

Religion Census Newsletter

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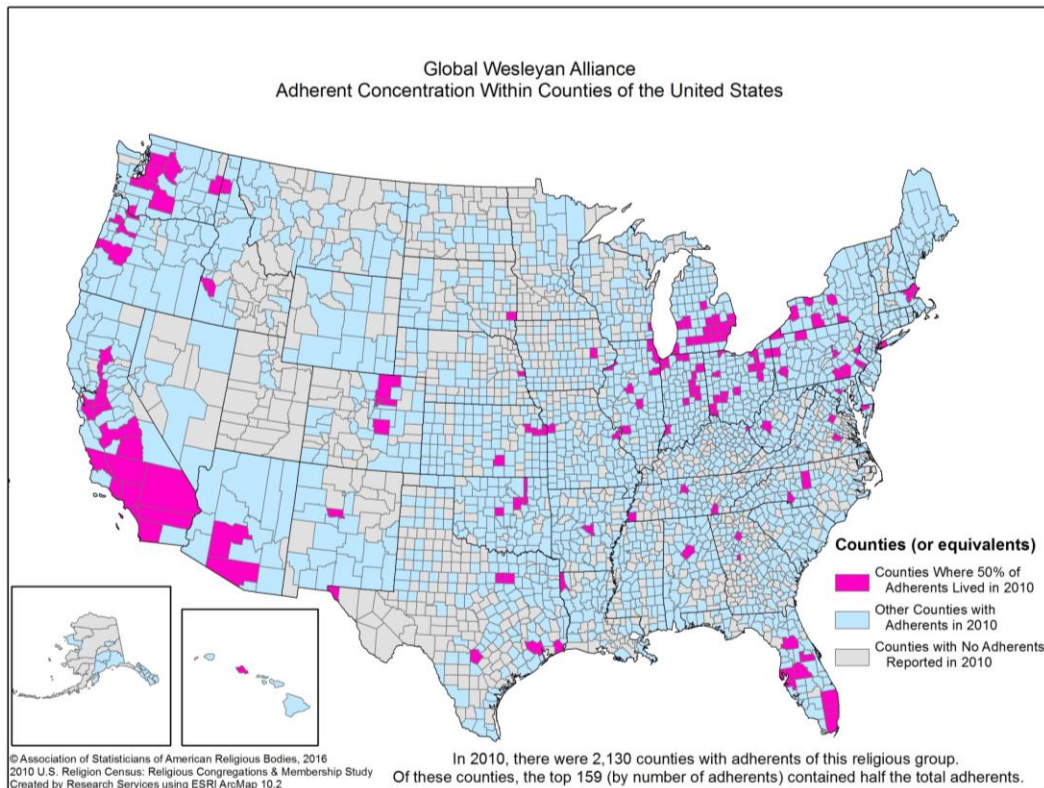
236 religious bodies were included in the 2010 Religion Census data released in 2012. We thought you'd like to know how valuable that inclusion has been.

Because of this participation, the data is still being used regularly. Just this week, a newspaper reporter from Virginia contacted us to complete a story he's working on. He was making comparisons between our data and a recent national survey. As he noted, ours is the only national religion study that gave him insights to his own independent city.

And this was just one of the more than 2,000 users who went to the [Religion Census website](#) in October.

