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In July 2021, the USA East Province (UEA) of the Society of Jesus engaged the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University to provide a demographic profile of the region in which it serves, the (arch)dioceses of the region, and the USA East Province membership.

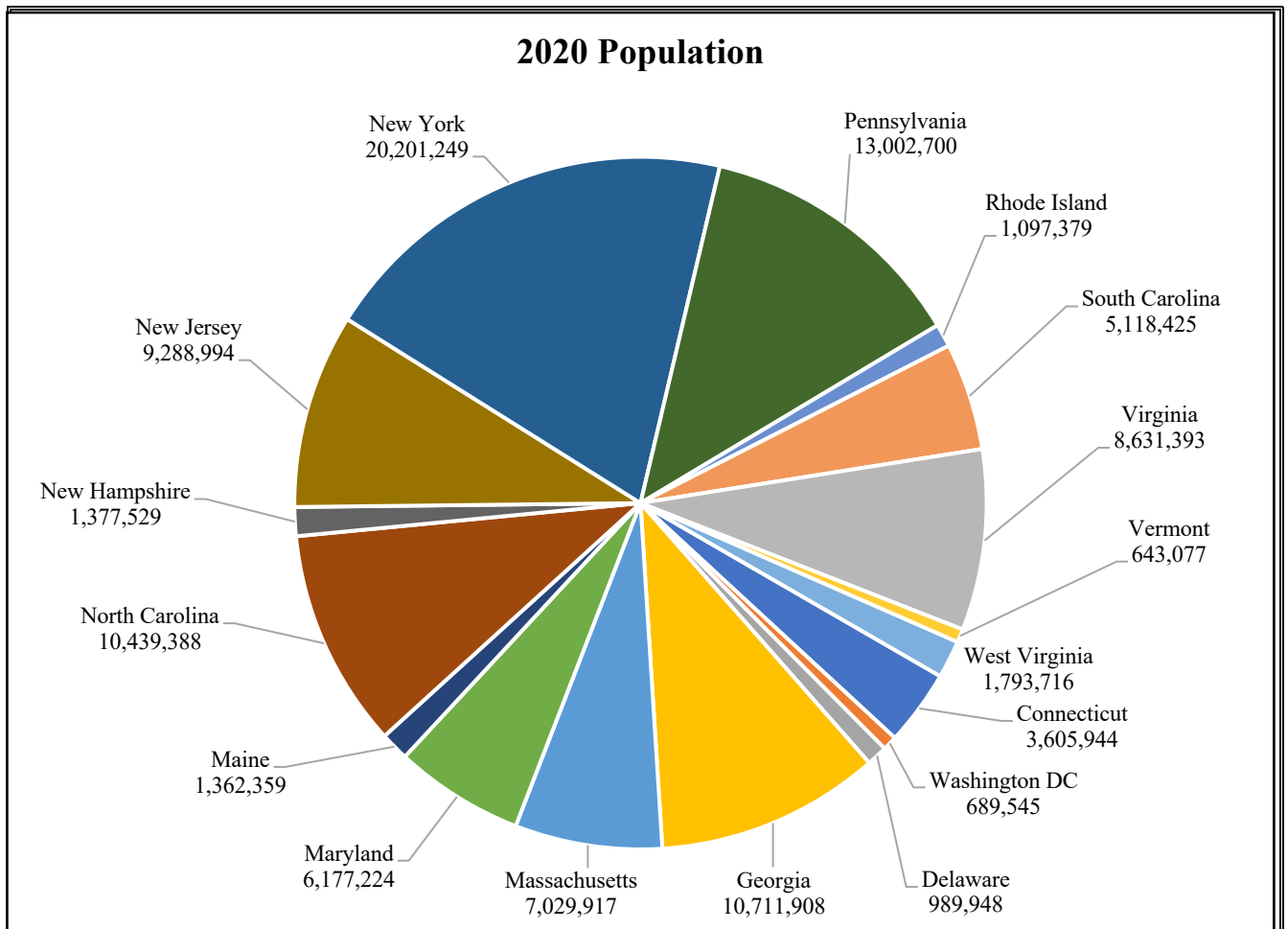
This demographic profile is in three parts: a profile of the seventeen states of the USA East Province, a profile of the Catholic population of the 43 (arch)dioceses of the region, and a profile of the members of the USA East Province.

Part I: The Seventeen States of the USA East Province

The region of the USA East Province of the Society of Jesus encompasses seventeen states: Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Maine, New York, New Jersey, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Virginia, Vermont, West Virginia and Washington D.C. In 2020 there were just above 100,000,000 people residing in these states or 31% of the population of the United States.

Population and Growth

There is great variation in the population of each state from less than 1,000,000 (Washington DC, Delaware and Vermont) to more than 10,000,000 (Georgia, North Carolina, New York, and Pennsylvania). As can be seen in the figure below New York is 20% of the population of the Province region followed by Pennsylvania (13%), Georgia (10%), and North Carolina (10%).



During the past 20 years from 2000 to 2020 the population of the Province region has grown 14%, less than the 17% of the United States as a whole.

Population Growth 2000, 2010, 2020				
State	Population 2000	Population 2010	Population 2020	% Growth 2000-2020
West Virginia	1,808,344	1,852,994	1,793,716	-1%
Rhode Island	1,048,319	1,052,567	1,097,379	5%
Connecticut	3,405,565	3,574,097	3,605,944	6%
New York	18,976,457	19,378,102	20,201,249	6%
Pennsylvania	12,281,054	12,702,379	13,002,700	6%
Vermont	608,827	625,741	643,077	6%
Maine	1,274,923	1,328,361	1,362,359	7%
New Jersey	8,414,350	8,791,894	9,288,994	10%
Massachusetts	6,349,097	6,547,629	7,029,917	11%
New Hampshire	1,235,786	1,316,470	1,377,529	11%
Maryland	5,296,486	5,773,552	6,177,224	17%
Washington DC	572,059	601,723	689,545	21%
Virginia	7,078,515	8,001,024	8,631,393	22%
Delaware	783,600	897,934	989,948	26%
South Carolina	4,012,012	4,625,364	5,118,425	28%
North Carolina	8,049,313	9,535,483	10,439,388	30%
Georgia	8,186,453	9,687,653	10,711,908	31%
USA East	89,381,160	96,292,967	102,160,695	14%
USA	282,200,000	309,300,000	329,500,000	17%

The faster population growth has occurred in Georgia (31%), North Carolina (30%), South Carolina (28%), and Delaware (26%) at about twice the national rate.

Slower growth was seen in Rhode Island (5%), Connecticut, Virginia, New York, and Pennsylvania (all at 6%) which grew below the national population growth rate of 17%. West Virginia was the only state to experience a decline in population (-1%).

While the population of New York grew at a slower rate than most of the USA East region, New York added more than 1,000,000 new residents due to its sheer size.

Race and Ethnicity

The racial and ethnic diversity of the population in the Province is quite varied from fairly homogeneous populations in Maine, Vermont and West Virginia (90% + White, non-Hispanic) to among the most diverse populations in Washington DC (46% Black and 11% Hispanic), and Maryland (31% Black and 11% Hispanic).

Race and Ethnic Diversity, 2020						
State	White, non- Hispa nic	Black, African- American	Asian/ Pacific Isl.	American Indian and Alaska Native	Hispanic /Latino	Other
Connecticut	65.9%	12.2%	5.1%	0.6%	16.9%	2.5%
Washington DC	37.5%	46.0%	4.6%	0.6%	11.3%	2.9%
Delaware	61.7%	23.2%	4.2%	0.7%	9.6%	2.7%
Georgia	52.0%	32.6%	4.5%	0.5%	9.9%	2.2%
Massachusetts	71.1%	9.0%	7.3%	0.5%	12.4%	2.6%
Maryland	50.0%	31.1%	6.8%	0.6%	10.6%	2.9%
Maine	93.0%	1.7%	1.2%	0.7%	1.8%	1.8%
North Carolina	62.6%	22.2%	3.3%	1.6%	9.8%	2.3%
New Hampshire	89.8%	1.8%	3.0%	0.3%	4.0%	1.8%
New Jersey	54.6%	15.1%	10.0%	0.6%	20.9%	2.3%
New York	55.3%	17.6%	9.1%	1.0%	19.3%	2.7%
Pennsylvania	75.7%	12.0%	3.9%	0.4%	7.8%	2.1%
Rhode Island	71.4%	8.5%	3.9%	1.1%	16.3%	2.9%
South Carolina	63.7%	27.0%	1.9%	0.5%	6.0%	2.0%
Virginia	61.2%	19.9%	7.0%	0.5%	9.8%	3.2%
Vermont	92.6%	1.4%	1.9%	0.4%	2.0%	2.0%
West Virginia	92.0%	3.6%	0.8%	0.3%	1.7%	1.8%
USA	60.1%	13.4%	6.1%	1.3%	18.5%	2.8%

* Total percent of all races might not equal 100% since individuals might identify with more than one race

- White/non-Hispanics are nine-tenths of the population in Maine (93.0%), Vermont (92.6%), West Virginia (92.0%) and New Hampshire (89.8%). They are less than four-tenths of the population in Washington DC (37.5%).
- Black/African-Americans are fewer than two percent of the population in Vermont (1.4%), New Hampshire (1.8%), and Maine (1.7%).

- Asians/Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders are one in ten of the population in New Jersey (10.0%). They are less than two percent of the population in West Virginia (0.8%), Maine (1.2%), South Carolina (1.9%) and Vermont (1.9%)
- American Indian and Alaska Native are less than two percent in all states of the East Province with the largest percent being 1.6% in North Carolina.
- The Hispanic population, which may be of any race, are two in ten of the population in New Jersey (20.9%) and New York (19.3%), more than one in ten in almost all the remaining states of UEA such as Connecticut (16.9%). Rhode Island (16.3%), Massachusetts (12.4%), Maryland (10.6%) and Washington DC (11.3%). They are less than one-tenth of the population in New Hampshire (4.0%), and South Carolina (6.0%).

