

## **Ten Facts about Geographic Patterns of the Orthodox Church Life in the United States.**

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**Fact 1.** In the United States nationwide and for all jurisdictions of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops combined, the total number of persons (including children) participating in the local parishes is about 800,000. They attend 1,900 parishes and mission communities. In addition, 73 monastic communities belong to the various Assembly's jurisdictions. See Tab. 1 on p.6 and Map 1 on p.12.

**Fact 2.** Compared to the general US population, the members of the Orthodox Churches are significantly more concentrated in certain geographic areas. 45% of them live in just five states: New York (14% of all Orthodox Church members), California (10%), Illinois (8%), Pennsylvania (7%) and Massachusetts (6%). At the same time, only 29% of the general US population lives in these five states. See Maps 2a and 2b on pp. 13-14.

**Fact 3.** Further, Orthodox Church life in the United States is geographically “concentrated” not only in certain states but also in particular counties. The 10 top US counties with the largest numbers of the Orthodox Church members account for 26% of entire membership in the jurisdictions that are part of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops. See Tab 4 on p.10 and Map 3 on p. 15.

**Fact 4.** US nationwide and for all jurisdictions of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops combined, the average size of a single Orthodox parish is 421 persons (including children). But this figure varies greatly not only from jurisdiction-to-jurisdiction but also from state-to-state. See Tab. 1. The most “sizeable” parishes are located in Nevada (890 persons per parish on the average), Utah (848), Illinois (718), New York (656), Massachusetts (651) and Maryland (616). On the opposite end, the smallest parish communities are in North Dakota (50 persons per parish on average), Hawaii (63), Vermont (73), Montana (94) and Idaho (96).

**Fact 5.** Geographic “density” of the network of Orthodox parishes in America (and, therefore, the distances between parishes) is *extremely* different in various states. See Tab.1 on p.6.

There are more than 20 parishes per 10,000 square miles in such states as New Jersey (103 parishes per 10,000 square miles), Connecticut (91), Massachusetts (73), Pennsylvania (50), Rhode Island (41), New York (30), Delaware (27), Maryland (25) and Ohio (22). At the same time, less than 1 (one) parish per 10,000 square miles are in Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, North and South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming. Less than 2 parishes per 10,000 square miles are in the states of Alaska, Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Oregon.

**Fact 6.** Similarly to state-to-state variations in the geographic density of the Orthodox parishes, various states have very different “supply” of Orthodox parishes if measured by the number of parishes per 1,000,000 of general state population. See Tab. 1 on p.6.

Alaska is on the “very top” with 130 Orthodox parishes per 1,000,000 general state population. The states with at least 10 parishes per 1,000,000 general population are Pennsylvania (18), Connecticut (14), Massachusetts (12), New Hampshire (11), New Jersey (10) and Washington DC (10). The state with the smallest number of parishes per 1,000,000 general population is Mississippi: only 1.7 parishes per 1,000,000 population. Less than 3 parishes per 1,000,000 general population are in the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, and Utah.

**Fact 7.** "Where can new Orthodox parishes be established" is a difficult question. Indeed, the decision about "planting" new churches should take into account many factors such as local demography, economy, overall level of religiosity of population, availability of clergy, etc.

From the perspective of *purely geographic factors*, however, those states should be considered as the “candidates” for the establishing new parish communities where two factors are combined, namely:

- Low territorial density of currently existing parishes (i.e. small number of parishes per 10,000 square miles) and
- Small number of parishes in proportion to the total population (i.e. small number of parishes per 1,000,000 population).

Put simply, in the states which satisfy these two conditions, not only distances between currently existing parishes are great but there exists also a significant demographic potential (i.e. sizeable population) upon which the new parishes can be built. The states satisfying these criteria are: Arizona, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Nevada, South Dakota and Utah.

**Fact 8.** US nationwide, the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America (GOA) accounts for 474,500 out of 798,000 persons participating in the Orthodox Church life in America. That is, of all persons who attend in the parishes that belong to the various Assembly's jurisdictions, 60% attend the parishes of the GOA. Accordingly, by the number of church members and parishes, the GOA dominates in most states.

There are, however, a number exceptions from this fact. Tab. 2 on p.8 shows that Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese (AOCA) has the largest number of parishes and members in Arkansas, Idaho, Kentucky and Oklahoma. In Texas, the AOCA is largest jurisdiction by number of parishes, while GOA prevails in the total of church members. In Alaska and North Dakota, the Orthodox Church in America (OCA) is the largest Orthodox jurisdiction, both in terms of members and parishes. In the states of Connecticut, Delaware, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Washington and Wisconsin, the GOA dominates in terms of the number of church members, but OCA has the largest number of parishes. Compared to other Orthodox jurisdictions, the OCA also has largest number of parishes in the United States nationwide.

**Fact 9.** During decade of 2000-2010, the total number of parishes and monastic communities that belong to the various Assembly's jurisdictions increased from 1689 to 1936: that is, + 15% growth. See Tab. 3 on p.9 and Map 4 on p. 16.

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The states which grew in parishes most dynamically are: Georgia (+ 35% increase in number of parishes during 2000-2010), Maryland (+ 39%), Texas (+ 45%), Kansas (+ 45%), Arkansas (+ 50%), Iowa (+ 50%), North Carolina (+ 50%), Virginia (+ 52%), Missouri (+ 54%), Oklahoma (+ 57%), Washington (+ 60%), Delaware (+ 75%), Kentucky (+ 75%), Tennessee (+ 80%) and Hawaii (+ 150%). When placed on the US map, with the exception of Washington and Hawaii, all states with the fastest growth in parishes form one single region.

Map 5 on p.17 provides detailed information on increase or decrease in the Orthodox Church presence for each US county. Between 2000 and now, the US Orthodox Churches "entered" and established their parishes and missions in 140 new counties. Regrettably, during the same period, in 32 counties Orthodox parishes and missions were closed or moved out.

**Fact 10.** As of January 1, 2013, there were 50 active (not retired) Orthodox bishops in the United States that belong to the various Assembly's jurisdiction. This includes 32 ruling diocesan bishops, 17 vicar/auxiliary bishops<sup>1</sup> and 1 titular bishop. See Tab. 6 in Appendix.

