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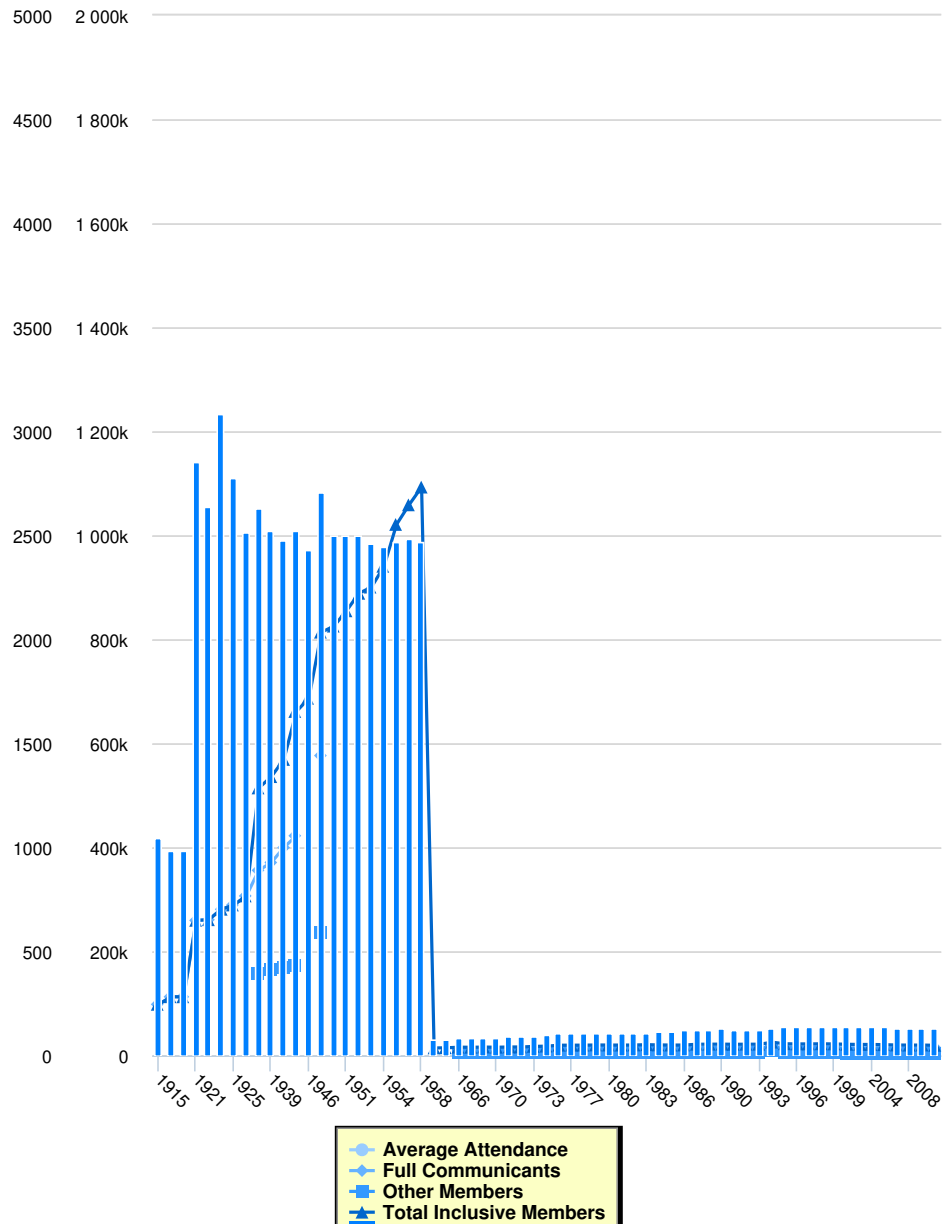
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The Evangelical Lutheran Synod had its beginning among the Norwegian settlers who brought with them their Lutheran heritage. The synod was organized in 1853. It was reorganized in 1918 by those who desired to adhere to the synod's principles not only in word but also in deed.

The synod owns and operates Bethany Lutheran College and Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary. It has congregations in 20 states and maintains foreign missions in Peru, Chile, India, Korea, the Czech Republic, Latvia, and Ukraine. It operates a seminary in Lima, Peru and in Ternopil, Ukraine.

