



COUNTING THE COST SANDUSKY COUNTY

Population in 2014 = 60,179

County Seat: **Fremont**

2010 Newborn to Age 17: 17,978 (29.5%)

2010 Ages 18-64: 32,912 (54.0%)

2010 Ages 65+: 10,056 (16.5%)

Illiteracy Rate: 10% (+/- 5%)

2010 High School graduates: 87.8%

2010 College graduates: 13.3%

Adherents in 2010 = 28,891

Adherents in 2000 = 31,984

Change 2000 to 2010 = -3,093 = -10.7%

Total Congregations in All Religions in 2010 = 103

Total Congregations in All Religions in 2000 = 74

Change from 2000 to 2010 = +29 = 28.2%

Average Size per Congregation All Religions in 2010 = 280 [Based on Member Reporting]

Average Size per Congregation All Religions in 2000 = 432

Unclaimed Population based upon All Religions in 2010 = 32,053 = 52.6%

Evangelical Church Members in 2010 = 5,642 = 9.3% of county population

Southern Baptist Convention in 2010 = Churches = 4 (11.1%) and Members = 288 (5.1%)

Non-Evangelical Population based upon Evangelical Totals in 2010 = 55,302 = 90.7%

Evangelical Congregations Needed = based on 73 Members per new Evangelical congregation after three years = 758 new congregations if they are started by traditional means of land, building, and fulltime pastoral staff. Nationally, the U.S. has a 68% survivability rate of Evangelical churches after four years.

Cost of Evangelical Congregations needed

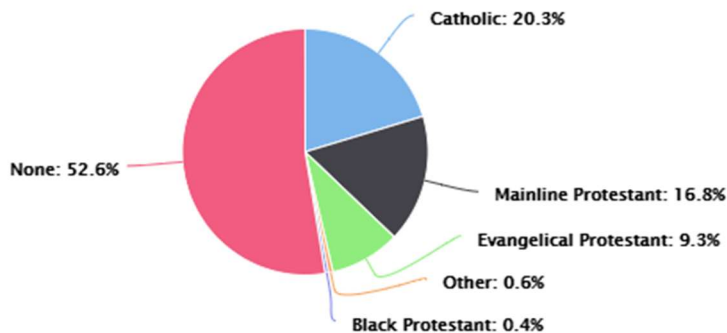
1. The funded planter/pastor is recommended to raise a minimum of \$250,000 for three years for the planter, part-time worship leader and rent. This means \$189,390,411 must be raised in advance.
2. A building is typically built for \$1.5 million per 277 congregations reaching 200 members = \$414,765,000, if they are started by traditional means of land and building.

Congregations needed = Base of 40 members using non-paid laity to start new congregations = 1,383.

Approximate number of Lay pastors needed = 1,383.

Religion statistics for Sandusky County

Religions Adherents In 2010



Sources: U.S. Census Bureau: <http://quickfacts.census.gov>; Assoc. of Religion Data Archives: www.thearda.com; Ohio State & County Estimates of Low Literacy (2003): <http://nces.ed.gov/naal/estimates/stateestimates.aspx>. Cost formulas are based on the North American Mission Board, SBC, "2007 Survivability Study" and the amount for an average church loan and members. Start-up funding estimate is from Generis. Appreciation goes to Jim Slack, IMB, for the original model and source of a non-paid laity starting new congregations. This study was provided by Mark Snowden, Snowden Ministries International, 2014.



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SENECA COUNTY

Population in 2014 = 55,669

County Seat: **Tiffin**

2010 Newborn to Age 17: 15,945 (28.1%)

2010 Ages 18-64: 31,834 (56.1%)

2010 Ages 65+: 8,966 (15.8%)

Illiteracy Rate: 10% (+/- 5%)

2010 High School graduates: 88.6%

2010 College graduates: 15.7%

Adherents in 2010 = 30,756

Adherents in 2000 = 38,719

Change 2000 to 2010 = -7,963 = -25.9%

Total Congregations in All Religions in 2010 = 84

Total Congregations in All Religions in 2000 = 85

Change from 2000 to 2010 = -1 = -1.2%

Average Size per Congregation All Religions in 2010 = 366 [Based on Member Reporting]

Average Size per Congregation All Religions in 2000 = 456

Unclaimed Population based upon All Religions in 2010 = 25,989 = 45.8%

Evangelical Church Members in 2010 = 2,929 = 5.2% of county population

Southern Baptist Convention in 2010 = Churches = 2 (6.9%) and Members = 178 (6.1%)

Non-Evangelical Population based upon Evangelical Totals in 2010 = 53,816 = 94.8%

Evangelical Congregations Needed = based on 73 Members per new Evangelical congregation after three years = 737 new congregations if they are started by traditional means of land, building, and fulltime pastoral staff. Nationally, the U.S. has a 68% survivability rate of Evangelical churches after four years.

