

State of the Field

*The Assemblies of God, read against all fourteen
GospelGraph layers*

11,008

CONGREGATIONS PLACED

9,650

TRACTS HELD

14

DATA LAYERS

161

COLUMNS PER CHURCH

ROSTER 2024 · 2020 CENSUS TRACTS

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This is the reference, not the argument. Every congregation in the Assemblies of God's 2024 roster was placed on the census tract its building stands in, and that tract was read against every national layer GospelGraph holds. What follows is the whole of it, layer by layer, with the national figure beside every number and the base each share is taken against.

Two companion papers draw arguments from this data. *Which churches stand on their own* (Field Study No. 3) reads the roster through its polity classes. *The frontier the PCA is not on* (Field Study No. 2) reads three reformed rosters on the same layers. This report is what both stand on, and it includes the layers neither uses.

Three rules govern every figure here. Measures are taken on distinct tracts, not on congregations, because two churches on one street describe one neighborhood. Every share is taken against its own layer's scored base, and the base is stated where it differs from the whole. The national column is the 84,414 tracts of the church-fit index unless a layer says otherwise.

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01 The roster, and what joined

The 2024 roster carries 12,700 rows. 11,008 of them, 86.7 percent, landed on a 2020 census tract that the index scores. The 1,692 that did not fall into three groups, and none of the three is random.

ROWS THAT DID NOT JOIN A SCORED TRACT

No coordinates in the roster, and geocoding not run	1,563
Connecticut, on the planning-region tract vintage the index does not hold	92
Puerto Rico, which the church-fit index does not cover	37

1,692

rows, 13.3% of the roster. Every figure in this report is taken against the 11,008 that joined.

The 11,008 occupy 9,650 distinct tracts. Most hold one Assemblies of God congregation; 1,132 hold two or more, and those tracts account for 2,490 congregations between them.

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CONGREGATIONS PER TRACT

8,518	964	132	22	9	5
ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX OR MORE

The roster also carries two structural columns that the rest of this report cuts by. Sixty-six district councils and networks, thirteen of them organised around a language or a culture rather than a territory, holding 1,515 of the placed congregations. And three affiliation classes: 6,428 General Council-affiliated and self-governing, 3,107 District-affiliated and under district oversight, 1,473 Parent-affiliated daughter works.

HOW MUCH OF EACH LAYER THE 9,650 TRACTS ARE SCORED ON

LAYER	AG TRACTS SCORED	SHARE	NATIONAL BASE
Church-fit index: access, need, alignment, churches	9,646	99.96%	84,414
Shalom v2, 2020 and 2024	9,648	99.98%	95,837
GIM v3 long-baseline clock	9,649	99.99%	84,414
GDI four-vintage trajectory	9,650	100%	84,414
MVI, built form and posture	9,650	100%	84,414
v4 segmentation and context modifiers	9,648	99.98%	84,415
Neighborhood patterns	9,649	99.99%	84,414
Situation tags	9,435	97.8%	95,837
Field signals	5,852	60.6%	57,412
Field instruments	5,028	52.1%	43,044
Nearest churchless high-need tract	9,650	100%	547 targets

Two layers cover roughly half the roster, and every figure from them below is a share of the tracts they score, not of all 9,650. A blank in either is an absence from that layer, not a zero.

02 Where the churches are

All fifty states and the District of Columbia hold at least one placed congregation. Two states hold more than a thousand.

CONGREGATIONS PLACED, BY STATE. THE TWELVE LARGEST AND THE NINE SMALLEST

1,268 CALIFORNIA	1,220 TEXAS	688 FLORIDA	480 NEW YORK	394 MISSOURI	380 PENNSYLVANIA
361 OKLAHOMA	354 WASHINGTON	316 ARKANSAS	304 NEW JERSEY	300 OHIO	272 ILLINOIS

Fewest: District of Columbia 10, Delaware 19, Vermont 20, New Hampshire 31, Rhode Island 32, Wyoming 33, Maine 38, South Dakota 39, Utah 45.

THE FIFTEEN COUNTIES HOLDING THE MOST CONGREGATIONS

COUNTY	CONGREGATIONS
Los Angeles County, CA	278
Maricopa County, AZ	123
Harris County, TX	95
Dallas County, TX	91
San Diego County, CA	78
Riverside County, CA	78
Orange County, CA	71
San Bernardino County, CA	70
King County, WA	70
Sacramento County, CA	63
Kings County, NY	62
Kern County, CA	59
Tarrant County, TX	57
Cook County, IL	56
Bexar County, TX	56

Seven of the fifteen are in California. The language and ethnic districts run the other way: Texas holds 344 of their 1,515 congregations, Florida 212, New York 202, New Jersey 98, and California only 57, because the two large California geographic districts absorb that work directly.

