

Lostness Indicators

2010 / 2020

Are we going the right direction?



About Lostness Indicators Report

Lostness Indicators report was created by the Missions Mobilization Team of the Kentucky Baptist Convention with information from the Glenmary Research Center. The data is compiled from the Religious Congregations & Membership Study: 2020 and the U.S. Religion Census 2020.

The latest study found that in the US:

Largest Denomination

The Catholic Church is the largest denomination in **1,231 counties** (the U.S. has 3,143 counties).

Nondenominational

There are some **44,319** nondenominational churches, a jump of nearly **9,000 over 10 years ago**, and about 9 million adherents.

Most Churches

Southern Baptists have the most churches of any religious group: **51,379**.

Non-Christian

Non-Christian bodies continue to increase their presence. **The number of Muslims, for example, increased from 2.6 million to 4.5 million.** The USRC includes congregation counts of five other non-Christian bodies, and congregation and adherent counts for Bahá'í, three Buddhist groups, three Hindu groups, and four Jewish groups.

Southern Baptists and United Methodists each **lost more than one million members** from 2010 to 2020.

The following pages contain information for all 120 Kentucky counties and is broken down by four categories: attendance*, membership, adherence, and population.

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* attendance refers to those gathered on any given week for worship.

Church Attendance: How Are We Doing?

There has been a significant decline in church attendance in the United States since the turn of the 21st century, according to multiple surveys of church attendance (Gallup and Pew Research). The trends show that the number of Americans attending church once a week has declined by 12% (from 32% to 20%) since 2000. If we lower the expectation, the number of people attending church once a month has declined by only 2% in the last 20 years, from 13% to 11%. It's important to note that the number of Americans who never or seldom attend a religious service has increased by 7%.

Meanwhile, the decline in church (synagogue, mosque or temple) attendance in the United States varies by demographics. Americans who are younger or older are more likely than those in the middle age groups to have experienced a drop in their church attendance. Black Americans are also more likely than others to see a sharp decline in church attendance.

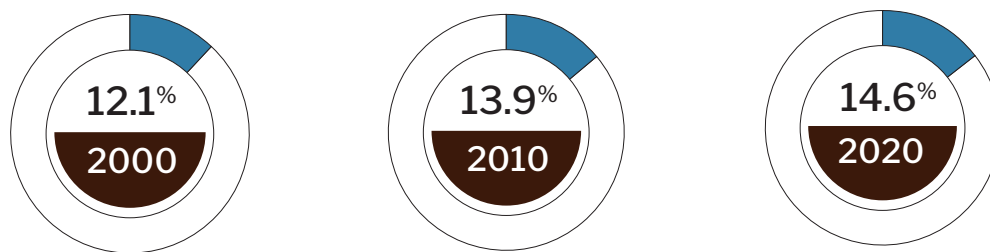
While church attendance may be declining in America, Kentucky doesn't exactly mirror the trend according to Glenmary research (2020). Kentucky experienced an attendance increase, from an average of 13.9% in 2010 to 14.6% in 2020 and a 2.5% increase over 2000 average attendance of 12.1%.

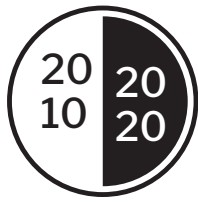
However, these percentage statistics are not necessarily cause for celebration because the number of people attending Kentucky churches has decreased and here's why. Kentucky's population was 4,339,367 in 2010. Since average attendance was 13.9%, that means 3,730,195 (86.1%) people were not in church on any-given Sunday. Kentucky's population increased to 4,505,836 in 2020 and average attendance was 14.6%. While there may have been a percentage increase in average attendance, because of the population increase the number of people not attending a church on any-given Sunday was 3,847,984 (85.4%).

That's an increase of 117,789 non-attenders!

Church leaders should look at these statistics with hope, motivation, and some concern. We have the responsibility and opportunity to connect people in our community with Jesus Christ through the local church. Now is the time to increase our commitment to evangelism, missions, and discipleship while opening our doors to the least of these. What steps will your church take to increase attendance that results in baptizing believers, making disciples and sending members on mission?