Persons in Poverty and Household Income

The Federal poverty level in 2020 was \$12,760 for a single person and \$26,200 for a household of four persons.

Persons in Poverty in 2020		
State	% in Poverty	Persons in Poverty
West Virginia	16.0	286,995
South Carolina	13.8	706,343
North Carolina	13.6	1,419,757
Washington DC	13.5	93,089
Georgia	13.3	1,424,684
New York	13.0	2,626,162
Pennsylvania	12.0	1,560,324
Delaware	11.3	111,864
Maine	10.9	148,497
Rhode Island	10.8	118,517
Vermont	10.2	65,594
Connecticut	10.0	360,594
Virginia	9.9	854,508
Massachusetts	9.4	660,812
New Jersey	9.2	854,587
Maryland	9.0	555,950
New Hampshire	7.3	100,560
USA	11.4	37,200,000

- West Virginia (16%), South Carolina (13.8%), North Carolina (13.6%), and Washington DC (13.5%) have a notably higher proportion of residents living in poverty than the other states.
- New Hampshire (7.3%), Maryland (9%), and New Jersey (9.2%) have a notably lower proportion of residents living in poverty.
- New York, Pennsylvania, Georgia and North Carolina each have more than 1,000,000 persons living in poverty.

The median household income in the United States in 2020 was \$67,521. Among the seventeen states in the Province it varied from a high of \$94,384 in Maryland to a low of \$51,615 in West Virginia.

Median Household Income, 2020	
State	Median
Maryland	\$94,384
Washington DC	\$88,311
New Hampshire	\$88,235
Massachusetts	\$86,725
New Jersey	\$85,239
Virginia	\$81,947
Rhode Island	\$80,012
Connecticut	\$79,043
Pennsylvania	\$70,117
Delaware	\$69,132
New York	\$68,304
Vermont	\$66,902
Maine	\$63,440
North Carolina	\$60,266
South Carolina	\$60,097
Georgia	\$58,952
West Virginia	\$51,615
USA	\$67,521

- Maryland (\$94,384), Washington DC (\$88,311), New Hampshire (\$88,235), Massachusetts (\$86,725), New Jersey (\$85,239), Virginia (\$81,947), and Rhode Island (\$80,012) all have a median household income above \$80,000.
- North Carolina (\$60,266), South Carolina (\$60,097), Georgia (\$58,952) and West Virginia (\$51,615) are each notably lower than the national median.

Educational Attainment

The percentage of adults 25 years of age or older who have graduated from high school ranges from as low as 86.8% to as high as 93.1% in the USA East Province.

High School Graduate or Higher, 2020	
State	% High School Graduates
New York	86.8
West Virginia	86.9
Georgia	87.1
South Carolina	87.5
North Carolina	87.8
Rhode Island	88.8
Virginia	89.7
New Jersey	89.8
Delaware	90.0
Maryland	90.2
Pennsylvania	90.5
Connecticut	90.6
Massachusetts	90.8
Washington DC	90.9
Maine	92.6
Vermont	92.7
New Hampshire	93.1

- Nine of the seventeen states in the UEA Province have a proportion of 90% or higher of high school graduates in 2020: Delaware (90.0%), Maryland (90.2%), Pennsylvania (90.5%), Connecticut (90.6%), Massachusetts (90.8%), Washington DC (90.9%), Maine (92.6%), Vermont (92.7%) and New Hampshire (93.1%).
- New York and West Virginia have the lowest percentage (86.8% and 86.9% respectively).

The percentage of adults with a Bachelor's Degree or higher in 2020 range from as low as 20.6% to as high as 58.5% in the states of the USA East Province.

Bachelor's Degree or Higher, 2020	
State	% B.A or Higher
West Virginia	20.6
South Carolina	28.1
Georgia	31.3
North Carolina	31.3
Pennsylvania	31.4
Maine	31.8
Delaware	32.0
Rhode Island	34.2
New York	36.6
New Hampshire	37.0
Vermont	38.0
Virginia	38.8
New Jersey	39.7
Connecticut	39.9
Maryland	40.2
Massachusetts	43.7
Washington DC	58.5

- New Jersey (39.7%), Connecticut (39.9%), Maryland (40.2%), Massachusetts (43.7%), and Washington DC (58.5%) have a greater percentage of their population with a BA degree or higher in 2020.
- West Virginia (20.6%) and South Carolina (28.1%) have the smallest proportion of its population with a BA or higher.

Population Change in the 15 Largest Cities in the Province

The population change in the 15 largest cities in the UEA Province as of 2020 has varied widely from city to city. The cities of Raleigh (69%), Charlotte (62%), and Durham (52%) have grown rapidly over the twenty years.

Population Change in the 15 Largest Cities in UEA						
Rank in 2020	City	State	2000	2010	2020	% Growth 2000-2020
1	New York	NY	8,008,278	8,175,133	8,804,190	10%
6	Philadelphia	PA	1,517,550	1,526,006	1,603,797	6%
16	Charlotte	NC	540,828	731,424	874,579	62%
20	Washington	DC	572,059	601,723	689,545	21%
24	Boston	MA	589,141	617,594	675,647	15%
30	Baltimore	MD	651,154	620,961	585,708	-10%
38	Atlanta	GA	416,474	420,003	498,715	20%
41	Raleigh	NC	276,093	403,892	467,665	69%
43	Virginia Beach	VA	425,257	437,994	459,470	8%
62	Newark	NJ	273,546	277,140	311,549	14%
68	Pittsburgh	PA	334,563	305,704	302,971	-9%
70	Greensboro	NC	223,891	269,666	299,035	34%
71	Jersey City	NJ	240,055	247,597	292,449	22%
75	Durham	NC	187,035	228,330	283,506	52%
76	Buffalo	NY	292,648	261,310	278,349	-5%

- The cities of Baltimore (-10%), Pittsburgh (-9%), and Buffalo (-5%) have all lost population over the two decades.
- Strong growth has occurred in Greensboro (34%), Jersey City (22%), Washington DC (21%), and Atlanta (20%) over these years.
- The cities that have gained the largest number of people are New York (795,912), Charlotte (333,751), Raleigh (191,572), and Washington DC (117,486).

Part II: The Forty-three Dioceses of the USA East Province

The region of the USA East Province encompasses 43 territorial dioceses (the Archdiocese for the Military Services located in Washington DC is not territorial and not included in this study). In 2020 there were 22,710,294 Catholics residing in these dioceses or 34% of the Catholics of the United States.

Catholic Population Growth and Decline

The Catholic population is not growing in all dioceses as 24 dioceses report a decline in the number of Catholics, this is slightly more than half of the dioceses located in the UEA region. Nineteen dioceses report a growth in Catholic population since 2000, however, two dioceses show an increase far greater than any other diocese: Atlanta with a 268% increase, and Charlotte with a 322% increase in their Catholic population.

Catholic Population by Diocese, 2000, 2010 and 2020

Ecclesiastical Province	State	Diocese	2000 Catholic Population	2010 Catholic Population	2020 Catholic Population	% Change	Catholic Population Change, 2000-2020
Boston	MA	Boston	2,017,451	1,681,533	1,925,117	-5%	-92,334
		Fall River	361,350	319,853	274,412	-24%	-86,938
		Springfield	275,648	217,391	164,799	-40%	-110,849
		Worcester	308,327	305,000	278,161	-10%	-30,166
	ME	Portland	215,077	187,306	279,159	30%	64,082
	NH	Manchester	342,662	309,987	220,047	-36%	-122,615
	VT	Burlington	148,246	118,000	110,000	-26%	-38,246
Hartford	CT	Bridgeport	363,246	401,136	436,643	20%	73,397
		Hartford	742,958	624,230	470,029	-37%	-272,929
		Norwich	225,016	238,388	228,520	2%	3,504
	RI	Providence	635,590	619,964	623,815	-2%	-11,775
New York	NY	Albany	403,403	331,908	303,354	-25%	-100,049
		Brooklyn	1,637,999	1,440,000	1,316,791	-20%	-321,208
		Buffalo	731,008	656,760	571,000	-22%	-160,008
		New York	2,407,393	2,608,299	2,807,298	17%	399,905
		Ogdensburg	137,022	108,078	87,862	-36%	-49,160
		Rochester	294,827	309,773	302,136	2%	7,309
		Rockville Centre	1,373,802	1,521,842	1,487,052	8%	113,250
		Syracuse	372,665	284,000	217,431	-42%	-155,234

Ecclesiastical Province	State	Diocese	2000 Catholic Population	2010 Catholic Population	2020 Catholic Population	% Change	Catholic Population Change, 2000-2020
Philadelphia	PA	Allentown	265,439	272,300	251,871	-5%	-13,568
		Altoona-Johnstown	114,987	94,284	72,559	-37%	-42,428
		Erie	231,363	221,958	192,789	-17%	-38,574
		Greensburg	185,000	161,959	126,649	-32%	-58,351
		Harrisburg	238,157	232,117	213,801	-10%	-24,356
		Philadelphia	1,418,575	1,464,938	1,216,156	-14%	-202,419
		Pittsburgh	754,127	673,801	628,006	-17%	-126,121
		Scranton	343,820	323,047	235,682	-31%	-108,138
Newark	NJ	Camden	394,373	500,326	329,559	-16%	-64,814
		Metuchen	521,614	566,087	556,537	7%	34,923
		Newark	1,319,558	1,318,557	1,220,143	-8%	-99,415
		Paterson	406,289	424,722	420,000	3%	13,711
		Trenton	712,064	831,707	733,000	3%	20,936
Baltimore	MD	Baltimore	484,287	499,529	501,455	4%	17,168
	VA	Arlington	335,053	431,386	453,083	35%	118,030
	WV	Richmond	196,701	232,456	259,971	32%	63,270
		Wheeling-Charleston	103,069	82,996	71,685	-30%	-31,384
	DE	Wilmington	193,805	233,000	246,999	27%	53,194
Washington	DC	Washington	510,000	592,769	667,434	31%	157,434
Atlanta	GA	Atlanta	320,330	850,000	1,180,000	268%	859,670
		Savannah	75,398	77,473	78,347	4%	2,949
	SC	Charleston	126,794	184,728	203,394	60%	76,600
	NC	Charlotte	122,062	171,909	514,960	322%	392,898
Raleigh		152,493	217,225	232,588	53%	80,095	

- Ten dioceses reported a decline of 100,000 or more Catholics: Brooklyn 321,208; Hartford 272,929; Philadelphia 202,419; Buffalo 160,008; Syracuse 155,234; Pittsburgh 126,121; Manchester 122,615; Springfield 110,849; Scranton 108,138; and Albany 100,049.
- Six dioceses reported an increase of 100,000 or more Catholics: Atlanta 859,670; New York 399,905; Charlotte 392,898; Washington 157,434; Arlington 118,030; and Rockville Center 113,250.