Membership



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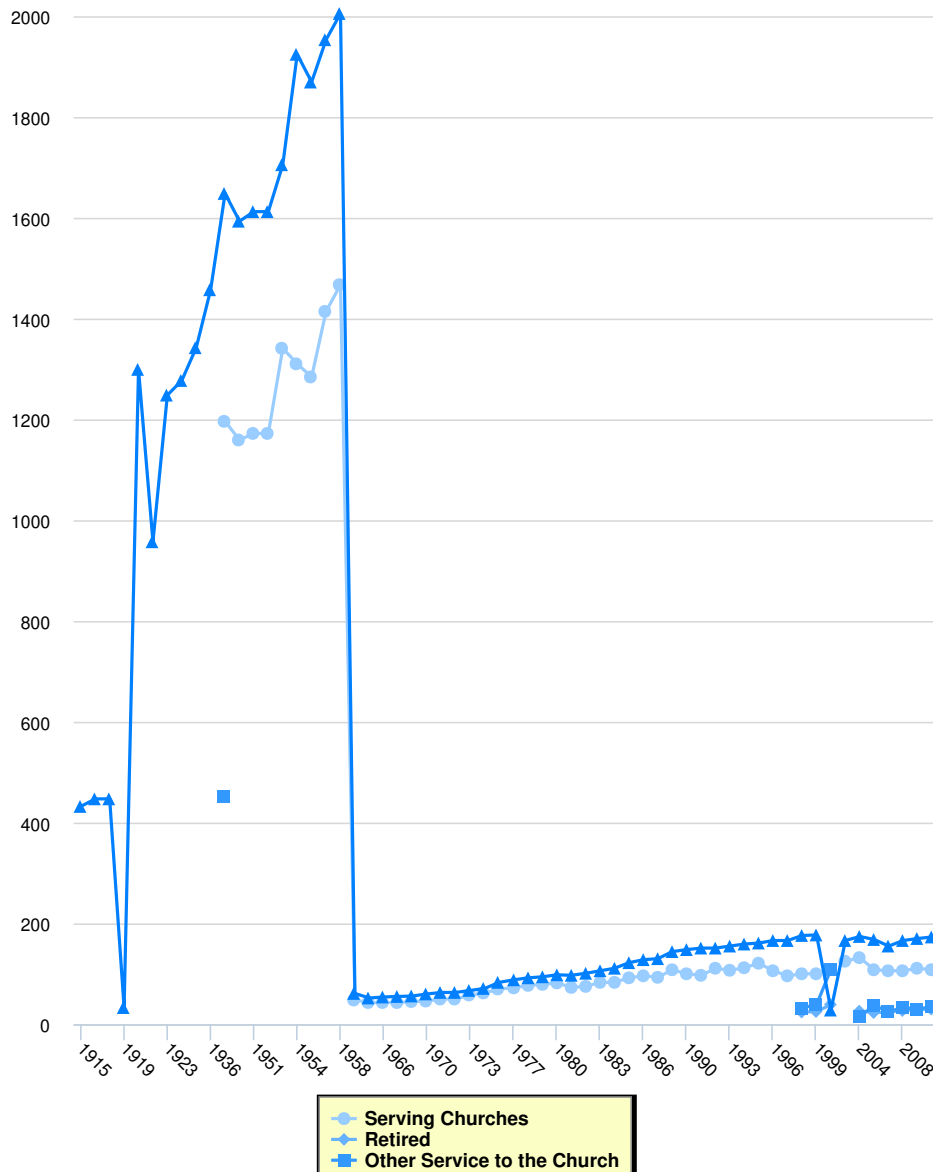
Membership

	Full Communicants	Average Attendance	Other Members	Total Inclusive Members	Total Churches	Membership Calculation Method
2010	15,301	8,679	4,093	19,394	132	
2009	15,672	8,873	4,196	19,868	131	
2008	15,672	8,809	4,105	19,777	130	
2007	15,734	8,901	4,211	19,945	131	
2006	16,319	9,481	4,240	20,559	138	
2004	16,407	9,647	4,574	20,981	140	
2003	16,674	0	4,373	21,047	140	
2001	16,815	9,996	4,518	21,333	141	
1999	16,734	9,901	5,269	22,003	139	
1998	16,897	0	5,367	22,264	139	

