



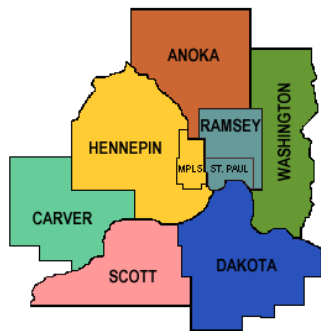
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## BRIEFING 2

# 100 Largest Churches

Twin Cities Metro Minnesota

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This briefing is for pastors and church boards, a listing the 100 largest churches in the Twin Cities and an analysis of effect of size on church growth

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# 100 Largest Churches in Twin Cities

## TAKEAWAY 1 - List of 100 Largest Churches

The 100 largest churches in the Twin Cities are comprised of **60 Catholic churches** and **40 Protestant churches**, together having weekly attendance of about 277,000 people, which is approximately **36% of total metro church attendance**.

**A list of the largest 100 churches is attached**, including attendance data from City Vision's Master File of Twin Cities Churches.

## TAKEAWAY 2 - Catholic churches large, Protestant small

There are 3,344 churches in the Twin Cities known and tracked by City Vision. There are no doubt more churches, particularly home churches, that have been recently formed or are so small that they are undetected.

The Twin Cities church scene is characterized by large Catholic churches and small Protestant churches. Generally, Protestants are not much aware of Catholic churches, Catholics are not much aware of Protestant churches, and others hardly notice churches at all.

The average weekly attendance in Twin Cities **Catholic churches is 1,075**. The average in **Protestant churches is 162**. Therefore, any analysis of the effect of size on overall church growth is meaningful only when Catholic and Protestant churches are viewed separately.

## TAKEAWAY 3 - List of 100 Largest Protestant Churches

Viewed separately, the **100 largest Protestant churches** have combined weekly attendance of about 168,000 people, which is approximately **22% of total metro Protestant church attendance**.

Weekly attendance at these individual church sites range from roughly 700 to 7,000, with 1,700 average.

**A list of the 100 Largest Protestant churches is attached**, including attendance data.

Forty-one of the largest 100 Protestant churches are part of **multi-site organizations**. In total, there are 152 multi-site churches in the Twin Cities. **Briefing #3** in March will provide a listing and analysis of multi-site churches.

## TAKEAWAY 4 - Three Twin Cities churches among nation's largest

Each year Outreach Magazine and LifeWay Research compiles a [List of the 100 Largest Protestant Churches in America](#). Three Twin Cities churches are on the list: **Eagle Brook Church** (Rank 11 with 21,010 attendance), **River Valley Church** (Rank 75 with 6,319 attendance) and **Hosanna Church** (Rank 92 with 5,513 attendance).

Note: This high visibility national list does not explain why it routinely omits the largest church in America (Lakewood Church in Houston, televangelist Joel Osteen, attendance 43,500) .

The largest church auditorium in the Twin Cities is Grace Church Eden Prairie (4,200 seats). The largest church auditorium in America is Lakewood Church Houston (16,800 seats).

## TAKEAWAY 5 - Less than 1-in-5 attend church during week

Population of the Twin Cities metro is approximately 3,500,000. Totaled data reported from 3,344 churches to City Vision combine to show that total weekly church attendance is about 761,000, which interprets to 21% of the population. However, to account for over-reporting bias (discussed by **CHART 2.1**), 18% is probably more realistic.

The overall attendance decline between 2010 and 2105 shown on **CHART 2.1** is masked by the facts that population growth was ignored and that *decline in the majority* of churches were nearly offset by *growth in the minority* of churches.

As reported in [Briefing #1](#), we are now approaching a demographic time period when attendance may start falling precipitously.

**CHART 2.4** is a concise graphical overview of the Twin Cities church environment at beginning of 2017.

## TAKEAWAY 6 - Two-thirds Protestant churches in 5-year decline

Between 2010 and 2015, as shown in **CHART 2.2**, **2,056 Protestant churches (66% of total) shrunk in size**. Even among the 100 largest Protestant churches, 52% were in 5-year decline.

## TAKEAWAY 7 - Three-fourths Catholic churches in 5-year decline

Between 2010 and 2015, as shown in **CHART 2.3**, **186 Catholic churches (77%) shrunk in size**. Even among the 100 largest Catholic churches, 71% were in 5-year decline.

## TAKEAWAY 8 - Protestant largest 100 gets third of attendance

As shown on **CHARTS 2.6 and 2.7**, the **100 largest Protestant churches (attendance greater than 700) comprise only 3% of total Protestant churches in the Twin Cities but generate a third of total Protestant attendance**.

Another third of attendance comes from **524 medium** sized churches (200-700 attendance).

