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Introduction

There are 97 metropolitan areas in the United States that had population between 250,000 and 1,000,000 as counted by the Census Bureau in 2000. This report compares and contrasts changes during the 1990s in the growth of population, Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) churches, and resident membership of SBC churches. Finally, baptisms and the ratios of baptisms to 1,000 population are provided for these 97 metropolitan areas.

Metropolitan areas defined

A basic knowledge of Census Bureau terminology and definitions of metropolitan areas is essential for understanding this report. Each of the two types of metropolitan areas used in this report is defined below.

First, the most typical metropolitan area, a metropolitan statistical area (MSA), is usually comprised of central cities and surrounding counties. For example, the Atlanta MSA is comprised of the city of Atlanta and 20 nearby counties in Georgia.

An exception to the way MSAs are formed occurs in New England, where towns and townships are more important governmental units than counties. MSAs in this division of the country are created by aggregating towns and/or townships instead of counties. This gives rise to a second type of metropolitan area, unique to New England, called a New England County Metropolitan Area (NECMA). Such areas are similar to MSAs in other parts of the country in that they are created by combining counties. NECMAs are used as substitutes for MSAs when analysis is conducted on county-level data, such as in this report.

Data tables

Population data for 1990 and 2000 are from the decennial censuses. SBC data are from the 2000 Annual Church Profile (ACP) and the 1990 Uniform Church Letter (UCL). Tables are generally in pairs, as explained below. All tables are sorted alphabetically by the area name.

Population

Table 1 provides the population for each of the 97 metropolitan areas for 1990 and 2000, as well as net and percentage changes from 1990 to 2000. Table 2 shows the rank, from 1 to 97, of the metropolitan areas for population in 1990 and 2000, and for the net and percentage change. The rankings provided throughout the tables are for the 97 mid-level metropolitan areas only. For example, table 1 shows the 2000 population for the Richmond area to be 996,512, and table 2 shows that Richmond's 2000 population is ranked first among the 97 metros in this report.

Churches and population per church

Table 3 gives the count of Southern Baptist churches and the change from 1990 to 2000. Table 4 gives the relative ranks that correspond to table 3. Table 5 shows the population per SBC church in the 97 metropolitan areas in 1990 and 2000, with an index of change to determine whether growth in the number of churches has surpassed or lagged population growth. Table 6 provides rankings corresponding to table 5.

Resident membership and population per resident member

The number of SBC congregations failing to report membership increased from 1990 to 2000. Thus, some of the differences in membership between 1990 and 2000 may be due to reporting practices rather than actual changes in membership. With this caveat in mind, table 7 gives resident membership of SBC congregations and the change from 1990 to 2000. Table 8 gives the relative ranks that correspond to table 7. Table 9 shows the population per resident member in each metropolitan area in 1990 and 2000, with an index of change to determine whether growth

in the resident members has surpassed or lagged the population growth. Table 10 provides rankings that correspond to table 9.

Baptisms

Total baptisms reported by SBC congregations in 1990 and 2000 are included in table 11 for each of the 97 metropolitan areas. Table 12 ranks the metros by total baptisms for each year and the numeric and percentage change. Table 13 provides a measure of the evangelistic penetration of each area, as shown by the number of baptisms per 1,000 persons in both 1990 and 2000. Finally, table 14 ranks the metros on the ratios of table 13.

Opportunities

Opportunities for church planting and evangelism are prevalent in the 97 metropolitan areas between 250,000 and 1,000,000 persons in 2000. The North American Mission Board would do well to maintain and strengthen its strategic efforts in reaching these areas.

Table 1
Population, 1990 to 2000

	Population		Change	
	1990	2000	Net	Percent
Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY MSA	861,424	875,583	14,159	1.6 %
Albuquerque, NM MSA	589,131	712,738	123,607	21.0
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA MSA	595,081	637,958	42,877	7.2
Anchorage, AK MSA	226,338	260,283	33,945	15.0
Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah, WI MSA	315,121	358,365	43,244	13.7
Augusta-Aiken, GA-SC MSA	415,184	477,441	62,257	15.0
Bakersfield, CA MSA	543,477	661,645	118,168	21.7
Baton Rouge, LA MSA	528,264	602,894	74,630	14.1
Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX MSA	361,226	385,090	23,864	6.6
Biloxi-Gulfport-Pascagoula, MS MSA	312,368	363,988	51,620	16.5
Binghamton, NY MSA	264,497	252,320	-12,177	-4.6
Birmingham, AL MSA	840,140	921,106	80,966	9.6
Boise City, ID MSA	295,851	432,345	136,494	46.1
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX MSA	260,120	335,227	75,107	28.9
Canton-Massillon, OH MSA	394,106	406,934	12,828	3.3
Charleston, WV MSA	250,454	251,662	1,208	0.5
Charleston-North Charleston, SC MSA	506,875	549,033	42,158	8.3
Chattanooga, TN-GA MSA	424,347	465,161	40,814	9.6
Colorado Springs, CO MSA	397,014	516,929	119,915	30.2
Columbia, SC MSA	453,331	536,691	83,360	18.4
Columbus, GA-AL MSA	260,860	274,624	13,764	5.3
Corpus Christi, TX MSA	349,894	380,783	30,889	8.8
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL MSA	350,861	359,062	8,201	2.3
Daytona Beach, FL MSA	399,413	493,175	93,762	23.5
Dayton-Springfield, OH MSA	951,270	950,558	-712	-0.1
Des Moines, IA MSA	392,928	456,022	63,094	16.1
El Paso, TX MSA	591,610	679,622	88,012	14.9
Erie, PA MSA	275,572	280,843	5,271	1.9
Eugene-Springfield, OR MSA	282,912	322,959	40,047	14.2
Evansville-Henderson, IN-KY MSA	278,990	296,195	17,205	6.2
Fayetteville, NC MSA	274,566	302,963	28,397	10.3
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR MSA	210,908	311,121	100,213	47.5
Fort Collins-Loveland, CO MSA	186,136	251,494	65,358	35.1
Fort Myers-Cape Coral, FL MSA	335,113	440,888	105,775	31.6
Fort Pierce-Port St. Lucie, FL MSA	251,071	319,426	68,355	27.2
Fort Wayne, IN MSA	456,281	502,141	45,860	10.1
Fresno, CA MSA	755,580	922,516	166,936	22.1
Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson, SC MSA	830,563	962,441	131,878	15.9
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle, PA MSA	587,986	629,401	41,415	7.0
Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir, NC MSA	292,409	341,851	49,442	16.9

Table 1 (continued)

	Population		Change	
	1990	2000	Net	Percent
Honolulu, HI MSA	836,231	876,156	39,925	4.8 %
Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH MSA	312,529	315,538	3,009	1.0
Huntsville, AL MSA	293,047	342,376	49,329	16.8
Jackson, MS MSA	395,396	440,801	45,405	11.5
Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol, TN-VA Ms	436,047	480,091	44,044	10.1
Kalamazoo-Battle Creek, MI MSA	429,453	452,851	23,398	5.4
Killeen-Temple, TX MSA	255,301	312,952	57,651	22.6
Knoxville, TN MSA	585,960	687,249	101,289	17.3
Lafayette, LA MSA	344,953	385,647	40,694	11.8
Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL MSA	405,382	483,924	78,542	19.4
Lancaster, PA MSA	422,822	470,658	47,836	11.3
Lansing-East Lansing, MI MSA	432,674	447,728	15,054	3.5
Lexington, KY MSA	405,936	479,198	73,262	18.0
Lincoln, NE MSA	213,641	250,291	36,650	17.2
Little Rock-North Little Rock, AR MSA	513,117	583,845	70,728	13.8
Macon, GA MSA	290,909	322,549	31,640	10.9
Madison, WI MSA	367,085	426,526	59,441	16.2
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX MSA	383,545	569,463	185,918	48.5
Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay, FL MSA	398,978	476,230	77,252	19.4
Mobile, AL MSA	476,923	540,258	63,335	13.3
Modesto, CA MSA	370,522	446,997	76,475	20.6
Montgomery, AL MSA	292,517	333,055	40,538	13.9
Naples, FL MSA	152,099	251,377	99,278	65.3
New London-Norwich, CT NECMA	254,957	259,088	4,131	1.6
Ocala, FL MSA	194,833	258,916	64,083	32.9
Omaha, NE-IA MSA	639,580	716,998	77,418	12.1
Pensacola, FL MSA	344,406	412,153	67,747	19.7
Peoria-Pekin, IL MSA	339,172	347,387	8,215	2.4
Portland, ME NECMA	243,135	265,612	22,477	9.2
Providence-Warwick, RI NECMA	916,270	962,886	46,616	5.1
Provo-Orem, UT MSA	263,590	368,536	104,946	39.8
Reading, PA MSA	336,523	373,638	37,115	11.0
Reno, NV MSA	254,667	339,486	84,819	33.3
Richmond-Petersburg, VA MSA	865,640	996,512	130,872	15.1
Rockford, IL MSA	329,676	371,236	41,560	12.6
Saginaw-Bay City-Midland, MI MSA	399,320	403,070	3,750	0.9
Salinas, CA MSA	355,660	401,762	46,102	13.0
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc, CA MSA	369,608	399,347	29,739	8.0
Sarasota-Bradenton, FL MSA	489,483	589,959	100,476	20.5
Savannah, GA MSA	258,060	293,000	34,940	13.5

Table 1 (continued)

	Population		Change	
	1990	2000	Net	Percent
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton, PA MSA	638,466	624,776	-13,690	-2.1 %
Shreveport-Bossier City, LA MSA	376,330	392,302	15,972	4.2
South Bend, IN MSA	247,052	265,559	18,507	7.5
Spokane, WA MSA	361,364	417,939	56,575	15.7
Springfield, MA NECMA	602,878	608,479	5,601	0.9
Springfield, MO MSA	264,346	325,721	61,375	23.2
Stockton-Lodi, CA MSA	480,628	563,598	82,970	17.3
Syracuse, NY MSA	742,177	732,117	-10,060	-1.4
Tallahassee, FL MSA	233,598	284,539	50,941	21.8
Toledo, OH MSA	614,128	618,203	4,075	0.7
Tucson, AZ MSA	666,880	843,746	176,866	26.5
Tulsa, OK MSA	708,954	803,235	94,281	13.3
Utica-Rome, NY MSA	316,633	299,896	-16,737	-5.3
Visalia-Tulare-Porterville, CA MSA	311,921	368,021	56,100	18.0
Wichita, KS MSA	485,270	545,220	59,950	12.4
York, PA MSA	339,574	381,751	42,177	12.4
Youngstown-Warren, OH MSA	600,895	594,746	-6,149	-1.0

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC; compiled by Research Services, NAMB, Alpharetta, Ga.

