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The Seventh-day Adventist Church grew out of a worldwide religious revival in the mid-19th century. People of many religious persuasions believed Bible prophecies indicated that the second coming or advent of Christ was imminent. When Christ did not come in the 1840s, a group of these disappointed Adventists in the United States continued their Bible studies and concluded they had misinterpreted prophetic events and that the second coming of Christ was still in the future. This same group of Adventists later accepted the teaching of the seventh-day Sabbath and became known as Seventh-day Adventists. The denomination organized formally in 1863.

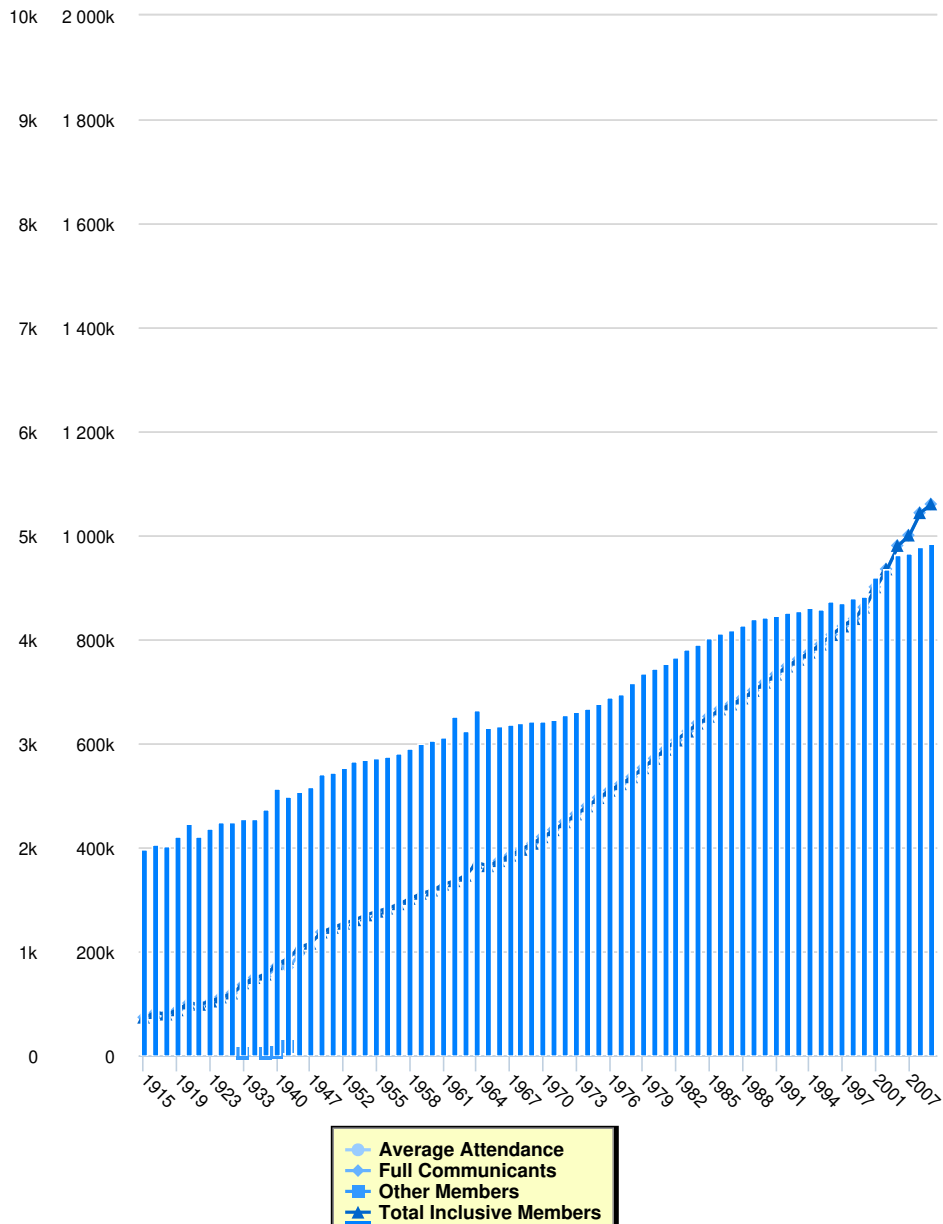
The church was largely confined to North America until 1874, when its first missionary was sent to Europe. Today, over 154,000 congregations (churches and organized companies) meet in 216 countries and areas of the world. Membership exceeds 20 million.

