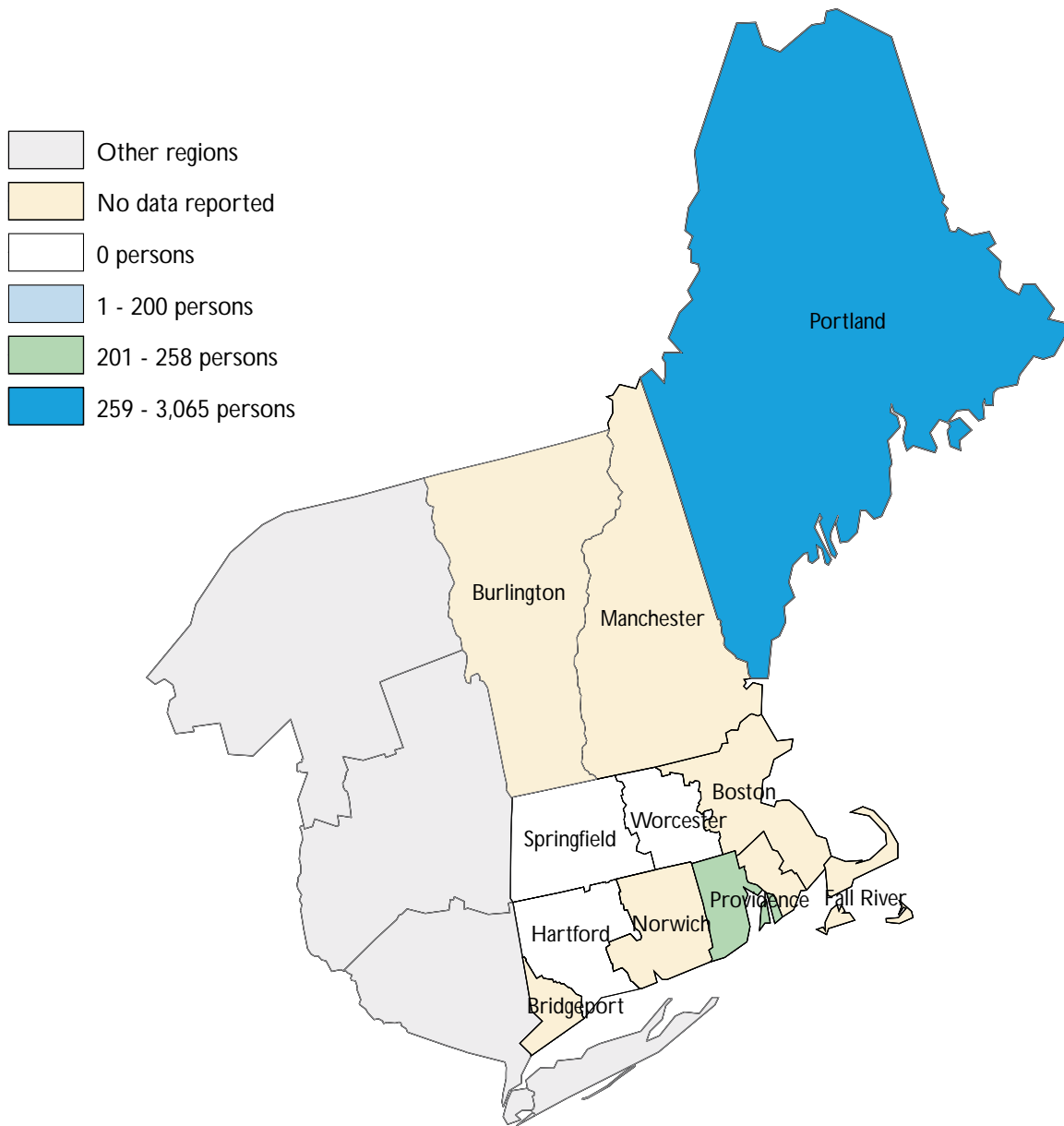


REGION I SUMMARY

Number of Native Americans in each Diocese within Region I who are baptized Roman Catholic.



In 1994 the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Ad Hoc Committee for Native American Catholics agreed to canvass all the dioceses in the United States to gather as much information as possible regarding the apostolate to the Native Americans. One of the first major tasks was to survey all 175 dioceses regarding the number of practicing and nonpracticing Catholics within their respective dioceses. The survey conducted by the Ad Hoc Committee in 1999 asked bishops for basic information about the number of Native American Catholics, urban and rural, within their diocese. A follow-up survey was conducted in 2000 to confirm or modify the estimates submitted in the previous year. All dioceses and archdioceses in existence as of January 1, 2000 responded to one or both surveys.

Table I shows a reported population of 2,328,949 American Indians in the United States (U.S. Census 2000). The estimated number of Native American Catholics reported in 2000 was 359,532 or 15.4% of the American Indian population. The smallest number of Native American Catholics was reported in Region III (NJ & PA) at 1,873. The largest number of Native American Catholics was reported in Region XIII (AZ, CO, NM, UT, & WY) at 171,700.