Kentucky's Average Church Attendance – Percentage of Population

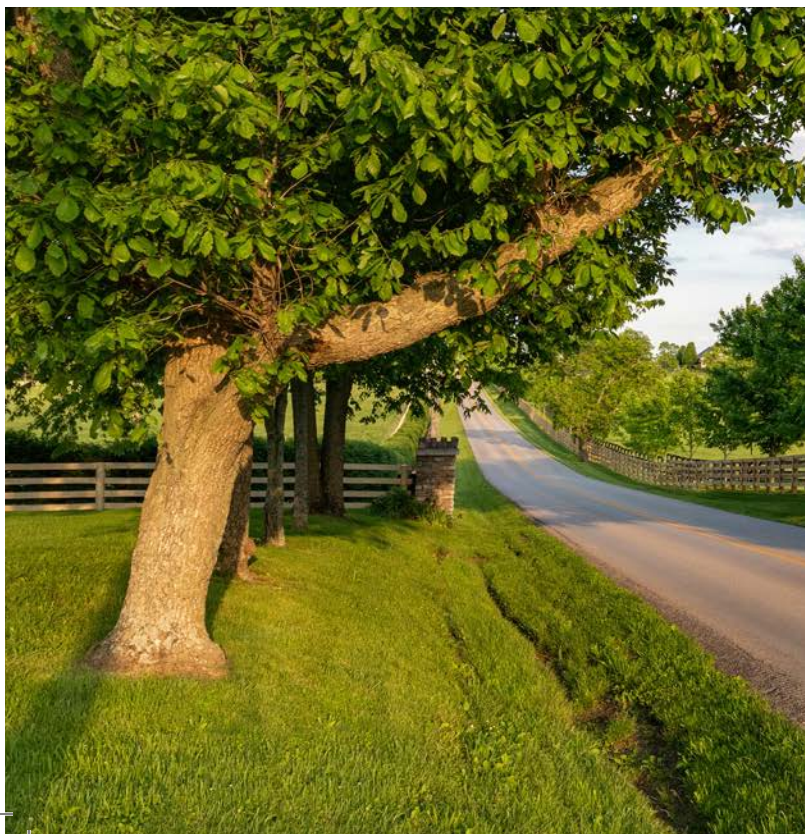




Attendance Comparison

* Percentage of Population from Religious Congregations and Membership in the United States 2010, 2020 (Glenmary Report)

* County	2010	2020	Percentage Difference
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Attendance Comparison

“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NKJV)



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Hickman County	34.9%	38.2%	3.3% ▲
Hopkins County	18.3%	21.3%	3.0% ▲
Jackson County	9.0%	7.5%	-1.5% ▼
Jefferson County	11.4%	11.9%	0.5% ▲
Jessamine County	10.1%	8.3%	-1.8% ▼
Johnson County	7.3%	7.8%	0.5% ▲
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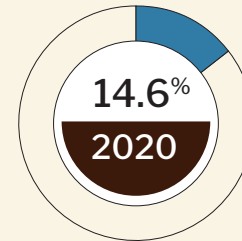
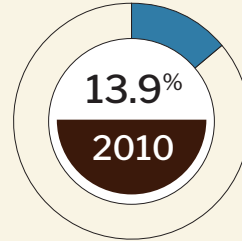
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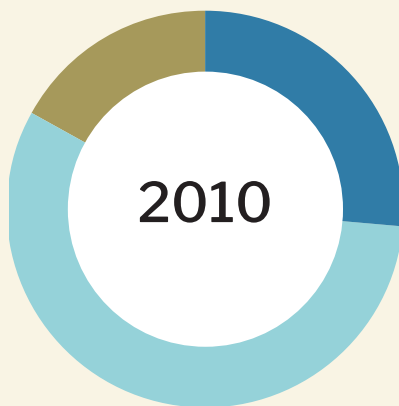
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Metcalfe County	19.6%	20.6%	1.0% ▲
Monroe County	23.4%	23.7%	0.3% ▲
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Nelson County	9.7%	7.6%	-2.1% ▼
Nicholas County	7.8%	8.8%	1.0% ▲
Ohio County	14.5%	18.9%	4.4% ▲
Oldham County	9.6%	6.6%	-3.0% ▼
Owen County	16.3%	10.5%	-5.8% ▼
Owsley County	9.8%	7.5%	-2.3% ▼
Pendleton County	10.5%	10.3%	-0.2% ▼
Perry County	10.8%	11.3%	0.5% ▲
Pike County	8.5%	9.2%	0.7% ▲
Powell County	13.0%	11.1%	-1.9% ▼
Pulaski County	17.9%	18.5%	0.6% ▲
Robertson County	6.5%	13.7%	7.2% ▲
Rockcastle County	17.0%	20.5%	3.5% ▲
Rowan County	8.3%	12.1%	3.8% ▲
Russell County	18.6%	15.9%	-2.7% ▼
Scott County	12.3%	9.1%	-3.2% ▼
Shelby County	11.6%	11.1%	-0.5% ▼
Simpson County	19.2%	14.1%	-5.1% ▼
Spencer County	7.2%	8.5%	1.3% ▲
Taylor County	24.0%	21.2%	-2.8% ▼
Todd County	23.3%	25.5%	2.2% ▲
Trigg County	22.7%	22.9%	0.2% ▲
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Union County	9.9%	13.8%	3.9% ▲
Warren County	16.0%	15.3%	-0.7% ▼
Washington County	16.0%	13.5%	-2.5% ▼
Wayne County	15.4%	14.5%	-0.9% ▼
Webster County	14.1%	17.1%	3.0% ▲
Whitley County	17.7%	20.8%	3.1% ▲
Wolfe County	10.5%	12.0%	1.5% ▲
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Attendance Summary

Average Weekly Attendance in ANY Church



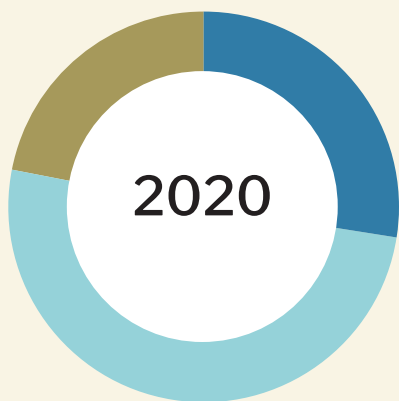
Average Weekly Attendance by County



0-9% Average Attendance **26.6%** or 32 counties

10-19% Average Attendance **56.7%** or 68 counties

Greater than 20% Average Attendance **16.7%** or 20 counties



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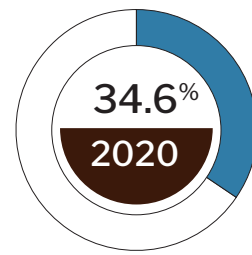
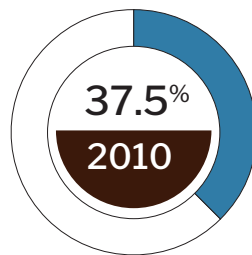
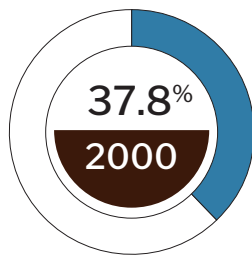
What Does Church Membership Look Like?