	Full Communicants	Average Attendance	Other Members	Total Inclusive Members	Total Churches	Membership Calculation Method
1997	16,444	0	5,645	22,089	136	
1996	16,511	0	5,535	22,046	135	
1995	16,543	0	5,828	22,371	135	
1994	15,960	0	9,419	25,379	128	
1993	15,780	0	5,713	21,493	125	
1992	15,929	0	5,596	21,525	126	
1991	16,004	0	5,343	21,347	126	
1990	16,181	0	5,449	21,630	128	
1989	15,740	0	5,804	21,544	125	
1987	15,892	0	5,562	21,454	123	
1986	15,082	0	4,856	19,938	120	
1985	15,012	0	4,838	19,850	116	
1984	15,396	0	4,750	20,146	112	
1983	15,576	0	4,980	20,556	111	
1982	15,165	0	4,860	20,025	110	
1981	14,904	0	4,891	19,795	108	
1980	14,986	0	4,899	19,885	109	
1979	15,081	0	4,963	20,044	110	
1978	14,833	0	4,872	19,705	108	
1977	14,652	0	4,982	19,634	108	
1976	14,504	0	5,067	19,571	106	
1974	13,097	0	4,707	17,804	98	
1973	12,525	0	4,796	17,321	96	
1972	11,532	0	4,647	16,179	89	
1971	11,427	0	4,775	16,202	89	
1970	11,030	0	4,633	15,663	87	
1969	11,079	0	4,938	16,017	88	
1967	10,783	0	4,845	15,628	84	
1966	10,606	0	5,192	15,798	84	
1963	0	0	0	14,608	75	
1959	0	0	0	14,302	77	
1958	0	0	0	1,092,866	2,473	
1957	0	0	0	1,058,722	2,482	
1956	0	0	0	1,021,058	2,468	
1954	0	0	0	940,580	2,444	
1953	0	0	0	900,536	2,460	
1952	0	0	0	888,634	2,503	
1951	0	0	0	854,949	2,503	
1950	0	0	0	825,466	2,501	
1949	576,621	0	237,216	813,837	2,707	
1946	0	0	0	686,739	2,432	
1943	422,383	0	172,651	661,355	2,522	
1941	399,732	0	169,380	569,112	2,477	
1939	370,962	0	165,111	536,073	2,526	
1936	355,898	0	158,406	514,304	2,627	
1929	306,638	0	0	306,638	2,519	
1925	289,233	0	0	289,233	2,774	
1923	281,000	0	0	281,000	3,083	
1922	260,888	0	0	260,888	2,637	
1921	259,688	0	0	259,688	2,853	

	Full Communicants	Average Attendance	Other Members	Total Inclusive Members	Total Churches	Membership Calculation Method
1917	112,673	0	0	112,673	987	
1916	112,773	0	0	112,773	981	
1915	98,188	0	0	98,188	1,050	

