

Table 76. Religious Bodies—Selected Data

[Membership data: 2,500 represents 2,500,000. Includes the self-reported membership of religious bodies with 750,000 or more as reported to the *Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches*. Groups may be excluded if they do not supply information. The data are not standardized so comparisons between groups are difficult. The definition of “church member” is determined by the religious body]

Religious body	Year reported	Churches reported	Membership (1,000)
African Methodist Episcopal Church	1999	4,174	2,500
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church	2007	3,337	1,400
American Baptist Churches in the USA	2007	5,558	1,358
Assemblies of God	2007	12,362	2,863
Baptist Bible Fellowship International	1997	4,500	1,200
Catholic Church	2007	18,479	67,117
Christian Churches and Churches of Christ	1988	5,579	1,072
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church	2006	3,500	850
Church of God in Christ	1991	15,300	5,500
Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee)	2007	6,588	1,054
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	2007	13,201	5,873
Churches of Christ	2006	13,000	1,639
Episcopal Church	2007	7,055	2,117
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	2007	10,448	4,710
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America	2006	560	1,500
Jehovah's Witnesses	2007	12,487	1,092
Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod	2007	6,167	2,383
National Baptist Convention of America Inc.	2000	(NA)	3,500
National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.	2004	9,000	5,000
National Missionary Baptist Convention of America	1992	(NA)	2,500
Orthodox Church in America	2004	737	1,064
Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc.	2006	1,750	1,500
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)	2007	10,820	2,941
Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.	1995	2,000	2,500
Seventh Day Adventist Church	2007	4,833	1,000
Southern Baptist Convention	2007	44,696	16,267
United Church of Christ	2007	5,377	1,145
United Methodist Church	2006	34,398	7,932

NA Not available.

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