On the one hand, the current geography of the church hierarchy reflects to a large extent geographic distribution of the Orthodox Church *members*. Indeed, with the exception of New Jersey, the states with the largest numbers of hierarchs<sup>2</sup> are the same as the states with the largest numbers of the Orthodox Church members (see Fact 2 above). These states with the largest number of hierarchs are: New York (11 bishops), Illinois (7), California (7), Pennsylvania (5) and New Jersey (5). On the other hand, the states where the Orthodox bishops reside do not necessarily "mirror" the states where the Orthodox *parishes* are located. Today, 70% of all US Orthodox hierarchs live in New York, Illinois, California, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, but only 39% of US Orthodox parishes are situated in these states.

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<sup>1</sup> Including seven bishops of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese who administer their dioceses, but have official status of "auxiliary" bishops to the Primate of the Antiochian Archdiocese.

<sup>2</sup> There are few discrepancies between locations where some hierarchs actually "reside" and places where they "cathedrals" are. Examples include two ruling bishops of Ukrainian Orthodox Church (we count them as residing in NJ) and Primate of Orthodox Church in America (in our report we count him as residing in NY).

**Tab. 1 “State-by-State Geography of the Orthodox Church Life in the United States (2012)”**

| State         | Number of<br>monastic<br>communities | Number<br>of<br>parishes<br>(1) | Total of<br>adherents:<br>1000<br>(2) | Average size<br>of a single<br>parish:<br>persons<br>(3) | Number of<br>parishes per<br>1,000,000<br>population | Number of<br>parishes<br>per<br>10,000 sq<br>miles |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Alabama       | 0                                    | 12                              | 2,880                                 | 244  | 2.5  | 2.3  |
| Alaska        | 2                                    | 92                              | 13,473                                | 146  | 129.6  | 1.4  |
| Arkansas      | 0                                    | 10                              | 1,214                                 | 121  | 2.8  | 1.6  |
| Arizona       | 3                                    | 21                              | 11,390                                | 542  | 3.6  | 2.0  |
| California    | 9                                    | 168                             | 80,355                                | 478  | 4.5  | 10.3   |
| Colorado      | 2                                    | 26                              | 10,013                                | 385  | 5.2  | 2.5  |
| Connecticut   | 0                                    | 48                              | 17,522                                | 365  | 14.0   | 91.0   |
| Delaware      | 0                                    | 6                               | 1,106                                 | 184  | 7.4  | 26.6   |
| Florida       | 4                                    | 97                              | 48,349                                | 504  | 4.8  | 13.7   |
| Georgia       | 1                                    | 27                              | 11,911                                | 441  | 2.7  | 4.4  |
| Hawaii        | 0                                    | 5                               | 315                                   | 63   | 4.0  | 5.0  |
| Idaho         | 0                                    | 9                               | 863                                   | 96   | 4.8  | 0.9  |
| Illinois      | 3                                    | 90                              | 64,576                                | 718  | 6.8  | 15.2   |
| Indiana       | 2                                    | 48                              | 18,702                                | 390  | 6.3  | 11.3   |
| Iowa          | 0                                    | 12                              | 2,081                                 | 173  | 3.9  | 2.1  |
| Kansas        | 0                                    | 16                              | 2,847                                 | 178  | 5.6  | 1.9  |
| Kentucky      | 0                                    | 6                               | 2,095                                 | 349  | 1.9  | 2.0  |
| Louisiana     | 0                                    | 12                              | 2,148                                 | 179  | 1.9  | 1.6  |
| Maine         | 0                                    | 7                               | 1,738                                 | 248  | 5.3  | 2.0  |
| Maryland      | 0                                    | 33                              | 20,315                                | 616  | 5.4  | 25.0   |
| Massachusetts | 0                                    | 74                              | 48,153                                | 651  | 11.8   | 72.9   |
| Michigan      | 4                                    | 73                              | 34,734                                | 476  | 6.6  | 6.7  |
| Minnesota     | 1                                    | 28                              | 6,778                                 | 242  | 5.3  | 3.2  |
| Mississippi   | 0                                    | 7                               | 995                                   | 142  | 1.7  | 1.0  |
| Missouri      | 2                                    | 19                              | 6,370                                 | 335  | 2.9  | 2.5  |
| Montana       | 0                                    | 6                               | 565                                   | 94   | 6.1  | 0.4  |
| Nebraska      | 0                                    | 10                              | 1,463                                 | 146  | 6.4  | 1.5  |
| Nevada        | 0                                    | 9                               | 8,007                                 | 890  | 3.3  | 0.8  |
| New Hampshire | 0                                    | 15                              | 4,266                                 | 284  | 11.4   | 16.1   |
| New Jersey    | 0                                    | 91                              | 46,793                                | 514  | 10.2   | 103.4  |
| New Mexico    | 1                                    | 8                               | 1,986                                 | 248  | 3.0  | 0.5  |

| State           | Number of monastic communities | Number of parishes (1) | Total of adherents: 1000 (2) | Average size of a single parish: persons (3) | Number of parishes per 1,000,000 population | Number of parishes per 10,000 sq miles |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|--|
| New York        | 12                             | 168                    | 109,473                      | 656  | 8.5   | 30.0                                   |
| North Carolina  | 3                              | 32                     | 14,033                       | 439  | 2.9   | 5.2                                    |
| North Dakota    | 0                              | 3                      | 150                          | 50   | 5.6   | 0.5                                    |
| Ohio            | 6                              | 102                    | 45,785                       | 449  | 8.5   | 21.8                                   |
| Oklahoma        | 0                              | 12                     | 2,151                        | 179  | 2.6   | 1.5                                    |
| Oregon          | 0                              | 18                     | 5,781                        | 340  | 4.9   | 1.9                                    |
| Pennsylvania    | 6                              | 226                    | 51,974                       | 231  | 17.9  | 49.5                                   |
| Rhode Island    | 0                              | 8                      | 3,781                        | 473  | 5.8   | 41.0                                   |
| South Carolina  | 2                              | 18                     | 5,097                        | 283  | 3.8   | 5.4                                    |
| South Dakota    | 0                              | 3                      | 460                          | 153  | 2.5   | 0.3                                    |
| Tennessee       | 1                              | 20                     | 3,991                        | 200  | 2.3   | 3.4                                    |
| Texas           | 3                              | 70                     | 23,088                       | 330  | 2.6   | 2.4                                    |
| Utah            | 0                              | 7                      | 5,935                        | 848  | 2.5   | 0.8                                    |
| Vermont         | 0                              | 4                      | 290                          | 73   | 6.4   | 4.2                                    |
| Virginia        | 1                              | 38                     | 13,373                       | 361  | 3.9   | 7.3                                    |
| Washington      | 2                              | 29                     | 10,895                       | 389  | 4.8   | 4.4                                    |
| West Virginia   | 2                              | 15                     | 2,681                        | 179  | 7.8   | 6.0                                    |
| Wisconsin       | 1                              | 31                     | 11,908                       | 384  | 4.4   | 3.8                                    |
| Wyoming         | 0                              | 5                      | 885                          | 177  | 6.4   | 0.4                                    |
| Wash., DC       | 0                              | 6                      | 11,900                       | 1983   | 10.0  | 8.6                                    |
| <b>US total</b> | <b>71</b>                      | <b>1,900</b>           | <b>797,632</b>               | 421  | 5.9   | <b>4.8</b>                             |