03 Access

The Gospel Desert Index scores how much evangelical gospel witness a tract has structurally within reach, from 0 to 100, higher meaning less access. It is built from congregations and their reach, never from a judgment about faithfulness. The roster sits almost exactly on the national mean.

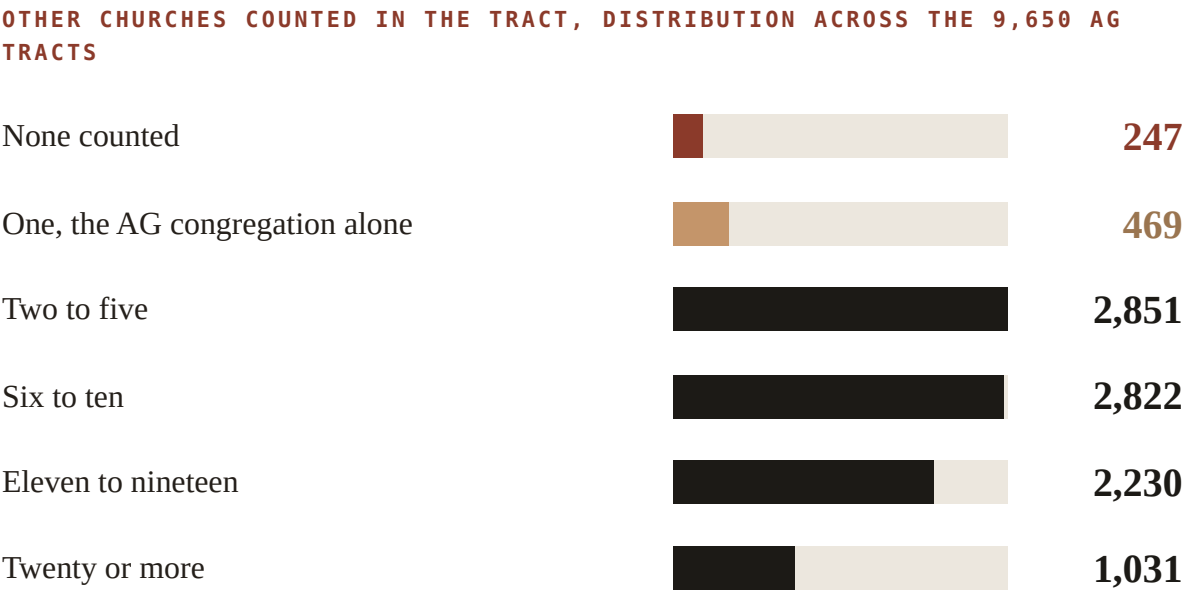
ACCESS AND CHURCH DENSITY, TRACT MEANS

MEASURE	ASSEMBLIES OF GOD	NATION
GDI (access), mean	50.3	50.0
Churches in tract, mean	9.7	6.8
Miles to nearest other church, mean	1.08	0.96
Tracts with no church at all	2.6%	11.6%
Tracts in the two worst tiers (GDI 60+)	19.1%	20.3%
Tracts in the Desert tier (GDI 75+)	1.0%	1.0%

ACCESS TIER, SHARE OF TRACTS

TIER	ASSEMBLIES OF GOD	NATION
Watered, 0 to 25	1.2%	1.6%
Sparse, 25 to 45	30.3%	30.9%
Dry, 45 to 60	49.6%	46.3%
Arid, 60 to 75	18.0%	18.9%
Desert, 75 to 100	1.0%	1.0%
Unscored	0.0%	1.3%

The tier distribution is the national one to within three points in every band. Where the roster departs from the country is density: the average AG tract holds 9.7 other churches against a national 6.8, and only 2.6 percent of AG tracts hold no church at all against 11.6 percent nationally.



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tracts where the national church data counts no church, including the AG congregation known to be there. That is a gap in the church data, not a finding about presence.

04 Settlement type, built form and viability

The archetype classifies the physical form of a tract. The Ministry Viability Index reads whether that form could hold a gathering: how connected the streets are, how many third places and public rooms there are. Posture combines viability with need into four postures the platform names Plant, Partner, Strengthen and Sustain.

ARCHETYPE, SHARE OF TRACTS

ARCHETYPE	ASSEMBLIES OF GOD	NATION
Suburban	54.2%	42.8%
Urban, sparse	26.0%	32.1%
Exurban	11.8%	12.6%
Urban, dense	5.3%	7.9%
Rural	2.8%	4.6%

Eleven points more suburban than the country, and under-represented in every other form. The rural figure is worth stating in its own terms: 2.8 percent of AG tracts against 4.6 percent nationally, and the 1,563 unplaced rows lean rural, so this is a ceiling on the shortfall rather than a floor.