The final third of attendance comes from **2,481 small** churches (less than 200 attendance).

## TAKEAWAY 9 - Multisite attendance counts

There are 164 multisite churches in the Twin Cities. In reporting attendance, it is important to make clear whether the number refers to an individual worship site or to a group of churches (multisites) under control of a single parent church.

In this Briefing, each line in a list refers to an **individual site**. The **underlined number in purple** is the combined attendance for all sites in the group of which this site is a part.

**Briefing #3** in March 2017 will be a detailed analysis of multisite churches in the Twin Cities, showing relationships between parent churches and their subsites, with locations, attendance and trends.

## TAKEAWAY 10 - More than a shift in Christian patterns

The Great Commission is not a call to attract people to church services, but to make disciples. Some church leaders dismiss the decline in church attendance by saying that Christians just attend church less frequently today, as three times a month instead of four ... because Christians' spiritual maturity is now coming more from TV and Internet ... or Christians are spending more time in personal spiritual disciplines and small group interaction ... or more time witnessing to others.

However, that's not the picture of what's really happening. See **Briefing #1** for statistics showing that the number of Christians in the Twin Cities is in sharp decline, with no change of trend in sight.

**Attendance loss is the leading indicator** of other kinds of losses that follow: loss of commitment, loss of income, loss of participation and loss of community influence.

## TAKEAWAY 11 - Size not major factor in growth or decline

**CHART 2.5** shows that **percentage growth or decline in attendance does not correlate with size of church**. Within each size category, some churches are growing but most are declining.

The 100 largest churches set the trends and get most of the attention, but overall they are NOT growing more, or declining less, than other churches, especially considering that most of the growth has come from just three multi-site groups (Eagle Brook, River Valley and Hosana).

**This is encouraging information for medium and small churches who thought they were at a big disadvantage for church growth relative to large churches.** The fact is: one third of Protestants still choose to attend a *small church*, one third choose to attend a *medium-size church*, and one third choose a *large church*.

# Protestant/Catholic Attendance Comparisons

In 2010, there were 2,525 Twin Cities Protestant churches, and they reported total weekly attendance averaging 507,000 people; 232 Catholic churches reported attendance averaging 271,000.

In 2015, there were 3,103 Twin Cities Protestant churches, and they reported total weekly attendance averaging 503,000 people; 241 Catholic churches reported attendance averaging 258,000.

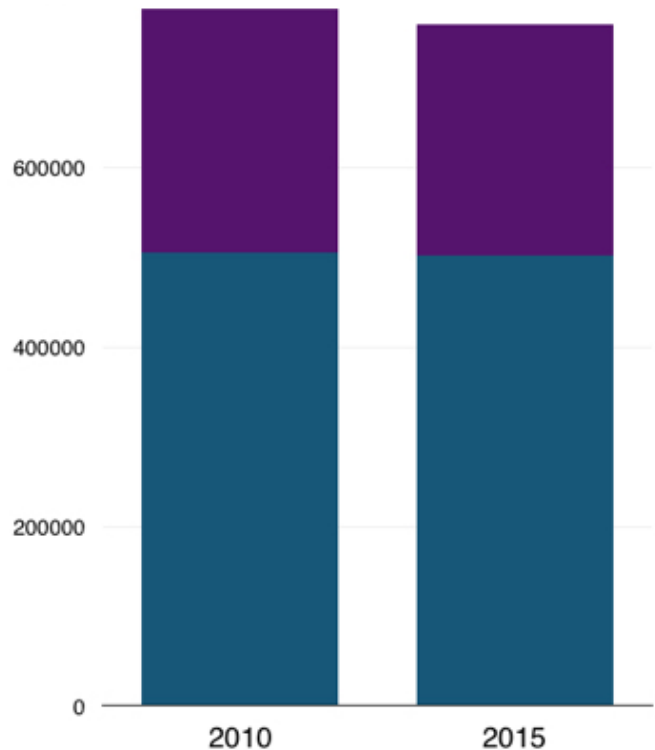
During this 5-year period, reported attendance declined by 17,000 and population increased by about 200,000. This is equivalent to a 7% decrease.

**Catholic churches are larger.** Attendance at an average Twin Cities Catholic church is **1,075**, but **162** at an average Protestant church.

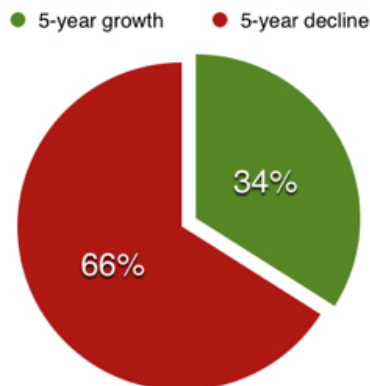
**CAUTION:** Nationally, in a typical week, less than 20% of Americans actually attend church, which is less than claimed in surveys. See [Hartford Study](#) and [ChurchLeaders Report](#). **CHART 2.1** here for the Twin Cities calculates to 22% of the population.

