

55. Statistics For Mission 2005 - 2007

This report presents some general analysis of the Triennial Membership returns and Statistics for Mission. Summary tables indicating the changes during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007 in membership and church attendance figures accompany it. Further details of attendance, membership, community roll figures, church-sponsored youth groups and other data can be obtained from the Methodist Church website www.methodist.org.uk and Methodist Church House.

This latest triennial period has seen an increasing turn towards web-based methods of recording statistics. Work is also underway to integrate the data about property and projects that are grant-funded that has been held in Manchester with the data that has been held in London.

The work of analysing the statistics is undertaken by the Research and Statistics Department of the Archbishops' Council, Church of England on the Methodist Church's behalf, and provides the possibility of comparison with Anglican trends as well as the National Census. That plus the new ways of collecting the data means that the statistics can become a vital support in planning mission strategies both locally and connexionally.

It is proposed that a presentation be made to the Conference with the help of members of the Research and Statistics team to demonstrate the potential of this way of collecting and using the statistics.

Introduction: Statistics of Membership and Statistics for Mission

1. The Triennial statistics for **Church Membership, Attendance at Worship and Local Influence** are now available. Thanks are due to everyone who helped to achieve this, particularly District Membership Secretaries who do a tremendous amount of work to ensure that the returns are made.
2. In the attached **Summary and Comparison of some Key Figures for Membership** and the summary of **Membership in the Districts** there is a continuing issue over how membership in Local Ecumenical Partnerships is reported to the various ecumenical partners. As reported to the Conference in 2005, following the introduction with ecumenical partners of a Joint Return a few years ago we now have a better range of data for most Local Ecumenical Partnerships (LEPs). Each LEP has some "traditional" members who belonged to a particular denomination before it became a LEP or who have transferred to it from another church of that denomination; and some "joint" members who have been made members or confirmed since the LEP began and who in a sense belong to all of the participating denominations. But if each denomination were to claim all the joint members as part of its own denomination, there would be multiple counting when the figures for all the denominations are added together. Moreover the LEP would not welcome it were each denomination to count all the joint members as its own for the purpose of calculating financial assessments. The Joint Return has therefore been used to calculate a more realistic figure for the Methodist membership. This only includes a proportion of joint members and excludes members of other denominations.

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3. The Research and Statistics Department of the Archbishops' Council of the Church of England was commissioned to provide detailed analysis of some of the trends in the figures, including some of the growth points within them. We are grateful for the expertise and help that the members of that Department have provided, and the following paragraphs of this report are essentially their work.

Triennial returns: Highlights

4. **Attendance**
An average of 262,000 adults, young people and children attended Methodist worship each week in October 2007. Average weekly adult attendance, though still lower than in 2005, was higher in 2007 than in 2006. Most of the increase was at midweek services. After a long period of decline, it remains to be seen whether this represents a continuing reversal of a trend.
5. **Growing Churches**
1,265 congregations enjoyed higher levels of membership in 2007 than in 2005. That represents 23% of the congregations with membership¹ in 2005. Since many of the increases were in larger churches, it also means that 27% of the current membership belong to a growing church.
6. **Later Baptisms Increasing**
Numbers of mature baptisms, for candidates aged 13 years and above, have grown and now stand at around 900 in a year. Confirmations, by contrast, continue to decline steeply. The 3,000 confirmations in 2007 were 37% fewer than recorded in 2005.
7. **Local Ecumenical Partnerships**
Local Ecumenical Partnerships declined both in number and as a proportion of Methodist congregations. Methodist membership of LEPs fell by 13%, which is a steeper decline than in the rest of the connexion. The 508 partnerships now constitute 9.4% of Methodist congregations. The largest partners continue to be the Church of England (22% of the partnerships) and United Reformed (16%).
8. **Scouting and Under-Five Groups**
In common with growth in the rest of the Scouting movement, Scouting groups associated with Methodist churches have grown by 6% from 2005 to 2007.
8,700 under-fives participated in midweek children's groups in 2005, an increase of almost 3,000 on 2005.
9. **Background**
These highlights are set against a background where adult attendance has fallen throughout the connexion by 10% over the triennium, membership by 6% over the same period. Weddings, confirmations, and junior attendance

¹ "With membership" is used to denote churches that recorded non-zero membership for a year. Where a church had no members, had sent a zero return or had sent no return, it was not included in the count for that year.

have fallen at a faster rate. The highlights suggest that the pattern is neither uniform nor irreversible.

Results

10. Triennial Summary

Table 1

Thousands	2004	2005	2006	2007	Change 2004 to 2007	Change 2006 to 2007
Membership	294	284	273	267	-9%	-2%
Community Roll	797	756	710	648	-19%	-9%
Baptisms and Thanksgivings	15	15	13	11	-24%	-10%
Baptisms over 13	0.72	0.80	0.73	0.89	23%	23%
Confirmations	4.4	4.7	4.2	3.0	-33%	-29%
Couples Married or Blessed	6.8	6.3	5.3	4.3	-37%	-18%
Funerals	32	30	29	24	-25%	-16%
Average Adult Attendance All Week	244	236	212	215	-12%	1%
Average Adult Sunday Attendance	223	216	194	194	-13%	0%
Average Adult Midweek Attendance	21	20	19	22	4%	15%
Average Under 13 Attendance All Week	40	37	31	29	-27%	-6%
Average Under 13 Sunday Attendance	31	29	24	22	-28%	-7%
Average Under 13 Midweek Attendance	8.8	8.5	7.1	6.8	-23%	-5%
Average 13 to 19 Attendance All Week	34	31	26	18	-47%	-29%
Average 13 to 19 Sunday Attendance	27	25	20	14	-46%	-29%
Average 13 to 19 Midweek Attendance	7.6	6.7	5.5	3.9	-49%	-29%
Average Attendance All Week	317	305	269	262	-17%	-2%
Average Sunday Attendance	280	269	237	230	-18%	-3%
Average Midweek Attendance	37	35	31	32	-13%	3%

Attendance figures are recorded for four weeks of October each year, with midweek figures recorded for people additional to the Sunday attendance.

11. Church Attendance

Average weekly adult attendance was higher in 2007 than in 2006. Each year, a count was made of people aged 20 and over attending on each of four Sundays in October and additional adults attending midweek services. The average for a whole week was 215,000 worshippers in October 2007, compared to 212,000 the year before. 20 out of 31 districts recorded an increase in this particular measure. Welsh-speaking Wales increased, from a small base, by 45%. Attendance in English-speaking Wales, Plymouth and Exeter and Lincoln and Grimsby all increased by over 1,000 adults.

October 2007, the period when attendances were recorded, experienced less rainfall than the corresponding period in 2006. There have also been great efforts to encourage churches to submit their statistical returns. However, these are not reasons to dismiss the improvement in adult attendance. Good weather makes people less likely to stay at home, but the church still needs to attract people more than outdoor alternatives. Adult attendance rose in congregations that supplied figures for both 2006 and 2007 so the rise cannot be attributed to better reporting.

After a long period of gradual decline, any comparisons with the less recent past will appear unfavourable. From 2002 to 2004, the previous triennium, adult attendance was stable at around 240,000. The 2007 figure represents a fall of some 10% from the end of previous triennium and 9% since 2005.

A similar pattern of decline among the total numbers was exhibited in all geographical categories of church, from rural village congregations to inner city. Most districts also showed the same pattern. Attendance levels were sustained or increased in Shetland, Chester and Stoke-on-Trent, Cornwall, the Channel Islands and Bedfordshire Essex and Hertfordshire, but they declined by 15% in Northampton and by 22% in York and Hull.

Average adult weekly Sunday attendance in 2007 was 194,000. 10% of adult weekly attendance in 2007 was midweek, an additional 22,000 people. Churches are asked to report "additional adults attending weekday services and worship activities." In an area that typically requires greater effort to offer worship outside the Sunday routine, this was an increase of 7% across the country over 2005. There was particularly strong midweek growth in villages and small towns. The effect did not show up among Local Ecumenical Partnerships. Among solely Methodist congregations, adult midweek attendance rose by 10%, compared to a fall among partnerships of 13%.