Catholic Population Race and Ethnicity

Information on the race and ethnicity of Catholics is not directly collected by the Church and religious affiliation information is not collected by civil authorities, so determining the race and ethnicity of Catholics in the United States is derived and estimated from both Church and civil data sets. In 2014 the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops commissioned the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate to provide an estimate of the Catholic population by race and ethnicity for each diocese in the United States. The estimates provided are for the population of all self-identified Catholics which is often larger than the number of Catholics counted by the dioceses.

The White, non-Hispanic Catholic population is a plurality of the Catholics in 40 of the dioceses: all the dioceses in the Boston, Hartford, Philadelphia, Newark, Baltimore and Washington DC Ecclesiastical Province, all but two of the dioceses in the New York Ecclesiastical Province, and all but one of the dioceses in the Atlanta Ecclesiastical Province.

The Hispanic Catholic population is a plurality of Catholics in three of the dioceses: Brooklyn, New York, and Atlanta.

The remaining races and ethnicity groups Asian & Pacific Islanders, Black/African-American and Native American are not a plurality of Catholics located in dioceses of the UEA region.

However, 15,000 or more Asian & Pacific Islanders reside in 14 of the dioceses: Boston, Brooklyn, New York, Rockville Center, Philadelphia, Metuchen, Newark, Baltimore, Arlington, Richmond, Washington, Atlanta, Charlotte, and Raleigh.

Black, African-Americans are the second highest proportion of the Catholics across the UEA region. In five dioceses 50,000 or more Black, African-Americans Catholics reside: Brooklyn, New York, Philadelphia, Washington and Atlanta.

Native American Catholics are the smallest proportion of the Catholics yet 5,000 or more reside in four dioceses: Brooklyn, New York, Charlotte and Raleigh.

Estimated Number of Catholics by Race and Ethnicity, 2014 by Diocese

Ecclesiastical Province	State	Diocese	Non-Hispanic white	Hispanic/Latino	Asian, Pacific Isl.	Black/African Amer./African	Amer. Indian/Nat. Alaskan
Boston	MA	Boston	1,399,593	238,891	45,747	38,054	1,936
		Fall River	319,760	23,195	2,079	2,679	665
		Springfield	294,640	65,941	3,043	5,793	488
		Worcester	298,955	44,801	5,098	3,864	362
	ME	Portland	373,781	10,059	2,212	1,822	1,568
	NH	Manchester	340,214	21,802	4,578	1,744	576
	VT	Burlington	169,984	5,470	1,289	728	404
Hartford	CT	Bridgeport	285,763	92,085	6,793	11,521	436
		Hartford	634,470	163,386	11,416	26,865	968
		Norwich	279,056	29,107	3,573	3,640	656
New York	RI	Providence	384,161	77,609	4,931	6,982	1,109
	NY	Albany	448,725	36,020	6,258	13,257	576
		Brooklyn	594,953	741,503	154,590	214,890	5,287
		Buffalo	502,258	40,947	5,639	25,056	2,286
		New York	1,074,345	1,081,113	72,425	177,814	6,820
		Ogdensburg	177,404	9,546	959	2,776	1,126
		Rochester	486,824	50,123	7,802	22,882	776
		Rockville Centre	766,739	294,985	30,660	43,466	1,565
Syracuse	402,625	28,268	6,040	13,184	1,129		
Philadelphia	PA	Allentown	321,306	72,239	3,857	3,629	642
		Altoona-Johnstown	193,951	4,029	1,641	1,018	136
		Erie	251,375	6,935	919	2,021	272
		Greensburg	199,116	2,349	658	1,055	129
		Harrisburg	611,213	54,360	5,960	6,865	816
		Philadelphia	811,715	126,210	34,832	52,772	2,038
		Pittsburgh	520,646	11,351	6,182	10,980	452
		Scranton	310,871	27,662	2,036	2,943	427
Newark	NJ	Camden	424,302	124,311	5,531	16,878	979
		Metuchen	372,531	137,239	21,490	8,830	669
		Newark	584,454	480,262	26,401	44,290	2,064
		Paterson	336,881	168,186	6,850	6,340	803
		Trenton	691,105	128,838	8,962	16,434	797

Ecclesiastical Province	State	Diocese	Non-Hispanic white	Hispanic/Latino	Asian, Pacific Isl.	Black/African Amer./African	Amer. Indian/Nat. Alaskan
Baltimore	MD	Baltimore	454,412	78,173	22,941	49,788	1,750
	VA	Arlington	263,002	221,945	53,477	12,688	2,148
		Richmond	494,220	116,713	21,875	43,162	3,200
		Wheeling-					
	WV	Charleston	110,480	11,936	2,169	3,598	693
	DE	Wilmington	251,286	48,759	5,929	15,397	994
Washington	DC	Washington	236,271	193,918	34,051	66,859	2,139
Atlanta	GA	Atlanta	342,582	355,593	46,997	65,009	4,231
		Savanah	144,671	77,228	7,297	35,305	1,653
	SC	Charleston	248,870	123,969	10,437	9,035	3,573
	NC	Charlotte	245,439	167,715	18,280	32,411	5,344
		Raleigh	196,465	171,536	18,151	47,486	17,002
US East	43 Dioceses		17,851,414	5,966,307	742,055	1,171,810	81,684

Overall, the non-Hispanic white population (17,851,414) of the UEA region makes up 69% of the Catholic population, followed by Hispanic/Latino (5,966,307) that make up 23% of the Catholic population in the region.

Sacramental Practice of Catholics

As the Catholic population in the United States has grown year after year in recent decades, the number of baptisms and marriages recorded by dioceses has at the same time declined. These trends of a growing Catholic population and a decreasing number of baptisms and marriages is evident across the 43 dioceses of the US East Province.

Baptisms

Only the dioceses of Atlanta (20%), Charleston (34%), Charlotte (51%), and Raleigh (17%) report an increase in the number of baptisms during the twenty years. The other 39 dioceses all report a decline in the number of baptisms.

Thirteen dioceses report a decline of more than 60% in baptisms over the twenty years: Burlington (74%), Portland (73%), Fall River (69%), Manchester (69%), Providence (67%), Springfield (66%), Norwich (64%), Buffalo (64%), Ogdensburg (62%), Hartford (61%), Rochester (61%), Syracuse (61%), and Altoona-Johnstown (61%).

Overall, the number of infant baptisms has declined less in the US East Province dioceses (40%) than in the nation as a whole (44%).

Total Number of Baptisms (Infant, Minor & Adult) by Diocese, 2000, 2010 and 2020						
Ecclesiastical Province	State	Diocese	2000 Total Baptisms	2010 Total Baptisms	2020 Total Baptisms	% Change
Boston	MA	Boston	28,325	19,261	13,279	-53%
		Fall River	5,419	3,364	1,699	-69%
		Springfield	4,294	2,687	1,443	-66%
		Worcester	4,762	2,862	1,971	-59%
	ME	Portland	3,391	1,682	926	-73%
	NH	Manchester	5,231	2,798	1,603	-69%
	VT	Burlington	1,779	1,016	471	-74%
Hartford	CT	Bridgeport	6,178	4,343	3,026	-51%
		Hartford	10,865	6,756	4,260	-61%
		Norwich	3,154	1,842	1,131	-64%
	RI	Providence	6,521	4,457	2,152	-67%
New York	NY	Albany	5,282	3,497	2,262	-57%
		Brooklyn	23,338	18,756	11,541	-51%
		Buffalo	7,809	4,407	2,840	-64%
		New York	35,310	26,273	34,850	-1%
		Ogdensburg	1,825	1,162	699	-62%
		Rochester	4,947	3,275	1,915	-61%
		Rockville Centre	21,257	17,775	14,775	-30%
		Syracuse	6,094	3,525	2,401	-61%
Philadelphia	PA	Allentown	4,243	3,160	1,920	-55%
		Altoona-Johnstown	1,667	1,069	652	-61%
		Erie	2,461	1,725	995	-60%
		Greensburg	2,123	1,436	955	-55%
		Harrisburg	3,696	3,010	1,909	-48%
		Philadelphia	18,843	15,010	10,934	-42%
		Pittsburgh	9,222	6,159	3,825	-59%
		Scranton	4,884	3,565	2,425	-50%
Newark	NJ	Camden	7,179	6,092	3,744	-48%
		Metuchen	7,293	5,111	3,914	-46%
		Newark	16,530	17,368	10,487	-37%
		Paterson	8,951	7,198	4,640	-48%
		Trenton	11,136	9,054	6,386	-43%
Baltimore	MD	Baltimore	8,719	6,712	5,414	-38%
	VA	Arlington	9,535	8,135	5,939	-38%
		Richmond	4,114	3,547	3,217	-22%
	WV	Wheeling-Charleston	1,731	1,125	804	-54%
	DE	Wilmington	3,195	2,973	1,988	-38%
Washington DC	DC	Washington	8,229	7,168	6,520	-21%
Atlanta	GA	Atlanta	7,684	974	9,200	20%
		Savannah	1,855	2,071	1,563	-16%
	SC	Charleston	2,322	3,842	3,122	34%
	NC	Charlotte	3,713	4,166	5,619	51%
		Raleigh	3,824	6,355	4,476	17%
	US East	43 Dioceses	338,930	256,763	203,892	-40%

Marriages in the Church

Only the Dioceses of Norwich in Connecticut (1%) and Charlotte in North Carolina (33%) report an increase in the number of marriages during the twenty years. The other 41 dioceses all report a decline in the number of marriages.