Clergy

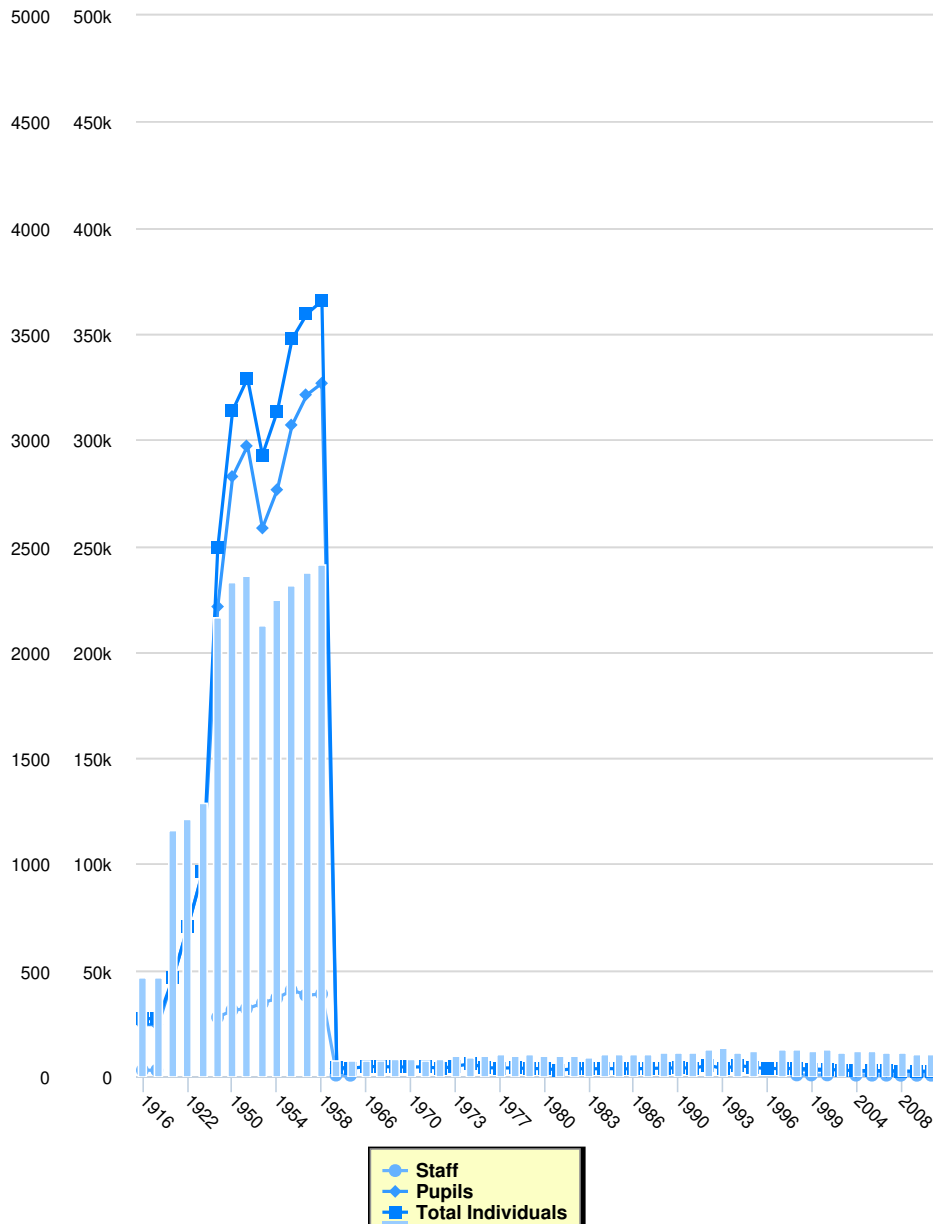


Clergy

	Serving Churches	Retired	Other Service to the Church	Total Clergy
2010	108	30	35	173
2009	111	29	30	170
2008	106	27	33	166
2007	106	24	25	155
2006	108	23	37	168
2004	132	26	16	174
2003	125	0	0	166
2001	0	39	109	28
1999	100	25	39	177
1998	100	24	32	176
1997	96	0	0	166
1996	106	0	0	166
1995	121	0	0	161
1994	112	0	0	159

	Serving Churches	Retired	Other Service to the Church	Total Clergy
1993	107	0	0	155
1992	111	0	0	151
1991	97	0	0	151
1990	100	0	0	148
1989	108	0	0	144
1987	93	0	0	130
1986	96	0	0	128
1985	92	0	0	122
1984	83	0	0	111
1983	83	0	0	106
1982	75	0	0	101
1981	73	0	0	97
1980	82	0	0	98
1979	79	0	0	94
1978	77	0	0	92
1977	72	0	0	88
1976	70	0	0	83
1974	62	0	0	71
1973	58	0	0	67
1972	50	0	0	63
1971	50	0	0	63
1970	46	0	0	60
1969	45	0	0	56
1967	43	0	0	55
1966	43	0	0	54
1963	43	0	0	52
1959	48	0	0	61
1958	1,467	0	0	2,005
1957	1,414	0	0	1,953
1956	1,284	0	0	1,869
1954	1,310	0	0	1,924
1953	1,341	0	0	1,705
1952	1,172	0	0	1,612
1951	1,172	0	0	1,612
1950	1,159	0	0	1,593
1949	1,196	0	452	1,648
1936	0	0	0	1,457
1929	0	0	0	1,342
1925	0	0	0	1,277
1923	0	0	0	1,248
1922	0	0	0	957
1921	0	0	0	1,299
1919	0	0	0	33
1917	0	0	0	447
1916	0	0	0	447
1915	0	0	0	432

