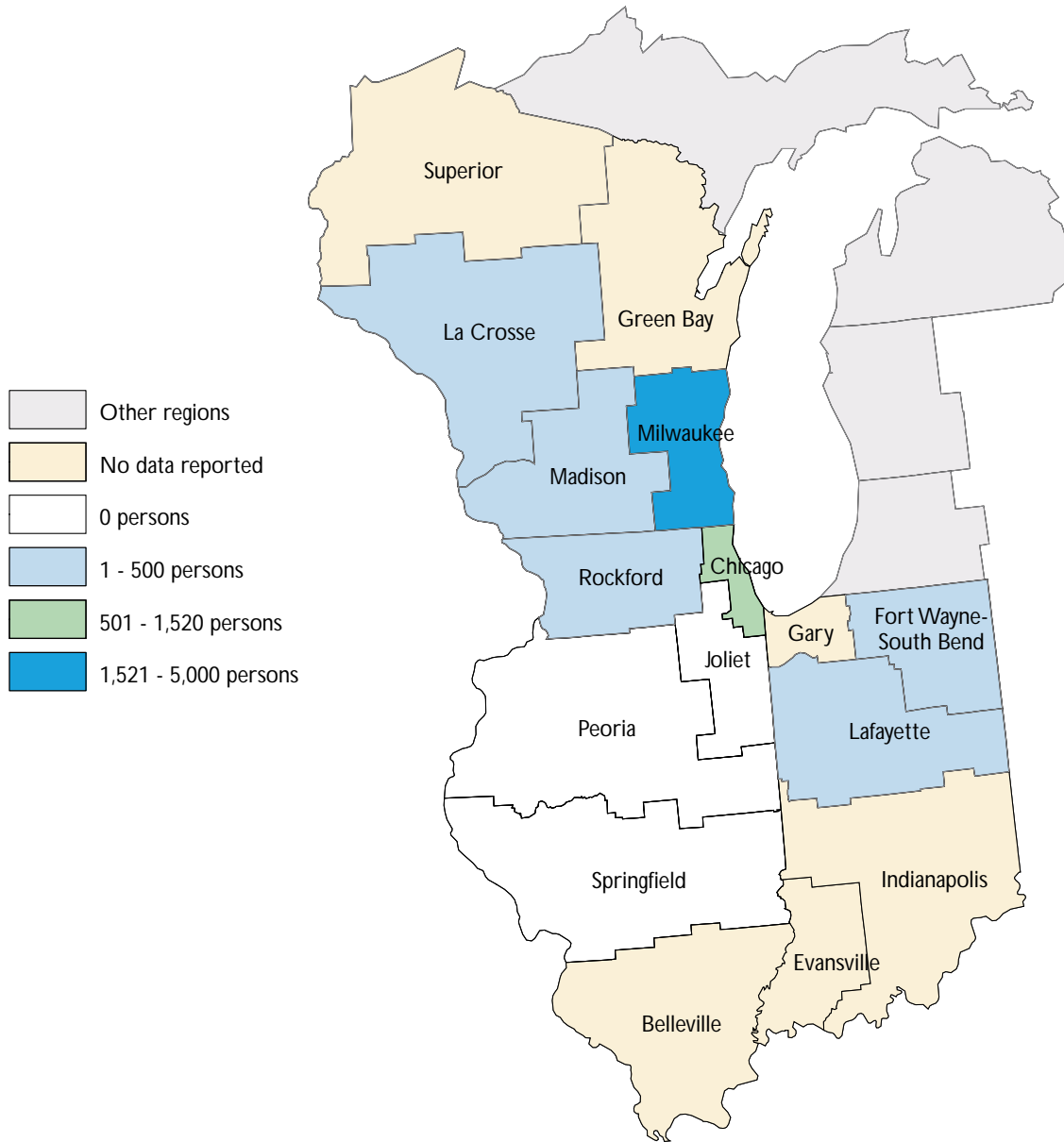
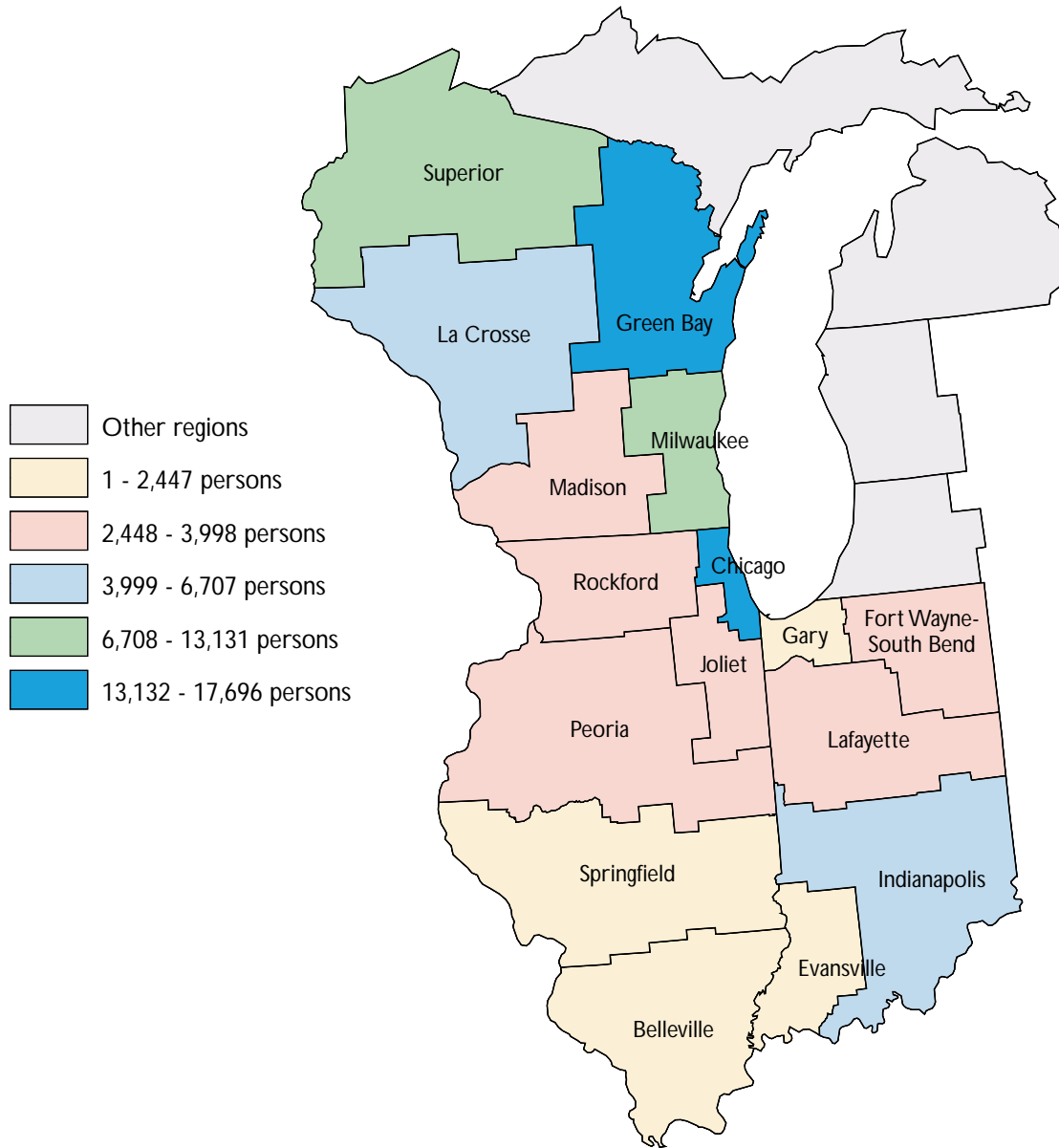


