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**Table 1: Catholics in National Context, 2000**  
**Seventeen Religious Bodies With One Million or More Adherents**

Religious Body	Number of Adherents: 2000	Percent Change in Adherents 1990-2000
Latter-Day Saints	4,224,026	19.3 %
Christian Churches and Churches of Christ	1,439,253	18.6 %
Assemblies of God	2,561,998	18.5 %
<b>Catholics</b>	<b>62,035,042</b>	<b>16.2 %</b>
Southern Baptists	19,881,467	4.9 %
Jewish Estimate	6,141,325	2.7 %
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	1,017,784	-1.9 %
Churches of Christ	1,645,584	-2.1 %
Evangelical Lutheran Church	5,113,418	-2.2 %
Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod	2,521,062	-3.2 %
American Baptist Churches in USA	1,767,462	-3.8 %
Episcopal Church	2,314,756	-5.3 %
United Methodist Church	10,350,629	-6.7 %
Independent Non-Charismatic Churches	1,116,769	-7.5 %
Presbyterian Church USA	3,141,566	-11.6 %
United Church of Christ	1,698,918	-14.8 %
Muslim Estimate	1,559,294	No 1990 data

**Table 2: Regional Variation in Number of Catholics & 1990-2000 Change**

U.S. Census Region	Number of Adherents: 2000	90-00 Numerical Growth	Percent Change 1990-2000
West	14,646,200	4,331,509	41.9 %
South	12,290,010	2,837,913	30.0 %
Midwest	14,473,494	674,313	4.9 %
Northeast	20,625,338	805,309	4.1 %

**Table 3: Regional Variation in Number of Churches & 1990-2000 Change**

Census Region	Number Churches 2000	Number Churches 1990	Percent Change in Number of Churches
West	3,582	3,472	3.17 %
South	4,832	4,798	0.71 %
Midwest	7,364	7,745	-4.92 %
Northeast	6,013	6,426	-6.43 %

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**Table 4: Top Ten States in Number of Catholics, 2000 & 1990 Rank**

State	Number of Catholics	1990 Rank
1. California	10,079,310	2
2. New York	7,550,491	1
3. Texas	4,368,969	5
4. Illinois	3,874,933	4
5. Pennsylvania	3,802,524	3
6. New Jersey	3,403,020	6
7. Massachusetts	3,092,296	7
8. Florida	2,596,148	10
9. Ohio	2,231,832	9
10. Michigan	2,019,926	8

**Table 5: Ten States With the Fewest Number of Catholics, 2000 & 1990 Rank**

State	Number of Catholics	1990 Rank
1. Alaska	54,359	1
2. Wyoming	80,421	2
3. Utah	97,058	3
4. West Virginia	105,363	9
5. Mississippi	115,760	8
6. Arkansas	115,967	4
7. Idaho	130,847	5
8. South Carolina	136,719	7
9. Vermont	147,918	Not ranked
10. Alabama	150,647	Not ranked

**Table 6: Ten States With the Highest Percentage Catholic, 2000 & 1990**

State	Percent Catholic: 2000	Percent Catholic: 1990
1. Rhode Island	51.7 %	63.1 %
2. Massachusetts	48.7 %	49.2 %
3. New Jersey	40.4 %	41.3 %
4. Connecticut	40.3 %	41.8 %
5. New York	39.8 %	40.5 %
6. New Mexico	36.9 %	30.8 %
7. New Hampshire	34.9 %	26.8 %
8. Wisconsin	31.6 %	31.8 %
9. Illinois	31.2 %	31.6 %
10. Pennsylvania	31.0 %	30.9 %

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**Table 7: Ten States With the Lowest Percentage Catholic, 2000 and 1990**

State	Percent Catholic: 2000	Percent Catholic: 1990
1. Tennessee	3.2 %	2.8 %
2. Alabama	3.4 %	3.4 %
3. South Carolina	3.9 %	2.3 %
4. North Carolina	3.9 %	2.3 %
5. Mississippi	4.1 %	3.7 %
6. Arkansas	4.3 %	3.1 %
7. Utah	4.3 %	3.8 %
8. Georgia	4.6 %	3.2 %
9. Oklahoma	4.9 %	4.6 %
10. West Virginia	5.8 %	6.1 %