**Notes:** (1) – Including mission parishes; (2) – “Adherents” are defined as the most inclusive category of membership. “Adherents” include all individual “full members” (whatever definition of “full members” each Orthodox jurisdiction utilizes), their children and estimated number of persons who are not “full members,” but participate – at least occasionally – in the life of the local Orthodox parish. Data on “adherents” for each state also include persons who attend church services at monastic communities instead of the local parishes; (3) – Average size of a single parish is calculated as total of adherents attending in the local parishes divided by the number of parishes. The persons attending in monastic communities instead of the local parishes are not included.

**Tab. 2 “Orthodox Jurisdictions with Biggest Numbers of Parishes and Adherents (1) in Each State”**

| <b>State</b>         | <b>Jurisdiction with the biggest number of parishes (2)</b> | <b>Jurisdiction with the biggest number of adherents</b> | <b>State</b>          | <b>Jurisdiction with the biggest number of parishes (2)</b> | <b>Jurisdiction with the biggest number of adherents</b> |
|----------------------|---|--|-----------------------|---|--|
| <b>Alabama</b>       | GOA   | GOA  | <b>Nebraska</b>       | GOA   | GOA  |
| <b>Alaska</b>        | OCA   | OCA  | <b>Nevada</b>         | GOA / OCA / Serbian   | GOA  |
| <b>Arkansas</b>      | AOCA  | AOCA   | <b>New Hampshire</b>  | GOA   | GOA  |
| <b>Arizona</b>       | GOA   | GOA  | <b>New Jersey</b>     | GOA   | GOA  |
| <b>California</b>    | GOA   | GOA  | <b>New Mexico</b>     | GOA / OCA   | GOA  |
| <b>Colorado</b>      | GOA / OCA   | GOA  | <b>New York</b>       | GOA   | GOA  |
| <b>Connecticut</b>   | OCA   | GOA  | <b>North Carolina</b> | GOA   | GOA  |
| <b>Delaware</b>      | OCA   | GOA  | <b>North Dakota</b>   | OCA   | OCA  |
| <b>Florida</b>       | GOA   | GOA  | <b>Ohio</b>           | OCA   | GOA  |
| <b>Georgia</b>       | GOA   | GOA  | <b>Oklahoma</b>       | AOCA  | AOCA   |
| <b>Hawaii</b>        | GOA   | GOA  | <b>Oregon</b>         | OCA   | GOA  |
| <b>Idaho</b>         | AOCA  | AOCA   | <b>Pennsylvania</b>   | OCA   | GOA  |
| <b>Illinois</b>      | GOA   | GOA  | <b>Rhode Island</b>   | GOA   | GOA  |
| <b>Indiana</b>       | GOA / OCA   | GOA  | <b>South Carolina</b> | GOA   | GOA  |
| <b>Iowa</b>          | GOA   | GOA  | <b>South Dakota</b>   | AOCA / GOA  | GOA  |
| <b>Kansas</b>        | AOCA  | AOCA   | <b>Tennessee</b>      | GOA   | GOA  |
| <b>Kentucky</b>      | AOCA  | AOCA   | <b>Texas</b>          | AOCA  | GOA  |
| <b>Louisiana</b>     | AOCA / GOA  | GOA  | <b>Utah</b>           | GOA   | GOA  |
| <b>Maine</b>         | GOA   | GOA  | <b>Vermont</b>        | GOA / OCA   | GOA  |
| <b>Maryland</b>      | GOA   | GOA  | <b>Virginia</b>       | GOA   | GOA  |
| <b>Massachusetts</b> | GOA   | GOA  | <b>Washington</b>     | OCA   | GOA  |
| <b>Michigan</b>      | GOA   | GOA  | <b>West Virginia</b>  | GOA   | GOA  |
| <b>Minnesota</b>     | OCA   | GOA  | <b>Wisconsin</b>      | OCA   | GOA  |
| <b>Mississippi</b>   | AOCA / GOA  | GOA  | <b>Wyoming</b>        | GOA   | GOA  |
| <b>Missouri</b>      | OCA   | GOA  | <b>Wash., DC</b>      | GOA / AOCA  | GOA  |
| <b>Montana</b>       | OCA   | GOA  | <b>US nationwide</b>  | OCA   | GOA  |

**Note:** (1) - “Adherents” are defined as the most inclusive category of membership. “Adherents” include all individual “full members” (whatever definition of “full members” each Orthodox jurisdiction utilizes), their children and estimated number of persons who are not “full members,” but participate – at least occasionally – in the life of the local Orthodox parish. (2) – if more than one jurisdiction is indicated, this means that several jurisdictions have equal number of parishes.



**Tab. 3 “Change in the Total Number of Parishes and Monastic Communities which Belong to the Jurisdictions of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops by the State: 2000-2010”**