Table 2
Rankings of Population and Change, 1990 to 2000

	Population Rank		Change Rank	
	1990	2000	Net	Percent
Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY MSA	4	8	80	85
Albuquerque, NM MSA	19	13	7	20
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA MSA	17	17	55	71
Anchorage, AK MSA	92	90	68	40
Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah, WI MSA	65	67	54	47
Augusta-Aiken, GA-SC MSA	37	38	37	41
Bakersfield, CA MSA	22	16	9	19
Baton Rouge, LA MSA	23	22	28	44
Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX MSA	53	58	73	73
Biloxi-Gulfport-Pascagoula, MS MSA	67	65	44	34
Binghamton, NY MSA	78	93	95	96
Birmingham, AL MSA	5	6	22	64
Boise City, ID MSA	69	48	4	4
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX MSA	82	72	27	11
Canton-Massillon, OH MSA	45	52	82	81
Charleston, WV MSA	88	94	91	91
Charleston-North Charleston, SC MSA	25	28	57	68
Chattanooga, TN-GA MSA	35	41	60	65
Colorado Springs, CO MSA	43	32	8	10
Columbia, SC MSA	31	31	20	26
Columbus, GA-AL MSA	81	87	81	76
Corpus Christi, TX MSA	56	60	70	67
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL MSA	55	66	84	83
Daytona Beach, FL MSA	40	34	17	14
Dayton-Springfield, OH MSA	1	4	92	92
Des Moines, IA MSA	46	42	36	36
El Paso, TX MSA	18	15	18	42
Erie, PA MSA	76	86	86	84
Eugene-Springfield, OR MSA	74	75	63	43
Evansville-Henderson, IN-KY MSA	75	83	77	74
Fayetteville, NC MSA	77	81	72	61
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR MSA	94	80	14	3
Fort Collins-Loveland, CO MSA	96	95	33	6
Fort Myers-Cape Coral, FL MSA	62	46	10	9
Fort Pierce-Port St. Lucie, FL MSA	87	77	31	12
Fort Wayne, IN MSA	30	33	51	63
Fresno, CA MSA	8	5	3	17
Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson, SC MSA	7	3	5	37
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle, PA MSA	20	18	59	72
Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir, NC MSA	72	70	46	32

Table 2 (continued)

	Population Rank		Change Rank	
	1990	2000	Net	Percent
Honolulu, HI MSA	6	7	64	78
Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH MSA	66	78	90	87
Huntsville, AL MSA	70	69	47	33
Jackson, MS MSA	44	47	52	57
Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol, TN-VA Ms	32	36	53	62
Kalamazoo-Battle Creek, MI MSA	34	43	74	75
Killeen-Temple, TX MSA	84	79	41	16
Knoxville, TN MSA	21	14	12	29
Lafayette, LA MSA	57	57	61	56
Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL MSA	39	35	23	24
Lancaster, PA MSA	36	40	48	58
Lansing-East Lansing, MI MSA	33	44	79	80
Lexington, KY MSA	38	37	29	27
Lincoln, NE MSA	93	97	66	31
Little Rock-North Little Rock, AR MSA	24	25	30	46
Macon, GA MSA	73	76	69	60
Madison, WI MSA	51	49	40	35
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX MSA	47	26	1	2
Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay, FL MSA	42	39	25	25
Mobile, AL MSA	29	30	35	50
Modesto, CA MSA	49	45	26	21
Montgomery, AL MSA	71	73	62	45
Naples, FL MSA	97	96	15	1
New London-Norwich, CT NECMA	85	91	87	86
Ocala, FL MSA	95	92	34	8
Omaha, NE-IA MSA	12	12	24	55
Pensacola, FL MSA	58	51	32	23
Peoria-Pekin, IL MSA	60	68	83	82
Portland, ME NECMA	90	88	75	66
Providence-Warwick, RI NECMA	2	2	49	77
Provo-Orem, UT MSA	80	63	11	5
Reading, PA MSA	61	61	65	59
Reno, NV MSA	86	71	19	7
Richmond-Petersburg, VA MSA	3	1	6	39
Rockford, IL MSA	63	62	58	52
Saginaw-Bay City-Midland, MI MSA	41	53	89	88
Salinas, CA MSA	54	54	50	51
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc, CA MSA	50	55	71	69
Sarasota-Bradenton, FL MSA	26	24	13	22
Savannah, GA MSA	83	84	67	48

Table 2 (continued)

	Population Rank		Change Rank	
	1990	2000	Net	Percent
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton, PA MSA	13	19	96	95
Shreveport-Bossier City, LA MSA	48	56	78	79
South Bend, IN MSA	89	89	76	70
Spokane, WA MSA	52	50	42	38
Springfield, MA NECMA	15	21	85	89
Springfield, MO MSA	79	74	38	15
Stockton-Lodi, CA MSA	28	27	21	30
Syracuse, NY MSA	9	11	94	94
Tallahassee, FL MSA	91	85	45	18
Toledo, OH MSA	14	20	88	90
Tucson, AZ MSA	11	9	2	13
Tulsa, OK MSA	10	10	16	49
Utica-Rome, NY MSA	64	82	97	97
Visalia-Tulare-Porterville, CA MSA	68	64	43	28
Wichita, KS MSA	27	29	39	54
York, PA MSA	59	59	56	53
Youngstown-Warren, OH MSA	16	23	93	93

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC; compiled by Research Services, NAMB, Alpharetta, Ga.

Table 3
Churches, 1990 to 2000

	Churches		Change	
	1990	2000	Net	Percent
Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY MSA	2	7	5	250.0 %
Albuquerque, NM MSA	48	59	11	22.9
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA MSA	1	4	3	300.0
Anchorage, AK MSA	19	26	7	36.8
Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah, WI MSA	1	1	0	0.0
Augusta-Aiken, GA-SC MSA	173	179	6	3.5
Bakersfield, CA MSA	59	64	5	8.5
Baton Rouge, LA MSA	110	124	14	12.7
Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX MSA	110	121	11	10.0
Biloxi-Gulfport-Pascagoula, MS MSA	95	101	6	6.3
Binghamton, NY MSA	3	6	3	100.0
Birmingham, AL MSA	442	451	9	2.0
Boise City, ID MSA	8	13	5	62.5
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX MSA	32	39	7	21.9
Canton-Massillon, OH MSA	3	4	1	33.3
Charleston, WV MSA	12	14	2	16.7
Charleston-North Charleston, SC MSA	101	109	8	7.9
Chattanooga, TN-GA MSA	187	196	9	4.8
Colorado Springs, CO MSA	19	31	12	63.2
Columbia, SC MSA	124	132	8	6.5
Columbus, GA-AL MSA	98	99	1	1.0
Corpus Christi, TX MSA	72	85	13	18.1
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL MSA	11	13	2	18.2
Daytona Beach, FL MSA	47	55	8	17.0
Dayton-Springfield, OH MSA	73	72	-1	-1.4
Des Moines, IA MSA	12	13	1	8.3
El Paso, TX MSA	52	51	-1	-1.9
Erie, PA MSA	3	4	1	33.3
Eugene-Springfield, OR MSA	10	8	-2	-20.0
Evansville-Henderson, IN-KY MSA	58	58	0	0.0
Fayetteville, NC MSA	66	68	2	3.0
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR MSA	63	79	16	25.4
Fort Collins-Loveland, CO MSA	9	9	0	0.0
Fort Myers-Cape Coral, FL MSA	31	38	7	22.6
Fort Pierce-Port St. Lucie, FL MSA	23	30	7	30.4
Fort Wayne, IN MSA	7	11	4	57.1
Fresno, CA MSA	47	49	2	4.3
Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson, SC MSA	520	552	32	6.2
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle, PA MSA	8	14	6	75.0
Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir, NC MSA	233	256	23	9.9

Table 3 (continued)

	Churches		Change	
	1990	2000	Net	Percent
Honolulu, HI MSA	35	46	11	31.4 %
Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH MSA	53	59	6	11.3
Huntsville, AL MSA	111	119	8	7.2
Jackson, MS MSA	133	143	10	7.5
Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol, TN-VA Ms	264	274	10	3.8
Kalamazoo-Battle Creek, MI MSA	15	18	3	20.0
Killeen-Temple, TX MSA	75	92	17	22.7
Knoxville, TN MSA	435	447	12	2.8
Lafayette, LA MSA	35	43	8	22.9
Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL MSA	101	119	18	17.8
Lancaster, PA MSA	8	11	3	37.5
Lansing-East Lansing, MI MSA	7	8	1	14.3
Lexington, KY MSA	117	138	21	17.9
Lincoln, NE MSA	4	5	1	25.0
Little Rock-North Little Rock, AR MSA	162	187	25	15.4
Macon, GA MSA	93	101	8	8.6
Madison, WI MSA	3	3	0	0.0
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX MSA	41	54	13	31.7
Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay, FL MSA	36	47	11	30.6
Mobile, AL MSA	143	151	8	5.6
Modesto, CA MSA	24	25	1	4.2
Montgomery, AL MSA	113	126	13	11.5
Naples, FL MSA	9	14	5	55.6
New London-Norwich, CT NECMA	4	3	-1	-25.0
Ocala, FL MSA	43	52	9	20.9
Omaha, NE-IA MSA	13	19	6	46.2
Pensacola, FL MSA	101	101	0	0.0
Peoria-Pekin, IL MSA	21	24	3	14.3
Portland, ME NECMA	2	4	2	100.0
Providence-Warwick, RI NECMA	4	7	3	75.0
Provo-Orem, UT MSA	2	3	1	50.0
Reading, PA MSA	1	3	2	200.0
Reno, NV MSA	11	14	3	27.3
Richmond-Petersburg, VA MSA	180	217	37	20.6
Rockford, IL MSA	12	12	0	0.0
Saginaw-Bay City-Midland, MI MSA	8	8	0	0.0
Salinas, CA MSA	17	19	2	11.8
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc, CA MSA	13	12	-1	-7.7
Sarasota-Bradenton, FL MSA	43	51	8	18.6
Savannah, GA MSA	72	75	3	4.2

Table 3 (continued)

	Churches		Change	
	1990	2000	Net	Percent
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton, PA MSA	6	7	1	16.7 %
Shreveport-Bossier City, LA MSA	107	116	9	8.4
South Bend, IN MSA	2	3	1	50.0
Spokane, WA MSA	16	16	0	0.0
Springfield, MA NECMA	4	4	0	0.0
Springfield, MO MSA	117	117	0	0.0
Stockton-Lodi, CA MSA	20	28	8	40.0
Syracuse, NY MSA	7	6	-1	-14.3
Tallahassee, FL MSA	47	51	4	8.5
Toledo, OH MSA	16	20	4	25.0
Tucson, AZ MSA	41	48	7	17.1
Tulsa, OK MSA	174	205	31	17.8
Utica-Rome, NY MSA	6	5	-1	-16.7
Visalia-Tulare-Porterville, CA MSA	23	25	2	8.7
Wichita, KS MSA	40	52	12	30.0
York, PA MSA	9	15	6	66.7
Youngstown-Warren, OH MSA	26	22	-4	-15.4

Source: Annual Church Profile, LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville, Tenn.; compiled by Research Services, NAMB, Alpharetta, Ga.

