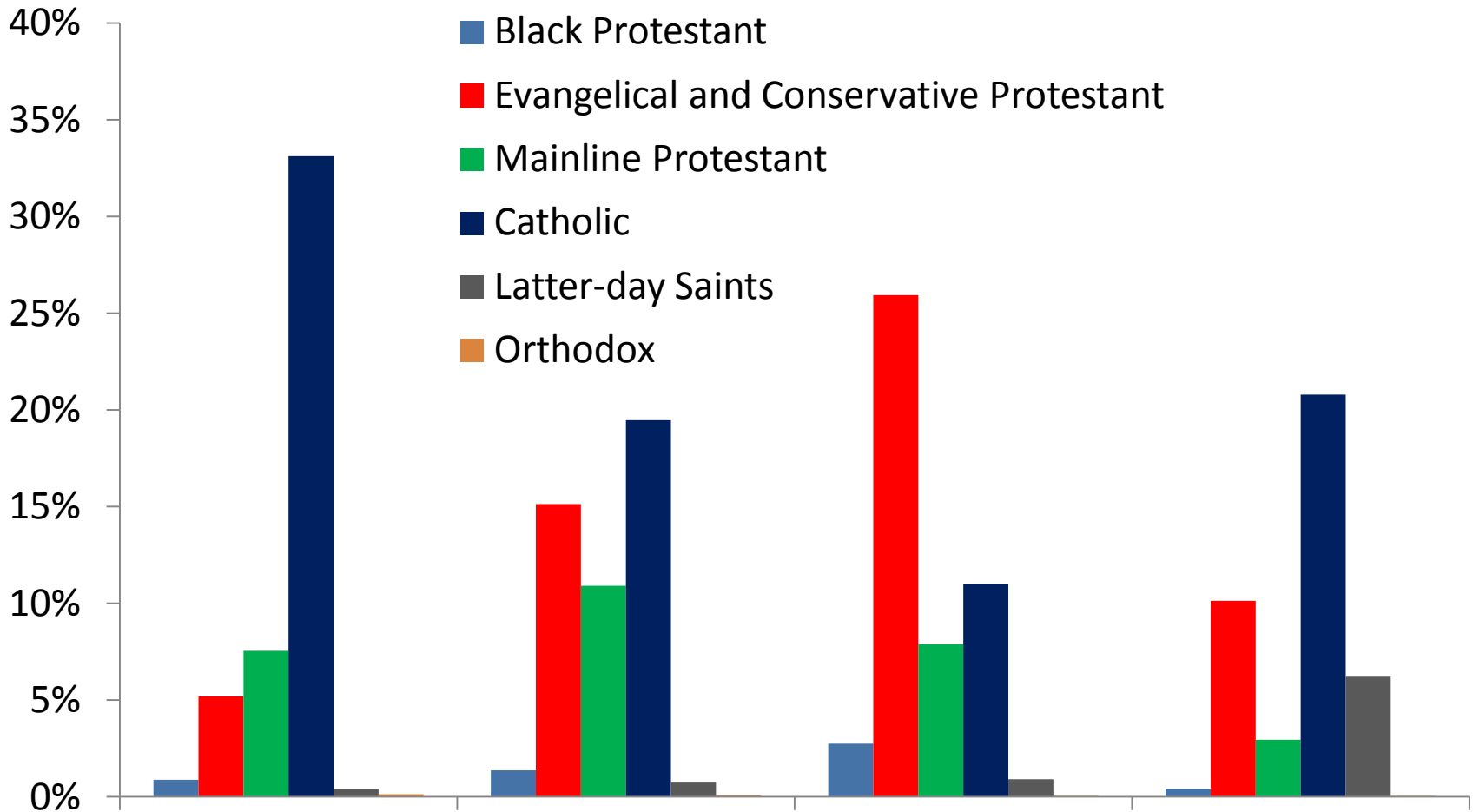
Religious Diversity in the United States, 2010