| State                | Total of parishes and monastic communities |      | Change during 2000-2010 (%) | State                 | Total of parishes and monastic communities |      | Change during 2000-2010 (%) |
|----------------------|--|------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--|------|-----------------------------|
|                      | 2000                                       | 2010 |                             |                       | 2000                                       | 2010 |                             |
| <b>Alabama</b>       | 10   | 12   | + 20%                       | <b>Nebraska</b>       | 9  | 11   | + 22%                       |
| <b>Alaska</b>        | 87   | 94   | + 8%                        | <b>Nevada</b>         | 9  | 9    | 0%                          |
| <b>Arkansas</b>      | 6  | 9    | + 50%                       | <b>New Hampshire</b>  | 15   | 15   | 0%                          |
| <b>Arizona</b>       | 19   | 24   | + 26%                       | <b>New Jersey</b>     | 92   | 90   | - 2%                        |
| <b>California</b>    | 154  | 178  | + 16%                       | <b>New Mexico</b>     | 8  | 8    | 0%                          |
| <b>Colorado</b>      | 22   | 28   | + 27%                       | <b>New York</b>       | 170  | 175  | + 3%                        |
| <b>Connecticut</b>   | 45   | 50   | + 11%                       | <b>North Carolina</b> | 22   | 33   | + 50%                       |
| <b>Delaware</b>      | 4  | 7    | + 75%                       | <b>North Dakota</b>   | 3  | 3    | 0%                          |
| <b>Florida</b>       | 83   | 95   | + 14%                       | <b>Ohio</b>           | 91   | 107  | + 18%                       |
| <b>Georgia</b>       | 20   | 27   | + 35%                       | <b>Oklahoma</b>       | 7  | 11   | + 57%                       |
| <b>Hawaii</b>        | 2  | 5    | + 150%                      | <b>Oregon</b>         | 17   | 18   | + 6%                        |
| <b>Idaho</b>         | 6  | 8    | + 33%                       | <b>Pennsylvania</b>   | 239  | 234  | - 2%                        |
| <b>Illinois</b>      | 77   | 92   | + 19%                       | <b>Rhode Island</b>   | 7  | 7    | 0%                          |
| <b>Indiana</b>       | 39   | 46   | + 18%                       | <b>South Carolina</b> | 15   | 20   | + 33%                       |
| <b>Iowa</b>          | 8  | 12   | + 50%                       | <b>South Dakota</b>   | 2  | 2    | 0%                          |
| <b>Kansas</b>        | 11   | 16   | + 45%                       | <b>Tennessee</b>      | 10   | 18   | + 80%                       |
| <b>Kentucky</b>      | 4  | 7    | + 75%                       | <b>Texas</b>          | 49   | 71   | + 45%                       |
| <b>Louisiana</b>     | 8  | 10   | + 25%                       | <b>Utah</b>           | 7  | 7    | 0%                          |
| <b>Maine</b>         | 7  | 7    | 0 %                         | <b>Vermont</b>        | 4  | 4    | 0%                          |
| <b>Maryland</b>      | 23   | 32   | + 39%                       | <b>Virginia</b>       | 23   | 35   | + 52%                       |
| <b>Massachusetts</b> | 68   | 76   | + 12%                       | <b>Washington</b>     | 20   | 32   | + 60%                       |
| <b>Michigan</b>      | 67   | 73   | + 9%                        | <b>West Virginia</b>  | 13   | 17   | + 31%                       |
| <b>Minnesota</b>     | 23   | 29   | + 26%                       | <b>Wisconsin</b>      | 28   | 29   | + 4%                        |
| <b>Mississippi</b>   | 5  | 6    | + 20%                       | <b>Wyoming</b>        | 5  | 4    | - 20%                       |
| <b>Missouri</b>      | 13   | 20   | + 54%                       | <b>Wash., DC</b>      | 8  | 6    | - 25%                       |
| <b>Montana</b>       | 5  | 6    | + 20%                       | <b>US nationwide</b>  | 1689                                       | 1936 | + 15%                       |

**Tab. 4 “Top Ten US counties by the total number of adherents (1) of the Orthodox jurisdictions which are part of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops”**

| Rank | Name of County                                     | State | Total of Orthodox Church adherents (including children) |
|------|--|-------|---|
| 1.   | Cook (greater Chicago area)                        | IL    | 48,114  |
| 2.   | Queens (New York: Flushing area)                   | NY    | 28,260  |
| 3.   | Los Angeles (city of Los Angeles)                  | CA    | 24,061  |
| 4.   | New York (New York: Manhattan)                     | NY    | 16,790  |
| 5.   | Middlesex (towns of Cambridge and Lowell)          | MA    | 16,674  |
| 6.   | Pinellas (cities of Clearwater and St. Petersburg) | FL    | 15,395  |
| 7.   | Cuyahoga (greater Cleveland area)                  | OH    | 13,624  |
| 8.   | Wayne (greater Detroit area)                       | MI    | 14,404  |
| 9.   | Nassau (New York: Long Island area)                | NY    | 13,395  |
| 10.  | Kings (New York: Brooklyn area)                    | NY    | 13,210  |

**Note:** (1) - “Adherents” are defined as the most inclusive category of membership. “Adherents” include all individual “full members” (whatever definition of “full members” each Orthodox jurisdiction utilizes), their children and estimated number of persons who are not “full members,” but participate – at least occasionally – in the life of the local Orthodox parish.

**Tab. 5 “Top Ten US counties by the total number of parishes of the Orthodox jurisdictions which are part of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops”**

| Rank | Name of County                              | State | Total of Orthodox Parishes |
|------|---|-------|----------------------------|
| 1.   | Cook (greater Chicago area)                 | IL    | 49                         |
| 2.   | Los Angeles (city of Los Angeles)           | CA    | 32                         |
| 3.   | Allegheny (greater Pittsburgh area)         | PA    | 28                         |
| 4.   | Cuyahoga (greater Cleveland area)           | OH    | 24                         |
| 5.   | New York (New York: Manhattan area)         | NY    | 25                         |
| 6.   | Queens (New York: Flushing area)            | NY    | 19                         |
| 7.   | Wayne (greater Detroit area)                | MI    | 20                         |
| 8.   | Fairfield (towns of Bridgeport and Danbury) | CT    | 20                         |
| 9.   | Middlesex (towns of Cambridge and Lowell)   | MA    | 20                         |
| 10.  | Bethel census area                          | AK    | 17                         |

**Tab. 6 "State-by-State Geography of the Orthodox Bishops in the United States"**

| State           | Total number of bishops <sup>3</sup> | Diocesan bishops / Auxiliary bishops <sup>4</sup> | Bishops by jurisdictions (*)   |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| New York        | 11                                   | 6 / 5   | 3 GOA; 2 OCA; 2 ROCOR; 2 BLG; 1 AOCA; 1 RUS  |
| California      | 7                                    | 4 / 3   | 2 GOA <sup>5</sup> ; 2 ROCOR; 1 OCA; 1 AOCA; 1 SRB                                       |
| Illinois        | 7                                    | 6 / 1   | 2 GOA; 2 ROCOR; 1 OCA; 1 SRB; 1 ROM  |
| Pennsylvania    | 5                                    | 4 / 1   | 2 OCA; 1 GOA; 1 SRB; 1 CRP   |
| New Jersey      | 5                                    | 4 / 1   | 2 AOCA; 2 UKR; 1 GOA   |
| Massachusetts   | 4                                    | 3 / 1   | 1 GOA; 1 OCA; 1 AOCA; 1 ALB  |
| Michigan        | 3                                    | 2 / 1   | 2 OCA; 1 GOA   |
| Ohio            | 2                                    | 1 / 1   | 1 OCA; 1 AOCA  |
| West Virginia   | 2                                    | 0 / 2   | 1 AOCA; 1 ROCOR  |
| Colorado        | 1                                    | 1 / 0   | 1 GOA  |
| Florida         | 1                                    | 0 / 1   | 1 AOCA   |
| Georgia         | 1                                    | 1 / 0   | 1 GOA  |
| Kansas          | 1                                    | 1 / 0   | 1 AOCA   |
| <b>US total</b> | <b>50</b>                            | <b>32 / 18</b>                                    | <b>13 GOA; 10 OCA; 9 AOCA; 7 ROCOR; 3 SRB; 2 UKR; 2 BLG; 1 RUS; 1 ALB; 1 ROM; 1 ALB.</b> |

