

# The Lutheran World Federation 2005 Membership Figures

## Summary

The following figures give the membership of the 140 LWF member churches (M), including two associate member churches (AM), 10 recognized congregations and one recognized council (R), as well as other Lutheran churches, bodies or congregations (C).

### General Summary 2005

140 LWF member churches, 10 recognized congregations and one recognized council .....	66,214,048
Lutherans outside LWF constituency .....	3,543,522
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>69,757,570</b>

Continent	All Lutherans	LWF Membership	Other Churches
<b>Africa</b>	15,038,072	14,981,175	56,897
<b>Asia</b>	7,416,992	7,280,313	136,679
<b>Europe</b>	38,035,928	37,995,074	40,854
<b>Latin America &amp; the Caribbean</b>	1,111,947	835,460	276,487
<b>North America</b>	8,154,631	5,122,026	3,032,605
<b>Total</b>	<b>69,757,570</b>	<b>66,214,048</b>	<b>3,543,522</b>

### Countries with more than half a million Lutherans

<b>Germany*</b>	12,912,101	<b>Madagascar</b>	3,000,000
<b>USA*</b>	7,889,834	<b>Netherlands</b>	2,530,000
<b>Sweden</b>	6,995,000	<b>India</b>	1,829,183
<b>Finland</b>	4,572,611	<b>Nigeria</b>	1,501,445
<b>Denmark</b>	4,499,611	<b>Namibia</b>	1,007,395
<b>Ethiopia</b>	4,312,407	<b>Papua New Guinea</b>	954,188
<b>Indonesia</b>	4,309,317	<b>Brazil</b>	937,508
<b>Norway</b>	3,952,764	<b>South Africa</b>	706,023
<b>Tanzania</b>	3,500,000		

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

### Lutheran churches with more than half a million members

<b>Church of Sweden</b>	6,995,000	<b>Evangelical Church in Württemberg</b>	2,346,879
<b>Evangelical Lutheran Church in America</b>	4,930,429	<b>North Elbian Evangelical Lutheran Church</b>	2,129,100
<b>Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland</b>	4,572,611	<b>The Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria</b>	1,364,420
<b>Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark</b>	4,499,501	<b>Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saxony</b>	843,296
<b>The Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus</b>	4,312,407	<b>Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea</b>	815,000
<b>Church of Norway</b>	3,930,946	<b>Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church</b>	800,000
<b>Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania</b>	3,500,000	<b>Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil</b>	711,935
<b>Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover</b>	3,072,622	<b>The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia (ELCIN)</b>	652,195
<b>Malagasy Lutheran Church</b>	3,000,000	<b>Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa</b>	589,502
<b>Protestant Christian Batak Church</b>	3,000,000		
<b>Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria</b>	2,700,000		
<b>Protestant Church in the Netherlands</b>	2,530,000		
<b>Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod**</b>	2,463,747		

\*\* Not an LWF member church