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



*Total
adherence
rate:*

Northeast

52%

Midwest

50%

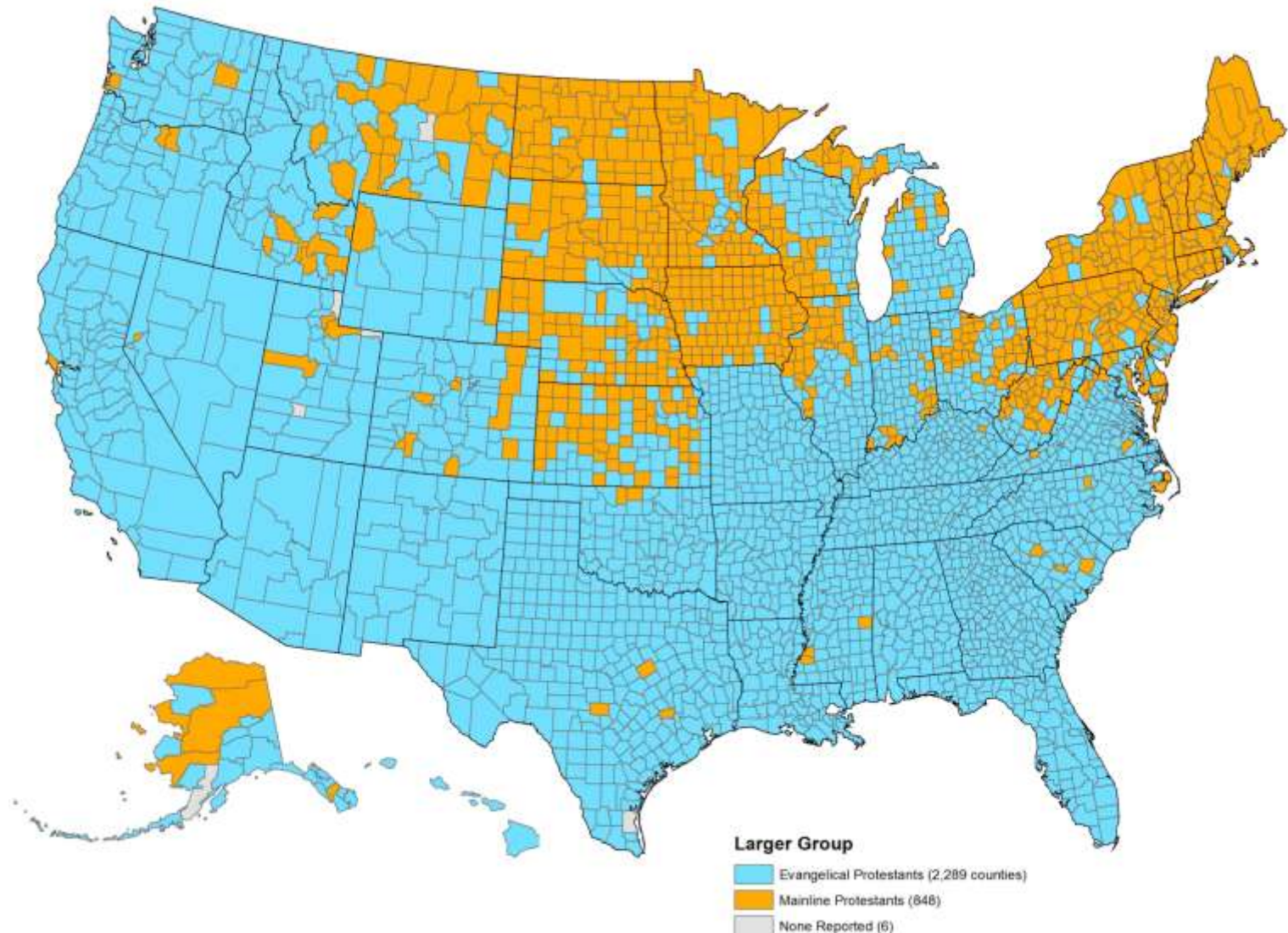
South

50%

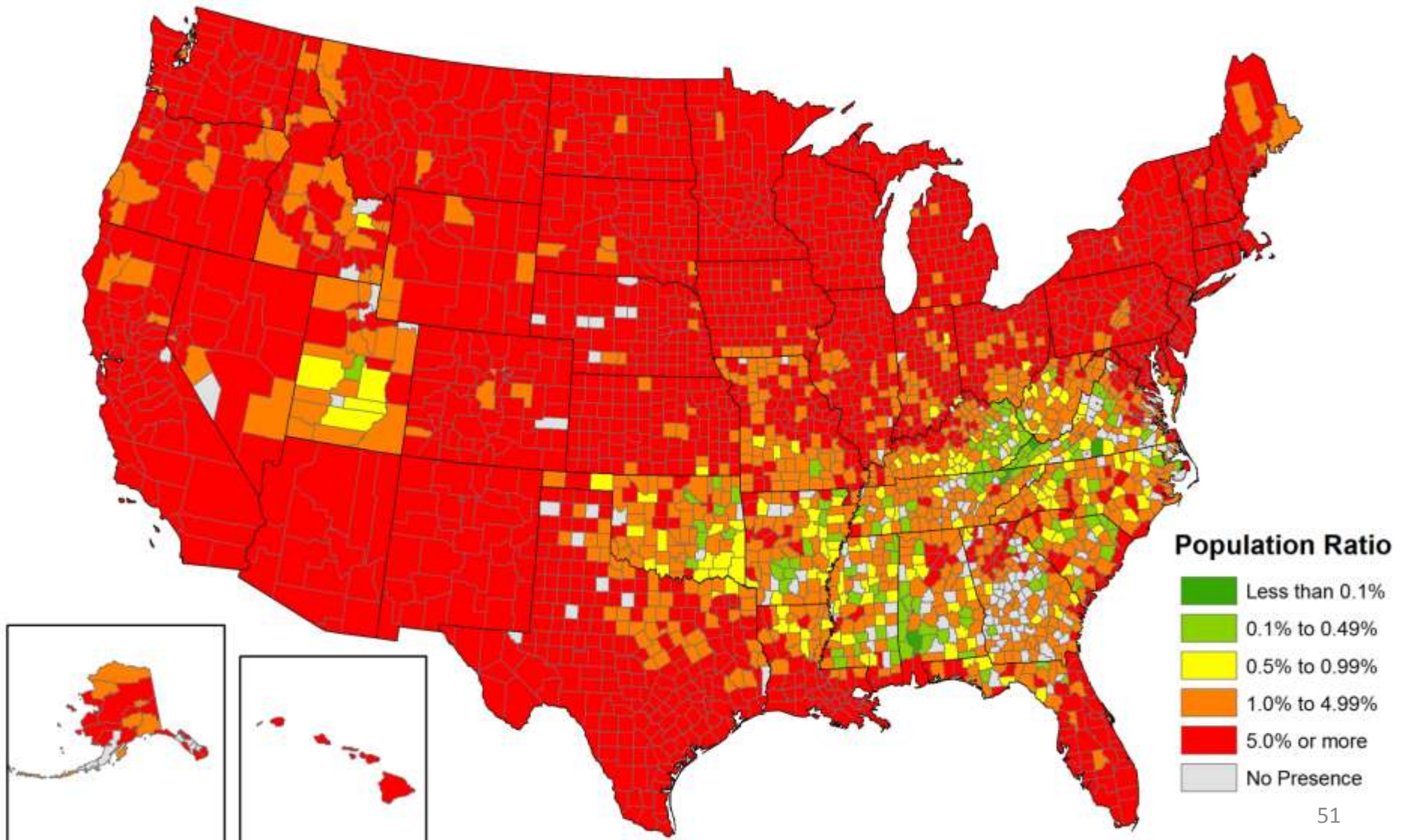
West

43%

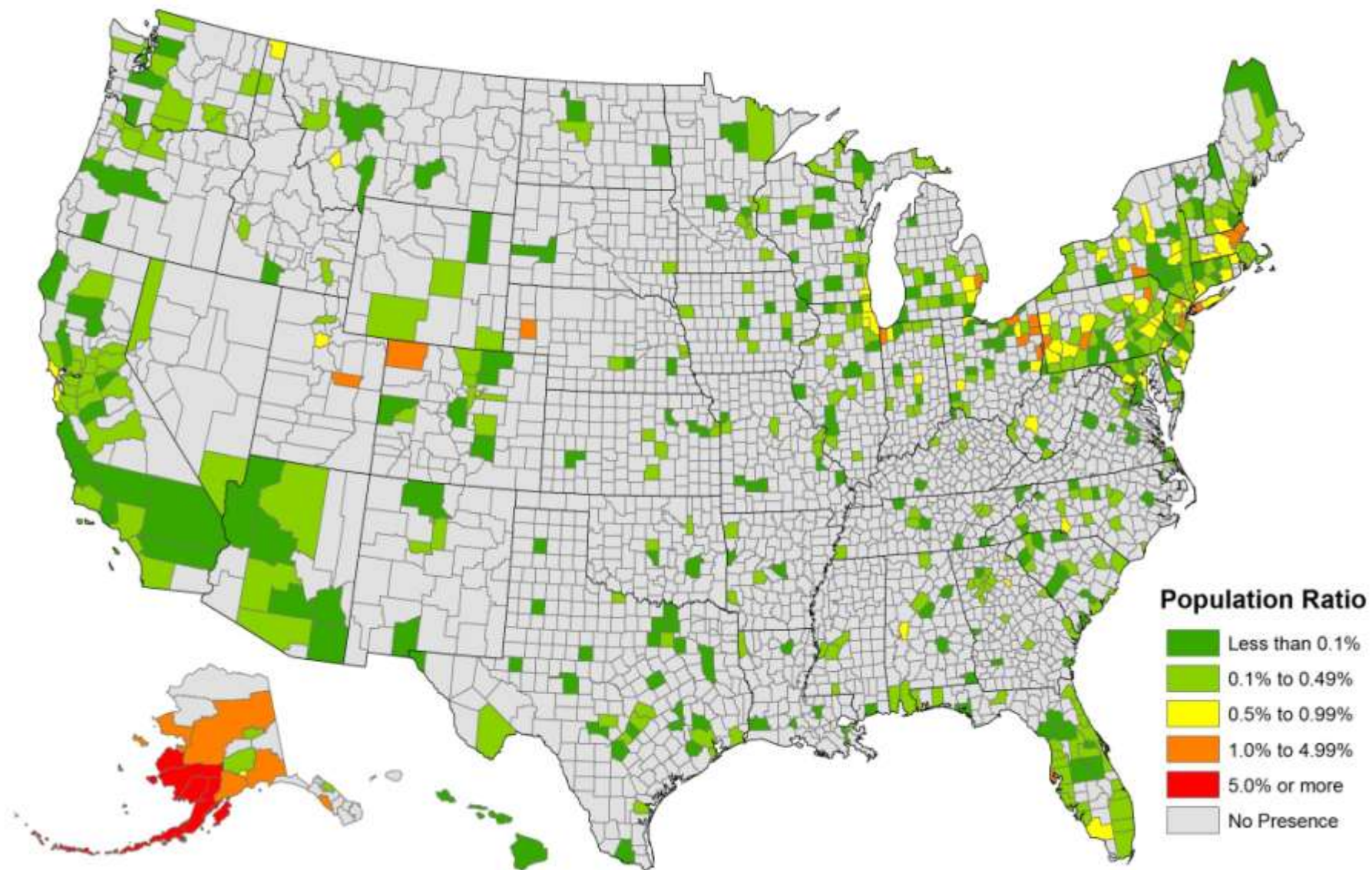
Among Protestants, Mainline More Prevalent in Northeast, Midwest



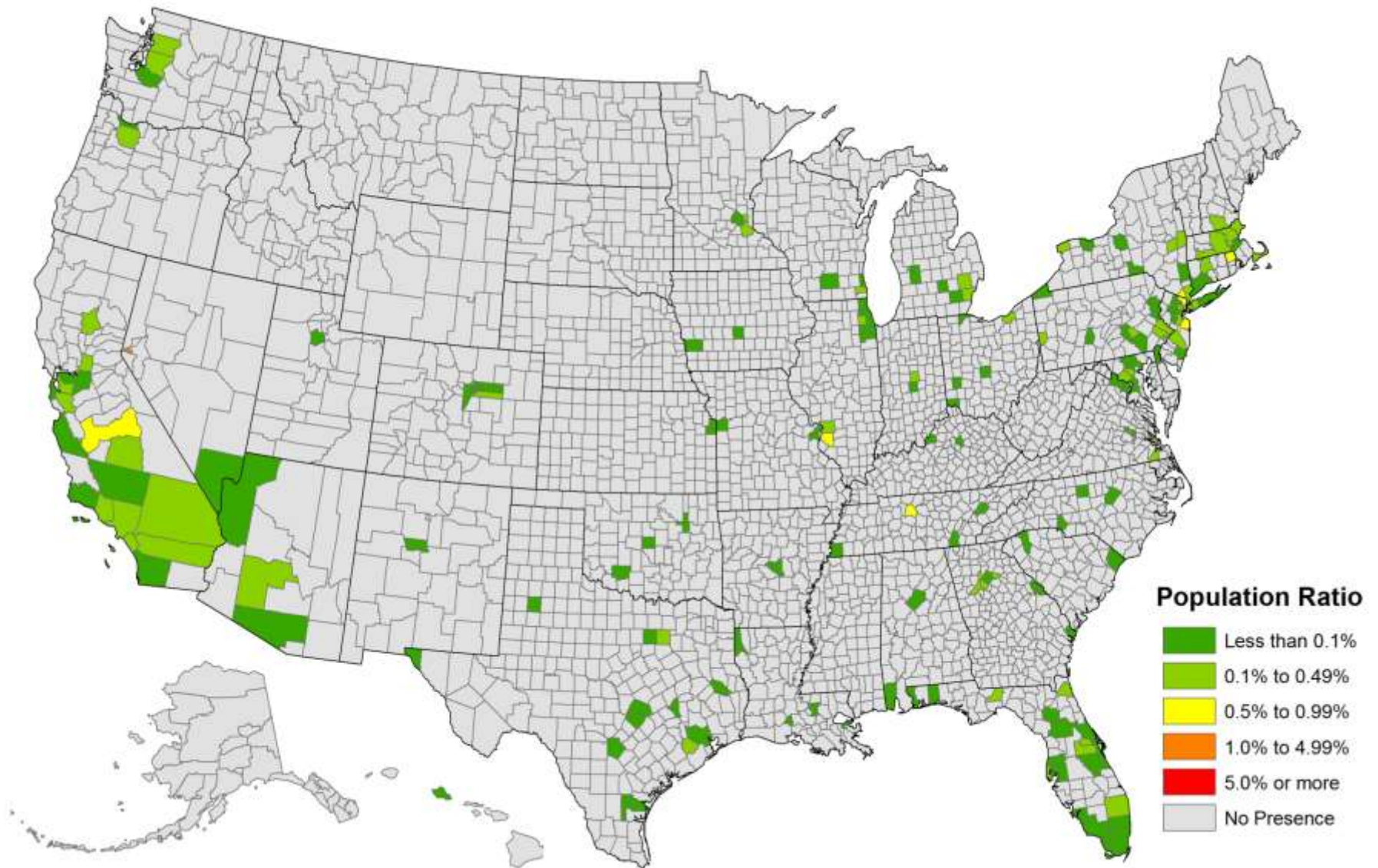
Catholics Least Prevalent in Rural South



Eastern Orthodox Christian Adherents By County



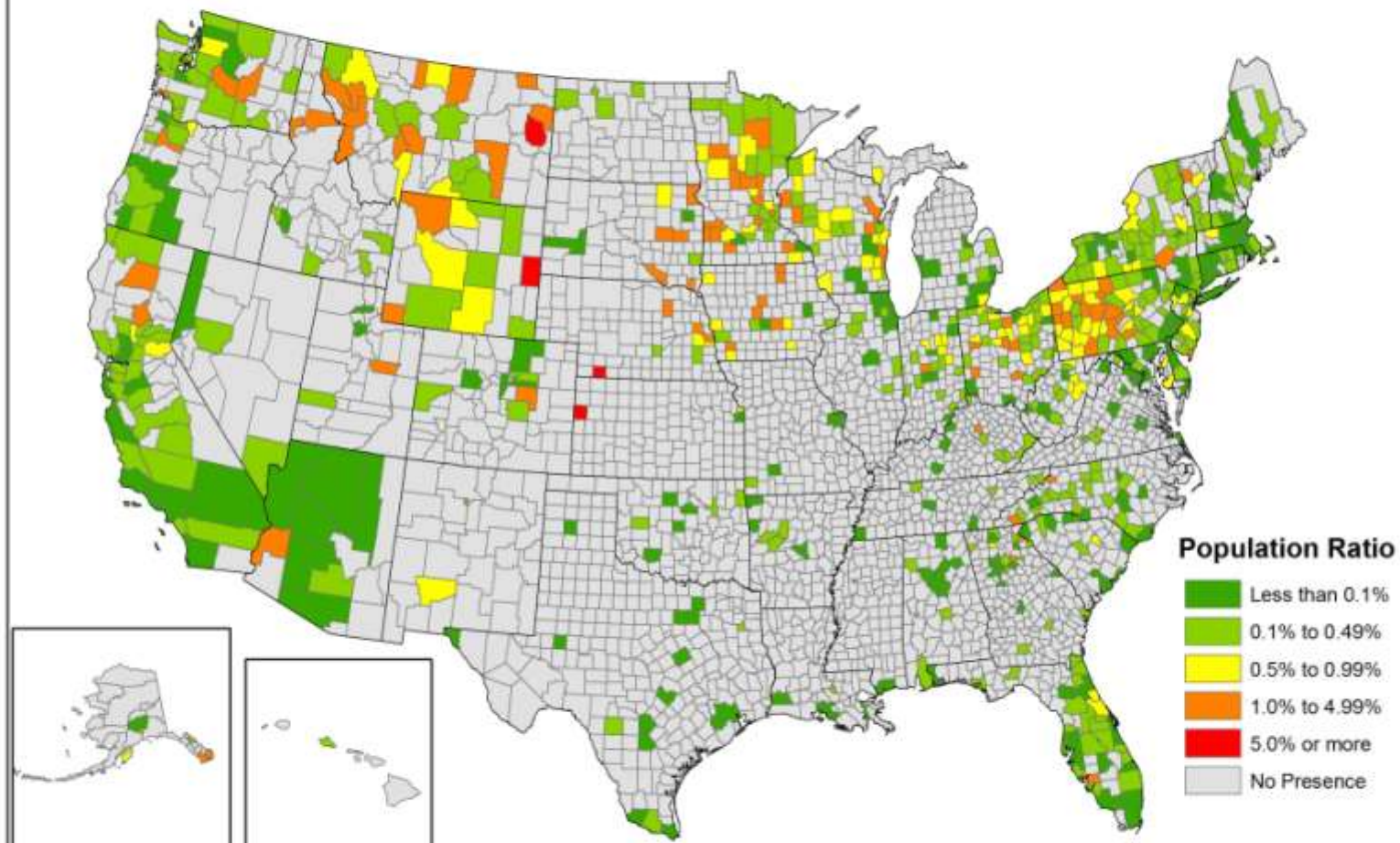
Oriental Orthodox Christian Adherents By County