BUILT FORM AND VIABILITY, TRACT MEANS

MEASURE	ASSEMBLIES OF GOD	NATION
MVI composite	51.2	51.2
Street intersection density	45.3	50.0
Third place density	45.4	44.2
Public room density	47.5	47.8

ENCOUNTER FORM, SHARE OF TRACTS

FORM	ASSEMBLIES OF GOD	NATION
Thin or fragmented fabric	45.6%	45.1%
Neighborhood tissue	41.6%	42.2%
Civic anchor node	11.9%	11.4%
Commercial encounter node	0.9%	1.3%

MVI POSTURE, SHARE OF AG TRACTS. DERIVED RATHER THAN CACHED, SO NO NATIONAL COLUMN EXISTS



50%

is the full bar. A third of the ground the denomination already stands on is what the platform would call Plant ground.

Viability sits exactly on the national mean while intersection density sits five points under it, which is the suburban skew showing through: wider blocks, fewer corners, with third places at the national rate.

05 Need pressure and the eight domains

Need pressure is the weight households are carrying now, built from five Shalom domains. The eight ministry-alignment domains read the same conditions as a call: a higher score means the tract's conditions ask for more of that kind of work. All are scaled so the nation sits at 50.

PRESSURE AND POVERTY, TRACT MEANS



14.7%

poverty in the average AG tract, against 13.2% nationally. Both figures are tract means, so the difference is in where the churches stand, not in their size.

MINISTRY ALIGNMENT, TRACT MEANS. NATION SCALED TO 50

DOMAIN	ASSEMBLIES OF GOD	NATION	GAP
Family stability	56.5	50.0	+6.5
Economic opportunity	55.2	49.9	+5.3
Health	54.5	50.1	+4.4
Education	54.2	50.0	+4.2
Environment	52.5	50.0	+2.5
Safety and justice	51.9	50.0	+1.9
Housing stability	49.4	50.0	-0.6
Reconciliation	49.1	50.0	-0.9

Six of the eight domains sit above the nation, family stability and economic opportunity furthest. The two that sit below, housing stability and reconciliation, are the two that separate the language districts from the geographic ones most sharply, which section 14 returns to.

06 Shalom, level and change

The Shalom index is a composite wellbeing score by era, 0 to 100, higher meaning better, with three pillars: living, health and hope. It is scored on 95,837 tracts, so its national column is a different base from the church-fit index. Both 2020 and 2024 are read here.

SHALOM V2, TRACT MEANS

MEASURE	ASSEMBLIES OF GOD	NATION	GAP
2024 composite	47.3	49.6	-2.3
2024 living pillar	46.3	49.5	-3.2
2024 health pillar	44.3	48.2	-3.9
2024 hope pillar	50.8	50.3	+0.5
2020 composite	48.0	50.4	-2.4
Change, 2020 to 2024	-0.67	-0.76	+0.09
Tracts that fell since 2020	54.7%	54.6%	+0.1

The roster stands on ground scoring two and a half points below the country on wellbeing, and the shortfall is carried by health, four points down, and living, three points down. Hope sits half a point above. The direction of change is the country's: both fell by about seven tenths of a point across the era and just over half of tracts in each fell at all.

THE SHALOM DOMAIN FALLING FASTEST IN EACH TRACT, SHARE OF TRACTS. FROM FIELD INSTRUMENTS, 52.1% COVERAGE

DOMAIN	ASSEMBLIES OF GOD	NATION
Justice and protection	29.9%	29.3%
Life and health	29.8%	28.7%
Provision and work	18.7%	19.9%
Household and generations	18.6%	19.0%
Social fabric	3.0%	3.1%

-14.4 mean size of that steepest fall, against -14.7 nationally.

07 The three clocks

GospelGraph measures change in access three ways, because one measurement of change is easy to fool. Gospel Shift compares two eras. GIM v3 fits a slope across twelve overlapping ACS windows. The GDI trajectory reads four vintages of the access score itself. A fourth reading, the field instruments' direction call, resolves on about half the roster.