There was no noticeable change in patterns of frequency of attendance. For all age groups, the monthly high and the monthly low changed by proportions similar to the average for the age group. These statistics are the highest and lowest of the four weeks reported during the month. When reporting a total for a church, Circuit or District, all the figures are for the same week. There is no mixing high and low values from different weeks across October until connexion level, when the district highs and lows are added together. Although there are many cases where worshippers, sometimes whole congregations, attend different churches from week to week, this happens much less between Districts. If the monthly low fell by less than the monthly high, it would suggest that there was a core membership remaining loyal while less frequent attenders drifted away. There is no such difference to report.

There is a small change in patterns of service. Some churches recorded no adult attendance for any of the four weeks of October. Of those that met at least once in October 2005, 615 churches either held no service or had no adults attend for at least one service. In 2007, there were 673 such churches. Since even the most loyal cannot attend when there is no service, there is a possibility that the monthly lowest attendance figures for single churches would otherwise have been higher.

12. Children and Young People

Teenage attendance throughout the week, including activities involving an element of Christian nurture, fell by 30% from 2005 to 2007. That is a faster rate of decrease than if the upper two year-groups had passed out of the age-range without being replaced by any younger children. That signifies that at least some young people are choosing to leave or to attend less frequently. In October 2007, 10,700 young people from 13 to 19 took part in these activities. Only Bedfordshire Essex Hertfordshire and Plymouth and Exeter

recorded increases compared to 2005. The median attendance for a District was 365 young people. 36% of teenage attendance was midweek, compared to 44% in 2005. In 2006, the Office for National Statistics² estimated that the 13 to 19 age-group made up 9.1% of the population of Great Britain. The same age-group made up 5.1% of Methodist attendance in 2005 and 4.0% in 2007.

Attendance figures for children under 13 are not only valuable in themselves, they also serve as an indication of the numbers of younger adults attending. Numbers fell from 53,500 in October 2005 to 36,400 in 2007, a fall of 32%. Where Office for National Statistics estimates put the proportion of under 13s in the population at 15.1%, among Methodist congregations it was 8.1% in 2005 and 5.4% in 2007. The implication is that the younger adults that are the parents of children under thirteen are also under-represented in congregations. Increases in adult attendance in 2007 were not among people bringing children with them.

13. *Young People's Activities*

The young people's church attendance covers services and midweek activities with an element of Christian nurture. In addition, data are collected about participation in youth activities run by or connected with the churches but not necessarily overtly Christian. These data reveal some marked contrasts.

A broad categorization divides the activities into midweek children's activities, uniformed organizations, overtly Christian activities such as Junior Church, Junior Mission for All and Methodist Youth Conference, and others that fit into none of those categories. There is a risk of putting groups into the wrong categories, but the process allows a comparison to see whether trends are affecting all types of activity equally. Data are also collected separately for several age-bands.

Statistics were received from 7,300 clubs. 1,750 new ventures started after 2005 and a further 1,150 increased their participation between 2005 and 2007. The remaining 4,400 lost members (1,660) or ceased altogether (2,740). Among involved churches, over 1,000 increased youth participation, 200 remained steady but 2,200 lost members.

Among particular age-groups and particular organizations there have been areas of growth. Greatest success was evident among under 5s in midweek children's groups. Almost 3,000 more boys and girls participated in 2007 than in 2005, a total of 8,700.

Starting numbers were lower in older age-groups, so the increased numbers in certain activities could often be masked by greater movements among younger children. Under 5s attended children's midweek groups in much greater numbers, as already mentioned, but the only other area of growth at this age appeared to be younger sisters attending Rainbows, Boy's Brigade and Brownies.

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Boys 5 to 13 attended Beavers and Cubs in greater numbers, but with some losses at the older age of Scouts and huge losses to junior church, other youth groups and miscellaneous uniformed organizations. Overall this age-group of boys fell by over a third, finishing the triennium just over 30,000. Girls were similarly affected. Brownies and Guides fared well but all other categories declined. The finishing figure of 51,000 was also a decline of almost a third from 2005.

Among 13s to 19s, there is evidence of young people attending activities for younger children. If this is a sign that they are there to assist then this must be encouraging. 142 boys and young men and 19 girls and young women attended Beavers in 2007, with a further 118 at Rainbows. For Cubs the respective numbers were 180 and 38. Scouts increased their membership among both genders and over 400 more girls and young women joined the Guides. Venturers approximately doubled, to 150. The movement as a whole appears to have fared particularly well with this age-group in this triennium.

Scouting shared the success with Boys' and Girls' Brigades in the 20 to 25 age-group. Overall numbers fell by 1,700 to 2,700 in 2007, but (non-miscellaneous) uniformed organizations attracted extra numbers of both young men and women.

Looking at the different categories, midweek children's groups saw increased take-up among under 5s but decreases in other age-groups. Overall they stayed similar in number but with a much younger age-profile.

Uniformed organizations (Scouting, Boys' and Girls' Brigades) enjoyed greater take-up than general (miscellaneous, youth group and others). Decline over two years was 23% and growth was generally confined to the Scouting movement.

Explicitly Christian activities apart from uniformed organizations declined by 30%, but not quite so quickly as miscellaneous groups, whose participation fell by 35%. At a time when it is difficult to attract young people into an activity, the presence of an explicit Christian purpose did not increase the difficulty and may marginally have eased it.

Although the overall picture is of steep decline, there are elements giving rise to hope. Scouting generally and Boys' and Girls' Brigades for some important age-groups are enjoying greater popularity. Parents are taking more under 5s to midweek children's activities, and a not negligible number of young adults are choosing not just to take part in activities, but to help run them.

14. *Membership*

Methodist membership levels held up slightly better than attendance, falling only 6% between 2005 and 2007, to finish at 267,300. Special arrangements are in place to establish a reasonable estimate of Methodists among Local Ecumenical Partnerships. In churches with any membership, average sizes remained steady, but with large differences between types of location. Churches in rural villages averaged 20, inner cities 122. However, the average does not describe a typical church. In all types of location, the most common size was around half the average, with higher numbers increasingly

rare. Across the connexion in 2007 the average (mean) church size in terms of membership was just under 49.

Chart 1 shows the sizes of the 5,400 churches that indicated non-zero Methodist membership. Approximately 1,200 have a membership of twelve or less. A further 1,200 have a membership of 13 to 25. 750 more have 26 to 37 members. These three bands account for over half the congregations, keeping the churches going despite very scarce manpower resources. At the top end, three single congregations are just visible above the axis, having memberships of over 450.

