

GLENMARY RESEARCH CENTER FAST FACTS

WISE COUNTY VIRGINIA Richmond Diocese

	COUNTY	DIOCESE	STATE	NATION
General Population and Geography				
Total population, 2000	40,123	5,956,776	7,078,515	281,421,906
Population, % change, 1990-2000	1.4 %	*	14.4 %	13.1 %
Persons under 5 years old, percent, 2000	5.8 %	NA	6.5 %	6.8 %
Persons 65 and over, percent, 2000	13.9 %	NA	11.2 %	12.4 %
Land area (square miles)	404	NA	39,594	NA
Density: persons per sq. mile, 2000	99.3	NA	178.8	79.6
Religious Characteristics				
Number of Catholics, 2000	22	502,498	606,059	62,035,042
Catholic percent change, 1990-2000	94.3 %	54.4 %	57.7 %	16.2 %
"Unclaimed" population, 2000	26,642	3,448,973	4,133,853	140,057,419
Percent of population "Unclaimed," 2000	66.4 %	57.9 %	58.4 %	49.8 %
Catholics as percent of total population, 2000	0.1 %	8.4 %	8.6 %	22.0 %
Catholics as percent of total "Adherents," 2000	0.2 %	20.0 %	20.6 %	43.9 %
Catholic rank among Faith Groups, 2000	20 th	2 nd	2 nd	1st
Total number of faith groups, 2000	20	90	91	149
Three largest faith groups, 2000	SBC	SBC	SBC	Catholic
	U Methodist	Catholic	Catholic	SBC
	Free Will Bapt	U Methodist	U Methodist	U Methodist
Faith group with greatest growth, 1990-2000	L-D Saints	Evan Free Ch	Consrv Congr	Salva Army
Social and Economic Characteristics				
White persons, percent, 2000 (a)	96.9%	NA	72.3 %	75.1 %
African American persons, percent, 2000 (a)	1.8 %	NA	19.6 %	12.3 %
Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin, pct, 2000 (b)	0.7 %	NA	4.7 %	12.5 %
Language other than English spoken at home, 2000	2.1 %	NA	11.1 %	17.9 %
Persons below poverty, percent, 1999	20.0 %	NA	9.6 %	12.4 %
Per capita money income, 1999	\$14,471	NA	\$23,975	\$21,587
Median Household money income, 1999	\$26,149	NA	\$46,677	\$41,994
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2000	\$65,700	NA	\$125,400	\$119,600
Persons per household, 2000	2.44	NA	2.54	2.59
High school grads, percent 25+ yrs., 2000	62.5 %	NA	81.5 %	80.4 %
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent 25+ yrs., 2000	10.8 %	NA	29.5 %	24.4 %
County part of a metropolitan statistical area, 2000?	No	NA	NA	NA

Prepared: September 2003. © Glenmary Research Center. 1312 Fifth Avenue North, Nashville, TN. grc@glenmary.org

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau Website <http://www.census.gov> and *Religious Congregations and Membership in the United States 2000* published by the Glenmary Research Center. List of Glenmary Counties taken from 2003-2004 Glenmary Directory.

Notes:

- (a) Includes persons reporting one race only.
- (b) Hispanics may be of any race and so are included in racial categories. Therefore, above racial categories are not additive. For other racial categories see www.census.gov.
- (c) County not listed in GHM 2002-2003 directory.
NA Not applicable or not available
* No percent change in diocesan population for 2000.