GOSPEL SHIFT, THE TWO-ERA CLOCK. SHARE OF TRACTS

TIER	ASSEMBLIES OF GOD	NATION
Opening fast	8.4%	9.3%
Opening	37.8%	37.1%
Holding	31.9%	31.2%
Hardening	18.0%	17.5%
Hardening fast	3.9%	4.4%

GIM V3, THE LONG-BASELINE CLOCK

MEASURE	ASSEMBLIES OF GOD	NATION
Change per four years, mean	1.37	1.39
Opening	55.6%	54.3%
Opening fast	12.5%	13.6%
Hardening	26.2%	25.7%
Hardening fast	5.8%	6.4%

GDI TRAJECTORY, THE FOUR-VINTAGE CLOCK

MEASURE	ASSEMBLIES OF GOD	NATION
Slope per year, mean	0.027	0.005
Total change across vintages, mean	0.16	0.03
Stable	66.3%	64.4%
Easing, accelerating	9.7%	10.6%
Intensifying, accelerating	10.5%	10.4%
Intensifying, decelerating	3.5%	3.7%
Easing, decelerating	3.4%	3.5%
Easing	3.2%	3.3%
Confidence high	99.9%	98.7%

FIELD INSTRUMENTS, DIRECTION AND PRESSURE. 52.1% COVERAGE; SHARES ARE OF TRACTS THE LAYER RESOLVES

MEASURE	ASSEMBLIES OF GOD	NATION
Direction: hardening	82.0%	80.0%
Direction: hardening fast	18.0%	20.0%
Rising pressure: domain only	57.6%	56.3%
Rising pressure: confirmed	40.2%	39.8%
Rising pressure: direction only	1.6%	3.2%
Rising pressure: none	0.6%	0.8%
Long exposure	15.6%	18.6%
Vacancy delta, latest	-0.0077	-0.0078
Cost burden delta, latest	+0.0075	+0.0079
Poverty delta, latest	-0.0058	-0.0048

The activation delta is omitted. Its national mean, -0.54, is dominated by a tail of extreme values and does not describe a typical tract; the AG mean of +0.16 should not be read against it.

All three clocks agree, and they agree that the roster's ground is moving at the country's pace. The one departure is the GDI trajectory slope, 0.027 against 0.005 a year: the access score under AG tracts has been drifting up, meaning slightly less access over the four vintages, by about a sixth of a point in total. It is small, it is consistent with the denomination sitting in suburbs where church counts are stable while population grows, and it is not a trend anyone should plan around yet.

08 Households: thirty segments

The v4 segmentation sorts every American neighborhood into one of thirty core household types by how people live rather than by what they earn, grouped into ten LifeModes. Every tract is a blend, so shares below are weighted by full composition and by household count: a sixty-forty tract counts as both, and a tract of four thousand households counts for four of one thousand. Lift is the AG share divided by the national share; 1.00x is the national rate.

ALL THIRTY CORE SEGMENTS, ORDERED BY NATIONAL SHARE

SEGMENT	LIFEMODE	NATION	AG	LIFT
Affluent Owner Family Suburbs	L1	13.7%	11.1%	0.81x
Exurban Working Homeowners	L1	13.6%	17.1%	1.25x
Dense Professional and Solo Households	L1	10.3%	7.9%	0.77x
Cost-Pressed Family Suburbs	L1	9.3%	10.3%	1.10x
Highway Corridor Commuters	L9	6.6%	9.5%	1.45x
High-Achievement Homeowners	L1	3.7%	1.5%	0.41x
Established Blue-Collar Homeowners	L2	2.9%	4.2%	1.42x
Affluent Mature Owner Couples	L5	2.7%	1.5%	0.57x
Middle-Income Established Homeowners	L5	2.5%	2.5%	1.00x
Urban Residential Block Holdouts	L8	2.5%	2.8%	1.13x
Affluent New-Build Families	L7	2.3%	1.5%	0.68x
Young Multifamily Workers	L2	2.2%	2.4%	1.08x
Car-Oriented Creative Renters	L4	2.2%	1.5%	0.66x
Low-Income Solo Holdouts	L10	2.1%	3.1%	1.46x
Car-Oriented Working Gateway Families	L6	2.1%	3.1%	1.45x
Professional Multifamily Households	L5	2.0%	1.0%	0.49x
Working New-Subdivision Families	L7	2.0%	2.0%	1.03x
Multifamily First-Timers	L7	1.9%	1.6%	0.85x
Crowded Commuter Families	L2	1.8%	2.2%	1.22x
Industrial-Fringe Homeowners	L10	1.7%	2.3%	1.34x
Young Urban Working Renters	L10	1.6%	1.6%	1.00x
Affluent Transit-City Creatives	L4	1.5%	0.7%	0.46x
Dense Gateway Families	L6	1.5%	1.8%	1.24x

SEGMENT	LIFEMODE	NATION	AG	LIFT
Crowded Extended-Family Homeowners	L5	1.4%	1.3%	0.92x
Logistics-Corridor Homeowners	L6	1.3%	1.9%	1.41x
Transit-Dependent Gateway Households	L6	1.3%	0.9%	0.68x
Established Urban Gateway Homeowners	L6	1.2%	1.3%	1.07x
Dense Solo Gateway Renters	L6	0.8%	0.6%	0.78x
Garden Apartment Young Adults	L3	0.7%	0.4%	0.52x
Bus-Dependent Renters	L8	0.5%	0.5%	0.95x

