

The United Methodist Church, a 40-Year Overview

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MEMBERSHIP

1974: 9,906,784

2013: 7,299,655

26% Decrease (2,607,129 Members)

ATTENDANCE

1974: 3,618,118

2013: 2,901,561

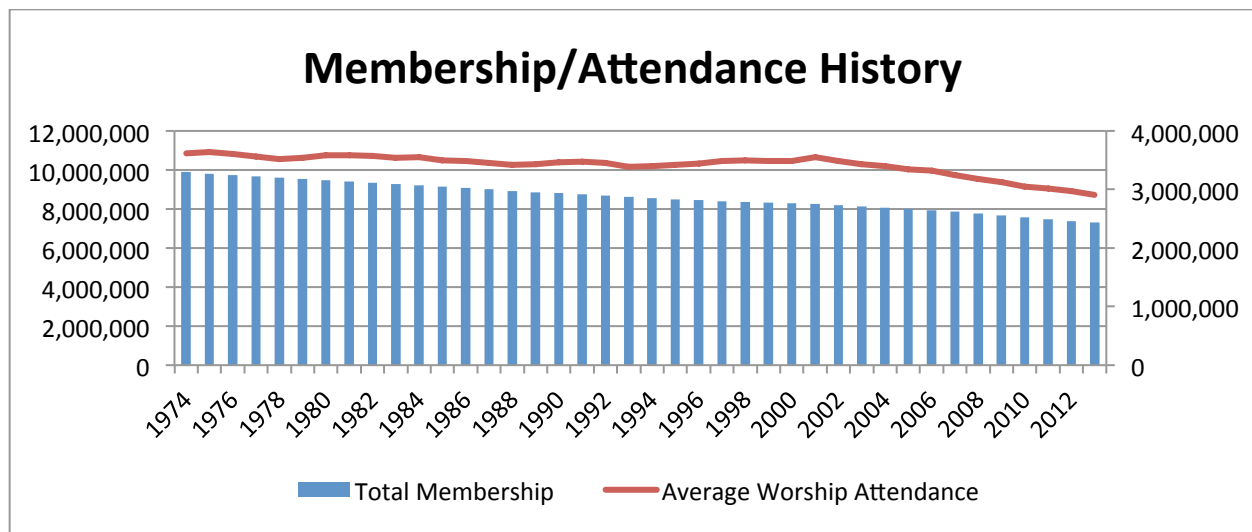
20% Decrease (715,557 Attendees)