New Maps Available from the 2010 Religion Census

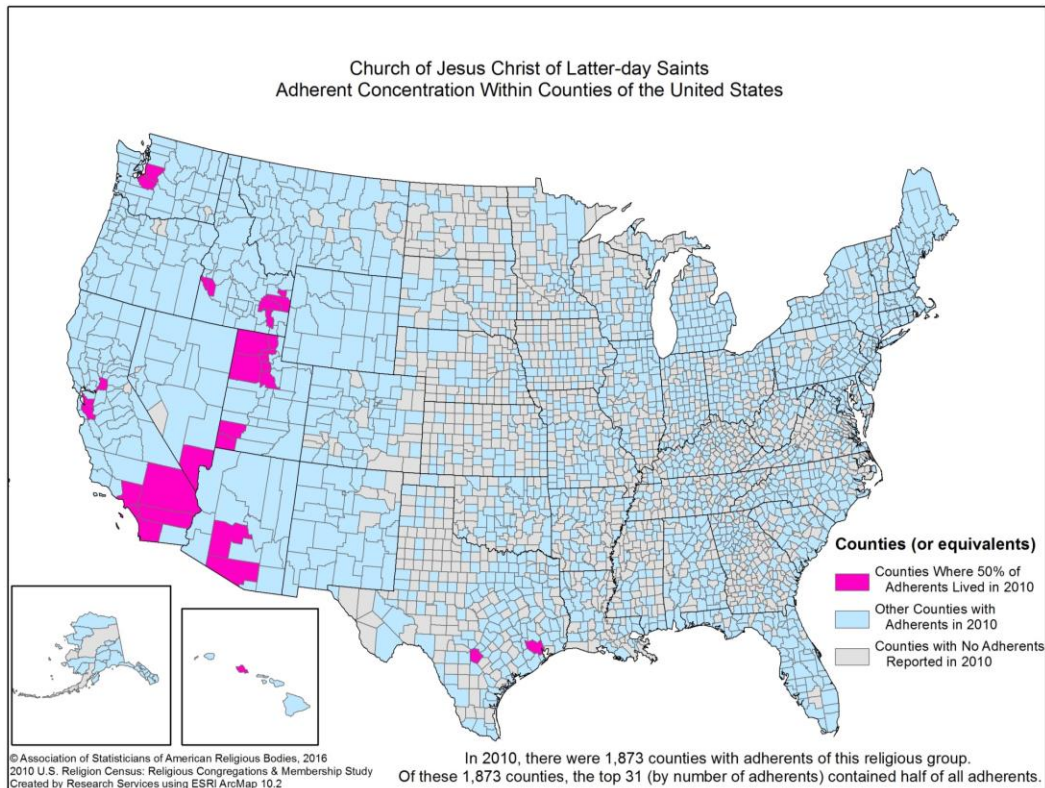
The Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies (ASARB) has sponsored the Religion Census since 1990. In its recent annual meeting, some new analyses of the 2010 data were shared in map form.



As an example, the above map below shows one of ASARB's newest member groups, the Global Wesleyan Alliance. The map shaded all 2,130 counties where the group reported congregations in 2010. But just 159 of those counties contained more than half their total adherents reported that year. That is, 50% of their adherents were in just 7.5% of their counties. The group's strength is apparently in the

Eastern Great Lakes region, the West Coast, and Florida, with other pockets scattered throughout the nation.

These maps were done for each of the groups represented at the 2016 annual meeting. One that shows even greater regional concentration is that of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons).



As time permits, this series of maps will be added to those available on our website for every participating group.

If one of these maps would be helpful to you sooner rather than later, contact us through the website or write directly to our mapping office at research@nazarene.org. Just mention that you'd like a "50 percent map" done for your group, along with appropriate contact information to send you the map electronically.

The [downloadable maps](#) page is a popular part of the Religion Census website, second only to the home page in number of visits. We're looking forward to adding this new series of maps to those already available: Adherent Change, Adherent Quintiles, Congregation Locations (fill and dot-density), and Population Penetration, along with the Cartograms and Community Type charts.

This newsletter is intended for the following audiences:

Your group participated in the 2010 Religion Census and yours is the latest contact information we have for obtaining their statistics. If you are no longer the best contact for such information, please let us know who that person now is.

Your group is eligible to participate in the upcoming 2020 Religion Census and yours is the latest contact information we have for obtaining their statistics. If you are no longer the best contact for such information, please let us know who that person now is.

You are a member of the sponsoring agency for the Religion Census, the Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies.

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