

The Lutheran World Federation 2004 Membership Figures

Summary

The following figures give the membership of the 138 LWF member churches (M), including three associate member churches (AM), 11 recognized congregations and one recognized council (R), as well as other Lutheran churches, bodies or congregations (C).

General Summary 2004

138 LWF member churches, 11 recognized congregations and 1 recognized council	65,927,334
Lutherans outside LWF constituency	3,600,483
Total	69,527,817

Continent	All Lutherans	LWF Membership	Other Churches
Africa	14,133,572	14,079,022	54,550
Asia	7,391,102	7,229,661	161,441
Europe	38,635,572	38,594,553	41,019
Latin America	1,116,913	842,096	274,817
North America	8,250,658	5,182,002	3,068,656
Total	69,527,817	65,927,334	3,600,483

Countries with more than half a million Lutherans

Germany*	13,103,946	Tanzania	3,000,000
USA*	7,975,094	Netherlands	2,530,000
Sweden	7,220,694	India	1,814,395
Finland	4,586,414	Nigeria	1,340,000
Denmark	4,499,628	Papua New Guinea	953,072
Indonesia	4,304,284	Namibia	946,782
Ethiopia	4,164,066	Brazil	934,638
Norway	3,945,080	South Africa	726,355
Madagascar	3,000,000		

* These figures include the membership of the Baltic churches abroad.

Lutheran churches with more than half a million members

Church of Sweden	7,220,694	Evangelical Church in Württemberg	2,346,879
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	4,984,925	North Elbian Evangelical Lutheran Church	2,151,450
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland	4,586,414	The Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria	1,205,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark	4,499,501	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saxony	895,000
The Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus	4,164,066	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea	815,000
Church of Norway	3,922,265	Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church	800,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover	3,127,000	Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil	710,000
Malagasy Lutheran Church	3,000,000	The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia (ELCIN)	640,282
Protestant Christian Batak Church	3,000,000	Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa	589,502
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania	3,000,000		
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria	2,700,000		
Protestant Church in the Netherlands	2,530,000		
Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod**	2,488,936		

** Not an LWF member church

