SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

GENERAL INFORMATION
The Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) is a fellowship of over 47,000 Baptist churches scattered across the United States and its territories. These congregations, comprised of numerous racial, ethnic, language, and socioeconomic people groups, are called "cooperating churches." They have organized themselves to accomplish a specific set of missions and ministry initiatives, all for the purpose of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people everywhere.

Cooperating churches | 47,456
Total membership in the SBC network of churches | 14,813,234
Weekly worship attendance in the SBC network | 5,297,788
Total baptisms (reported by Southern Baptist churches) | 246,442
Cooperating state conventions | 41
Cooperating local associations | 1,126

from 2018 Annual Church Profile report

MISSION BOARD REPORTS
The International Mission Board (IMB) and North American Mission Board (NAMB) assist churches in evangelizing, discipling, and planting reproducing churches in our nation and around the world in fulfillment of the Great Commission.

Overseas missionaries reported by IMB, 8/30/2019 | 3,714
Unengaged Unreached People Groups reported by IMB, 9/4/2019 | 3,176
Domestic missionaries reported by NAMB in the 2019 Book of Reports | 5,097
New churches planted reported by NAMB in the 2019 Book of Reports | 624
Existing churches joining with the SBC reported by NAMB in the 2019 Book of Reports | 254

from 2017-2018 academic year as reported in 2019 Book of Reports

SEMINARY STUDENTS TRAINED
The Convention operates six seminaries and a Seminary Extension program to train its ministers and Christian workers.

Gateway Seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention | 1,801
Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary | 3,525
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary | 3,724
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary | 4,264
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary | 5,497
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary | 4,007
TOTAL | 22,808
Seminary Extension Division, Nashville | 611

from 2017-2018 academic year as reported in 2019 Book of Reports

MISSION:DIGNITY

Individuals or couples receiving financial assistance distributed in 2018 | $7,191,544


RACIAL/ETHNIC DIVERSITY
Dominant Ethnic Composition | Churches | Congregations *
Anglo churches | 38,940 | 40,400
Hispanic churches | 2,222 | 3,506
Korean churches | 760 | 907
Native American churches | 391 | 435
20+ other ethnic and language groups | 982 | 1,460

*Includes churches and church-type missions

from National Baptist Convention, 2017-2018 Annual Statistics

REGULAR CHURCH GIVING
Total reported undesignated receipts in Southern Baptist churches in 2017–2018 updated by NAMB as of October 2018 | $9,601,534,950.00
Total Cooperative Program dollars given by Southern Baptist churches in fiscal 2017–2018 as reported to the Executive Committee by the cooperating state Baptist conventions, April 2019 | $463,076,368.00
Cooperative Program Allocation Budget gifts received for SBC causes as reported by the Executive Committee, October 2018 | $197,044,828.14
Average percentage of undesignated receipts churches gave through the Cooperative Program in 2018 as reported by the Executive Committee, 2017–2018 fiscal year | 4.82 percent

from Baptist Coalition for Children and Families 2018 data

DESIGNATED INDIVIDUAL GIVING
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions—100% goes to support overseas missionaries as reported by NAMB as of October 2018 | $158,890,638.47
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions—100% goes to support North American missionaries updated by NAMB as of October 2018 | $61,185,207.25
Global Hunger Relief—100% goes to fight hunger in North America and around the world as reported by the Executive Committee, 2017–2018 fiscal year; does not include direct gifts to IMB and NAMB for GHR | $2,647,087.00

This information is updated six to eight times a year based on information received from entities and the SBC Executive Committee. Last updated 9/12/19.