

**Total Members, Total Resident Members, Total Baptisms, Baptism Rate per Resident  
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and Total Members per Baptism, 1940–2002**

Year	Total Members	Resident Members	Baptisms	Baptism Rate per 100	Baptism Rate per 100 Total	Total Members
1940	5,104,327	...	245,500	...	4.8	20.8
1945	5,865,554	...	256,699	...	4.4	22.8
1947	6,270,819	4,891,239	285,152	5.8	4.5	22.0
1950	7,079,889	5,224,958	376,085	7.2	5.3	18.8
1955	8,474,741	5,985,582	416,867	7.0	4.9	20.3
1960	9,731,591	7,061,544	386,469	5.5	4.0	25.2
1965	10,772,712	7,878,220	361,634	4.6	3.4	29.8
1970	11,629,880	8,451,769	368,863	4.4	3.2	31.5
1971	11,826,463	8,482,724	409,659	4.8	3.5	28.9
1972	12,067,284	8,784,699	445,725	5.1	3.7	27.1
1973	12,297,346	8,925,026	413,990	4.6	3.4	29.7
1974	12,515,842	9,088,409	410,482	4.5	3.3	30.5
1975	12,735,663	9,244,524	421,809	4.6	3.3	30.2
1976	12,922,605	9,361,844	384,496	4.1	3.0	33.6
1977	13,083,199	9,443,431	345,690	3.7	2.6	37.8
1978	13,196,979	9,491,280	336,050	3.5	2.5	39.3
1979	13,379,073	9,604,482	368,738	3.8	2.8	36.3
1980	13,606,808	9,767,343	429,742	4.4	3.2	31.7
1981	13,789,580	9,908,157	405,608	4.1	2.9	34.0
1982	13,998,252	10,063,140	411,554	4.1	2.9	34.0
1983	14,185,454	10,161,748	394,606	3.9	2.8	35.9
1984	14,349,657	10,250,707	372,028	3.6	2.6	38.6
1985	14,486,403	10,298,106	351,071	3.4	2.4	41.3
1986	14,618,567	10,375,379	363,124	3.5	2.5	40.3
1987	14,727,770	10,399,810	339,495	3.3	2.3	43.4
1988	14,818,496	10,434,911	346,320	3.3	2.3	42.8
1989	14,913,538	10,452,645	351,107	3.4	2.4	42.5
1990	15,044,413	10,563,494	385,031	3.6	2.6	39.1
1991	15,238,283	10,746,094	396,668	3.7	2.6	38.4
1992	15,365,486	10,859,765	367,847	3.4	2.4	41.8
1993	15,404,621	10,939,093	349,073	3.2	2.3	44.1
1994	15,619,912	11,094,044	378,463	3.4	2.4	41.3
1995	15,668,077	11,097,362	393,811	3.5	2.5	39.8
1996	15,694,050	10,710,197	379,344	3.5	2.4	41.4
1997	15,891,514	10,813,215	412,027	3.8	2.6	38.6
1998	15,729,356	10,737,017	407,264	3.8	2.6	38.6
1999	15,851,756	11,106,639	419,342	3.8	2.6	37.8
2000	15,960,308	11,141,427	414,657	3.7	2.6	38.5
2001	16,052,920	11,108,768	395,930	3.6	2.5	40.5
2002	16,247,736	11,189,579	394,893	3.5	2.4	41.1

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