Cost of Evangelical Congregations needed

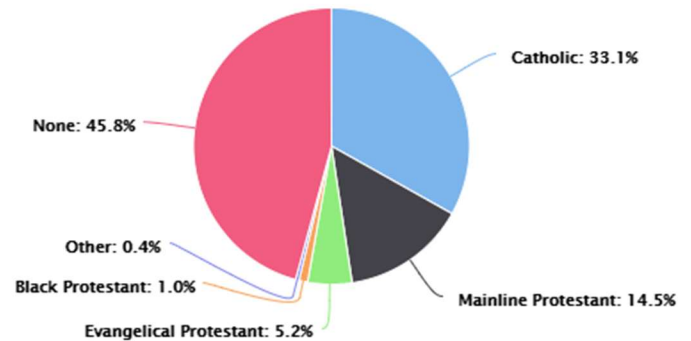
1. The funded planter/pastor is recommended to raise a minimum of \$250,000 for three years for the planter, part-time worship leader and rent. This means \$184,301,370 must be raised in advance.
2. A building is typically built for \$1.5 million per 269 congregations reaching 200 members = \$403,620,000, if they are started by traditional means of land and building.

Congregations needed = Base of 40 members using non-paid laity to start new congregations = 1,345.

Approximate number of Lay pastors needed = 1,345.

Religion statistics for Seneca County

Religions Adherents In 2010



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ERIE COUNTY

Population in 2014 = 75,828



County Seat: **Sandusky**

2010 Newborn to Age 17: 20,272 (26.3 %)

2010 Ages 18-64: 42,085 (54.6 %)

2010 Ages 65+: 14,722 (19.1 %)

Illiteracy Rate: 9% (+/- 5%)

2010 High School graduates: 89.1%

2010 College graduates: 20.3%

Adherents in 2010 = 42,922

Adherents in 2000 = 42,557

Change 2000 to 2010 = +365 = +0.9%

Total Congregations in All Religions in 2010 = 103

Total Congregations in All Religions in 2000 = 74

Change from 2000 to 2010 = +29 = 28.2%

Average Size per Congregation All Religions in 2010 = 417 [Based on Member Reporting]

Average Size per Congregation All Religions in 2000 = 575

Unclaimed Population based upon All Religions in 2010 = 34,157 = 44.3%

Evangelical Church Members in 2010 = 9,836 = 12.8% of county population

Southern Baptist Convention in 2010 = Churches = 5 (10.4%) and Members = 1,111 (11.3%)

Non-Evangelical Population based upon Evangelical Totals in 2010 = 67,243 = 87.2%

Evangelical Congregations Needed = based on 73 Members per new Evangelical congregation after three years = 921 new congregations if they are started by traditional means of land, building, and fulltime pastoral staff. Nationally, the U.S. has a 68% survivability rate of Evangelical churches after four years.

Cost of Evangelical Congregations needed

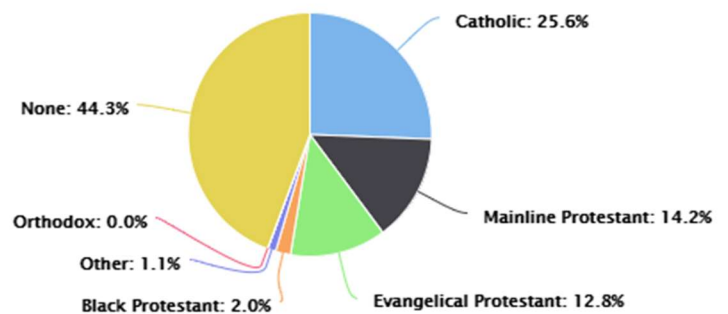
1. The funded planter/pastor is recommended to raise a minimum of \$250,000 for three years for the planter, part-time worship leader and rent. This means \$230,284,247 must be raised in advance.
2. A building is typically built for \$1.5 million per 336 congregations reaching 200 members = \$504,322,500, if they are started by traditional means of land and building.

