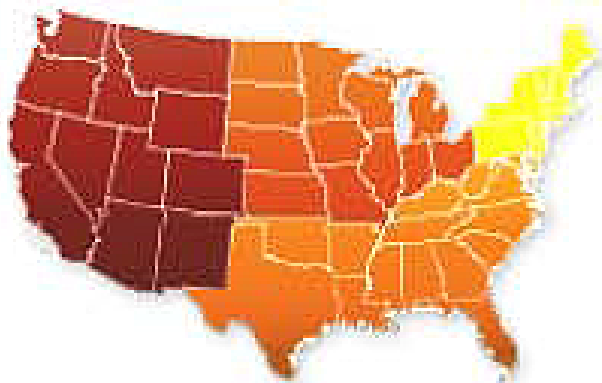


## Portrait of:

Catholics



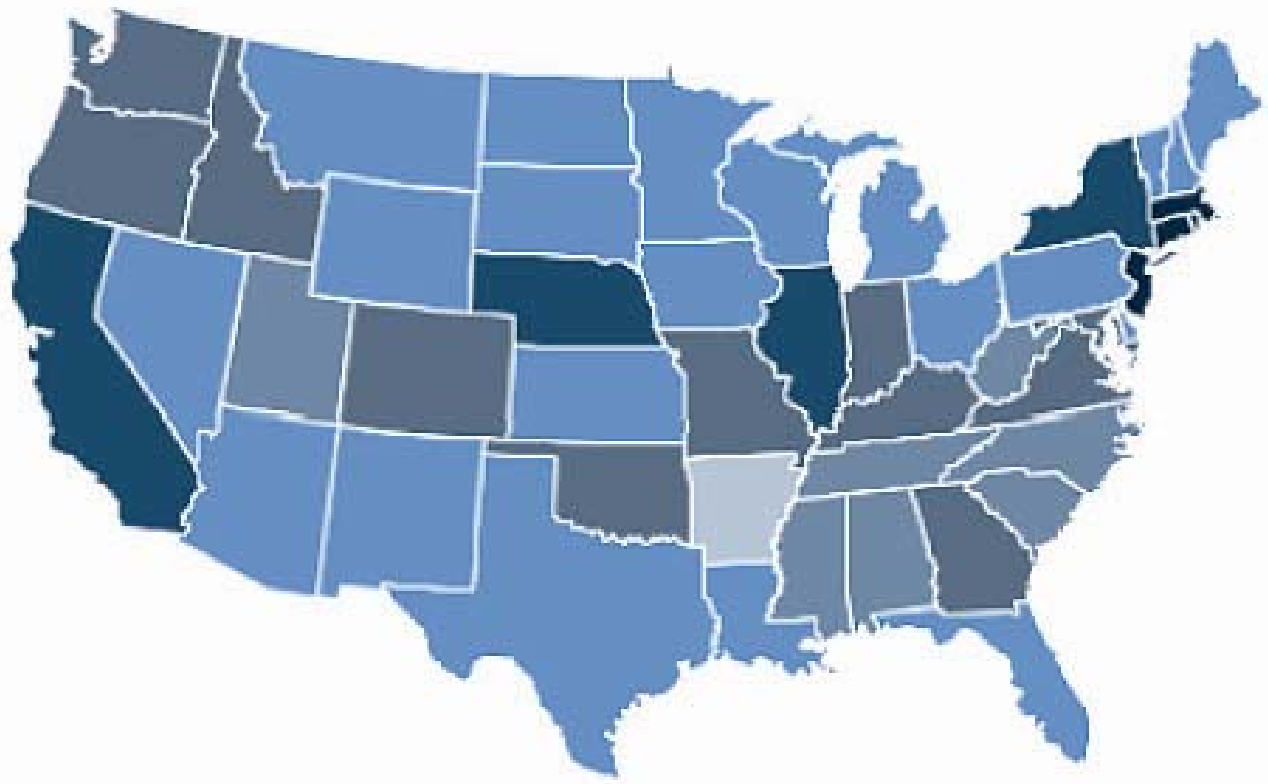
### In what regions of the U.S. do Catholics live?