The shape is a working-household denomination. Every segment above 1.20x is a working or gateway type: Low-Income Solo Holdouts 1.46x, Highway Corridor Commuters and Car-Oriented Working Gateway Families 1.45x, Established Blue-Collar 1.42x, Logistics-Corridor 1.41x, Industrial-Fringe 1.34x, Exurban Working 1.25x. Every segment below 0.60x is affluent or professional: High-Achievement Homeowners 0.41x, Affluent Transit-City Creatives 0.46x, Professional Multifamily 0.49x, Garden Apartment Young Adults 0.52x, Affluent Mature Owner Couples 0.57x.

Two gateway types run under the national rate and are worth naming so the gateway story is not overstated: Transit-Dependent Gateway Households at 0.68x and Dense Solo Gateway Renters at 0.78x. The denomination reaches gateway families who drive. It is thinner among gateway households who do not.

LIFEMODE OF THE DOMINANT SEGMENT, SHARE OF TRACTS

LIFEMODE	ASSEMBLIES OF GOD	NATION
L1 Family suburbs and exurbs	50.1%	52.1%
L6 Gateway	11.0%	9.4%
L9 Corridor commuters	9.7%	6.8%
L2 Working established	7.6%	6.0%
L5 Established and mature	5.8%	8.3%
L10 Holdouts and fringe	5.7%	4.6%
L7 New-build	4.3%	5.2%
L8 Urban residential	3.5%	3.4%
L4 Creative renters	1.9%	3.3%
L3 Young adult apartment	0.3%	0.9%

CONTEXT MODIFIERS, SHARE OF TRACTS CARRYING EACH

MODIFIER	ASSEMBLIES OF GOD	NATION
Public housing community	20.5%	15.4%
Elevated chronic-health burden	16.3%	12.8%
Household crowding pressure	14.4%	11.4%
Long-commute rhythm	13.1%	14.1%
Displacement pressure	12.4%	11.7%
Military-adjacent	10.8%	11.2%
Limited-English concentration	7.6%	5.4%
Farmworker concentration	4.1%	1.9%
Renter cost pressure	2.6%	2.9%
Retirement-community profile	1.6%	1.9%
University-town context	1.5%	2.3%
HBCU-adjacent	1.1%	2.2%

Farmworker concentration is the modifier the roster over-indexes on most, at more than twice the national rate, followed by public housing and chronic-health burden. It under-indexes on university towns and HBCU-adjacent tracts by about half.

DEMOGRAPHICS, TRACT MEANS

MEASURE	ASSEMBLIES OF GOD	NATION
Child share of population	22.5%	21.4%
Elderly share	17.5%	17.6%
Working-age share	60.0%	60.9%
Family household share	65.1%	64.7%
Racial diversity index	0.525	0.528
Age diversity index	0.836	0.817
Households per tract	1,669	—

The single-household share and the language-diversity index are unpopulated in both the dump and the national demographics cache at this release, and are not reported.

09 Field signals

Field signals are a composite watch score with a tier and a set of flags, scored on 57,412 tracts nationally and 5,852 of the roster's, which is 60.6 percent. Every share in this section is of the tracts the layer scores.

SIGNAL SCORE AND TIER

MEASURE	ASSEMBLIES OF GOD	NATION
Signal score, mean	47.9	49.8
Tier: watch	70.2%	70.6%
Tier: hot	21.1%	22.7%
Tier: positive	8.7%	6.7%

SIGNAL FLAGS, SHARE OF SCORED TRACTS CARRYING EACH

FLAG	ASSEMBLIES OF GOD	NATION
Thin presence	69.1%	74.2%
Daytime isolation	55.0%	65.2%
Housing pressure	55.0%	53.7%
Accessible desert	12.7%	14.8%
New activity	9.8%	7.7%
Easing	5.3%	4.9%
Intensifying	5.3%	4.8%
School-age pressure	4.1%	3.7%
Displacement risk	1.4%	1.4%

The roster runs cooler than the country on this layer: fewer hot tracts, more positive ones, and ten points less daytime isolation, which is what a suburban roster with good church density looks like from here. New activity runs two points above the nation.

10 Twenty-four neighborhood patterns

Each tract is read for twenty-four neighborhood patterns, each in one of four states. Ten of the twenty-four are risk-named, where *present* means the hazard is realised rather than that the fabric is intact; those ten are swapped before counting, so every row below is the share of tracts where the pattern is unhealthy. Risk-named patterns are marked.

