

COUNTING THE COST

Iron County, Missouri

Population in 2010 = 10,630

Population in 2000 = 10,697

(Decrease of 67 = -0.6%)

2010 Newborn to Age 17: 2,403 (22.6%)

2010 Ages 18-64: 6,328 (59.5%)

2010 Ages 65+: 1,899 (17.9%)

Illiteracy Rate 2003: 8.2%

2010 High School graduates: 75.2%

2010 College graduates: 9.1%

Adherents in 2010 = 4,840

Adherents in 2000 = 4,707

Change 2000 to 2010 = 133 = 2.8%

Total Congregations in All Religions in 2010 = 35

Total Congregations in All Religions in 2000 = 33

Change from 2000 to 2010 = +2 = 6.1%

Average Size per Congregation All Religions in 2010 = 138

Average Size per Congregation All Religions in 2000 = 143

Unclaimed Population based upon All Religions in 2010 = 5,790 = 54.5%

Evangelical Church Members In 2010 = 4,031 = 37.9% of population

Southern Baptist Convention = 12 churches (34.3%) and 3,094 members (76.8%) = 258 per church

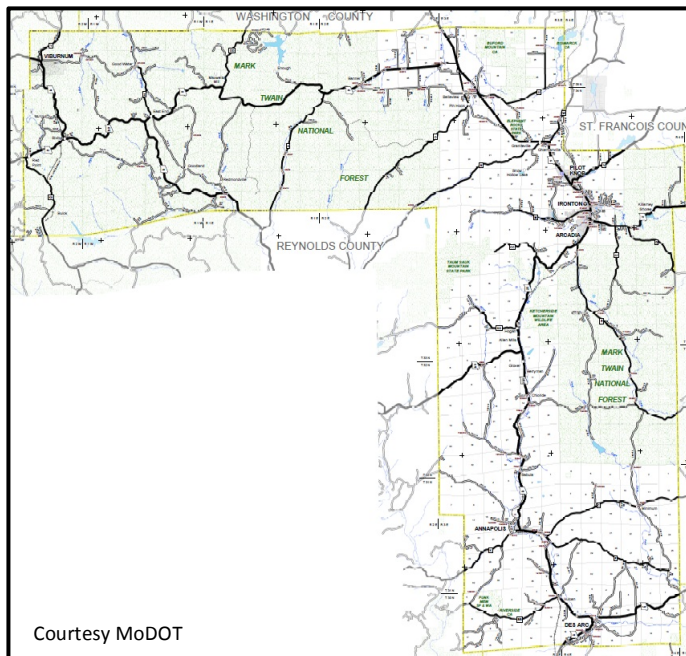
Non-Evangelical Population based upon Evangelical Totals in 2010 = 6,599 = 62.1% of population

Evangelical Congregations Needed (Evangelical Base data only used) based on 73 Members per new non-Catholic congregation after three years = 90 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 \$22,500,000 must be raised in advance.
2. A building is typically built at \$1.5 million per 33 congregations reaching 200 members = \$49,500,000 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 = 165. Approximate number of Lay pastors needed = 165.



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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.