

Catholic Dioceses: Data From *Religious Congregations and Membership in the United States 2000...*ⁱ

Number of Congregations (Parishes) and Adherents (Members) for 1990 and 2000; Change in Number of Congregations and Percent Change in Adherents, 1990-2000; U.S. Population Change 1990-2000 and Percent Unclaimed, 2000 for 174 Roman Catholic Diocesesⁱⁱ

TABLE 4 RANKED BY PERCENT CHANGE IN ADHERENTS 1990-2000

Diocese	ST	Catholics, 1990		Catholics, 2000		Change 1990-00		1990-2000 Population Change	Percent Unclaimed 2000
		Congre- gations	Adherents	Congre- gations	Adherents	# Congre- gations	% of Ad- herents		
Tyler	TX	39	28,371	64	79,968	25	181.9	12.8	38.5
Palm Beach	FL	44	153,206	55	413,924	11	170.2	29.6	47.7
Dallas	TX	65	250,803	75	609,826	10	143.1	27.8	44.4
Fresno	CA	121	305,150	132	676,258	11	121.6	21.0	53.8
Venice	FL	64	121,660	62	263,400	8	116.5	31.2	61.0
Las Vegas	NV	23	112,302	33	241,431	10	115.0	84.1	63.9
Charlotte	NC	87	74,419	88	159,303	1	114.1	21.3	49.1
San Bernardino	CA	103	413,567	118	882,095	15	113.3	25.7	57.5
Raleigh	NC	85	74,239	90	155,232	5	109.1	22.2	60.8
Reno	NV	29	44,354	34	90,413	5	103.8	34.4	70.2
Atlanta	GA	86	148,649	99	301,488	13	102.8	34.9	54.9
San Diego	CA	118	457,645	122	903,408	4	97.4	13.4	55.4
Orlando	FL	73	235,100	87	432,907	14	84.1	27.9	61.7
Austin	TX	140	194,131	138	355,857	-2	83.3	34.0	51.4
Monterey	CA	53	163,598	56	295,824	3	80.8	14.1	56.9
Baker	OR	56	27,883	63	49,950	7	79.1	23.7	65.9
Boise	ID	115	73,897	102	130,847	-13	77.1	28.5	51.5
Charleston	SC	120	78,768	118	136,719	-2	73.6	15.1	52.4
Arlington	VA	66	236,259	73	406,145	7	71.9		57.2
Nashville	TN	54	47,395	57	78,879	3	66.4	23.6	51.5
Pueblo	CO	109	82,911	103	137,121	-6	65.4	24.2	55.6
Santa Rosa	CA	65	107,064	62	175,244	-3	63.7	14.1	66.1
Phoenix	AZ	128	376,539	140	611,153	12	62.3	45.5	61.9

Lubbock	TX	55	50,035	61	80,572	6	61.0	3.9	28.8
Yakima	WA	45	58,300	44	92,741	-1	59.1	23.8	61.2
Little Rock	AR	132	72,942	130	115,967	-2	59.0	14.0	42.7
Fort Worth	TX	86	154,325	90	242,790	4	57.3	26.7	48.9
Denver	CO	144	336,143	155	525,540	11	56.3	27.1	60.3
Orange	CA	60	503,628	61	779,647	1	54.8	18.1	55.2
Grand Isle	NE	93	52,947	81	80,888	-12	52.8	4.7	33.2
Lafayette	IN	61	79,870	62	121,197	1	51.7	12.1	60.3
Sacramento	CA	146	330,475	147	497,647	1	50.6	17.8	66.4
Richmond	VA	140	130,321	154	196,125	14	50.5		60.0
Miami	FL	114	611,553	124	897,785	10	46.8	21.0	58.0
Salt Lake City	UT	72	66,116	71	97,085	-1	46.8	29.7	25.3
Helena	MT	92	62,644	96	91,833	4	46.6	20.0	59.0
Manchester	NH	170	297,062	154	431,259	-16	45.2	11.4	52.3
Las Cruces	NM	45	146,329	89	210,867	44	44.1	18.1	31.9
Dodge City	KS	59	32,631	50	46,489	-9	42.5	6.7	38.6
Rockford	IL	107	252,031	105	358,407	-2	42.2	20.1	46.7
Wilmington (DE&MD)	DE	75	136,867	79	194,341	4	42.0	16.8	59.1
Stockton	CA	52	179,686	50	254,628	-2	41.7	18.8	61.1
Colorado Springs	CO	33	63,838	40	89,844	7	40.7	51.7	65.3
Santa Fe	NM	313	297,052	313	417,832	0	40.7	20.6	43.4
St. Augustine	FL	59	96,069	62	135,185	3	40.7	22.4	59.0
Gallup (AZ & MN)	AZ	167	100,085	165	140,756	-2	40.6	23.7	57.1
Marquette	MI	112	75,346	97	105,695	-15	40.3	1.2	41.9
Pensacola-Tallahassee	FL	57	47,901	57	67,222	0	40.3	19.8	58.1
Rapid City	SD	104	39,289	95	54,417	-9	38.5	7.6	44.2
Kansas City-St. Joseph	MO	116	119,559	103	163,832	-13	37.0	8.4	48.4
Cheyenne	WY	74	59,565	73	80,421	-1	35.0	8.9	53.3
Knoxville	TN	39	33,689	48	45,492	9	35.0	14.9	43.0
Anchorage	AK	29	23,250	31	31,328	2	34.7	17.4	66.5
Seattle	WA	185	393,221	186	525,727	1	33.7	21.5	68.3
Amarillo	TX	44	29,650	46	39,318	2	32.6	8.5	27.3
Columbus	OH	125	177,140	118	234,947	-7	32.6	12.0	64.1
Joliet	IL	131	446,897	128	592,287	-3	32.5	21.9	44.1
Indianapolis	IN	164	204,782	159	270,863	-5	32.3	10.4	57.8

