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Each listing contains a brief paragraph about the religious body, contact information for the group, and informative graphs detailing current and historical statistical data. Previously stewarded by the National Council of Churches, The Yearbook is overseen by the Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies (ASARB). in partnership with The National Council of Churches and Lake Institute on Faith and Giving. We invite you to join our effort by adding data for your religious group, becoming an ASARB member or making a contribution to our cause.

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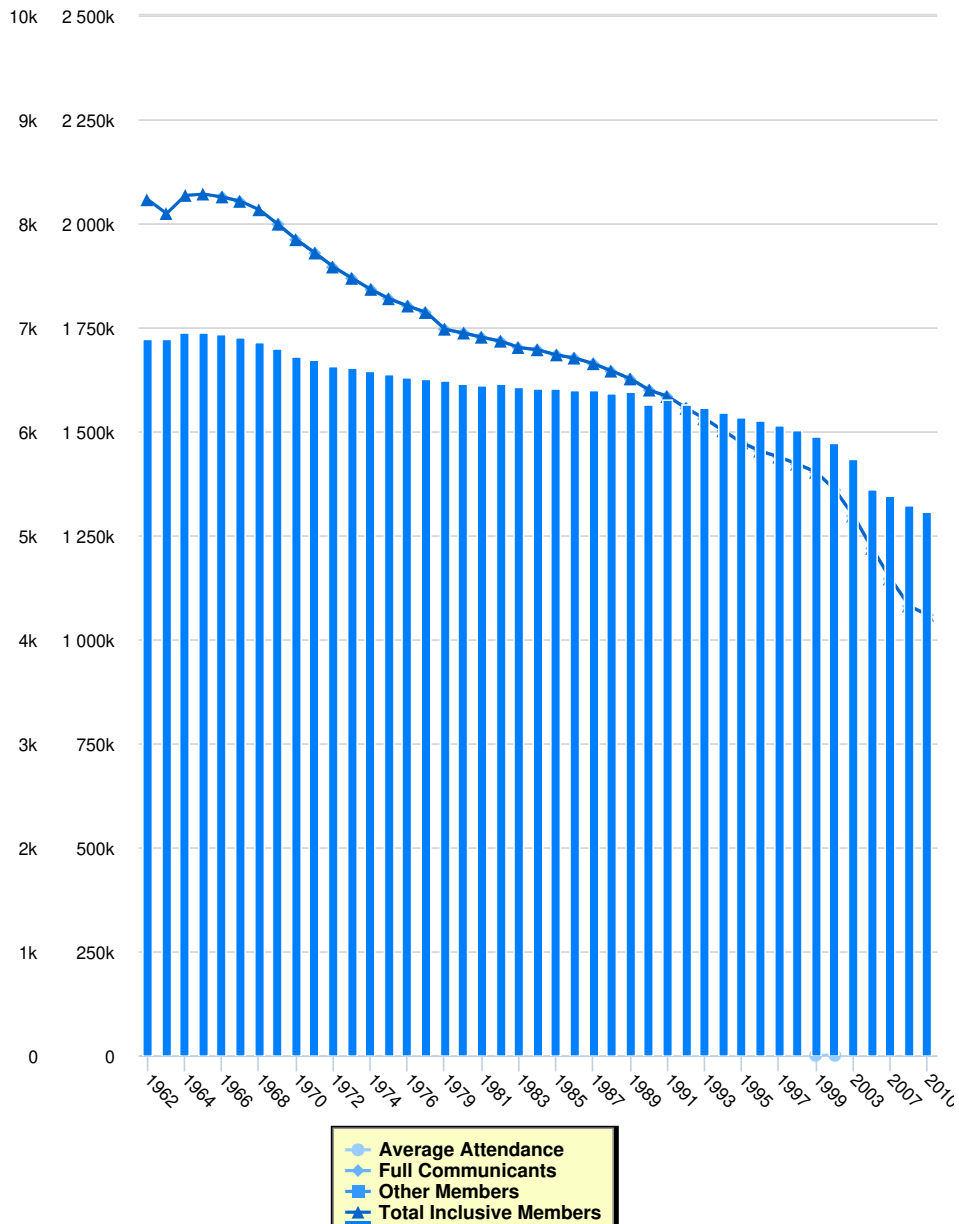
The historical roots of The United Church of Christ reach back to some of the first Christian communities in the United States – Pilgrims, Puritans and German settlers. Two churches, each the product of an earlier union, joined together in 1957 to form the United Church of Christ – the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

“Congregational” and “free church” best describe the United Church of Christ’s form of governance. The denomination’s Constitution says Jesus Christ is the “sole Head” of the church, and the local congregation is its “basic unit.” Local churches call their own pastors and make their own decisions about membership, worship, budget, programs and other matters. UCC congregations are affiliated with one of 38 conferences, many of them encompassing one or more U.S. states. The main deliberative body of the UCC is its General Synod, whose 750-plus delegates meet every two years. In between the Synod, the 52-member United Church of Christ Board conducts the business of the denomination.

