

1988 to 2010 Racial/Ethnic Membership of the ELCA

Year	African American/Black	African National/African Caribbean	American Indian/Native Alaskan	Arab/Middle Eastern**	Asian/Pacific Islander	Latino/Spanish	Multi-Ethnic**	Other	White	Not Reported*	Total Active Participants
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 1.12%		7,007 0.15%	1,944 0.04%	22,545 0.47%	39,563 0.83%	13,613 0.29%	10,802 0.23%	4,624,249 96.86%	1,192 0.02%	4,774,203 100.00%

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2007	52,896 1.12%		6,866 0.15%	2,136 0.05%	22,202 0.47%	39,760 0.84%	15,417 0.33%	11,397 0.24%	4,558,059 96.77%	1,223 0.03%	4,709,956 100.00%
2008	52,661 1.14%		6,818 0.15%	2,154 0.05%	22,067 0.48%	42,621 0.92%	18,098 0.39%	10,722 0.23%	4,470,272 96.47%	8,474 0.18%	4,633,887 100.00%

Starting in 2009 active participants was used instead of baptized members. In 2009 74.5% of congregations reported active participants; 25.5% of congregations didn't report for 2009 and baptized members were carried forward.

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2009	48,190 1.42%		5,849 0.17%	2,192 0.06%	20,824 0.62%	44,028 1.30%	25,734 0.76%	16,919 0.50%	3,218,509 95.11%	1,646 0.05%	3,383,891 100.00%
2010	43,843 1.47%	4,881 0.16%	4,868 0.16%	2,053 0.07%	19,698 0.66%	41,566 1.40%	19,498 0.66%	9,764 0.33%	2,830,218 95.09%		2,976,389 100.00%

*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.

2011 Congregational Data will likely be released by the Office of the Secretary on July 15, 2012.

3.20%

3.35%

4.84%

4.91%