Chart 1

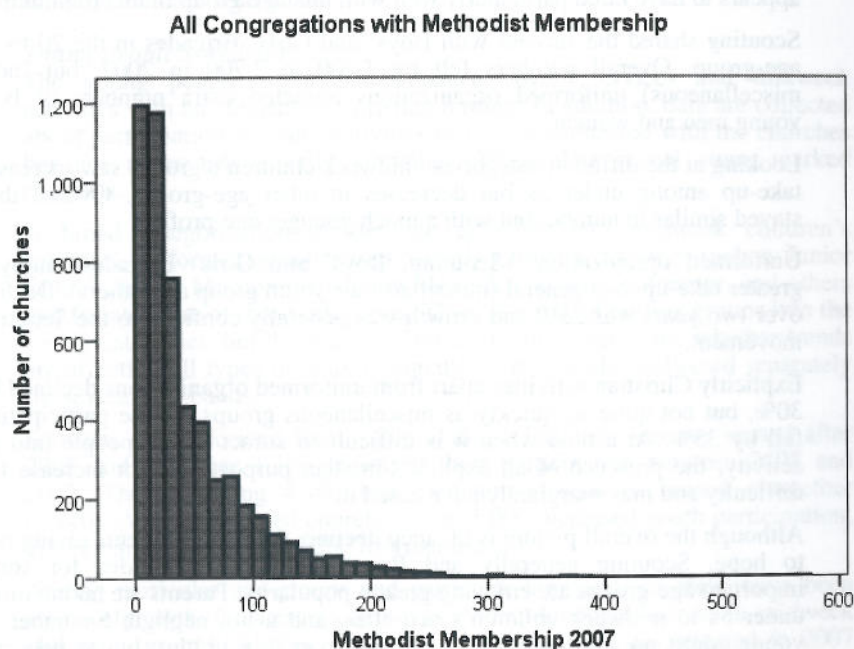
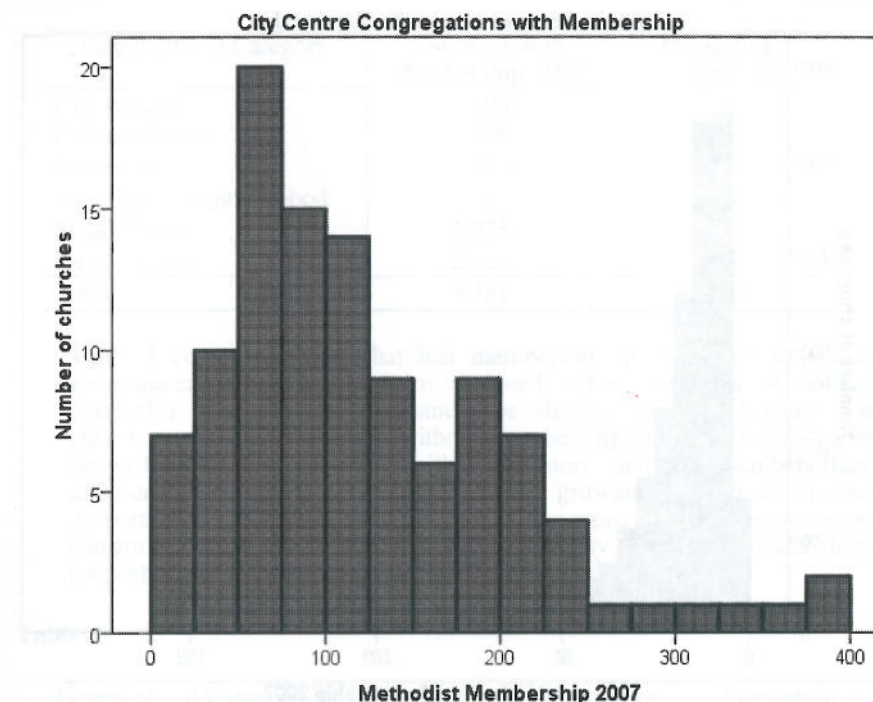
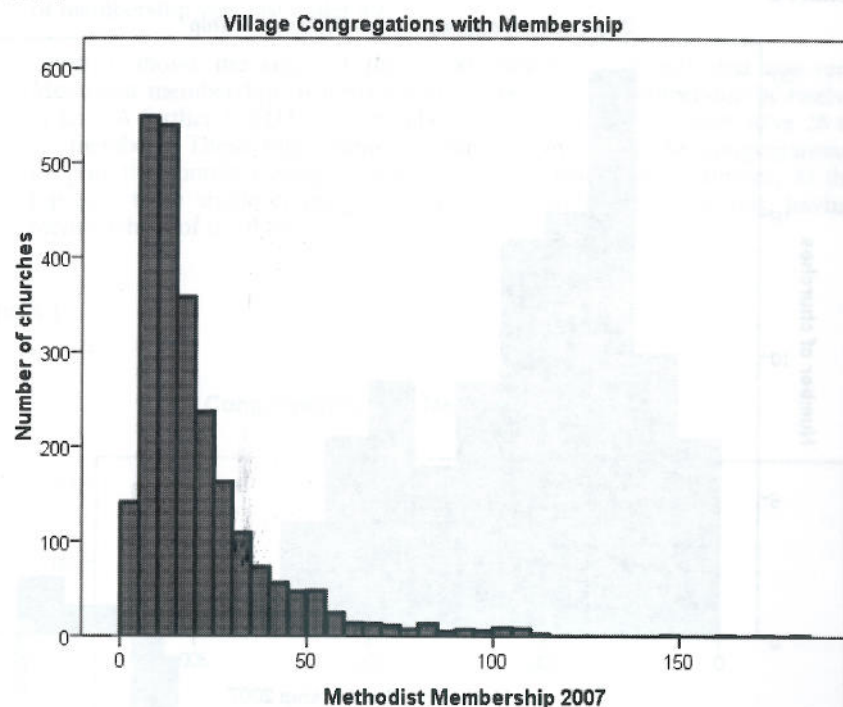


Chart 2



All the geographical categories show the same pattern. Charts 2 and 3 have examples. For the 110 city centre congregations, there are 20 churches, the most numerous group, in the range from 51 to 75. Seven churches number more than 250 members, but the average still reaches 120. In rural village congregations, there are three churches out of 2,450 with membership above 150. By contrast, more than half the congregations number 1 to 15 members. It is valuable to appreciate the differences when making plans. A scheme that requires twenty volunteers would be beyond the resources of more than half the country's rural Methodist congregations.

Chart 3



Aside from members, others on the community roll fell more quickly. In the two years from 2005 to 2007, those non-members for whom the church had pastoral responsibility declined from 470,000 to 380,000. The average fall was 19%, but where council estates fell by only 5%, city centres and inner city churches fell by 30%. The South East District and Bolton and Rochdale held steady, but only Birmingham and the smallest District of Shetland grew, Shetland adding 194 non-members to its roll. In the last year of the triennium, there were 2.4 on the community roll (including members) for every member. In 2005, there were 2.7.

15. Growing Churches

Every district and every geographical category reported at least some churches with larger membership in 2007 than in 2005. In all there were 1,265 such churches (23%) based on membership statistics reported by 7th April 2008. By number, 43% of growing churches, i.e. 541, were in rural village locations. The next largest categories, by numbers of churches, were suburban neighbourhoods (23%) and small towns (18%).

These proportions are similar to the numbers of congregations in the geographical categories, shown in Tables 2 and 3.

Table 2

Geographical Category	Churches with Membership 2007	Proportion (rounded)
City Centre	108	2%
Council Estate	288	5%
Inner City	310	6%
Suburban Neighbourhood	1,205	22%
Small Town	1,025	19%
Rural Village	2,445	45%
Total	5,381	100%

Table 2 counts churches that had membership in 2007 and to which a geographical category has been assigned. (One church is of unknown category.) Statistics for attendance are slightly different because some churches reported attendance without membership and vice versa. Table 3 shows the numbers of churches either with more Methodist members than in 2005 or that were new since 2005. Although growing churches are in similar proportion to numbers of churches overall, the more urban and less numerous categories, city centre (34%) and inner city (31%) recorded higher proportions of growing congregations.

Table 3

Geographical Category	Growing Churches 2005 to 2007	Proportion (rounded) of churches growing	Proportion of churches growing, within category
City Centre	37	3%	34%
Council Estate	76	6%	26%
Inner City	97	8%	31%
Suburban Neighbourhood	288	23%	24%
Small Town	225	18%	22%
Rural Village	541	43%	22%
Total	1,264	100%	23%

There were proportionately more growing churches among the larger size brackets. Churches with Methodist membership in 2007 can be divided into five approximately equal groups on the basis of their numbers of members. Since membership must be reckoned in whole numbers, the groups cannot be precisely equal in size. There were 308 growing churches in the largest fifth (28% of the group), compared with 156 in the smallest fifth (15% of the group). As a result, 72,000 people belonged to churches that increased between 2005 and 2007. That is 27% of the connexional membership.

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16. Local Ecumenical Partnerships

Local Ecumenical Partnerships (LEPs) have fared similarly to wholly Methodist congregations. There were 570 LEPs in 2005, representing 10.0% of congregations with Methodist membership. In 2007, there were noticeably fewer, 508 (9.4%). The overall partnership membership fell by 7%, which is similar to Methodism generally. The Methodist component fell slightly faster, by 13%. There is a possibility that this was only an apparent effect, caused by mis- or under-reporting due to the extra complexity of the statistical form.

In 2007 there were 20,300 Methodists worshipping in ecumenical partnerships, which numbered 37,700 altogether. Methodists therefore made up 54% of the partnerships in which they had a share. Their partners were Church of England (22% of the partnerships), United Reformed (16%), Baptist (2%) and others (6%). Two out of three members belonged since the beginning or defined themselves specifically as belonging to a denomination. The remaining third had joined the whole partnership and were only nominally apportioned to one particular church.