Four dioceses report a decline of more than 75% in marriages over the twenty years: Springfield (79%), Burlington (76%), Bridgeport (76%) and Rochester (75%).

Overall, the number of marriages has declined more in the US East Province dioceses (57%) than in the nation as a whole (49%).

Marriages Recorded in the Diocese, 2000, 2010 and 2020						
Ecclesiastical Province	State	Diocese	2000 Total Marriages	2010 Total Marriages	2020 Total Marriages	% Change
Boston	MA	Boston	8,007	3,716	2,304	-71%
		Fall River	1,875	943	637	-66%
		Springfield	1,488	632	311	-79%
		Worcester	1,260	536	335	-73%
	ME	Portland	1,303	598	341	-74%
	NH	Manchester	1,407	517	369	-74%
	VT	Burlington	778	406	184	-76%
Hartford	CT	Bridgeport	2,015	913	489	-76%
		Hartford	3,094	1,427	935	-70%
		Norwich	959	449	967	1%
	RI	Providence	2,060	1,299	634	-69%
New York	NY	Albany	1,751	1,008	544	-69%
		Brooklyn	4,352	2,696	3,053	-30%
		Buffalo	2,812	1,515	934	-67%
		New York	7,309	4,679	3,009	-59%
		Ogdensburg	646	360	176	-73%
		Rochester	1,962	1,049	486	-75%
		Rockville Centre	6,317	3,956	2,932	-54%
Philadelphia	PA	Syracuse	2,083	1,059	580	-72%
		Allentown	1,443	935	549	-62%
		Altoona-Johnstown	791	491	549	-31%
		Erie	1,191	617	340	-71%
		Greensburg	1,070	680	402	-62%
		Harrisburg	988	756	503	-49%
		Philadelphia	6,580	4,455	3,111	-53%
		Pittsburgh	3,314	2,142	1,423	-57%
		Scranton	1,974	1,096	616	-69%

Ecclesiastical Province	State	Diocese	2000 Total Marriages	2010 Total Marriages	2020 Total Marriages	% Change	
Newark	NJ	Camden	1,854	1,412	669	-64%	
		Metuchen	1,860	1,055	736	-60%	
		Newark	4,692	2,831	1,624	-65%	
		Paterson	2,025	1,289	792	-61%	
		Trenton	2,741	1,718	1,186	-57%	
Baltimore	MD	Baltimore	2,577	1,512	1,192	-54%	
		VA	Arlington	1,776	1,444	1,246	-30%
		Richmond	1,330	1,011	683	-49%	
	WV	Wheeling-Charleston	567	387	201	-65%	
	DE	Wilmington	875	643	460	-47%	
Washington	DC	Washington	2,246	1,545	1,369	-39%	
Atlanta	GA	Atlanta	1,738	1,575	1,646	-5%	
		Savannah	541	361	318	-41%	
	SC	Charleston	742	682	724	-2%	
	NC	Charlotte	751	806	998	33%	
		Raleigh	849	958	850	0%	
	US East	43 Diocese	95,993	58,159	41,407	-57%	

Priests, Religious and Deacons

Priests

There has been a decline in the number of priests in the United States for several decades. This decline in number has slowed in more recent years due to fewer departures, more ordinations, and the arrival of international priests serving in the United States. The 32% decline in the number of priests in the 43 dioceses of the US East Province is greater than the 22% decline for the nation.

Six of the dioceses in the region report an increase in the number of priests. Those with an increase of 10% or higher are: Atlanta (39%), Savannah (13%), Charleston (13%), and Raleigh (14%).

Thirty-six dioceses in the region report a decline in the number of priests. Four dioceses report a decline of 45% or more: Pittsburgh (55%), Manchester (50%), Albany (49%), and Ogdensburg (48%).

Number of Priests in the Diocese, 2000, 2010 and 2020

Ecclesiastical Province	State	Diocese	2000 Total Priests	2010 Total Priests	2020 Total Priests	%Change	
Boston	MA	Boston	1,619	1,235	1,033	-36%	
		Fall River	300	258	182	-39%	
		Springfield	247	182	195	-21%	
		Worcester	376	295	241	-36%	
	ME	Portland	230	188	145	-37%	
	NH	Manchester	306	247	153	-50%	
	VT	Burlington	182	139	106	-42%	
Hartford	CT	Bridgeport	333	279	233	-30%	
		Hartford	523	407	316	-40%	
		Norwich	202	167	133	-34%	
New York	NY	Providence	440	401	286	-35%	
		Albany	434	292	222	-49%	
		Brooklyn	884	699	645	-27%	
		Buffalo	636	449	362	-43%	
		New York	1,784	1,505	1,100	-38%	
		Ogdensburg	180	135	93	-48%	
		Rochester	302	231	176	-42%	
		Rockville Centre	506	396	355	-30%	
		Syracuse	344	278	198	-42%	
		Philadelphia	PA	Allentown	310	271	208
Altoona-Johnstown	223			184	175	-22%	
Erie	261			199	167	-36%	
Greensburg	234			183	233	0%	
Harrisburg	195			174	164	-16%	
Philadelphia	1,185			967	763	-36%	
Pittsburgh	604			485	270	-55%	
Newark	NJ	Scranton	448	352	267	-40%	
		Camden	373	325	223	-40%	
		Metuchen	252	230	203	-19%	
		Newark	1,020	886	749	-27%	
		Paterson	444	374	345	-22%	
Baltimore	MD	Trenton	297	299	241	-19%	
		Baltimore	597	500	385	-36%	
		VA	Arlington	227	222	238	5%
			Richmond	204	176	155	-24%
		WV	Wheeling-Charleston	207	164	124	-40%
Washington	DC	DE	Wilmington	215	212	162	-25%
		Washington	949	667	739	-22%	
Atlanta	GA	Atlanta	207	252	287	39%	
		Savanah	95	105	107	13%	
		SC	Charleston	127	119	144	13%
		NC	Charlotte	156	166	167	7%
			Raleigh	132	139	150	14%
US East	43 Dioceses	18,790	15,434	12,840	-32%		

Sisters

There has been a decline in the number of sisters in the United States since 1970. This decline has continued because of the very large number of elderly sisters and the small number of new entrants. In the past 20 to 30 years there is an increasing number of international sisters coming to minister in the United States but not enough to mitigate the mortality rate of elderly U.S. sisters. The number of sisters has declined by 47% in the past twenty years across the nation and 49% in the region of the US East Province.

None of the 43 dioceses in the region report an increase in the number of sisters.

All forty-three dioceses in the region report a decline in the number of sisters. Nine dioceses report a decline of 60% or more: Harrisburg (86%), Wheeling-Charleston (70%), Fall River (66%), Burlington (65%), Raleigh (63%), Trenton (62%), Syracuse (61%), Portland (60%), and Manchester (60%).

Number of Sisters in the Diocese, 2000, 2010 and 2020						
Ecclesiastical Province	State	Diocese	2000 Total Sisters	2010 Total Sisters	2020 Total Sisters	%Change
Boston	MA	Boston	2,748	1,945	1,183	-57%
		Fall River	326	182	111	-66%
		Springfield	581	427	248	-57%
		Worcester	445	427	191	-57%
	ME	Portland	436	318	174	-60%
	NH	Manchester	710	439	284	-60%
	VT	Burlington	230	121	80	-65%
Hartford	CT	Bridgeport	476	344	238	-50%
		Hartford	967	715	434	-55%
		Norwich	281	203	137	-51%
		RI	Providence	688	477	350
New York	NY	Albany	971	702	490	-50%
		Brooklyn	924	868	601	-35%
		Buffalo	1,420	964	546	-62%
		New York	3,599	2,799	2,151	-40%
		Ogdensburg	185	113	75	-59%
		Rochester	672	481	482	-28%
		Rockville Centre	1,468	1,131	801	-45%
Syracuse	497	317	193	-61%		

Ecclesiastical Province	State	Diocese	2000 Total Sisters	2010 Total Sisters	2020 Total Sisters	%Change	
Philadelphia	PA	Allentown	490	350	285	-42%	
		Altoona-Johnstown	100	71	46	-54%	
		Erie	499	350	229	-54%	
		Greensburg	285	198	200	-30%	
		Harrisburg	528	359	75	-86%	
		Philadelphia	3,764	2,763	2,224	-41%	
		Pittsburgh	1,667	1,143	748	-55%	
		Scranton	776	523	382	-51%	
Newark	NJ	Camden	328	286	216	-34%	
		Metuchen	394	309	217	-45%	
		Newark	1,473	1,003	708	-52%	
		Paterson	947	728	564	-40%	
		Trenton	463	366	181	-61%	
Baltimore	MD	Baltimore	1,212	934	672	-45%	
		VA	Arlington	192	140	110	-43%
			Richmond	210	184	166	-21%
	WV	Wheeling-Charleston	298	163	90	-70%	
	DE	Wilmington	260	256	154	-41%	
Washington	DC	Washington	770	562	419	-46%	
Atlanta	GA	Atlanta	123	81	104	-15%	
		Savanah	120	88	68	-43%	
	SC	Charleston	154	136	87	-44%	
	NC	Charlotte	134	122	92	-31%	
		Raleigh	86	52	32	-63%	
US East		43 Dioceses	32,897	24,140	16,838	-49%	

Brothers

There has been a decline in the number of religious brothers in the United States since 1970. This decline has continued because of the small number of brother entrants and the large number of elderly brothers. The number of brothers has declined by 44% in the past twenty years across the nation and less so (36%) in the region of the USA East Province.