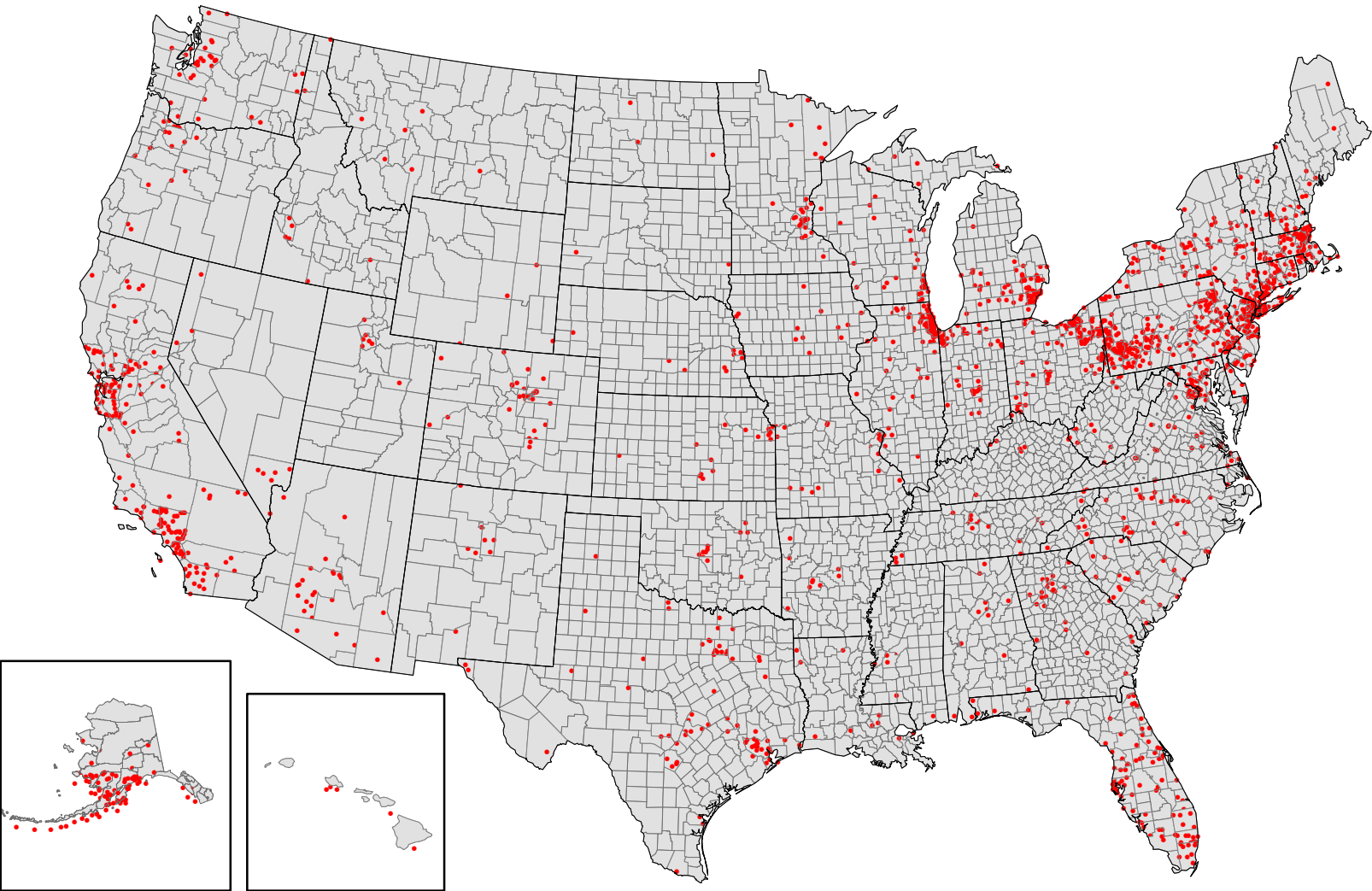
(\*): **GOA** - Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America; **OCA** - Orthodox Church in America; **AOCA** - Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese; **ROCOR** - Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia; **SRB** - Serbian Orthodox Church; **ROM** - Romanian Archdiocese; **BLG** - Bulgarian Diocese; **RUS** - Patriarchal Parishes of Russian Orthodox Church; **UKR** - Ukrainian Orthodox Church; **CRP** - Carpatho-Russian Diocese; **ALB** - Albanian Diocese.

<sup>3</sup> There are few discrepancies between locations where some hierarchs actually "reside" and places where they "cathedrals" are. Examples include two ruling bishops of Ukrainian Orthodox Church (we count them as residing in NJ) and Primate of Orthodox Church in America (in our report we count him as residing in NY).

<sup>4</sup> Including seven bishops of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese who administer their dioceses, but have official status of "auxiliary" bishops to the Primate of the Antiochian Archdiocese.

<sup>5</sup> Including Metropolitan Nikitas.

