

AN OVERVIEW OF PROTESTANT CHURCH GROWTH IN MEXICO

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FIGURE #1 - PROTESTANT CHURCH GROWTH: 1885-2010

DATE	ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CONG.	AVERAGE CONG. SIZE	ESTIMATED PROTESTANT MEMBERSHIP	ESTIMATED PROTESTANT POPULATION	COMMUNITY TO MEMBERS RATIO	PROTESTANT DATA SOURCE
1885	240	62.5	15,000	35,000	2.3	La Luz
1888	271	60.0	16,250	49,512	3.0	Butler
1900	288	60.0	17,265	51,796	3.0	CLH
1910	600	50	30,000	68,839	2.3	Ross*
1913	756	35	26,451	66,128	2.5	Winton*
1921	636	35	22,274	73,951	3.3	Ross*
1930	1,241	35	43,441	130,322	3.0	CLH
1938	1,391	40	55,652	166,956	3.0	Parker
1940	1,483	40	59,318	177,954	3.0	CLH
1950	2,221	50	110,037	330,111	3.0	RMJ
1960	4,042	68	275,000	578,515	2.1	McGavran
1965	6,440	65	418,589	850,000	2.0	RMJ**
1970	5,225	65	339,621	679,241	2.0	CLH
1980	13,548	65	880,644	2,201,609	2.5	CLH
1990	22,684	70	1,587,868	3,969,671	2.5	CLH
1995	25,640	70	1,794,775	4,486,938	2.5	CLH
2000	28,967	70	2,027,655	5,069,137	2.5	CLH
2000				6,468,484		Johnstone***
2005	35,738	75	2,680,344	6,700,860	2.5	CLH
2010	47,252	75	3,543,904	8,859,759	2.5	CLH
2010				9,166,346		Mandryk****

*The decline in Protestant church growth between 1910 and 1921 was due to the chaos created by the Mexican Revolution that caused a large-scale internal migration as people sought to escape the violence.

**Either the estimates by Read, Monterroso & Johnson were too high for 1965, or the official Census figures for 1960 and 1970 were a serious undercount.

***Estimates by Patrick Johnstone for *Operation World 2000*.

****Estimates by Jason Mandryk for *Operation World 2010*.

FIGURE #2
TOTAL POPULATION AND
PROTESTANT POPULATION ESTIMATES: 1900-2010

DATE	TOTAL POPULATION ESTIMATE	PROTESTANT POPULATION ESTIMATE	PERCENT PROTESTANT ESTIMATE
1900	13,607,259	51,796	.38
1910	15,160,369	68,839	.45
1921	14,734,780	73,951	.52
1930	16,552,722	130,322	.79
1940	19,653,552	177,954	.9
1950	25,500,000	330,111	1.3
1960	34,000,000	578,515	1.7
1970	48,377,363	879,241	1.8
1980	66,846,833	2,201,609	3.3
1990	81,249,645	3,969,671	4.9
1995	93,700,000	4,685,000	5.0
2000	97,483,412	5,069,137	5.2
2005	103,263,388	6,700,860	6.5
2010	112,336,538	8,859,759	7.9

SOURCES: Total population estimates for 1900-2010 by the Mexican National Census Department; Protestant population and per cent Protestant estimates for 1900-1980 by Larson and from the other sources cited previously; estimates for 1990-2010 by PROLADES based on our Classification System of Religious Groups in the Americas: <http://www.prolades.com/class-eng.pdf>

FIGURE #3
PROTESTANT POPULATION GROWTH RATES, 1900-2010

1900-1930 = 3.12%
1930-1940 = 3.16%
1940-1950 = 6.37%
1950-1960 = 5.77%
1960-1970 = 4.27%
1970-1980 = 9.61%
1980-1990 = 6.07%
1990-2000 = 5.38%
2000-2010 = 5.74%

Source: Clifton L. Holland, Director of PROLADES

FIGURE #4
SOURCES OF INFORMATION: MEXICO

DATE	DATA SOURCE	DETAILS
1900	Census	Mexican National Census
1910	Census	Mexican National Census
1921	Census	Mexican National Census
1930	Census	Mexican National Census
1940	Census	Mexican National Census
1950	Census	Mexican National Census
1960	Census	Mexican National Census
1966	RMJ	Reed, Monterroso and Johnson
1970	Census	Mexican National Census
1980	Census	Mexican National Census
1990	Census	Mexican National Census
1995	CLH	Clifton L. Holland
2000	Census	Mexican National Census
2005	CLH	Clifton L. Holland
2010	Census	Mexican National Census

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