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Mapping America by Religious Identification — A Fascinating Set of Maps

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The [Glenmary Research Center](#) has produced “county-level choropleth maps” of America, marking religious identification. These are fascinating to review.

The map of all [religious adherents](#) indicates that the east and west coasts are more secularized than the heartland, with the Pacific Northwest the most un-churched of all major regions. The map of [leading church bodies](#) makes it appear that Baptists and Roman Catholics are dominant across the country, with the exception of Lutherans in the Midwest and Mormons in the Mountain West.

As for major Christian denominations, the [Baptists](#) are clustered in the South and Southeast, while the [Methodists](#) shift a bit further north and west. [Presbyterians](#) are more evenly distributed, while the [Lutherans](#) are perhaps the most regionally concentrated.

The [Episcopalians](#) (smaller in number) show unusual concentrations in the upper Midwest and in Alaska, while the [Eastern Orthodox](#) are clearly concentrated where immigrations patterns would suggest. The immigration pattern is at least a partial explanation for the shape of the map of [Roman Catholicism](#) as well.

No surprises when it comes to where the [Unitarians](#) are to be found in largest numbers (a smallish largest number, to be sure), and the same is also true of the [United Church of Christ](#) (with the concentrations in the Midwest explained by the old Evangelical and Reformed root of the denomination).

There are also maps for the [Church of the Nazarene](#), [Mennonites](#), the [Amish](#), [Congregationalists](#), [Quakers](#), [Pentecostals](#), and [Restoration Movement Christians](#).

Maps of [Mormons](#) and [Muslims](#) are also provided, along with a most interesting map of [Jewish](#) population concentrations.

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