Since 1957, the United Church of Christ (UCC) has embodied a fierce commitment for the equal rights of all, including its clergy. In 1972, the UCC became the first Protestant denomination to ordain an openly gay man; and in 2005, the Church formally affirmed “Equal Marriage Rights for All,” becoming the first mainline Christian denomination to support same gender marriage. In 2013, the UCC was the first mainline denomination to vote to move toward fossil fuel divestment as one strategy to address climate change. The UCC is also active on issues related to immigration reform, racial justice, and literacy.

The Core Values of the United Church of Christ are continuing testament, extravagant welcome, and changing lives; and all settings of the church seek to live into the UCC’s Vision of a just world for all.

Membership



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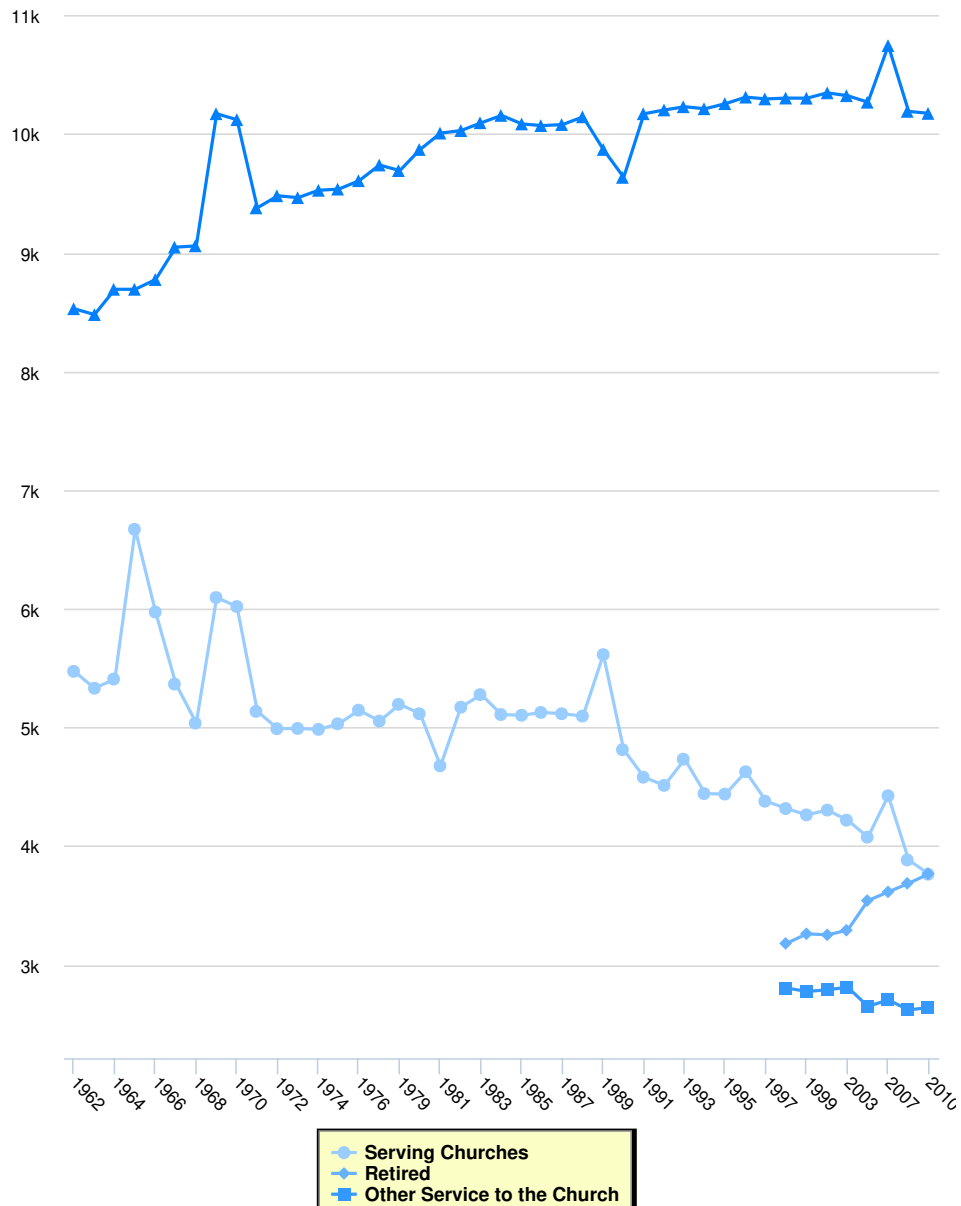
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Membership