Different patterns emerge according to whether the Methodist church was the larger partner in the LEP. Numbers of Methodists in minority partnerships grew by 2% from 2005 to 2007. The share in minority partnerships grew from 30% to 36%. Where Methodists were the majority, their share and their number both fell. In 2005, 21,400 Methodists constituted 80% of the majority partnerships. By 2007, 17,900 worshippers represented only 73% of the partnerships.

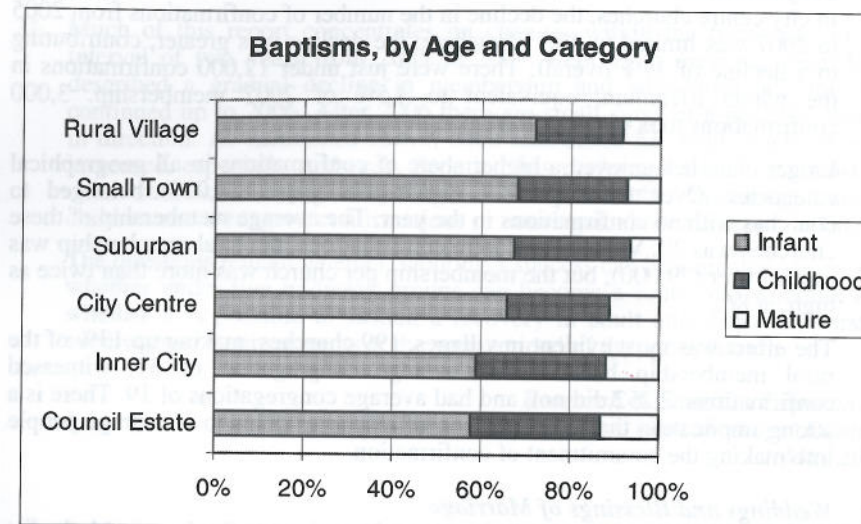
17. Baptisms

Baptisms among people aged 13 and above, termed "mature" in this report, grew in 2007 to almost 900. The majority of baptisms continued to take place in infancy, where once again there was a decline from 2005 to 2007, in this case of 27%. There were 7,300 infant baptisms in 2007 and 490 thanksgivings for the birth of a child. 2,700 older children were baptized in 2007. In three Districts, London, North Lancashire and the Channel Islands, the overall number of baptisms grew, but elsewhere, such as Bristol and Birmingham the decline was as much as 40%.

Over the three years, around 7% of ceremonies for infants were thanksgivings rather than baptisms, but there were differences between districts. Thanksgivings were especially popular in the South East (12%) Southampton (12%) and Northampton (13%). A high rate of thanksgivings in Scotland in 2005 was due to a single church and has not been repeated since.

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Chart 4



During 2007, patterns of baptisms were different between localities, shown in Chart 4. Villages recorded high proportions (72%) of infant baptism, in the children's first year. City centres, suburban areas and small towns recorded lower proportions, but not as low as inner cities (59%) and council estates (58%).

Chart 5

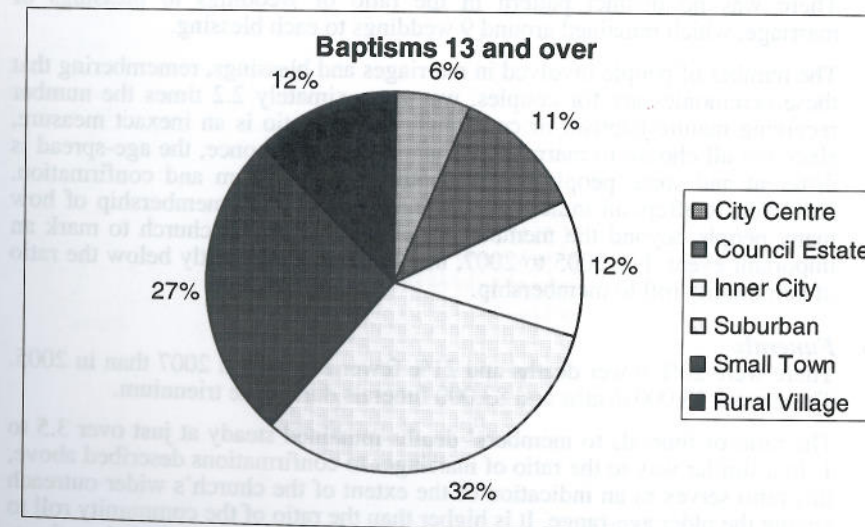


Chart 5 shows that, for baptisms at 13 years or over, the difference between localities was more striking still. Inner cities account for 8% of membership but 12% of mature baptisms. Council estates provide 4% of membership but a substantial 11% of mature baptisms.

18. **Confirmations**

In city centre churches, the decline in the number of confirmations from 2005 to 2007 was limited to 4%. Elsewhere, the decline was greater, contributing to a decline of 37% overall. There were just under 12,000 confirmations in the whole triennium, equivalent to 4.5% of 2007 membership. 3,000 confirmations took place in 2007.

Larger churches enjoyed a higher share of confirmations in all geographical categories. Over two thirds of the membership (184,000) belonged to churches with no confirmations in the year. The average membership of these churches was 39. Where there were confirmations, the total membership was much lower (79,000), but the membership per church was more than twice as high, at 86.

The effect was most evident in villages. 199 churches, making up 13% of the rural membership but with an average congregation of 37, witnessed confirmations. 2,252 did not, and had average congregations of 19. There is a strong implication that concentration of resources helps to encourage people into making the commitment of confirmation.

19. **Weddings and Blessings of Marriage**

Almost 16,000 weddings and blessings of marriage took place in Methodist churches during the triennium, of which 4,200 were in 2007. Numbers in 2006 and 2007 were down on 2005 in all geographical categories. The decline was shallower in small towns and city centres (29% and 17% respectively from 2005 to 2007), but very steep in inner cities (44%) and council estates (51%).

There was no distinct pattern in the ratio of weddings to blessings of marriage, which remained around 9 weddings to each blessing.

The number of people involved in marriages and blessings, remembering that these ceremonies are for couples, was approximately 2.2 times the number receiving mature baptism or confirmation. This ratio is an inexact measure, since not all choose to marry, some marry more than once, the age-spread is different and some people receive both mature baptism and confirmation. However, it offers an indication at the younger end of membership of how many people beyond the membership choose to use the church to mark an important event. For 2005 to 2007, that indication is slightly below the ratio of community roll to membership.

20. **Funerals**

There were 20% fewer deaths and 21% fewer funerals in 2007 than in 2005. There were 23,000 deaths and 83,000 funerals during the triennium.

The ratio of funerals to members' deaths remained steady at just over 3.5 to 1. In a similar way to the ratio of marriages to confirmations described above, this ratio serves as an indication of the extent of the church's wider outreach among the older age-range. It is higher than the ratio of the community roll to membership. In city centre churches and inner cities, the ratio is below three, but in council estates, where membership is typically slightly lower relative to attendance, there were approximately six funerals for every death of a member.

Conclusion

21. Much of this report concentrates on changes within the triennium, in the interval of two years from 2005 to 2007. Reports in previous years have described a gradual decline in membership and attendance and this has continued up to 2006. After 2006 there are small signs of a possible change in direction. As mentioned above, adult attendance has held steady or even increased, especially midweek. Scouting has performed well, but almost all other statistics relating to younger worship, whether attendance among children and teenagers, confirmations or marriages, show a sharper decline.

The questions remain whether Scouting's success can be emulated elsewhere; whether under-five midweek groups can become a route into worship; and whether it is possible to sustain a recovery in adult attendance at worship even without improvements at the younger end of the age spectrum.

