

# COUNTING THE COST

## **St. Francois County, Missouri**

**Population** in 2010 = 65,359

Population in 2000 = 55,641 (Increase of 9,718 = +17.5%)

2010 Newborn to Age 17: 14,408 (22.0%)

2010 Ages 18-64: 41,597 (63.6%)

2010 Ages 65+: 9,354 (14.3%)

**Illiteracy** Rate 2003: 6.9%

2010 High School graduates: 79.2%

2010 College graduates: 14.8%

**Adherents** in 2010 = 28,737

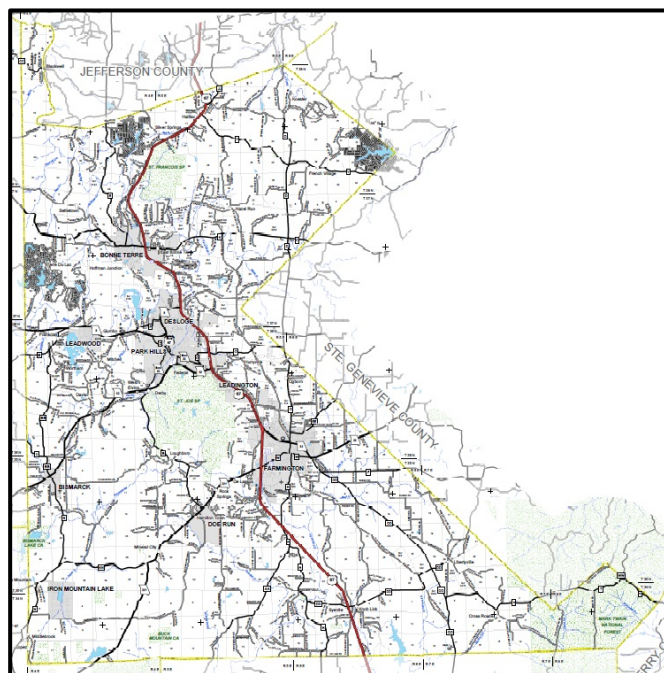
Adherents in 2000 = 28,494

Change 2000 to 2010 = 243 = 0.9%

**Total Congregations** in All Religions in 2010 = 126

Total Congregations in All Religions in 2000 = 111

Change from 2000 to 2010 = +15 = 13.5%



Courtesy MoDOT



**Average Size per Congregation** All Religions in 2010 = 228

Average Size per Congregation All Religions in 2000 = 257

**Unclaimed Population** based upon All Religions in 2010 = 36,622 = 56.0%

**Evangelical Church** Members In 2010 = 21,697 = 33.2% of population

**Southern Baptist Convention** = 32 churches (25.4%) and 12,686 members (58.5%) = 396 per church

**Non-Evangelical Population based upon Evangelical Totals** in 2010 = 43,662 = 66.8% of population

**Evangelical Congregations Needed** (Evangelical Base data only used) based on 73 Members per new non-Catholic congregation after three years = 598 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 \$149,500,000 must be raised in advance.
2. A building is typically built at \$1.5 million per 218 congregations reaching 200 members = \$327,000,000 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 = 1,092. Approximate number of Lay pastors needed = 1,092.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau: <http://quickfacts.census.gov>; Assoc. of Religion Data Archives: [www.thearda.com](http://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.