Table 4
Rankings of Churches and Change, 1990 to 2000

	Church Rank		Change Rank	
	1990	2000	Net	Percent
Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY MSA	91	80	47	2
Albuquerque, NM MSA	37	34	17	30
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA MSA	95	87	54	1
Anchorage, AK MSA	57	54	36	18
Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah, WI MSA	95	97	80	80
Augusta-Aiken, GA-SC MSA	9	10	41	75
Bakersfield, CA MSA	33	33	47	60
Baton Rouge, LA MSA	18	16	10	51
Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX MSA	18	17	17	55
Biloxi-Gulfport-Pascagoula, MS MSA	25	23	41	67
Binghamton, NY MSA	87	83	54	4
Birmingham, AL MSA	2	2	23	78
Boise City, ID MSA	74	69	47	10
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX MSA	49	49	36	34
Canton-Massillon, OH MSA	87	87	70	19
Charleston, WV MSA	65	65	62	46
Charleston-North Charleston, SC MSA	21	22	27	63
Chattanooga, TN-GA MSA	6	8	23	70
Colorado Springs, CO MSA	57	51	14	9
Columbia, SC MSA	13	14	27	66
Columbus, GA-AL MSA	24	26	70	79
Corpus Christi, TX MSA	29	28	11	40
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL MSA	68	69	62	39
Daytona Beach, FL MSA	38	37	27	45
Dayton-Springfield, OH MSA	28	31	90	90
Des Moines, IA MSA	65	69	70	62
El Paso, TX MSA	36	41	90	91
Erie, PA MSA	87	87	70	19
Eugene-Springfield, OR MSA	70	77	96	96
Evansville-Henderson, IN-KY MSA	34	36	80	80
Fayetteville, NC MSA	31	32	62	76
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR MSA	32	29	9	27
Fort Collins-Loveland, CO MSA	71	76	80	80
Fort Myers-Cape Coral, FL MSA	50	50	36	33
Fort Pierce-Port St. Lucie, FL MSA	53	52	36	24
Fort Wayne, IN MSA	78	74	51	11
Fresno, CA MSA	38	44	62	71
Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson, SC MSA	1	1	2	68
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle, PA MSA	74	65	41	6
Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir, NC MSA	5	5	5	56

Table 4 (continued)

	Church Rank		Change Rank	
	1990	2000	Net	Percent
Honolulu, HI MSA	47	47	17	22
Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH MSA	35	34	41	54
Huntsville, AL MSA	17	18	27	65
Jackson, MS MSA	12	12	21	64
Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol, TN-VA Ms	4	4	21	74
Kalamazoo-Battle Creek, MI MSA	62	62	54	37
Killeen-Temple, TX MSA	27	27	8	32
Knoxville, TN MSA	3	3	14	77
Lafayette, LA MSA	47	48	27	31
Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL MSA	21	18	7	42
Lancaster, PA MSA	74	74	54	17
Lansing-East Lansing, MI MSA	78	77	70	49
Lexington, KY MSA	14	13	6	41
Lincoln, NE MSA	83	85	70	28
Little Rock-North Little Rock, AR MSA	10	9	4	48
Macon, GA MSA	26	23	27	58
Madison, WI MSA	87	92	80	80
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX MSA	43	38	11	21
Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay, FL MSA	46	46	17	23
Mobile, AL MSA	11	11	27	69
Modesto, CA MSA	52	55	70	72
Montgomery, AL MSA	16	15	11	53
Naples, FL MSA	71	65	47	12
New London-Norwich, CT NECMA	83	92	90	97
Ocala, FL MSA	41	39	23	35
Omaha, NE-IA MSA	63	60	41	15
Pensacola, FL MSA	21	23	80	80
Peoria-Pekin, IL MSA	55	57	54	49
Portland, ME NECMA	91	87	62	4
Providence-Warwick, RI NECMA	83	80	54	6
Provo-Orem, UT MSA	91	92	70	13
Reading, PA MSA	95	92	62	3
Reno, NV MSA	68	65	54	26
Richmond-Petersburg, VA MSA	7	6	1	36
Rockford, IL MSA	65	72	80	80
Saginaw-Bay City-Midland, MI MSA	74	77	80	80
Salinas, CA MSA	59	60	62	52
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc, CA MSA	63	72	90	92
Sarasota-Bradenton, FL MSA	41	41	27	38
Savannah, GA MSA	29	30	54	72

Table 4 (continued)

	Church Rank		Change Rank	
	1990	2000	Net	Percent
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton, PA MSA	81	80	70	46
Shreveport-Bossier City, LA MSA	20	21	23	61
South Bend, IN MSA	91	92	70	13
Spokane, WA MSA	60	63	80	80
Springfield, MA NECMA	83	87	80	80
Springfield, MO MSA	14	20	80	80
Stockton-Lodi, CA MSA	56	53	27	16
Syracuse, NY MSA	78	83	90	93
Tallahassee, FL MSA	38	41	51	59
Toledo, OH MSA	60	59	51	28
Tucson, AZ MSA	43	45	36	44
Tulsa, OK MSA	8	7	3	43
Utica-Rome, NY MSA	81	85	90	95
Visalia-Tulare-Porterville, CA MSA	53	55	62	57
Wichita, KS MSA	45	39	14	25
York, PA MSA	71	64	41	8
Youngstown-Warren, OH MSA	51	58	97	94

Source: Annual Church Profile, LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville, Tenn.; compiled by Research Services, NAMB, Alpharetta, Ga.

Table 5
Population per Church, 1990 to 2000,
and Index of Change

	Population per Church		Index of Change
	1990	2000	
Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY MSA	430,712	125,083	29.0
Albuquerque, NM MSA	12,274	12,080	98.4
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA MSA	595,081	159,490	26.8
Anchorage, AK MSA	11,913	10,011	84.0
Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah, WI MSA	315,121	358,365	113.7
Augusta-Aiken, GA-SC MSA	2,400	2,667	111.1
Bakersfield, CA MSA	9,211	10,338	112.2
Baton Rouge, LA MSA	4,802	4,862	101.2
Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX MSA	3,284	3,183	96.9
Biloxi-Gulfport-Pascagoula, MS MSA	3,288	3,604	109.6
Binghamton, NY MSA	88,166	42,053	47.7
Birmingham, AL MSA	1,901	2,042	107.4
Boise City, ID MSA	36,981	33,257	89.9
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX MSA	8,129	8,596	105.7
Canton-Massillon, OH MSA	131,369	101,734	77.4
Charleston, WV MSA	20,871	17,976	86.1
Charleston-North Charleston, SC MSA	5,019	5,037	100.4
Chattanooga, TN-GA MSA	2,269	2,373	104.6
Colorado Springs, CO MSA	20,895	16,675	79.8
Columbia, SC MSA	3,656	4,066	111.2
Columbus, GA-AL MSA	2,662	2,774	104.2
Corpus Christi, TX MSA	4,860	4,480	92.2
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL MSA	31,896	27,620	86.6
Daytona Beach, FL MSA	8,498	8,967	105.5
Dayton-Springfield, OH MSA	13,031	13,202	101.3
Des Moines, IA MSA	32,744	35,079	107.1
El Paso, TX MSA	11,377	13,326	117.1
Erie, PA MSA	91,857	70,211	76.4
Eugene-Springfield, OR MSA	28,291	40,370	142.7
Evansville-Henderson, IN-KY MSA	4,810	5,107	106.2
Fayetteville, NC MSA	4,160	4,455	107.1
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR MSA	3,348	3,938	117.6
Fort Collins-Loveland, CO MSA	20,682	27,944	135.1
Fort Myers-Cape Coral, FL MSA	10,810	11,602	107.3
Fort Pierce-Port St. Lucie, FL MSA	10,916	10,648	97.5
Fort Wayne, IN MSA	65,183	45,649	70.0
Fresno, CA MSA	16,076	18,827	117.1
Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson, SC MSA	1,597	1,744	109.2
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle, PA MSA	73,498	44,957	61.2
Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir, NC MSA	1,255	1,335	106.4

Table 5 (continued)

	Population per Church		Index of Change
	1990	2000	
Honolulu, HI MSA	23,892	19,047	79.7
Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH MSA	5,897	5,348	90.7
Huntsville, AL MSA	2,640	2,877	109.0
Jackson, MS MSA	2,973	3,083	103.7
Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol, TN-VA Ms	1,652	1,752	106.1
Kalamazoo-Battle Creek, MI MSA	28,630	25,158	87.9
Killeen-Temple, TX MSA	3,404	3,402	99.9
Knoxville, TN MSA	1,347	1,537	114.1
Lafayette, LA MSA	9,856	8,969	91.0
Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL MSA	4,014	4,067	101.3
Lancaster, PA MSA	52,853	42,787	81.0
Lansing-East Lansing, MI MSA	61,811	55,966	90.5
Lexington, KY MSA	3,470	3,472	100.1
Lincoln, NE MSA	53,410	50,058	93.7
Little Rock-North Little Rock, AR MSA	3,167	3,122	98.6
Macon, GA MSA	3,128	3,194	102.1
Madison, WI MSA	122,362	142,175	116.2
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX MSA	9,355	10,546	112.7
Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay, FL MSA	11,083	10,133	91.4
Mobile, AL MSA	3,335	3,578	107.3
Modesto, CA MSA	15,438	17,880	115.8
Montgomery, AL MSA	2,589	2,643	102.1
Naples, FL MSA	16,900	17,956	106.2
New London-Norwich, CT NECMA	63,739	86,363	135.5
Ocala, FL MSA	4,531	4,979	109.9
Omaha, NE-IA MSA	49,198	37,737	76.7
Pensacola, FL MSA	3,410	4,081	119.7
Peoria-Pekin, IL MSA	16,151	14,474	89.6
Portland, ME NECMA	121,568	66,403	54.6
Providence-Warwick, RI NECMA	229,068	137,555	60.1
Provo-Orem, UT MSA	131,795	122,845	93.2
Reading, PA MSA	336,523	124,546	37.0
Reno, NV MSA	23,152	24,249	104.7
Richmond-Petersburg, VA MSA	4,809	4,592	95.5
Rockford, IL MSA	27,473	30,936	112.6
Saginaw-Bay City-Midland, MI MSA	49,915	50,384	100.9
Salinas, CA MSA	20,921	21,145	101.1
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc, CA MSA	28,431	33,279	117.0
Sarasota-Bradenton, FL MSA	11,383	11,568	101.6
Savannah, GA MSA	3,584	3,907	109.0

