



UPCI STATISTICS



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RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT (R&D) IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATING AND FOSTERING A **HEALTHY DATA CULTURE** ACROSS UPCI MINISTRIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE A **STATISTICAL FOUNDATION** TO ACHIEVE **MEASURABLE GROWTH** AND **FULFILL THE MISSION** OF UPCI:

THE WHOLE GOSPEL • THE WHOLE WORLD • THE WHOLE CHURCH

AS A SUPPORT TO ALL MINISTRIES AT WORLD HEADQUARTERS, R&D IS COMMITTED TO THE UPCI'S CORE VALUES:

- **Truth:** By providing accurate and reliable data to inform the UPCI leadership and constituents.
- **Love:** By showing compassion to others and focusing on the well-being of churches and individuals.
- **Service:** By offering valuable insights and resources that enhance growth and decision-making.
- **Integrity:** By ensuring transparency and ethical standards in all research and data collection processes.
- **Excellence:** By consistently producing high-quality resources and comprehensive analyses.
- **Collaboration:** By engaging with various stakeholders to gather, analyze, and share essential information.

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DEFINITION OF TERMS & ACRONYMS

Data Terminology

Constituents includes regular attendees plus the broader group of people who identify with a local church. This includes those who may attend irregularly or hardly at all but would identify with a church (e.g., call for prayer, ask for pastoral care, be on mailing list, etc.)

Typical attendance refers to the average attendance of weekly Sunday services.

Peak attendance refers to the highest number of attendees in a single service.

Total churches refers to the number of active self-governing works, daughter works, and preaching points.

New churches refers to newly active churches with the UPCI for a given year. This can also be thought of as 'gross growth'.

Gross growth rate represents the percentage of gross growth and is calculated as net churches divided by the number of churches in the prior year.

Net growth represents 'New Churches' minus 'Inactive Churches' for a given year.

Net growth rate represents the percentage of net growth and is calculated as net growth divided by the number of churches in the prior year.

Abbreviations

SG = Self-Governing

DW = Daughter Work

PP = Preaching Point

2024 UPCI STATS

5,081
CHURCHES

In 2024, the UPCI reported more than 5,000 churches. This reflects a net increase of 120 churches from the prior year, or a 2.4% net growth rate. In the last 12 months, 243 new churches have been established – the highest number ever recorded.

12,018
MINISTERS

The 2024 report of 12,018 ministers is the highest number recorded and includes more than 1,000 female ministers. The number of ministers increased by 324, or 2.8% net growth. In the last year, 692 new ministers received credentials with the UPCI.

\$62M
GIVING

Total giving from all UPCI churches in 2023 totaled more than \$62 million! This reflects combined giving to all UPCI missional efforts, including annual offerings and monthly pledges. Nearly 4,000 churches participated, and the median was \$5,235 per church.

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CONSTITUENTS

Based the 2023 Pastor Survey, the UPCI estimates more than 1 million constituents in North America! On a typical week, attendance of all UPCI churches exceeds 470,000. In peak service attendance, UPCI churches represent more than 750,000 people.

UPCI CHURCHES

As of August 1, 2024, the UPCI reported 5,081 churches in North America.

This includes 4,259 self-governing works (SG), 489 daughter works (DW), and 333 preaching points (PP).

The table below summarizes the number of churches in each of the 58 UPCI districts.

DISTRICT NAME	SG	DW	PP	ALL
Alabama District	99	2	1	102
Alaska-Yukon District	24	5	0	29
Arizona District	39	1	0	40
Arkansas District	154	3	6	163
Atlantic District	71	2	7	80
British Columbia District	35	8	2	45
Canadian Plains District	34	0	0	34
Central Canadian District	16	3	1	20
Colorado District	52	2	5	59
Connecticut District	34	5	1	40
Detroit Metro District	27	3	4	34
Florida District	168	46	16	230
Georgia District	95	6	9	110
Hawaii District	13	0	0	13
Idaho District	20	2	3	25
Illinois District	175	24	9	208
Indiana District	158	8	0	166
Iowa District	43	4	1	48
Kansas District	18	2	0	20
Kentucky District	99	0	0	99
Louisiana District	277	19	2	298
Maine District	42	0	2	44
Maryland-Washington DC District	52	6	14	72
Massachusetts-Rhode Island District	34	11	7	52
Michigan District	69	2	3	74
Minnesota District	46	7	0	53
Mississippi District	183	13	17	213
Missouri District	156	15	23	194
Nebraska District	19	5	4	28
New Hampshire-Vermont District	13	3	3	19