SHARE OF TRACTS WHERE THE PATTERN IS UNHEALTHY, ORDERED BY NATIONAL RATE

PATTERN	ASSEMBLIES OF GOD	NATION	GAP
Household mix	100.0%	100.0%	0.0
Children in the city	100.0%	100.0%	0.0
Old people everywhere	99.7%	99.3%	+0.4
Life cycle	99.5%	99.3%	+0.2
Neighborhood tissue	85.7%	85.6%	+0.1
Stable family anchor	86.7%	84.5%	+2.2
Social belonging	79.2%	78.1%	+1.1
Caregiver pressure *	76.9%	72.5%	+4.4
Community fragmentation *	74.2%	71.5%	+2.7
Family pressure *	69.7%	65.9%	+3.8
Civic anchor node	67.3%	64.9%	+2.4
Activity nodes	66.5%	63.6%	+2.9
Small public squares	65.9%	62.8%	+3.1
Mosaic of subcultures	61.9%	61.5%	+0.4
Network of paths	64.6%	57.7%	+6.9
Burnout belt *	57.8%	57.0%	+0.8
School-age pressure *	53.9%	50.8%	+3.1
Under-resourced *	46.6%	50.1%	-3.5
Third-space deficit *	49.3%	49.7%	-0.4
Car-dependent exurb *	48.6%	49.5%	-0.9
Identifiable neighborhood	2.3%	4.8%	-2.5
Elder isolation *	0.2%	0.4%	-0.2
Transient renters *	0.0%	0.1%	-0.1

* risk-named, polarity swapped before counting. Bilingual households is the twenty-fourth pattern and is not scored as a health state.

The fabric under the roster is the country's fabric, to within a few points on every row. The one pattern that departs by more than five is network of paths: 64.6 percent of AG tracts lack a walkable network of routes against 57.7 percent nationally, seven points worse. That is the suburban skew from section 4 read from the ground. Caregiver pressure and family pressure sit about four points worse; under-resourced sits three and a half points better.

11 Situation tags

Situation tags are threshold flags raised when several layers agree on a condition. They resolve on 95,837 tracts nationally and 9,435 of the roster's, 97.8 percent.

SHARE OF TRACTS CARRYING EACH TAG

TAG	ASSEMBLIES OF GOD	NATION	RATIO
Thin church ecology	56.0%	62.9%	0.89
Housing fragility	33.7%	36.9%	0.91
Rising need	19.8%	13.6%	1.46
Daytime isolation	14.1%	24.1%	0.59
Majority-minority	11.8%	9.8%	1.20
Gospel absence	11.8%	6.8%	1.74
Pressure rising	11.7%	11.9%	0.98
Accessible desert	9.5%	11.1%	0.86
Conditions improving	8.5%	8.9%	0.96
Health crisis	7.3%	4.8%	1.52
Compound stress	7.2%	5.6%	1.29
Mercy entry indicated	6.3%	4.2%	1.50
New church activity	5.4%	4.6%	1.17
Chronic disinvestment	5.4%	3.9%	1.38

This is the layer where the roster looks least like the country. Gospel absence is raised on AG tracts at 1.74 times the national rate, health crisis at 1.52, mercy entry at 1.50, rising need at 1.46, chronic disinvestment at 1.38. All five are flags for hardship. The tags that run under the national rate, thin church ecology, daytime isolation and accessible desert, are flags for emptiness. The roster stands where things are hard and where churches already are, and this layer says both at once.

12 The nearest churchless high-need tract

5 47 tracts in the country hold no church in the merged church data and carry need pressure above 70. For every congregation, the pipeline finds the nearest one, centroid to centroid. Distance is straight-line, so it gives direction and rough scale rather than a drive time.

DISTANCE FROM EACH CONGREGATION TO THE NEAREST CHURCHLESS HIGH-NEED TRACT

Median distance	28.8 mi
Congregations within one mile	271
Within five miles	1,823
Within fifteen miles	3,924
Within thirty miles	5,600

16.6%

of the roster is within five miles of one. 35.6% is within fifteen. 488 of the 547 target tracts are the nearest for at least one AG congregation.

THE TEN TARGET TRACTS THAT ARE NEAREST FOR THE MOST CONGREGATIONS

TRACT	PLACE	CONGREGATIONS
53053071416	Pierce County, WA	624
05143011105	Washington County, AR	322
27053104801	Hennepin County, MN	218
29189213301	St. Louis County, MO	199
05119980200	Pulaski County, AR	182
24005490605	Towson, Baltimore County, MD	144
01097001502	Mobile County, AL	132
06087100400	Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County, CA	126
25025160602	Chelsea, Suffolk County, MA	120
12077980000	Liberty County, FL	114

A single tract in Pierce County, Washington is the nearest churchless high-need tract for 624 Assemblies of God congregations, because the Northwest holds few of the 547 and many AG churches. Read this table as a map of where the targets are sparse rather than as a queue.