In addition to a mission program, the church has the largest worldwide Protestant parochial school system with approximately 8,208 schools with more than 1,922,900 students on elementary through college and university levels.

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) helps victims of war and natural disasters, and many local congregations have community service facilities to help those in need close to home.

The church also has a worldwide publishing ministry with 61 publishing houses producing magazines and other publications in over 375 languages and dialects. In the United States and Canada, the church sponsors a variety of radio and television programs, including Christian Lifestyle Magazine, It Is Written, Breath of Life, Voice of Prophecy, and La Voz de la Esperanza. The North American Division of Seventh-day Adventist includes 58 Conferences and one Mission (comprised of United States, Canada, Bermuda, and Guam and Micronesia) which are grouped together into nine organized Union Conferences; and the one Mission. The various Conferences work under the general direction of these Union Conferences; the Mission works directly under the Division.

Membership



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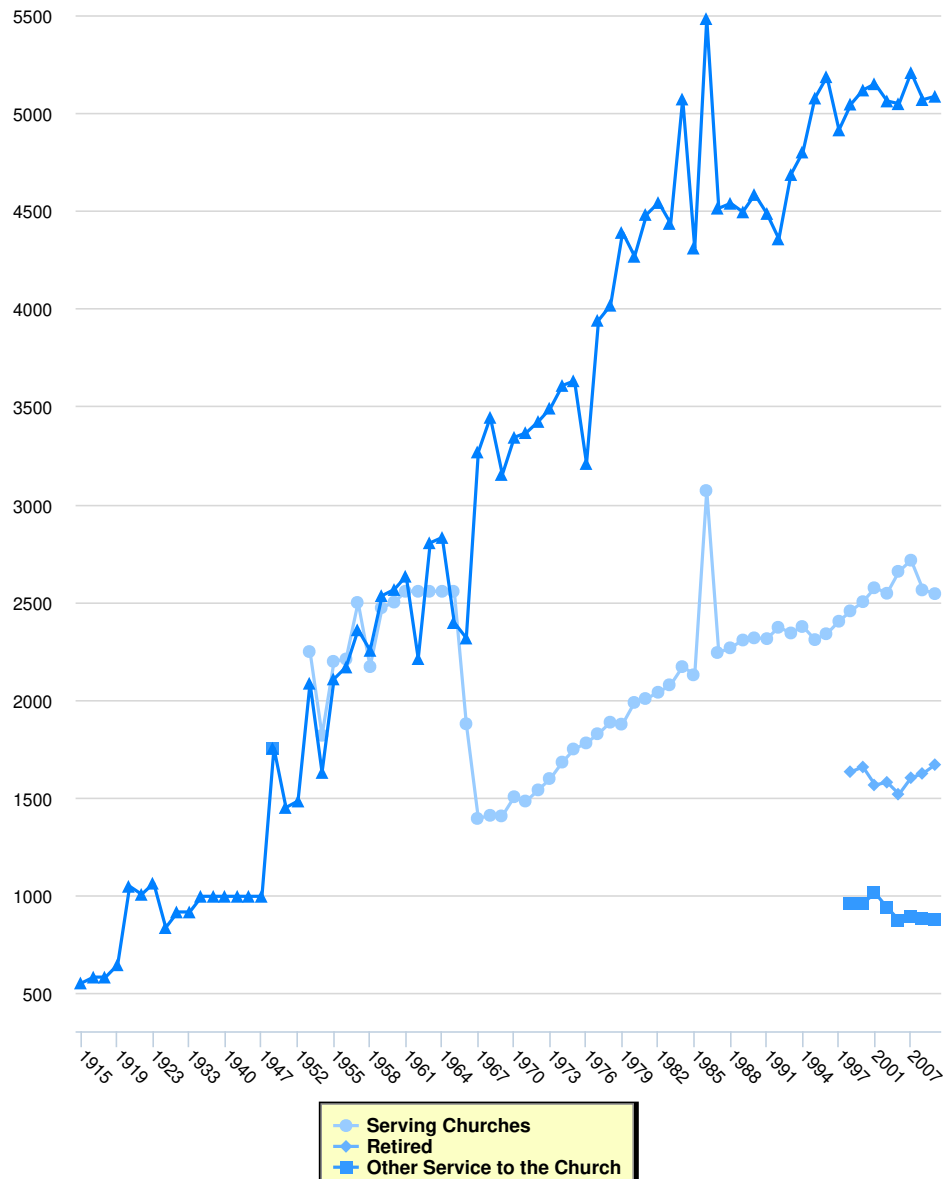
Membership

