

COUNTING THE COST

Wright County, Missouri

Population in 2010 = 18,815

Population in 2000 = 17,955 (Increase of 860 = +4.8%)

2010 Newborn to Age 17: 4,872 (25.9%)

2010 Ages 18-64: 10,652 (56.6%)

2010 Ages 65+: 3,291 (17.5%)

Illiteracy Rate 2003: 10.7%

2010 High School graduates: 76.3%

2010 College graduates: 11.3%

Adherents in 2010 = 11,290

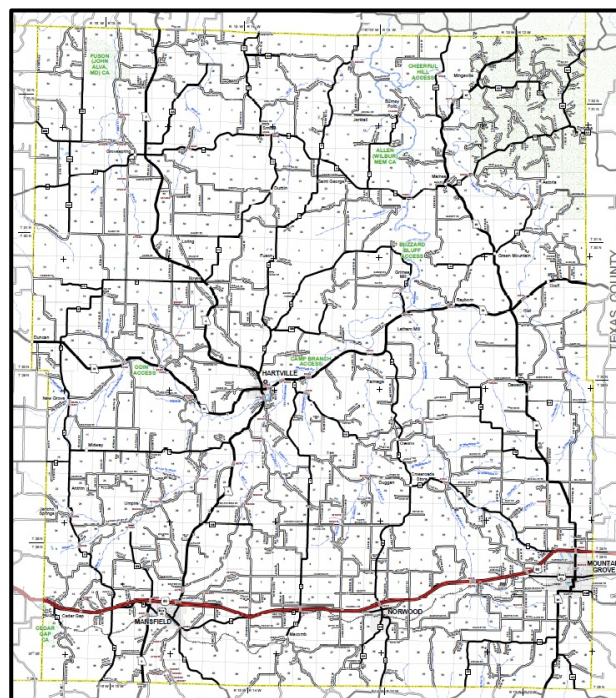
Adherents in 2000 = 10,766

Change 2000 to 2010 = 524 = 4.9%

Total Congregations in All Religions in 2010 = 69

Total Congregations in All Religions in 2000 = 70

Change from 2000 to 2010 = -1 = -1.4%



Courtesy MoDOT



Average Size per Congregation All Religions in 2010 = 164

Average Size per Congregation All Religions in 2000 = 154

Unclaimed Population based upon All Religions in 2010 = 7,525 = 40.0%

Evangelical Church Members In 2010 = 10,116 = 53.8% of population

Southern Baptist Convention = 19 churches (27.5%) and 6,273 members (62.0%) = 330 per church

Non-Evangelical Population based upon Evangelical Totals in 2010 = 8,699 = 46.2% of population

Evangelical Congregations Needed (Evangelical Base data only used) based on 73 Members per new non-Catholic congregation after three years = 119 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 \$29,750,000 must be raised in advance.
2. A building is typically built at \$1.5 million per 43 congregations reaching 200 members = \$64,500,000 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 = 217. Approximate number of Lay pastors needed = 217.

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, 201