

Armenian Churches in the U.S. Rank "Next-to-Last" among the 23 Benchmark Orthodox Christian Churches in the U.S. in both 2010 and 2020

The 3% Armenians “Faithful” (KPI #1) is calculated as 12,894 divided by the U.S. Census Armenian American population of 460,254. The 13% and 12% of Regular Attendees % of Adherents has a numerator of 12,242, which is close to the “Faithful” but has a denominator of 103,189 Armenians, which is a small fraction of both the U.S. Census Armenian Americans at 460,254 and the credible and widely cited 1+ million Armenian Americans. A systemic misconception is that Armenian Americans have among the highest church attendance rate, which is perpetuated by U.S. Armenian diaspora surveys that claim 35%, 27%, and 28% are Non-Holiday Badarak “Faithful”.

2010			
#	Church	Regular Attendees % of Adherents	Percentile
1	Holy Orthodox Church in North America	77%	TD
2	Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church	53%	TD
3	Malankara Archdiocese of the Syrian Orthodox Church	53%	TQ
4	Coptic Orthodox Church	51%	TQ
5	American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese of the USA	46%	TQ
6	Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Diocese of the USA, Canada and Australia	40%	3Q
7	Orthodox Church in America	40%	3Q
8	Georgian Orthodox Church in North America	38%	3Q
9	Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America	36%	3Q
10	Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia	33%	3Q
11	Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA	31%	2Q
12	Syriac Orthodox Church of Antioch	27%	2Q
13	Albanian Orthodox Diocese	26%	2Q
14	Serbian Orthodox Church in North, Central and South America	22%	2Q
15	Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America	22%	2Q
16	Romanian Orthodox Metropolis of the Americas	19%	BQ
17	Patriarchal Parishes of Moscow Patriarchate	16%	BQ
18	Armenian Apostolic Church (Diocese and Prelacy - East and West)	13%	BQ
19	Vicariate for the Palestinian/Jordanian Orthodox Christian Communities	12%	BD
20	Macedonian Orthodox Diocese	11%	BD

Total	28%
Top Decile (TD)	53%
Top Quartile (TQ)	45%
Median (MD)	32%
Bottom Quartile (BQ)	20%
Bottom Decile (BD)	12%

20 Orthodox Christian Churches 2010-2020 Combined 29%

2020			
#	Church	Regular Attendees % of Adherents	Percentile
1	Knanaya Churches in the USA	71%	TD
2	Malankara Archdiocese of the Syrian Orthodox Church	60%	TD
3	Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church	60%	TD
4	Holy Orthodox Church in North America	56%	TQ
5	American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese of the USA	51%	TQ
6	Ethiopian Orthodox Church	46%	TQ
7	Coptic Orthodox Church	44%	3Q
8	Orthodox Church in America	44%	3Q
9	Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA	42%	3Q
10	Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia	42%	3Q
11	Syriac Orthodox Church of Antioch	41%	3Q
12	Church of the Genuine Orthodox Christians	40%	3Q
13	Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America	39%	2Q
14	Georgian Orthodox Church in North America	39%	2Q
15	Romanian Orthodox Metropolis of the Americas	35%	2Q
16	Eritrean Orthodox Church	31%	2Q
17	Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Diocese of the USA, Canada and Australia	26%	2Q
18	Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America	22%	BQ
19	Albanian Orthodox Diocese	20%	BQ
20	Patriarchal Parishes of Moscow Patriarchate	16%	BQ
21	Serbian Orthodox Church in North, Central and South America	14%	BQ
22	Armenian Apostolic Church (Diocese and Prelacy - East and West)	12%	BD
23	Macedonian Orthodox Diocese	6%	BD

Total	31%
Top Decile (TD)	60%
Top Quartile (TQ)	46%
Median (MD)	40%
Bottom Quartile (BQ)	22%
Bottom Decile (BD)	13%

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Notes:

- Source: "US Religion Census 2020: A Decade of Dramatic Changes in American Orthodox Churches" by Alexei Krindatch (2020). ASARB: Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies.
- Due to unavailability of data, regular attendees in 2010 are sourced from: "Atlas of American Orthodox Christian Churches" by Alexei Krindatch (2011), table 4.1, page 143.
- 2010 Prelacy Regular Attendees were corrected due to an apparent input error. Data showed Prelacy regular attendance of 7,700 in 2010 and 3,831 in 2020, a decrease of 50%. 2010 data was corrected to reflect the same ratio of Prelacy to Diocese regular attendance in 2020. 2020 Diocese Adherents were corrected due to an apparent input error. Data showed Diocese adherence of 64,895 in 2010 and 95,207 in 2020, an increase of 47%. 2020 data was corrected to reflect the same ratio of Prelacy to Diocese adherence in 2010. Importantly, these corrected data points are in line with JIA 2024 106 and 164 Armenian churches in the U.S. findings.