Among Jewish Traditions, Orthodox Claim Highest Adherence and Attendance

Tradition	Congregations	Adherents	Attend
Conservative	592	501,776	165,591
Orthodox	1,932	947,020	681,285
Reconstructionist	95	41,436	12,013
Reform	845	766,352	160,934

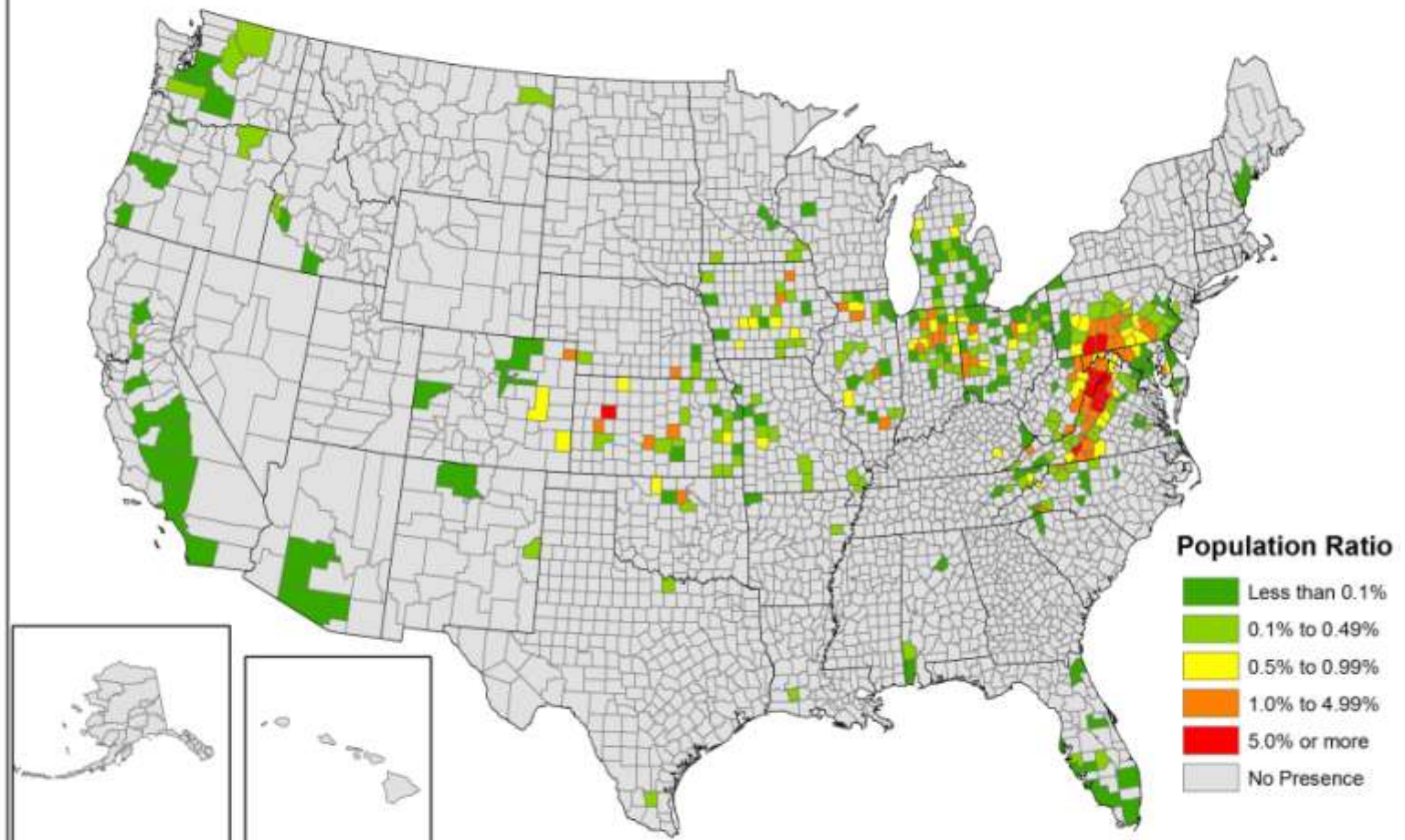
Population Penetration, Christian and Missionary Alliance Adherents in the United States, 2010



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1,978 congregations and 428,721 adherents were reported in 696 counties.

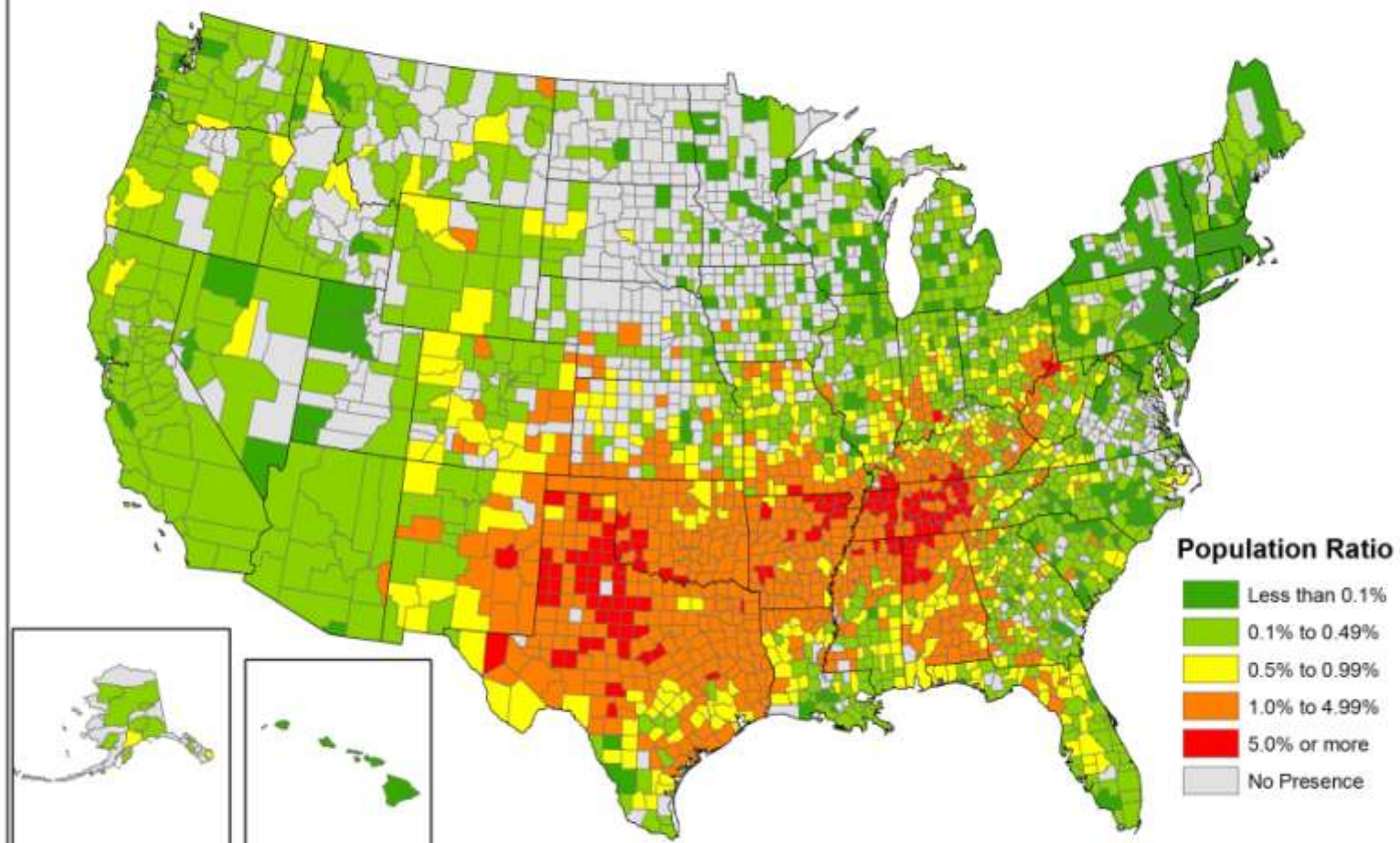
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1,032 congregations and 146,588 adherents were reported in 397 counties.