Baltimore	MD	166	446,861	170	590,158	4	32.1	8.1	55.2
Toledo	OH	179	249,917	163	327,936	-16	31.2	1.3	48.7
San Jose	CA	52	368,611	55	483,079	3	31.1	12.4	56.7
Galveston	TX	167	650,542	165	851,739	-2	30.9	25.0	50.6
Spokane	WA	87	75,025	82	97,665	-5	30.2	16.9	63.5
Duluth	MN	104	81,708	93	105,814	-11	29.5	8.1	44.3
Allentown	PA	196	267,588	191	343,394	-5	28.3	7.2	38.7
Superior	WI	139	89,046	121	114,259	-18	28.3	12.6	41.2
Grand Rapids	MI	104	157,446	105	200,172	1	27.1	15.7	53.6
Los Angeles	CA	364	3,919,922	373	4,971,668	9	26.8	9.8	45.5
Trenton	NJ	144	586,235	146	742,106	2	26.6	11.3	43.5
Springfield-Cape Girardeau	MO	88	48,896	86	61,788	-2	26.4	15.7	49.5
San Antonio	TX	187	597,910	155	754,119	-32	26.1	20.9	37.5
Oklahoma City	OK	117	88,345	114	111,018	-3	25.7	8.2	35.1
Crookston	MN	77	41,766	71	52,335	-6	25.3	4.6	33.9
Biloxi	MS	55	54,207	59	67,862	4	25.2	14.2	43.4
Tucson	AZ	96	294,667	119	368,192	23	25.0	31.3	56.9
Bridgeport	CT	99	347,526	94	433,832	-5	24.8	6.6	29.9
Gaylord	MI	83	81,346	82	100,275	-1	23.3	17.7	58.1
Great Falls/Billings	MT	141	63,155	119	77,417	-22	22.6	4.8	50.5
Juneau	AK	10	4,749	24	5,800	14	22.1		68.0
Sioux Falls	SD	163	104,208	153	126,653	-10	21.5	8.9	27.0
Bismarck	ND	113	70,665	97	85,644	-16	21.2	0.6	24.9
Savannah	GA	79	60,256	80	72,697	1	20.6	12.5	55.0
Lexington (KY & TN)	KY	69	38,248	64	45,713	-5	19.5	9.6	53.5
Lincoln	NE	147	96,562	146	114,411	-1	18.5	8.8	39.1
Portland	OR	143	251,767	152	298,289	9	18.5	19.9	69.1
Jackson	MS	101	40,558	103	47,873	2	18.0	9.5	46.0
Lansing	MI	97	231,571	101	271,079	4	17.1	7.6	63.8
St. Paul-Minneapolis	MN	231	643,796	227	754,095	-4	17.1	15.9	42.5
Dubuque	IA	228	218,511	221	255,026	-7	16.7	4.5	32.7
	US	22,441	53,385,998	21,791	62,035,042	-650	16.2	13.2	49.8
St. Petersburg	FL	77	332,818	80	385,725	3	15.9	16.3	62.2
El Paso	TX	74	438,250	81	371,420	7	15.2	12.7	35.9
Albany	NY	249	403,123	181	458,489	-68	13.7	1.9	48.2
Lafayette	LA	159	350,224	159	395,988	0	13.1	8.5	21.3