Total Twin Cities church attendance reported in this **Briefing** is the consolidation of all individual church attendance data reported to CityVision. Churches tend to **OVERSTATE average** attendance, and therefore total attendance reported here may be inflated by as much as 20%.

**CHART 2.1**  
Twin Cities Church Attendance (week)

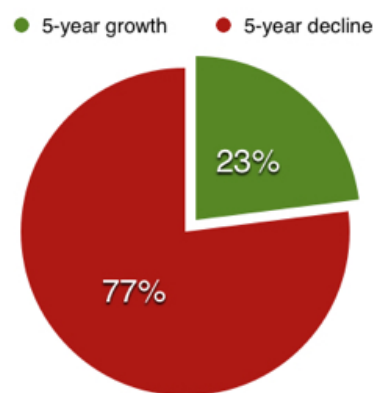


**CHART 2.2**  
Protestant Churches



There are **3,105 Protestant churches** in the Twin Cities, and 2,056 of them (**66%**) are in 5-year attendance decline. Among 100 largest, **52%** are in 5-year decline.

**CHART 2.2**  
Catholic Churches

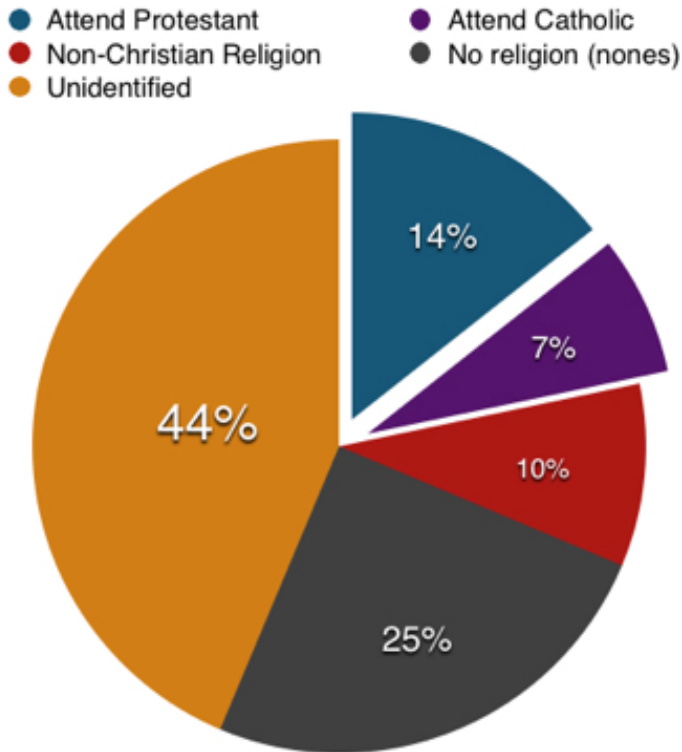


There are **241 Catholic churches** in the Twin Cities, and 186 of them (**77%**) are in 5-year attendance decline. Among 100 largest, **71%** are in 5-year decline.