Table 5 (continued)

	Population per Church		Index of Change
	1990	2000	
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton, PA MSA	106,411	89,254	83.9
Shreveport-Bossier City, LA MSA	3,517	3,382	96.2
South Bend, IN MSA	123,526	88,520	71.7
Spokane, WA MSA	22,585	26,121	115.7
Springfield, MA NECMA	150,720	152,120	100.9
Springfield, MO MSA	2,259	2,784	123.2
Stockton-Lodi, CA MSA	24,031	20,129	83.8
Syracuse, NY MSA	106,025	122,020	115.1
Tallahassee, FL MSA	4,970	5,579	112.3
Toledo, OH MSA	38,383	30,910	80.5
Tucson, AZ MSA	16,265	17,578	108.1
Tulsa, OK MSA	4,074	3,918	96.2
Utica-Rome, NY MSA	52,772	59,979	113.7
Visalia-Tulare-Porterville, CA MSA	13,562	14,721	108.5
Wichita, KS MSA	12,132	10,485	86.4
York, PA MSA	37,730	25,450	67.5
Youngstown-Warren, OH MSA	23,111	27,034	117.0

Note: The index of change in population per church is calculated by dividing the 2000 population-per-church ratio by the 1990 population-per-church ratio and multiplying by 100. An index of 100 means that the ratios were the same for both years. An index greater than 100 means that the population-per-church ratio worsened from 1990 to 2000. An index less than 100 indicates the ratio improved.

Source: Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C.; Annual Church Profile, LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville, Tenn.; compiled by Research Services, NAMB, Alpharetta, Ga.

Table 6
Rankings of Population per Church,
1990 to 2000, and Index of Change

	Population per Church Rank		Index of Change Rank
	1990	2000	
Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY MSA	2	6	96
Albuquerque, NM MSA	50	51	59
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA MSA	1	2	97
Anchorage, AK MSA	52	59	78
Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah, WI MSA	4	1	16
Augusta-Aiken, GA-SC MSA	90	90	23
Bakersfield, CA MSA	60	57	21
Baton Rouge, LA MSA	69	68	51
Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX MSA	83	84	61
Biloxi-Gulfport-Pascagoula, MS MSA	82	78	25
Binghamton, NY MSA	15	23	94
Birmingham, AL MSA	93	93	31
Boise City, ID MSA	27	28	72
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX MSA	62	62	40
Canton-Massillon, OH MSA	8	10	85
Charleston, WV MSA	41	42	77
Charleston-North Charleston, SC MSA	64	66	55
Chattanooga, TN-GA MSA	91	92	43
Colorado Springs, CO MSA	40	46	83
Columbia, SC MSA	74	74	22
Columbus, GA-AL MSA	87	89	44
Corpus Christi, TX MSA	66	70	67
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL MSA	29	32	75
Daytona Beach, FL MSA	61	61	41
Dayton-Springfield, OH MSA	49	50	50
Des Moines, IA MSA	28	26	34
El Paso, TX MSA	54	49	7
Erie, PA MSA	14	14	87
Eugene-Springfield, OR MSA	32	24	1
Evansville-Henderson, IN-KY MSA	67	65	38
Fayetteville, NC MSA	71	71	35
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR MSA	80	75	6
Fort Collins-Loveland, CO MSA	42	31	3
Fort Myers-Cape Coral, FL MSA	57	52	32
Fort Pierce-Port St. Lucie, FL MSA	56	54	60

Table 6 (continued)

	Population per Church Rank		Index of Change Rank
	1990	2000	
Fresno, CA MSA	46	41	8
Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson, SC MSA	95	95	26
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle, PA MSA	16	21	91
Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir, NC MSA	97	97	36
Honolulu, HI MSA	35	40	84
Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH MSA	63	64	70
Huntsville, AL MSA	88	87	28
Jackson, MS MSA	86	86	45
Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol, TN-VA Ms	94	94	39
Kalamazoo-Battle Creek, MI MSA	30	36	74
Killeen-Temple, TX MSA	79	81	57
Knoxville, TN MSA	96	96	15
Lafayette, LA MSA	58	60	69
Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL MSA	73	73	49
Lancaster, PA MSA	21	22	81
Lansing-East Lansing, MI MSA	19	17	71
Lexington, KY MSA	77	80	56
Lincoln, NE MSA	20	19	65
Little Rock-North Little Rock, AR MSA	84	85	58
Macon, GA MSA	85	83	47
Madison, WI MSA	10	4	11
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX MSA	59	55	18
Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay, FL MSA	55	58	68
Mobile, AL MSA	81	79	33
Modesto, CA MSA	47	44	12
Montgomery, AL MSA	89	91	46
Naples, FL MSA	43	43	37
New London-Norwich, CT NECMA	18	13	2
Ocala, FL MSA	70	67	24
Omaha, NE-IA MSA	24	25	86
Pensacola, FL MSA	78	72	5
Peoria-Pekin, IL MSA	45	48	73
Portland, ME NECMA	11	15	93
Providence-Warwick, RI NECMA	5	5	92
Provo-Orem, UT MSA	7	8	66
Reading, PA MSA	3	7	95
Reno, NV MSA	36	37	42
Richmond-Petersburg, VA MSA	68	69	64
Rockford, IL MSA	33	29	19
Saginaw-Bay City-Midland, MI MSA	23	18	53

Table 6 (continued)

	Population per Church Rank		Index of Change Rank
	1990	2000	
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc, CA MSA	31	27	9
Sarasota-Bradenton, FL MSA	53	53	48
Savannah, GA MSA	75	77	27
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton, PA MSA	12	11	79
Shreveport-Bossier City, LA MSA	76	82	63
South Bend, IN MSA	9	12	88
Spokane, WA MSA	38	34	13
Springfield, MA NECMA	6	3	54
Springfield, MO MSA	92	88	4
Stockton-Lodi, CA MSA	34	39	80
Syracuse, NY MSA	13	9	14
Tallahassee, FL MSA	65	63	20
Toledo, OH MSA	25	30	82
Tucson, AZ MSA	44	45	30
Tulsa, OK MSA	72	76	62
Utica-Rome, NY MSA	22	16	17
Visalia-Tulare-Porterville, CA MSA	48	47	29
Wichita, KS MSA	51	56	76
York, PA MSA	26	35	90
Youngstown-Warren, OH MSA	37	33	10

Source: Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C.; Annual Church Profile, LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville, Tenn.; compiled by Research Services, NAMB, Alpharetta, Ga.

Table 7
Resident Membership, 1990 to 2000

	Resident Members		Change	
	1990	2000	Net	Percent
Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY MSA	306	613	307	100.3 %
Albuquerque, NM MSA	18,174	16,652	-1,522	-8.4
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA MSA	155	89	-66	-42.6
Anchorage, AK MSA	6,731	6,172	-559	-8.3
Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah, WI MSA	121	309	188	155.4
Augusta-Aiken, GA-SC MSA	59,996	63,219	3,223	5.4
Bakersfield, CA MSA	11,488	16,697	5,209	45.3
Baton Rouge, LA MSA	58,875	57,831	-1,044	-1.8
Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX MSA	52,986	52,933	-53	-0.1
Biloxi-Gulfport-Pascagoula, MS MSA	33,795	34,687	892	2.6
Binghamton, NY MSA	389	531	142	36.5
Birmingham, AL MSA	156,162	162,163	6,001	3.8
Boise City, ID MSA	1,656	2,309	653	39.4
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX MSA	7,194	7,871	677	9.4
Canton-Massillon, OH MSA	449	266	-183	-40.8
Charleston, WV MSA	2,110	2,419	309	14.6
Charleston-North Charleston, SC MSA	42,773	37,703	-5,070	-11.9
Chattanooga, TN-GA MSA	66,112	70,410	4,298	6.5
Colorado Springs, CO MSA	9,628	8,130	-1,498	-15.6
Columbia, SC MSA	50,638	56,896	6,258	12.4
Columbus, GA-AL MSA	35,250	40,823	5,573	15.8
Corpus Christi, TX MSA	24,977	25,562	585	2.3
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL MSA	2,295	1,511	-784	-34.2
Daytona Beach, FL MSA	16,531	19,807	3,276	19.8
Dayton-Springfield, OH MSA	25,824	24,222	-1,602	-6.2
Des Moines, IA MSA	976	718	-258	-26.4
El Paso, TX MSA	12,864	11,323	-1,541	-12.0
Eric, PA MSA	257	299	42	16.3
Eugene-Springfield, OR MSA	2,249	2,504	255	11.3
Evansville-Henderson, IN-KY MSA	25,244	25,005	-239	-0.9
Fayetteville, NC MSA	17,604	19,112	1,508	8.6
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR MSA	28,434	36,246	7,812	27.5
Fort Collins-Loveland, CO MSA	1,241	1,199	-42	-3.4
Fort Myers-Cape Coral, FL MSA	13,562	13,292	-270	-2.0
Fort Pierce-Port St. Lucie, FL MSA	8,650	8,635	-15	-0.2
Fort Wayne, IN MSA	1,342	2,271	929	69.2
Fresno, CA MSA	9,694	13,776	4,082	42.1
Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson, SC MSA	205,301	217,693	12,392	6.0
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle, PA MSA	2,086	2,399	313	15.0
Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir, NC MSA	72,610	78,387	5,777	8.0

Table 7 (continued)

