

Baptisms by Age Group, SBC, 1971–2003

Age Groups								
Year	Under 6	6 to 8	9 to 11	12 to 17	18 to 29	30 to 59	60 +	Total
Number of Baptisms								
1971	1,899	38,298	111,890	126,127	71,845	53,623	5,977	409,659
1972	2,323	40,306	117,141	137,667	81,964	57,962	8,362	445,725
1973	1,465	36,776	106,323	119,844	83,112	57,734	8,736	413,990
1974	1,708	34,237	97,955	115,317	90,176	61,267	9,822	410,482
1975	1,812	35,723	99,052	116,564	91,951	66,919	9,788	421,809
1976	2,061	33,501	81,613	103,981	88,757	64,465	10,118	384,496
1977	1,704	33,892	74,027	88,838	76,444	61,826	8,959	345,690
1978	1,825	34,747	72,399	85,138	73,856	58,678	9,407	336,050
1979	2,087	37,307	80,360	93,142	82,497	63,778	9,567	368,738
1980	2,377	40,295	92,168	108,633	100,260	75,462	10,547	429,742
1981	2,519	37,367	84,364	101,076	95,731	73,837	10,714	405,608
1982	2,631	37,690	80,719	102,259	99,460	77,982	10,813	411,554
1983	2,556	36,568	72,623	97,984	95,537	78,400	10,938	394,606
1984	2,541	36,700	69,323	91,431	86,865	74,572	10,596	372,028
1985	2,455	36,764	66,190	86,499	78,816	69,885	10,462	351,071
1986	2,987	37,979	68,602	86,387	82,674	73,376	11,119	363,124
1987	2,938	37,115	63,836	79,900	75,282	69,135	10,289	338,495
1988	2,738	40,591	66,936	80,391	75,459	69,641	10,564	346,320
1989	3,043	42,181	68,821	80,704	74,755	71,192	10,411	351,107
1990	3,320	45,870	75,818	89,596	80,595	78,358	11,474	385,031
1991	3,665	47,021	78,341	89,691	82,394	83,888	11,668	396,668
1992	3,405	43,910	70,035	85,473	74,257	79,495	11,272	367,847
1993	3,386	43,854	66,648	80,438	67,416	76,356	10,975	349,073
1994	3,610	46,041	70,923	89,085	71,448	85,986	11,370	378,463
1995	3,262	50,594	72,638	92,032	71,275	93,583	10,427	393,811
1996	3,873	47,705	70,964	87,653	68,203	88,917	12,029	379,344
1997	4,133	51,051	75,238	93,593	76,406	98,948	12,658	412,027
1998	4,516	52,509	74,739	94,341	71,194	96,796	13,169	407,264
1999	4,574	52,788	76,510	93,757	74,060	103,620	14,033	419,342
2000	4,403	51,654	74,994	93,100	70,466	105,024	15,016	414,657
2001	4,364	49,138	71,607	86,928	66,104	101,805	15,984	395,930
2002	4,386	49,287	70,882	84,056	65,906	102,680	17,696	394,893
2003	4,139	48,954	67,846	81,246	61,394	97,968	15,810	377,357

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Year	Under 6	6 to 8	9 to 11	12 to 17	18 to 29	30 to 59	60 +	Total
Percentage								
1971	0.5 %	9.3 %	27.3 %	30.8 %	17.5 %	13.1 %	1.5 %	100.0 %
1972	0.5	9.0	26.3	30.9	18.4	13.0	1.9	100.0
1973	0.4	8.9	25.7	28.9	20.1	13.9	2.1	100.0
1974	0.4	8.3	23.9	28.1	22.0	14.9	2.4	100.0
1975	0.4	8.5	23.5	27.6	21.8	15.9	2.3	100.0
1976	0.5	8.7	21.2	27.0	23.1	16.8	2.6	100.0
1977	0.5	9.8	21.4	25.7	22.1	17.9	2.6	100.0
1978	0.5	10.3	21.5	25.3	22.0	17.5	2.8	100.0
1979	0.6	10.1	21.8	25.3	22.4	17.3	2.6	100.0
1980	0.6	9.4	21.4	25.3	23.3	17.6	2.5	100.0
1981	0.6	9.2	20.8	24.9	23.6	18.2	2.6	100.0
1982	0.6	9.2	19.6	24.8	24.2	18.9	2.6	100.0
1983	0.6	9.3	18.4	24.8	24.2	19.9	2.8	100.0
1984	0.7	9.9	18.6	24.6	23.3	20.0	2.8	100.0
1985	0.7	10.5	18.9	24.6	22.5	19.9	3.0	100.0
1986	0.8	10.5	18.9	23.8	22.8	20.2	3.1	100.0
1987	0.9	11.0	18.9	23.6	22.2	20.4	3.0	100.0
1988	0.8	11.7	19.3	23.2	21.8	20.1	3.1	100.0
1989	0.9	12.0	19.6	23.0	21.3	20.3	3.0	100.0
1990	0.9	11.9	19.7	23.3	20.9	20.4	3.0	100.0
1991	0.9	11.9	19.7	22.6	20.8	21.1	2.9	100.0
1992	0.9	11.9	19.0	23.2	20.2	21.6	3.1	100.0
1993	1.0	12.6	19.1	23.0	19.3	21.9	3.1	100.0
1994	1.0	12.2	18.7	23.5	18.9	22.7	3.0	100.0
1995	0.8	12.8	18.4	23.4	18.1	23.8	2.6	100.0
1996	1.0	12.6	18.7	23.1	18.0	23.4	3.2	100.0
1997	1.0	12.4	18.3	22.7	18.5	24.0	3.1	100.0
1998	1.1	12.9	18.4	23.2	17.5	23.8	3.2	100.0
1999	1.1	12.6	18.2	22.4	17.7	24.7	3.3	100.0
2000	1.1	12.5	18.1	22.5	17.0	25.3	3.6	100.0
2001	1.1	12.4	18.1	22.0	16.7	25.7	4.0	100.0
2002	1.1	12.5	17.9	21.3	16.7	26.0	4.5	100.0
2003	1.1	13.0	18.0	21.5	16.3	26.0	4.2	100.0

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