According to recent research (Gallup 2021), there has been a continued decline in church membership. The number of American's who say they belong to a church, synagogue or mosque is down 23% from what it was in 1999.

The two main things driving the drop in church membership is more adults with no religious preference and falling rates of church membership among those who do claim religious adherence. These trends are obvious in each of the generations over time.

Overall, while church membership is declining in America, the rate of decline in Kentucky isn't quite as steep according to the most recent Glenmary research (2020). How will Kentucky Baptist churches respond to these changing times?

Percentage of Kentuckians Claiming Church Membership:

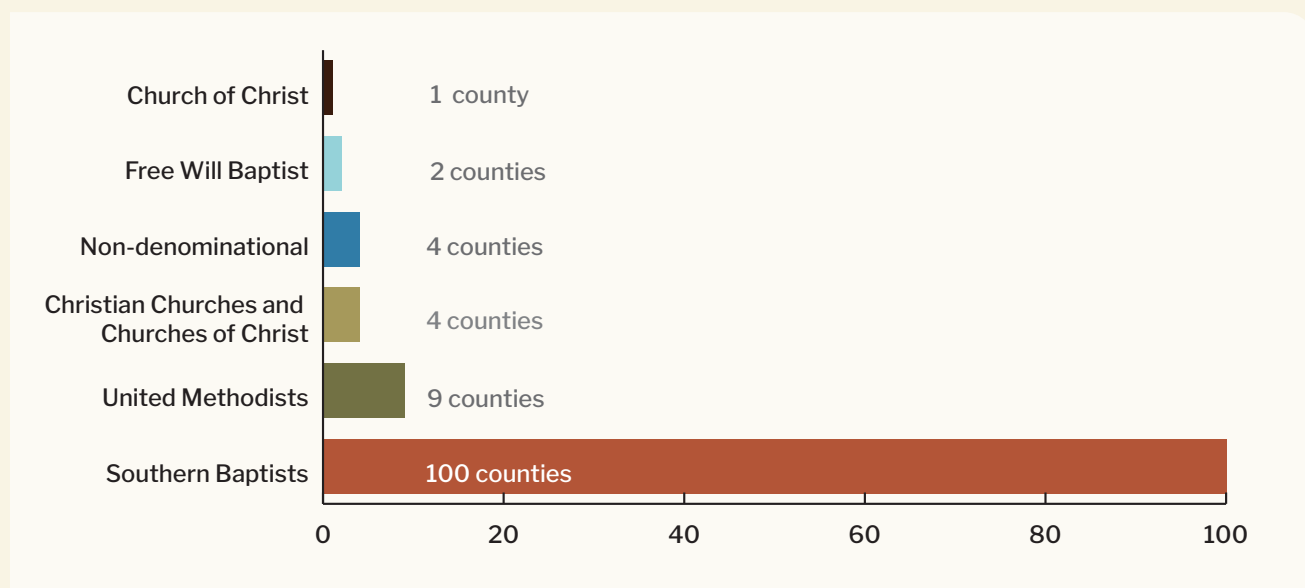


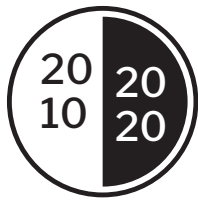
20 Counties Where Largest Percentage of Church Membership is Something OTHER THAN Southern Baptist:

