

# TABLE OF ESTIMATED SIZE OF THE PROTESTANT MOVEMENT IN PUERTO RICO, 1989 & 2012

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TRADITIONS / FAMILIES & DENOMINATIONS	1989 NUMBER OF CONG.	1989 % OF TOTAL CONG.	1989 ESTIMATED PROT. COM- MUNITY	2012 NUMBER OF CONG.	2012 % OF TOTAL CONG.	2012 ESTIMATED PROT. COM- MUNITY
<b>1.0 LITURGICAL TRADITION (Formerly were "Established Churches" or State Churches in Europe)</b>	191	3.9%		267	6.4%	
<b>1.1 LUTHERAN FAMILY</b>	26		5,049	20		
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)				16		
Church of the Lutheran Confession				2		
Other Lutheran churches				2		
<b>1.2 REFORMED-PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL FAMILIES</b>	127			170		
Christian Reformed Church				1		
Presbyterian Church in the USA / Boriquen Synod	69		9,256	85		
Reformed Presbyterian Church / Orthodox Presbyterian Church				45		
United Evangelical Church (a union of the Congregational Church, the Evangelical United Brethren and the Christian Church in 1931; now affiliated with the United Church of Christ in the USA)	58		5,000	39		
Other Presbyterian churches						
<b>1.3 ANGLICAN/EPISCOPAL FAMILY</b>	38		12,000	76		
Puerto Rican Episcopal Church	38		12,000	65		
Reformed Episcopal Church				9		
Other Anglican-Episcopal churches				2		
<b>2.0 SEPARATIST TRADITION ("Free Church" Origin)</b>	566	11.5%	111,559	816	19.4%	
<b>2.1 MENNONITE FAMILY OF CHURCHES</b>				7		
Convention of Conservative Mennonite Churches				3		
Other Mennonite				4		
<b>2.2 BAPTIST FAMILY OF CHURCHES</b>	192		68,200	311		
Baptist Convention of Puerto Rico (American Baptist Foreign Mission Society)	82		54,000	117		
Baptist Association (Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board)	59		4,200	53		

Baptist Mid-Missions related Churches				7		
Bible Baptist Churches				13		
Conservative Baptist Churches				1		
Independent Fundamental Baptist Churches	51		10,000	13		
Macedonia World Baptist Mission-related Churches				1		
Marantha Baptist Mission Churches				2		
National Association of Free Will Baptists				1		
Other Baptist Churches				103		
<b>2.3 PIETIST FAMILY OF CHURCHES</b>	<b>113</b>			<b>130</b>		
Council of the United Brethren in Christ	43			7		
Brethren Church (Ashland, OH)				1		
Evangelical Congregational Church, Inc.				1		
Methodist Church of Puerto Rico (United Methodist)	70		10,000	121		
<b>2.4 INDEPENDENT FUNDAMENTALIST CHURCHES</b>						
Brethren Assemblies						
Grace Gospel Fellowship						
Berachah Church						
<b>2.5 HOLINESS FAMILY OF CHURCHES</b>	<b>140</b>			<b>173</b>		
Christian & Missionary Alliance	51		5,631	87		
Church of the Nazarene	36		4,500	38		
Evangelical Wesleyan Church	14		1,584	6		
Free Methodist Church	2		90	7		
The Missionary Church Council	32			24		
The Salvation Army	5		824	11		
<b>2.6 RESTORATION MOVEMENT CHURCHES</b>	<b>93</b>		<b>17,600</b>	<b>180</b>		
Christian Church/Disciples of Christ	93		17,600	125		
Churches of Christ (fellowship of independent churches)				55		
<b>2.7 OTHER SEPARATIST CHURCHES (unclassified)</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>2,230</b>	<b>1</b>		
House of Youth Church	15		2,230	1		
Others						
<b>3.0 ADVENTIST TRADITION</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>7.7%</b>	
Seventh-Day Adventist Church, General Council	245		35,000	321		
Seventh-Day Adventist Reform Movement						
Church of God Seventh-Day				1		
Worldwide Church of God						
<b>4.0 PENTECOSTAL TRADITION</b>	<b>3930</b>	<b>80.0%</b>	<b>820,000</b>	<b>2038</b>	<b>48.5%</b>	
<b>4.01 PENTECOSTAL APOSTOLIC FAMILY</b>	<b>16</b>			<b>3</b>		
Church of Apostles and Prophets						
Bethesda Christian Missionary Council	16			3		
Others						