	Resident Members		Change	
	1990	2000	Net	Percent
Honolulu, HI MSA	8,952	9,384	432	4.8 %
Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH MSA	18,528	18,672	144	0.8
Huntsville, AL MSA	40,883	49,221	8,338	20.4
Jackson, MS MSA	66,735	68,816	2,081	3.1
Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol, TN-VA Ms	70,671	76,973	6,302	8.9
Kalamazoo-Battle Creek, MI MSA	1,891	1,357	-534	-28.2
Killeen-Temple, TX MSA	23,394	29,620	6,226	26.6
Knoxville, TN MSA	152,499	154,961	2,462	1.6
Lafayette, LA MSA	11,297	12,467	1,170	10.4
Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL MSA	41,078	38,992	-2,086	-5.1
Lancaster, PA MSA	1,468	1,338	-130	-8.9
Lansing-East Lansing, MI MSA	1,433	1,294	-139	-9.7
Lexington, KY MSA	42,403	47,220	4,817	11.4
Lincoln, NE MSA	650	1,251	601	92.5
Little Rock-North Little Rock, AR MSA	70,355	74,190	3,835	5.5
Macon, GA MSA	43,599	43,613	14	0.0
Madison, WI MSA	464	222	-242	-52.2
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX MSA	7,898	11,412	3,514	44.5
Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay, FL MSA	16,659	18,803	2,144	12.9
Mobile, AL MSA	71,613	72,199	586	0.8
Modesto, CA MSA	4,611	4,587	-24	-0.5
Montgomery, AL MSA	40,060	46,091	6,031	15.1
Naples, FL MSA	3,664	5,585	1,921	52.4
New London-Norwich, CT NECMA	1,456	354	-1,102	-75.7
Ocala, FL MSA	12,907	15,398	2,491	19.3
Omaha, NE-IA MSA	5,083	7,434	2,351	46.3
Pensacola, FL MSA	38,604	43,507	4,903	12.7
Peoria-Pekin, IL MSA	4,850	3,946	-904	-18.6
Portland, ME NECMA	405	563	158	39.0
Providence-Warwick, RI NECMA	808	1,230	422	52.2
Provo-Orem, UT MSA	344	261	-83	-24.1
Reading, PA MSA	87	336	249	286.2
Reno, NV MSA	1,933	2,292	359	18.6
Richmond-Petersburg, VA MSA	87,600	91,330	3,730	4.3
Rockford, IL MSA	1,910	1,409	-501	-26.2
Saginaw-Bay City-Midland, MI MSA	687	735	48	7.0
Salinas, CA MSA	4,250	3,423	-827	-19.5
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc, CA MSA	1,953	1,335	-618	-31.6
Sarasota-Bradenton, FL MSA	18,399	23,924	5,525	30.0
Savannah, GA MSA	27,721	29,347	1,626	5.9

Table 7 (continued)

	Resident Members		Change	
	1990	2000	Net	Percent
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton, PA MSA	721	593	-128	-17.8 %
Shreveport-Bossier City, LA MSA	61,494	65,084	3,590	5.8
South Bend, IN MSA	441	725	284	64.4
Spokane, WA MSA	2,923	4,879	1,956	66.9
Springfield, MA NECMA	360	279	-81	-22.5
Springfield, MO MSA	34,784	41,037	6,253	18.0
Stockton-Lodi, CA MSA	5,011	4,792	-219	-4.4
Syracuse, NY MSA	989	739	-250	-25.3
Tallahassee, FL MSA	20,279	24,615	4,336	21.4
Toledo, OH MSA	3,081	3,193	112	3.6
Tucson, AZ MSA	15,289	13,913	-1,376	-9.0
Tulsa, OK MSA	86,511	85,887	-624	-0.7
Utica-Rome, NY MSA	589	388	-201	-34.1
Visalia-Tulare-Porterville, CA MSA	4,725	4,382	-343	-7.3
Wichita, KS MSA	17,319	17,467	148	0.9
York, PA MSA	1,810	2,456	646	35.7
Youngstown-Warren, OH MSA	3,431	3,628	197	5.7

Source: Annual Church Profile, LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville, Tenn.; compiled by Research Services, NAMB, Alpharetta, Ga.

Table 8
Rankings of Resident Membership and Change, 1990 to 2000

	Resident Members Rank		Change Rank	
	1990	2000	Net	Percent
Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY MSA	93	84	48	3
Albuquerque, NM MSA	36	41	93	75
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA MSA	95	97	66	95
Anchorage, AK MSA	53	54	83	74
Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah, WI MSA	96	91	53	2
Augusta-Aiken, GA-SC MSA	13	13	24	49
Bakersfield, CA MSA	45	40	13	11
Baton Rouge, LA MSA	14	14	89	67
Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX MSA	15	16	65	62
Biloxi-Gulfport-Pascagoula, MS MSA	26	27	36	55
Binghamton, NY MSA	90	87	57	16
Birmingham, AL MSA	2	2	9	52
Boise City, ID MSA	73	68	38	14
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX MSA	52	52	37	38
Canton-Massillon, OH MSA	87	94	72	94
Charleston, WV MSA	66	66	47	31
Charleston-North Charleston, SC MSA	18	25	97	79
Chattanooga, TN-GA MSA	11	10	17	43
Colorado Springs, CO MSA	48	51	92	81
Columbia, SC MSA	16	15	5	34
Columbus, GA-AL MSA	24	23	11	28
Corpus Christi, TX MSA	31	30	42	56
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL MSA	64	71	86	93
Daytona Beach, FL MSA	40	35	23	23
Dayton-Springfield, OH MSA	29	33	95	72
Des Moines, IA MSA	80	83	78	89
El Paso, TX MSA	44	48	94	80
Erie, PA MSA	94	92	60	27
Eugene-Springfield, OR MSA	65	64	50	36
Evansville-Henderson, IN-KY MSA	30	31	75	66
Fayetteville, NC MSA	37	36	33	40
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR MSA	27	26	3	19
Fort Collins-Loveland, CO MSA	78	79	64	69
Fort Myers-Cape Coral, FL MSA	42	45	79	68
Fort Pierce-Port St. Lucie, FL MSA	50	50	62	63
Fort Wayne, IN MSA	77	70	35	5
Fresno, CA MSA	47	44	18	13
Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson, SC MSA	1	1	1	44
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle, PA MSA	67	67	46	30
Hickory-Morgantown-Lenoir, NC MSA	6	6	10	41

Table 8 (continued)

	Resident Members Rank		Change Rank	
	1990	2000	Net	Percent
Honolulu, HI MSA	49	49	43	50
Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH MSA	34	38	56	60
Huntsville, AL MSA	21	17	2	22
Jackson, MS MSA	10	11	29	54
Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol, TN-VA Ms	8	7	4	39
Kalamazoo-Battle Creek, MI MSA	71	73	82	90
Killeen-Temple, TX MSA	32	28	7	20
Knoxville, TN MSA	3	3	26	57
Lafayette, LA MSA	46	46	34	37
Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL MSA	20	24	96	71
Lancaster, PA MSA	74	74	70	76
Lansing-East Lansing, MI MSA	76	76	71	78
Lexington, KY MSA	19	18	15	35
Lincoln, NE MSA	84	77	40	4
Little Rock-North Little Rock, AR MSA	9	8	19	48
Macon, GA MSA	17	20	61	61
Madison, WI MSA	86	96	76	96
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX MSA	51	47	22	12
Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay, FL MSA	39	37	28	32
Mobile, AL MSA	7	9	41	59
Modesto, CA MSA	58	58	63	64
Montgomery, AL MSA	22	19	8	29
Naples, FL MSA	60	55	31	8
New London-Norwich, CT NECMA	75	89	90	97
Ocala, FL MSA	43	42	25	24
Omaha, NE-IA MSA	54	53	27	10
Pensacola, FL MSA	23	21	14	33
Peoria-Pekin, IL MSA	56	60	88	83
Portland, ME NECMA	89	86	54	15
Providence-Warwick, RI NECMA	81	78	44	9
Provo-Orem, UT MSA	92	95	68	86
Reading, PA MSA	97	90	51	1
Reno, NV MSA	69	69	45	25
Richmond-Petersburg, VA MSA	4	4	20	51
Rockford, IL MSA	70	72	81	88
Saginaw-Bay City-Midland, MI MSA	83	81	59	42
Salinas, CA MSA	59	62	87	84
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc, CA MSA	68	75	84	91
Sarasota-Bradenton, FL MSA	35	34	12	18
Savannah, GA MSA	28	29	32	45

Table 8 (continued)

	Resident Members Rank		Change Rank	
	1990	2000	Net	Percent
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton, PA MSA	82	85	69	82
Shreveport-Bossier City, LA MSA	12	12	21	46
South Bend, IN MSA	88	82	49	7
Spokane, WA MSA	63	56	30	6
Springfield, MA NECMA	91	93	67	85
Springfield, MO MSA	25	22	6	26
Stockton-Lodi, CA MSA	55	57	74	70
Syracuse, NY MSA	79	80	77	87
Tallahassee, FL MSA	33	32	16	21
Toledo, OH MSA	62	63	58	53
Tucson, AZ MSA	41	43	91	77
Tulsa, OK MSA	5	5	85	65
Utica-Rome, NY MSA	85	88	73	92
Visalia-Tulare-Porterville, CA MSA	57	59	80	73
Wichita, KS MSA	38	39	55	58
York, PA MSA	72	65	39	17
Youngstown-Warren, OH MSA	61	61	52	47

Source: Annual Church Profile, LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville, Tenn.; compiled by Research Services, NAMB, Alpharetta, Ga.