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*****RESOLUTION**

- 55/1. The Conference receives the Report.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE DISTRICTS 2004 - 2007

No.	Name	2004	2005	2006	2007	3 Year Change	%
1	Synod Cymru	2370	2232	2183	2107	-263	-11.1 %
2	Wales Synod	10593	10395	9070	9454	-1139	-10.8 %
5	Birmingham	12321	11936	10626	10600	-1721	-14.0 %
6	Bolton and Rochdale	7739	7449	7276	7133	-606	-7.8 %
7	Bristol	11262	10854	10589	10639	-623	-5.5 %
9	Cumbria	4564	4525	4462	4411	-153	-3.4 %
10	Channel Islands	1743	1613	1588	1551	-192	-11.0 %
11	Chester and Stoke-on-Trent	11037	10536	10148	9995	-1042	-9.4 %
12	Cornwall	8157	7871	7678	7543	-614	-7.5 %
13	Darlington	8708	8256	8096	7777	-931	-10.7 %
14	East Anglia	9707	9529	8991	9023	-684	-7.0 %
15	Isle of Man	1385	1311	1258	1225	-160	-11.6 %
16	Leeds	9185	8906	8523	8548	-637	-6.9 %
17	Lincoln and Grimsby	6895	6633	6573	6362	-533	-7.7 %
18	Liverpool	9685	9503	9298	8691	-994	-10.3 %
19	Manchester and Stockport	11259	10667	9975	9712	-1547	-13.7 %
20	Newcastle upon Tyne	10960	10359	10187	9809	-1151	-10.5 %
21	North Lancashire	9187	8733	8603	8433	-754	-8.2 %
22	Nottingham and Derby	11035	10633	10239	10130	-905	-8.2 %
23	Northampton	14314	13721	13498	12841	-1473	-10.3 %
24	Plymouth and Exeter	10827	10438	10091	9923	-904	-8.3 %
25	Sheffield	10326	9883	9700	9304	-1022	-9.9 %
26	Southampton	12667	12113	11868	11725	-942	-7.4 %
27	West Yorkshire	9052	8943	8943	8393	-659	-7.3 %
28	Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury	11907	11457	9766	9874	-2033	-17.1 %
29	York and Hull	11245	10854	10603	10234	-1011	-9.0 %
31	Scotland	4232	4005	3020	2907	-1325	-31.3 %
32	Shetland	315	309	256	252	-63	-20.0 %
34	Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire	11106	10801	10357	10014	-1092	-9.8 %
35	London	21793	22095	22178	21629	-164	-0.8 %
36	South East	14483	13809	13656	13283	-1200	-8.3 %
	Ministers	3584	3582	3603	3509	-75	-2.1 %
	Deacons	228	219	239	226	-2	-0.9 %
TOTAL		293871	284170	273141	267257	-26614	-9.1 %

Methodist Church
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STATISTICS FOR MISSION :

District	Number of Churches	All Age Attendance			Sunday only			Adult Attendance		
		Average	Monthly High	Monthly Low	Average	Monthly High	Monthly Low	Average	Monthly High	Monthly Low
1 - Synod Cymru	13	1,478	1,640	1,404	1,398	1,528	1,321	1,332	1,485	1,266
2 - Wales Synod	26	10,593	11,813	8,955	8,599	9,284	7,774	8,139	8,962	7,341
5 - Birmingham	22	12,213	13,436	10,714	9,877	10,504	8,978	9,441	10,165	8,680
6 - Bolton and Rochdale	10	7,664	8,421	6,443	6,187	6,617	5,605	5,244	5,577	4,766
7 - Bristol	22	13,739	14,930	11,752	11,338	12,072	10,314	10,783	11,405	9,963
9 - Cumbria	15	4,641	5,336	3,904	4,087	4,713	3,576	3,748	4,211	3,383
10 - Channel Islands	2	1,832	2,101	1,680	1,579	1,862	1,433	1,366	1,585	1,238
11 - Chester and Stoke-on-Trent	23	11,630	13,068	10,467	9,433	10,421	8,608	8,778	9,860	7,839
12 - Cornwall	20	8,185	9,026	7,528	7,455	8,211	6,962	6,921	7,644	6,548
13 - Darlington	14	7,982	8,598	7,065	6,833	7,155	6,391	6,421	6,786	5,971
14 - East Anglia	18	10,897	11,780	9,853	9,423	10,297	8,847	9,290	10,102	8,776
15 - Isle of Man	3	1,183	1,314	1,090	1,143	1,209	1,075	961	1,046	878
16 - Leeds	18	9,535	11,119	7,931	7,675	8,720	6,801	7,116	7,734	6,631
17 - Lincoln and Grimsby	16	7,528	8,144	7,146	6,036	6,395	5,818	6,131	6,452	5,892
18 - Liverpool	19	9,119	10,206	8,255	7,362	8,078	6,973	6,997	7,801	6,617
19 - Manchester and Stockport	20	10,506	11,286	9,590	8,903	9,363	8,414	8,431	7,675	7,255
20 - Newcastle upon Tyne	16	11,524	12,413	10,001	9,389	10,010	8,575	9,070	9,552	8,316
21 - North Lancashire	16	8,561	9,353	7,452	7,109	7,500	6,627	6,587	6,910	6,088
22 - Nottingham and Derby	24	12,737	13,825	11,210	10,325	11,018	9,411	9,599	10,154	8,932
23 - Northampton	24	16,181	17,405	14,408	13,468	14,303	12,519	12,296	12,911	11,547
24 - Plymouth and Exeter	23	12,094	12,998	11,154	10,521	11,147	10,153	10,010	10,794	9,526
25 - Sheffield	17	12,513	13,540	10,929	9,962	10,519	9,300	9,549	10,027	8,936
26 - Southampton	24	14,183	15,037	12,717	11,646	12,092	10,966	10,992	11,322	10,275
27 - West Yorkshire	19	8,854	9,471	7,638	7,398	8,029	6,444	6,923	7,402	6,148
28 - Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury	22	13,011	14,072	11,094	10,641	11,269	9,504	9,893	10,484	8,939
29 - York and Hull	24	12,153	13,135	10,292	9,553	10,178	8,709	9,392	10,018	8,492
31 - Scotland	8	2,840	2,938	2,642	2,431	2,465	2,363	2,276	2,330	2,254
32 - Shetland	1	335	389	223	287	334	195	245	284	187
34 - Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire	18	12,809	14,147	10,895	10,299	11,122	9,542	9,498	10,180	8,775
35 - London	44	21,628	23,449	20,010	19,211	20,817	18,098	16,430	17,534	15,914
36 - South East	29	16,794	17,588	14,781	13,730	14,281	13,011	12,660	12,931	12,108
Connexional TOTAL (000s)		305	332	269	253	272	234	236	252	216
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District	Child Attendance			Sunday only			Young People Attendance			Sunday only		
	Average	Monthly High	Monthly Low	Average	Monthly High	Monthly Low	Average	Monthly High	Monthly Low	Average	Monthly High	Monthly Low
1 - Synod Cymru	133	144	123	117	131	110	13	14	11	13	14	11
2 - Wales Synod	1,970	2,354	1,282	959	1,109	834	484	635	332	265	392	198
5 - Birmingham	2,081	2,481	1,554	1,006	1,153	787	691	834	480	334	436	264
6 - Bolton and Rochdale	1,895	2,226	1,294	951	1,104	778	525	618	383	287	322	247
7 - Bristol	2,556	2,873	1,409	1,249	1,456	906	700	915	380	365	464	267
9 - Cumbria	699	879	416	403	567	267	194	246	105	115	143	84
10 - Channel Islands	355	386	324	216	251	179	112	130	98	47	65	36
11 - Chester and Stoke-on-Trent	2,159	2,489	1,740	1,173	1,281	1,005	693	753	627	330	366	297
12 - Cornwall	995	1,135	766	688	802	574	270	354	214	161	178	152
13 - Darlington	1,286	1,509	923	704	767	619	275	325	171	170	198	129
14 - East Anglia	1,289	1,598	847	722	769	612	318	363	230	185	195	167
15 - Isle of Man	188	235	153	188	235	153	34	43	27	34	43	27
16 - Leeds	1,936	2,804	1,020	962	1,506	590	484	581	280	210	282	135
17 - Lincoln and Grimsby	1,039	1,338	644	509	574	388	359	376	334	197	213	174
18 - Liverpool	1,627	1,842	1,209	876	991	682	495	568	344	232	272	181
19 - Manchester and Stockport	2,024	2,331	1,521	1,077	1,316	882	467	535	394	299	352	229
20 - Newcastle upon Tyne	1,956	2,320	1,313	953	1,099	831	499	589	372	254	300	214
21 - North Lancashire	1,549	1,940	1,066	910	1,019	750	426	503	298	249	286	218
22 - Nottingham and Derby	2,342	2,835	1,629	1,193	1,432	924	797	916	649	376	434	308
23 - Northampton	3,087	3,593	2,191	1,554	1,830	1,259	799	901	670	453	515	394
24 - Plymouth and Exeter	1,571	1,723	1,200	974	1,044	871	513	563	428	310	337	281
25 - Sheffield	2,335	2,792	1,550	1,171	1,402	958	629	721	443	328	363	260
26 - Southampton	2,379	2,809	1,795	1,316	1,473	1,180	812	906	647	416	489	326
27 - West Yorkshire	1,543	1,757	1,111	813	1,002	548	388	421	360	233	277	186
28 - Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury	2,358	2,696	1,673	1,293	1,462	1,045	761	892	482	431	468	350
29 - York and Hull	2,282	2,595	1,404	1,059	1,196	839	479	522	396	296	320	248
31 - Scotland	478	575	319	254	297	196	86	103	63	40	55	20
32 - Shetland	69	112	28	45	57	28	21	33	8	16	22	8
34 - Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire	2,685	3,283	1,668	1,393	1,594	1,083	627	716	452	290	316	256
35 - London	3,656	4,119	2,841	2,493	2,854	2,014	1,543	1,796	1,255	1,163	1,375	991
36 - South East	3,294	3,808	2,055	1,585	1,815	1,295	780	849	618	425	446	379
Connexional TOTAL (000s)	54	64	37	29	34	23	15	18	12	9	10	7