DISTRICT NAME	SG	DW	PP	ALL
New Jersey-Delaware District	22	3	1	26
New York District	25	4	19	48
New York Metro District	43	15	4	62
North Carolina District	69	6	1	76
North Dakota District	13	1	3	17
North Texas District	103	32	6	141
North/Central Jersey District	18	3	2	23
Nova Scotia District	15	1	1	17
Ohio District	127	11	6	144
Oklahoma District	109	3	14	126
Ontario District	85	10	2	97
Oregon District	40	4	0	44
Pennsylvania District	52	8	1	61
Quebec District	15	8	11	34
Rocky Mountain District	38	0	4	42
South Carolina District	50	10	8	68
South Central Texas District	96	8	26	130
South Dakota District	11	0	4	15
South Texas District	111	33	22	166
Southern California District	101	25	1	127
Tennessee District	152	8	7	167
Texas District	216	25	11	252
Texico District	84	2	1	87
Virginia District	46	14	11	71
Washington District	49	1	11	61
West Virginia-Western Maryland District	65	1	2	68
Western District	155	37	9	201
Wisconsin District	84	9	5	98



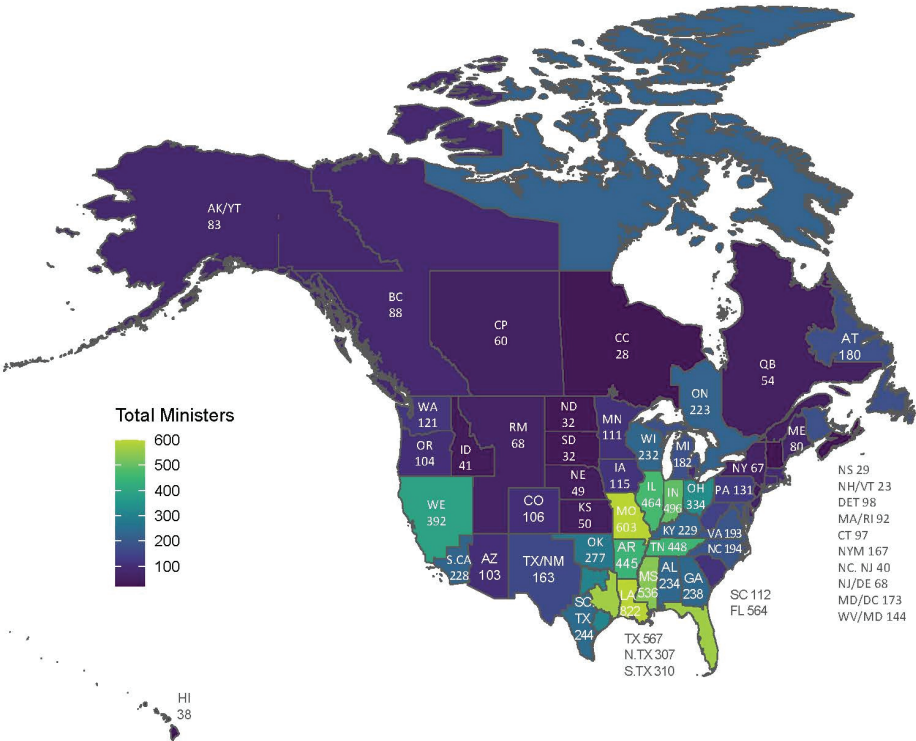
UPCI MINISTERS

As of August 1, 2024, the UPCI reported 12,018 credentialed ministers in North America.

