

The Lutheran World Federation 2010 Membership Figures

Summary

The following figures give the membership of the 145 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 2010

145 LWF member churches, 10 recognized churches and congregations and one recognized council	70,308,294
Lutherans outside LWF constituency.....	3,687,282
Total	73,995,576

Continent	All Lutherans	LWF Membership	Other Churches
Africa	19,408,688	19,208,991	199,697
Asia	8,994,049	8,802,945	191,104
Europe	36,828,845	36,749,519	79,326
Latin America & the Caribbean	1,132,289	846,939	285,350
North America	7,631,705	4,699,900	2,931,805
Total	73,995,576	70,308,294	3,687,282

Countries with more than half a million Lutherans

Germany*	12,676,409	Madagascar	3,000,000
USA	7,423,192	Netherlands	2,096,774
Sweden	6,700,792	Nigeria	2,042,000
Indonesia	5,642,087	India	1,935,419
Tanzania	5,601,271	Namibia	1,128,993
Ethiopia	5,596,156	Papua New Guinea	1,049,455
Denmark	4,479,309	Brazil	951,466
Finland	4,387,085	South Africa	669,725
Norway	4,014,143		

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

Lutheran churches with more than half a million members

Church of Sweden	6,700,792	Protestant Church in the Netherlands	2,096,774
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania	5,601,271	North Elbian Evangelical Lutheran Church	2,019,243
The Ethiopian Evangelical Church		The Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria	1,900,000
Mekane Yesus	5,576,156	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea	900,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	4,543,037	Evangelical Church in Central Germany	858,453
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark	4,479,214	Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church	800,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland	4,387,085	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saxony	784,706
Protestant Christian Batak Church	4,178,256	Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil	717,000
Church of Norway	3,992,295	The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia (ELCIN)	703,893
Malagasy Lutheran Church	3,000,000	Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa	580,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover	2,899,432		
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria	2,600,000		
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod**	2,400,000		
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Württemberg	2,237,461		

** Not an LWF member church