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District	Number of Circuits	Number of Churches	All Age Attendance			Sunday only			Whole Week			Adult Attendance		
			Average	Monthly High	Monthly Low	Average	Monthly High	Monthly Low	Average	Monthly High	Monthly Low	Average	Monthly High	Monthly Low
1 - Synod Cymru	13	147	973	1,083	841	932	1,012	831	885	989	790	850	922	780
2 - Wales Synod	26	256	8,311	9,098	7,735	6,545	6,972	6,250	6,227	6,742	5,919	5,608	5,926	5,330
5 - Birmingham	22	222	10,754	11,811	9,363	8,592	9,388	7,819	8,542	9,066	7,871	7,467	7,887	6,942
6 - Bolton and Rochdale	10	116	6,707	7,197	6,192	5,559	6,004	5,248	4,814	5,035	4,699	4,530	4,823	4,379
7 - Bristol	22	281	11,172	12,380	9,855	9,275	9,791	8,625	8,920	9,493	8,203	8,132	8,469	7,724
9 - Cumbria	15	154	4,012	4,332	3,619	3,571	3,723	3,367	3,333	3,493	3,143	3,149	3,249	2,982
10 - Channel Islands	2	32	1,879	1,960	1,673	1,444	1,527	1,271	1,355	1,525	1,214	1,204	1,296	1,064
11 - Chester and Stoke-on-Trent	23	242	10,265	11,869	9,454	8,726	9,963	8,159	8,101	9,268	7,565	7,529	8,560	7,038
12 - Cornwall	20	283	8,191	8,674	7,280	7,273	7,646	6,579	6,788	7,074	6,126	6,418	6,795	5,840
13 - Darlington	14	225	6,674	7,336	5,986	5,592	5,970	5,303	5,467	5,822	5,176	4,952	5,167	4,746
14 - East Anglia	18	320	10,120	11,035	9,688	8,790	9,369	8,434	8,652	9,214	8,373	7,932	8,272	7,626
15 - Isle of Man	3	38	1,186	1,364	1,104	1,132	1,172	1,104	958	1,074	899	925	954	899
16 - Leeds	18	156	7,942	9,329	6,632	6,697	7,541	6,051	6,190	6,718	5,690	5,847	6,269	5,385
17 - Lincoln and Grimsby	16	253	5,178	5,509	4,784	4,411	4,643	4,138	4,487	4,713	4,160	4,069	4,243	3,816
18 - Liverpool	19	139	8,597	9,380	7,665	6,604	7,156	6,089	6,259	6,574	5,913	5,535	5,815	5,252
19 - Manchester and Stockport	20	184	9,332	10,207	8,501	7,996	8,650	7,464	7,211	7,558	6,836	6,791	7,074	6,493
20 - Newcastle upon Tyne	16	211	10,731	11,270	9,968	8,674	8,893	8,176	8,586	8,909	8,095	7,669	7,820	7,255
21 - North Lancashire	16	147	7,851	9,085	7,350	6,488	7,221	6,108	6,200	6,868	5,808	5,472	5,988	5,156
22 - Nottingham and Derby	24	284	11,315	12,282	9,970	9,444	9,971	8,762	8,779	9,123	8,259	8,037	8,346	7,591
23 - Northampton	24	330	14,094	15,319	12,202	11,730	12,533	10,745	11,034	11,723	10,248	10,024	10,576	9,379
24 - Plymouth and Exeter	23	285	10,030	10,628	9,489	8,502	8,872	8,230	8,078	8,461	7,761	7,480	7,779	7,220
25 - Sheffield	17	270	12,008	12,991	10,833	9,370	10,061	8,492	9,208	9,725	8,660	8,021	8,516	7,277
26 - Southampton	24	265	12,787	13,446	11,902	10,973	11,314	10,395	10,323	10,787	9,853	9,414	9,793	9,030
27 - West Yorkshire	19	181	8,563	9,108	8,077	7,239	7,555	6,927	6,860	7,175	6,517	6,344	6,612	6,162
28 - Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury	22	266	10,097	11,366	8,898	8,417	9,259	7,585	8,190	8,759	7,559	7,294	7,803	6,688
29 - York and Hull	24	293	10,940	12,311	9,884	8,954	9,853	8,264	8,731	9,300	8,099	7,883	8,466	7,395
31 - Scotland	8	54	2,221	2,298	2,076	1,934	2,021	1,822	1,886	1,947	1,804	1,744	1,772	1,667
32 - Shetland	1	20	339	433	281	295	357	231	275	339	238	233	274	188
34 - Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire	18	228	12,162	13,425	10,812	9,978	10,599	9,331	9,401	9,721	8,987	8,464	8,692	8,172
35 - London	44	270	19,077	20,857	17,743	16,779	18,128	15,926	14,841	15,927	14,119	13,789	14,541	13,289
36 - South East	29	251	15,289	16,317	13,459	12,448	13,053	11,802	11,712	12,140	10,961	10,710	11,012	10,255
Connexional TOTAL (000s)			269	294	243	224	240	210	212	226	200	194	204	183