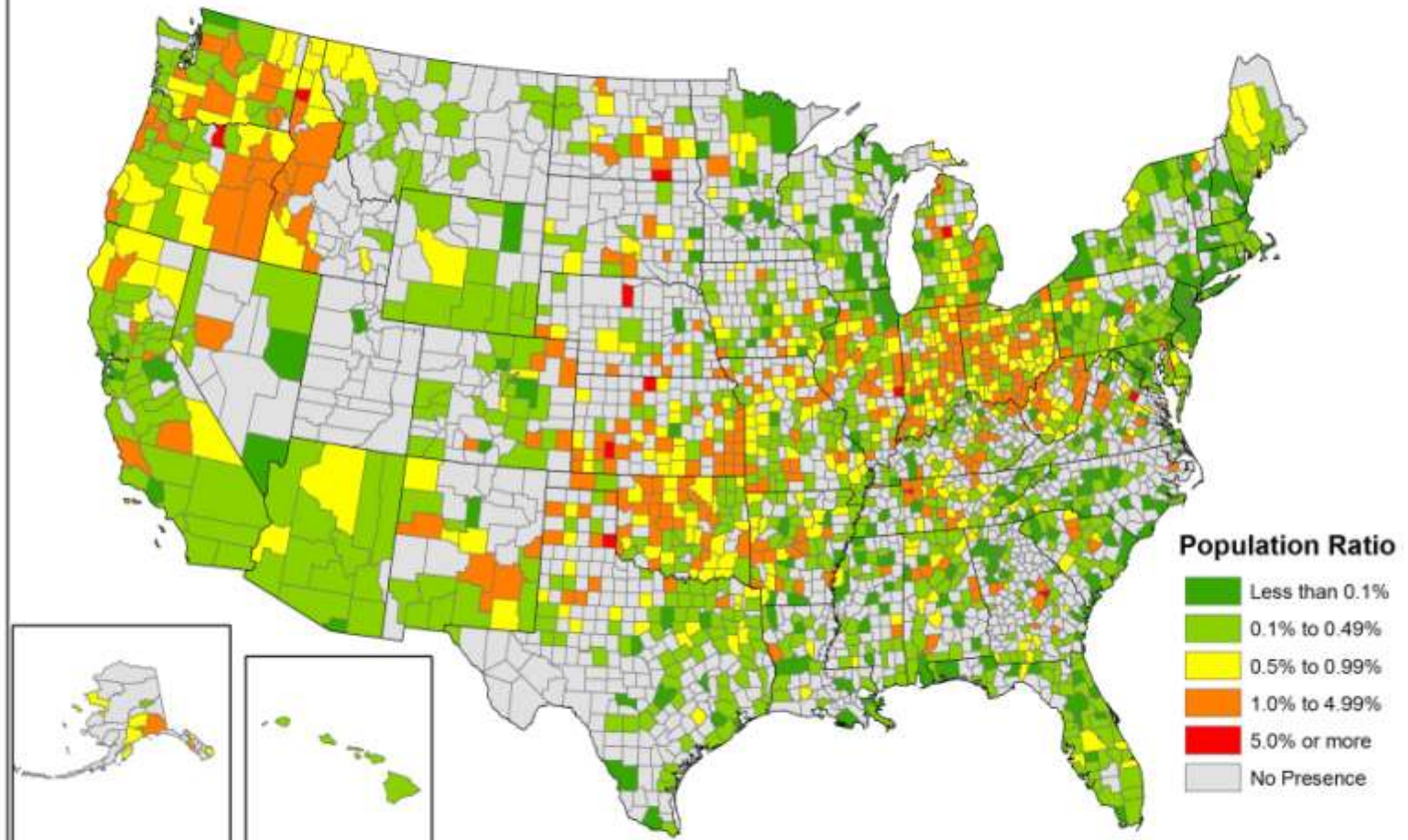
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12,584 congregations and 1,584,162 adherents were reported in 2,427 counties.

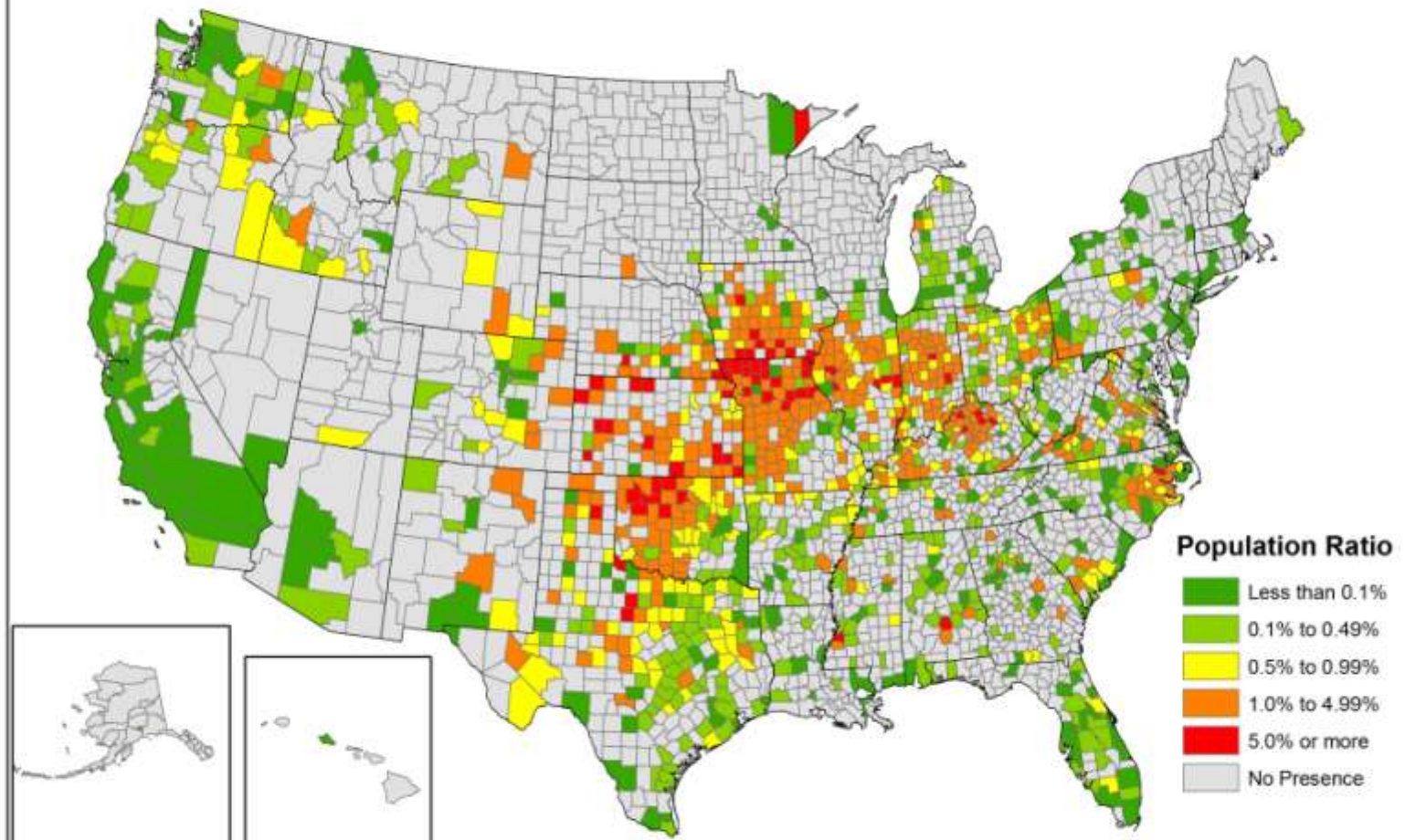
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5,056 congregations and 893,649 adherents were reported in 1,766 counties.

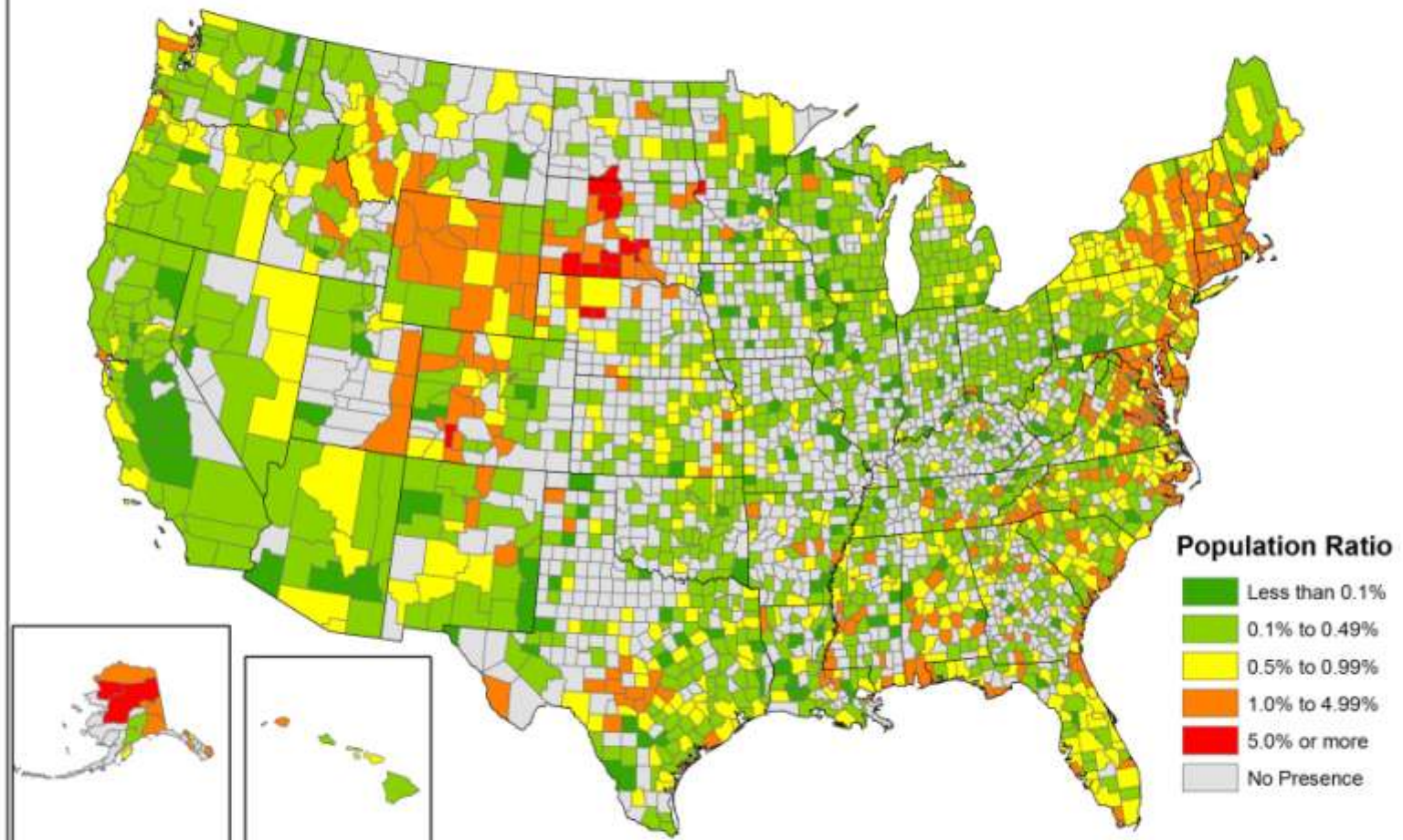
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3,625 congregations and 785,776 adherents were reported in 1,278 counties.

