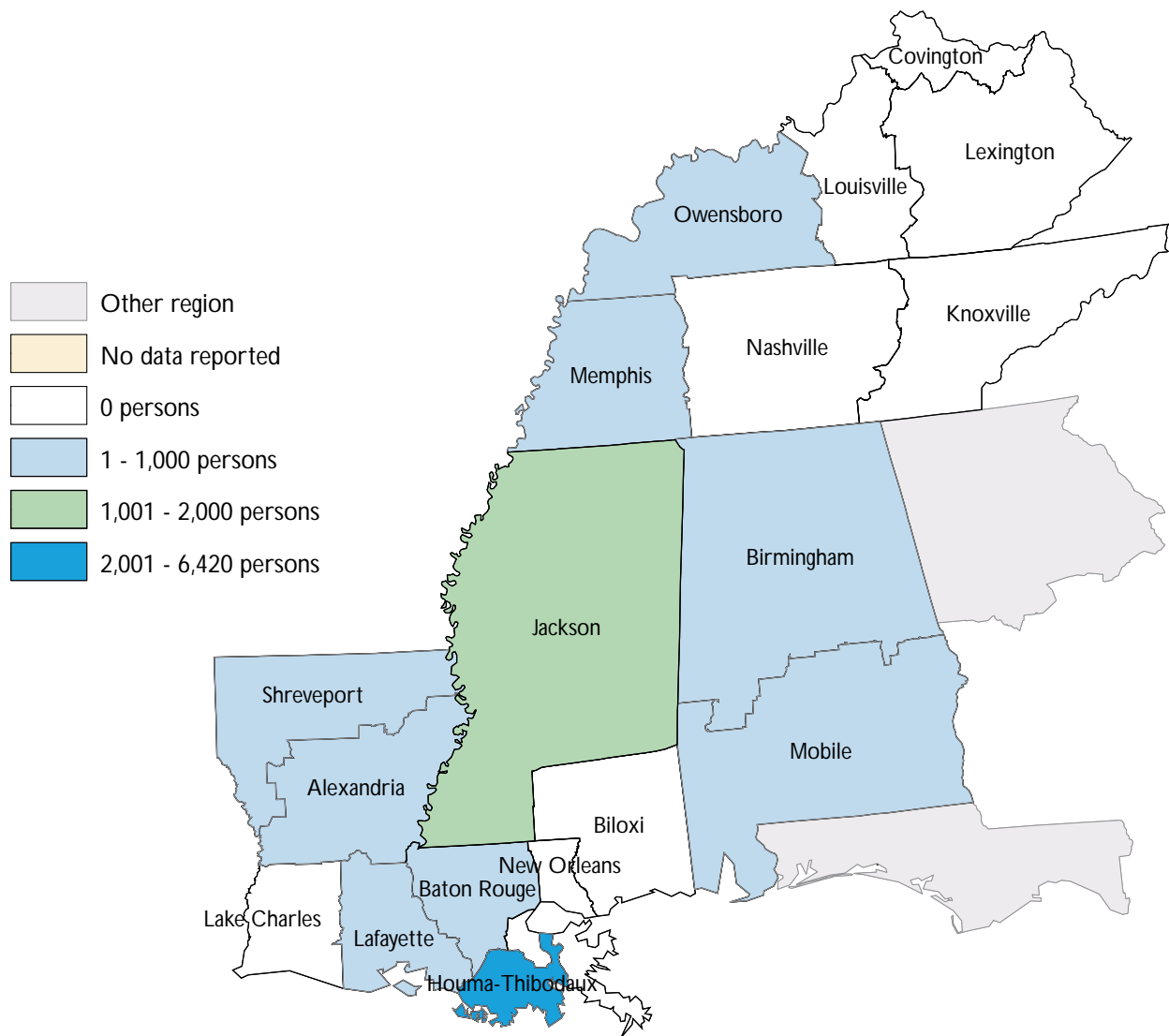


# REGION V SUMMARY

Number of Native Americans in each Diocese within Region V 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 V is composed of eighteen dioceses located in five states. There are a total of 83,327 American Indians in this region with 14.6% of the population reported to be baptized Catholics. The largest number of Native American Catholics are located in the Dioceses of Houma (n = 6,420). The two dioceses reported the smallest number of Catholic Native American (n = 0). Six of the eighteen dioceses did not report or know the number of Native American Catholics within their respective diocese. (See Table II)