	Full Communicants	Average Attendance	Other Members	Total Inclusive Members	Total Churches	Membership Calculation Method
2010	1,060,386	0	0	1,060,386	4,916	
2009	1,043,606	0	0	1,043,606	4,892	
2007	1,000,472	0	0	1,000,472	4,833	
2006	980,551	0	0	980,551	4,820	
2003	935,428	0	0	935,428	4,683	
2001	900,985	0	0	900,985	4,594	
1999	861,860	0	0	861,860	4,421	
1998	839,915	0	0	839,915	4,405	
1997	825,654	0	0	825,654	4,348	
1996	809,159	0	0	809,159	4,363	

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1995	790,731	0	0	790,731	4,297	
1994	775,349	0	0	775,349	4,303	
1993	761,703	0	0	761,703	4,270	
1992	748,687	0	0	748,687	4,261	
1991	733,026	0	0	733,026	4,229	
1990	717,446	0	0	717,446	4,217	
1989	701,781	0	0	701,781	4,193	
1988	687,200	0	0	687,200	4,145	
1987	675,702	0	0	675,702	4,096	
1986	666,199	0	0	666,199	4,055	
1985	651,954	0	0	651,954	4,009	
1984	638,929	0	0	638,929	3,949	
1983	623,563	0	0	623,563	3,907	
1982	606,310	0	0	606,310	3,826	
1981	588,536	0	0	588,536	3,769	
1980	571,141	0	0	571,141	3,730	
1979	553,089	0	0	553,089	3,672	
1978	535,705	0	0	535,705	3,591	
1977	522,317	0	0	522,317	3,482	
1976	509,792	0	0	509,792	3,446	
1975	495,699	0	0	495,699	3,386	
1974	479,799	0	0	479,799	3,333	
1973	464,276	0	0	464,276	3,301	
1972	449,188	0	0	449,188	3,278	
1971	433,906	0	0	433,906	3,235	
1970	420,419	0	0	420,419	3,218	
1969	407,766	0	0	407,766	3,216	
1968	396,097	0	0	396,097	3,202	
1967	384,878	0	0	384,878	3,180	
1966	374,433	0	0	374,433	3,163	
1965	0	0	0	364,666	3,156	
1964	0	0	0	370,688	3,326	
1963	0	0	0	346,286	3,125	
1962	0	0	0	335,765	3,261	
1961	0	0	0	329,152	3,054	
1960	0	0	0	317,852	3,032	
1959	0	0	0	311,535	3,002	
1958	0	0	0	301,826	2,956	
1957	0	0	0	291,567	2,912	
1956	0	0	0	283,140	2,880	
1955	0	0	0	277,162	2,858	
1954	0	0	0	270,079	2,845	
1953	0	0	0	260,742	2,835	
1952	0	0	0	253,889	2,776	
1951	0	0	0	245,974	2,728	
1950	237,168	0	0	237,168	2,712	
1947	0	0	0	215,545	2,589	
1944	194,832	0	0	208,030	2,531	
1942	169,135	0	17,343	186,478	2,491	
1940	171,518	0	4,700	176,218	2,565	

	Full Communicants	Average Attendance	Other Members	Total Inclusive Members	Total Churches	Membership Calculation Method
1938	151,987	0	4,218	156,205	2,362	
1936	149,595	0	0	149,595	2,274	
1933	135,766	0	3,666	139,432	2,277	
1929	119,843	0	0	119,843	2,250	
1925	112,255	0	0	112,255	2,253	
1923	104,405	0	0	104,405	2,184	
1922	98,106	0	0	98,106	2,101	
1921	100,673	0	0	100,673	2,232	
1919	87,583	0	0	87,583	2,115	
1917	79,355	0	0	79,355	2,011	
1916	82,287	0	0	82,287	2,038	
1915	73,343	0	0	73,343	1,987	