Harrisburg	PA	133	216,585	110	243,921	-23	12.6	8.6	51.7
Kansas City	KS	125	175,580	120	197,752	-5	12.6	13.4	55.1
Altoona/Johnstown	PA	165	143,382	130	160,667	-35	12.1	1.0	43.6
Wichita	KS	112	100,875	94	112,906	-18	11.9	7.3	48.9
Covington	KY	55	79,858	53	88,896	-2	11.3	15.3	46.1
Fort Wayne/South Bend	IN	89	149,583	89	166,129	0	11.1	11.2	56.2
Birmingham	AL	81	75,062	77	83,188	-4	10.8	9.6	42.6
Metuchen	NJ	124	485,808	123	536,239	-1	10.4	14.5	42.4
Louisville	KY	143	196,734	128	216,560	-15	10.1	9.5	44.5
La Crosse	WI	191	222,320	170	244,663	-21	10.0	8.5	37.2
Fargo	ND	161	101,823	159	91,999	-2	9.6	0.6	28.2
Philadelphia	PA	335	1,304,089	313	1,426,731	-22	9.4	3.2	40.3
Madison	WI	137	238,597	137	260,817	0	9.3	12.8	41.7
Springfield	MA	159	353,599	150	385,953	-9	9.1	0.3	40.0
Rochester	NY	191	396,768	180	431,892	-11	8.9	2.2	52.1
Evansville	IN	76	84,367	72	91,768	-4	8.8	5.9	50.2
San Francisco	CA	116	395,826	97	428,952	-19	8.4	8.0	59.5
Beaumont	TX	53	86,919	54	94,145	1	8.3	13.0	38.1
Washington	DC	141	442,908	148	479,678	7	8.3	8.9	51.4
Kalamazoo	MI	59	98,112	61	106,133	2	8.2	6.3	64.7
Green Bay	WI	220	364,922	203	394,364	-17	8.1	12.6	29.1
Owensboro	KY	78	48,222	79	52,057	1	8.0	7.8	37.6
Mobile	AL	88	62,578	91	67,459	3	7.8	11.0	49.2
Omaha	NE	157	204,294	158	220,306	1	7.8	10.1	42.8
New York	NY	409	2,254,854	428	2,421,700	19	7.4	7.8	34.3
Milwaukee	WI	287	645,055	255	689,971	-32	7.0	7.1	43.7
Portland	ME	200	264,443	186	283,024	-14	7.0	3.8	63.6
Norwich (CT & NY)	CT	153	899,352	161	980,799	8	6.8	6.5	38.2
Winona	MN	124	122,526	118	130,427	-6	6.4	5.6	25.7
Boston	MA	420	1,939,858	382	2,052,962	-38	5.8	5.8	32.1
Rockville Center	NU	138	1,349,911	139	1,428,563	1	5.8	5.5	28.1
Youngstown	OH	133	276,598	130	290,917	-3	5.2	1.4	50.6
Memphis	TN	47	56,015	47	58,790	0	5.0	10.2	53.5
Des Moines	IA	89	93,489	85	98,086	-4	4.9	10.6	50.9
Camden	NJ	136	394,125	137	411,979	1	4.5	5.9	51.6
Tulsa	OK	83	55,220	81	57,607	-2	4.3	11.6	44.2