Northeast	29%
Midwest	24%
South	24%
West	23%

### Geographic Distribution of Catholics

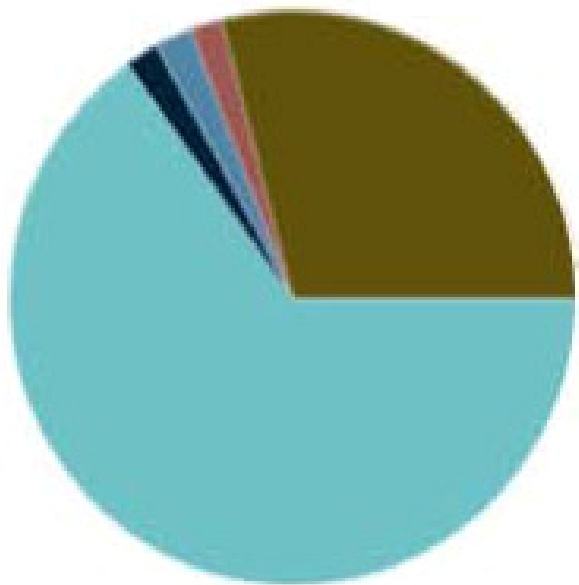
	<u>Northeast</u>	<u>Midwest</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	%	%	%	%
All U.S. adults	19	23	36	22 =100
Catholic	29	24	24	23 =100
White Catholic	35	31	20	13 =100
Hispanic Catholic	17	9	32	42 =100

Source: Pew Forum, "U.S. Religious Landscape Survey," 2007



Percentage of Each State's Population that affiliates with Catholic Tradition



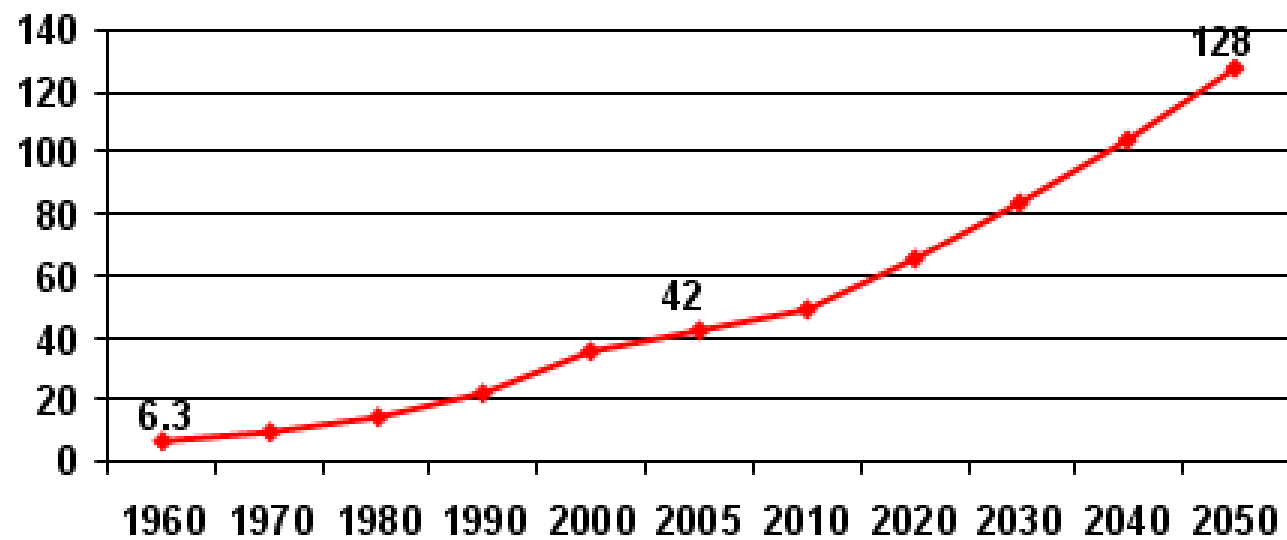


**What is the racial and ethnic composition of Catholics?**

White (non-Hispanic)	<b>65%</b>
Black (non-Hispanic)	<b>2%</b>
Asian (non-Hispanic)	<b>2%</b>
Other/Mixed (non-Hispanic)	<b>2%</b>
Hispanic	<b>29%</b>

## Hispanic Population in the U.S.

(Actual and Projected - in millions)



Source: Pew Hispanic Center, "U.S. Population Projections: 2005-2050"

## Hispanic Catholics Are Traditional in Their Catholicism

*% who...*

<i>Among...</i>	<u>Ever pray to Mary</u>	<u>Believe in transub- stantiation</u>	<u>Pray the rosary at least once or twice per month</u>	<u>Go to confession at least a few times per year</u>
Hispanic Catholics	84	87	43	43
Charismatics	86	89	48	47
Others	81	84	35	40