Congregations needed = Base of 40 members using non-paid laity to start new congregations = 1,681.

Approximate number of Lay pastors needed = 1,681.

Religion statistics for Erie County

Religions Adherents In 2010



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HURON COUNTY

Population in 2014 = 58,714



County Seat: **Norwalk**

2010 Newborn to Age 17: 18,603 (31.2 %)

2010 Ages 18-64: 32,079 (53.8 %)

2010 Ages 65+: 8,944 (15.0 %)

Illiteracy Rate: 11% (+/- 5%)

2010 High School graduates: 87.8%

2010 College graduates: 12.4%

Adherents in 2010 = 27,552

Adherents in 2000 = 29,464

Change 2000 to 2010 = -1,912 = -6.9%

Total Congregations in All Religions in 2010 = 88

Total Congregations in All Religions in 2000 = 78

Change from 2000 to 2010 = +10 = 11.4%

Average Size per Congregation All Religions in 2010 = 313 [Based on Member Reporting]

Average Size per Congregation All Religions in 2000 = 378

Unclaimed Population based upon All Religions in 2010 = 32,074 = 53.8%

Evangelical Church Members in 2010 = 6,079 = 10.2% of county population

Southern Baptist Convention in 2010 = Churches = 3 (6.1%) and Members = 667 (11.0%)

Non-Evangelical Population based upon Evangelical Totals in 2010 = 53,547 = 89.8%

Evangelical Congregations Needed = based on 73 Members per new Evangelical congregation after three years = 734 new congregations if they are started by traditional means of land, building, and fulltime pastoral staff. Nationally, the U.S. has a 68% survivability rate of Evangelical churches after four years.

Cost of Evangelical Congregations needed

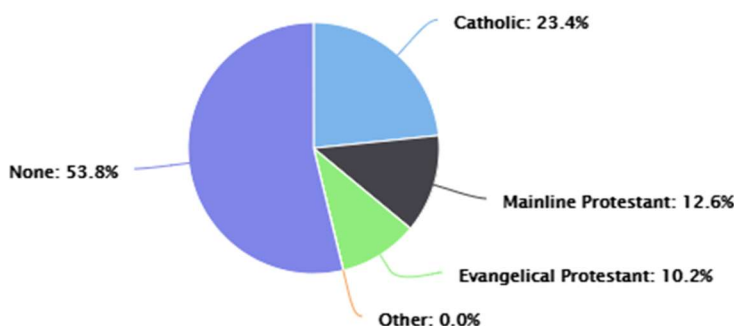
1. The funded planter/pastor is recommended to raise a minimum of \$250,000 for three years for the planter, part-time worship leader and rent. This means \$183,380,137 must be raised in advance.
2. A building is typically built for \$1.5 million per 268 congregations reaching 200 members = \$401,602,500, if they are started by traditional means of land and building.

Congregations needed = Base of 40 members using non-paid laity to start new congregations = 1,339.

Approximate number of Lay pastors needed = 1,339.

Religion statistics for Huron County

Religions Adherents In 2010



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LORAIN COUNTY

Population in 2014 = 304,216

County Seat: Elyria

2010 Newborn to Age 17: 86,489 (28.7 %)

2010 Ages 18-64: 166,951 (55.4 %)

2010 Ages 65+: 47,916 (15.9 %)

Illiteracy Rate: 8% (+/- 5%)

2010 High School graduates: 88.7%

2010 College graduates: 21.2%

Adherents in 2010 = 132,752

Adherents in 2000 = 130,555

Change 2000 to 2010 = +2,197 = 1.7%

Total Congregations in All Religions in 2010 = 291

Total Congregations in All Religions in 2000 = 235

Change from 2000 to 2010 = +56 = 19.2%

Average Size per Congregation All Religions in 2010 = 456 [Based on Member Reporting]

Average Size per Congregation All Religions in 2000 = 556

Unclaimed Population based upon All Religions in 2010 = 168,604 = 55.9%

Evangelical Church Members in 2010 = 34,366 = 11.4% of county population

Southern Baptist Convention in 2010 = Churches = 23 (14.3%) and Members = 6,151 (17.9%)

Non-Evangelical Population based upon Evangelical Totals in 2010 = 266,990 = 88.6%

Evangelical Congregations Needed = based on 73 Members per new Evangelical congregation after three years = 3,657 new congregations if they are started by traditional means of land, building, and fulltime pastoral staff. Nationally, the U.S. has a 68% survivability rate of Evangelical churches after four years.