	Full Communicants	Average Attendance	Other Members	Total Inclusive Members	Total Churches	Membership Calculation Method
2010	1,058,423	0	0	1,058,423	5,227	
2009	1,080,199	0	0	1,080,199	5,287	
2007	1,145,281	0	0	1,145,281	5,377	
2006	1,218,541	0	0	1,218,541	5,452	
2003	1,296,652	0	0	1,296,652	5,738	
2001	1,359,105	109	0	1,359,105	5,888	
1999	1,401,682	113	0	1,401,682	5,961	
1998	1,421,088	0	0	1,421,088	6,017	
1997	1,438,181	0	0	1,438,181	6,061	
1996	1,452,565	0	0	1,452,565	6,110	

	Full Communicants	Average Attendance	Other Members	Total Inclusive Members	Total Churches	Membership Calculation Method
1995	1,472,213	0	0	1,472,213	6,145	
1994	1,501,310	0	0	1,501,310	6,180	
1993	1,530,178	0	0	1,530,178	6,225	
1992	1,555,382	0	0	1,555,382	6,264	
1991	1,583,830	0	0	1,583,830	6,301	
1990	1,599,212	0	0	1,599,212	6,260	
1989	1,625,969	0	0	1,625,969	6,388	
1988	1,644,787	0	0	1,644,787	6,362	
1987	1,662,568	0	0	1,662,568	6,395	
1986	1,676,105	0	0	1,676,105	6,406	
1985	1,683,777	0	0	1,683,777	6,408	
1984	1,696,107	0	0	1,696,107	6,419	
1983	1,701,513	0	0	1,701,513	6,427	
1982	1,716,723	0	0	1,716,723	6,461	
1981	1,726,244	0	0	1,726,244	6,443	
1980	1,736,244	0	0	1,736,244	6,462	
1979	1,745,533	0	0	1,745,533	6,487	
1977	1,785,652	0	0	1,785,652	6,512	
1976	1,801,241	0	0	1,801,241	6,528	
1975	1,818,762	0	0	1,818,762	6,552	
1974	1,841,312	0	0	1,841,312	6,581	
1973	1,867,810	0	0	1,867,810	6,617	
1972	1,895,016	0	0	1,895,016	6,635	
1971	1,928,674	0	0	1,928,674	6,688	
1970	1,960,608	0	0	1,960,608	6,727	
1969	1,997,898	0	0	1,997,898	6,803	
1968	0	0	0	2,032,648	6,866	
1967	2,052,857	0	0	2,052,857	6,908	
1966	2,063,481	0	0	2,063,481	6,945	
1965	0	0	0	2,070,413	6,960	
1964	0	0	0	2,067,223	6,957	
1963	0	0	0	2,023,611	6,886	
1962	0	0	0	2,056,696	6,894	