# Church Attendance in Twin Cities

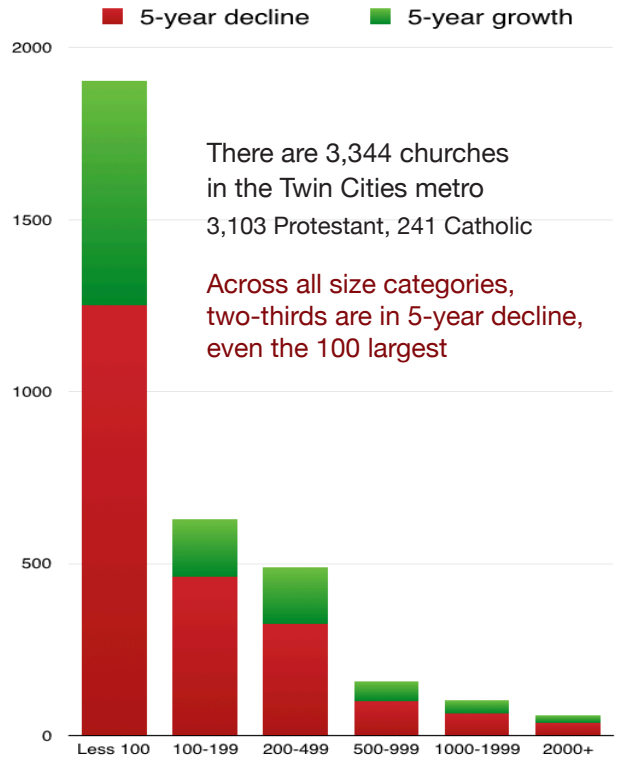
**CHART 2.4**

**Twin Cities Church Attendance per week**



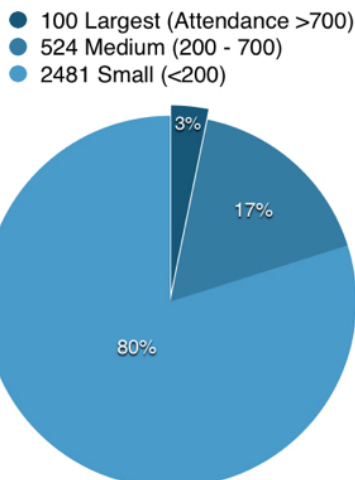
**CHART 2.5**

**Twin Cities Churches by Size**



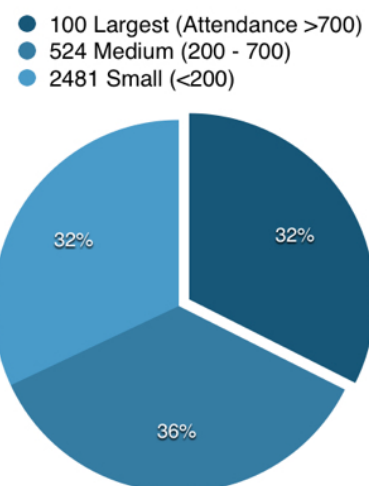
**CHART 2.6**

**Protestant Churches by Church Size**



**CHART 2.7**

**Protestant Attendance by Church Size**



# 100 Largest Churches

## Twin Cities metro MN

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### **CATHOLIC**      **60 of 100 largest churches**      *173,520*      **168,743**      **-4,777**

Epiphany Catholic Church of Coon Rapids	Coon Rapids	<i>7500</i>	<b>7575</b>	Catholic
Cathedral of Saint Paul	St. Paul	<i>6575</i>	<b>7100</b>	Catholic
Saint John Neumann Church	Eagan	<i>6850</i>	<b>6850</b>	Catholic
Basilica of Saint Mary	Minneapolis	<i>6325</i>	<b>6600</b>	Catholic
All Saints Catholic Church	Lakeville	<i>6025</i>	<b>6025</b>	Catholic
Pax Christi Catholic Community Church	Eden Prairie	<i>5500</i>	<b>5500</b>	Catholic
Saint Stephen's Catholic Church	Anoka	<i>5200</i>	<b>5200</b>	Catholic
Church of Saint Paul	Ham Lake	<i>2000</i>	<b>4125</b>	Catholic
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church	St. Paul	<i>4100</i>	<b>4100</b>	Catholic
Saint Joan of Arc Church	Minneapolis	<i>4100</i>	<b>4100</b>	Catholic
Saint Odilia Catholic Church	Shoreview	<i>3800</i>	<b>3800</b>	Catholic
Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church	Brooklyn Park	<i>3550</i>	<b>3615</b>	Catholic
Saint Raphael's Church	Crystal	<i>3500</i>	<b>3500</b>	Catholic
Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church	St. Paul	<i>5700</i>	<b>3450</b>	Catholic
Saint Ambrose Catholic Community of Woodbury	Woodbury	<i>3400</i>	<b>3450</b>	Catholic
Assumption Catholic Church	St. Paul	<i>3000</i>	<b>3000</b>	Catholic
Risen Savior Catholic Church	Burnsville	<i>3000</i>	<b>3000</b>	Catholic
Saint Agnes Church	St. Paul	<i>3000</i>	<b>3000</b>	Catholic
Saint Hubert Catholic Church	Chanhassen	<i>4000</i>	<b>3000</b>	Catholic
Saint Michael's Catholic Church	Prior Lake	<i>3000</i>	<b>3000</b>	Catholic
Iglesia Encarnacion Sagrado Corazon De Jesus	Minneapolis	<i>2500</i>	<b>2975</b>	Catholic
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church	Hastings	<i>2500</i>	<b>2716</b>	Catholic
Saint Alphonsus Catholic Church	Brooklyn Center	<i>3500</i>	<b>2625</b>	Catholic
Saint Joseph of the Lakes Catholic Church	Lino Lakes	<i>2450</i>	<b>2625</b>	Catholic
Saint Joseph the Worker Church	Maple Grove	<i>2000</i>	<b>2525</b>	Catholic
Church of Saint Joseph	West St. Paul	<i>1200</i>	<b>2500</b>	Catholic
Holy Name of Jesus Church	Wayzata	<i>3000</i>	<b>2500</b>	Catholic
Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church	New Brighton	<i>2500</i>	<b>2500</b>	Catholic
Saint Mary of the Lake Church	White Bear Lake	<i>2800</i>	<b>2350</b>	Catholic
Saint Timothy's Catholic Church	Blaine	<i>2300</i>	<b>2300</b>	Catholic
Immaculate Conception Church	Columbia Heights	<i>2250</i>	<b>2250</b>	Catholic
Saint Peter's Catholic Church	Forest Lake	<i>2425</i>	<b>2225</b>	Catholic
Saint Andrew's Catholic Church	Elk River	<i>2150</i>	<b>2150</b>	Catholic
Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church	Savage	<i>2700</i>	<b>2137</b>	Catholic
Saint Patrick's Catholic Church	Oak Grove	<i>2100</i>	<b>2100</b>	Catholic
Our Lady of Grace Church	Edina	<i>2500</i>	<b>2050</b>	Catholic
Saint Mark's Catholic Church	Shakopee	<i>2050</i>	<b>2050</b>	Catholic
Mary Mother of The Church	Burnsville	<i>3000</i>	<b>2000</b>	Catholic
Saint Michael's Church	St. Michael	<i>1800</i>	<b>2000</b>	Catholic
Saint Peter's Holy Redeemer Catholic Church	North St. Paul	<i>3300</i>	<b>2000</b>	Catholic
Saint Joseph's Catholic Church	Rosemount	<i>2000</i>	<b>1925</b>	Catholic
Saint Gerard Church	Brooklyn Park	<i>1800</i>	<b>1800</b>	Catholic
Saint John the Evangelist Church	Little Canada	<i>2100</i>	<b>1800</b>	Catholic
Saint Joseph Church / New Hope	New Hope	<i>2000</i>	<b>1800</b>	<u>2000</u> Catholic