Source: Pew Research Center Survey of Hispanics, 2006



### What is the age distribution of Catholics?

18-29	<b>18%</b>
30-49	<b>41%</b>
50-64	<b>24%</b>
65+	<b>16%</b>

### Age and Racial Composition of Catholicism

% who are...	All	Among Catholics ages...					
	<u>Catholics</u>	<u>18-29</u>	<u>30-39</u>	<u>40-49</u>	<u>50-59</u>	<u>60-69</u>	<u>70+</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
White	65	47	51	68	75	78	85
Black	2	3	2	2	2	3	1
Latino	<b>29</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>
Other/Mixed	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Due to rounding, figures in this report may not add to 100. Results have been repercentaged to exclude nonresponse.

Source: Pew Forum, "U.S. Religious Landscape Survey," 2007

### White Catholics Are Older than Latino Catholics

	<u>18-29</u>	<u>30-49</u>	<u>50-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
	%	%	%	%
All U.S. adults	20	39	25	16 =100
Catholic	18	41	24	16 =100
White Catholic	13	38	28	21 =100
Hispanic Catholic	28	49	16	7 =100

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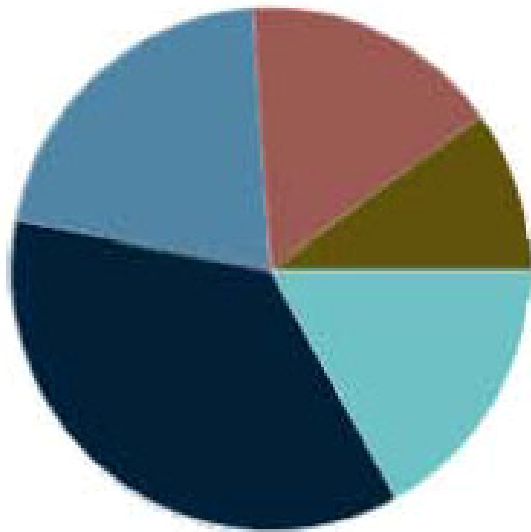
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### **Ethnic Composition of Catholics by Region and Locality**

	<u>White Catholics</u> %	<u>Hispanic Catholics</u> %	<u>Other Catholics</u> %
Northeast	79	17	3 =100
Midwest	84	11	5 =100
South	53	39	8 =100
West	38	54	8 =100
Washington D.C. area	63	23	14 =100
New York City area	61	34	5 =100

Results have been repercentaged to exclude nonresponse.

Source: Pew Forum, "U.S. Religious Landscape Survey,"  
2007



**What is the educational distribution of Catholics?**

Less than high school	<b>17%</b>
High school graduate	<b>36%</b>
Some college	<b>21%</b>
College graduate	<b>16%</b>
Post-graduate	<b>10%</b>

### Education and Income

	<b>All U.S. Adults</b>	<b>All Catholics</b>	<b>White Catholics</b>	<b>Hispanic Catholics</b>
<i>Education</i>	%	%	%	%
Less than HS	14	17	6	42
HS Grad	36	36	38	32
Some College	23	21	24	13
College Grad	16	16	19	9
Post-Grad	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>4</u>
	100	100	100	100
<i>Income</i>	%	%	%	%
Less than \$30K	31	31	21	55
\$30-\$50K	22	20	20	21
\$50-\$100K	30	30	36	15
\$100K+	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>9</u>
	100	100	100	100