Eleven of the dioceses in the region report an increase in the number of brothers but in each instance, there were few brothers residing in the dioceses twenty years ago: Charlotte (267%), Bridgeport (100%), Harrisburg (100%), Washington (66%), Hartford (30%), Atlanta (25%), Allentown (20%), Altoona-Johnstown (18%), Springfield (14%), Greensburg (12%), and New York (4%).

Thirty-one dioceses in the region report a decline in the number of brothers. Three dioceses report a decline of 80% or more: Erie (100%), Ogdensburg (91%), and Wilmington (80%).

Number of Brothers in the Diocese, 2000, 2010 and 2020

Ecclesiastical Province	State	Diocese	2000 Total Brothers	2010 Total Brothers	2020 Total Brothers	%Change
Boston	MA	Boston	110	144	86	-22%
		Fall River	18	17	11	-39%
		Springfield	7	14	8	14%
		Worcester	80	74	59	-26%
	ME	Portland	25	19	12	-52%
	NH	Manchester	39	18	15	-62%
	VT	Burlington	15	22	13	-13%
Hartford	CT	Bridgeport	0	0	1	100%
		Hartford	56	28	73	30%
		Norwich	25	24	11	-56%
	RI	Providence	133	83	60	-55%
New York	NY	Albany	82	76	62	-24%
		Brooklyn	168	138	75	-55%
		Buffalo	44	42	23	-48%
		New York	278	324	288	4%
		Ogdensburg	22	8	2	-91%
		Rochester	42	29	23	-45%
		Rockville Centre	98	80	63	-36%
		Syracuse	18	6	6	-67%
Philadelphia	PA	Allentown	10	12	12	20%
		Altoona-Johnstown	11	9	13	18%
		Erie	2	0	0	-100%
		Greensburg	33	47	37	12%
		Harrisburg	0	1	1	100%
		Philadelphia	127	101	76	-40%
		Pittsburgh	38	29	22	-42%
		Scranton	5	8	3	-40%
Newark	NJ	Camden	10	12	10	0%
		Metuchen	24	20	9	-63%
		Newark	112	74	61	-46%
		Paterson	45	30	33	-27%
		Trenton	72	70	52	-28%
Baltimore	MD	Baltimore	80	69	36	-55%
	VA	Arlington	16	15	6	-63%
		Richmond	7	10	2	-71%
	WV	Wheeling-Charleston	16	12	5	-69%
	DE	Wilmington	25	34	5	-80%
Washington	DC	Washington	144	99	239	66%
Atlanta	GA	Atlanta	4	9	5	25%
		Savanah	14	3	5	-64%
	SC	Charleston	26	23	15	-42%
	NC	Charlotte	3	12	11	267%
		Raleigh	7	3	4	-43%
US East	43 Dioceses	2,091	1,848	1,553	-36%	

Permanent Deacons

There has been a consistent growth in the number of permanent deacons in the United States since 1980 and the restoration of the diaconate. The number of deacons has increased by 59% in the past twenty years across the nation but less so (29%) in the region of the US East Province.

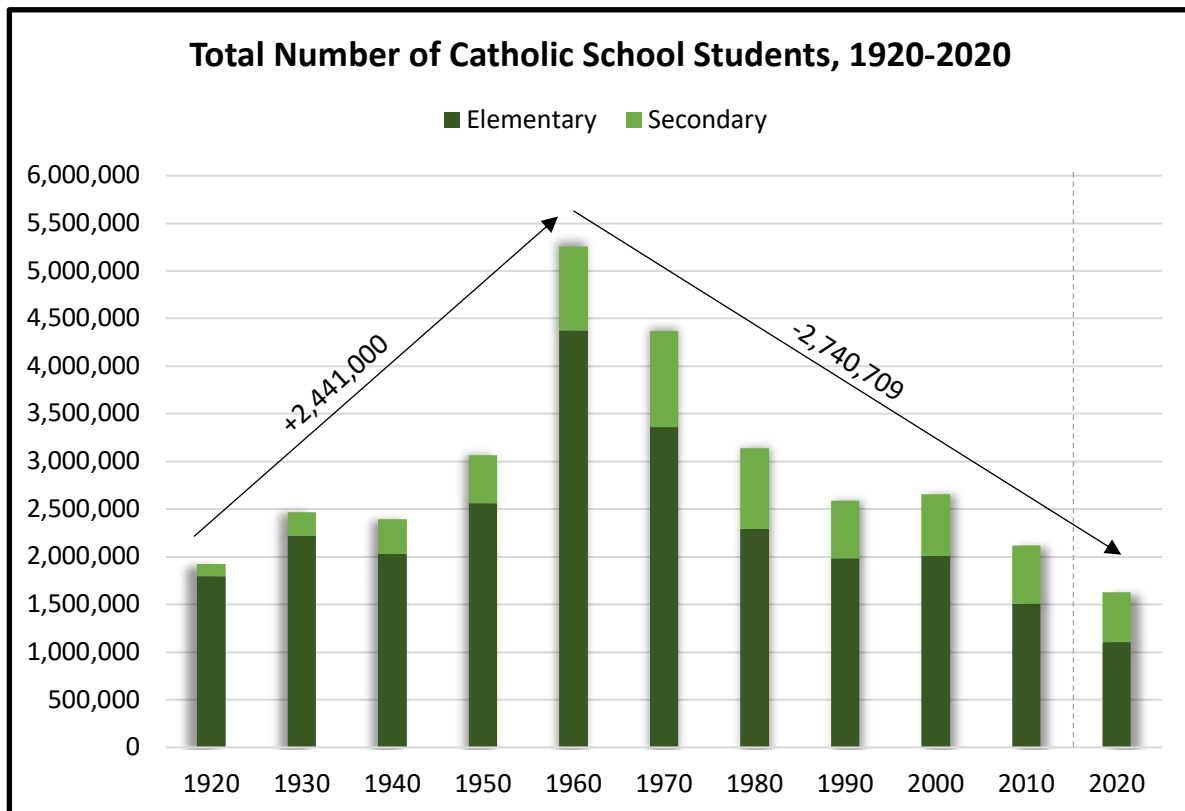
Thirty-six of the dioceses in the region report an increase in the number of deacons. Ten of the dioceses report a 100% increase or more in the number of deacons: Greensburg (900%), Richmond (535%), Erie (381%), Raleigh (332%), Arlington (209%), Manchester (192%), Portland (158%), Wilmington (152%), Savannah (148%), Charleston (110%), Atlanta (105%), and Springfield (104%).

Seven dioceses in the region report a decline in the number of deacons: Hartford (-54%), Newark (-47%), Rochester (-25%), Burlington (-14%), Trenton (-11%), Harrisburg (-2%), and Baltimore (-2%).

Number of Permanent Deacons, 2000, 2010 and 2020						
Ecclesiastical Province	State	Diocese	2000 Total Deacon	2010 Total Deacons	2020 Total Deacons	%Change
Boston	MA	Boston	215	258	283	32%
		Fall River	62	88	93	50%
		Springfield	52	78	106	104%
		Worcester	77	106	106	38%
	ME	Portland	19	32	49	158%
	NH	Manchester	24	55	70	192%
	VT	Burlington	42	50	36	-14%
Hartford	CT	Bridgeport	83	98	93	12%
		Hartford	426	272	198	-54%
		Norwich	48	72	60	25%
	RI	Providence	96	104	97	1%
New York	NY	Albany	89	111	108	21%
		Brooklyn	171	159	228	33%
		Buffalo	94	125	145	54%
		New York	331	374	381	15%
		Ogdensburg	56	70	85	52%
		Rochester	123	127	92	-25%
		Rockville Centre	211	265	266	26%
		Syracuse	67	85	96	43%
Philadelphia	PA	Allentown	76	108	121	59%
		Altoona-Johnstown	24	32	39	63%
		Erie	16	56	77	381%
		Greensburg	0	2	9	900%
		Harrisburg	60	46	59	-2%
		Philadelphia	169	245	303	79%
		Pittsburgh	52	41	93	79%
		Scranton	48	65	90	88%
Newark	NJ	Camden	108	152	133	23%
		Metuchen	128	164	174	36%
		Newark	255	167	135	-47%
		Paterson	160	212	195	22%
		Trenton	258	357	230	-11%
Baltimore	MD	Baltimore	185	158	181	-2%
	VA	Arlington	46	63	96	209%
		Richmond	26	82	165	535%
	WV	Wheeling-Charleston	30	45	50	67%
	DE	Wilmington	44	110	111	152%
Washington	DC	Washington	225	199	260	16%
Atlanta	GA	Atlanta	132	232	271	105%
		Savanah	33	59	82	148%
	SC	Charleston	69	101	145	110%
	NC	Charlotte	68	96	133	96%
		Raleigh	22	40	73	332%
US East	43 Dioceses	4,520	5,361	5,817	29%	

Catholic Elementary Schools and Students

The number of children attending Catholic elementary schools has steadily declined in recent decades across the nation.