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Saint Michael's Catholic Church	Stillwater	<i>2100</i>	<b>1725</b>		Catholic
Santos Rosario Church	Minneapolis	<i>1625</i>	<b>1725</b>		Catholic
Saint Thomas Aquinas Church	St. Paul Park	<i>1700</i>	<b>1700</b>		Catholic
Guardian Angels Catholic Church	Oakdale	<i>3300</i>	<b>1600</b>		Catholic
Saint Pius X Church	White Bear Lake	<i>800</i>	<b>1600</b>		Catholic
Saint Charles Borromeo Church	St. Anthony	<i>1600</i>	<b>1525</b>		Catholic
Saint Rita's Church	Cottage Grove	<i>2000</i>	<b>1525</b>		Catholic
Church of Saint Anne-St. Joseph Hien Parish	Minneapolis	<i>165</i>	<b>1500</b>		Catholic
Church of the Holy Family	St. Louis Park	<i>1000</i>	<b>1500</b>		Catholic
Nativity of Mary Catholic Church	Bloomington	<i>1500</i>	<b>1500</b>		Catholic
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Maplewood	<i>2150</i>	<b>1500</b>		Catholic
Saint Bernard's Catholic Church	St. Paul	<i>1505</i>	<b>1500</b>		Catholic
Saint Bonaventure Church	Bloomington	<i>1500</i>	<b>1500</b>		Catholic
Saint Therese of Deephaven Church	Wayzata	<i>800</i>	<b>1500</b>		Catholic
Saint Patrick's Catholic Church	Edina	<i>1600</i>	<b>1475</b>		Catholic
Saint Rose of Lima Church	Roseville	<i>3550</i>	<b>1475</b>		Catholic