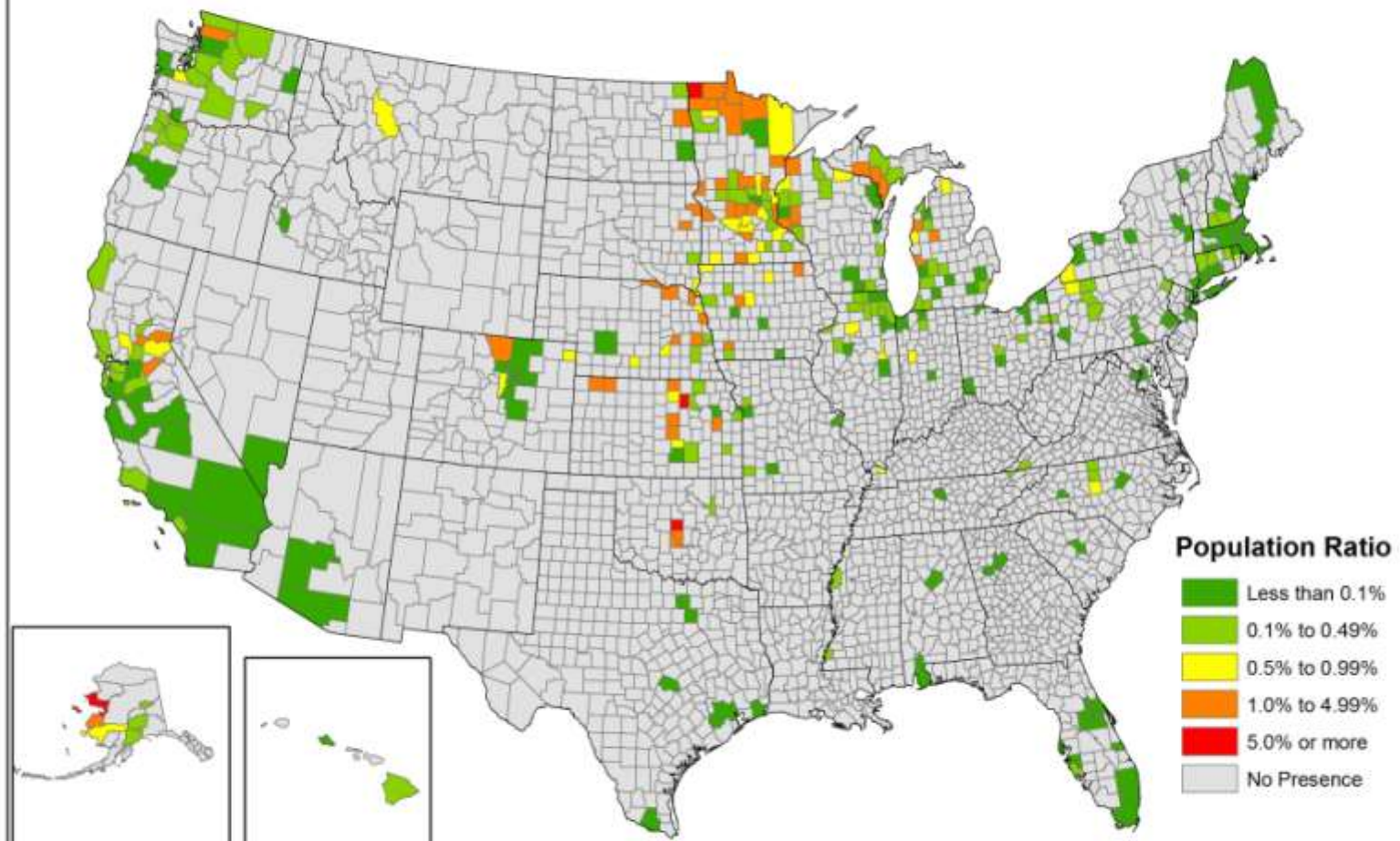
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6,794 congregations and 1,951,907 adherents were reported in 2,049 counties.

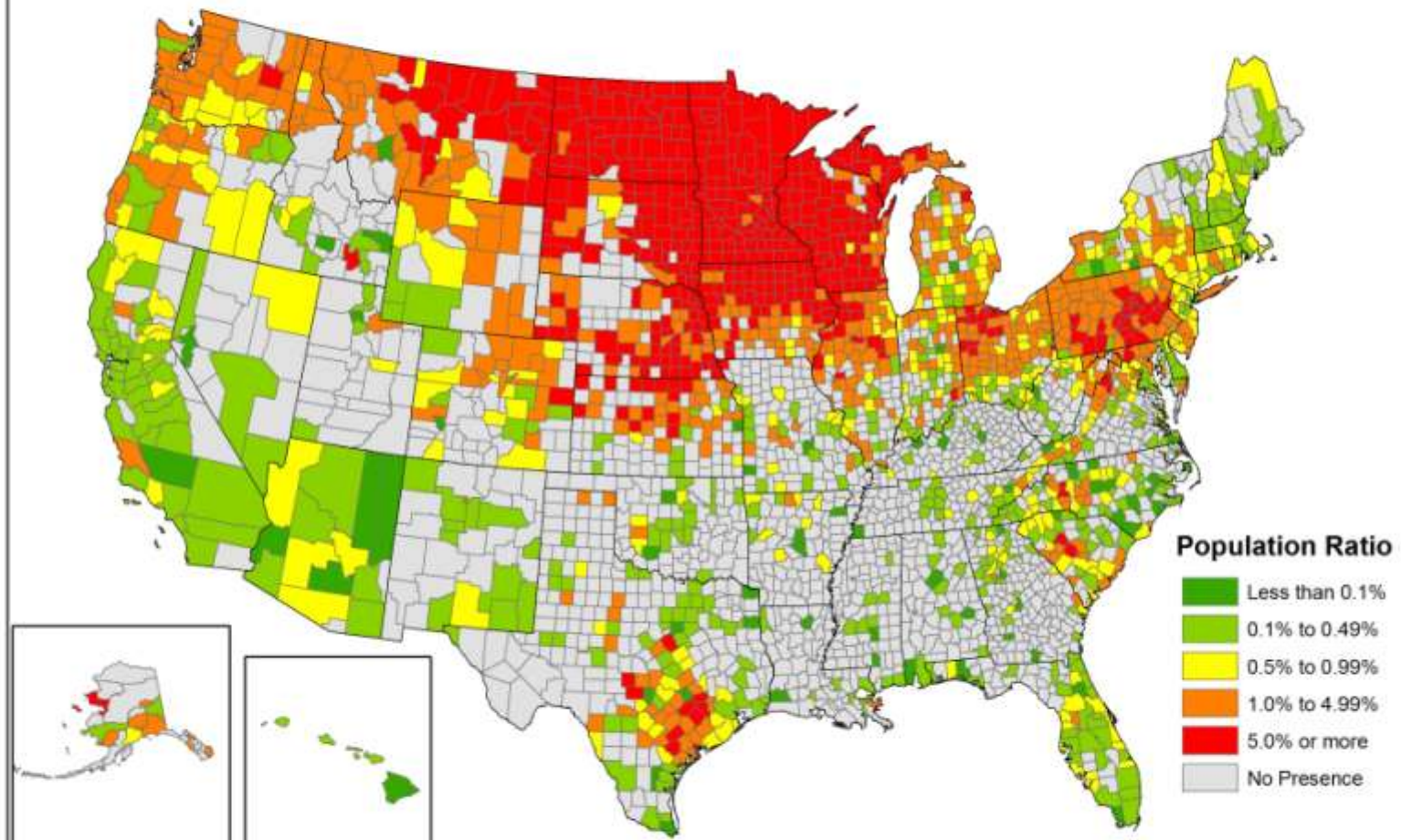
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816 congregations and 228,365 adherents were reported in 343 counties.

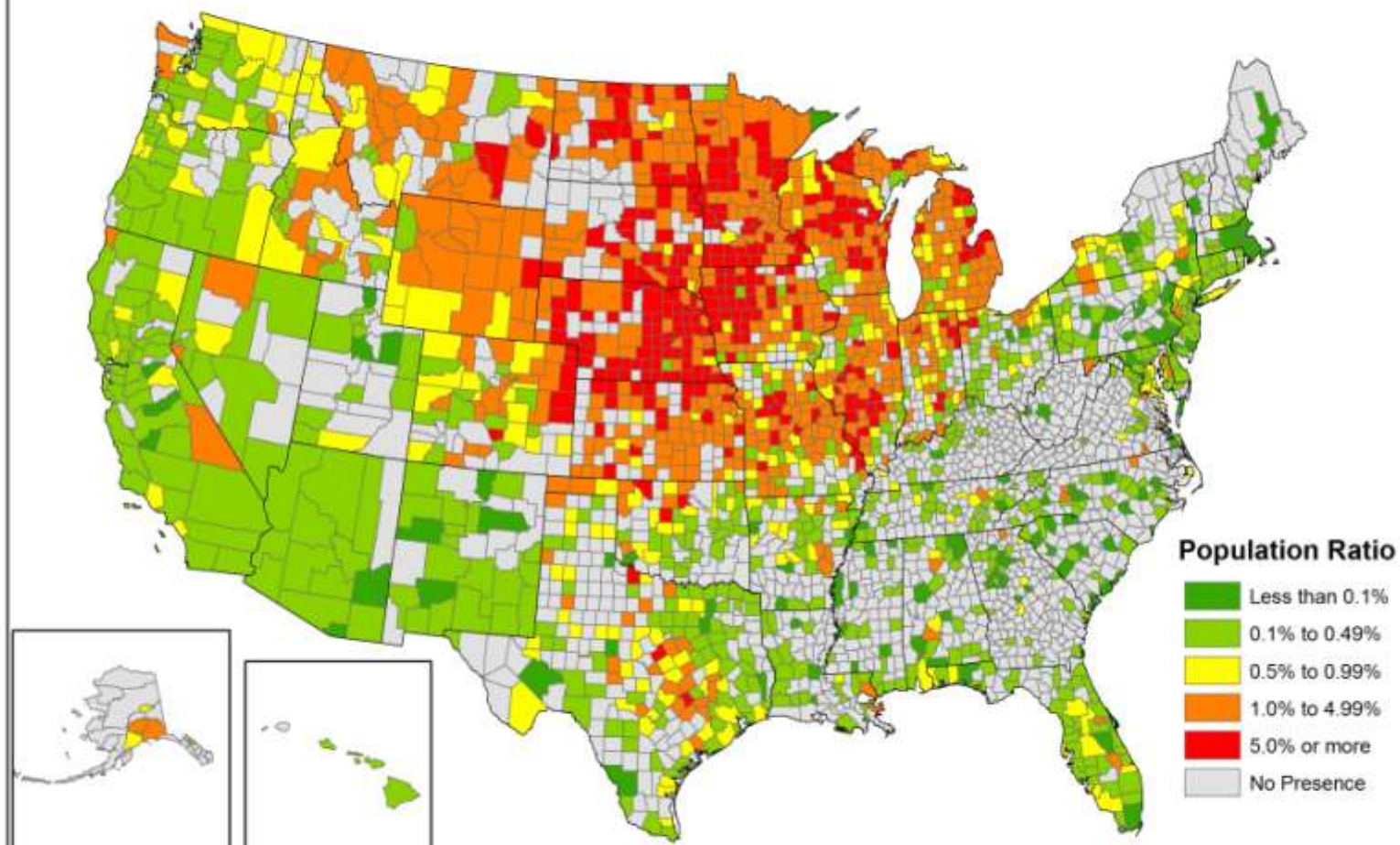
Population Penetration, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Adherents in the United States, 2010



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9,846 congregations and 4,181,219 adherents were reported in 1,739 counties.