Clergy

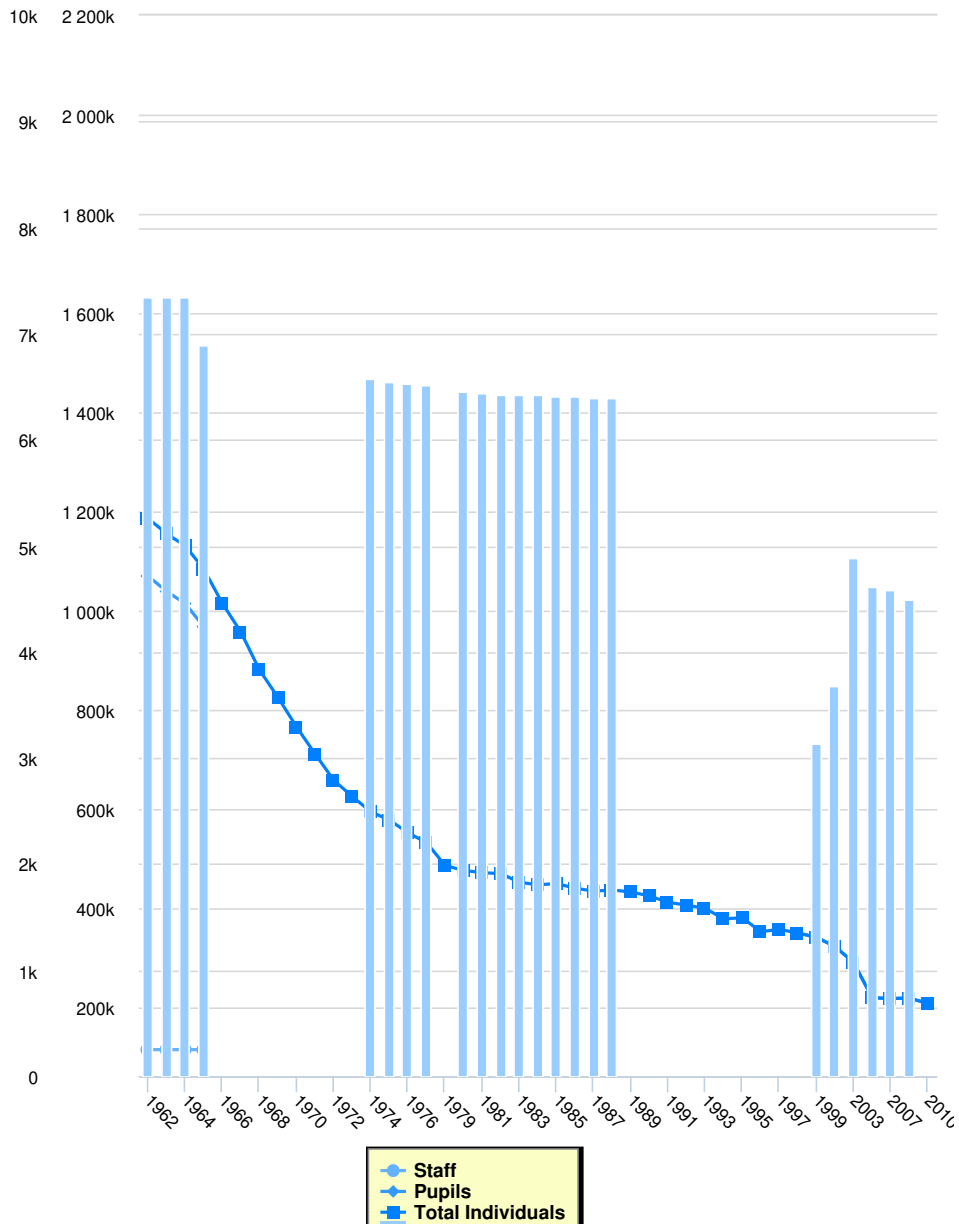


Clergy

	Serving Churches	Retired	Other Service to the Church	Total Clergy
2010	3,764	3,768	2,642	10,174
2009	3,884	3,687	2,620	10,191
2007	4,425	3,615	2,705	10,745
2006	4,076	3,542	2,650	10,268
2003	4,219	3,292	2,812	10,323
2001	4,304	3,253	2,790	10,347
1999	4,264	3,262	2,776	10,302
1998	4,317	3,181	2,805	10,303
1997	4,379	0	0	10,296
1996	4,627	0	0	10,311
1995	4,439	0	0	10,256
1994	4,443	0	0	10,213
1993	4,733	0	0	10,230
1992	4,512	0	0	10,203

	Serving Churches	Retired	Other Service to the Church	Total Clergy
1991	4,581	0	0	10,171
1990	4,813	0	0	9,635
1989	5,614	0	0	9,870
1988	5,096	0	0	10,145
1987	5,116	0	0	10,080
1986	5,127	0	0	10,071
1985	5,103	0	0	10,085
1984	5,109	0	0	10,157
1983	5,277	0	0	10,095
1982	5,171	0	0	10,029
1981	4,677	0	0	10,008
1980	5,116	0	0	9,870
1979	5,195	0	0	9,692
1977	5,054	0	0	9,739
1976	5,146	0	0	9,607
1975	5,031	0	0	9,536
1974	4,984	0	0	9,526
1973	4,992	0	0	9,464
1972	4,990	0	0	9,480
1971	5,136	0	0	9,378
1970	6,019	0	0	10,121
1969	6,095	0	0	10,171
1968	5,037	0	0	9,058
1967	5,366	0	0	9,047
1966	5,973	0	0	8,774
1965	6,670	0	0	8,692
1964	5,408	0	0	8,692
1963	5,331	0	0	8,479
1962	5,473	0	0	8,528