The table below summarizes the number of ministers in each of UPCI district.

DISTRICT NAME	MINISTERS	DISTRICT NAME	MINISTERS
Alabama District	234	New Hampshire-Vermont District	23
Alaska-Yukon District	83	New Jersey-Delaware District	68
Arizona District	103	New York District	67
Arkansas District	445	New York Metro District	167
Atlantic District	180	North Carolina District	194
British Columbia District	88	North Dakota District	32
Canadian Plains District	60	North Texas District	307
Central Canadian District	28	North/Central Jersey District	40
Colorado District	106	Nova Scotia District	29
Connecticut District	97	Ohio District	334
Detroit Metro District	98	Oklahoma District	277
Florida District	564	Ontario District	223
Foreign National Workers District	137	Oregon District	104
Georgia District	238	Pennsylvania District	131
Global Missionary District	172	Quebec District	54
Hawaii District	38	Rocky Mountain District	68
Idaho District	41	South Carolina District	112
Illinois District	464	South Central Texas District	244
Indiana District	496	South Dakota District	32
Iowa District	115	South Texas District	310
Kansas District	50	Southern California District	228
Kentucky District	229	Tennessee District	448
Louisiana District	822	Texas District	567
Maine District	80	Texico District	163
Maryland-Washington DC District	173	Virginia District	193
Massachusetts-Rhode Island District	92	Washington District	121
Michigan District	182	West Virginia-Western Maryland District	144
Minnesota District	111	Western District	392
Mississippi District	536	Wisconsin District	232
Missouri District	603		
Nebraska District	49		

DISTRICT MAP (MINISTERS)



TOTAL UPCI GIVING

The office of Research & Development compiled comprehensive giving data for every self-governing church and every ministry that funnels through UPCI World Headquarters. In 2023, our local churches collectively gave more than \$62.2 million to all UPCI missional efforts combined.

\$62,299,025.90

2023 was a record year of giving for several ministries. In particular, ministries marked with an asterisk (*) in the table below indicate the ministries of achieving a record.

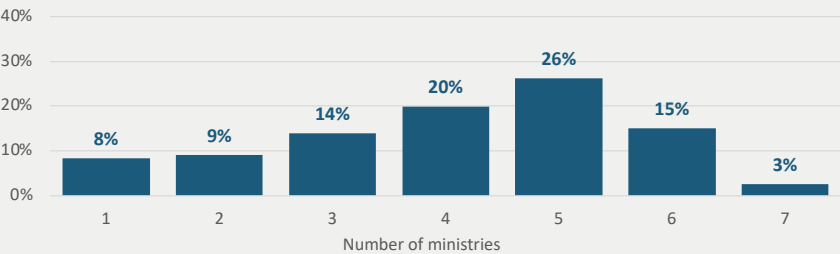
Ministry	Giving Churches	Participation	Average	Median	Total
Church Advancement	782	19%	\$1,036.84	\$600.00	\$810,807.50
Children's Ministry*	2,297	55%	\$1,227.83	\$500.00	\$2,820,334.10
Global Missions	3,062	73%	\$11,593.96	\$4,520.00	\$35,500,699.10
Ladies Ministries*	3,417	81%	\$1,477.10	\$500.00	\$ 5,047,237.70
Men's Ministries*	553	13%	\$464.14	\$200.00	\$256,671.70
North American Missions*	3,250	77%	\$3,025.23	\$893.00	\$9,831,983.00
Youth Ministries*	2,890	69%	\$2,778.99	\$659.00	\$8,031,292.80
Total UPCI Giving	3,986	95%	\$15,625.54	\$5,235.00	\$62,299,025.90

Total UPCI giving can be grouped into seven broad ministry categories. Participation in Global Missions includes any giving to I AM GLOBAL or monthly pledges. Participation in North American Missions includes any giving to Christmas For Christ or monthly pledges. Participation in Youth Ministries reflects giving to Move The Mission. Participation in Children's Ministries reflects giving to Save Our Children. Participation in Ladies Ministries reflects giving to Mothers Memorial. Participation in Men's Ministries reflects giving to Father's Day Offering. Participation in Church Advancement includes any giving through The Harvest (Spanish Evangelism Ministries) offering, All Nations Sunday offering, or monthly pledges.