Clergy



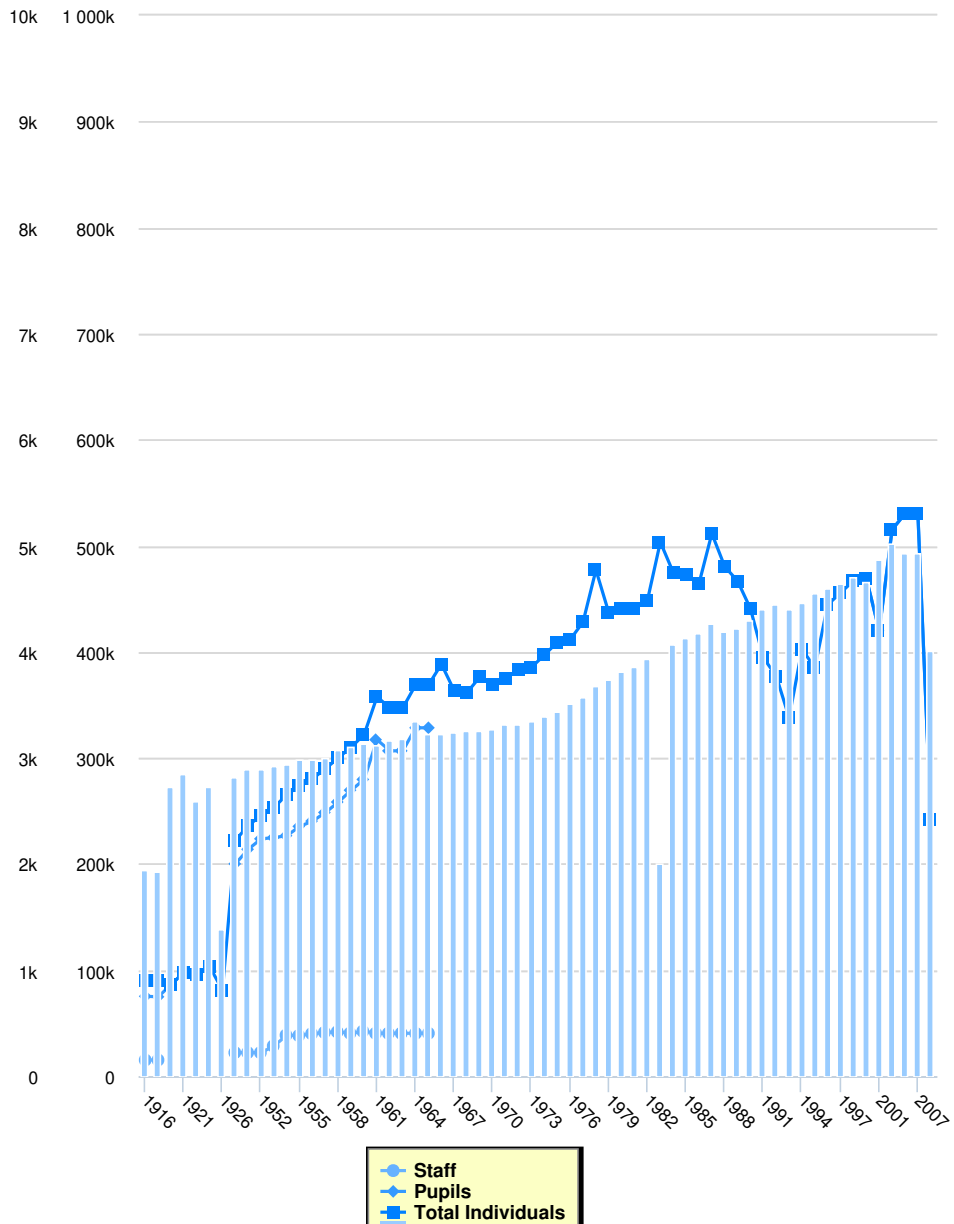
Clergy

	Serving Churches	Retired	Other Service to the Church	Total Clergy
2010	2,542	1,668	874	5,084
2009	2,561	1,623	883	5,067
2007	2,713	1,601	891	5,205
2006	2,656	1,517	873	5,046
2003	2,544	1,578	938	5,060
2001	2,572	1,564	1,012	5,148
1999	2,501	1,656	959	5,116
1998	2,454	1,632	958	5,044
1997	2,401	0	0	4,912
1996	2,337	0	0	5,184
1995	2,307	0	0	5,075
1994	2,374	0	0	4,799
1993	2,341	0	0	4,684
1992	2,370	0	0	4,355