<b>4.02 PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS FAMILY</b>	<b>677</b>			<b>361</b>		
Assembly of Christian Churches	160			196		
Congregational Bible Churches International				1		
Church of God Mission Board (Church of God, Cleveland, TN)	195		14,346	131		
Church of God of Prophecy	21			6		
Damascus Pentecostal Council	17			3		
Evangelical Congregational Church of Puerto Rico						
Missionary Church of Christ (originally part of the Church of Christ in the Antilles, prior to 1938)	81		8,000	12		
Pentecostal Council of Jesus Christ (a split from the Pentecostal Church of God in 1940)	70					
Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Churches				1		
Rays of Hope Pentecostal Movement				5		
True Church of God Council	18					
United Christian Assemblies	65					
Universal Church of Jesus Christ (originally part of the Church of Christ in the Antilles, prior to 1938)	50			6		
Other Pentecostal Holiness churches						
<b>4.03 JESUS-ONLY (ONENESS) PENTECOSTAL FAMILY</b>				<b>22</b>		
Apostolic Assembly (Church) of Faith in Jesus Christ						
Latin American United Pentecostal Church				22		
New Apostolic Church						
<b>4.04 FINISHED WORK OF CHRIST PENTECOSTAL FAMILY</b>	<b>1711</b>			<b>1423</b>		
Assemblies of God, General Council (Springfield, Missouri)	326			241		
FIADAH				16		
Assemblies of Pentecostal Churches of Jesus Christ				13		
Council of the Church of the Lord	15			1		
Council of the Church of God, Inc.	117			124		
Defenders of the Faith	123		12,000	212		
International Church of Foursquare Gospel				2		
Intl. Council Pentecostal Churches of Jesus Christ				100		
Intl. Council of Churches Freed by Jesus Christ				1		
Latin American Council of the Pentecostal Church of God	43			2		
Open Bible Standard Churches				1		
Missionary Association of Pentecostal Churches				3		
Pentecostal Church of God, International Mission (between 1921 and 1947 was related to the Assemblies of God, Springfield, MO)	480		66,953	623		
Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ, Intl. Mission				5		
Samaria Council, Inc.	27			5		
Victory Outreach				1		
Worldwide Missionary Movement, Inc.	580			73		

<b>4.05 SABBATICAL PENTECOSTAL FAMILY</b>				1		
International Evangelical Church, Soldiers of the Cross of Christ (formerly known as Gideonites)				1		
<b>4.06 DELIVERANCE &amp; HEALING PENTECOSTAL FAMILY</b>						
Other Deliverance Pentecostal Churches						
<b>4.07 LATTER-RAIN PENTECOSTAL FAMILY</b>						
Apostolic Christian Church						
Elim Fellowship						
<b>4.08 CHARISMATIC PENTECOSTAL FAMILY</b>	55			66		
Body of Christ Charismatic Church of Ciales						
Calvary Chapel of Puerto Rico				2		
Christian Ministry of the Catacombs	13		900	21		
Fellowship of Charismatic Christian Churches	50		3,000	8		
Revival Presbyterian Church	5		1,500	1		
Vineyard Fellowship of Churches				3		
United Evangelical Churches						
Other Charismatic churches				31		
<b>4.09 SHEPHERDING PENTECOSTAL FAMILY</b>				6		
Elim Christian Mission of El Salvador				1		
International Charismatic Mision of Colombia				5		
<b>4.10 WORD OF FAITH PENTECOSTAL FAMILY</b>						
Holy Spirit & Fire Council of Churches						
<b>4.11 NEW APOSTOLIC REFORMATION</b>				7		
Elim Christian Mission of Guatemala				1		
Ebenezer Church of Christ (Guatemala)				1		
Ebenezer Church of Christ (Honduras)						
Palabra MI-EL Christian Church (Guatemala)						
Prince of Peace Evangelical Church (Guatemala)						
Restoration in Christ Church				5		
<b>4.12 UNCLASSIFIED PENTECOSTAL CHURCHES</b>	1471			149		
Christian and Missionary Union Movement	37					
Council of Evangelical Christian Churches				1		
Federation of Alpha & Omega Pentecostal Churches	13			4		
Fountain of Salvation Missionary Church	72			7		
Habacuc Council, Inc.	21			9		
House of God, Door of Heaven Christian Mission				3		
Mount Moriah Council, Inc. - Concilio Monte Moriah	14			1		
The Good Samaritan Church	18			4		
The New Testament Church				17		
Independent non-affiliated Pentecostal Churches	1280		320,000	103		
<b>6.0 OTHER PROTESTANT CHURCHES / UNCLASSIFIED</b>				769	18.3%	