HOW MANY CHURCHES PARTICIPATE IN GIVING TO UPCI EFFORTS?

Almost all of them! With more than 4,200 self-governing churches in North America, a staggering 95% participate in giving to at least one ministry effort. About one quarter support three or fewer ministries. Most churches give to four (20%) or five (26%) efforts. Another 15% of churches give to all but one ministry. Only 3% of UPCI churches give to all seven ministry efforts of the UPCI.

Number of Ministries Supported from UPCI Churches



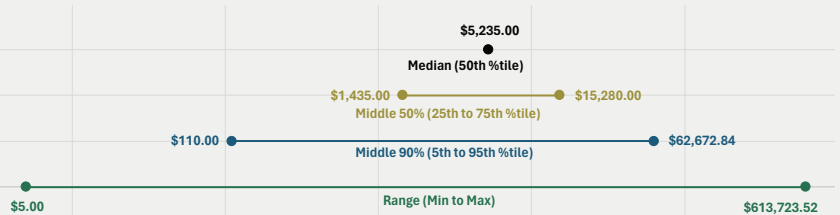
WHAT DOES TOTAL GIVING LOOK LIKE FOR MOST UPCI CHURCHES?

The median value for total giving in 2023 was \$5,235.00. Half of the churches gave more than this amount, and conversely the other half gave less. A median describes the “middle” portion of a data series.

A median is only one value, but percentiles describe a range of values. The middle 50% of churches gave between \$1,435.00 and \$15,280.00 (the 25th and 75th percentiles). This range gives a good picture of those “in the middle”. It also shows the spread of giving for the middle half of churches.

The middle 90% of churches gave between \$110.00 and \$62,672.84 (the 5th and 95th percentiles). This range gives a good picture of “most people”, it only excludes the 5% at the top and the bottom of the total range.

Percentiles for Total Giving (LOG SCALE)



2023 PASTOR SURVEY

Key Findings

- The UPCI estimates over 1 million constituents in North America. The combined attendance from all UPCI churches is estimated around 475,000 for regular weekly attendance and more than 750,000 in peak annual attendance.
- Reports of higher attendance in most local churches indicate growth. The median for typical attendance increased from 60 to 67, and the median for peak attendance increased from 97 to 103.
- Of the five surveyed areas, giving and engagement were rated stronger while evangelism and discipleship were typically rated as weaker areas.
- A large majority (85%) of churches own their buildings and have plans to expand in the next five years. Most improvements were related to the current facility as opposed to relocating or new construction.
- About half (49%) of churches operate some sort of community program in their facilities. The most common programs included recovery classes (21%) and food pantries (19%).
- The number of positions (paid and unpaid) vary significantly by church size. Regardless of church size, most positions are held by unpaid volunteers. For example, a church of 35 or fewer attendees typically has 4 positions with compensation for one part-time paid position. Similarly, churches with more than 130 attendees typically have 8 positions with the equivalent of 3.5 paid positions.

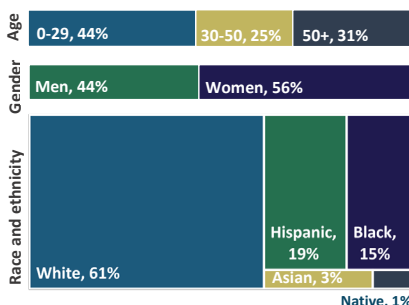
2023 PASTOR SURVEY

Over 1 million constituents
estimated in North America in 2023

Median local church statistics



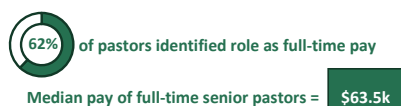
Demographics of all attendees in North America



Rating of local church characteristics

# 1 Financial giving	Average rating: 3.8 / 5.0
# 2 Engagement	Average rating: 3.7 / 5.0
# 3 Attendance	Average rating: 3.6 / 5.0
# 4 Discipleship	Average rating: 3.5 / 5.0
# 5 Evangelism	Average rating: 3.2 / 5.0

Highlights from various 2023 survey topics



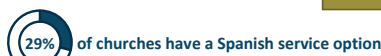
Median square feet of church facilities = 6,000 sq. ft.