## PROTESTANT 40 of 100 largest churches *113,078* **108,291** **-4,787**

Hosanna Church / Lakeville	Lakeville	<i>5017</i>	<b>7075</b>	<u>7975</u>	Lutheran Congregations in Missions
Living Word Christian Center	Brooklyn Park	<i>9000</i>	<b>6800</b>		International Convention Faith Ministries
Eagle Brook Church / Lino Lakes	Lino Lakes	<i>6450</i>	<b>5510</b>	<u>21010</u>	Converge (Baptist General Conference)
Grace Church	Eden Prairie	<i>4850</i>	<b>4625</b>		Independent
Eagle Brook / Woodbury	Woodbury	<i>2100</i>	<b>4500</b>	<u>21010</u>	Converge (Baptist General Conference)
Emmanuel Christian Center / Spring Lake Park	Spring Lake Park	<i>3000</i>	<b>4100</b>	<u>4500</u>	Assembly of God
River Valley Church / Apple Valley	Apple Valley	<i>3300</i>	<b>4000</b>	<u>8750</u>	Assembly of God
Wooddale Church / Eden Prairie	Eden Prairie	<i>6350</i>	<b>3900</b>	<u>4450</u>	Converge (Baptist General Conference)
Eagle Brook Church / Blaine	Blaine	<i>2186</i>	<b>3800</b>	<u>21010</u>	Converge (Baptist General Conference)
Church of the Open Door	Maple Grove	<i>3600</i>	<b>3600</b>		zUnidentified
Eagle Brook Church / White Bear Lake	White Bear Lake	<i>2829</i>	<b>3500</b>	<u>21010</u>	Converge (Baptist General Conference)
Westwood Community Church / Excelsior	Excelsior	<i>3000</i>	<b>2950</b>	<u>3201</u>	Converge (Baptist General Conference)
Substance Church / Spring Lake Park	Spring Lake Park	<i>3000</i>	<b>2900</b>	<u>3700</u>	Association of Related Churches
Christ Presbyterian Church	Edina	<i>2620</i>	<b>2850</b>		Evangelical Church
Mount Olivet Lutheran Church / Minneapolis	Minneapolis	<i>5740</i>	<b>2700</b>	<u>3200</u>	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Eagle Brook Church / Spring Lake Park	Spring Lake Park	<i>2058</i>	<b>2500</b>	<u>21010</u>	Converge (Baptist General Conference)
Woodland Hills Church	Maplewood	<i>5000</i>	<b>2500</b>		Converge (Baptist General Conference)
Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church	Mahtomedi	<i>2358</i>	<b>2354</b>		Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
The Crossing Church / Elk River	Elk River	<i>3000</i>	<b>2200</b>	<u>2400</u>	Converge (Baptist General Conference)
Crossroads Covenant Church / Woodbury	Woodbury	<i>2500</i>	<b>2156</b>	<u>2598</u>	Covenant
Speak the Word Church	Golden Valley	<i>2575</i>	<b>2050</b>		zUnidentified
River Valley Church / Shakopee	Shakopee	<i>0</i>	<b>2000</b>	<u>8750</u>	Assembly of God
Saint Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church	Plymouth	<i>2100</i>	<b>1990</b>		Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Bethlehem Baptist Church / Minneapolis	Minneapolis	<i>5100</i>	<b>1925</b>	<u>4925</u>	Converge (Baptist General Conference)
Berean Baptist Church / Burnsville	Burnsville	<i>2100</i>	<b>1850</b>	<u>2050</u>	Converge (Baptist General Conference)
Bethlehem Baptist Church / Mounds View	Mounds View	<i>1900</i>	<b>1800</b>	<u>4925</u>	Converge (Baptist General Conference)
Calvary Lutheran Church of Golden Valley	Golden Valley	<i>1794</i>	<b>1794</b>		Lutheran Congregations in Missions
Bethlehem Lutheran / Minneapolis	Minneapolis	<i>1700</i>	<b>1752</b>	<u>1902</u>	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church	Apple Valley	<i>2200</i>	<b>1662</b>		Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
New Hope Church / New Hope	New Hope	<i>3600</i>	<b>1660</b>	<u>2001</u>	Evangelical Free Church of America
Cedar Valley Church	Bloomington	<i>2025</i>	<b>1600</b>		Assembly of God
Saint Paul Hmong Alliance Church	Maplewood	<i>1600</i>	<b>1600</b>		Christian and Missionary Alliance
Riverside Alliance Church	Big Lake	<i>1000</i>	<b>1584</b>		Christian and Missionary Alliance
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church	Burnsville	<i>1783</i>	<b>1582</b>		Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Woodridge Church / Medina	Medina	<i>1525</i>	<b>1539</b>	<u>2051</u>	Converge (Baptist General Conference)
Hope Community Church	Minneapolis	<i>1125</i>	<b>1500</b>		Converge (Baptist General Conference)
North Heights Lutheran Church / Arden Hills	Arden Hills	<i>2500</i>	<b>1500</b>	<u>1800</u>	Lutheran
Wayzata Community Church	Wayzata	<i>1100</i>	<b>1500</b>		United Church of Christ (Congregational)
Lord of Life Lutheran Church	Maple Grove	<i>1926</i>	<b>1483</b>		Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Northgate Church	Ramsey	<i>711</i>	<b>1400</b>		Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Average weekly attendance in 100 churches above	<i>286,598</i>	<b>277,034</b>	<b>36%</b>	5-year growth	<b>-9,564</b>
Average weekly attendance in all 3344 Twin Cities churches	<i>777,000</i>	<b>762,000</b>	<b>100%</b>	5-year growth	<b>-15,000</b>