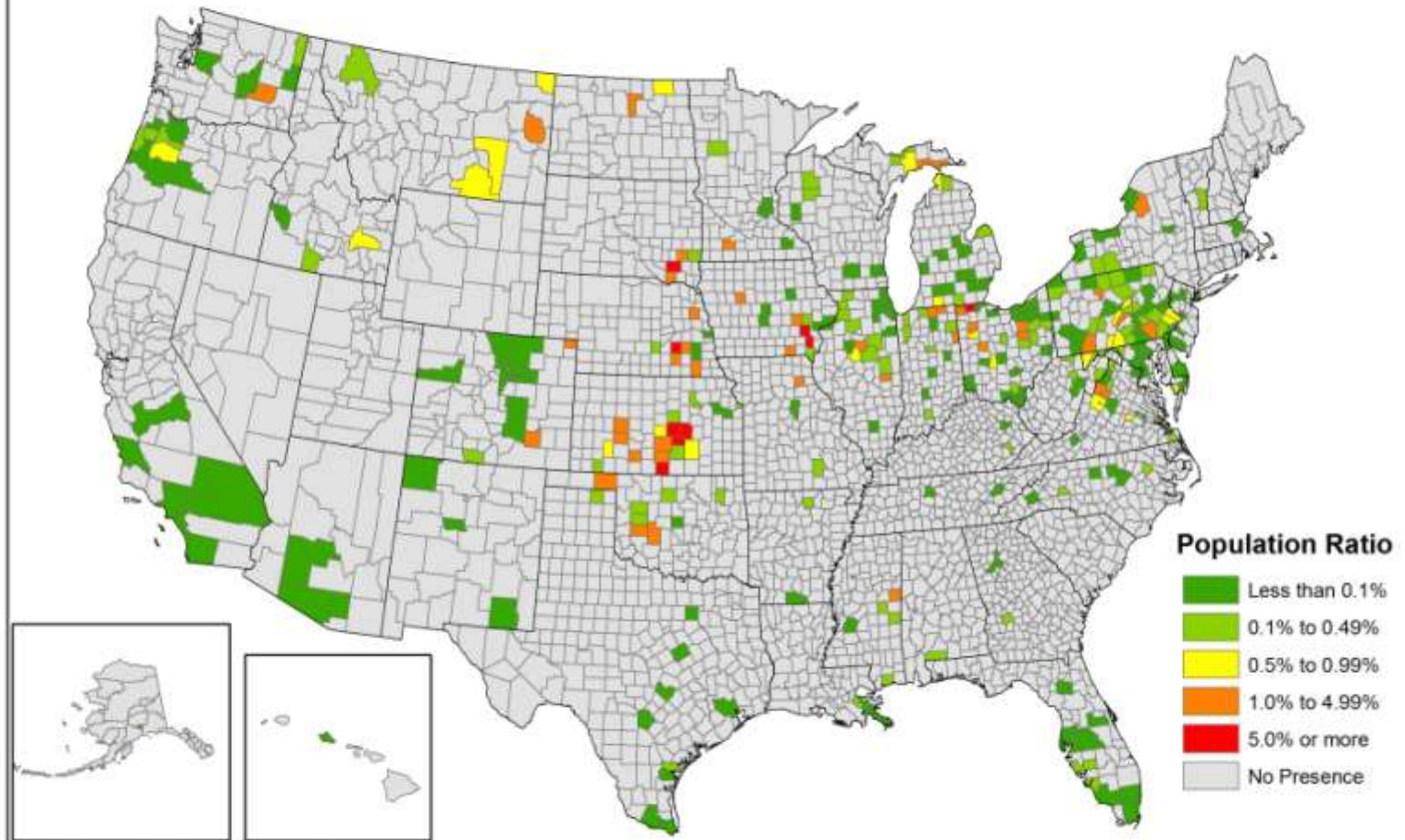
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6,040 congregations and 2,270,921 adherents were reported in 1,804 counties.

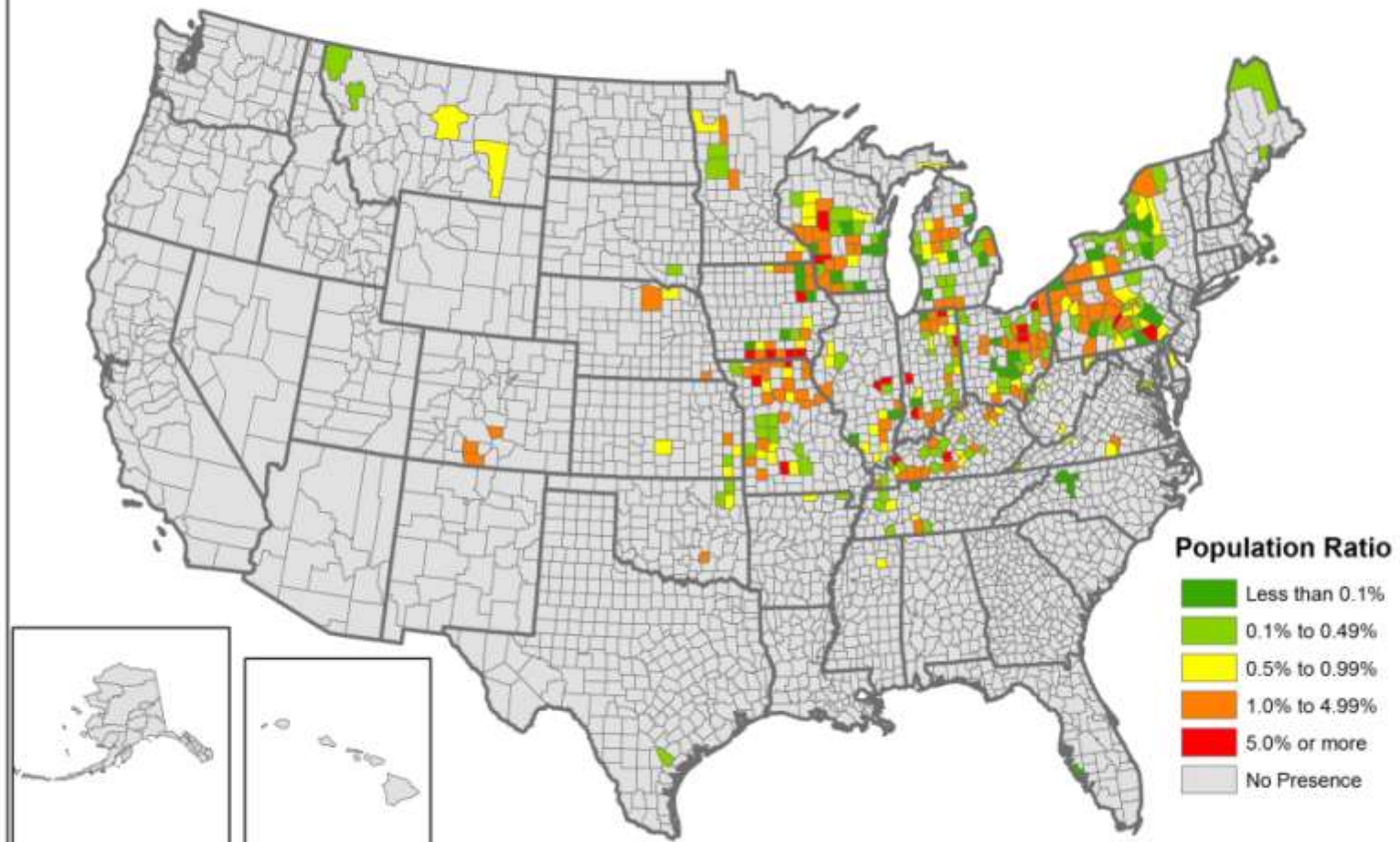
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919 congregations and 127,363 adherents were reported in 347 counties.

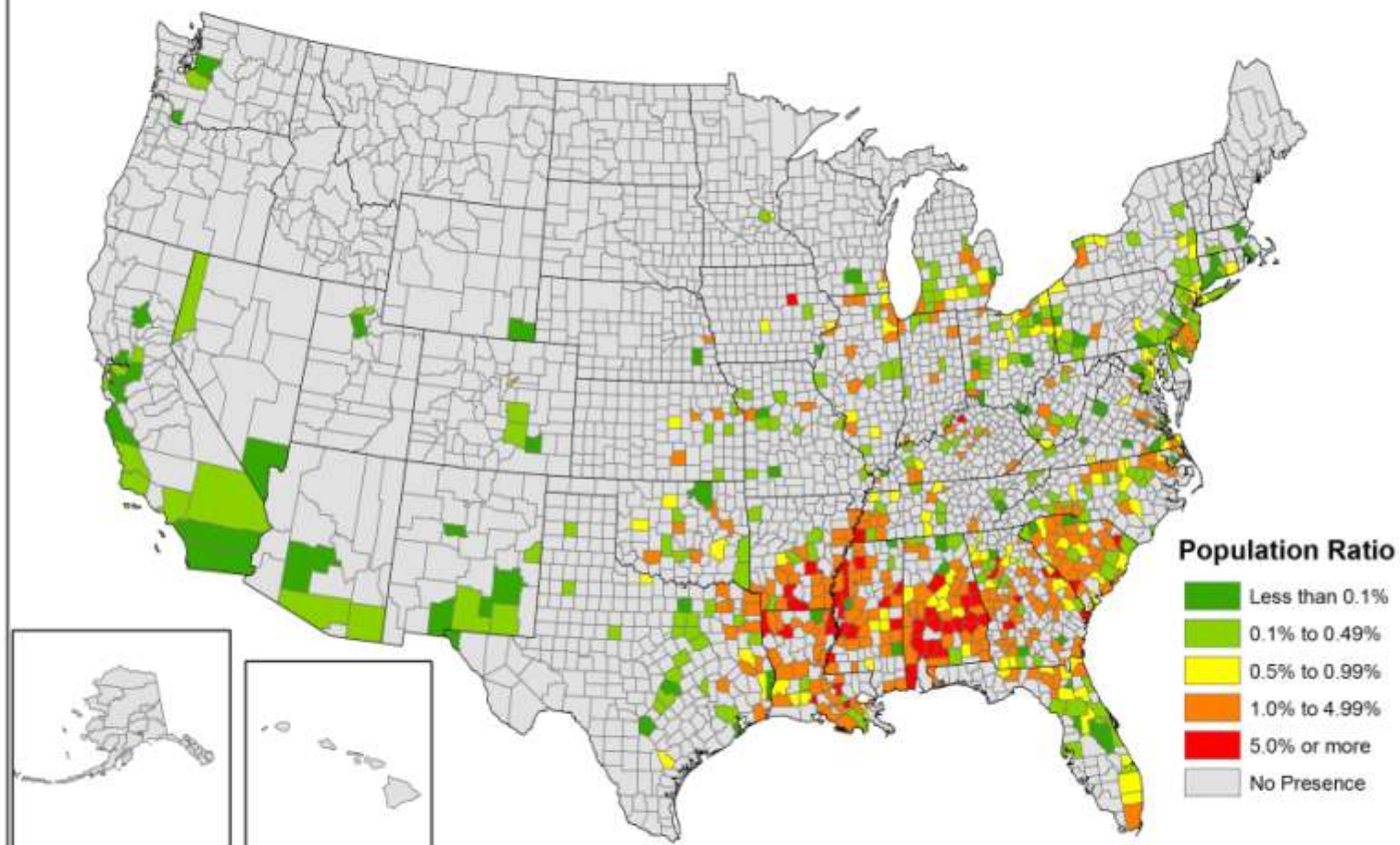
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1,755 congregations and 241,356 adherents were reported in 363 counties.