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1991	2,312	0	0	4,485
1990	2,316	0	0	4,582
1989	2,305	0	0	4,493
1988	2,265	0	0	4,537
1987	2,241	0	0	4,512
1986	3,069	0	0	5,481
1985	2,127	0	0	4,308
1984	2,169	0	0	5,070
1983	2,076	0	0	4,434
1982	2,038	0	0	4,541
1981	2,006	0	0	4,480
1980	1,986	0	0	4,266
1979	1,875	0	0	4,388
1978	1,885	0	0	4,016
1977	1,826	0	0	3,939
1976	1,779	0	0	3,207
1975	1,748	0	0	3,630
1974	1,681	0	0	3,606
1973	1,597	0	0	3,490
1972	1,539	0	0	3,422
1971	1,482	0	0	3,365
1970	1,504	0	0	3,341
1969	1,406	0	0	3,151
1968	1,409	0	0	3,443
1967	1,393	0	0	3,266
1966	1,877	0	0	2,315
1965	2,554	0	0	2,394
1964	2,554	0	0	2,829
1963	2,554	0	0	2,802
1962	2,554	0	0	2,210
1961	2,554	0	0	2,631
1960	2,499	0	0	2,563
1959	2,470	0	0	2,532
1958	2,169	0	0	2,252
1957	2,497	0	0	2,357
1956	2,208	0	0	2,167
1955	2,196	0	0	2,106
1954	1,818	0	0	1,628
1953	2,246	0	0	2,084
1952	0	0	0	1,482
1951	0	0	0	1,449
1950	0	0	1,752	1,752
1947	0	0	0	995
1944	0	0	0	995
1942	0	0	0	995
1940	0	0	0	995
1938	0	0	0	995
1936	0	0	0	995
1933	0	0	0	915
1929	0	0	0	915
1925	0	0	0	835

	Serving Churches	Retired	Other Service to the Church	Total Clergy
1923	0	0	0	1,062
1922	0	0	0	1,005
1921	0	0	0	1,046
1919	0	0	0	645
1917	0	0	0	582
1916	0	0	0	582
1915	0	0	0	552