Honolulu	HI	101	232,715	95	240,813	-6	3.5	9.3	63.8
Gary	IN	90	179,704	66	185,791	-4	3.4	4.2	56.5
Lake Charles	LA	61	83,709	61	86,219	0	3.0	9.3	36.8
Burlington	VT	139	143,938	133	147,918	-6	2.8	8.2	60.9
Erie	PA	168	227,511	158	233,643	-10	2.7	1.3	46.0
Paterson	NJ	117	374,835	117	384,025	0	2.5	9.8	48.1
San Angelo	TX	73	82,810	73	84,681	0	2.3	4.4	36.9
Oakland	CA	90	500,523	103	510,507	13	2.0	14.9	63.5
Fairbanks	AK	50	16,966	47	17,231	-3	1.6		61.6
Chicago	IL	337	2,364,502	402	2,399,961	65	1.5	7.1	42.2
Belleville	IL	129	123,686	125	125,402	-4	1.4	0.5	46.4
Houma-Thibodaux	LA	107	372,015	108	376,911	1	1.3	2.6	35.9
Brooklyn	NY	232	1,538,554	233	1,556,575	1	1.2	10.4	44.1
Jefferson City	MO	119	89,213	115	89,743	-4	0.6	11.9	46.7
Davenport	IA	112	106,552	78	107,013	-34	0.4	4.6	52.4
Alexandria	LA	73	48,050	71	48,050	-2	0.0	-2.0	43.3
St. Louis	MO	254	544,375	233	541,601	-21	-0.5	5.6	48.2
Ogdensburg	NY	149	173,200	145	170,772	-4	-1.4	0.3	46.0
Newark	NJ	255	1,348,312	251	1,328,671	-4	-1.5	6.0	34.6
Baton Rouge	LA	89	222,000	94	218,253	5	-1.7	13.0	47.4
Saint Cloud	MN	144	151,116	139	147,950	-5	-2.1	15.2	36.1
Cleveland	OH	281	843,942	278	825,126	-3	-2.2	3.2	47.8
Wheeling-Charleston	WV	176	108,497	149	105,363	-27	-2.9	0.8	63.9
Sioux City	IA	135	101,770	124	97,967	-11	-3.7	1.0	27.9
Shreveport	LA	51	40,650	45	38,929	-6	-4.2	3.1	43.7
Pittsburgh	PA	375	904,289	324	859,949	-51	-4.9	-2.0	32.2
Worcester	MA	133	325,686	132	309,267	-1	-5.0	5.8	42.6
Springfield	IL	173	180,081	163	170,795	-10	-5.2	3.3	46.5
Cincinnati	OH	249	544,036	232	512,286	-17	-5.8	4.5	58.0
Syracuse	NY	197	375,845	193	352,015	-4	-6.3	-3.1	51.2
Peoria	IL	212	243,836	202	228,081	-10	-6.5	2.4	51.6
Buffalo	NY	309	788,233	285	730,485	-24	-7.3	-1.2	35.3
Scranton	PA	326	376,132	268	340,475	-58	-9.5	6.0	47.2
Saginaw	MI	116	158,110	112	142,446	-4	-9.9	5.4	54.7
Victoria	TX	80	116,639	72	104,501	-8	-10.4	8.0	29.4
Corpus Christi	TX	131	333,420	124	297,125	-7	-10.9	17.1	40.8
New Orleans	LA	159	531,831	158	472,686	-1	-11.1	4.0	47.3

Hartford	CT	234	815,625	228	712,105	-6	-12.7	1.8	44.6
Providence	RI	185	633,427	165	542,244	0	-14.4	4.5	36.5
Greensburg	PA	156	235,674	130	193,744	-26	-17.8	0.2	42.8
Salina	KS	101	60,155	90	48,697	-11	-19.0	-2.5	47.7
Steubenville	OH	90	50,144	79	40,620	-11	-19.0	0.8	66.4
Falls River	MA	165	686,535	158	549,174	-7	-20.0	9.5	43.7
Brownsville	TX	107	568,529	107	408,229	0	-28.2	39.4	46.7
Detroit	MI	344	1,536,677	330	1,094,126	-14	-28.8	4.1	57.6

ⁱ Source: Jones, Dale E., Sherry Doty, Clifford Grammich, James E. Horsch, Richard Houseal, Mac Lynn, John P. Marcum, Kenneth M. Sanchagrin and Richard H. Taylor. 2002. Nashville, TN: Glenmary Research Center. Project Sponsored by Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies (ASARB). Available from Glenmary Research Center www.glenmary.org/grc Telephone 615-256-1905 FAX 615-251-1472.

ⁱⁱ Note about definition of “diocese” and accuracy of data. Because of the nature of the data source, dioceses which contain only part of a county have assigned to them the data for the entire county. This will slightly inflate the data for some dioceses and the total for “all dioceses.” It should also be noted that the data for Eastern Rite Catholics (for the 15 Exarchates / Dioceses / Eparchies) in the various counties have been included in the data for the Latin Rite dioceses in which the relevant county is located. This will inflate the number of “Catholics” in those dioceses. The Catholic raw data files available to the Glenmary Research Center will allow reassigning data more appropriately as soon as time and resources permit.

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