Table 9
Population per Resident Member, 1990 to 2000,
and Index of Change

	Population per		Index of Change
	Resident Member 1990	2000	
Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY MSA	2,815.1	1,428.4	50.7
Albuquerque, NM MSA	32.4	42.8	132.0
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA MSA	3,839.2	7,168.1	186.7
Anchorage, AK MSA	33.6	42.2	125.4
Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah, WI MSA	2,604.3	1,159.8	44.5
Augusta-Aiken, GA-SC MSA	6.9	7.6	109.1
Bakersfield, CA MSA	47.3	39.6	83.8
Baton Rouge, LA MSA	9.0	10.4	116.2
Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX MSA	6.8	7.3	106.7
Biloxi-Gulfport-Pascagoula, MS MSA	9.2	10.5	113.5
Binghamton, NY MSA	679.9	475.2	69.9
Birmingham, AL MSA	5.4	5.7	105.6
Boise City, ID MSA	178.7	187.2	104.8
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX MSA	36.2	42.6	117.8
Canton-Massillon, OH MSA	877.7	1,529.8	174.3
Charleston, WV MSA	118.7	104.0	87.6
Charleston-North Charleston, SC MSA	11.9	14.6	122.9
Chattanooga, TN-GA MSA	6.4	6.6	102.9
Colorado Springs, CO MSA	41.2	63.6	154.2
Columbia, SC MSA	9.0	9.4	105.4
Columbus, GA-AL MSA	7.4	6.7	90.9
Corpus Christi, TX MSA	14.0	14.9	106.3
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL MSA	152.9	237.6	155.4
Daytona Beach, FL MSA	24.2	24.9	103.1
Dayton-Springfield, OH MSA	36.8	39.2	106.5
Des Moines, IA MSA	402.6	635.1	157.8
El Paso, TX MSA	46.0	60.0	130.5
Erie, PA MSA	1,072.3	939.3	87.6
Eugene-Springfield, OR MSA	125.8	129.0	102.5
Evansville-Henderson, IN-KY MSA	11.1	11.8	107.2
Fayetteville, NC MSA	15.6	15.9	101.6
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR MSA	7.4	8.6	115.7
Fort Collins-Loveland, CO MSA	150.0	209.8	139.8
Fort Myers-Cape Coral, FL MSA	24.7	33.2	134.2
Fort Pierce-Port St. Lucie, FL MSA	29.0	37.0	127.4
Fort Wayne, IN MSA	340.0	221.1	65.0
Fresno, CA MSA	77.9	67.0	85.9
Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson, SC MSA	4.0	4.4	109.3

Table 9 (continued)

	Population per		Index of Change
	Resident Member 1990	2000	
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle, PA MSA	281.9	262.4	93.1
Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir, NC MSA	4.0	4.4	108.3
Honolulu, HI MSA	93.4	93.4	100.0
Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH MSA	16.9	16.9	100.2
Huntsville, AL MSA	7.2	7.0	97.0
Jackson, MS MSA	5.9	6.4	108.1
Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol, TN-VA Ms	6.2	6.2	101.1
Kalamazoo-Battle Creek, MI MSA	227.1	333.7	146.9
Killeen-Temple, TX MSA	10.9	10.6	96.8
Knoxville, TN MSA	3.8	4.4	115.4
Lafayette, LA MSA	30.5	30.9	101.3
Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL MSA	9.9	12.4	125.8
Lancaster, PA MSA	288.0	351.8	122.1
Lansing-East Lansing, MI MSA	301.9	346.0	114.6
Lexington, KY MSA	9.6	10.1	106.0
Lincoln, NE MSA	328.7	200.1	60.9
Little Rock-North Little Rock, AR MSA	7.3	7.9	107.9
Macon, GA MSA	6.7	7.4	110.8
Madison, WI MSA	791.1	1,921.3	242.9
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX MSA	48.6	49.9	102.8
Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay, FL MSA	23.9	25.3	105.8
Mobile, AL MSA	6.7	7.5	112.4
Modesto, CA MSA	80.4	97.4	121.3
Montgomery, AL MSA	7.3	7.2	99.0
Naples, FL MSA	41.5	45.0	108.4
New London-Norwich, CT NECMA	175.1	731.9	418.0
Ocala, FL MSA	15.1	16.8	111.4
Omaha, NE-IA MSA	125.8	96.4	76.7
Pensacola, FL MSA	8.9	9.5	106.2
Peoria-Pekin, IL MSA	69.9	88.0	125.9
Portland, ME NECMA	600.3	471.8	78.6
Providence-Warwick, RI NECMA	1,134.0	782.8	69.0
Provo-Orem, UT MSA	766.3	1,412.0	184.3
Reading, PA MSA	3,868.1	1,112.0	28.7
Reno, NV MSA	131.7	148.1	112.4
Richmond-Petersburg, VA MSA	9.9	10.9	110.4
Rockford, IL MSA	172.6	263.5	152.6
Saginaw-Bay City-Midland, MI MSA	581.3	548.4	94.3
Salinas, CA MSA	83.7	117.4	140.3
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc, CA MSA	189.3	299.1	158.1

Table 9 (continued)

	Population per		Index of Change
	Resident Member 1990	2000	
Sarasota-Bradenton, FL MSA	26.6	24.7	92.7
Savannah, GA MSA	9.3	10.0	107.2
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton, PA MSA	885.5	1,053.6	119.0
Shreveport-Bossier City, LA MSA	6.1	6.0	98.5
South Bend, IN MSA	560.2	366.3	65.4
Spokane, WA MSA	123.6	85.7	69.3
Springfield, MA NECMA	1,674.7	2,180.9	130.2
Springfield, MO MSA	7.6	7.9	104.4
Stockton-Lodi, CA MSA	95.9	117.6	122.6
Syracuse, NY MSA	750.4	990.7	132.0
Tallahassee, FL MSA	11.5	11.6	100.4
Toledo, OH MSA	199.3	193.6	97.1
Tucson, AZ MSA	43.6	60.6	139.0
Tulsa, OK MSA	8.2	9.4	114.1
Utica-Rome, NY MSA	537.6	772.9	143.8
Visalia-Tulare-Porterville, CA MSA	66.0	84.0	127.2
Wichita, KS MSA	28.0	31.2	111.4
York, PA MSA	187.6	155.4	82.9
Youngstown-Warren, OH MSA	175.1	163.9	93.6

Note: The index of change in population per resident member is calculated by dividing the 2000 population-per-resident member ratio by the 1990 population-per-resident member ratio and multiplying by 100. An index of 100 means that the ratios were the same for both years. An index greater than 100 means that the population-per-resident member ratio worsened from 1990 to 2000. An index less than 100 indicates the ratio improved.

Source: Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C.; Annual Church Profile, LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville, Tenn.; compiled by Research Services, NAMB, Alpharetta, Ga.

Table 10
Rankings of Population per Resident Member, 1990 to 2000,
and Index of Change

	Population per		Index of
	Resident Member Rank		
	1990	2000	Change
			Rank
Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY MSA	3	5	95
Albuquerque, NM MSA	55	51	17
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA MSA	2	1	3
Anchorage, AK MSA	54	53	25
Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah, WI MSA	4	7	96
Augusta-Aiken, GA-SC MSA	86	83	45
Bakersfield, CA MSA	47	54	85
Baton Rouge, LA MSA	76	74	32
Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX MSA	87	86	52
Biloxi-Gulfport-Pascagoula, MS MSA	75	73	37
Binghamton, NY MSA	13	17	89
Birmingham, AL MSA	94	94	58
Boise City, ID MSA	28	31	60
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX MSA	53	52	31
Canton-Massillon, OH MSA	9	4	5
Charleston, WV MSA	38	38	82
Charleston-North Charleston, SC MSA	67	67	26
Chattanooga, TN-GA MSA	90	90	63
Colorado Springs, CO MSA	51	46	9
Columbia, SC MSA	77	78	59
Columbus, GA-AL MSA	82	89	81
Corpus Christi, TX MSA	66	66	54
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL MSA	32	26	8
Daytona Beach, FL MSA	61	61	62
Dayton-Springfield, OH MSA	52	55	53
Des Moines, IA MSA	18	15	7
El Paso, TX MSA	48	48	19
Erie, PA MSA	7	11	83
Eugene-Springfield, OR MSA	36	35	65
Evansville-Henderson, IN-KY MSA	69	69	51
Fayetteville, NC MSA	64	65	66
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR MSA	81	80	33
Fort Collins-Loveland, CO MSA	33	28	14
Fort Myers-Cape Coral, FL MSA	60	57	16
Fort Pierce-Port St. Lucie, FL MSA	57	56	21
Fort Wayne, IN MSA	19	27	93
Fresno, CA MSA	43	45	84
Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson, SC MSA	95	96	44

Table 10 (continued)

	Population per Resident Member Rank		Index of Change
	1990	2000	Rank
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle, PA MSA	23	25	79
Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir, NC MSA	96	97	47
Honolulu, HI MSA	40	41	71
Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH MSA	63	63	70
Huntsville, AL MSA	85	88	75
Jackson, MS MSA	93	91	48
Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol, TN-VA Ms	91	92	68
Kalamazoo-Battle Creek, MI MSA	24	22	11
Killeen-Temple, TX MSA	70	72	76
Knoxville, TN MSA	97	95	34
Lafayette, LA MSA	56	59	67
Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL MSA	72	68	24
Lancaster, PA MSA	22	20	28
Lansing-East Lansing, MI MSA	21	21	35
Lexington, KY MSA	73	75	56
Lincoln, NE MSA	20	29	94
Little Rock-North Little Rock, AR MSA	84	82	49
Macon, GA MSA	88	85	42
Madison, WI MSA	10	3	2
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX MSA	46	49	64
Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay, FL MSA	62	60	57
Mobile, AL MSA	89	84	39
Modesto, CA MSA	42	39	29
Montgomery, AL MSA	83	87	72
Naples, FL MSA	50	50	46
New London-Norwich, CT NECMA	30	14	1
Ocala, FL MSA	65	64	41
Omaha, NE-IA MSA	35	40	88
Pensacola, FL MSA	78	77	55
Peoria-Pekin, IL MSA	44	42	23
Portland, ME NECMA	14	18	87
Providence-Warwick, RI NECMA	6	12	91
Provo-Orem, UT MSA	11	6	4
Reading, PA MSA	1	8	97
Reno, NV MSA	34	34	38
Richmond-Petersburg, VA MSA	71	71	43
Rockford, IL MSA	31	24	10
Saginaw-Bay City-Midland, MI MSA	15	16	77
Salinas, CA MSA	41	37	13
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc, CA MSA	26	23	6

Table 10 (continued)

	Population per Resident Member Rank		Index of Change Rank
	1990	2000	
Sarasota-Bradenton, FL MSA	59	62	80
Savannah, GA MSA	74	76	50
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton, PA MSA	8	9	30
Shreveport-Bossier City, LA MSA	92	93	73
South Bend, IN MSA	16	19	92
Spokane, WA MSA	37	43	90
Springfield, MA NECMA	5	2	20
Springfield, MO MSA	80	81	61
Stockton-Lodi, CA MSA	39	36	27
Syracuse, NY MSA	12	10	18
Tallahassee, FL MSA	68	70	69
Toledo, OH MSA	25	30	74
Tucson, AZ MSA	49	47	15
Tulsa, OK MSA	79	79	36
Utica-Rome, NY MSA	17	13	12
Visalia-Tulare-Porterville, CA MSA	45	44	22
Wichita, KS MSA	58	58	40
York, PA MSA	27	33	86
Youngstown-Warren, OH MSA	29	32	78

Source: Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C.; Annual Church Profile, LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville, Tenn.; compiled by Research Services, NAMB, Alpharetta, Ga.