REGION VII SUMMARY

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



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



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 VII is composed of sixteen dioceses located in three states. There are a total of 94,027 American Indians in this region with 10.3% of the population reported to be baptized Catholics. The largest number of Native American Catholics are located in the Diocese of Milwaukee (n = 5,000). Three dioceses reported the smallest number of Native American Catholics (n = 0). Six of the sixteen dioceses did not know the number of Native American Catholics within their respective diocese. (See Table II)

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 VII DIOCESES

Region	States	American Indian Population	Number of Catholics	Percent
Belleville	Illinois	2,188	Unknown	0.0%
Chicago	Illinois	17,297	1,250	7.2%
Joliet	Illinois	3,005	0	0.0%
Peoria	Illinois	2,962	0	0.0%
Rockford	Illinois	3,152	50	1.6%
Springfield	Illinois	2,402	0	0.0%
Evansville	Indiana	929	Unknown	0.0%
Fort Wayne	Indiana	3,909	500	12.8%
Gary	Indiana	2,068	Unknown	0.0%
Indianapolis	Indiana	5,667	Unknown	0.0%
Lafayette	Indiana	3,220	30	0.9%
Green Bay	Wisconsin	17,696	Unknown	0.0%
La Crosse	Wisconsin	4,898	75	1.5%
Madison	Wisconsin	3,119	100	3.2%
Milwaukee	Wisconsin	10,635	5,000	47.0%
Superior	Wisconsin	10,880	2,712	24.9%
TOTAL		94,027	9,717	10.3%