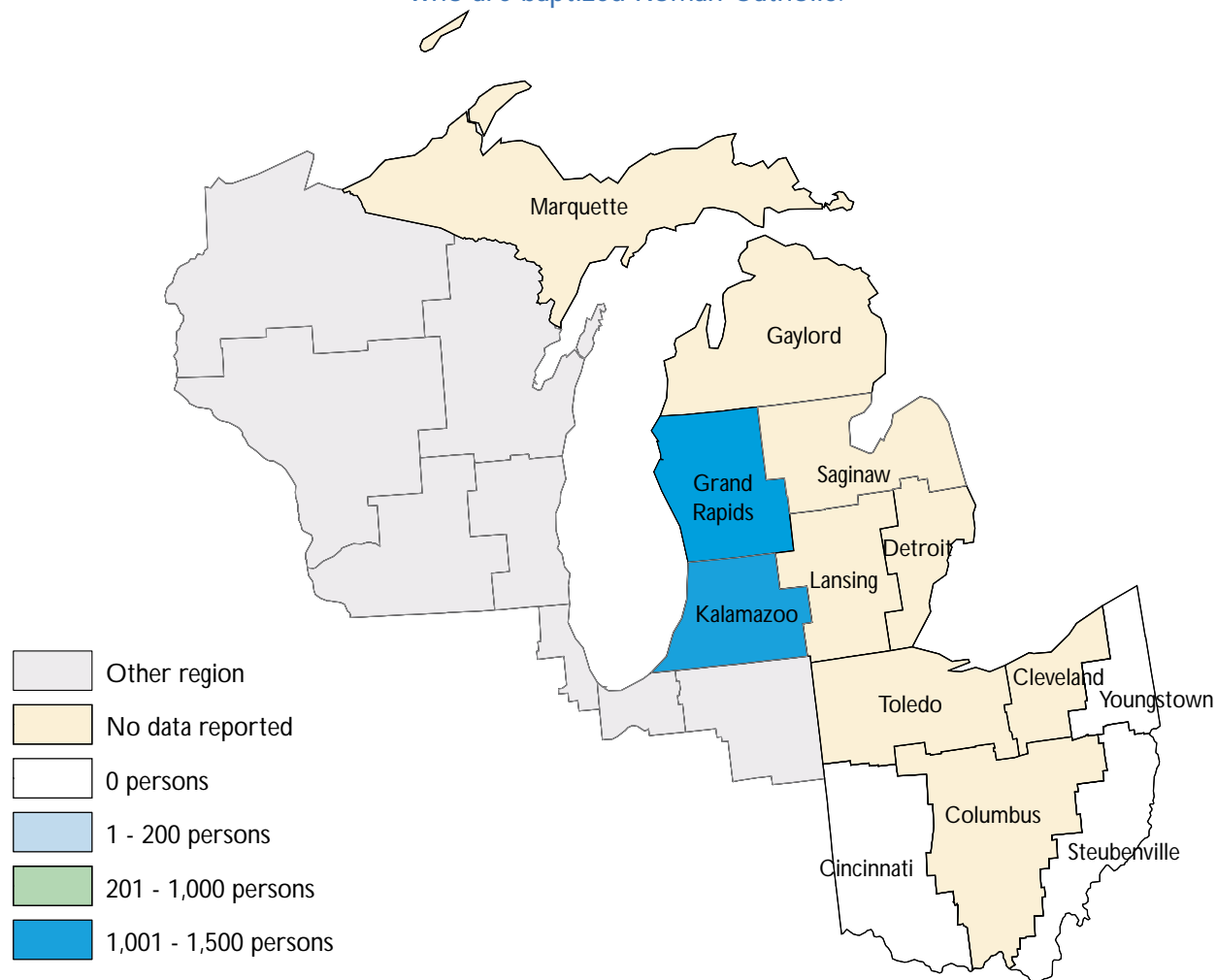


REGION VI SUMMARY

Number of Native Americans in each Diocese within Region VI 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 VI is composed of thirteen dioceses located in Michigan and Ohio. There are a total of 82,965 American Indians in this region with 3.6% of the population reported to be baptized Catholics. The largest number of Native American Catholics are located in the Dioceses of Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo (n = 1,500). Two dioceses reported the smallest number of Native American Catholics (n = 0). Nine of the thirteen dioceses reported did not know or did not report the number of Native American Catholics for their respective diocese. (See Table II)