Education

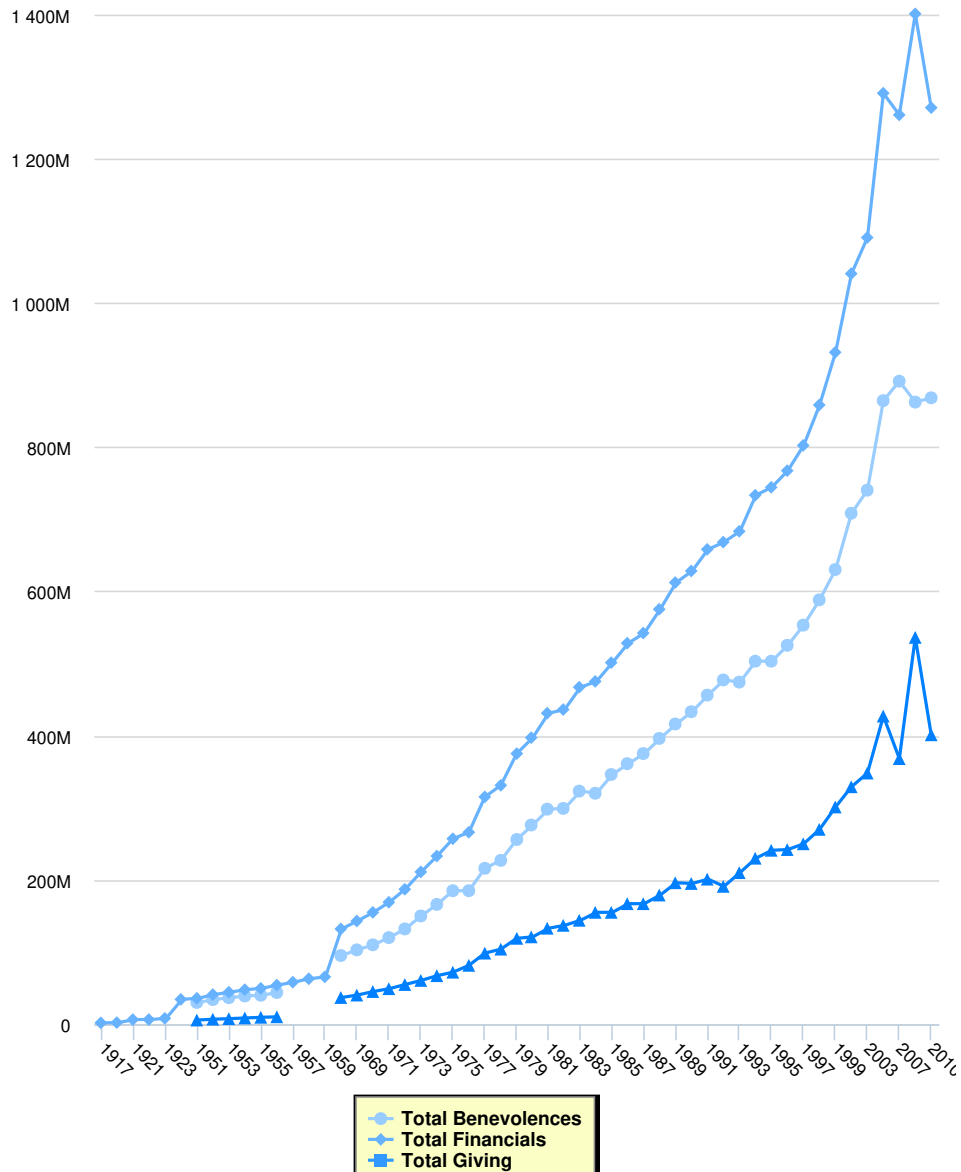


Education

	Total Schools	Staff	Pupils	Total Individuals
2009	4,008	0	241,936	241,936
2007	4,927	0	530,200	530,200
2006	4,927	0	530,200	530,200
2003	5,019	0	515,306	515,306
2001	4,877	0	419,893	419,893
1999	4,666	0	469,136	469,136
1998	4,712	0	467,099	467,099
1997	4,648	0	0	455,745
1996	4,600	0	0	444,469
1995	4,553	0	0	385,168
1994	4,463	0	0	402,402
1993	4,404	0	0	338,077
1992	4,444	0	0	377,150

	Total Schools	Staff	Pupils	Total Individuals
1991	4,409	0	0	394,598
1990	4,295	0	0	440,733
1989	4,222	0	0	466,753
1988	4,193	0	0	480,457
1987	4,261	0	0	511,572
1986	4,180	0	0	464,307
1985	4,127	0	0	473,271
1984	4,070	0	0	474,924
1983	2,005	0	0	503,527
1982	3,935	0	0	448,681
1981	3,859	0	0	440,682
1980	3,820	0	0	441,116
1979	3,748	0	0	436,792
1978	3,673	0	0	477,208
1977	3,575	0	0	428,251
1976	3,520	0	0	411,536
1975	3,443	0	0	409,078
1974	3,389	0	0	397,141
1973	3,351	0	0	385,516
1972	3,312	0	0	383,239
1971	3,315	0	0	375,031
1970	3,266	0	0	369,212
1969	3,263	0	0	376,609
1968	3,254	0	0	361,805
1967	3,243	0	0	363,262
1966	3,234	0	0	388,451
1965	3,222	40,462	328,447	368,909
1964	3,345	40,462	328,447	368,909
1963	3,176	40,462	306,714	347,176
1962	3,168	40,462	306,714	347,176
1961	3,122	40,462	317,220	357,682
1960	3,144	42,396	279,761	322,157
1959	3,108	40,535	269,623	310,158
1958	3,081	41,782	258,476	300,258
1957	3,001	41,251	248,628	289,879
1956	2,993	40,058	240,504	280,562
1955	2,980	38,314	235,509	273,823
1954	2,939	38,685	226,758	265,443
1953	2,931	28,500	224,910	253,410
1952	2,903	22,243	223,784	246,027
1951	2,889	22,243	213,908	236,151
1950	2,815	22,243	200,182	222,425
1926	1,383	0	0	81,067
1923	2,728	0	103,367	103,367
1922	2,593	0	95,835	95,835
1921	2,849	0	97,961	97,961
1919	2,730	0	86,125	86,125
1917	1,929	15,298	74,863	90,161
1916	1,947	15,255	75,340	90,595