- Adair – United Methodist Church
- Bath – Non-denominational Christian Church
- Bracken – Christian Churches and Churches of Christ
- Breathitt – United Methodist Church
- Cumberland – United Methodist Church
- Elliott – United Methodist Church
- Fleming – United Methodist Church
- Harrison – Christian Churches and Churches of Christ
- Jessamine – Christian Churches and Churches of Christ
- Johnson – National Association of Free Will Baptists
- Lee – Churches of Christ
- Lewis – Christian Churches and Churches of Christ
- Magoffin – Non-denominational Christian Churches
- Martin – National Association of Free Will Baptists
- Mason – United Methodist Church
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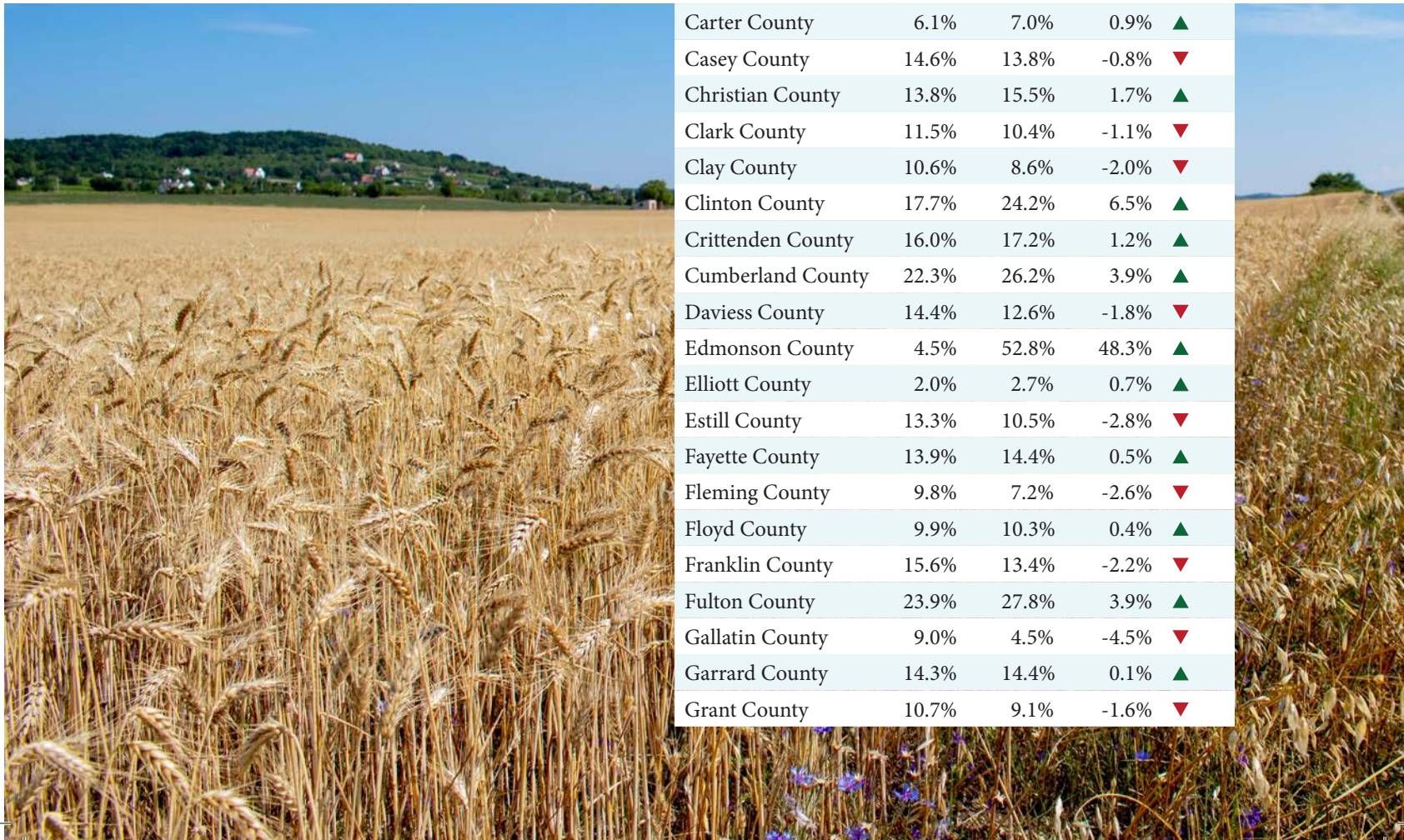




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Membership Comparison

Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy. He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Psalm 126:5-6 (NKJV)



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“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost”.

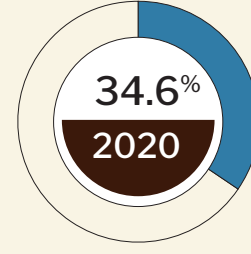
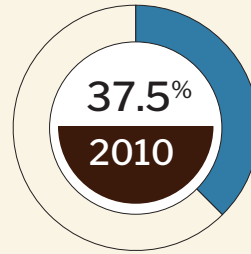
Luke 19:10 (NKJV)



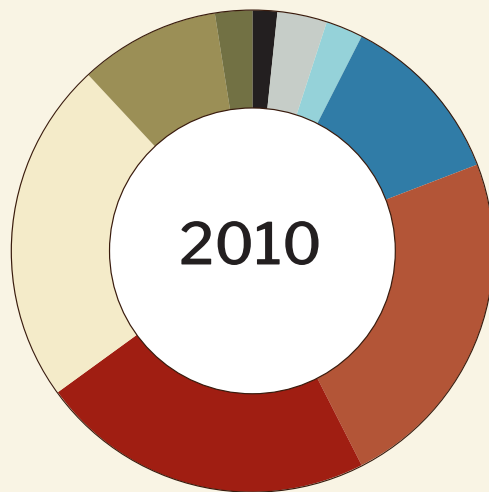
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Robertson County	6.5%	13.7%	7.2% ▲
Rockcastle County	17.0%	20.5%	3.5% ▲
Rowan County	8.3%	12.1%	3.8% ▲
Russell County	18.6%	15.9%	-2.7% ▼
Scott County	12.3%	9.1%	-3.2% ▼
Shelby County	11.6%	11.1%	-0.5% ▼
Simpson County	19.2%	14.1%	-5.1% ▼
Spencer County	7.2%	8.5%	1.3% ▲
Taylor County	24.0%	21.2%	-2.8% ▼
Todd County	23.3%	25.5%	2.2% ▲
Trigg County	22.7%	22.9%	0.2% ▲
Trimble County	10.5%	7.4%	-3.1% ▼
Union County	9.9%	13.8%	3.9% ▲
Warren County	16.0%	15.3%	-0.7% ▼
Washington County	16.0%	13.5%	-2.5% ▼
Wayne County	15.4%	14.5%	-0.9% ▼
Webster County	14.1%	17.1%	3.0% ▲
Whitley County	17.7%	20.8%	3.1% ▲
Wolfe County	10.5%	12.0%	1.5% ▲
Woodford County	16.7%	17.6%	0.9% ▲