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District	Child Attendance				Sunday only				Young People Attendance			
	Whole Week		Sunday only		Average		Monthly		Average		Monthly	
	Average	Monthly High	Monthly Low	Monthly High	Monthly Low	Monthly High	Monthly Low	Monthly High	Monthly Low	Monthly High	Monthly Low	Monthly High
1 - Synod Cymru	82	107	44	76	104	44	76	104	44	76	104	44
2 - Wales Synod	1,663	1,897	1,246	745	848	648	848	648	848	648	848	648
5 - Birmingham	1,572	1,920	1,014	738	1,017	738	1,017	738	1,017	738	1,017	738
6 - Bolton and Rochdale	1,486	1,674	1,165	820	925	686	407	488	328	209	256	183
7 - Bristol	1,802	2,340	1,290	877	1,051	687	450	557	334	266	330	201
9 - Cumbria	505	629	369	335	373	288	174	232	107	88	107	72
10 - Channel Islands	439	527	338	197	234	168	85	97	64	43	51	36
11 - Chester and Stoke-on-Trent	1,673	2,039	1,398	954	1,125	855	491	562	402	244	278	202
12 - Cornwall	1,134	1,428	922	696	742	597	269	311	232	159	188	141
13 - Darlington	1,029	1,287	694	525	661	462	178	227	116	115	142	95
14 - East Anglia	1,150	1,429	1,044	652	850	577	318	392	271	207	247	162
15 - Isle of Man	202	256	177	182	184	177	26	34	15	25	34	15
16 - Leeds	1,406	2,062	754	636	922	515	346	549	188	214	350	144
17 - Lincoln and Grimsby	560	641	491	290	342	222	132	155	120	53	60	41
18 - Liverpool	1,780	2,134	1,350	822	1,053	650	558	672	402	248	288	187
19 - Manchester and Stockport	1,650	2,044	1,303	930	1,196	770	472	605	362	276	380	201
20 - Newcastle upon Tyne	1,711	1,947	1,478	803	884	726	434	457	395	202	224	186
21 - North Lancashire	1,356	1,805	1,071	810	972	740	295	412	212	206	261	179
22 - Nottingham and Derby	1,892	2,417	1,294	1,028	1,197	864	644	785	417	379	445	307
23 - Northampton	2,398	2,974	1,501	1,354	1,516	1,099	663	820	453	352	441	267
24 - Plymouth and Exeter	1,389	1,574	1,195	778	848	728	564	646	482	244	285	206
25 - Sheffield	2,219	2,631	1,628	1,033	1,225	872	581	635	534	316	343	278
26 - Southampton	1,754	1,969	1,416	1,118	1,241	982	710	783	633	442	490	403
27 - West Yorkshire	1,352	1,678	1,136	712	848	591	371	423	322	184	219	165
28 - Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury	1,596	1,999	1,172	878	1,110	730	311	608	167	245	346	167
29 - York and Hull	1,758	2,221	1,391	829	1,064	678	451	560	393	242	323	191
30 - Scotland	291	354	239	145	195	118	45	54	33	45	54	33
31 - South East	52	76	34	49	65	34	13	18	8	13	18	8
32 - Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire	2,147	2,748	1,475	1,162	1,403	949	613	956	350	351	504	210
33 - London	2,937	3,338	2,525	2,108	2,478	1,877	1,300	1,611	1,099	882	1,109	742
34 - South East	2,886	3,425	1,940	1,329	1,555	1,117	892	828	558	410	486	341
Connexional TOTAL (000s)	44	54	33	24	28	20	13	16	10	7	9	6

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		Monthly Low	Monthly High	Monthly Low	Monthly High	Monthly Low	Monthly High	Monthly Low	Monthly High	Monthly Low	Monthly High	Monthly Low	Monthly High	Monthly Low	Monthly High	Monthly Low	Monthly High
1 - Synod Cymru	13	1,341	1,962	1,034	1,328	1,960	1,034	1,328	1,960	1,034	1,328	1,960	1,034	1,288	1,888	1,005	1,275
2 - Wales Synod	26	9,322	9,891	8,675	7,950	8,229	7,524	7,950	8,229	7,524	7,950	8,229	7,524	7,691	7,930	7,428	7,000
5 - Birmingham	22	10,331	11,342	9,620	8,624	9,071	8,239	8,624	9,071	8,239	8,624	9,071	8,239	8,733	9,291	8,349	7,865
6 - Bolton and Rochdale	10	6,760	7,223	6,121	5,648	6,082	5,229	5,648	6,082	5,229	5,648	6,082	5,229	4,966	5,198	4,671	4,564
7 - Bristol	22	11,298	12,459	10,532	9,813	10,393	9,363	9,813	10,393	9,363	9,813	10,393	9,363	10,149	10,946	8,739	8,406
9 - Cumbria	15	4,232	4,609	3,725	3,798	4,117	3,375	3,798	4,117	3,375	3,798	4,117	3,375	3,659	3,922	3,347	3,400
10 - Channel Islands	2	1,748	1,942	1,630	1,395	1,536	1,323	1,395	1,536	1,323	1,395	1,536	1,323	1,364	1,413	1,281	1,178
11 - Chester and Stoke-on-Trent	23	10,478	11,923	9,231	8,630	9,445	7,824	8,630	9,445	7,824	8,630	9,445	7,824	9,799	7,819	7,521	6,817
12 - Cornwall	20	7,982	8,483	7,508	7,283	7,689	6,934	7,283	7,689	6,934	7,283	7,689	6,934	7,300	6,535	6,481	6,169
13 - Darlington	14	7,234	7,847	6,639	5,886	6,103	5,536	5,886	6,103	5,536	5,886	6,103	5,536	6,043	5,575	5,259	5,003
14 - East Anglia	18	9,646	10,488	8,937	8,314	8,703	8,023	8,314	8,703	8,023	8,314	8,703	8,023	8,449	9,033	8,085	7,797
15 - Isle of Man	3	1,031	1,244	876	1,007	1,174	868	848	1,048	712	833	990	712	833	990	712	833
16 - Leeds	18	8,687	9,672	7,476	7,285	7,761	6,492	7,285	7,761	6,492	7,285	7,761	6,492	6,739	7,215	6,101	5,777
17 - Lincoln and Grimsby	16	6,567	7,228	6,031	5,430	5,778	5,110	5,430	5,778	5,110	5,430	5,778	5,110	5,861	6,339	5,485	5,003
18 - Liverpool	19	8,093	8,675	7,427	6,622	7,061	6,200	6,622	7,061	6,200	6,622	7,061	6,200	6,346	6,642	6,081	5,510
19 - Manchester and Stockport	20	8,911	9,514	8,043	7,793	8,405	7,160	7,793	8,405	7,160	7,793	8,405	7,160	7,309	7,581	6,822	6,692
20 - Newcastle upon Tyne	16	9,698	10,157	9,151	8,233	8,564	7,705	8,233	8,564	7,705	8,233	8,564	7,705	8,090	8,305	7,719	7,311
21 - North Lancashire	16	7,371	8,167	6,768	6,439	7,107	6,023	6,439	7,107	6,023	6,439	7,107	6,023	6,057	6,675	5,673	5,508
22 - Nottingham and Derby	24	10,896	12,082	9,859	9,299	10,108	8,660	9,299	10,108	8,660	9,299	10,108	8,660	9,973	9,773	8,421	8,096
23 - Northampton	24	12,883	14,155	11,695	10,497	11,341	10,090	10,497	11,341	10,090	10,497	11,341	10,090	10,401	10,975	9,938	9,261
24 - Plymouth and Exeter	24	11,213	11,920	10,555	9,757	10,032	9,032	9,757	10,032	9,032	9,757	10,032	9,032	9,289	9,680	8,873	8,478
25 - Sheffield	17	10,565	11,346	9,729	8,571	9,011	7,986	8,571	9,011	7,986	8,571	9,011	7,986	8,499	8,937	7,976	7,483
26 - Southampton	24	11,757	12,571	10,774	10,060	10,719	9,255	9,255	9,255	9,255	9,255	9,255	9,255	9,686	10,222	9,003	8,743
27 - West Yorkshire	19	7,641	8,491	6,812	6,566	7,341	6,012	6,566	7,341	6,012	6,566	7,341	6,012	6,376	6,929	5,786	5,751
28 - Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury	22	10,429	11,700	9,893	8,642	9,614	7,988	8,642	9,614	7,988	8,642	9,614	7,988	8,698	9,651	8,025	7,606
29 - York and Hull	24	9,036	10,201	7,883	7,283	7,876	6,699	7,283	7,876	6,699	7,283	7,876	6,699	7,308	8,052	6,542	6,366
30 - Scotland	8	2,358	3,327	1,899	2,087	2,950	1,744	2,087	2,950	1,744	2,087	2,950	1,744	2,031	2,178	1,728	1,882
31 - Shetland	1	347	506	250	294	403	220	276	389	195	246	338	175	246	338	195	246
32 - Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire	18	12,126	13,388	10,556	9,820	10,416	8,881	9,820	10,416	8,881	9,820	10,416	8,881	9,677	10,312	8,819	8,307
33 - London	44	18,006	20,276	17,315	16,559	17,929	15,471	16,559	17,929	15,471	16,559	17,929	15,471	14,724	15,784	13,953	13,683
34 - South East	29	13,828	14,926	12,872	11,723	12,599	11,108	11,723	12,599	11,108	11,723	12,599	11,108	11,065	11,671	10,607	10,106
Connexional TOTAL (000s)		262	288	239	223	240	207	215	231	202	194	206	183				