During the past twenty years there was a 45% decline in the number of students in Catholic elementary schools nationwide and a 49% decline in the region of the USA East Province. Nearly 370,000 fewer children enrolled in Catholic elementary schools in the Province in 2020 as compared to 2000.

The two dioceses that reported an increase in the number of children in Catholic elementary schools were Washington (10% increase or 2,500 additional students) and Raleigh (47% or 2,386 additional students).

One diocese reports a fairly stable number of students over the years: Atlanta (3% decline or 193 fewer students).

Five dioceses report a decline of 70% or more over the twenty years: Ogdensburg (73% decline or 3,014 fewer students), Rochester (78% decline or 10,342 fewer students), Syracuse (70% decline or 7,403 fewer students), Scranton (73% decline or 8,962 fewer students) and Paterson (72% decline or 12,381 fewer students).

Catholic Elementary Schools and Students, 2000, 2010, and 2020

Ecclesiastical Province	State	Diocese	2000		2010		2020		% Change Students
			Elementary Schools	Students	Elementary Schools	Students	Elementary Schools	Students	
Boston	MA	Boston	139	38,264	88	26,331	75	18,528	-52%
		Fall River	24	6,011	22	4,824	17	3,130	-48%
		Springfield	28	7,645	16	4,046	12	2,400	-69%
		Worcester	24	6,020	12	5,051	20	3,385	-44%
	ME	Portland	16	4,160	13	2,659	10	1,633	-61%
	NH	Manchester	38	7,972	25	4,772	22	3,380	-58%
	VT	Burlington	15	2,674	12	1,870	9	1,433	-46%
Hartford	CT	Bridgeport	35	10,336	34	8,249	25	5,313	-49%
		Hartford	72	18,781	58	11,896	36	6,728	-64%
		Norwich	23	4,716	19	2,839	11	1,556	-67%
	RI	Providence	46	13,219	37	9,233	30	5,597	-58%
New York	NY	Albany	41	9,101	25	5,467	19	3,693	-59%
		Brooklyn	156	55,516	107	33,907	76	22,127	-60%
		Buffalo	94	23,352	58	12,665	38	8,390	-64%
		New York	243	82,050	216	56,110	146	37,699	-54%
		Ogdensburg	24	4,139	13	2,020	9	1,125	-73%
		Rochester	54	13,260	27	5,577	20	2,918	-78%
		Rockville Centre	63	29,033	57	20,042	43	12,867	-56%
		Syracuse	43	10,554	22	3,261	19	3,151	-70%

			2000		2010		2020		% Change Students	
Ecclesiastical Province	State	Diocese	Elementary Schools	Students	Elementary Schools	Students	Elementary Schools	Students		
Philadelphia	PA	Allentown	56	14,113	45	9,485	30	6,565	-53%	
		Altoona-Johnstown	29	4,793	20	3,608	13	2,132	-56%	
		Erie	43	10,605	33	5,562	25	3,815	-64%	
		Greensburg	27	5,733	18	3,153	12	1,868	-67%	
		Harrisburg	42	11,527	39	8,587	33	6,829	-41%	
		Philadelphia	237	88,455	197	59,366	131	61,784	-30%	
		Pittsburgh	110	27,749	99	19,091	63	11,750	-58%	
		Scranton	50	12,327	21	6,019	18	3,365	-73%	
Newark	NJ	Camden	60	16,640	40	10,049	28	7,601	-54%	
		Metuchen	44	14,331	32	9,353	23	5,384	-62%	
		Newark	142	39,926	89	19,576	67	12,369	-69%	
		Paterson	60	17,219	44	10,651	19	4,838	-72%	
		Trenton	56	21,389	39	12,967	31	8,745	-59%	
Baltimore	MD	Baltimore	73	24,966	60	19,882	46	14,992	-40%	
		VA	Arlington	36	12,667	39	13,225	40	11,106	-12%
			Richmond	28	8,888	25	8,086	25	7,069	-20%
	WV	Wheeling-Charleston	27	5,375	25	4,784	19	3,708	-31%	
	DE	Wilmington	29	10,915	27	8,537	23	5,913	-46%	
Washington	DC	Washington	89	25,110	77	18,428	73	27,610	10%	
Atlanta	GA	Atlanta	18	6,551	19	7,739	18	6,358	-3%	
		Savanah	15	5,344	16	4,344	13	3,222	-40%	
	SC	Charleston	25	6,599	28	5,598	28	4,701	-29%	
	NC	Charlotte	15	5,980	16	5,738	16	5,007	-16%	
		Raleigh	18	5,080	31	7,776	27	7,466	47%	
US East	43 Diocese	2,507	749,085	1,940	502,423	1,458	379,250	-49%		

Catholic High Schools and Students

The number of children attending Catholic high schools has declined in recent decades across the nation. During the past twenty years there was an 18% decline nationwide and a 24% decline in the region of the USA East Province, nearly 61,000 fewer children enrolled in Catholic high schools in the Province since 2000.

Five dioceses reported an increase in the number of children in Catholic high schools: Raleigh (177% increase or 1,205 additional students), Atlanta (122% increase or 2,555 additional students), Charleston (67% increase or 887 additional students), Charlotte (56% increase or 676 additional students), and Washington (15% increase or 1,294 additional students).

Three dioceses report a fairly stable number of students over the years: Fall River (5% increase or 137 additional students), Syracuse (2% decrease or 44 fewer students) and Arlington (3% decrease or 127 students fewer).

Four dioceses report a decline of 60% or more over the twenty years: Norwich (80% decrease or 5,383 fewer students), Ogdensburg (77% decrease or 459 fewer students), Springfield (75% decrease or 1,225 fewer students), and Metuchen (62% decrease or 2,992 fewer students).

Catholic High Schools and Students, 2000, 2010, and 2020

Ecclesiastical Province	State	Diocese	2000		2010		2020		% Change Students
			High Schools	Students	High Schools	Students	High Schools	Students	
Boston	MA	Boston	35	16,266	32	16,305	26	14,331	-12%
		Fall River	4	2,653	5	2,871	5	2,790	5%
		Springfield	4	1,637	4	1,170	2	412	-75%
		Worcester	8	4,214	9	3,403	9	2,205	-48%
	ME	Portland	3	974	3	1,008	2	504	-48%
	NH	Manchester	4	2,395	5	2,355	4	1,819	-24%
	VT	Burlington	2	732	2	451	2	465	-36%
Hartford	CT	Bridgeport	8	3,576	7	3,620	7	3,299	-8%
		Hartford	10	5,022	9	4,677	9	3,833	-24%
		Norwich	6	6,716	5	2,303	4	1,333	-80%
	RI	Providence	12	5,746	12	5,794	7	4,321	-25%
New York	NY	Albany	7	2,909	7	2,224	7	2,006	-31%
		Brooklyn	20	17,279	21	16,217	20	11,799	-32%
		Buffalo	17	5,976	15	5,221	12	4,153	-31%
		New York	55	28,932	55	27,620	44	22,026	-24%
		Ogdensburg	2	597	2	352	2	138	-77%
		Rochester	7	3,539	7	3,403	6	2,927	-17%
		Rockville Centre	12	10,938	10	12,776	9	10,210	-7%
		Syracuse	6	2,113	6	2,404	6	2,069	-2%
Philadelphia	PA	Allentown	9	4,077	8	3,641	7	2,979	-27%
		Altoona-Johnstown	3	1,194	3	953	4	847	-29%
		Erie	8	3,135	7	2,243	7	1,784	-43%
		Greensburg	2	792	2	655	2	451	-43%
		Harrisburg	7	3,745	7	3,819	7	2,847	-24%
		Philadelphia	37	30,295	35	25,565	34	18,602	-39%
		Pittsburgh	11	4,245	12	4,207	12	3,897	-8%
Scranton	12	4,330	2	2,453	5	1,899	-56%		