Membership Summary

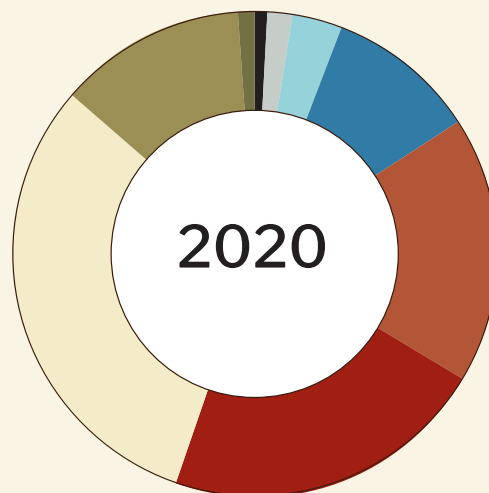
Members of ANY Church



Population of Counties Who are Members of ANY Church



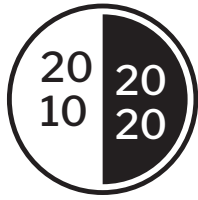
80-89%	1.7%	or 2 counties
70-79%	3.3%	or 4 counties
60-69%	2.5%	or 3 counties
50-59%	11.7%	or 14 counties
40-49%	23.3%	or 28 counties
30-39%	22.5%	or 27 counties
20-29%	23.3%	or 28 counties
10-19%	9.2%	or 11 counties
0-9%	2.5%	or 3 counties



80-89%	.83%	or 1 county
70-79%	1.7%	or 2 counties
60-69%	3.3%	or 4 counties
50-59%	10%	or 12 counties
40-49%	17.5%	or 21 counties
30-39%	21.7%	or 26 counties
20-29%	30.8%	or 37 counties
10-19%	12.5%	or 15 counties
0-9%	.83%	or 1 county

“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?”

Luke 15:4 (NKJV)



Adherents Comparison

* Percentage of population from religious congregations and membership in the United States in 2010, 2020 (Glenmary Report)

County	2010	2020	Percentage Difference
Adair County	35.5%	32.4%	-3.08% ▼
Allen County	31.1%	34.3%	3.2% ▲
Anderson County	59.9%	54.1%	-5.8% ▼
Ballard County	82.3%	89.4%	7.1% ▲
Barren County	47.7%	43.0%	-4.7% ▼
Bath County	42.9%	38.1%	-4.8% ▼
Bell County	73.3%	84.6%	11.3% ▲
Boone County	49.9%	42.5%	-7.4% ▼
Bourbon County	55.6%	44.9%	-10.7% ▼
Boyd County	59.6%	52.3%	-7.3% ▼
Boyle County	83.6%	73.8%	-9.8% ▼
Bracken County	52.8%	42.8%	-10.0% ▼
Breathitt County	14.8%	17.7%	2.9% ▲
Breckinridge County	52.5%	53.0%	0.5% ▲
Bullitt County	33.2%	29.8%	-3.4% ▼
Butler County	68.9%	76.6%	7.7% ▲
Caldwell County	91.0%	97.4%	6.4% ▲
Calloway County	59.2%	61.3%	2.1% ▲
Campbell County	49.2%	50.4%	1.2% ▲
Carlisle County	54.3%	65.5%	11.2% ▲
Carroll County	47.6%	41.8%	-5.8% ▼
Carter County	26.6%	30.8%	4.2% ▲
Casey County	46.0%	51.2%	5.2% ▲
Christian County	53.6%	53.1%	-0.5% ▼
Clark County	52.3%	41.7%	-10.6% ▼
Clay County	43.3%	43.6%	0.3% ▲
Clinton County	49.0%	60.3%	11.3% ▲
Crittenden County	64.7%	64.4%	-0.3% ▼
Cumberland County	41.6%	59.1%	17.5% ▲
Daviess County	69.9%	63.9%	-6.0% ▼
Edmonson County	97.8%	Unavailable	Unavailable
Elliott County	5.1%	9.1%	4.0% ▲
Estill County	43.6%	37.9%	-5.7% ▼
Fayette County	52.2%	48.5%	-3.7% ▼
Fleming County	36.1%	31.5%	-4.6% ▼
Floyd County	31.6%	33.3%	1.7% ▲
Franklin County	57.2%	45.1%	-12.1% ▼
Fulton County	90.4%	74.3%	-16.1% ▼
Gallatin County	44.7%	30.1%	-14.6% ▼
Garrard County	52.2%	50.3%	-1.9% ▼
Grant County	53.3%	50.3%	-3.0% ▼

Adherents Comparison

“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. ... Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.”

Acts 2:42, 45 (NKJV)

* County	2010	2020	Percentage Difference
Graves County	75.8%	73.3%	-2.5% ▼
Grayson County	41.4%	42.6%	1.2% ▲
Green County	87.0%	89.3%	2.3% ▲
Greenup County	41.9%	35.9%	-6.0% ▼
Hancock County	97.9%	87.8%	-10.1% ▼
Hardin County	47.6%	43.9%	-3.7% ▼
Harlan County	51.2%	51.7%	0.5% ▲
Harrison County	55.2%	47.2%	-8.0% ▼
Hart County	50.5%	47.1%	-3.4% ▼
Henderson County	57.6%	57.7%	0.1% ▲
Henry County	53.9%	37.7%	-16.2% ▼
Hickman County	106.5%	Unavailable	Unavailable
Hopkins County	58.0%	62.5%	4.5% ▲
Jackson County	26.4%	34.2%	7.8% ▲
Jefferson County	54.8%	51.1%	-3.7% ▼
Jessamine County	28.8%	55.5%	26.7% ▲
Johnson County	28.0%	29.8%	1.8% ▲
Kenton County	48.5%	43.2%	-5.3% ▼
Knott County	21.9%	26.4%	4.5% ▲
Knox County	53.3%	61.0%	7.7% ▲
Larue County	56.0%	47.8%	-8.2% ▼
Laurel County	43.6%	43.1%	-0.5% ▼
Lawrence County	30.6%	35.9%	5.3% ▲
Lee County	28.1%	30.9%	2.8% ▲
Leslie County	30.8%	30.9%	0.1% ▲
Letcher County	25.2%	31.5%	6.3% ▲
Lewis County	28.0%	23.7%	-4.3% ▼
Lincoln County	60.6%	53.1%	-7.5% ▼
Livingston County	58.7%	70.5%	11.8% ▲
Logan County	66.8%	70.2%	3.4% ▲
Lyon County	64.5%	65.5%	1.0% ▲
Madison County	38.8%	37.3%	-1.5% ▼
Magoffin County	25.2%	31.1%	5.9% ▲
Marion County	63.2%	51.2%	-12.0% ▼
Marshall County	58.9%	68.2%	9.3% ▲
Martin County	22.2%	25.5%	3.3% ▲
Mason County	59.6%	58.8%	-0.8% ▼
McCracken County	73.2%	77.2%	4.0% ▲
McCreary County	21.7%	27.2%	5.5% ▲
McLean County	68.4%	78.1%	9.7% ▲