**Table 8: Ten States With Highest Catholic Growth Rate 1990-2000 and General Population Change 1990-2000**

State	Catholic Growth 90-00	Population Chg. 90-00
1. Nevada	111.42 %	66.27 %
2. North Carolina	111.13 %	21.43 %
3. Washington, DC	106.40 %	-5.74 %
4. Idaho	77.06 %	28.53 %
5. South Carolina	73.57 %	15.07 %
6. Virginia	57.39 %	14.40 %
7. Colorado	55.83 %	30.56 %
8. Arizona	48.68 %	39.98 %
9. Utah	46.36 %	29.62 %
10. Arkansas	45.05 %	13.73 %

**Table 9: Ten States With Negative or Low Catholic Growth Rate 1990-2000 and General Population Change 1990-2000**

State	Catholic Loss/Growth 90-00	Population Chg. 90-00
1. Rhode Island	-14.40 %	4.74 %
2. Michigan	-13.63 %	6.92 %
3. West Virginia	-2.92 %	0.83 %
4. Louisiana	0.98 %	5.90 %
5. Vermont	2.76 %	8.19 %
6. North Dakota	3.41 %	0.53 %
7. Hawaii	3.45 %	7.32 %
8. Pennsylvania	3.46 %	3.83 %
9. New York	3.71 %	5.48 %
10. Ohio	4.20 %	4.67 %

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**Table 10: Number of Adherents, Percent of Total Population, and Percent of All Adherents for Catholics for 50 States & Washington, DC, from RCMS 2000**

State	Number of Catholic Adherents	Adherents as % of Total State Population	Adherents as % of All Adherents in State
Alabama	150,647	3.4	6.2
Alaska	54,359	8.7	25.3
Arizona	974,883	19.0	47.6
Arkansas	115,967	4.3	7.6
California	10,079,310	29.8	64.6
Colorado	752,506	17.5	44.3
Connecticut	1,372,562	40.3	69.6
Delaware	151,740	19.4	47.7
District of Columbia	160,048	28.0	38.2
Florida	2,596,148	16.2	39.5
Georgia	374,185	4.6	10.2
Hawaii	240,813	19.9	54.9
Idaho	130,847	10.1	20.9
Illinois	3,874,933	31.2	56.4
Indiana	836,009	13.7	32.0
Iowa	558,092	19.1	32.6
Kansas	405,844	15.1	30.6
Kentucky	406,021	10.0	18.8
Louisiana	1,382,603	30.9	52.6
Maine	283,024	22.2	61.1
Maryland	952,389	18.0	41.6
Massachusetts	3,092,296	48.7	76.0
Michigan	2,019,926	20.3	48.6
Minnesota	1,260,660	25.6	41.5
Mississippi	115,760	4.1	7.4
Missouri	856,964	15.3	29.6
Montana	169,250	18.8	41.9
Nebraska	372,791	21.8	37.0
Nevada	331,844	16.6	48.4
New Hampshire	431,259	34.9	73.2
New Jersey	3,403,020	40.4	70.0
New Mexico	670,511	36.9	63.4
New York	7,550,491	39.8	65.9
North Carolina	315,606	3.9	8.6
North Dakota	179,349	27.9	38.2
Ohio	2,231,832	19.7	43.7
Oklahoma	168,625	4.9	8.0
Oregon	348,239	10.2	32.5
Pennsylvania	3,802,524	31.0	53.4
Rhode Island	542,244	51.7	81.5
South Carolina	136,719	3.4	7.2
South Dakota	181,434	24.0	35.4
Tennessee	183,161	3.2	6.3
Texas	4,368,969	21.0	37.7
Utah	97,058	4.3	5.8
Vermont	147,918	24.3	62.1
Virginia	606,059	8.6	20.6
Washington	716,133	12.1	36.9
West Virginia	105,363	5.8	16.2
Wisconsin	1,695,660	31.6	52.3
Wyoming	80,421	16.3	34.9