Map 1. Locations of Parishes of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the United States, 2012

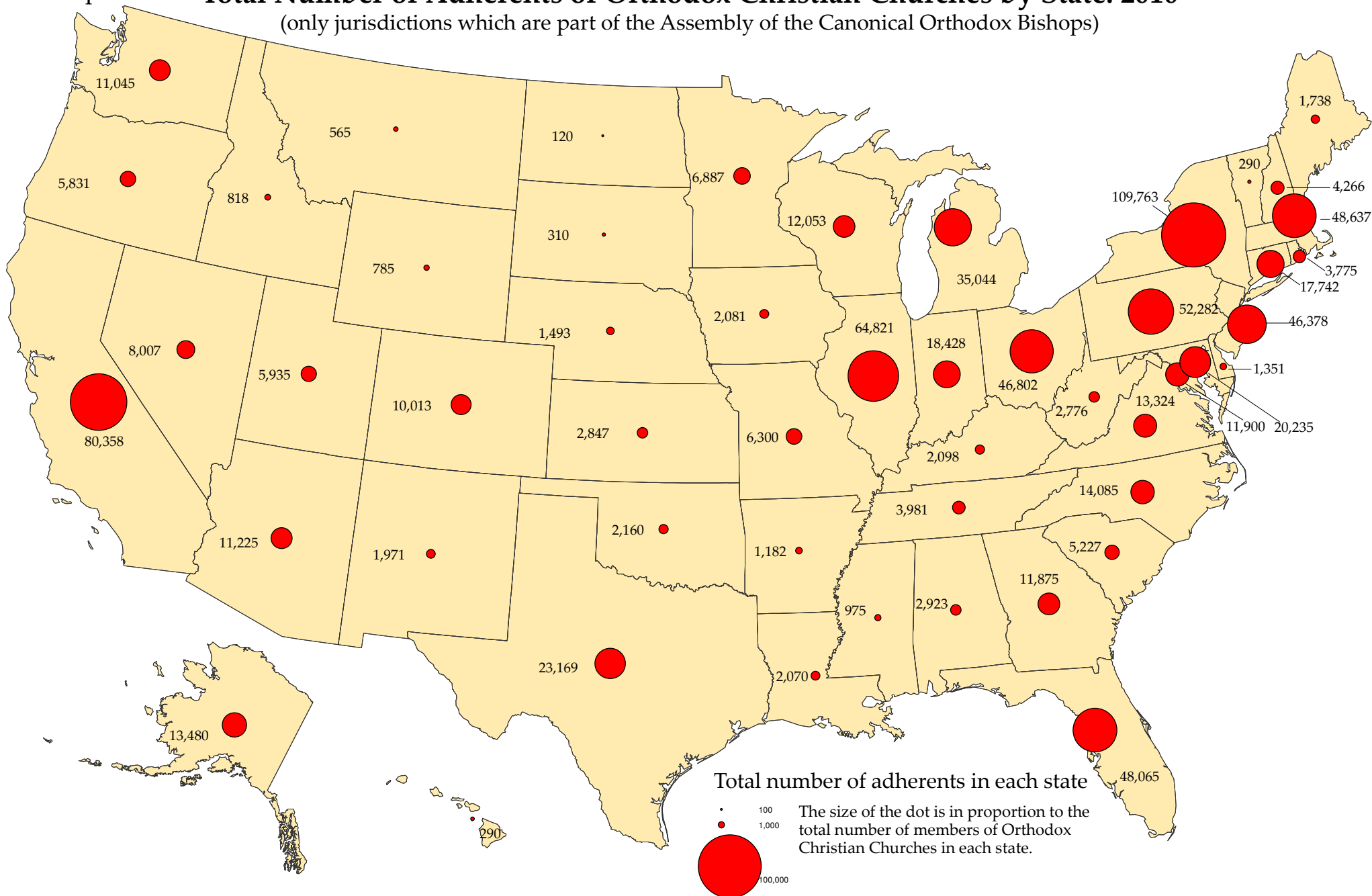


1,900 parishes and 797,500 adherents total. Present in 626 counties. 12

*Dots are randomly placed within each county to represent congregations.*

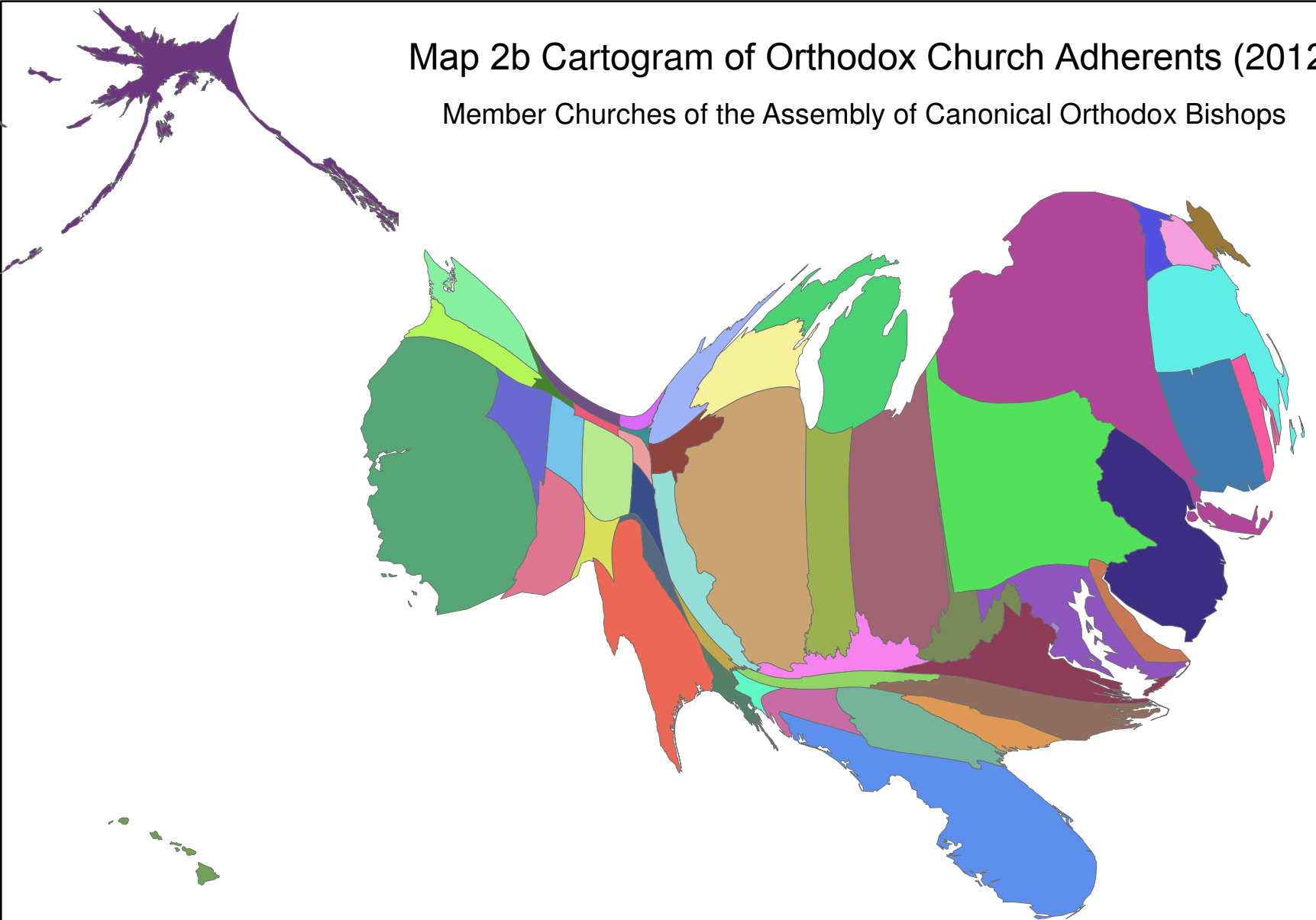
# Total Number of Adherents of Orthodox Christian Churches by State: 2010