Table 11
Total Baptisms, 1990 to 2000

	Total Baptisms		Change	
	1990	2000	Net	Percent
Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY MSA	32	53	21	65.6 %
Albuquerque, NM MSA	898	826	-72	-8.0
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA MSA	12	16	4	33.3
Anchorage, AK MSA	531	307	-224	-42.2
Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah, WI MSA	10	27	17	170.0
Augusta-Aiken, GA-SC MSA	1,756	2270	514	29.3
Bakersfield, CA MSA	773	1154	381	49.3
Baton Rouge, LA MSA	1,798	1539	-259	-14.4
Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX MSA	1,766	1675	-91	-5.2
Biloxi-Gulfport-Pascagoula, MS MSA	1,379	1301	-78	-5.7
Binghamton, NY MSA	18	44	26	144.4
Birmingham, AL MSA	4,658	5290	632	13.6
Boise City, ID MSA	85	106	21	24.7
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX MSA	283	411	128	45.2
Canton-Massillon, OH MSA	35	34	-1	-2.9
Charleston, WV MSA	64	157	93	145.3
Charleston-North Charleston, SC MSA	1,196	1289	93	7.8
Chattanooga, TN-GA MSA	2,014	1718	-296	-14.7
Colorado Springs, CO MSA	477	384	-93	-19.5
Columbia, SC MSA	1,673	1695	22	1.3
Columbus, GA-AL MSA	1,255	1857	602	48.0
Corpus Christi, TX MSA	968	1237	269	27.8
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL MSA	136	98	-38	-27.9
Daytona Beach, FL MSA	788	968	180	22.8
Dayton-Springfield, OH MSA	1,153	1031	-122	-10.6
Des Moines, IA MSA	52	76	24	46.2
El Paso, TX MSA	664	484	-180	-27.1
Erie, PA MSA	12	36	24	200.0
Eugene-Springfield, OR MSA	80	119	39	48.8
Evansville-Henderson, IN-KY MSA	849	689	-160	-18.8
Fayetteville, NC MSA	550	779	229	41.6
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR MSA	1,564	1783	219	14.0
Fort Collins-Loveland, CO MSA	86	11	-75	-87.2
Fort Myers-Cape Coral, FL MSA	737	680	-57	-7.7
Fort Pierce-Port St. Lucie, FL MSA	373	474	101	27.1
Fort Wayne, IN MSA	106	94	-12	-11.3
Fresno, CA MSA	385	934	549	142.6
Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson, SC MSA	5,657	5721	64	1.1
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle, PA MSA	114	143	29	25.4
Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir, NC MSA	2,046	2377	331	16.2

Table 11 (continued)

	Total Baptisms		Change	
	1990	2000	Net	Percent
Honolulu, HI MSA	495	412	-83	-16.8 %
Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH MSA	497	532	35	7.0
Huntsville, AL MSA	1,598	2020	422	26.4
Jackson, MS MSA	2,264	2274	10	0.4
Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol, TN-VA Ms	1,973	2275	302	15.3
Kalamazoo-Battle Creek, MI MSA	101	40	-61	-60.4
Killeen-Temple, TX MSA	1,255	1372	117	9.3
Knoxville, TN MSA	4,086	4516	430	10.5
Lafayette, LA MSA	707	563	-144	-20.4
Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL MSA	1,513	2001	488	32.3
Lancaster, PA MSA	61	57	-4	-6.6
Lansing-East Lansing, MI MSA	56	101	45	80.4
Lexington, KY MSA	1,116	1231	115	10.3
Lincoln, NE MSA	46	72	26	56.5
Little Rock-North Little Rock, AR MSA	2,457	2358	-99	-4.0
Macon, GA MSA	1,459	1585	126	8.6
Madison, WI MSA	40	20	-20	-50.0
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX MSA	543	858	315	58.0
Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay, FL MSA	855	1066	211	24.7
Mobile, AL MSA	2,255	1968	-287	-12.7
Modesto, CA MSA	259	263	4	1.5
Montgomery, AL MSA	1,107	1497	390	35.2
Naples, FL MSA	327	374	47	14.4
New London-Norwich, CT NECMA	125	16	-109	-87.2
Ocala, FL MSA	670	732	62	9.3
Omaha, NE-IA MSA	235	392	157	66.8
Pensacola, FL MSA	1,349	1847	498	36.9
Peoria-Pekin, IL MSA	171	166	-5	-2.9
Portland, ME NECMA	50	35	-15	-30.0
Providence-Warwick, RI NECMA	57	37	-20	-35.1
Provo-Orem, UT MSA	5	7	2	40.0
Reading, PA MSA	8	15	7	87.5
Reno, NV MSA	217	209	-8	-3.7
Richmond-Petersburg, VA MSA	2,125	2596	471	22.2
Rockford, IL MSA	119	81	-38	-31.9
Saginaw-Bay City-Midland, MI MSA	35	17	-18	-51.4
Salinas, CA MSA	247	216	-31	-12.6
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc, CA MSA	133	39	-94	-70.7
Sarasota-Bradenton, FL MSA	799	1350	551	69.0
Savannah, GA MSA	945	1081	136	14.4

Table 11 (continued)

	Total Baptisms		Change	
	1990	2000	Net	Percent
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton, PA MSA	45	42	-3	-6.7 %
Shreveport-Bossier City, LA MSA	2,247	1814	-433	-19.3
South Bend, IN MSA	35	127	92	262.9
Spokane, WA MSA	173	222	49	28.3
Springfield, MA NECMA	25	0	-25	-100.0
Springfield, MO MSA	1,172	1233	61	5.2
Stockton-Lodi, CA MSA	242	236	-6	-2.5
Syracuse, NY MSA	78	31	-47	-60.3
Tallahassee, FL MSA	555	748	193	34.8
Toledo, OH MSA	163	97	-66	-40.5
Tucson, AZ MSA	875	669	-206	-23.5
Tulsa, OK MSA	3,713	3229	-484	-13.0
Utica-Rome, NY MSA	80	28	-52	-65.0
Visalia-Tulare-Porterville, CA MSA	236	256	20	8.5
Wichita, KS MSA	627	632	5	0.8
York, PA MSA	108	71	-37	-34.3
Youngstown-Warren, OH MSA	221	130	-91	-41.2

Source: Annual Church Profile, LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville, Tenn.; compiled by Research Services, NAMB, Alpharetta, Ga.

Table 12
Rankings of Total Baptisms and Change, 1990 to 2000

	Total Baptisms Rank		Change Rank	
	1990	2000	Net	Percent
Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY MSA	90	78	46	11
Albuquerque, NM MSA	32	38	77	66
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA MSA	93	92	53	24
Anchorage, AK MSA	47	55	92	88
Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah, WI MSA	95	89	49	3
Augusta-Aiken, GA-SC MSA	15	10	5	26
Bakersfield, CA MSA	38	31	12	14
Baton Rouge, LA MSA	13	22	93	72
Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX MSA	14	20	81	61
Biloxi-Gulfport-Pascagoula, MS MSA	21	26	79	62
Binghamton, NY MSA	92	79	41	5
Birmingham, AL MSA	2	2	1	41
Boise City, ID MSA	74	68	46	32
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX MSA	54	51	24	18
Canton-Massillon, OH MSA	87	86	56	57
Charleston, WV MSA	78	63	29	4
Charleston-North Charleston, SC MSA	25	27	29	48
Chattanooga, TN-GA MSA	11	18	95	73
Colorado Springs, CO MSA	50	53	83	77
Columbia, SC MSA	16	19	45	52
Columbus, GA-AL MSA	23	14	2	16
Corpus Christi, TX MSA	30	28	16	28
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL MSA	65	70	70	81
Daytona Beach, FL MSA	37	35	21	34
Dayton-Springfield, OH MSA	27	34	87	67
Des Moines, IA MSA	82	74	43	17
El Paso, TX MSA	42	48	90	80
Erie, PA MSA	93	84	43	2
Eugene-Springfield, OR MSA	75	67	38	15
Evansville-Henderson, IN-KY MSA	35	42	89	75
Fayetteville, NC MSA	45	39	17	19
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR MSA	18	17	18	40
Fort Collins-Loveland, CO MSA	73	95	78	96
Fort Myers-Cape Coral, FL MSA	39	43	74	65
Fort Pierce-Port St. Lucie, FL MSA	52	49	28	29
Fort Wayne, IN MSA	71	72	62	68
Fresno, CA MSA	51	36	4	6
Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson, SC MSA	1	1	32	53
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle, PA MSA	69	64	40	31
Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir, NC MSA	10	6	13	36

Table 12 (continued)

	Total Baptisms Rank		Change Rank	
	1990	2000	Net	Percent
Honolulu, HI MSA	49	50	80	74
Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH MSA	48	47	39	49
Huntsville, AL MSA	17	11	10	30
Jackson, MS MSA	6	9	50	55
Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol, TN-VA Ms	12	8	15	37
Kalamazoo-Battle Creek, MI MSA	72	81	75	92
Killeen-Temple, TX MSA	23	24	26	44
Knoxville, TN MSA	3	3	9	42
Lafayette, LA MSA	40	46	88	78
Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL MSA	19	12	7	25
Lancaster, PA MSA	79	77	58	63
Lansing-East Lansing, MI MSA	81	69	37	8
Lexington, KY MSA	28	30	27	43
Lincoln, NE MSA	84	75	41	13
Little Rock-North Little Rock, AR MSA	5	7	85	60
Macon, GA MSA	20	21	25	46
Madison, WI MSA	86	90	65	89
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX MSA	46	37	14	12
Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay, FL MSA	34	33	19	33
Mobile, AL MSA	7	13	94	70
Modesto, CA MSA	55	56	53	51
Montgomery, AL MSA	29	23	11	22
Naples, FL MSA	53	54	36	39
New London-Norwich, CT NECMA	67	92	86	95
Ocala, FL MSA	41	41	33	45
Omaha, NE-IA MSA	59	52	22	10
Pensacola, FL MSA	22	15	6	21
Peoria-Pekin, IL MSA	63	62	59	58
Portland, ME NECMA	83	85	63	82
Providence-Warwick, RI NECMA	80	83	65	85
Provo-Orem, UT MSA	97	96	55	20
Reading, PA MSA	96	94	51	7
Reno, NV MSA	61	61	61	59
Richmond-Petersburg, VA MSA	9	5	8	35
Rockford, IL MSA	68	73	70	83
Saginaw-Bay City-Midland, MI MSA	87	91	64	90
Salinas, CA MSA	56	60	68	69
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc, CA MSA	66	82	84	94
Sarasota-Bradenton, FL MSA	36	25	3	9
Savannah, GA MSA	31	32	23	38

Table 12 (continued)