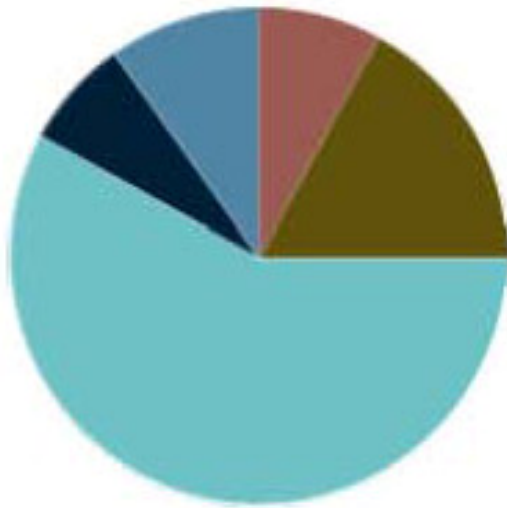
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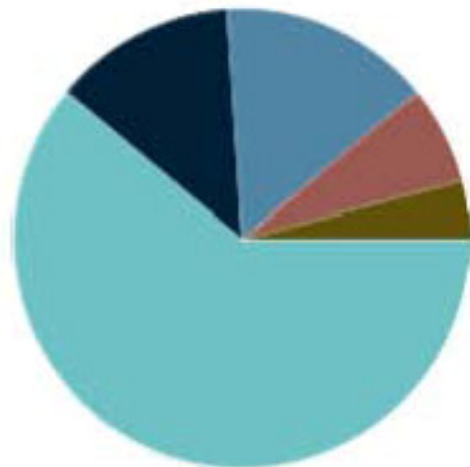
**What is the gender composition of Catholics?**

Male	46%
Female	54%



### What is the marital status of Catholics?

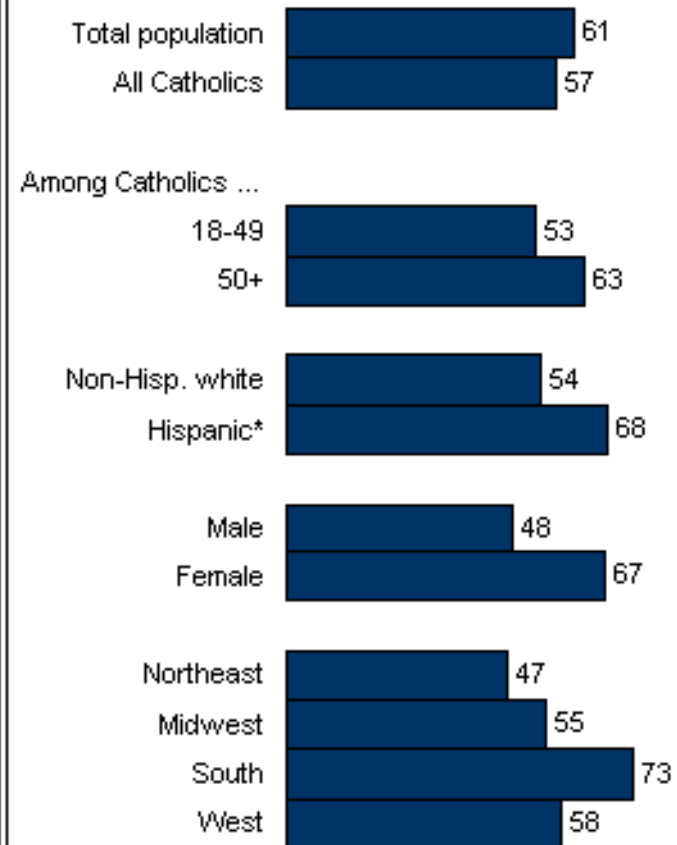
Married	<b>58%</b>
Living with partner	<b>7%</b>
Divorced or separated	<b>10%</b>
Widowed	<b>8%</b>
Never married	<b>17%</b>



**How many children at home do Catholics have?**

No children	<b>61%</b>
One child	<b>13%</b>
Two children	<b>15%</b>
Three children	<b>7%</b>
Four or more children	<b>4%</b>