TOTAL CHURCHES

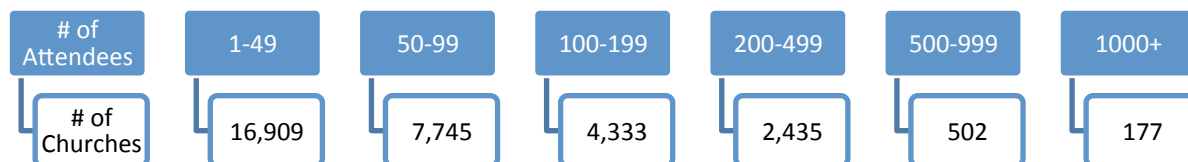
1974: 39,152

2013: 32,274

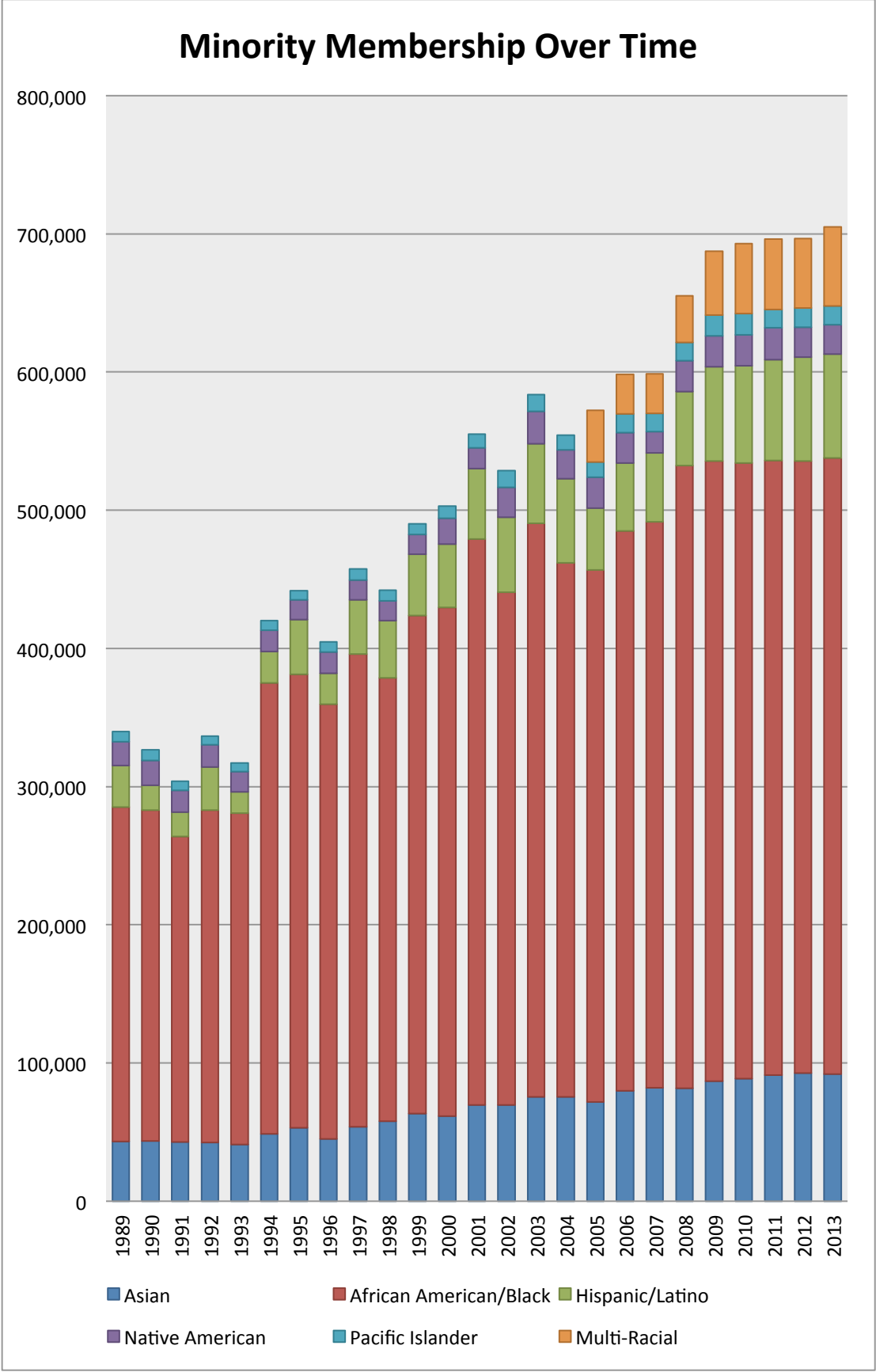
18% Decrease (6,878 Churches)



In 2013, 32,101 churches reported average worship attendance. The following breaks down churches into size categories by their attendance, with the smallest thought of as a “family chapel” to the “Mega Church” with 1000+ attendees per week. These figures indicate that more than 85% of churches have an average attendance of fewer than 150 persons.