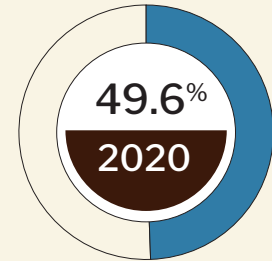
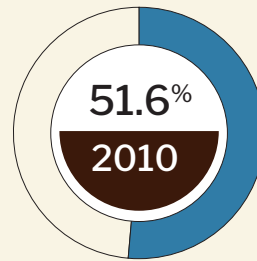
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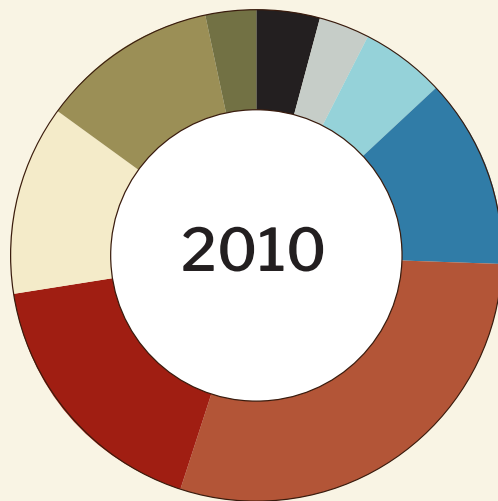
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Meade County	59.1%	48.8%	-10.3% ▼
Menifee County	11.8%	19.0%	7.2% ▲
Mercer County	78.7%	61.5%	-17.2% ▼
Metcalf County	69.8%	65.6%	-4.2% ▼
Monroe County	51.3%	57.9%	6.6% ▲
Montgomery County	35.0%	42.2%	7.2% ▲
Morgan County	21.3%	24.2%	2.9% ▲
Muhlenberg County	71.5%	74.1%	2.6% ▲
Nelson County	54.4%	44.7%	-9.7% ▼
Nicholas County	38.4%	41.5%	3.1% ▲
Ohio County	60.6%	68.3%	7.7% ▲
Oldham County	46.2%	36.6%	-9.6% ▼
Owen County	56.8%	49.8%	-7.0% ▼
Owsley County	33.2%	27.5%	-5.7% ▼
Pendleton County	58.1%	48.2%	-9.9% ▼
Perry County	33.8%	35.0%	1.2% ▲
Pike County	31.7%	33.7%	2.0% ▲
Powell County	37.3%	35.8%	-1.5% ▼
Pulaski County	58.6%	54.8%	-3.8% ▼
Robertson County	23.1%	23.4%	0.3% ▲
Rockcastle County	54.2%	57.7%	3.5% ▲
Rowan County	19.9%	24.9%	5.0% ▲
Russell County	49.8%	46.0%	-3.8% ▼
Scott County	40.5%	32.1%	-8.4% ▼
Shelby County	55.4%	49.5%	-5.9% ▼
Simpson County	56.1%	45.9%	-10.2% ▼
Spencer County	33.3%	34.8%	1.5% ▲
Taylor County	69.9%	67.6%	-2.3% ▼
Todd County	79.2%	77.2%	-2.0% ▼
Trigg County	78.1%	82.6%	4.5% ▲
Trimble County	43.4%	38.6%	-4.8% ▼
Union County	63.9%	73.8%	9.9% ▲
Warren County	45.1%	42.1%	-3.0% ▼
Washington County	87.6%	71.9%	-15.7% ▼
Wayne County	65.8%	67.0%	1.2% ▲
Webster County	55.5%	59.0%	3.5% ▲
Whitley County	64.9%	57.8%	-7.1% ▼
Wolfe County	21.3%	31.4%	10.1% ▲
Woodford County	63.2%	62.7%	-0.5% ▼

Adherents Summary

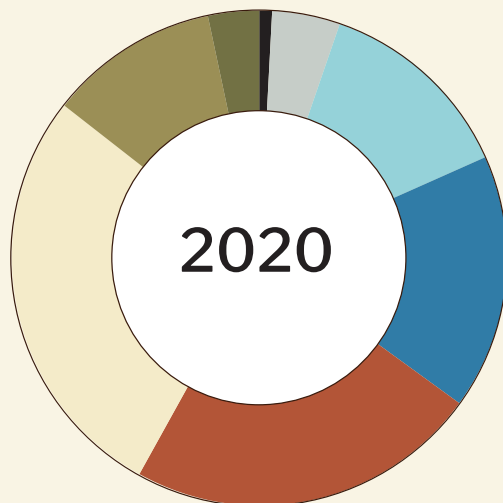
Percentage of Kentucky's total population considered adherents to ANY religion



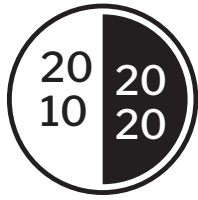
Adherents may not be attenders or members of a particular religion, but they claim to support or show loyalty to one.



