

Catholic Data for States from *Religious Congregations and Membership in the United States 2000...*

Number of Congregations (Parishes) and Adherents (Members) for 1990 and 2000; Change in Number of Congregations and Percent Change in Adherentsⁱⁱ, 1990-2000; U.S. Population Change 1990-2000 and Percent Unclaimedⁱⁱⁱ, 2000 for 50 States and the District of Columbia

TABLE 2. STATE RC DATA - RANKED BY ADHERENTS, 2000

State		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		
California	CA	1,280	7,142,067	1,315	10,079,310	35	41.1	13.8	53.9
New York	NY	1,874	7,280,488	1,784	7,550,491	-90	3.7	5.5	39.6
Texas	TX	1,290	3,574,728	1,293	4,368,969	3	22.2	22.8	44.5
Illinois	IL	1,089	3,611,033	1,125	3,874,933	36	7.3	8.6	44.7
Pennsylvania	PA	1,854	3,675,250	1,624	3,802,524	-230	3.5	3.4	42.1
New Jersey	NJ	776	3,189,315	774	3,403,020	-2	6.7	8.9	42.3
Massachusetts	MA	832	2,961,359	782	3,092,296	-50	4.4	5.5	35.9
Florida	FL	479	1,598,457	527	2,596,148	48	62.4	23.5	58.9
Ohio	OH	1,057	2,141,777	1,000	2,231,832	-57	4.2	4.7	55.1
Michigan	MI	915	2,338,608	888	2,019,926	-27	-13.6	6.9	58.2
Wisconsin	WI	968	1,554,278	879	1,695,660	-89	9.1	9.6	39.6
Louisiana	LA	627	1,369,154	625	1,382,603	-2	1.0	5.9	41.2
Connecticut	CT	416	1,374,747	411	1,372,562	-5	-0.2	3.6	42.1
Minnesota	MN	768	1,110,071	730	1,260,660	-38	13.6	12.4	38.3
Arizona	AZ	243	655,664	267	974,883	24	48.7	40.0	60.1
Maryland	MD	296	832,763	309	952,389	13	14.4	10.8	56.7
Missouri	MO	578	802,083	537	856,964	-41	6.8	9.3	48.3
Indiana	IN	476	699,188	462	836,009	-14	19.6	9.7	57.1
Colorado	CO	286	482,892	298	752,505	12	55.8	30.6	60.5
Washington	WA	317	526,546	312	716,133	-5	36.0	21.1	67.0
New Mexico	NM	403	467,356	450	670,511	47	43.5	20.1	41.8
Virginia	VA	228	384,285	233	606,059	5	57.7	14.4	58.4
Iowa	IA	564	520,322	508	558,092	-56	7.3	5.4	41.5

State		Congre- gations	Adherents	Congre- gations	Adherents	# Congre- gations	% Chg Adherents	90-00 Pop Change	2000 % Unclaimed
Rhode Island	RI	165	633,427	165	542,244	0	-14.4	4.5	36.5
New Hampshire	NH	170	297,062	154	431,259	-16	45.2	11.4	52.3
Kentucky	KY	347	365,270	323	406,021	-24	11.2	9.7	46.6
Kansas	KS	397	369,241	354	405,844	-43	9.9	8.5	50.6
Georgia	GA	168	210,210	179	374,185	11	78.0	26.4	55.2
Nebraska	NE	381	335,372	368	372,791	-13	11.2	8.4	41.2
Oregon	OR	199	279,650	215	348,239	16	24.5	20.4	68.7
Nevada	NV	53	156,956	67	331,844	3	111.4	66.3	65.7
North Carolina	NC	175	149,483	180	315,606	5	111.1	21.4	54.6
Maine	ME	200	264,443	186	283,024	-14	7.0	3.8	63.6
Hawaii	HI	102	232,780	95	240,813	-7	3.5	9.3	63.8
Tennessee	TN	142	137,203	152	183,161	10	33.5	16.7	48.9
South Dakota	SD	271	143,776	252	181,434	-19	26.2	8.5	32.2
North Dakota	ND	281	173,432	261	179,349	-20	3.4	0.5	26.8
Montana	MT	233	125,799	215	169,250	-18	34.5	12.9	55.3
Oklahoma	OK	201	143,640	195	168,625	-6	17.4	9.7	39.2
District of Columbia	DC	41	77,532	42	160,048	1	106.4	-5.7	26.8
Delaware	DE	45	116,341	46	151,740	1	30.4	17.6	59.4
Alabama	AL	172	137,834	168	150,647	-4	9.3	10.1	45.2
Vermont	VT	139	143,938	133	147,918	-6	2.8	8.2	60.9
South Carolina	SC	120	78,768	118	136,719	-2	73.6	15.1	52.4
Idaho	ID	115	73,897	102	130,847	-13	77.1	28.5	51.5
Arkansas	AR	134	72,952	130	115,967	-4	59.0	13.7	42.9
Mississippi	MS	156	94,948	163	115,769	7	2.9	10.5	45.4
West Virginia	WV	177	108,529	149	105,363	-28	-2.9	0.8	64.1
Utah	UT	74	66,316	71	97,085	-3	46.4	29.6	25.3
Wyoming	WY	74	59,565	73	80,421	-1	35.0	8.9	53.3
Alaska	AK	93	45,203	102	54,359	9	20.3	14.0	65.7
U.S.A total	US	22,441	53,385,998	21,791	62,035,042	-650	16.2	13.2	48.9

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 and RCMS 2000 copyrighted by Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies (ASARB). Complete study available from Glenmary Research Center www.glenmary.org/grc Telephone 615-256-1905 FAX 615-251-1472

ii The percentages in this column indicate the percent change in Catholic adherents between 1990 and 2000 (i.e. the Catholic rate of growth or decline). Compare the percent in column 8 (9.3% for Alabama) to the percent in column 9 (10.1% for Alabama) to see how Catholic growth (or decline) compared to general population growth in the state. To learn what percent Catholics in 2000 are of all adherents in 2000, see the last column in the relevant table(s) in the printed version of RCMS 2000. For example, Catholics constituted 6.2 percent of all adherents in Alabama in 2000 (See text Table 3 on page 2000).

iii The “Unclaimed” are all those in the state who were not “claimed” or counted by one of the 149 religious bodies participating in the RCMS study. The formula for determining the “Unclaimed” is: Total number of adherents in the state as listed in RCMS 2000 divided by the total population of the state in 2000 as given by the U.S. Census times 100.

In addition to the persons “claimed” by one or another of the 149 participating religious groups, there may be many more uncounted persons who are “religious” or “spiritual” or members of religious groups which did not participate in the study. For example, many of the historically Black denominations, Christian Scientists, and Jehovah’s Witnesses, to name a few well-known groups did not participate in the 2000 study. Members of smaller localized or independent church groups did not participate. This was true for many conservative Christian churches, for example in Appalachia. Finally many other religious groups such as the Church of Scientology and Unity did not participate. **Therefore, it is inappropriate to use the RCMS figures for “Unclaimed” to mean “Un-churched.”**

To our knowledge, there are no widely acceptable figures for the “un-churched,” certainly down to the state or county level. This is because the definition of “un-churched” varies so widely depending on who is using the term and to what purpose. Some sample surveys (E.g. the General Social Survey –GSS- and the American Religious Identification Survey 2001 –ARIS 2001-) might be of use for data at the national, regional or, possibly, state levels, if one is willing to accept the definition of terms used in the respective surveys.

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