Region I (New England) is composed of eleven dioceses located in six states. There are a total of 42,257 American Indians in this region with 7.9% of the population reported to be baptized Catholics. The largest number of Native American Catholics was located in the Portland Diocese (n = 3,065) with the Bridgeport, Springfield, and Hartford Dioceses reporting the smallest number (n = 0). Six of the eleven dioceses did not know the Native American Catholics within their respective dioceses. (See Table II)

Number of Native Americans in each Diocese within Region I.
(Source: U.S. Census Bureau)

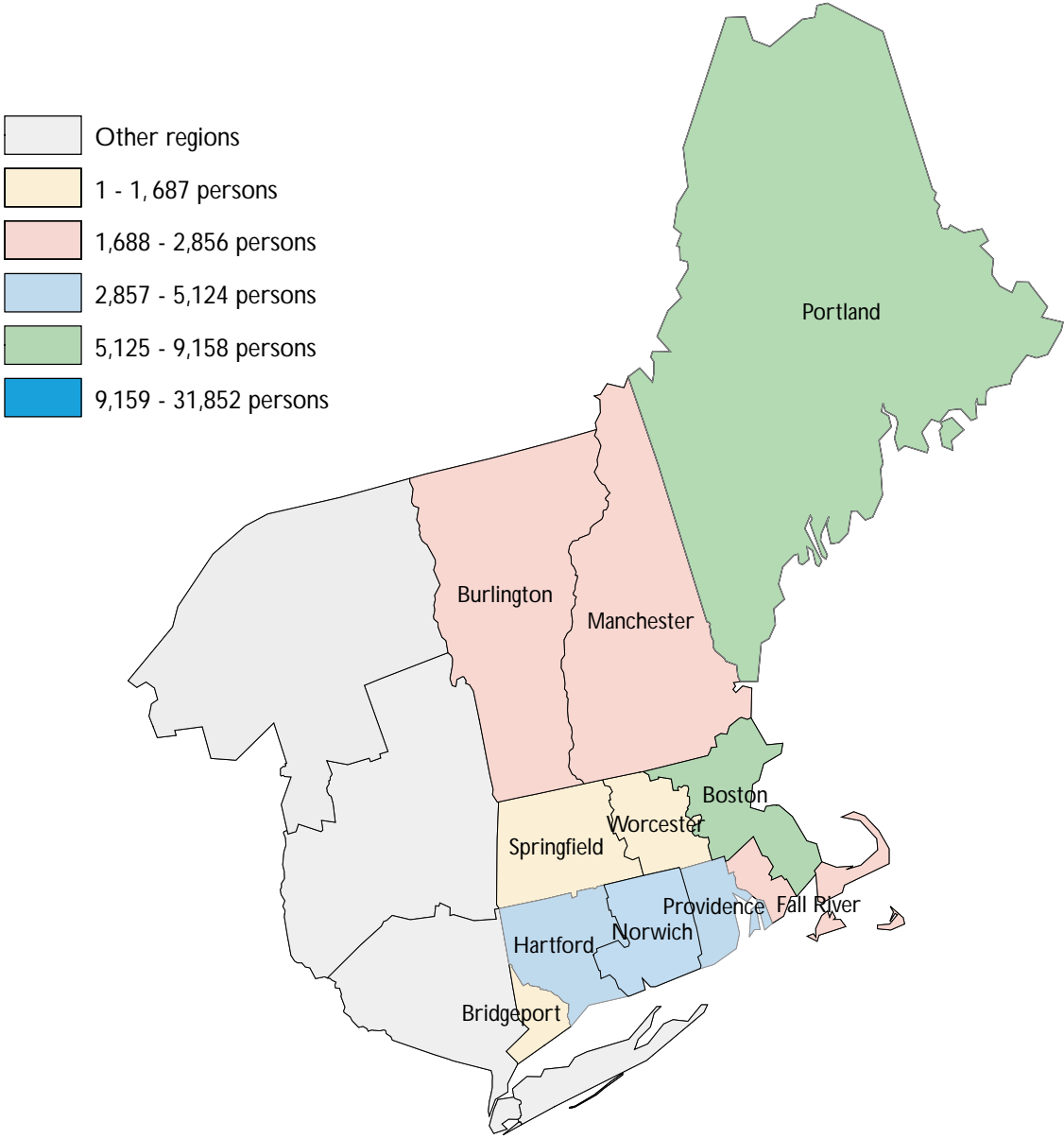


Table I. UNITED STATES DIOCESES BY REGION

Region	States	American Indian Population	Number of Catholics	Percent
I	CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT	42,257	3,323	7.9%
II	New York	82,461	3,229	3.9%
III	NJ, PA	37,840	1,873	5.0%
IV	DC, DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV	233,192	2,315	1.0%
V	AL, KY, LA, MS, TN	83,327	12,814	15.4%
VI	MI, OH	82,965	3,000	3.6%
VII	IL, IN, WI	94,027	9,717	10.3%
VIII	MN, ND, SD	149,330	28,774	19.3%
IX	IA, KS, MO, NE	73,897	2,943	4.0%
X	AR, OK, TX	409,409	16,470	4.0%
XI	CA, HI, NV	363,301	17,896	4.9%
XII	AK, ID, MT, OR, WA	262,430	88,190	33.6%
XIII	AZ, CO, NM, UT, WY	414,513	171,804	41.4%
TOTAL		2,328,949	362,348	15.6%

Table II. REGION I DIOCESES

Region	States	American Indian Population	Number of Catholics	Percent
Burlington	Vermont	2,420	Unknown	0.0%
Providence	Rhode Island	5,121	258	5.0%
Manchester	New Hampshire	2,964	Unknown	0.0%
Portland	Maine	7,098	3,065	43.2%
Worcester	Massachusetts	1,896	Unknown	0.0%
Springfield	Massachusetts	1,894	0	0.0%
Fall River	Massachusetts	3,303	Unknown	0.0%
Boston	Massachusetts	7,922	Unknown	0.0%
Norwich	Connecticut	3,565	Unknown	0.0%
Hartford	Connecticut	4,338	0	0.0%
Bridgeport	Connecticut	1,736	0	0.0%
TOTAL		42,257	3,323	7.9%