(only jurisdictions which are part of the Assembly of the Canonical Orthodox Bishops)



# Map 2b Cartogram of Orthodox Church Adherents (2012)

Member Churches of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops

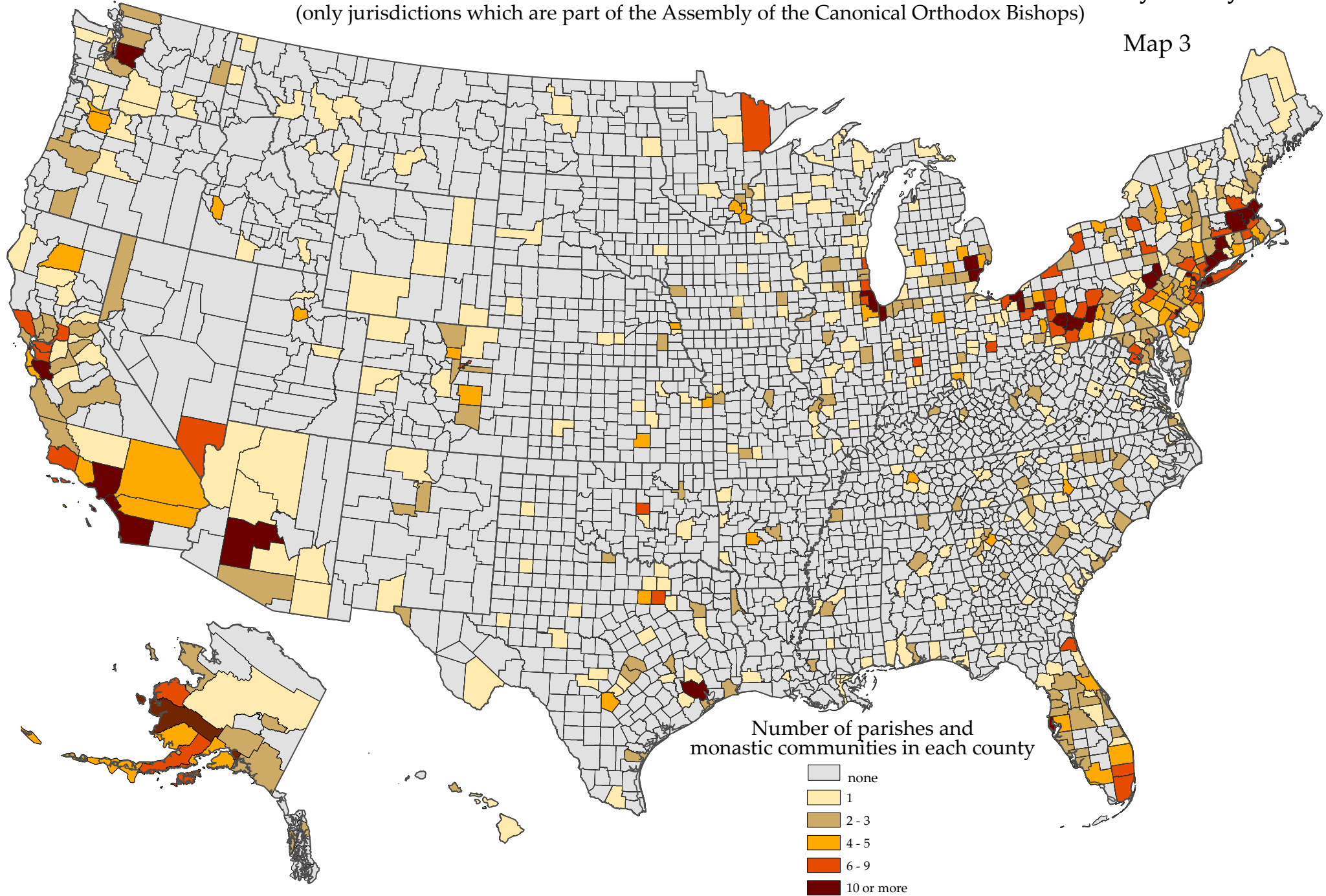


Adherent Cartogram resizes each state proportionately to the number of Orthodox Church adherents in that state.

# Orthodox Christian Churches in the United States: Number of Parishes<sup>1</sup> and Monastic Communities by County (2010)