Data for year 2015

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Bethlehem Baptist Church / Minneapolis	Minneapolis	<i>5100</i>	<b>1925</b>	<u>4925</u>	Converge (Baptist General Conference)
Berean Baptist Church / Burnsville	Burnsville	<i>2100</i>	<b>1850</b>	<u>2050</u>	Converge (Baptist General Conference)
Bethlehem Baptist Church / Mounds View	Mounds View	<i>1900</i>	<b>1800</b>	<u>4925</u>	Converge (Baptist General Conference)
Calvary Lutheran Church of Golden Valley	Golden Valley	<i>1794</i>	<b>1794</b>		Lutheran Congregations in Missions
Bethlehem Lutheran / Minneapolis	Minneapolis	<i>1700</i>	<b>1752</b>	<u>1902</u>	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church	Apple Valley	<i>2200</i>	<b>1662</b>		Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
New Hope Church / New Hope	New Hope	<i>3600</i>	<b>1660</b>	<u>2001</u>	Evangelical Free Church of America
Cedar Valley Church	Bloomington	<i>2025</i>	<b>1600</b>		Assembly of God
Saint Paul Hmong Alliance Church	Maplewood	<i>1600</i>	<b>1600</b>		Christian and Missionary Alliance
Riverside Alliance Church	Big Lake	<i>1000</i>	<b>1584</b>		Christian and Missionary Alliance
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church	Burnsville	<i>1783</i>	<b>1582</b>		Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Woodridge Church / Medina	Medina	<i>1525</i>	<b>1539</b>	<u>2051</u>	Converge (Baptist General Conference)
Hope Community Church	Minneapolis	<i>1125</i>	<b>1500</b>		Converge (Baptist General Conference)
North Heights Lutheran Church / Arden Hills	Arden Hills	<i>2500</i>	<b>1500</b>	<u>1800</u>	Lutheran
Wayzata Community Church	Wayzata	<i>1100</i>	<b>1500</b>		United Church of Christ (Congregational)
Lord of Life Lutheran Church	Maple Grove	<i>1926</i>	<b>1483</b>		Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Northgate Church	Ramsey	<i>711</i>	<b>1400</b>		Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
Progressive Missionary Baptist Church	St. Paul	<i>1500</i>	<b>1400</b>		Missionary Baptist Convention
Mount Calvary Lutheran Church	Excelsior	<i>1375</i>	<b>1375</b>		Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Plymouth Covenant Church / Plymouth	Plymouth	<i>1111</i>	<b>1340</b>	<u>1400</u>	Covenant
Constance Evangelical Free Church	Andover	<i>1250</i>	<b>1300</b>		Evangelical Free Church of America
Central Lutheran Church	Elk River	<i>1250</i>	<b>1250</b>		Lutheran Congregations in Missions
Grace Fellowship Church	Brooklyn Park	<i>1475</i>	<b>1225</b>		Converge (Baptist General Conference)