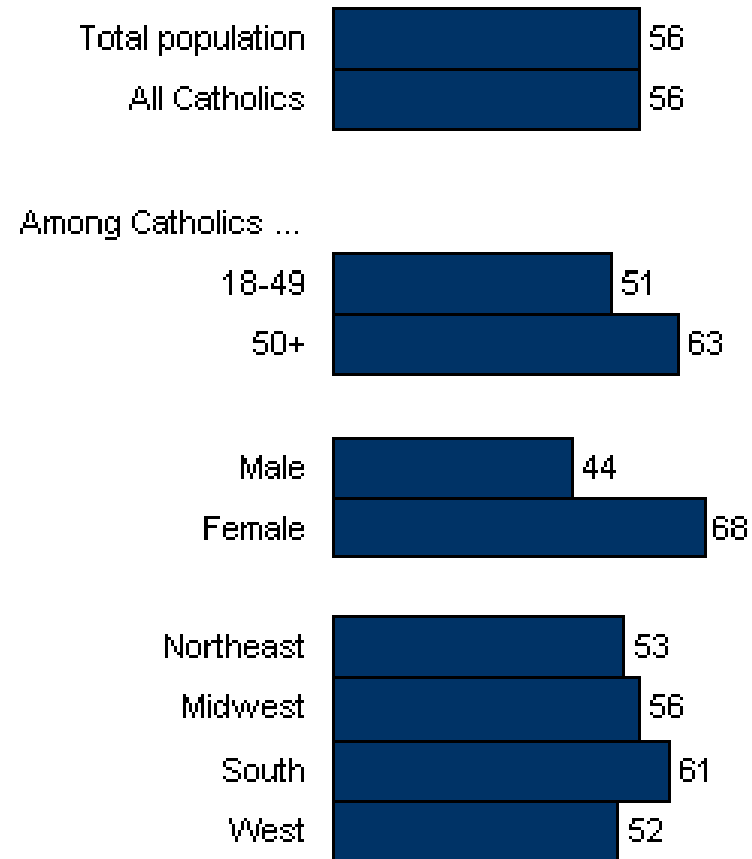
### Importance of Religion



Source: Pew Research Center Survey,  
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\*Source: Pew Research Center Survey of  
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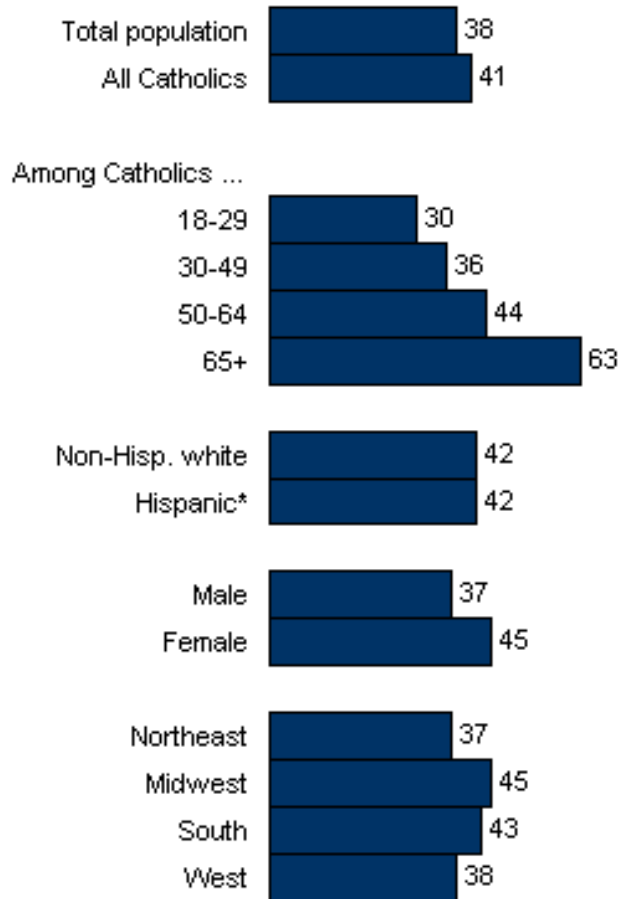
### Daily Prayer



Source: Pew Research Center Survey,  
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\*Source: Pew Research Center Survey of  
Hispanics, 2006

### Weekly Church Attendance



Source: Pew Research Center Aggregated Surveys, 2007

\*Source: Pew Research Center Survey of Hispanics, 2006

### Views on Social Issues

	Total Pop.	All Catholics	Hispanic Catholics	-----White Catholics-----		
				All	Attend Weekly	Attend Less than Weekly
	%	%	%	%	%	%
<i>Abortion should be...</i>						
Legal in all/most cases	52	51	39	54	36	67
Illegal in all/most cases	43	44	53	41	60	28
DK/Ref.	5	5	8	5	4	5
	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
<i>More important to...</i>						
Conduct stem cell research	51	55	N/A	59	46	67
Not destroy human embryos	35	32	N/A	32	46	22
DK/Ref.	14	13	N/A	9	8	11
	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
<i>Gay marriage</i>						
Favor	36	42	32	41	30	49
Oppose	55	48	52	49	59	42
DK/Ref.	9	10	16	10	11	9
	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
<i>Death penalty</i>						
Favor	62	60	47	66	55	73
Oppose	32	35	40	28	39	22
DK/Ref.	6	5	13	6	6	5
	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

Source: Pew Research Center Survey, August 2007. All Hispanic numbers taken from the Pew Research Center Survey of Hispanics, 2006.