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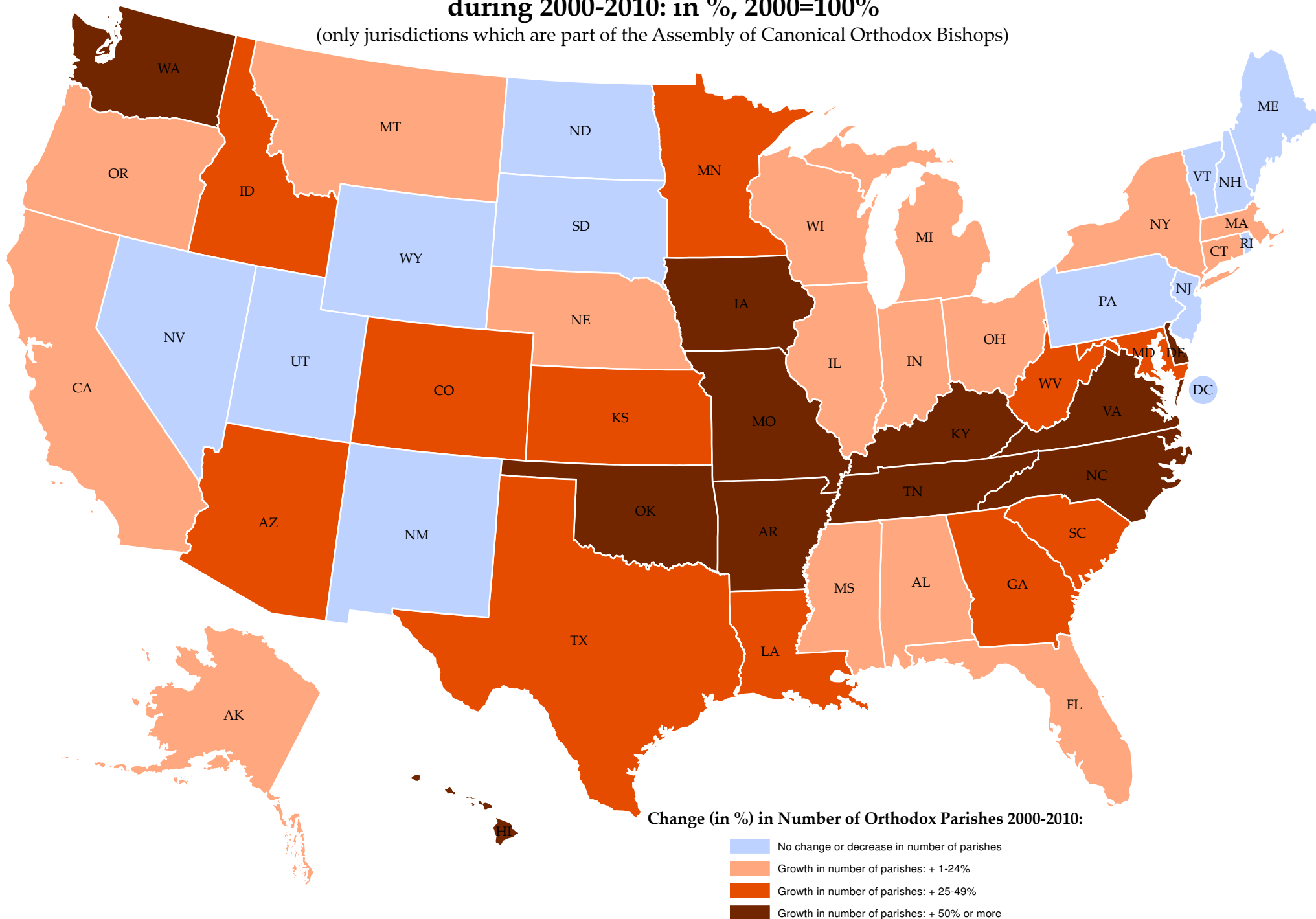
Map 3



<sup>1</sup>Including mission parishes

# Map 4 State-by-State Change in the Number of Orthodox Parishes and Monastic Communities during 2000-2010: in %, 2000=100%

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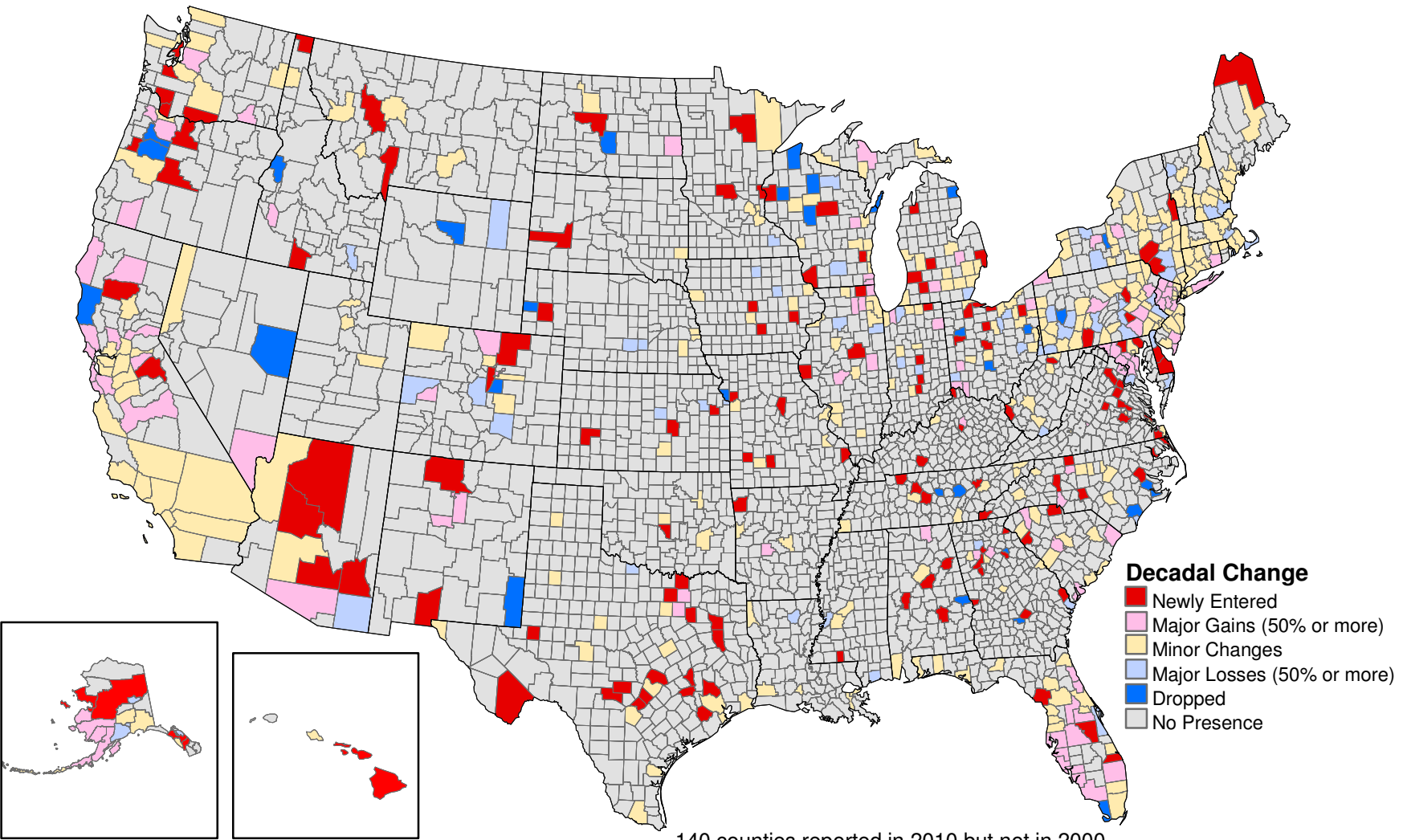


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US nationwide, during 2000-2010, the total number of parishes and monastic communities that belong to the various Assembly's jurisdictions increased from 1,689 to 1,936: +15% growth.



Map 5. Change in Presence: 2000 to 2010. Churches of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops



140 counties reported in 2010 but not in 2000.  
32 counties reported in 2000 but not in 2010.