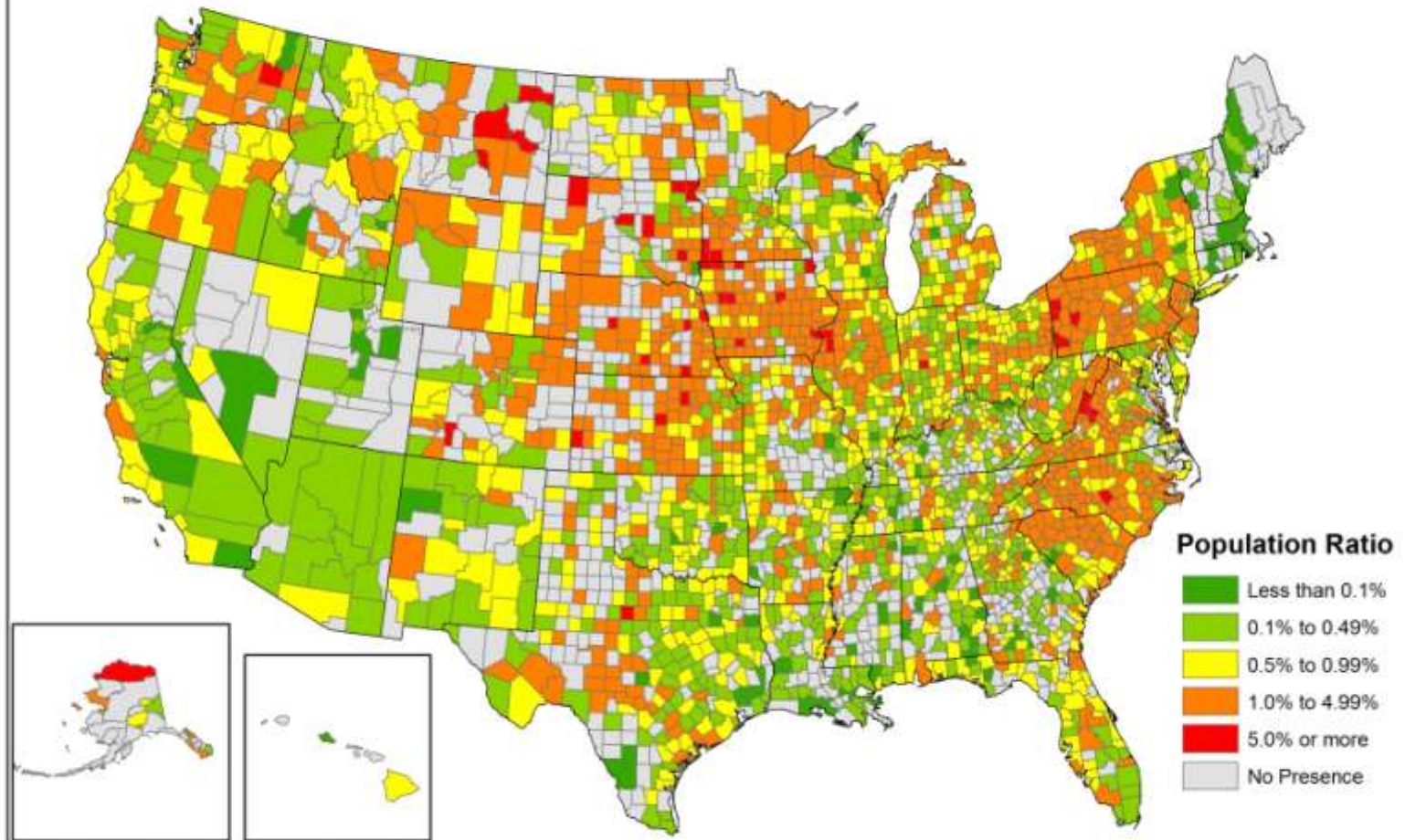
Population Penetration, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Adherents in the United States, 2010



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3,536 congregations and 1,881,341 adherents were reported in 722 counties.

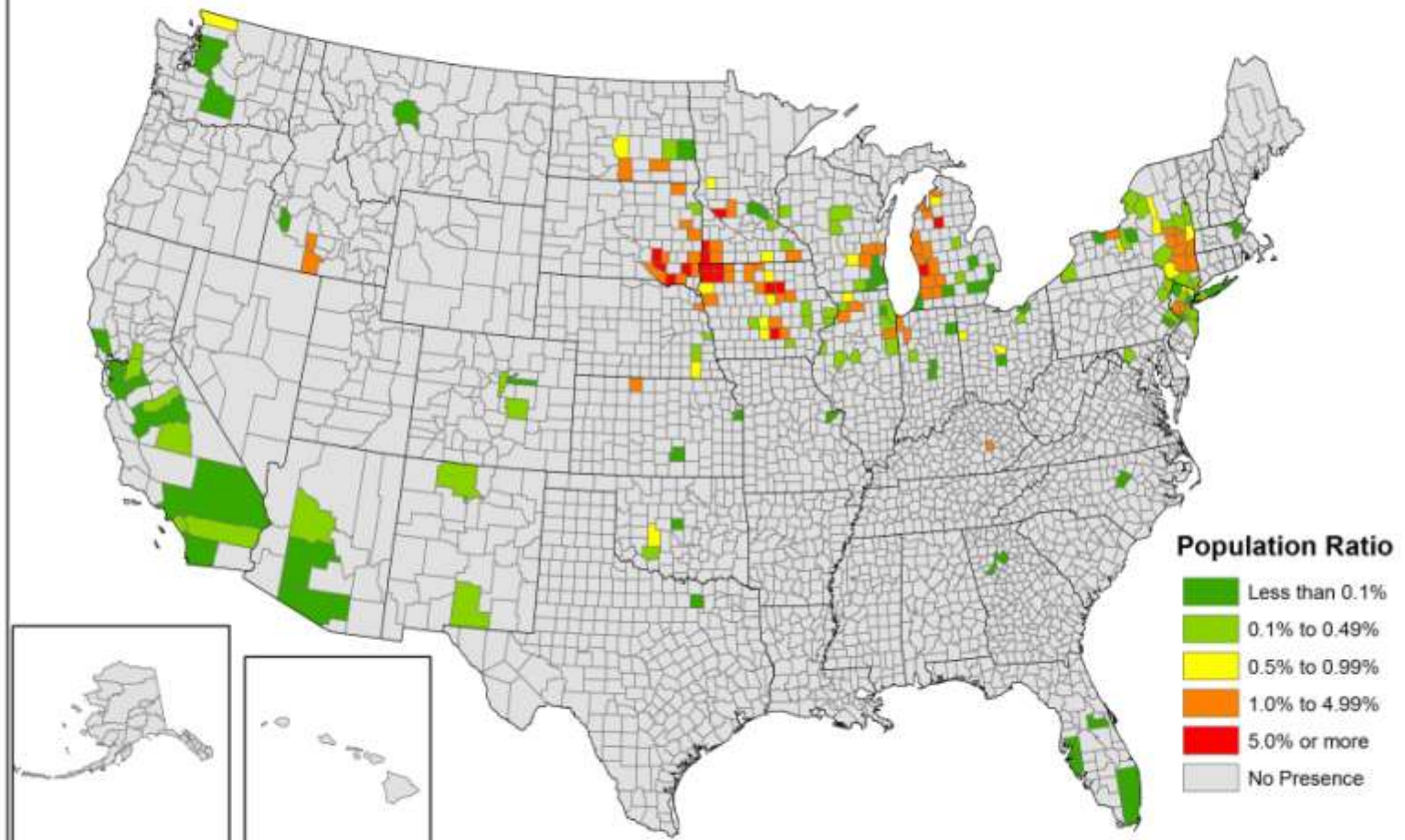
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10,487 congregations and 2,451,980 adherents were reported in 2,358 counties.