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

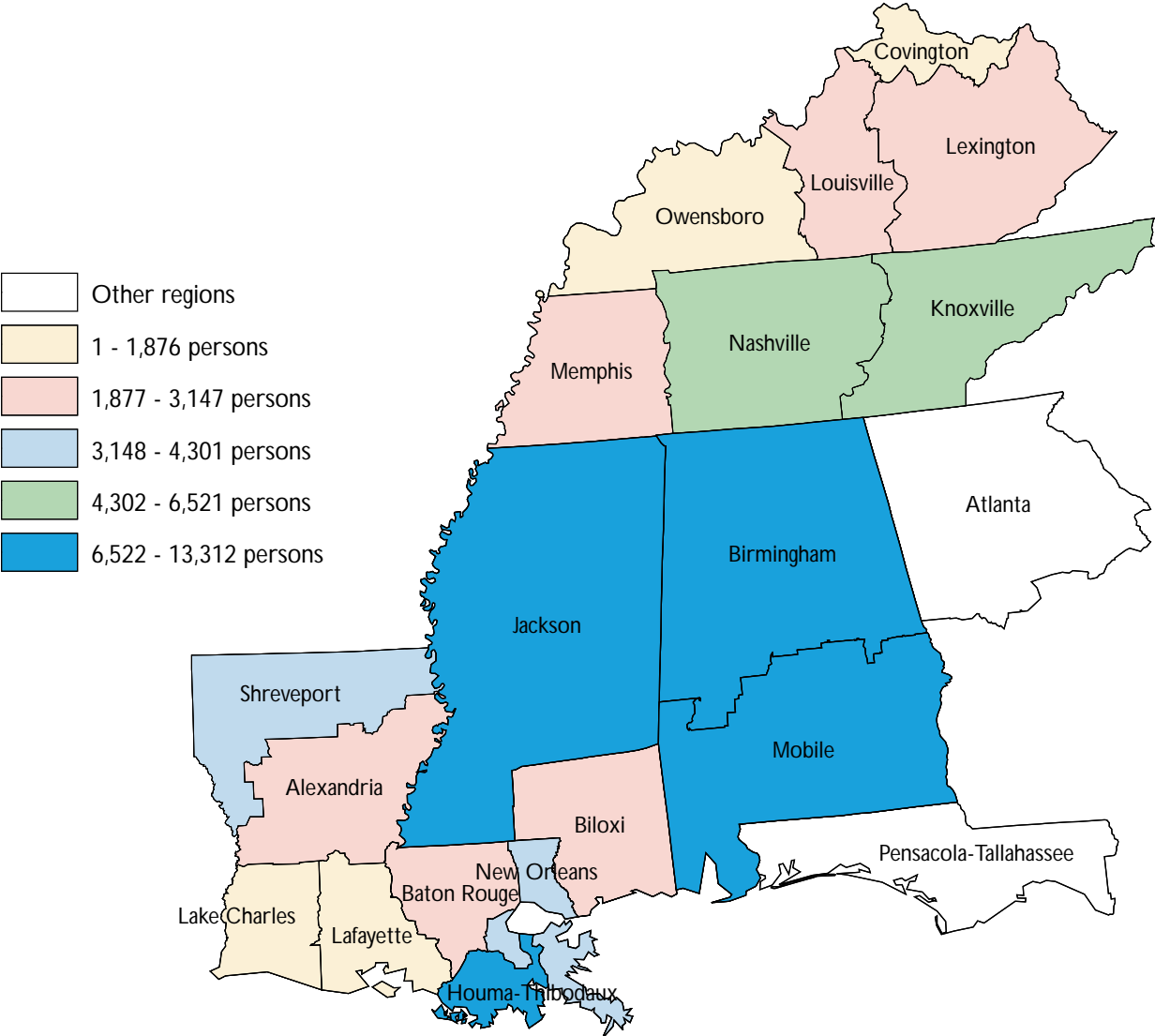


Table I. UNITED STATES DIOCESES BY REGION

| Region | States                             | American Indian<br>Population | Number of<br>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 V DIOCESES

| Region       | States      | American Indian<br>Population | Number of<br>Catholics | Percent |
|--------------|-------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------|
| Birmingham   | Alabama     | 12,617                        | 150                    | 1.2%    |
| Mobile       | Alabama     | 9,813                         | 220                    | 2.2%    |
| Covington    | Kentucky    | 867                           | 0                      | 0.0%    |
| Lexington    | Kentucky    | 2,923                         | Unknown                | 0.0%    |
| Louisville   | Kentucky    | 2,980                         | Unknown                | 0.0%    |
| Owensboro    | Kentucky    | 1,846                         | 4                      | 0.2%    |
| Alexandria   | Louisiana   | 2,933                         | 1,000                  | 34.1%   |
| Baton Rouge  | Louisiana   | 1,944                         | 450                    | 23.1%   |
| Houma        | Louisiana   | 8,986                         | 6,420                  | 71.4%   |
| Lafayette    | Louisiana   | 1,757                         | 440                    | 25.0%   |
| Lake Charles | Louisiana   | 1,378                         | 0                      | 0.0%    |
| New Orleans  | Louisiana   | 4,097                         | No Response            | 0.0%    |
| Shreveport   | Louisiana   | 4,382                         | 1,000                  | 22.8%   |
| Biloxi       | Mississippi | 2,570                         | No Response            | 0.0%    |
| Jackson      | Mississippi | 9,082                         | 2,000                  | 22.0%   |
| Knoxville    | Tennessee   | 5,473                         | No Response            | 0.0%    |
| Memphis      | Tennessee   | 3,400                         | 500                    | 14.7%   |
| Nashville    | Tennessee   | 6,279                         | Unknown                | 0.0%    |
| TOTAL        |             | 949.46                        | 12,184                 | 14.6%   |