13 The opening frontier

The *Desert Moved* defined the fastest-opening ground in the country: tracts that GIM v3 confirms are opening, sit at GDI 60 or above, and score 50 or above on viability. There are 2,186. Its mirror is the ground hardening with a church already inside: 3,185 tracts.

THE ROSTER AGAINST THE FRONTIER AND ITS MIRROR

Congregations standing in an opening desert	236
Share of the roster	2.1%
Opening deserts with an AG church	212
Opening deserts with no AG church	1,974
Opening deserts with no church of any kind	518
Congregations in the mirror	477
Mirror to frontier ratio	2.0 : 1

The household lift below is the one figure in this report weighted by congregation rather than by tract, because it is quoted from *The frontier the PCA is not on* on that paper's basis so the two can be read together. The differences from the tract-weighted table in section 8 are small and in the second decimal.

HOUSEHOLD LIFT ON THE FRONTIER'S OWN TYPES, CONGREGATION-WEIGHTED

HOUSEHOLD TYPE	AG LIFT
OVER-REPRESENTED AMONG THE UNREACHED	
Car-Oriented Working Gateway Families	1.53x
Industrial-Fringe Homeowners	1.37x
Exurban Working Homeowners	1.23x
Working New-Subdivision Families	1.06x
Bus-Dependent Renters	1.05x
Affluent New-Build Families	0.67x
THE THREE TYPES THE PUBLISHED ANALYSIS CALLS REACHED	
Highway Corridor Commuters	1.40x
Young Multifamily Workers	1.08x
Middle-Income Established Homeowners	0.98x

14 Two ways to cut the roster

Every table above is the roster as one body. The roster carries two columns that divide it, and both divisions are larger than most of the differences between the roster and the country. The argument built on them is in Field Study No. 3; the figures are here.

BY POLITY TYPE. THIRTEEN LANGUAGE AND ETHNIC DISTRICTS AGAINST FIFTY-THREE GEOGRAPHIC ONES. 240 TRACTS HOLD BOTH

MEASURE	LANGUAGE	GEOGRAPHIC	NATION
Congregations / distinct tracts	1,515 / 1,414	9,493 / 8,476	—
Access (GDI)	49.6	50.3	50.0
Need pressure	56.7	52.1	50.2
Poverty	17.9%	14.2%	13.2%
Churches in tract	8.5	9.9	6.8
No church at all	4.2%	2.2%	11.6%
Shalom 2024 composite	43.2	47.9	49.6
Shalom hope	41.4	52.2	50.3
Shalom health	49.7	43.5	48.2
Shalom change 2020 to 2024	-0.68	-0.68	-0.76
MVI	55.3	50.7	51.2
Intersection density	56.1	43.8	50.0
Plant posture	46.0%	31.8%	—
Alignment: reconciliation	59.5	47.8	50.0
Alignment: housing stability	57.9	48.2	50.0
Rural / exurban	0.3% / 4.9%	3.1% / 12.8%	4.6% / 12.6%
Urban dense / urban sparse	11.3% / 41.1%	4.4% / 23.8%	7.9% / 32.1%
Car-Oriented Working Gateway lift	2.99x	1.20x	1.00x
Limited-English concentration	21.1%	5.5%	5.4%
Signal tier: hot	14.9%	22.0%	22.7%
Tag: gospel absence	8.0%	12.4%	6.8%
Tag: majority-minority	20.7%	10.5%	9.8%
Pattern: mosaic of subcultures unhealthy	38.1%	65.3%	61.5%

MEASURE	LANGUAGE	GEOGRAPHIC	NATION
Pattern: under-resourced	59.1%	44.9%	50.1%
Median miles to churchless high-need tract	11.9	33.0	—
Frontier: share in an opening desert	2.6%	2.1%	—
Self-governing share	37.8%	61.7%	—

