

COUNTING THE COST

Dent County, Missouri

Population in 2010 = 15,657

Population in 2000 = 14,927

(Increase of 730 = +4.9%)

2010 Newborn to Age 17: 3,652 (23.3%)

2010 Ages 18-64: 9,028 (57.7%)

2010 Ages 65+: 2,977 (19.0%)

Illiteracy Rate 2003: 10.1%

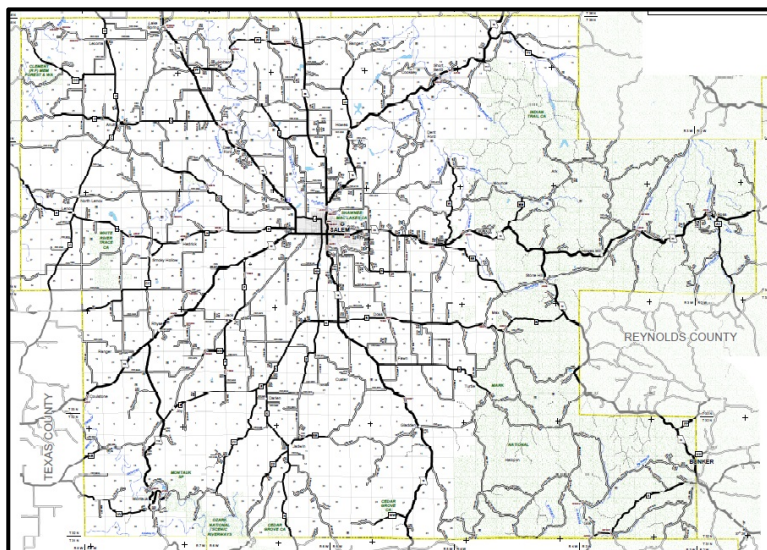
2010 High School graduates: 76.0%

2010 College graduates: 11.2%

Adherents in 2010 = 8,448

Adherents in 2000 = 9,736

Change 2000 to 2010 = -1,288 = -13.2%



Courtesy MoDOT



Total Congregations in All Religions in 2010 = 36

Total Congregations in All Religions in 2000 = 39

Change from 2000 to 2010 = -3 = -7.7%

Average Size per Congregation All Religions in 2010 = 235

Average Size per Congregation All Religions in 2000 = 250

Unclaimed Population based upon All Religions in 2010 = 7,209 = 46.0%

Evangelical Church Members In 2010 = 7,355 = 47.0% of population

Southern Baptist Convention = 13 churches (36.1%) and 5,487 members (74.6%) = 422 per church

Non-Evangelical Population based upon Evangelical Totals in 2010 = 8,302 = 53.0% of population

Evangelical Congregations Needed (Evangelical Base data only used) based on 73 Members per new non-Catholic congregation after three years = 114 new congregations if they are started by traditional means of land, building, and fulltime pastoral staff. Nationally, the U.S. has a 68% survivability rate after four years.

Cost of Evangelical Congregations needed

1. The funded planter/pastor is recommended to raise a minimum of \$250,000 for three years for the planter, part-time worship leader and rent. This means \$28,500,000 must be raised in advance.
2. A building is typically built at \$1.5 million per 42 congregations reaching 200 members = \$63,000,000 if they are started by traditional means of land and building.

Congregations needed (Evangelical base data used) Based on 40 members using non-paid laity to start new congregations = 208. Approximate number of Lay pastors needed = 208.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau: <http://quickfacts.census.gov>; Assoc. of Religion Data Archives: www.thearda.com; Literacy stats from PatchworkNation.org. Cost formulas are based on the North American Mission Board, SBC, "2007 Survivability Study" and the amount for an average church loan and members. Start-up funding estimate is from Generis. Appreciation goes to Jim Slack, IMB, for the original model and source of a non-paid laity starting new congregations. This study was provided by Mark Snowden, Evangelism/Discipleship Strategist, Missouri Baptist Convention, 2012.