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

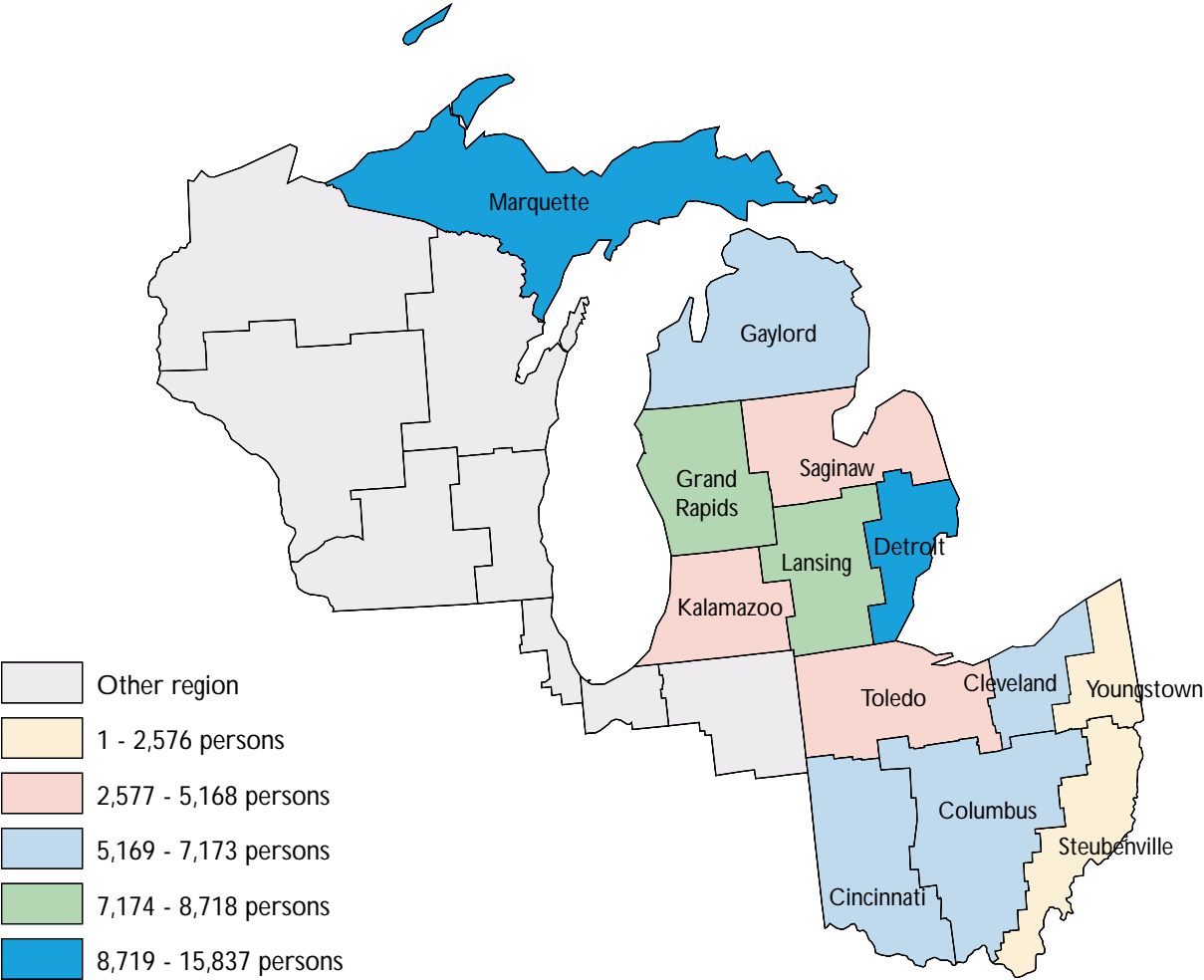


Table I. UNITED STATES DIOCESES BY REGION

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 VI DIOCESES

Region	States	American Indian Population	Number of Catholics	Percent
Detroit	Michigan	14,946	Unknown	0.0%
Gaylord	Michigan	5,884	No Response	0.0%
Grand Rapids	Michigan	7,263	1,500	20.7%
Kalamazoo	Michigan	4,956	1,500	30.3%
Lansing	Michigan	8,066	Unknown	0.0%
Marquette	Michigan	12,460	Unknown	0.0%
Saginaw	Michigan	4,904	Unknown	0.0%
Cincinnati	Ohio	6,395	Unknown	0.0%
Cleveland	Ohio	5,195	No Response	0.0%
Columbus	Ohio	6,191	Unknown	0.0%
Steubenville	Ohio	1,230	0	0.0%
Toledo	Ohio	3,240	Unknown	0.0%
Youngstown	Ohio	2,235	0	0.0%
TOTAL		82,965	3,000	3.6%