

The Lutheran World Federation 2011 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 2011

145 LWF member churches, 10 recognized churches and congregations and one recognized council	70,514,046
Lutherans outside LWF constituency.....	3,678,197
Total	74,192,243

Continent	All Lutherans	LWF Membership	Other Churches
Africa	20,052,573	19,867,743	184,830
Asia	9,219,402	9,020,850	198,552
Europe	36,432,320	36,353,386	78,934
Latin America & the Caribbean	1,130,962	846,432	284,530
North America	7,356,986	4,425,635	2,931,351
Total	74,192,243	70,514,046	3,678,197

Countries with more than half a million Lutherans

Germany*	12,551,580	Madagascar	3,000,000
USA	7,152,389	Netherlands	2,096,774
Sweden	6,589,769	Nigeria	2,048,000
Ethiopia	5,866,407	India	1,988,318
Tanzania	5,825,312	Namibia	1,131,764
Indonesia	5,812,489	Papua New Guinea	1,049,455
Denmark	4,469,204	Brazil	951,593
Finland	4,353,352	South Africa	654,614
Norway	3,874,279		

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

Lutheran churches with more than half a million members

Church of Sweden	6,589,769	Protestant Church in the Netherlands	2,096,774
The Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus	5,846,407	North Elbian Evangelical Lutheran Church	1,996,391
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania	5,825,312	The Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria	1,900,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark	4,469,109	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea	900,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland	4,353,352	Evangelical Church in Central Germany	839,916
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	4,272,688	Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church	800,000
Protestant Christian Batak Church	4,100,000	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saxony	773,851
Church of Norway	3,852,608	Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil	717,127
Malagasy Lutheran Church	3,000,000	The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia (ELCIN)	706,664
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover	2,859,851	Christian Protestant Church in Indonesia	587,985
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria	2,600,000	Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa	580,000
The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod**	2,400,000		
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Württemberg	2,212,190		

** Not an LWF member church

