

changing church

AUTUMN SURVEY DEMOGRAPHICS



The online surveys were completed between 1st and 12th October by 451 church leaders and 1,061 church members.

Church size

26% of leaders represented churches with fewer than 50 members, 45% had between 51 and 150 members, and 28% had more than 150 members.

Geography

24% of leaders represented inner-city churches, 51% were suburban, and 26% were rural. The individual survey responses were similar, although there were proportionally fewer inner-city responses (11%) with the other two proportions increasing to 59% and 29% accordingly.

UK region	Leader survey	Individual survey
Channel Islands & Isle of Man	-	0.4%
East Midlands	7%	6%
East of England	9%	9%
Greater London	14%	10%
North East	4%	4%
North West	10%	8%
Northern Ireland	13%	17%
Scotland	5%	12%
South East	14%	12%
South West	8%	8%
Wales	7%	5%
West Midlands	10%	7%

Age

The majority of respondents to both surveys were aged between 35 and 75.

Age	Leaders	Individual responders
18-24	0%	2%
25-34	4%	6%
35-44	17%	12%
45-54	27%	15%
55-64	26%	25%
65-74	12%	23%
75-84	2%	8%
85+	0.7%	1%
Undisclosed	11%	8%

Sex

Sex	Leaders	Individuals
Female	20%	51%
Male	80%	49%

Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Leaders	Individuals
White	95%	96%
Black or Black British	2%	1.5%
Asian or Asian British	0.5%	0.7%
Mixed or multiple ethnic background	0.5%	0.7%
Any other ethnic group	1%	0.9%

Denomination

17 different denominations were represented by the research, the three most represented by the leader survey were Baptist (22%), Anglican (21%) and Independent Evangelical (15%). The same three were most represented in the individual survey, but with Anglican responses far outnumbering the other two with 26% of the total respondents.

The full list of denominations by order of number of leader respondents is: Baptist, Anglican, Independent evangelical, Other charismatic, Methodist, Independent, Presbyterian, Other, New Frontiers, Elim, AOG, URC, Vineyard, Other Pentecostal, Pioneer, Catholic and NTCG.

Evangelical Alliance Membership

60% of the church leaders represent churches who are members of the Evangelical Alliance, whilst 33% of the leaders themselves are members. 46% of the individual respondents were members of the Evangelical Alliance.