Median seating capacity of all churches = 175 seats



Median time of those without BQ = 10 years



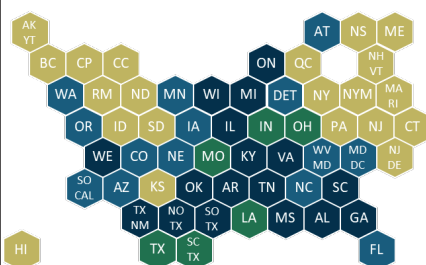
Reported number of service options =	15 languages
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549 pastors responded

with participation from every District in North America

Responses

■ 1 to 5 ■ 6 to 10 ■ 11 to 20 ■ More than 20



2022 PASTOR SURVEY

Key Findings

- Reports from pastors suggest more than 65,000 water baptisms and 55,000 receiving the Holy Spirit.
- Survey estimates 611,000 attendees in North America in 2022.
- The median church reported 60 for typical attendance and 97 for peak attendance.
- Congregational demographics shows age and cultural diversity; more than one-third of attendees are minority groups (39%) and under age 30 (43%).
- Half of pastors (51%) are bi-vocational. The remainder serve their church in a full-time role.
- One-third of respondents founded the church they currently serve. Most non-founding pastors transitioned to a church established more than 30 years ago.
- Nearly one-third of pastors (30%) reported their church has a daughter work or preaching point.
- While most churches hold service in English (95%), pastors indicated options in 20+ languages.
- Pastors rated overall stress as moderate and reported a good balance of ministry and personal life.

2022 PASTOR SURVEY

611,000 attendees

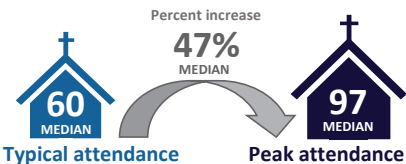
estimated in North America in 2022

55,000 received the Holy Spirit 

 **65,000** baptized in Jesus Name

98,000 Bible studies taught 

 **290,000** first-time guests



#1 Lack of volunteers	#4 Balancing family time
#2 Managing schedule	#5 Managing finances
#3 Lack of paid staff	#6 Resolving conflict

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Pastors reported service options in
20+ languages

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51% of surveyed pastors are bi-vocational

51%

32% founded the church they currently serve

32%

30% reported a daughter work or preaching point

30%

47% reported higher giving and attendance this year

47%

87% feel they can refer members for counsel

87%

13% received professional counsel in the last 5 years

13%

35% are pastoring in rural areas (population < 10,000)

