

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
Total	69,757,570

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

Countries with more than half a million Lutherans

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

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

Lutheran churches with more than half a million members

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

** Not an LWF member church

