

COUNTING THE COST

Montgomery County, Missouri

Population in 2010 = 12,236

Population in 2000 = 12,136 (Increase of 100 = +0.8%)

2010 Newborn to Age 17: 2,853 (23.3%)

2010 Ages 18-64: 7,097 (58.0%)

2010 Ages 65+: 2,286 (18.7%)

Illiteracy Rate 2003: 10.3%

2010 High School graduates: 78.3%

2010 College graduates: 12.2%

Adherents in 2010 = 5,659

Adherents in 2000 = 7,455

Change 2000 to 2010 = -1,796 = -24.1%

Total Congregations in All Religions in 2010 = 42

Total Congregations in All Religions in 2000 = 45

Change from 2000 to 2010 = -3 = -6.7%

Average Size per Congregation All Religions in 2010 = 135

Average Size per Congregation All Religions in 2000 = 166

Unclaimed Population based upon All Religions in 2010 = 6,577 = 53.8%

Evangelical Church Members In 2010 = 2,682 = 21.9% of population

Southern Baptist Convention = 10 churches (23.8%) and 1,515 members (56.5%) = 152 per church

Non-Evangelical Population based upon Evangelical Totals in 2010 = 9,554 = 78.1% of population

Evangelical Congregations Needed (Evangelical Base data only used) based on 73 Members per new non-Catholic congregation after three years = 131 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 \$32,750,000 must be raised in advance.
2. A building is typically built at \$1.5 million per 48 congregations reaching 200 members = \$72,000,000 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 = 239. Approximate number of Lay pastors needed = 239.



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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.