	Total Baptisms Rank		Change Rank	
	1990	2000	Net	Percent
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton, PA MSA	85	80	57	64
Shreveport-Bossier City, LA MSA	8	16	96	76
South Bend, IN MSA	87	66	31	1
Spokane, WA MSA	62	59	35	27
Springfield, MA NECMA	91	97	67	97
Springfield, MO MSA	26	29	34	50
Stockton-Lodi, CA MSA	57	58	60	56
Syracuse, NY MSA	77	87	72	91
Tallahassee, FL MSA	44	40	20	23
Toledo, OH MSA	64	71	76	86
Tucson, AZ MSA	33	44	91	79
Tulsa, OK MSA	4	4	97	71
Utica-Rome, NY MSA	75	88	73	93
Visalia-Tulare-Porterville, CA MSA	58	57	48	47
Wichita, KS MSA	43	45	52	54
York, PA MSA	70	76	69	84
Youngstown-Warren, OH MSA	60	65	81	87

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Table 13
Total Baptisms per 1,000 Population,
1990 and 2000

	Baptisms per	
	1,000 Population	
	1990	2000
Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY MSA	0.0	0.1
Albuquerque, NM MSA	1.5	1.2
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA MSA	0.0	0.0
Anchorage, AK MSA	2.3	1.2
Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah, WI MSA	0.0	0.1
Augusta-Aiken, GA-SC MSA	4.2	4.8
Bakersfield, CA MSA	1.4	1.7
Baton Rouge, LA MSA	3.4	2.6
Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX MSA	4.9	4.3
Biloxi-Gulfport-Pascagoula, MS MSA	4.4	3.6
Binghamton, NY MSA	0.1	0.2
Birmingham, AL MSA	5.5	5.7
Boise City, ID MSA	0.3	0.2
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX MSA	1.1	1.2
Canton-Massillon, OH MSA	0.1	0.1
Charleston, WV MSA	0.3	0.6
Charleston-North Charleston, SC MSA	2.4	2.3
Chattanooga, TN-GA MSA	4.7	3.7
Colorado Springs, CO MSA	1.2	0.7
Columbia, SC MSA	3.7	3.2
Columbus, GA-AL MSA	4.8	6.8
Corpus Christi, TX MSA	2.8	3.2
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL MSA	0.4	0.3
Daytona Beach, FL MSA	2.0	2.0
Dayton-Springfield, OH MSA	1.2	1.1
Des Moines, IA MSA	0.1	0.2
El Paso, TX MSA	1.1	0.7
Erie, PA MSA	0.0	0.1
Eugene-Springfield, OR MSA	0.3	0.4
Evansville-Henderson, IN-KY MSA	3.0	2.3
Fayetteville, NC MSA	2.0	2.6
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR MSA	7.4	5.7
Fort Collins-Loveland, CO MSA	0.5	0.0
Fort Myers-Cape Coral, FL MSA	2.2	1.5
Fort Pierce-Port St. Lucie, FL MSA	1.5	1.5
Fort Wayne, IN MSA	0.2	0.2
Fresno, CA MSA	0.5	1.0
Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson, SC MSA	6.8	5.9
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle, PA MSA	0.2	0.2
Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir, NC MSA	7.0	7.0

Table 13 (continued)

	Baptisms per	
	1,000 Population	
	1990	2000
Honolulu, HI MSA	0.6	0.5
Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH MSA	1.6	1.7
Huntsville, AL MSA	5.5	5.9
Jackson, MS MSA	5.7	5.2
Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol, TN-VA Ms	4.5	4.7
Kalamazoo-Battle Creek, MI MSA	0.2	0.1
Killeen-Temple, TX MSA	4.9	4.4
Knoxville, TN MSA	7.0	6.6
Lafayette, LA MSA	2.0	1.5
Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL MSA	3.7	4.1
Lancaster, PA MSA	0.1	0.1
Lansing-East Lansing, MI MSA	0.1	0.2
Lexington, KY MSA	2.7	2.6
Lincoln, NE MSA	0.2	0.3
Little Rock-North Little Rock, AR MSA	4.8	4.0
Macon, GA MSA	5.0	4.9
Madison, WI MSA	0.1	0.0
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX MSA	1.4	1.5
Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay, FL MSA	2.1	2.2
Mobile, AL MSA	4.7	3.6
Modesto, CA MSA	0.7	0.6
Montgomery, AL MSA	3.8	4.5
Naples, FL MSA	2.1	1.5
New London-Norwich, CT NECMA	0.5	0.1
Ocala, FL MSA	3.4	2.8
Omaha, NE-IA MSA	0.4	0.5
Pensacola, FL MSA	3.9	4.5
Peoria-Pekin, IL MSA	0.5	0.5
Portland, ME NECMA	0.2	0.1
Providence-Warwick, RI NECMA	0.1	0.0
Provo-Orem, UT MSA	0.0	0.0
Reading, PA MSA	0.0	0.0
Reno, NV MSA	0.9	0.6
Richmond-Petersburg, VA MSA	2.5	2.6
Rockford, IL MSA	0.4	0.2
Saginaw-Bay City-Midland, MI MSA	0.1	0.0
Salinas, CA MSA	0.7	0.5
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc, CA MSA	0.4	0.1
Sarasota-Bradenton, FL MSA	1.6	2.3
Savannah, GA MSA	3.7	3.7

Table 13 (continued)

	Baptisms per	
	1,000 Population	
	1990	2000
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton, PA MSA	0.1	0.1
Shreveport-Bossier City, LA MSA	6.0	4.6
South Bend, IN MSA	0.1	0.5
Spokane, WA MSA	0.5	0.5
Springfield, MA NECMA	0.0	0.0
Springfield, MO MSA	4.4	3.8
Stockton-Lodi, CA MSA	0.5	0.4
Syracuse, NY MSA	0.1	0.0
Tallahassee, FL MSA	2.4	2.6
Toledo, OH MSA	0.3	0.2
Tucson, AZ MSA	1.3	0.8
Tulsa, OK MSA	5.2	4.0
Utica-Rome, NY MSA	0.3	0.1
Visalia-Tulare-Porterville, CA MSA	0.8	0.7
Wichita, KS MSA	1.3	1.2
York, PA MSA	0.3	0.2
Youngstown-Warren, OH MSA	0.4	0.2

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Table 14
Rankings of Total Baptisms, 1990 and 2000

	Baptisms per 1,000	
	Population Rank	
	1990	2000
Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY MSA	93	88
Albuquerque, NM MSA	43	48
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA MSA	96	95
Anchorage, AK MSA	34	46
Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah, WI MSA	94	85
Augusta-Aiken, GA-SC MSA	20	10
Bakersfield, CA MSA	45	38
Baton Rouge, LA MSA	27	32
Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX MSA	12	16
Biloxi-Gulfport-Pascagoula, MS MSA	19	24
Binghamton, NY MSA	89	75
Birmingham, AL MSA	7	6
Boise City, ID MSA	70	68
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX MSA	52	45
Canton-Massillon, OH MSA	86	84
Charleston, WV MSA	73	55
Charleston-North Charleston, SC MSA	33	33
Chattanooga, TN-GA MSA	15	21
Colorado Springs, CO MSA	50	52
Columbia, SC MSA	24	26
Columbus, GA-AL MSA	13	2
Corpus Christi, TX MSA	29	25
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL MSA	64	67
Daytona Beach, FL MSA	40	37
Dayton-Springfield, OH MSA	49	49
Des Moines, IA MSA	82	76
El Paso, TX MSA	51	53
Erie, PA MSA	91	79
Eugene-Springfield, OR MSA	71	65
Evansville-Henderson, IN-KY MSA	28	34
Fayetteville, NC MSA	39	30
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR MSA	1	7
Fort Collins-Loveland, CO MSA	63	90
Fort Myers-Cape Coral, FL MSA	35	40
Fort Pierce-Port St. Lucie, FL MSA	44	43
Fort Wayne, IN MSA	76	73
Fresno, CA MSA	58	50
Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson, SC MSA	4	4
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle, PA MSA	79	69
Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir, NC MSA	2	1

Table 14 (continued)

	Baptisms per 1,000	
	Population Rank	
	1990	2000
Honolulu, HI MSA	57	63
Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH MSA	42	39
Huntsville, AL MSA	8	5
Jackson, MS MSA	6	8
Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol, TN-VA Ms	17	11
Kalamazoo-Battle Creek, MI MSA	75	83
Killeen-Temple, TX MSA	11	15
Knoxville, TN MSA	3	3
Lafayette, LA MSA	38	44
Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL MSA	23	17
Lancaster, PA MSA	80	80
Lansing-East Lansing, MI MSA	83	70
Lexington, KY MSA	30	31
Lincoln, NE MSA	77	66
Little Rock-North Little Rock, AR MSA	14	18
Macon, GA MSA	10	9
Madison, WI MSA	84	89
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX MSA	46	41
Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay, FL MSA	37	36
Mobile, AL MSA	16	23
Modesto, CA MSA	55	57
Montgomery, AL MSA	22	13
Naples, FL MSA	36	42
New London-Norwich, CT NECMA	61	87
Ocala, FL MSA	26	27
Omaha, NE-IA MSA	66	58
Pensacola, FL MSA	21	14
Peoria-Pekin, IL MSA	59	62
Portland, ME NECMA	78	78
Providence-Warwick, RI NECMA	90	94
Provo-Orem, UT MSA	97	96
Reading, PA MSA	95	93
Reno, NV MSA	53	56
Richmond-Petersburg, VA MSA	31	29
Rockford, IL MSA	67	72
Saginaw-Bay City-Midland, MI MSA	87	92
Salinas, CA MSA	56	59
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc, CA MSA	68	81
Sarasota-Bradenton, FL MSA	41	35
Savannah, GA MSA	25	22

Table 14 (continued)

	Baptisms per 1,000	
	Population Rank	
	1990	2000
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton, PA MSA	88	86
Shreveport-Bossier City, LA MSA	5	12
South Bend, IN MSA	81	61
Spokane, WA MSA	62	60
Springfield, MA NECMA	92	97
Springfield, MO MSA	18	20
Stockton-Lodi, CA MSA	60	64
Syracuse, NY MSA	85	91
Tallahassee, FL MSA	32	28
Toledo, OH MSA	72	77
Tucson, AZ MSA	47	51
Tulsa, OK MSA	9	19
Utica-Rome, NY MSA	74	82
Visalia-Tulare-Porterville, CA MSA	54	54
Wichita, KS MSA	48	47
York, PA MSA	69	74
Youngstown-Warren, OH MSA	65	71

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Christian Resources, Nashville, Tenn.; compiled by Research Services, NAMB,
Alpharetta, Ga.