<b>SUBTOTAL UNCLASSIFIED IN ONLINE DATABASE</b>				475		
<b>SUBTOTAL FOR ADDITIONAL CHURCHES W/O ADDRESSES</b>				294		
<b>TOTALS (Estimated for July 1989)</b>	4,932	100%	1,002,364			
<b>TOTAL POPULATION: mid-1990 = 3,522,037 (100%)</b>			28.5%			
<b>TOTALS (Estimated for July 2010)</b>				4,198	100%	986,950
<b>TOTAL POPULATION: mid-2010 = 3,725,789 (100%)</b>						26.5%
<b>TOTAL POPULATION: mid-2010 = 3,725,789 (100%)</b>			ESTIMATED	5,000	X 200%	1,000,000
<b>ESTIMATED PROTESTANT AFFILIATION IN PUERTO RICO, 2012</b>						29-30%

**NOTE:** The information for 1989 is very incomplete due to a general lack of statistical data on each denomination listed in the 1989 Lausanne Puerto Rico Country Committee report. The total number of local churches in our online Protestant church database for Puerto Rico is 3,904 plus 294 additional churches that were not included online because they lack physical or mailing addresses, which gives a total of 4,198 in our current PR database.

**SOURCES:**

(1) "Puerto Rico: A People Prepared," produced by the Lausanne Puerto Rico Country Committee, Country Portrait Series, Lausanne II Congress on World Evangelization, July 11-20, 1989, in Manila, The Philippines (no statistics were given for official membership and only partial statistics were given for "community."). PROLADES believes that the information provided in this report was overly optimistic.

(2) PROLADES research on Puerto Rico, which identified additional Protestant denominations at work there in 1989 that were not listed in the Lausanne Puerto Rico Country Committee report.

(3) PROLADES research on Puerto Rico during 2011-2012, which identified additional Protestant denominations at work there that were not listed in the 1989 Lausanne Puerto Rico Country Committee report. The current PROLADES database includes 4,198 local churches, but there are probably many more churches that we have not discovered yet. Our research was done by mining the Internet and published sources of information; we had neither time or funds to conduct fieldwork in Puerto Rico. Therefore, this report should be considered a research-in-progress report and an encouragement to other researchers to conduct their own fieldwork in Puerto Rico in order to discover the current status of the Protestant movement in this nation.

(4) This preliminary report on the Protestant movement in Puerto Rico reveals that many of the denominations listed in the 1989 Lausanne Puerto Rico Country Committee report had experienced an increase in the number of affiliated churches by July 2012, assuming that the figures reported in 1989 were accurate. However, we believe that the estimate of 1,280 independent Pentecostal churches in 1989 was an inaccurate one, which inflated the total number of Protestant churches reported in Puerto Rico for that date. Additional research needs to be done to determine if those denominations above that seem to have fewer local churches today than in 1989 have actually declined during 1989-2012 or if they actually have more churches that we have discovered so far in our preliminary research. The current total number of local churches in our Puerto Rican database (4,198) is 734 less than the number listed for 1989 (4,932), according to the Lausanne Puerto Rico Country Committee report.

(5) Therefore, we have estimated that for 15 July 2012 there were probably about 5,000 local Protestant churches in Puerto Rico, with an average church size of about 100 members (adult baptized believers); if the Total Protestant Community is twice the average church size, then multiplying the number of local churches (5,000) times 200% gives us a total of about 1,000,000 Protestants in Puerto Rico, or about 29-30% of the national population in mid-2012.

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