90-100%	4.2%	or 5 counties
80-89%	3.3%	or 4 counties
70-79%	5.8%	or 7 counties
60-69%	12.5%	or 15 counties
50-59%	29.2%	or 35 counties
40-49%	17.5%	or 21 counties
30-39%	12.5%	or 15 counties
20-29%	11.7%	or 14 counties
10-19%	3.3%	or 4 counties



90-100%	83%	or 1 county
80-89%	4.2%	or 5 counties
70-79%	10%	or 12 counties
60-69%	12.5%	or 15 counties
50-59%	17.5%	or 21 counties
40-49%	21.7%	or 26 counties
30-39%	20.8%	or 25 counties
20-29%	8.3%	or 10 counties
10-19%	2.5%	or 3 counties



Population Comparison

* Population from religious congregations and membership in the United States in 2010, 2020 (Glenmary Report)

County	2010	2020	Difference	
Adair	18,656	18,903	247	▲
Allen	19,956	20,588	632	▲
Anderson	21,421	23,852	2,431	▲
Ballard	8,249	7,728	-521	▼
Barren	42,173	44,485	2,312	▲
Bath	11,591	12,750	1,159	▲
Bell	28,691	24,097	-4,594	▼
Boone	118,811	135,968	17,157	▲
Bourbon	19,985	20,252	267	▲
Boyd	49,542	48,261	-1,281	▼
Boyle	28,432	30,614	2,182	▲
Bracken	8,488	8,400	-88	▼
Breathitt	13,878	13,718	-160	▼
Breckinridge	20,059	20,432	373	▲
Bullitt	74,319	82,217	7,898	▲
Butler	12,690	12,371	-319	▼
Caldwell	12,984	12,649	-335	▼
Calloway	37,191	37,103	-88	▼
Campbell	90,336	93,076	2,740	▲
Carlisle	5,104	4,826	-278	▼
Carroll	10,811	10,810	-1	▼
Carter	27,720	26,627	-1,093	▼
Casey	15,955	15,941	-14	▼
Christian	73,955	72,748	-1,207	▼
Clark	35,613	36,972	1,359	▲
Clay	21,730	20,345	-1,385	▼
Clinton	10,272	9,253	-1,019	▼
Crittenden	9,315	8,990	-325	▼
Cumberland	6,856	5,888	-968	▼
Daviess	96,656	103,312	6,656	▲
Edmonson	12,161	12,126	-35	▼
Elliott	7,852	7,354	-498	▼
Estill	14,672	14,163	-509	▼
Fayette	295,803	322,570	26,767	▲
Fleming	14,348	15,082	734	▲
Floyd	39,451	35,942	-3,509	▼
Franklin	49,285	51,541	2,256	▲
Fulton	6,813	6,515	-298	▼
Gallatin	8,589	8,690	101	▲
Garrard	16,912	16,953	41	▲
Grant	24,662	24,941	279	▲



Population Comparison

“For the Scripture says,
 ‘Whoever believes on Him
 will not be put to shame.’
 For there is no distinction
 between Jew and Greek, for
 the same Lord over all is rich
 to all who call upon Him. For
 whoever calls
 on the name of the Lord shall
 be saved.”

Romans 10:11-12

County	2010	2020	Difference
Graves	37,121	36,649	-472 ▼
Grayson	25,746	26,420	674 ▲
Green	11,258	11,107	-151 ▼
Greenup	36,910	35,962	-948 ▼
Hancock	8,565	9,095	530 ▲
Hardin	105,543	110,702	5,159 ▲
Harlan	29,278	26,831	-2,447 ▼
Harrison	18,846	18,692	-154 ▼
Hart	18,199	19,288	1,089 ▲
Henderson	46,250	44,793	-1,457 ▼
Henry	15,416	15,678	262 ▲
Hickman	4,902	4,521	-381 ▼
Hopkins	46,920	45,423	-1,497 ▼
Jackson	13,494	12,955	-539 ▼
Jefferson	741,096	782,969	41,873 ▲
Jessamine	48,586	52,991	4,405 ▲
Johnson	23,356	22,680	-676 ▼
Kenton	159,720	169,064	9,344 ▲
Knott	16,346	14,251	-2,095 ▼
Knox	31,883	30,193	-1,690 ▼
Larue	14,193	14,867	674 ▲
Laurel	58,849	62,613	3,764 ▲
Lawrence	15,860	16,293	433 ▲
Lee	7,887	7,395	-492 ▼
Leslie	11,310	10,513	-797 ▼
Letcher	24,519	21,548	-2,971 ▼
Lewis	13,870	13,080	-790 ▼
Lincoln	24,742	24,275	-467 ▼
Livingston	9,519	8,888	-631 ▼
Logan	26,835	27,432	597 ▲
Lyon	8,314	8,680	366 ▲
Madison	82,916	92,701	9,785 ▲
Magoffin	13,333	11,637	-1,696 ▼
Marion	19,820	19,581	-239 ▼
Marshall	31,448	31,659	211 ▲
Martin	12,929	11,287	-1,642 ▼
Mason	17,490	17,120	-370 ▼
McCracken	65,565	67,875	2,310 ▲
McCreary	18,306	16,888	-1,418 ▼
McLean	9,531	9,152	-379 ▼