Education

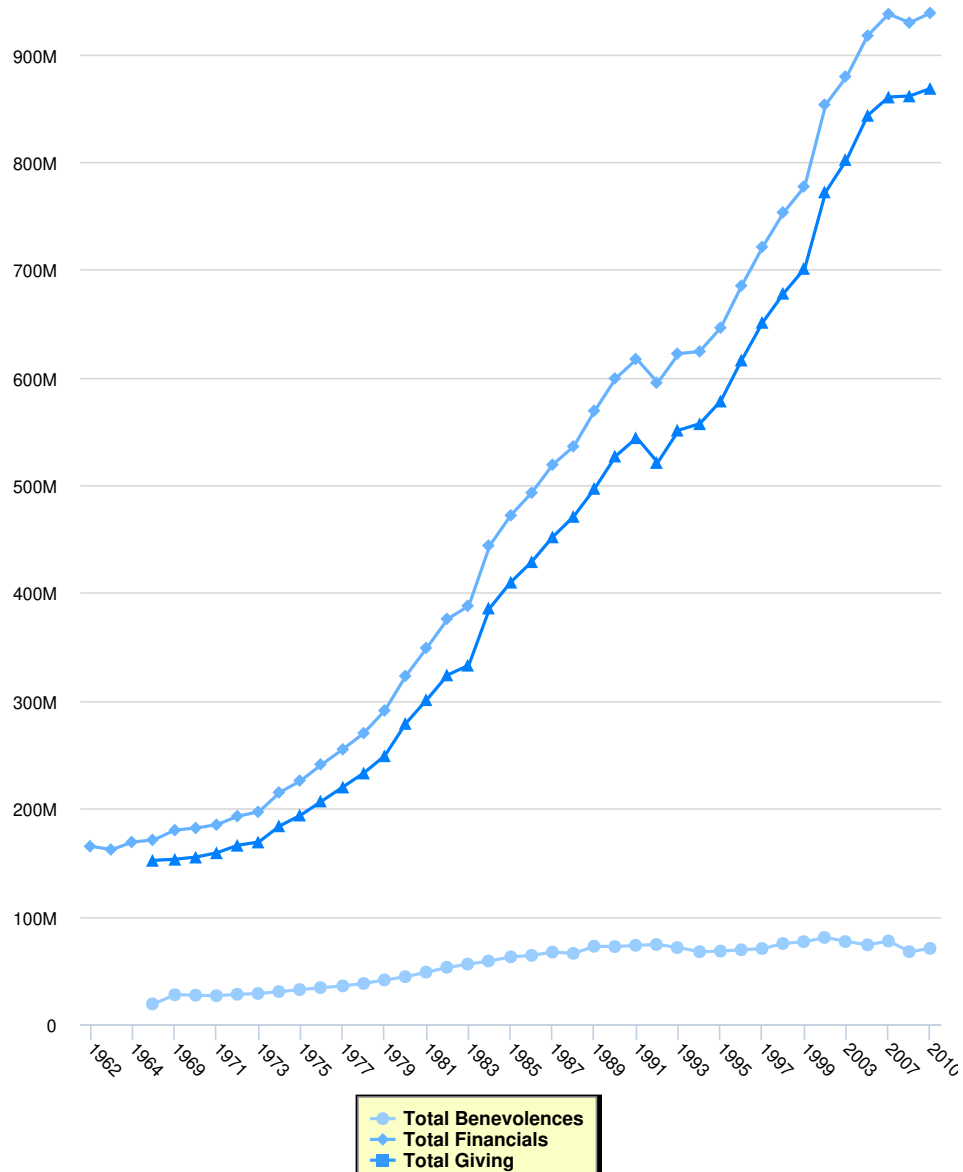


Education

	Total Schools	Staff	Pupils	Total Individuals
2010	0	0	209,260	209,260
2009	4,496	0	220,169	220,169
2007	4,579	0	219,249	219,249
2006	4,616	0	220,766	220,766
2003	4,889	0	291,609	291,609
2001	3,685	0	323,842	323,842
1999	3,137	0	342,560	342,560
1998	0	0	351,244	351,244
1997	0	0	0	358,651
1996	0	0	0	353,877
1995	0	0	0	381,992
1994	0	0	0	379,630
1993	0	0	0	401,003