BY AFFILIATION CLASS. 657 TRACTS HOLD A SELF-GOVERNING AND A DEPENDENT CONGREGATION TOGETHER

MEASURE	GENERAL COUNCIL	DISTRICT	PARENT	NATION
Congregations / distinct tracts	6,428 / 6,101	3,107 / 2,936	1,473 / 1,374	—
Access (GDI)	50.0	51.1	49.5	50.0
Need pressure	51.9	54.7	52.8	50.2
Poverty	14.0%	16.3%	15.0%	13.2%
No church at all	1.9%	2.8%	4.8%	11.6%
GDI 60+	18.3%	21.9%	16.5%	20.3%
Shalom 2024 composite	48.1	45.3	47.2	49.6
Shalom change 2020 to 2024	−0.73	−0.48	−0.74	−0.76
MVI	51.0	51.1	53.2	51.2
Suburban / rural	57.3% / 2.5%	47.6% / 3.8%	49.6% / 1.0%	42.8% / 4.6%
Plant posture	31.6%	37.1%	35.9%	—
Median miles to churchless high-need tract	30.8	27.9	21.9	—
Frontier: share in an opening desert	2.1%	2.5%	1.8%	—

15 Against the other rosters

Three other denominations went through the same pipeline. All four columns below are tract means on distinct tracts, computed the same way, so they can be read across.

MEASURE	AG	PCA	ARP	OPC	NATION
Congregations placed	11,008	1,734	256	334	—
Distinct tracts	9,650	1,674	243	331	84,414
States with a church	50	50	23	44	—
Access (GDI)	50.3	46.1	48.1	46.1	50.0
Need pressure	52.7	48.5	50.7	45.1	50.2
Poverty	14.7%	12.1%	12.2%	9.9%	13.2%
Churches in tract	9.7	10.8	16.5	8.5	6.8
Miles to nearest church	1.08	0.57	0.60	0.77	0.96
MVI	51.2	55.6	50.5	54.8	51.2
Suburban	54.2%	52.8%	57.6%	56.5%	42.8%
Exurban	11.8%	8.8%	19.8%	8.5%	12.6%
Rural	2.8%	1.5%	2.9%	1.2%	4.6%
Urban dense	5.3%	6.8%	2.1%	3.0%	7.9%
Access tier: Watered	1.2%	3.0%	2.1%	2.1%	1.6%
Access tier: Arid	18.0%	10.9%	19.8%	7.9%	18.9%
Access tier: Desert	1.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%
Share in an opening desert	2.1%	1.6%	2.3%	0.6%	—
Opening deserts covered, of 2,186	212	25	6	2	—
Mirror to frontier ratio	2.0	2.0	1.7	3.5	—

The Assemblies of God is the only one of the four standing on ground with more need than the country, the only one at the national access mean rather than below it, and the only one with a Desert-tier share equal to the nation's. It is also, with the ARP, the only one whose Arid share is at the national rate. Every roster is twice as likely to be where ground is hardening with a church already in it as where it is opening with none.

16 What this cannot say

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- 13%** **1,692 roster rows are not in any figure.** 1,563 carried no coordinates and geocoding was not run against them; 92 are Connecticut congregations on the planning-region tract vintage the index does not hold; 37 are in Puerto Rico. The Connecticut and Puerto Rico rows are a known vintage and coverage gap. The 1,563 are the material one, and they are not a random sample: rosters lose rural addresses first.
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- 2** **Two layers cover about half the roster.** Field signals score 60.6% of AG tracts and field instruments 52.1%. Every figure from them is a share of the scored tracts. Nothing here should be read as a claim about the unscored half.
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- 247** **Churchless is not unreached.** 247 AG tracts show zero churches in the national church data despite the AG congregation known to be there, so the church data has gaps and any "no church at all" figure in this report is partly a coverage artifact.
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- **Two ACS columns are empty.** The single-household share and the language-diversity index are unpopulated in both the dump and the national cache at this release and were not reported rather than reported as zero.
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- **Two bases appear.** Every table is tract-deduplicated except the frontier household lift in section 13, which is congregation-weighted so it matches the companion paper it is quoted from. The differences are in the second decimal and are noted where they occur.
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- **The roster carries no dates.** This is one snapshot. Whether any figure here is rising or falling for the denomination cannot be answered from it.
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- **Nothing here counts ministry.** No members, attendance, giving, conversions or health. It is where the buildings are and what kind of ground surrounds them. A church on hard ground is not thereby faithful and a church on comfortable ground is not thereby compromised.

A1 How to reproduce every figure

- 1 `denom:dump` joins all fourteen layers to the roster, one row per congregation, 161 columns.

- 2 `denom:gap` appends the nearest churchless high-need tract to every row.

- 3 `denom:audit` produces sections 1 through 12. With `--by network --match` it produces the polity-type table, and with `--groupby affiliation` the affiliation table.

- 4 `denom:frontier` produces section 13, and `denom:field` the state and county counts in section 2.

The saved runs behind this report are `ag-full-layer-audit.txt`, `ag-affiliation-audit.txt`, `ag-frontier.txt` and `ag-state-of-field.json` in `design/denominations/`, with the scripts and column dictionary in `README.md` and `RUNBOOK.md` beside them.

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