

2004 to 2009 Change in Number of ELCA Congregations and Average Worship Attendance by Community Context

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>Community Context</u>
Number of Congregations	306	335	29	9.5%	Unknown - Generally New Congregations
Average Worship Attendance	20,221	24,053	3,832	19.0%	
Number of Congregations	2,416	2,286	-130	-5.4%	Rural Farming
Average Worship Attendance	164,915	140,554	-24,361	-14.8%	
Number of Congregations	621	604	-17	-2.7%	Rural Non-Farming
Average Worship Attendance	52,675	46,549	-6,126	-11.6%	
Number of Congregations	2,049	1,959	-90	-4.4%	Small Town < 10,000
Average Worship Attendance	255,424	214,648	-40,776	-16.0%	
Number of Congregations	1,360	1,310	-50	-3.7%	Small City 10,000 to 49,999
Average Worship Attendance	244,763	207,000	-37,763	-15.4%	
Number of Congregations	1,146	1,097	-49	-4.3%	Medium City 50,000 to 249,999
Average Worship Attendance	223,497	185,029	-38,468	-17.2%	
Number of Congregations	381	375	-6	-1.6%	Suburb of Medium City
Average Worship Attendance	66,779	61,102	-5,677	-8.5%	
Number of Congregations	939	882	-57	-6.1%	Large City 250,000 or More
Average Worship Attendance	138,948	118,322	-20,626	-14.8%	
Number of Congregations	826	793	-33	-4.0%	Large City Suburb Within 10 Miles
Average Worship Attendance	180,230	147,632	-32,598	-18.1%	
Number of Congregations	501	485	-16	-3.2%	Large City Suburb Beyond 10 Miles
Average Worship Attendance	120,778	102,891	-17,887	-14.8%	
Number of Congregations	10,545	10,126	-419	-4.0%	All ELCA Congregations
Average Worship Attendance	1,468,230	1,247,780	-220,450	-15.0%	