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Bethlehem Baptist Church / Burnsville	Burnsville	<i>1000</i>	<b>1200</b>	<u>4925</u>	Converge (Baptist General Conference)
Calvary Baptist Church / Roseville	Roseville	<i>1400</i>	<b>1200</b>		Converge (Baptist General Conference)
Eagle Brook Church / Coon Rapids	Coon Rapids	<i>0</i>	<b>1200</b>	<u>21010</u>	Converge (Baptist General Conference)
Woodbury Lutheran Church / Woodbury	Woodbury	<i>1260</i>	<b>1161</b>	<u>1431</u>	Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
Living Hope Lutheran Church / Bloomington	Bloomington	<i>909</i>	<b>1159</b>	<u>1317</u>	Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church	Afton	<i>1150</i>	<b>1150</b>		Lutheran Congregations in Missions
King of Kings Lutheran Church	Woodbury	<i>1172</i>	<b>1120</b>		Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Maranatha Assembly of God Church / Forest Lake	Forest Lake	<i>1000</i>	<b>1100</b>	<u>1300</u>	Assembly of God
Horizons Community Church	Ham Lake	<i>1500</i>	<b>1050</b>		zUnidentified
Russian Evangelical Christian Church	Shakopee	<i>1025</i>	<b>1050</b>		US Mennonite Bretheren
Spiritual Life Church	Brooklyn Center	<i>1025</i>	<b>1050</b>		zUnidentified
Zion Lutheran Church	Anoka	<i>1182</i>	<b>1045</b>		Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Hmong American Alliance Church	Maplewood	<i>1117</i>	<b>1025</b>		Christian and Missionary Alliance
Discover Church	Burnsville	<i>450</i>	<b>1000</b>		Assembly of God
First Evangelical Free Church	Maplewood	<i>850</i>	<b>1000</b>		Evangelical Free Church of America
Five Oaks Community Church	Woodbury	<i>1050</i>	<b>1000</b>		Evangelical Free Church of America
New Salem Baptist Church	Minneapolis	<i>1500</i>	<b>1000</b>		National Baptist
Passion Church / Fridley	Fridley	<i>200</i>	<b>1000</b>	<u>1100</u>	Church of God
River Valley Church / Edina	Eden Prairie	<i>0</i>	<b>1000</b>	<u>8750</u>	Assembly of God
Rockpoint Church	Lake Elmo	<i>950</i>	<b>1000</b>		Evangelical Free Church of America
Discovery Church / Burnsville	Burnsville		<b>980</b>	<u>1000</u>	Assembly of God
Bondservants	Spring Lake Park	<i>700</i>	<b>975</b>		Lutheran
Faith Lutheran Church	Coon Rapids	<i>917</i>	<b>972</b>		Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Evergreen Church / Bloomington	Bloomington	<i>2521</i>	<b>966</b>	<u>2500</u>	Great Commission Churches
Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church	Prior Lake	<i>1143</i>	<b>928</b>		Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Christian Family Church / Edina	Edina	<i>800</i>	<b>900</b>		zUnidentified
Fresh Water Community Church / St Bonifacious	St. Bonifacious	<i>615</i>	<b>900</b>	<u>1002</u>	Christian and Missionary Alliance
Hosanna Church / Shakopee	Shakopee	<i>0</i>	<b>900</b>	<u>7975</u>	Lutheran Congregations in Missions
New Life Community / Maple Grove	Maple Grove	<i>775</i>	<b>900</b>	<u>1001</u>	Assembly of God
Revive Brooklyn Park Church	Brooklyn Park	<i>1000</i>	<b>900</b>		Evangelical Free Church of America
Saint Andrew Lutheran Church / Eden Prairie	Eden Prairie	<i>1071</i>	<b>885</b>	<u>1135</u>	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church	Plymouth	<i>752</i>	<b>851</b>		Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
The House Church	Eagan	<i>500</i>	<b>850</b>		zUnidentified
Trinity Evangelical Free Church	Lakeville	<i>875</i>	<b>850</b>		Evangelical Free Church of America
Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church	Edina	<i>1000</i>	<b>825</b>		Episcopal
Trinity Lutheran Church	Waconia	<i>874</i>	<b>820</b>		Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
Westminster Presbyterian Church	Minneapolis	<i>900</i>	<b>803</b>		Presbyterian
Edinbrook Church	Brooklyn Park	<i>1200</i>	<b>800</b>		Converge (Baptist General Conference)
Elements	Excelsior	<i>800</i>	<b>800</b>		Converge (Baptist General Conference)
Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church	Minneapolis	<i>875</i>	<b>800</b>		National Baptist Church
Maple Grove Evangelical Free Church	Maple Grove	<i>1050</i>	<b>800</b>		Evangelical Free Church of America
Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church / St Paul	St. Paul	<i>2000</i>	<b>800</b>		Missionary Baptist Convention
Substance Church / Minneapolis	Minneapolis	<i>600</i>	<b>800</b>	<u>3700</u>	Association of Related Churches
Incarnation Lutheran Church	North Oaks	<i>1032</i>	<b>796</b>		Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Roseville Lutheran Church	Roseville	<i>900</i>	<b>788</b>		Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Word of Peace Lutheran Church	Rogers	<i>810</i>	<b>761</b>		Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Augustana Lutheran Church	West St. Paul	<i>781</i>	<b>759</b>	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church	Minneapolis	<i>875</i>	<b>750</b>	Missionary Baptist Convention
Holy Christian Church	St. Paul	<i>700</i>	<b>750</b>	Holy Christian Churches International
River of Life Church	Elk River	<i>1000</i>	<b>750</b>	Evangelical Free Church of America
Christ Church	Otsego	<i>450</i>	<b>700</b>	Lutheran Congregations in Missions
Eagan Hills Church	Eagan	<i>600</i>	<b>700</b>	Christian and Missionary Alliance
Hope Presbyterian Church	Richfield	<i>1000</i>	<b>700</b>	Evangelical Church
North Ridge Fellowship	Rogers	<i>275</i>	<b>700</b>	Converge (Baptist General Conference)

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Average weekly attendance in 100 Protestant churches above	<i>165,485</i>	<b>165,850</b>	<b>22%</b>	5-year growth	<b>365</b>
Average weekly attendance in all 3103 Protestant churches	<i>506,000</i>	<b>503,000</b>	<b>100%</b>	5-year growth	<b>-3,000</b>

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