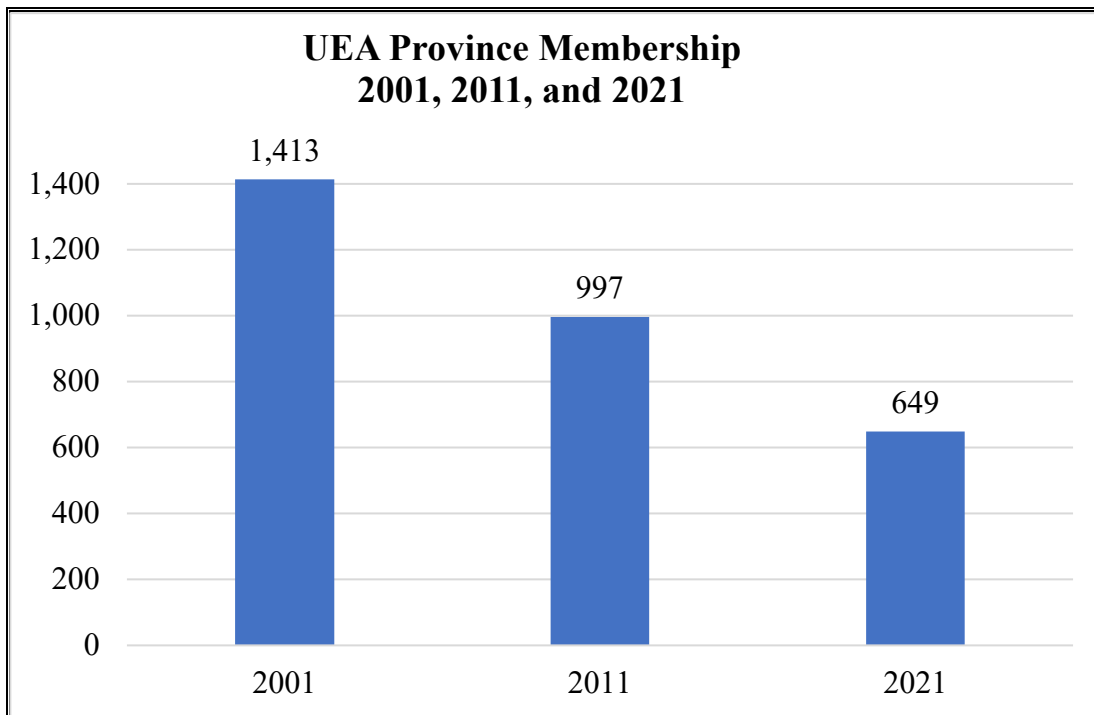
Ecclesiastical Province	State	Diocese	2000		2010		2020		% Change Students
			High Schools	Students	High Schools	Students	High Schools	Students	
Newark	NJ	Camden	11	6,032	10	7,785	9	4,519	-25%
		Metuchen	7	4,853	5	3,263	5	1,861	-62%
		Newark	37	15,696	32	14,378	26	11,031	-30%
		Paterson	10	3,986	8	3,860	7	2,629	-34%
		Trenton	11	8,361	11	7,161	11	5,526	-34%
Baltimore	MD	Baltimore	22	10,824	21	11,394	19	9,570	-12%
		VA	Arlington	5	4,070	6	4,180	6	3,943
	WV	Richmond	10	2,296	8	1,936	8	1,604	-30%
		Wheeling-Charleston	8	1,666	7	1,649	6	1,253	-25%
DE	Wilmington	8	4,645	8	4,497	9	3,402	-27%	
Washington	DC	Washington	18	8,649	18	10,140	18	9,943	15%
Atlanta	GA	Atlanta	2	2,088	7	4,074	9	4,643	122%
		Savanah	5	2,021	5	1,513	6	1,544	-24%
	SC	Charleston	2	1,320	4	1,764	7	2,207	67%
	NC	Charlotte	2	1,213	2	1,956	3	1,889	56%
		Raleigh	1	680	2	1,299	3	1,885	177%
US East	43 Diocese	470	252,427	446	238,559	413	191,395	-24%	

Part III: The Jesuits of the USA East Province

The membership numbers, age and assignment of Province members are derived from the annual Catalogues and the Jesuit Database from the Jesuit Conference. The Jesuit Database does not readily allow one to match up the exact individual membership data for each year such that 2021 is missing six members, 2011 is missing sixteen members, and 2001 is missing six members. These “missing” members are few enough so as not to skew the data presented.

Jesuit Numbers

The UEA Province membership was 1,413 in 2001, declining by 416 members or 29% by 2011. The decline in membership continued between 2011 to 2021 with 348 fewer members or a 35% decline. During the past twenty years there was a decrease of 764 members or 54% overall.



Jesuit Age Distribution

The average age of the members steadily increased from 64.2 years in 2001 to 67.8 in 2011 and to 69.6 in 2021. The proportion of men under age 70 has gone from 59% in 2001 to 48% in 2011 to 42% in 2021. The Province membership is presently dominated by men age 70 and older.

In 2001 those members age 50 to 79 were 68% of the Province, ten years later that same group then age 60 to 89 were 70% of the Province, and in 2021 they were 57% of the Province (70 to 90 plus years old). This cohort has an outsized impact on the Province's age demographics.

Age Groups	2001		2011		2021	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Under 30	24	2%	27	3%	14	2%
30-39	70	5%	35	4%	38	6%
40-49	171	12%	58	6%	33	5%
50-59	248	18%	148	15%	59	9%
60-69	318	23%	228	23%	131	20%
70-79	376	27%	243	25%	180	28%
80-89	177	13%	215	22%	134	21%
90 and over	23	2%	27	3%	54	8%
Total	1,407		981		643	

Jesuit Assignments

The members of the Province were grouped into 14 assignment categories in the personnel database. These categories are not tightly defined so some individuals could just as well be in one category as another. Also, the assignment may be part-time or “senior status.” Keep in mind that in examining the categories discrete differences or changes may be more arbitrary than real.

	2001		2011		2021	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Awaiting Assignment/On Leave	15	1%	3	0%	5	1%
Education - High School/Pre-Sec	139	10%	83	8%	37	4%
Education - Higher	415	29%	291	30%	166	19%
Formation	104	7%	67	7%	46	5%
Governance - Community	100	7%	73	7%	42	5%
Governance-Conference/Curia	11	1%	3	0%	2	0%
Governance - Province	41	3%	33	3%	15	2%
International	19	1%	10	1%	2	0%
Other	58	4%	41	4%	20	2%
Pastoral	369	26%	252	26%	145	17%
Social Ministry	6	0%	11	1%	1	0%
Prays for the Society	85	6%	93	9%	146	17%
Sabbatical	30	2%	8	1%	6	1%
Writer/Research	15	1%	13	1%	10	1%
	1,407		981		643	

The largest number of Jesuits are assigned to Higher Education in each decade (29%, 30% and 19%). This is closely followed by those assigned to Pastoral ministries such as parishes, retreat houses, chaplaincies, and local pastoral care (26%, 26%, and 17%). Those assigned to Secondary and Pre-Secondary Education were 10% in 2001, declining to 8% in 2011, and 4% in 2021.

The proportion of Jesuits in Formation has remained fairly stable over the decades (7%, 7%, and 5%). The proportion assigned to all levels of Governance (Community, Province, and Conference/Curia) has declined over the decades at a combined 11%, 10%, and 7%.

The assignment that has increased over time is Praying for the Society that has gone from 6% of Jesuits in 2001 to 9% in 2011 to 17% in 2021.

The number and proportion of Jesuits assigned to Other Ministries, Sabbaticals, International, Social Ministries, or Writer/Researcher are small, each less than five percent.

The increasingly large number of Jesuits assigned to Praying for the Society can distort the larger picture of where Jesuits are assigned. For example, the UEA Province membership declines by 54% between 2001 to 2021 counting all members (1,407 to 643), but if only the “active” members (excluding those Praying for the Society and those Awaiting Assignment / On Leave) are counted, then the decline in “active” members is 62% (1,307 to 492).

The Table below presents the proportion of Jesuits assigned to “active” ministries, excluding those Praying for the Society and those Awaiting Assignment / On Leave.

- The proportion of Jesuits assigned to Higher Education and Pastoral Ministries is stable and increases slightly over the decades.

	2001		2011		2021	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Education - High School/Pre-Sec	139	11%	83	9%	37	8%
Education - Higher	415	32%	291	33%	166	34%
Formation	104	8%	67	8%	46	9%
Governance - Community	100	8%	73	8%	42	9%
Governance-Conference/Curia	11	1%	3	0%	2	0%
Governance - Province	41	3%	33	4%	15	3%
International	19	1%	10	1%	2	0%
Other	58	4%	41	5%	20	4%
Pastoral	369	28%	252	28%	145	29%
Social Ministry	6	0%	11	1%	1	0%
Sabbatical	30	2%	8	1%	6	1%
Writer/Research	15	1%	13	1%	10	2%
	1,307		885		492	

- The proportion of Jesuits assigned to all levels of Governance is stable at 12% each decade.
- Those assigned to Secondary and Pre-Secondary Education declines in each decade from 11% to 9% to 8%.
- The proportion of men assigned to Formation is stable and increases slightly in 2021.

Jesuit Assignments by Age Group: 2001, 2011 and 2021

- Those Jesuits under 40 years of age are primarily assigned to Formation in each decade.
- Jesuits between 40 to 59 years of age are predominantly assigned to Higher Education in each decade (150 in 2001; 92 in 2011; and 38 in 2021), more than twice as many as any other assignment.
- Those men in their 70s and 80s are assigned in nearly equal numbers to Higher Education or Pastoral Ministries (218 v 239; 141 v 140; 94 v 93) in each decade.

2001	#	Avg. Age	# Under 40	# 40-59	# 60-79	# 80 and over
Awaiting Assignment / On Leave	15	50.7	2	10	3	0
Education - High School / Pre-Sec	139	61.0	11	52	70	6
Education - Higher	415	64.0	6	150	218	41
Formation	104	36.4	69	34	1	0
Governance - Community	100	64.6	0	39	51	10
Governance - Conference / Curia	11	59.4	0	7	4	0
Governance - Province	41	64.7	1	13	22	5
International	19	59.5	1	9	9	0
Other	58	71.9	0	11	30	17
Pastoral	369	68.7	3	72	239	55
Social Ministry	6	58.6	0	4	1	1
Prays for the Society	85	83.6	0	1	23	61
Sabbatical	30	59.5	1	15	14	0
Writer/Research	15	70.1	0	2	9	4
Total	1,407	64.2	94	419	694	200
			7%	30%	49%	14%
2011						
Awaiting Assignment / On Leave	3	67.6	0	0	3	0
Education - High School / Pre-Sec	77	65.4	1	24	44	8
Education - Higher	289	66.9	0	92	141	56
Formation	74	34.1	58	15	1	0
Governance - Community	73	69.1	0	15	46	12
Governance - Conference / Curia	3	70.3	0	0	2	1
Governance - Province	34	65.8	1	9	20	4
International	10	65.8	0	4	5	1
Other	41	74.0	0	7	19	15
Pastoral	252	72.1	2	33	140	77
Social Ministry	11	71.8	0	2	6	3
Prays for the Society	93	83.1	0	1	28	64
Sabbatical	8	63.6	0	3	5	0
Writer/Research	13	71.4	0	1	11	1
Total	981		62	206	471	242

			6%	21%	48%	25%
2021						
Awaiting Assignment / On Leave	5	56.8	2	0	3	0
Education - High School / Pre-Sec	37	64.0	3	9	24	1
Education - Higher	166	67.0	5	38	94	29
Formation	46	33.8	37	9	0	0
Governance - Community	42	66.6	0	7	33	2
Governance - Conference / Curia	2	69.9	0	0	2	0
Governance - Province	15	61.6	1	6	6	2
International	2	53.6	0	2	0	0
Other	20	73.9	0	1	15	4
Pastoral	145	71.1	4	18	93	30
Social Ministries	1	77.4	0	0	1	0
Prays for the Society	146	85.2	0	0	31	115
Sabbatical	6	67.0	0	1	5	0
Writer/Research	10	76.2	0	1	4	5
Total	643	69.6	52	92	311	188
			8%	14%	48%	29%

- Those age 80 and older are primarily assigned to Praying for the Society, 61 in 2001; 64 in 2011; and 115 in 2021.
- The average age of Jesuits by assignment varies from the mid-30s for those in Formation to the mid-60s for those in Secondary and Pre-Secondary Education.
- Those assigned to Higher Education have increased in average age from 64.0 years in 2001 to 67.0 years in 2021.
- Pastoral Ministries has an older average age over the decades going from 68.7 in 2001 to 72.1 in 2011 to 71.1 in 2021.
- The smaller number of Jesuits assigned to either Other Ministries or Writer/Research have an average age varying from 70 to 76 over the decades.
- Those assigned to Praying for the Society have the oldest average age ranging from 83.1 to 85.2 years of age.

