

# Danzan Ryu Today: A Look at the Numbers

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Being less than a hundred years old, Danzan Ryu Jujitsu is considered a new martial arts system. The oldest Danzan Ryu organization, American Jujitsu Institute, was founded in 1939. Since that time a number of other Danzan Ryu organizations have come and gone.

Those who have been around Danzan Ryu for a few decades have seen ups and downs with the overall number of Danzan Ryu schools and Danzan Ryu student membership. The reason for these ups and downs is a topic for a future article.

I recently spent a considerable amount of time contacting and discussing our Ryu with many Professors of the current Danzan Ryu organizations. Some organizations are holding on very well while some are struggling with membership and leadership issues.

The question that was often discussed between Danzan Ryu Professors was, "What is the definition of a Danzan Ryu organization?" This is a topic for a future article.

My research data indicates that the current Danzan Ryu Ohana consists of approximately 322 schools and 6,000 active students. (Numbers as of April 2019)

I have included a list of the associated Danzan Ryu organizations and groups both present and past. This information was obtained from personal contacts and websites.

I would like to thank those organizations and Danzan Ryu Professors that contributed to this research project.

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>SCHOOLS</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>
<b><u>Allied Schools of Self Defense</u></b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Established: 1953</li><li>▪ Organization Head: Professors Bill Montero, Duke Moore &amp; Ray Laymon</li><li>▪ Inactive</li></ul>		
<b><u>American Jujitsu Institute</u></b>	<b>53</b>	<b>983</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Website: <a href="http://www.americanjujitsuinstitute.org">www.americanjujitsuinstitute.org</a></li><li>▪ Established: 1939</li><li>▪ Organization Head: Professor Danny Saragosa.</li></ul>		

<b><u>American Judo &amp; Jujitsu Federation</u></b>	<b>83</b>	<b>1,588</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Website: <a href="http://www.ajjf.org">www.ajjf.org</a></li> <li>▪ Established: 1948</li> <li>▪ Organization Head: CEO/Professor Dennis Estes.</li> </ul>		
<b><u>Bushidokan Federation</u></b>	<b>51</b>	<b>2,550</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Website: <a href="http://www.bushidokan.us">www.bushidokan.us</a></li> <li>▪ Established: 2004</li> <li>▪ Organization Head: Professor Herb LaGue</li> </ul>		
<b><u>Christian Jujitsu Association</u></b>	<b>2</b>	<b>?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Website: <a href="http://www.christianjujitsu.com">www.christianjujitsu.com</a> <i>(Not updated in several years)</i></li> <li>▪ Established: 1994</li> <li>▪ Organization Head: Professor Gene Edwards.</li> </ul>		
<b><u>Chow-Hoon Goshin Jitsu</u></b>	<b>9</b>	<b>300</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Website: <a href="http://www.goshinjitsuchowhoon.com">www.goshinjitsuchowhoon.com</a></li> <li>▪ Established: 1991</li> <li>▪ Organization Head: Professor James Muro.</li> </ul>		
<b><u>Danzan Ryu Yudanshakai</u></b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Organization Head: Professors Dominic &amp; Helen Carollo</li> <li>▪ Inactive</li> </ul>		
<b><u>Hawaiian Jui-Jitsu System</u></b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Established: 1971</li> <li>▪ Organization Head: Professor Bill Beach</li> <li>▪ Inactive</li> </ul>		
<b><u>Jujitsu America</u></b>	<b>41</b>	<b>1,053</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Website: <a href="http://www.jujitsuamerica.org">www.jujitsuamerica.org</a></li> <li>▪ Established: 1978</li> <li>▪ Organization Head: Professor Richard Bunch</li> </ul>		
<b><u>Jujitsu Institute of America</u></b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Organization Head: Professor William R. Beach</li> <li>▪ Inactive</li> </ul>		

<b><u>KaishinKai</u></b>	<b>6</b>	<b><i>Only black belts are members</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Website: <a href="http://www.kaishinkai.com">www.kaishinkai.com</a></li> <li>▪ Established: 2010</li> <li>▪ Organization Head: Professor Ron Jennings.</li> </ul>		
<b><u>Kilohana Martial Arts Association</u></b>	<b>14</b>	<b>176</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Website: <a href="http://www.kilohanausa.org">www.kilohanausa.org</a></li> <li>▪ Established: 1996</li> <li>▪ Organization Head: Professor Hans Ingebresten</li> </ul>		
<b><u>Kodenkan Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Association</u></b>	<b>13</b>	<b>252</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Website: <a href="http://www.kdrja.org">www.kdrja.org</a></li> <li>▪ Established: 1978</li> <li>▪ Organization Head: Professor Tony Janovich</li> </ul>		
<b><u>Kodenkan Yudanshakai</u></b>	<b>13</b>	<b>325</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Website: <a href="http://www.kodenkanyudanshakai.org">www.kodenkanyudanshakai.org</a></li> <li>▪ Established: 1967</li> <li>▪ Organization Head: Shihan David Parker.</li> </ul>		
<b><u>Pacific Jujitsu Alliance</u></b>	<b>20</b>	<b>267</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Website: <a href="http://www.pacificjujitsualliance.com">www.pacificjujitsualliance.com</a></li> <li>▪ Established: 2001</li> <li>▪ Organization Head: Professor Bob McKean.</li> </ul>		
<b><u>Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai</u></b>	<b>17</b>	<b>150</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Website: <a href="http://www.shoshinryu.com">www.shoshinryu.com</a></li> <li>▪ Established: 1987</li> <li>▪ Organization Head: Professor Kevin Dalrymple</li> </ul>		
<b><u>Southern California Jujitsu Association</u></b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Established: 1979</li> <li>▪ Professor James Marcinkus</li> <li>▪ Inactive</li> </ul>		

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