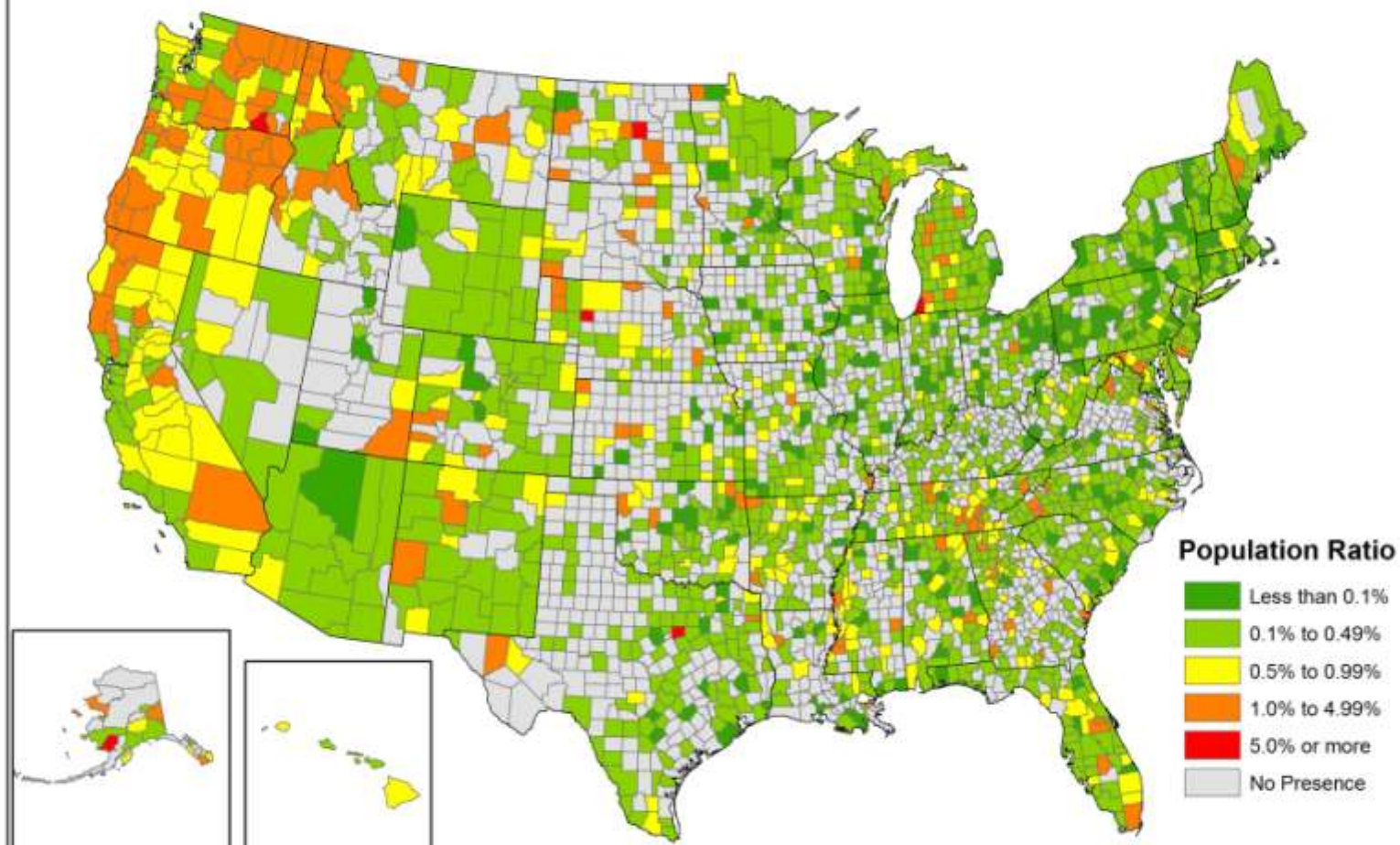
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864 congregations and 295,120 adherents were reported in 228 counties.

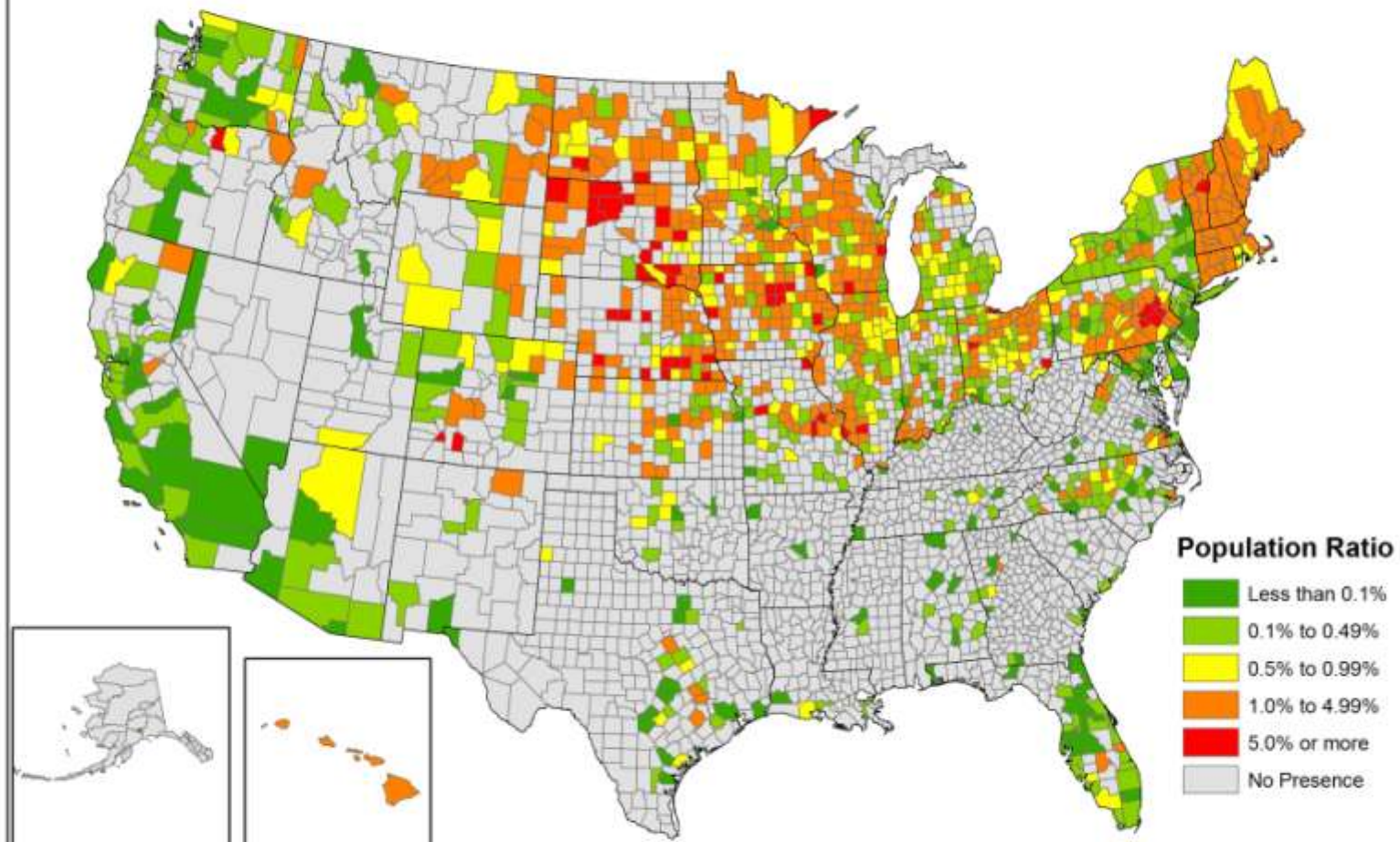
Population Penetration, Seventh-day Adventist Church Adherents in the United States, 2010



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

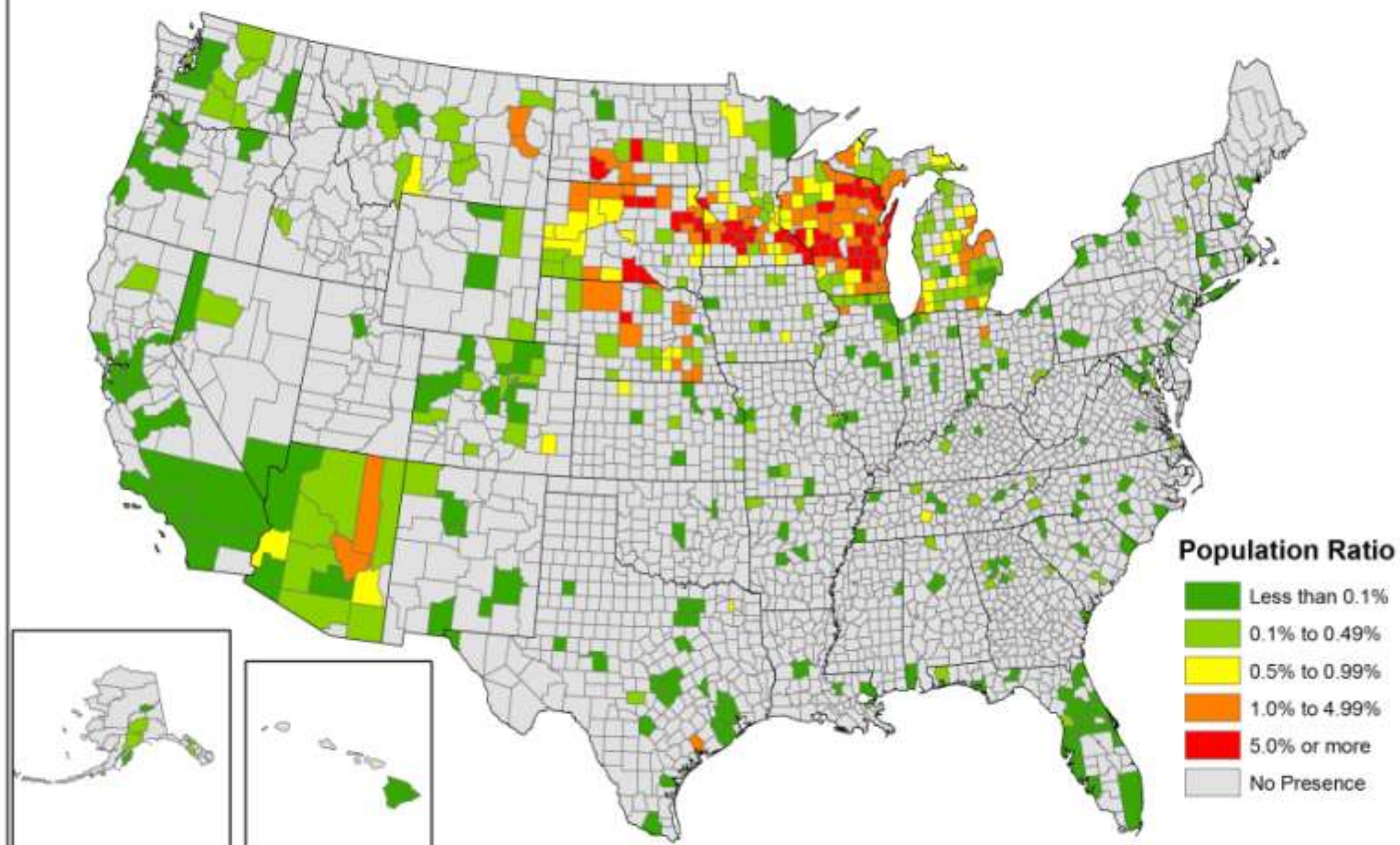
Population Penetration, United Church of Christ Adherents in the United States, 2010



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5,225 congregations and 1,284,296 adherents were reported in 1,168 counties.

Population Penetration, Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod Adherents in the United States, 2010



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1,269 congregations and 382,883 adherents were reported in 546 counties.