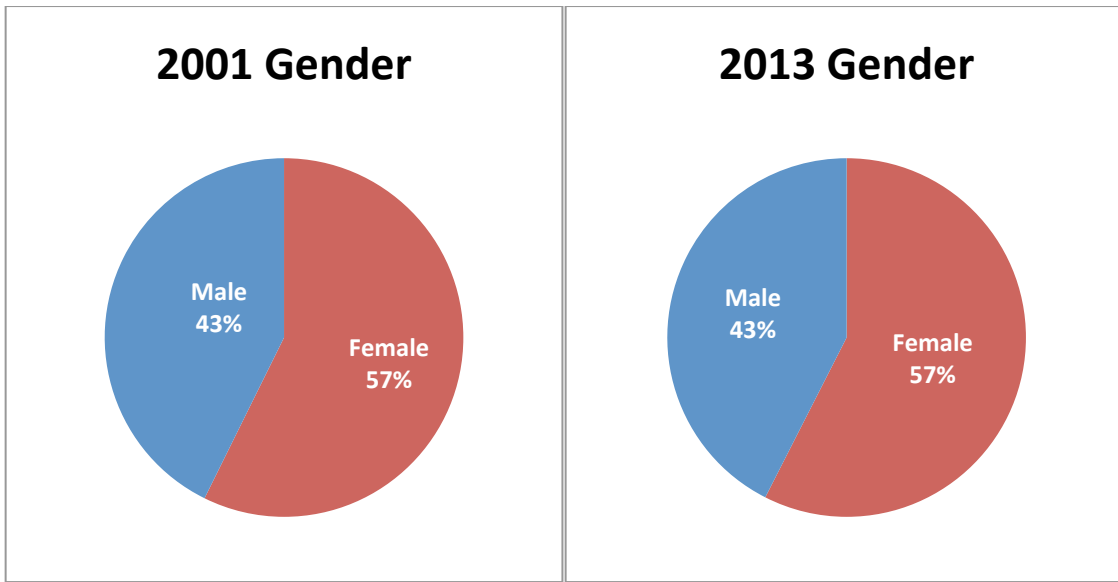
Membership Ethnicity Breakdown
(Began collecting in 1989 with Multi-Racial added as category in 2005)



Ethnicity Details

Year	Asian	African American /Black	Hispanic/ Latino	Native American	Pacific Islander	Multi-Racial	White	Total
1989	43,368	241,851	30,085	17,123	7,390		56,20,304	5,960,121
1990	43,488	239,544	18,071	17,729	7,968		5,777,326	6,104,126
1991	42,920	221,008	17,487	15,893	6,675		5,416,826	5,720,809
1992	42,389	240,633	31,009	16,244	6,465		5,336,216	5,672,956
1993	41,202	239,565	15,532	14,548	6,234		5,165,462	5,482,543
1994	48,566	326,355	23,020	15,167	7,195		6,202,660	6,622,963
1995	53,302	328,021	39,469	14,402	6,717		6,216,655	6,658,566
1996	44,940	314,713	22,509	15,085	7,504		6,064,326	6,469,077
1997	53,731	342,245	39,031	14,499	8,049		6,397,370	6,854,925
1998	57,731	320,894	41,541	14,447	7,539		6,301,175	6,743,327
1999	63,413	360,399	44,463	14,060	7,976		6,550,868	7,041,179
2000	61,486	368,279	45,573	18,763	9,060		6,671,820	7,174,981
2001	69,596	409,432	51,019	15,058	9,908		6,684,476	7,239,489
2002	69,612	371,203	54,259	21,371	12,230		6,625,020	7,153,695
2003	75,562	415,072	57,355	23,620	11,959		6,808,092	7,391,660
2004	75,681	386,295	60,900	20,744	10,749		6,565,563	7,119,932
2005	71,868	384,831	44,951	22,087	11,036	37,699	6,508,231	7,080,703
2006	79,946	405,274	48,780	22,265	13,513	28,720	6,677,114	7,275,612
2007	82,049	409,488	49,842	15,622	13,076	28,494	6,655,047	7,253,618
2008	81,801	450,510	53,551	22,422	13,211	33,633	6,998,617	7,653,745
2009	86,710	449,038	68,088	22,310	15,254	45,955	6,932,651	7,620,006
2010	88,595	445,417	70,446	22,576	15,415	50,528	6,824,023	7,517,000
2011	91,159	444,943	72,811	23,229	13,185	51,000	6,742,092	7,438,419
2012	92,917	442,905	74,883	21,601	14,228	50,061	6,647,847	7,344,442
2013	92,060	445,770	75,186	21,365	13,614	57,161	6,576,769	7,281,925

Membership Gender Breakdown
(Collection began in 2001)



Gender Details

Year	Female	Male
2001	3,160,927	2,354,498
2002	3,782,264	2,773,186
2003	3,781,582	2,800,790
2004	3,789,554	2,781,155
2005	3,857,440	2,937,809
2006	4,135,600	3,035,737
2007	4,194,500	3,006,962
2008	4,324,192	3,261,044
2009	4,398,564	3,186,623
2010	4,341,619	3,151,253
2011	4,282,755	3,156,117
2012	4,229,671	3,126,204
2013	4,187,668	3,095,826