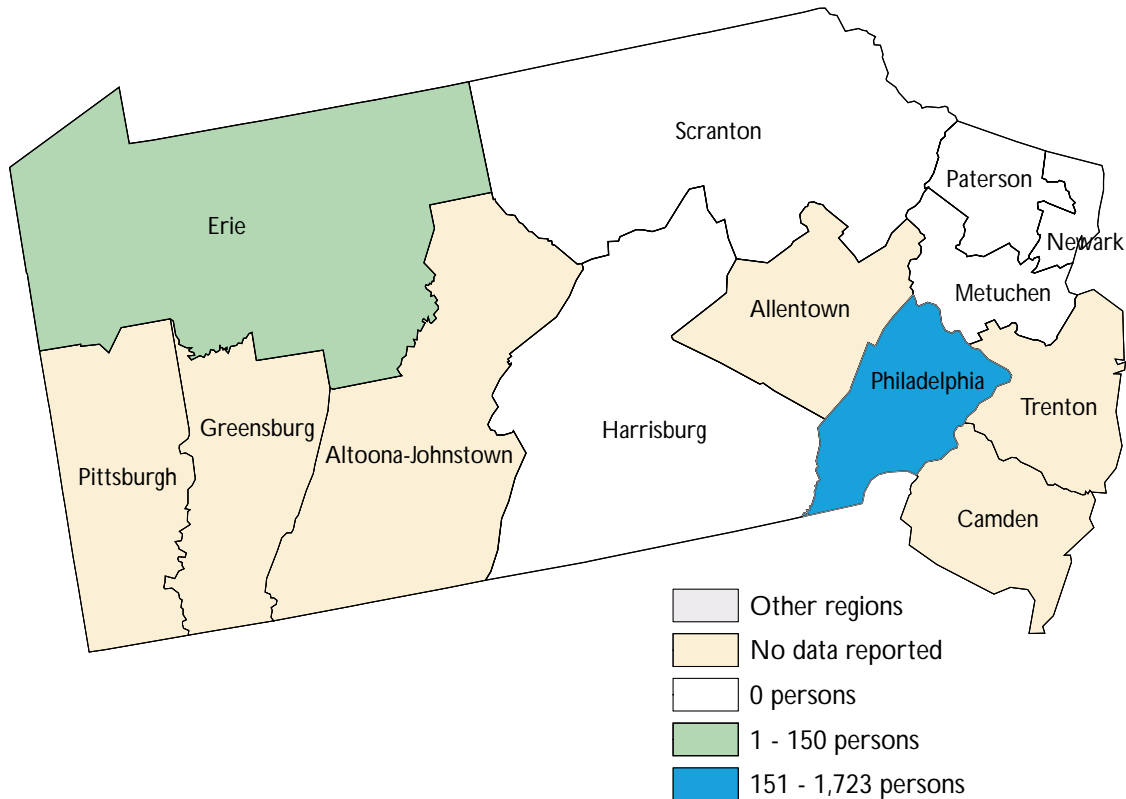


## REGION III SUMMARY

Number of Native Americans in each Diocese within Region III 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 III is composed of thirteen dioceses located in the states of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. There are a total of 37,840 American Indians in this region with 5.0% of the population reported to be baptized Catholics. The largest number of Native American Catholics are located in the Diocese of Philadelphia (n = 1,723). Seven dioceses reported the smallest number of Catholic Native American (n = 0). Four of the thirteen dioceses did not report or know the estimated the number of Native American Catholics within their respective diocese. (See Table II)

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

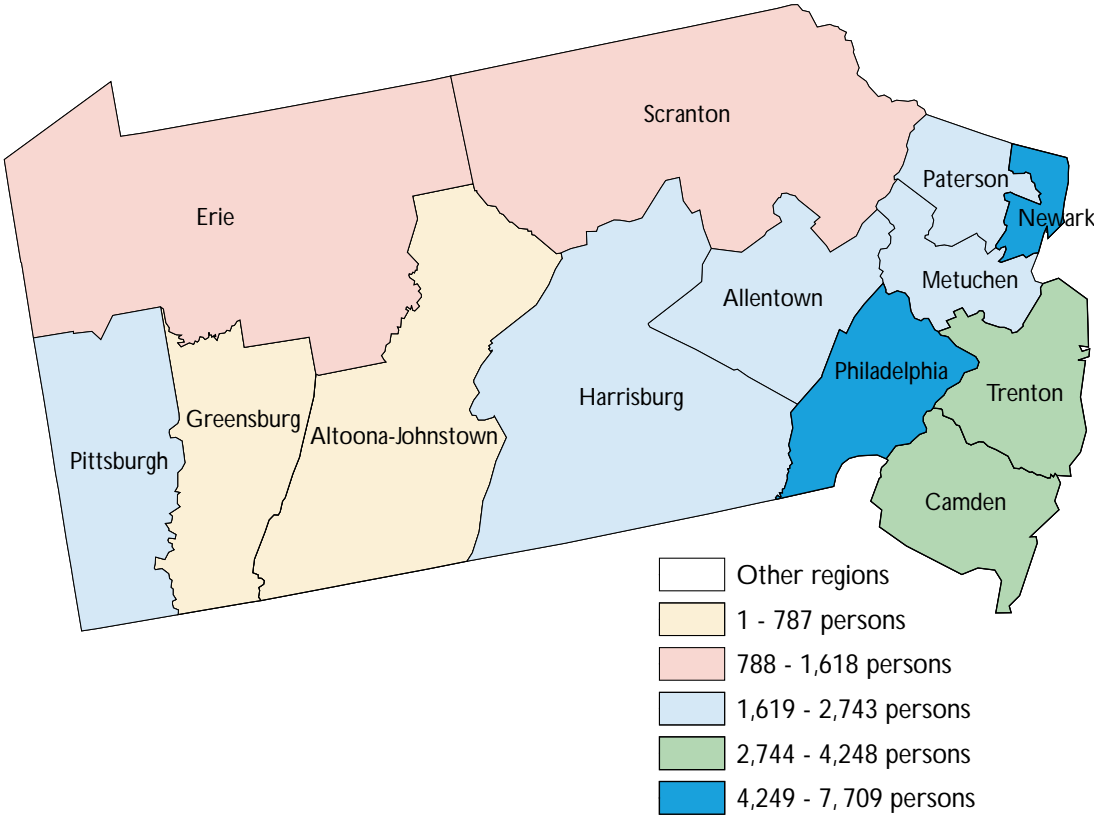


Table I. UNITED STATES DIOCESES BY REGION

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 III DIOCESES

Region	States	American Indian Population	Number of Catholics	Percent
Camden	New Jersey	4,287	No Response	0.0%
Metuchen	New Jersey	2,180	0	0.0%
Newark	New Jersey	6,959	0	0.0%
Patterson	New Jersey	2,899	0	0.0%
Trenton	New Jersey	3,167	0	0.0%
Allentown	Pennsylvania	1,782	Unknown	0.0%
Altoona	Pennsylvania	663	0	0.0%
Erie	Pennsylvania	1,429	150	10.5%
Greensburg	Pennsylvania	632	Unknown	0.0%
Harrisburg	Pennsylvania	2,984	0	0.0%
Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	6,940	1,723	24.8%
Pittsburg	Pennsylvania	2,263	Unknown	0.0%
Scranton	Pennsylvania	1,655	0	0.0%
TOTAL		37,840	1,873	5.0%