Finance



Finance

	Total Benevolences	Total Financials	Total Giving	Local Expenses	Method
2010	\$868,000,000	\$1,270,000,000		\$401,000,000	
2009	\$862,000,000	\$1,400,000,000		\$536,000,000	
2007	\$891,000,000	\$1,260,000,000		\$368,000,000	
2006	\$864,000,000	\$1,290,000,000		\$427,000,000	
2003	\$740,000,000	\$1,090,000,000		\$348,000,000	
2001	\$708,000,000	\$1,040,000,000		\$329,000,000	
1999	\$630,000,000	\$931,000,000		\$301,000,000	
1998	\$588,000,000	\$858,000,000		\$270,000,000	
1997	\$553,000,000	\$802,000,000		\$250,000,000	
1996	\$525,000,000	\$767,000,000		\$242,000,000	
1995	\$503,000,000	\$744,000,000		\$241,000,000	
1994	\$503,000,000	\$733,000,000		\$230,000,000	
1993	\$474,000,000	\$683,000,000		\$210,000,000	

	Total Benevolences	Total Financials	Total Giving	Local Expenses	Method
1992	\$477,000,000	\$668,000,000		\$191,000,000	
1991	\$456,000,000	\$658,000,000		\$201,000,000	
1990	\$433,000,000	\$628,000,000		\$195,000,000	
1989	\$416,000,000	\$612,000,000		\$196,000,000	
1988	\$396,000,000	\$575,000,000		\$179,000,000	
1987	\$375,000,000	\$542,000,000		\$167,000,000	
1986	\$361,000,000	\$528,000,000		\$167,000,000	
1985	\$346,000,000	\$501,000,000		\$155,000,000	
1984	\$320,000,000	\$475,000,000		\$155,000,000	
1983	\$323,000,000	\$467,000,000		\$144,000,000	
1982	\$299,000,000	\$436,000,000		\$137,000,000	
1981	\$298,000,000	\$431,000,000		\$133,000,000	
1980	\$276,000,000	\$397,000,000		\$121,000,000	
1979	\$256,000,000	\$375,000,000		\$119,000,000	
1978	\$227,000,000	\$331,000,000		\$104,000,000	
1977	\$216,000,000	\$315,000,000		\$98,468,365	
1976	\$185,000,000	\$266,000,000		\$81,577,130	
1975	\$185,000,000	\$257,000,000		\$72,060,121	
1974	\$166,000,000	\$233,000,000		\$67,241,956	
1973	\$150,000,000	\$211,000,000		\$60,643,602	
1972	\$132,000,000	\$187,000,000		\$54,988,781	
1971	\$120,000,000	\$169,000,000		\$49,208,043	
1970	\$110,000,000	\$155,000,000		\$45,280,059	
1969	\$103,000,000	\$143,000,000		\$40,378,426	
1968	\$95,178,335	\$132,000,000		\$36,976,280	
1959	\$0	\$65,590,236		\$0	
1958	\$0	\$62,964,770		\$0	
1957	\$0	\$58,285,364		\$0	
1956	\$43,940,941	\$54,183,177		\$10,242,236	
1955	\$40,118,187	\$49,709,926		\$9,591,739	
1954	\$39,137,675	\$47,798,932		\$8,661,257	
1953	\$36,680,185	\$44,376,669		\$7,696,484	
1952	\$34,122,264	\$41,056,175		\$6,933,911	
1951	\$30,124,342	\$35,911,227		\$5,786,885	
1950	\$0	\$34,410,584		\$0	
1923	\$0	\$8,133,391		\$0	
1922	\$0	\$6,471,887		\$0	
1921	\$0	\$6,405,677		\$0	
1919	\$0	\$2,206,970		\$0	
1917	\$0	\$1,887,772		\$0	