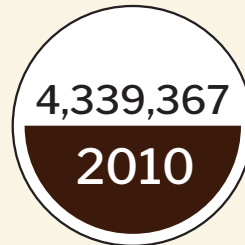
Population Comparison



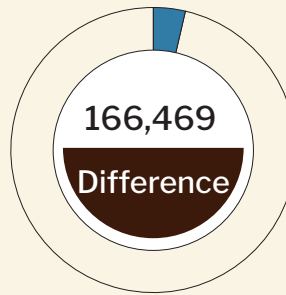
County	2010	2020	Difference
Meade	28,602	30,003	1,401 ▲
Menifee	6,306	6,113	-193 ▼
Mercer	21,331	22,641	1,310 ▲
Metcalfe	10,099	10,286	187 ▲
Monroe	10,963	11,338	375 ▲
Montgomery	26,499	28,114	1,615 ▲
Morgan	13,923	13,726	-197 ▼
Muhlenberg	31,499	30,928	-571 ▼
Nelson	43,437	46,738	3,301 ▲
Nicholas	7,135	7,537	402 ▲
Ohio	23,842	23,772	-70 ▼
Oldham	60,316	67,607	7,291 ▲
Owen	10,841	11,278	437 ▲
Owsley	4,755	4,051	-704 ▼
Pendleton	14,877	14,644	-233 ▼
Perry	28,712	28,473	-239 ▼
Pike	65,024	58,669	-6,355 ▼
Powell	12,613	13,129	516 ▲
Pulaski	63,063	65,034	1,971 ▲
Robertson	2,282	2,193	-89 ▼
Rockcastle	17,056	16,037	-1,019 ▼
Rowan	23,333	24,662	1,329 ▲
Russell	17,565	17,991	426 ▲
Scott	47,173	57,155	9,982 ▲
Shelby	42,074	48,065	5,991 ▲
Simpson	17,327	19,594	2,267 ▲
Spencer	17,061	19,490	2,429 ▲
Taylor	24,512	26,023	1,511 ▲
Todd	12,460	12,243	-217 ▼
Trigg	14,339	14,061	-278 ▼
Trimble	8,809	8,474	-335 ▼
Union	15,007	13,668	-1,339 ▼
Warren	113,792	134,554	20,762 ▲
Washington	11,717	12,027	310 ▲
Wayne	20,813	19,555	-1,258 ▼
Webster	13,621	13,017	-604 ▼
Whitley	35,637	36,712	1,075 ▲
Wolfe	7,355	6,562	-793 ▼
Woodford	24,939	26,871	1,932 ▲

Population Summary

Kentucky's total population



A Population increase
of 3.8% from 2010



Resources and Next Steps:

The *Lostness Indicators Report 2020* contains information that provides hope, motivation and some concern for the spiritual climate in which we live. How will your church respond to the information shared? What next steps will your church take?

Here are only a few of the many resources provided by the Kentucky Baptist Convention to assist churches in reaching the lost, making disciples and mobilizing believers. We pray that their use will contribute to healthy growing churches in Kentucky. Contact our KBC teams for these and other resources to assist your church in reaching Kentucky and the world for Christ.

Missions Mobilization Team, Eric Allen, Leader:

502-489-3530 & kybaptist.org/mobilization

- **Community Assessment**

Discover where God is working and how your church is uniquely gifted to reach the community around you. Understanding the “sweet spot” where your church and community intersect leads to effective transformational ministry that opens doors for gospel conversations.

- **MAP – Missions Assessment Profile**

A diagnostic tool designed to help church leaders determine where they are strong and where they are weak in twelve different areas, so that you

can strengthen your missions effectiveness and commitment. It helps churches reflect on their mission identity in comparison to what a fully missions-mobilized church looks like.

- **Every Church on Mission** (kybaptist.org/ECOM)

Every church, regardless of size, location or demographic, is capable of taking its next missional step. Lead your church to take its next step, locally and/or globally, toward fulfillment of the Great Commission with the help of ECOM resources.

Church Consulting and Revitalization Team, Steve Rice, Leader:

502-489-3340 & kybaptist.org/event/revitalize/

- **Lead to Revitalize: 15 Practices of a Church Revitalization Leader**

No process or strategy can be accomplished without a gifted and knowledgeable leader leading the way. Lead to Revitalize! unearths the essential leadership principles and practices pastors spearheading church revitalization must know, embrace, and practice.

- **The Deacon Ministry Handbook: A Practical Guide for Servant Leadership**

If you ask any pastor what keeps their church moving forward, they will likely point to the serving work of the deacon. Through this book, Alan Witham, Steve Rice, and their teammates bring clarity to the role of deacon by providing a practical guide that serves as

The Deacon Ministry Handbook. The authors bring decades of local church experience having served as deacons, pastors, and consultants.

- **40 Days of Prayer (Devotional)**

Where is your church on its spiritual journey? Are you experiencing breath-taking highs, or soul-numbing lows? Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, this 40-day devotional prayer guide will help you on your way.

- **Reaching the Next Generation** (kybaptist.org/reachingthenextgeneration/) – Resources and training

to help church leaders mobilize their congregations to engage lost middle and high school students in their communities.

Evangelism Team, Rob Patterson, Leader:

502-489-3576 & www.kybaptist.org/evangelism

- **E-MAP** – The Evangelism Ministry Assessment Profile helps churches assess their current evangelistic activity in comparison to what a culture of evangelism could look like in your unique context. kybaptist.org/e-map

- **Every Student Every Campus** – Impact your local collegiate campus by discovering, developing, and partnering with a Campus Missionary Leader. kybaptist.org/bcm

- **Church Multiplied** – Take your next step to becoming a Multiplying Church by finding resources for multiplying disciples, leaders and churches. kybaptist.org/churchmultiplied

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