35%

68% are serving their first tenure as senior pastor

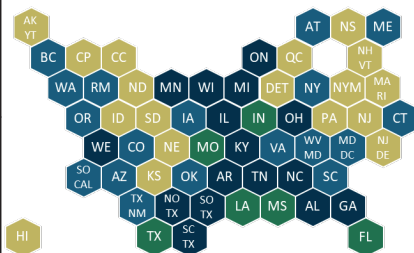
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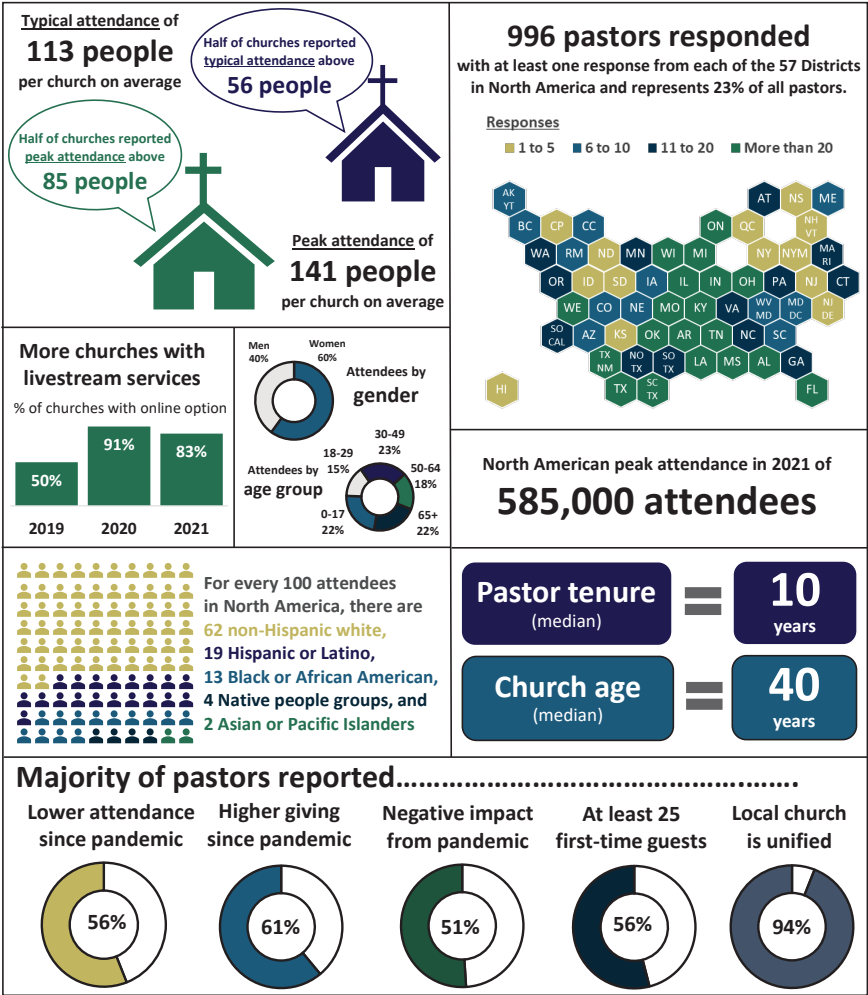


2021 PASTOR SURVEY

Key Findings

- The average of typical church attendance was 113. The average of peak church attendance was 141. In 2021, estimated peak attendance in the US and Canada was 585,000.
- In 2021, typical church attendance was around 60 people. Almost half (43 percent) of pastors reported attendance between 26 and 75 people.
- For every 100 attendees, 62 were non-Hispanic White, 19 were Hispanic or Latino, 13 were Black or African American, 4 were from Native People groups, and 2 were Asian or Pacific Islanders.
- The typical church surveyed was 40 years old, and the typical senior pastor tenure was 10 years.
- Pastors strongly believe the UPCI maintains Biblical standards and report spiritual growth and unity as the top strengths of local churches.
- Majority of pastors reported lower attendance and higher giving compared to pre-pandemic levels. Churches with 75 or fewer attendees reported a more negative impact in comparison to larger churches.
- Online service options increased after March 2020 and most churches retained this strategy in 2021. Most churches with no online services had 75 or fewer attendees.

2021 PASTOR SURVEY



2024 MINISTERS SURVEY



For the last three years, the UPCI office of Research and Development has surveyed the senior pastors of self-governing works to get a pulse on the health of local churches. In 2024, this survey has been expanded to include all credentialed ministers of the UPCI. This larger audience will allow for broader topics of interest outside of church health and pastoral experience.

WE WANT TO
HEAR FROM YOU

If you are a credentialed minister with the UPCI, scan the QR code to participate in the first-ever UPCI Minister Survey.



INTERESTED IN MORE UPCI DATA?

If you are looking for reliable quantitative reports for the UPCI, look no further! The office of Research & Development has made reports available for public download at upci.org/STATS.



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