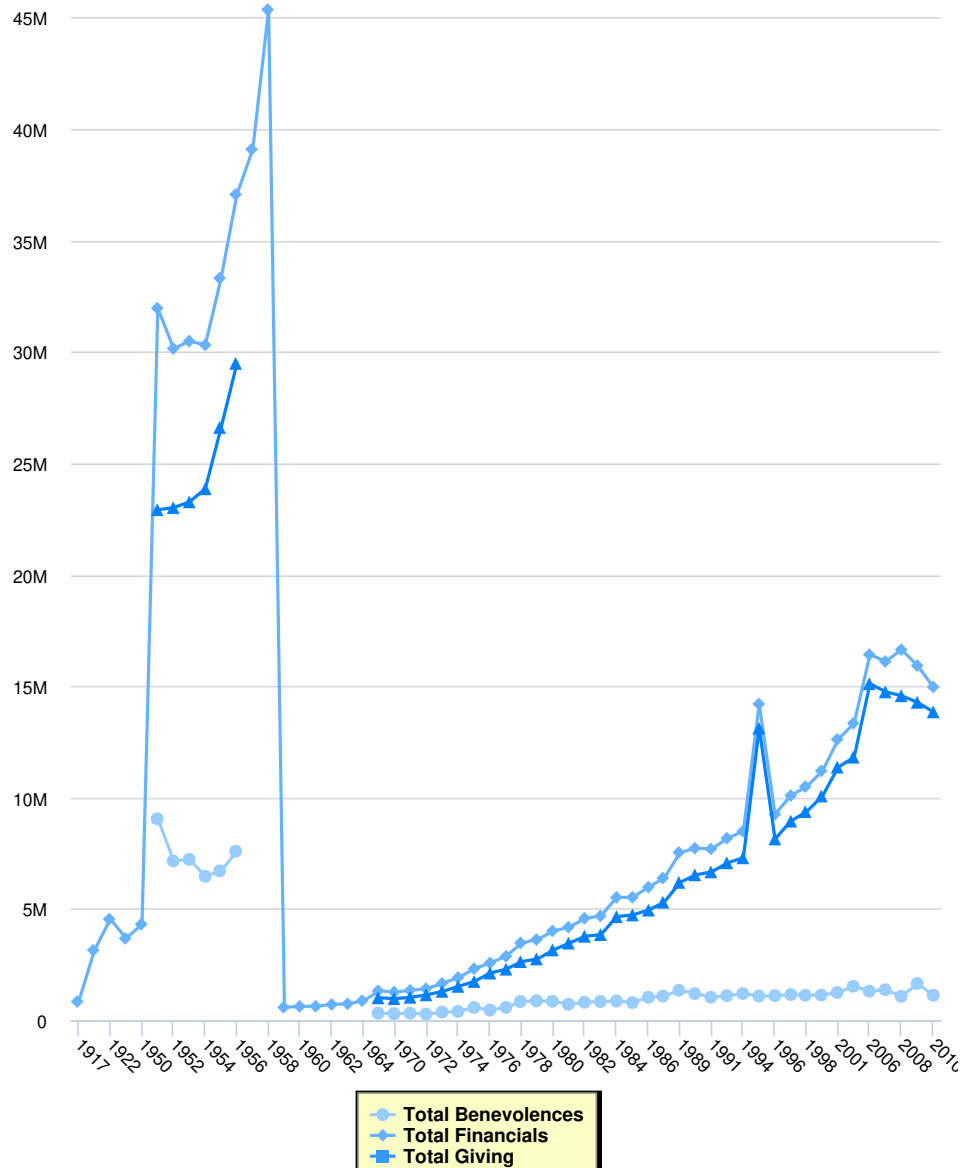
Education



	Education			
	Total Schools	Staff	Pupils	Total Individuals
2010	108	460	1,908	2,368
2009	108	435	1,909	2,344
2008	111	448	2,002	2,450
2007	110	475	2,133	2,608
2006	118	483	2,148	2,631
2004	119	487	2,166	2,653
2003	116	0	0	2,802
2001	128	606	2,607	3,213
1999	124	579	2,778	3,357
1998	126	595	3,015	3,610
1997	125	0	0	3,601
1996	0	0	0	3,629
1995	118	0	0	4,059

	Total Schools	Staff	Pupils	Total Individuals
1994	116	0	0	5,114
1993	135	0	0	3,558
1992	125	0	0	5,119
1991	116	0	0	3,845
1990	116	0	0	3,926
1989	112	0	0	3,794
1987	106	0	0	3,690
1986	104	0	0	3,483
1985	109	0	0	3,483
1984	105	0	0	3,602
1983	92	0	0	3,448
1982	97	0	0	3,576
1981	97	0	0	2,842
1980	99	0	0	3,631
1979	104	0	0	3,547
1978	100	0	0	3,918
1977	103	0	0	3,853
1976	100	0	0	3,999
1974	93	0	0	5,838
1973	96	0	0	4,755
1972	84	0	0	3,680
1971	79	0	0	4,381
1970	82	0	0	4,346
1969	83	0	0	4,363
1967	79	0	0	4,496
1966	77	0	0	4,566
1963	74	452	3,273	3,725
1959	73	509	3,690	4,199
1958	2,417	38,802	326,621	365,423
1957	2,373	38,146	321,216	359,362
1956	2,318	40,544	306,956	347,500
1954	2,248	36,864	276,446	313,310
1953	2,124	34,436	258,360	292,796
1951	2,362	31,839	297,089	328,928
1950	2,328	31,151	282,686	313,837
1949	2,163	27,769	221,358	249,127
1923	1,291	0	96,670	96,670
1922	1,216	0	70,777	70,777
1921	1,163	0	46,454	46,454
1917	465	2,817	24,313	27,130
1916	465	2,817	24,313	27,130

