

## 1988 to 2008 Racial/Ethnic Membership of the ELCA

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1988	48,261 0.92%	5,418 0.10%		19,985 0.38%	22,766 0.43%		1,736 0.03%	4,788,834 91.19%	364,534 6.94%	5,251,534 100.00%
1989	48,868 0.93%	5,947 0.11%		19,616 0.37%	21,947 0.42%		3,609 0.07%	5,022,290 95.87%	116,521 2.22%	5,238,798 100.00%
1990	50,336 0.96%	5,833 0.11%		20,547 0.39%	23,299 0.44%		3,700 0.07%	5,066,867 96.68%	70,157 1.34%	5,240,739 100.00%
1991	49,464 0.94%	6,231 0.12%		21,175 0.40%	24,596 0.47%		3,690 0.07%	5,097,710 97.19%	42,311 0.81%	5,245,177 100.00%
1992	51,818 0.99%	6,418 0.12%		20,964 0.40%	25,023 0.48%		2,987 0.06%	5,087,697 97.19%	39,661 0.76%	5,234,568 100.00%
1993	49,705 0.95%	6,542 0.13%		21,529 0.41%	25,750 0.49%		3,150 0.06%	5,071,860 97.30%	34,249 0.66%	5,212,785 100.00%
1994	49,156 0.95%	6,685 0.13%		21,870 0.42%	27,661 0.53%		3,716 0.07%	5,066,789 97.46%	23,171 0.45%	5,199,048 100.00%
1995	49,460 0.95%	6,912 0.13%		22,007 0.42%	28,118 0.54%		3,926 0.08%	5,074,080 97.76%	5,986 0.12%	5,190,489 100.00%
1996	49,707 0.96%	7,005 0.14%		21,898 0.42%	29,424 0.57%		4,805 0.09%	5,060,489 97.68%	7,582 0.15%	5,180,910 100.00%
1997	49,438 0.95%	6,896 0.13%		21,769 0.42%	30,988 0.60%		7,044 0.14%	5,063,244 97.65%	5,676 0.11%	5,185,055 100.00%
1998	50,635 0.98%	7,134 0.14%		22,467 0.43%	32,295 0.62%		8,696 0.17%	5,039,631 97.32%	17,367 0.34%	5,178,225 100.00%
1999	50,834 0.99%	7,351 0.14%		22,569 0.44%	35,314 0.69%		11,149 0.22%	5,016,872 97.42%	5,579 0.11%	5,149,668 100.00%
2000	52,558 1.03%	7,440 0.15%		22,465 0.44%	37,540 0.73%		10,587 0.21%	4,988,085 97.31%	7,244 0.14%	5,125,919 100.00%
2001	52,848 1.04%	7,161 0.14%		22,994 0.45%	38,706 0.76%		10,281 0.20%	4,953,676 97.13%	14,211 0.28%	5,099,877 100.00%
2002	53,564 1.06%	7,273 0.14%		22,898 0.45%	39,614 0.79%		15,151 0.30%	4,872,332 96.71%	27,234 0.54%	5,038,066 100.00%
2003	53,258 1.07%	7,265 0.15%	1,381 0.03%	22,030 0.44%	39,949 0.80%	5,692 0.11%	13,019 0.26%	4,840,323 97.10%	2,008 0.04%	4,984,925 100.00%
2004	54,241 1.10%	6,780 0.14%	1,638 0.03%	22,395 0.45%	38,255 0.78%	11,036 0.22%	12,440 0.25%	4,781,579 96.98%	2,065 0.04%	4,930,429 100.00%
2005	54,354 1.12%	7,095 0.15%	1,779 0.04%	21,950 0.45%	39,157 0.81%	12,261 0.25%	11,096 0.23%	4,700,513 96.90%	2,571 0.05%	4,850,776 100.00%
2006	53,288	7,007	1,944	22,545	39,563	13,613	10,802	4,624,249	1,192	4,774,203

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	1.12%	0.15%	0.04%	0.47%	0.83%	0.29%	0.23%	96.86%	0.02%	100.00%
2007	52,896	6,866	2,136	22,202	39,760	15,417	11,397	4,558,059	1,223	4,709,956
	1.12%	0.15%	0.05%	0.47%	0.84%	0.33%	0.24%	96.77%	0.03%	100.00%
2008	52,661	6,818	2,154	22,067	42,621	18,098	10,722	4,477,060	1,686	4,633,887
	1.14%	0.15%	0.05%	0.48%	0.92%	0.39%	0.23%	96.62%	0.04%	100.00%

\*Please note that at the beginning of the ELCA almost 7% of the baptized members had no reported race or ethnic group. Increases in race or ethnic group categories in the early years was caused more by moving members from "not reported" to a specific category than by increases in actual new members.

\*\*Arab/Middle Eastern and Multiethnic were new categories in 2003

Data is from Congregational Report Forms. Prepared by the ELCA Research and Evaluation.

2008 Congregational Data will likely be released by the Office of the Secretary on July 15, 2009.