	Total Schools	Staff	Pupils	Total Individuals
1992	0	0	0	407,261
1991	0	0	0	413,255
1990	0	0	0	425,929
1989	0	0	0	433,980
1988	6,395	0	0	437,836
1987	6,395	0	0	435,628
1986	6,406	0	0	441,547
1985	6,408	0	0	450,734
1984	6,419	0	0	448,505
1983	6,427	0	0	453,326
1982	6,421	0	0	471,003
1981	6,443	0	0	472,697
1980	6,462	0	0	477,416
1979	0	0	0	487,084
1977	6,512	0	0	533,307
1976	6,528	0	0	553,119
1975	6,552	0	0	578,786
1974	6,581	0	0	595,457
1973	0	0	0	626,082
1972	0	0	0	659,122
1971	0	0	0	711,757
1970	0	0	0	766,244
1969	0	0	0	825,738
1968	0	0	0	881,227
1967	0	0	0	957,329
1966	0	0	0	1,015,418
1965	6,900	116,255	968,368	1,084,623
1964	7,348	116,255	1,014,834	1,131,089
1963	7,348	116,255	1,039,506	1,155,761
1962	7,348	116,255	1,070,336	1,186,591

Finance



Finance

	Total Benevolences	Total Financials	Total Giving	Local Expenses	Method
2010	\$70,331,870	\$938,000,000		\$868,000,000	
2009	\$67,251,700	\$929,000,000		\$861,000,000	
2007	\$77,117,434	\$937,000,000		\$860,000,000	
2006	\$73,611,894	\$917,000,000		\$843,000,000	
2003	\$76,647,374	\$879,000,000		\$802,000,000	
2001	\$80,464,673	\$853,000,000		\$772,000,000	
1999	\$76,550,398	\$777,000,000		\$701,000,000	
1998	\$74,861,463	\$753,000,000		\$678,000,000	
1997	\$70,180,193	\$721,000,000		\$651,000,000	
1996	\$69,013,791	\$685,000,000		\$616,000,000	
1995	\$67,806,448	\$646,000,000		\$578,000,000	
1994	\$67,269,762	\$624,000,000		\$557,000,000	
1993	\$71,046,517	\$622,000,000		\$551,000,000	

	Total Benevolences	Total Financials	Total Giving	Local Expenses	Method
1992	\$73,906,372	\$595,000,000		\$521,000,000	
1991	\$73,149,887	\$617,000,000		\$544,000,000	
1990	\$71,984,897	\$599,000,000		\$527,000,000	
1989	\$72,300,698	\$569,000,000		\$497,000,000	
1988	\$65,734,348	\$536,000,000		\$471,000,000	
1987	\$66,870,922	\$519,000,000		\$452,000,000	
1986	\$63,808,091	\$493,000,000		\$429,000,000	
1985	\$62,464,918	\$472,000,000		\$410,000,000	
1984	\$58,679,094	\$444,000,000		\$386,000,000	
1983	\$55,716,557	\$388,000,000		\$333,000,000	
1982	\$52,738,069	\$376,000,000		\$324,000,000	
1981	\$48,329,399	\$349,000,000		\$301,000,000	
1980	\$44,042,186	\$323,000,000		\$279,000,000	
1979	\$41,100,583	\$291,000,000		\$249,000,000	
1978	\$37,789,958	\$270,000,000		\$233,000,000	
1977	\$35,522,221	\$255,000,000		\$220,000,000	
1976	\$33,862,658	\$241,000,000		\$207,000,000	
1975	\$32,125,332	\$226,000,000		\$194,000,000	
1974	\$30,243,223	\$215,000,000		\$184,000,000	
1973	\$28,471,058	\$197,000,000		\$169,000,000	
1972	\$27,793,561	\$193,000,000		\$166,000,000	
1971	\$26,409,521	\$185,000,000		\$159,000,000	
1970	\$26,934,289	\$182,000,000		\$155,000,000	
1969	\$27,338,543	\$180,000,000		\$153,000,000	
1968	\$18,869,136	\$171,000,000		\$152,000,000	
1964	\$0	\$169,000,000		\$0	
1963	\$0	\$162,000,000		\$0	
1962	\$0	\$165,000,000		\$0	