Finance



Finance

	Total Benevolences	Total Financials	Total Giving	Local Expenses	Method
2010	\$1,118,086	\$14,960,758		\$13,842,672	
2009	\$1,648,567	\$15,919,860		\$14,271,293	
2008	\$1,070,176	\$16,635,281		\$14,565,105	
2007	\$1,365,828	\$16,104,636		\$14,738,808	
2006	\$1,306,478	\$16,412,280		\$15,105,802	
2004	\$1,522,715	\$13,330,743		\$11,808,028	
2001	\$1,246,189	\$12,607,444		\$11,361,255	
1999	\$1,129,969	\$11,192,869		\$10,062,900	
1998	\$1,120,386	\$10,483,512		\$9,363,126	
1997	\$1,150,419	\$10,087,522		\$8,937,103	
1996	\$1,104,996	\$9,241,191		\$8,136,195	
1995	\$1,084,136	\$14,196,621		\$13,112,485	
1994	\$1,195,698	\$8,484,219		\$7,288,521	

	Total Benevolences	Total Financials	Total Giving	Local Expenses	Method
1993	\$1,100,660	\$8,166,976		\$7,066,316	
1991	\$1,030,445	\$7,687,783		\$6,657,338	
1990	\$1,193,789	\$7,720,865		\$6,527,076	
1989	\$1,342,321	\$7,528,969		\$6,186,648	
1987	\$1,082,198	\$6,381,080		\$5,298,882	
1986	\$1,028,974	\$5,970,891		\$4,941,917	
1985	\$791,586	\$5,517,369		\$4,725,783	
1984	\$864,714	\$5,512,428		\$4,647,714	
1983	\$838,788	\$4,681,413		\$3,842,625	
1982	\$804,822	\$4,572,799		\$3,767,977	
1981	\$716,624	\$4,178,011		\$3,461,387	
1980	\$851,308	\$4,006,112		\$3,154,804	
1979	\$869,162	\$3,619,865		\$2,750,703	
1978	\$839,132	\$3,468,851		\$2,629,719	
1977	\$578,390	\$2,869,087		\$2,290,697	
1976	\$456,018	\$2,571,016		\$2,114,998	
1975	\$573,000	\$2,312,255		\$1,739,255	
1974	\$394,725	\$1,914,474		\$1,519,749	
1973	\$361,882	\$1,658,208		\$1,296,326	
1972	\$275,941	\$1,414,894		\$1,138,953	
1971	\$314,843	\$1,343,472		\$1,028,629	
1970	\$295,349	\$1,264,974		\$969,625	
1969	\$315,325	\$1,319,071		\$1,003,746	
1964	\$0	\$871,100		\$0	
1963	\$0	\$740,096		\$0	
1962	\$0	\$706,146		\$0	
1961	\$0	\$627,487		\$0	
1960	\$0	\$620,536		\$0	
1959	\$0	\$579,862		\$0	
1958	\$0	\$45,366,512		\$0	
1957	\$0	\$39,096,038		\$0	
1956	\$7,583,325	\$37,070,341		\$29,487,016	
1955	\$6,704,769	\$33,312,926		\$26,608,157	
1954	\$6,458,367	\$30,313,907		\$23,855,540	
1953	\$7,217,899	\$30,486,231		\$23,268,332	
1952	\$7,146,436	\$30,154,098		\$23,007,662	
1951	\$9,046,113	\$31,963,172		\$22,917,059	
1950	\$0	\$4,307,253		\$0	
1923	\$0	\$3,672,310		\$0	
1922	\$0	\$4,539,451		\$0	
1921	\$0	\$3,143,502		\$0	
1917	\$0	\$836,923		\$0	