Cost of Evangelical Congregations needed

1. The funded planter/pastor is recommended to raise a minimum of \$250,000 for three years for the planter, part-time worship leader and rent. This means \$914,349,315 must be raised in advance.

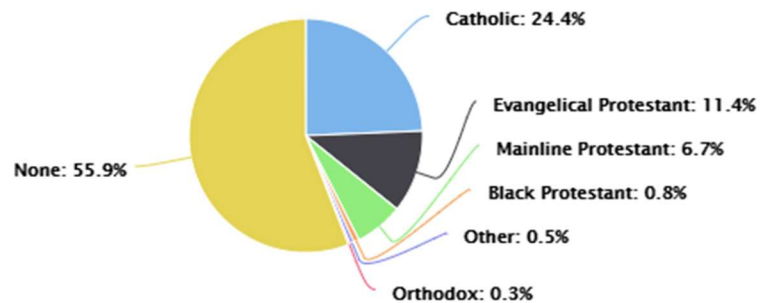
2. A building is typically built for \$1.5 million per 1,335 congregations reaching 200 members = \$2,002,425,000, if they are started by traditional means of land and building.

Congregations needed = Base of 40 members using non-paid laity to start new congregations = 6,675.

Approximate number of Lay pastors needed = 6,675.

Religion statistics for Lorain County

Religions Adherents In 2010



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COUNTING THE COST OTTAWA COUNTY

Population in 2014 = 41,154

County Seat: **Port Clinton**

2010 Newborn to Age 17: 10,067 (24.3 %)

2010 Ages 18-64: 22,578 (54.5 %)

2010 Ages 65+: 8,783 (21.2%)

Illiteracy Rate: 8% (+/- 5%)

2010 High School graduates: 90.0%

2010 College graduates: 20.3%

Adherents in 2010 = 21,020

Adherents in 2000 = 23,744

Change 2000 to 2010 = -2,724 = -13.0%

Total Congregations in All Religions in 2010 = 55

Total Congregations in All Religions in 2000 = 53

Change from 2000 to 2010 = +2 = 3.6%

Average Size per Congregation All Religions in 2010 = 382 [Based on Member Reporting]

Average Size per Congregation All Religions in 2000 = 448

Unclaimed Population based upon All Religions in 2010 = 20,408 = 49.3%

Evangelical Church Members in 2010 = 2,342 = 5.7% of county population

Southern Baptist Convention in 2010 = Churches = 2 (11.1%) and Members = 463 (19.8%)

Non-Evangelical Population based upon Evangelical Totals in 2010 = 39,086 = 94.3%

Evangelical Congregations Needed = based on 73 Members per new Evangelical congregation after three years = 535 new congregations if they are started by traditional means of land, building, and fulltime pastoral staff. Nationally, the U.S. has a 68% survivability rate of Evangelical churches after four years.

Cost of Evangelical Congregations needed

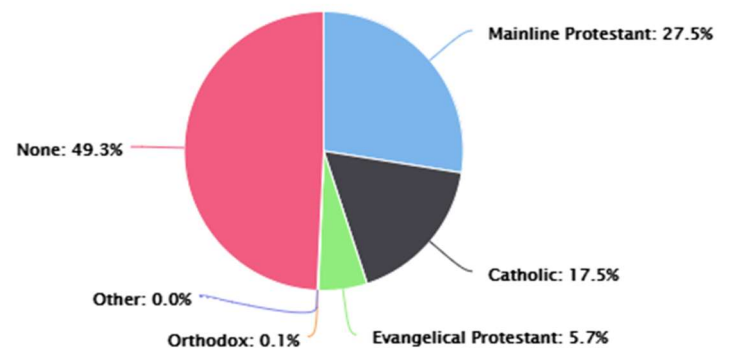
1. The funded planter/pastor is recommended to raise a minimum of \$250,000 for three years for the planter, part-time worship leader and rent. This means \$133,856,164 must be raised in advance.
2. A building is typically built for \$1.5 million per 195 congregations reaching 200 members = \$293,145,000, if they are started by traditional means of land and building.

Congregations needed = Base of 40 members using non-paid laity to start new congregations = 977.

Approximate number of Lay pastors needed = 977.

Religion statistics for Ottawa County

Religions Adherents In 2010



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