Jesuits Assigned to Governance

The number of Jesuits assigned to Province and Community Governance and service has declined over the decades from 152 Jesuits in 2001 to 59 in 2021. One should keep in mind the change over time as lay persons have assumed roles as Minister or Treasurer in many communities, and the consolidation of communities in geographic regions. Also, a number of Superiors in small communities are not counted under Governance but under Pastoral Ministries or another category.

The majority of those assigned to Governance at all levels are in their 60s and 70s.

	#	Avg. Age	#	#	#	#
2001						
Governance - Community	100	64.6	0	39	51	10
Governance - Conference / Curia	11	59.4	0	7	4	0
Governance - Province	41	64.7	1	13	22	5
	152		1	59	77	15
2011						
Governance - Community	73	69.1	0	15	46	12
Governance - Conference / Curia	3	70.3	0	0	2	1
Governance - Province	34	65.8	1	9	20	4
	110		1	24	68	17
2021						
Governance - Community	42	66.6	0	7	33	2
Governance - Conference / Curia	2	69.9	0	0	2	0
Governance - Province	15	61.6	1	6	6	2
	59		1	13	41	4

Jesuits by Dioceses in the Province

The UEA Province has 43 Dioceses within its territory in the United States. In 2001 there were 1,403 Jesuits assigned to communities in 25 Dioceses, in 2011 there were 976 Jesuits in 24 Dioceses, and in 2021 there were 628 Jesuits in 21 Dioceses.

Diocese	2001	2011	2021	% Change 2001 to 2021
Albany	4	3		0%
Allentown	33	24	9	27%
Atlanta	8	7	11	138%
Baltimore	76	71	63	83%
Boston	384	219	147	38%
Bridgeport	44	24	13	30%
Brooklyn	4	4	14	350%
Buffalo	52	34	11	21%
Camden	8	-	-	0%
Charlotte	19	9	3	16%
New York	322	246	155	48%
Newark	62	30	12	19%
Norwich	5	-	-	0%
Paterson	11	4	4	36%
Philadelphia	72	69	42	58%
Portland	8	7	6	75%
Providence	-	1	-	0%
Raleigh	10	5	4	40%
Richmond	6	3	-	0%
Rochester	12	8	4	33%
Rockville Center	12	10	6	50%
Scranton	37	23	15	41%
Syracuse	35	33	25	71%
Washington	127	103	68	54%
Wheeling-Charleston	20	11	3	15%
Worcester	32	28	13	41%
	1,403	976	628	45%

- In 2021 UEA Jesuits were no longer assigned to communities in four Dioceses: Camden, Norwich, Providence and Richmond. The three Jesuits in Richmond became a part of the Gonzaga Community in Washington, DC.
- Only two Dioceses saw an increase in the number of Jesuits assigned to communities: Brooklyn increasing from four to fourteen Jesuits and Atlanta increasing from eight to eleven Jesuits.

- By 2021 the Jesuit presence in four Dioceses was one-fifth or less than it was twenty years earlier: Wheeling-Charleston from 20 to three Jesuits, Charlotte from 19 to three Jesuits, Newark from 62 to 12 Jesuits, and Buffalo from 52 to 11 Jesuits.
- The Archdiocese of New York saw the largest numerical decline in Jesuits assigned to communities going from 322 to 155, and the Archdiocese of Boston was next as the number of Jesuits went from 384 to 147 over the twenty years.

Jesuit Communities

There were 65 Jesuit Communities in 2001 with 1,403 members in the stateside UEA territory. This decreased to 57 Communities in 2011 for 976 Jesuits, and to 37 Communities in 2021 for 628 Jesuits. The average number of Jesuits per Community has gone from 22 in 2001 to 17 in 2021.

In the major urban areas of the UEA Province there was a significant decrease in the number of Communities:

- New York and Brooklyn have gone from 13 to seven Jesuit Communities,
- Boston has gone from 12 to six Communities,
- Washington from eight to three Communities,
- Baltimore from six to two Communities, and
- Philadelphia from three to two Communities.

Diocese	Jesuit Community	2001	2011	2021
Albany	Auriesville, Jesuit Martyrs Shrine	4	3	-
Allentown	Wernersville, Jesuit Center	33	24	9
Atlanta	Ignatius Retreat Center	8	7	11
Baltimore	Ferdinand Wheeler House	13	6	-
Baltimore	Loyola College Jesuit Community	28	29	24
Baltimore	St. Claude La Colombiere Residence	15	27	39
Baltimore	St. Ignatius Community	10	6	-
Baltimore	St. Alphonsus Rodriguez Church	-	3	-
Baltimore	Towson, Loyola Jesuit Community	10	-	-
Boston	Arrupe House	6	-	-
Boston	Boston College High School	26	12	11
Boston	Ignatius House	10	-	-
Boston	Jesuit Urban Ctr	5	-	-
Boston	Loyola House	22	13	6
Boston	Weston Jesuit Community	96	-	-
Boston	LaFarge House	-	-	5
Boston	Boston College Jesuit Community	115	83	44
Boston	Gloucester, Gonzaga Eastern Point R.H	6	4	3
Boston	SS. Mary and Joseph Parish	-	3	-
Boston	Campion Res, Renewal Ctr/Health Ctr	98	95	78
Bridgeport	Fairfield Jesuit Community	44	24	13
Brooklyn	St. Ignatius Parish	4	4	14
Buffalo	Canisius Jesuit Community	39	24	8
Buffalo	St. Ann's Residence	2	-	-
Buffalo	St. Michael's Residence	11	10	3
Camden	Holy Name in Camden: JUST	8	-	-
Charlotte	St. Peter's Jesuit Residence	12	4	3
Charlotte	Hot Springs, House of Prayer	7	-	-
Charlotte	Mooresville, St. Therese Catholic Church	-	5	-

New York	Ciszek Hall	25	29	-
New York	Jesuit Residences at Fordham University	91	62	35
New York	Kohlmann Hall	-	9	-
New York	Murray-Weigel Hall	64	58	63
New York	Cornwall, Jogues Retreat	4	5	7
New York	America House	25	21	15
New York	Jesuit Residence	3	5	-
New York	Nativity Parish	11	-	-
New York	St. Aloysius Parish	4	2	-
New York	St. Ignatius Loyola Community	36	31	17
New York	West Side Jesuit Community	21	-	-
New York	Jesuit Community of the Imm. Conception	-	9	-
New York	Xavier Jesuit Community	30	19	18
New York	Mt. Manresa Jesuit Retreat House	8	5	-
Newark	St. Peter's College Jesuit Community	32	22	12
Newark	St. Peter's Prep College Jesuit Community	30	8	-
Norwich	SS Peter and Paul Church	2	-	-
Norwich	St. Thomas Aquinas Church/Center	3	-	-
Paterson	Loyola House of Retreats	11	4	4
Philadelphia	Arrupe House	12	5	7
Philadelphia	Jesuit Community at St. Joseph University	54	57	35
Philadelphia	Old St. Joseph Church	6	7	-
Portland	St. Ignatius Residence	8	7	6
Providence	Woonsocket, St. Charles Church	-	1	-
Raleigh	Holy Cross Church	1	1	-
Raleigh	St. Raphael the Archangel Church	9	4	4
Richmond	Rutilio Grande House	6	3	-
Rochester	Jesuit Community	12	8	4
Rockville Center	St. Ignatius Retreat House	8	5	-
Rockville Center	St. Anthony's Rectory	4	5	6
Scranton	Jesuit Community	37	23	15
Syracuse	LeMoyne College Jesuit Community	22	17	14
Syracuse	St. Andrew Hall (Novitiate)	13	16	11
Washington	Faulkner, Loyola Retreat House	7	5	4
Washington	Georgetown Preparatory School	10	9	-
Washington	Port Tobacco, St. Thomas Manor	4	-	-
Washington	Georgetown Jesuit Community	69	67	45
Washington	Holy Trinity Parish Center	5	4	-
Washington	Jesuit Community of St. Aloysius	21	18	19
Washington	K Street Residence	4	-	-
Washington	Woodstock Theological Center Residence	7	-	-
Wheeling	Whelan Hall (Jesuit Residence)	20	11	3
Worcester	College of the Holy Cross	32	28	13
	TOTAL	1,403	976	628
	Number of Communities	65	57	37
	Average Jesuits to a Community	22	17	17

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