### Catholics and Ideology

	<u>Cons</u> %	<u>Mod</u> %	<u>Lib</u> %	<u>DK/Ref</u> %
All Catholics	34	44	18	4=100
White Catholics	36	45	16	3=100
Weekly+	43	42	11	4=100
Less than weekly	30	48	19	3=100
Hispanic Catholics <sup>1</sup>	31	27	26	16=100
Weekly+	36	23	24	18=100
Less than weekly	27	30	28	14=100
Total Population	36	39	19	6=100

Source: Aggregated Pew Research Center Surveys, 2007

<sup>1</sup> Source: Pew Research Center Survey of Hispanics, 2006

## Generational Differences in Political Ideology

	<i>Among Catholics...</i>				
	<u>All</u>	<u>18-29</u>	<u>30-49</u>	<u>50-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
	%	%	%	%	%
Conservative	34	26	34	34	43
Moderate	44	43	45	44	39
Liberal	18	27	17	18	11
DK	4	4	4	4	7
	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

Source: Aggregated Pew Research Center Surveys, 2007

### Catholics' Views on Role of Government, Immigration and Health Care

	Total Pop.	All Catholics	Hispanic Catholics	-----White Catholics-----		
				All	Attend Weekly	Attend Less than Weekly
	%	%	%	%	%	%
<i>Role of government</i> <sup>1</sup>						
Bigger government, more services	43	48	77	36	25	44
Smaller government, fewer services	45	41	15	52	62	45
Depends	4	4	3	4	4	4
DK/Ref.	8	7	5	8	9	7
	100	100	100	100	100	100
<i>Growing number of newcomers...</i> <sup>2</sup>						
Threaten customs and values	48	41	22	48	46	49
Strengthen American society	45	55	67	47	49	46
Neither/Both	4	3	4	4	3	4
DK/Ref.	3	1	7	1	2	1
	100	100	100	100	100	100
<i>Government guaranteed health care</i> <sup>3</sup>						
Favor	63	66	69	67	62	71
Oppose	32	29	21	30	32	27
DK/Ref.	5	5	10	3	6	2
	100	100	100	100	100	100

<sup>1</sup> Source: Pew Research Center Survey, January 2007

<sup>2</sup> Source: Pew Research Center Survey, March 2006; Hispanic numbers from Pew Research Center Survey of Hispanics, 2006

<sup>3</sup> Source: Pew Research Center Survey, August 2007; Hispanic numbers from Pew Research Center Survey of Hispanics, 2006

### Catholics and Party Affiliation

	<u>Rep</u> %	<u>Dem</u> %	<u>Ind</u> %	<u>Other</u> <u>DK/Ref</u> %
All Catholics	27	37	31	5=100
White Catholics	30	34	32	4=100
Weekly+	33	32	30	5=100
Less than weekly	28	34	35	3=100
Hispanic Catholics <sup>1</sup>	18	55	16	10=100
Weekly+	22	54	15	8=100
Less than weekly	16	56	17	11=100
Total Population	28	35	31	6=100

Based on registered voters.

Source: Aggregated Pew Research Center Surveys, 2007

<sup>1</sup> Source: Pew Research Center Survey of Hispanics, 2006

## Generational Differences in Party Affiliation

	<i>Among Catholics...</i>				
	<u>All</u>	<u>18-29</u>	<u>30-49</u>	<u>50-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Republican	27	24	32	26	24
Democrat	37	34	34	39	44
Independent	31	38	31	31	26
Other/DK	5	4	3	4	6
Total	100	100	100	100	100

Based on registered voters.

Source: Aggregated Pew Research Center Surveys, 2007

## At the Voting Booth

	---2004 Election---		---2000 Election---	
	<u>Bush</u> %	<u>Kerry</u> %	<u>Bush</u> %	<u>Gore</u> %
Total	51	48	48	48
All Catholics	52	47	47	50
White Catholics	56	43	52	45
Weekly+	60	39	58	39
Less than weekly	53	47	47	49
Hispanic Catholics <sup>1</sup>	33	65	33	65

Source: 2000 and 2004 National Election Exit Pool

<sup>1</sup> Source for Hispanic Catholic numbers is the Pew Hispanic Center, "Hispanics and the 2004 Election: Population, Electorate and Voters," by Roberto Suro, Richard Fry and Jeffrey Passel, 2005