

The Lutheran World Federation 2008 Membership Figures

Summary

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

General Summary 2008

140 LWF member churches, 10 recognized churches and congregations and one recognized council68,464,091
Lutherans outside LWF constituency..... 3,509,479
Total **71,973,570**

Continent	All Lutherans	LWF Membership	Other Churches
Africa	17,341,492	17,287,277	54,215
Asia	8,728,400	8,545,479	182,921
Europe	36,954,216	36,914,349	39,867
Latin America & the Caribbean	1,123,270	837,890	285,380
North America	7,826,192	4,879,096	2,947,096
Total	71,973,570	68,464,091	3,509,479

Countries with more than half a million Lutherans

Germany*	12,543,179	Madagascar	3,000,000
USA	7,581,300	Netherlands	2,300,000
Sweden	6,820,161	India	1,889,472
Indonesia	5,450,328	Nigeria	1,880,050
Ethiopia	5,012,486	Papua New Guinea	1,049,455
Tanzania	4,632,480	Namibia	1,028,429
Finland	4,514,359	Brazil	951,466
Denmark	4,494,684	South Africa	666,892
Norway	3,890,718		

* This figure includes the membership of the Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad.

Lutheran churches with more than half a million members

Church of Sweden	6,820,161	Evangelical Lutheran Church in Württemberg	2,286,893
Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus	5,012,486	North Elbian Evangelical Lutheran Church	2,076,628
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	4,709,954	Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria	1,745,050
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania	4,632,480	Evangelical Lutheran Church	900,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland	4,514,359	of Papua New Guinea	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark	4,494,589	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saxony	810,558
Protestant Christian Batak Church	4,000,000	Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church	800,000
Church of Norway	3,868,943	Evangelical Church of the Lutheran	717,000
Malagasy Lutheran Church	3,000,000	Confession in Brazil	
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover	2,981,313	Evangelical Lutheran Church	673,229
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria	2,632,000	in Namibia (ELCIN)	
Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod**	2,383,084	Evangelical Lutheran Church	580,377
Protestant Church in the Netherlands	2,300,000	in Southern Africa	

** Not an LWF member church