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Connexional total number of circuits = 570
Connexional total number of churches = 5656

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STATISTICS FOR MISSION :

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Attendance Statistics Summary October 2007

District	Child Attendance				Young People Attendance			
	Whole Week		Sunday only		Whole Week		Sunday only	
	Average	Monthly High	Monthly Low	Average	Monthly High	Monthly Low	Average	Monthly Low
1 - Synod Cymru	45	66	20	45	66	20	8	5
2 - Wales Synod	1,325	1,449	765	839	645	306	379	185
5 - Birmingham	1,161	1,593	791	739	855	593	437	398
6 - Bolton and Rochdale	1,446	1,654	1,144	786	951	681	349	320
7 - Bristol	1,328	1,819	1,051	797	913	648	371	306
9 - Cumbria	446	544	286	320	383	224	128	197
10 - Channel Islands	307	371	160	195	137	78	180	92
11 - Chester and Stoke-on-Trent	1,300	1,597	1,028	806	944	677	439	384
12 - Cornwall	920	985	791	632	721	562	252	303
13 - Darlington	1,131	1,477	900	493	552	426	267	150
14 - East Anglia	936	1,179	634	597	710	480	302	169
15 - Isle of Man	156	169	139	148	158	131	27	107
16 - Leeds	1,567	2,037	1,064	823	1,015	570	382	223
17 - Lincoln and Grimsby	607	791	389	345	401	267	99	25
18 - Liverpool	1,275	1,552	954	763	944	542	472	179
19 - Manchester and Stockport	1,233	1,449	947	833	1,001	670	370	215
20 - Newcastle upon Tyne	1,251	1,449	1,098	706	863	629	357	82
21 - North Lancashire	1,076	1,216	909	741	830	663	329	349
22 - Nottingham and Derby	1,534	1,873	1,135	940	1,099	746	389	274
23 - Northampton	2,026	2,634	1,382	1,185	1,414	911	456	216
24 - Plymouth and Exeter	1,324	1,545	1,126	777	861	684	600	186
25 - Sheffield	1,699	1,977	1,423	862	998	658	387	303
26 - Southampton	1,540	1,794	1,302	969	1,125	787	532	499
27 - West Yorkshire	1,024	1,290	702	644	833	509	242	330
28 - Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury	1,357	1,655	1,040	798	979	691	375	433
29 - York and Hull	1,362	1,773	1,011	712	925	520	365	191
31 - Scotland	262	425	129	165	289	98	65	226
32 - Shetland	58	101	30	38	53	30	12	251
34 - Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire	1,810	2,204	1,349	1,192	1,436	952	640	388
35 - London	2,737	3,156	2,294	2,040	2,314	1,734	1,145	321
36 - South East	2,154	2,514	1,722	1,232	1,377	1,031	610	1,006
Connexional TOTAL (000s)	36	44	28	22	26	18	11	9

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Connexional total number of circuits = 570

Connexional total number of churches 5656

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Connexional Totals 2007

Methodist Church

STATISTICS FOR MISSION : Attendance at Worship Statistics Change between 2005 and 2007

District	Change in Number of Circuits	All Age Attendance				Sunday only				Adult Attendance			
		Whole Week		Sunday only		Whole Week		Sunday only		Whole Week		Sunday only	
		Average	Monthly High	Monthly Low	Average	Monthly High	Monthly Low	Average	Monthly Low	Average	Monthly High	Average	Monthly Low
1 - Synod Cymru	0	-37	-9%	20%	-26%	-5%	28%	-22%	0%	-3%	27%	-20%	0%
2 - Wales Synod	0	-32	-12%	-18%	-3%	-8%	-11%	-8%	-1%	-6%	-12%	-5%	-10%
5 - Birmingham	0	-28	-15%	-16%	-10%	-13%	-14%	-8%	-7%	-9%	-7%	-11%	-13%
6 - Bolton and Rochdale	0	-7	-12%	-14%	-5%	-9%	-8%	-9%	-5%	-7%	-2%	-6%	-5%
7 - Bristol	0	-37	-18%	-17%	-10%	-13%	-14%	-9%	-12%	-11%	-9%	-10%	-8%
9 - Cumbria	0	-23	-9%	-14%	-5%	-7%	-13%	-6%	-2%	-11%	-1%	-5%	-9%
10 - Channel Islands	0	-2	-5%	-8%	-3%	-12%	-18%	-8%	0%	-11%	3%	-11%	-5%
11 - Chester and Stoke-on-Trent	0	-25	-10%	-9%	-12%	-9%	-9%	-9%	0%	-1%	0%	-5%	-5%
12 - Cornwall	0	-35	-2%	-6%	0%	-2%	-6%	-6%	-1%	-5%	0%	-2%	-1%
13 - Darlington	0	-44	-9%	-9%	-6%	-14%	-15%	-13%	-9%	-11%	-7%	-12%	-11%
14 - East Anglia	0	-36	-11%	-11%	-9%	-12%	-15%	-9%	-9%	-11%	-7%	-12%	-9%
15 - Isle of Man	0	-2	-13%	-5%	-20%	-12%	-10%	-19%	-12%	-11%	-7%	-10%	-9%
16 - Leeds	0	-15	-9%	-13%	-6%	-5%	-11%	-5%	-5%	-7%	-3%	-6%	-5%
17 - Lincoln and Grimsby	0	-53	-13%	-11%	-16%	-10%	-10%	-12%	-4%	-2%	-7%	-6%	-7%
18 - Liverpool	0	-12	-11%	-15%	-10%	-10%	-13%	-11%	-9%	-15%	-8%	-12%	-15%
19 - Manchester and Stockport	0	-23	-15%	-16%	-16%	-12%	-10%	-15%	-9%	-10%	-11%	-11%	-14%
20 - Newcastle upon Tyne	0	-19	-16%	-13%	-8%	-12%	-14%	-10%	-14%	-11%	-13%	-12%	-8%
21 - North Lancashire	0	-19	-14%	-13%	-9%	-9%	-8%	-8%	-3%	-7%	-3%	-7%	-3%
22 - Nottingham and Derby	0	-26	-14%	-19%	-12%	-10%	-8%	-8%	-7%	-4%	-4%	-8%	-6%
23 - Northampton	0	-36	-20%	-19%	-20%	-21%	-19%	-21%	-15%	-15%	-14%	-19%	-20%
24 - Plymouth and Exeter	0	-25	-7%	-8%	-5%	-10%	-12%	-10%	-7%	-10%	-7%	-8%	-9%
25 - Sheffield	0	-26	-15%	-16%	-11%	-14%	-14%	-14%	-11%	-11%	-11%	-12%	-11%
26 - Southampton	0	-34	-17%	-16%	-15%	-14%	-11%	-16%	-7%	-8%	-6%	-9%	-8%
27 - West Yorkshire	0	-16	-14%	-10%	-11%	-11%	-9%	-9%	-6%	-6%	-6%	-10%	-13%
28 - Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury	0	-26	-20%	-17%	-14%	-13%	-13%	-16%	-12%	-8%	-10%	-15%	-10%
29 - York and Hull	0	-31	-26%	-22%	-23%	-24%	-23%	-23%	-22%	-22%	-20%	-23%	-21%
31 - Scotland	0	-2	-17%	-13%	-28%	-14%	20%	-26%	-11%	-21%	-23%	-12%	-23%
32 - Shetland	0	-14%	30%	-5%	12%	2%	21%	13%	37%	4%	29%	10%	7%
34 - Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire	0	-26	-5%	-3%	-3%	-5%	-6%	-7%	2%	1%	4%	-4%	-7%
35 - London	0	-19	-14%	-14%	-13%	-14%	-14%	-15%	-10%	-10%	-12%	-12%	-14%
36 - South East	0	-24	-17%	-15%	-13%	-15%	-12%	-15%	-13%	-10%	-12%	-14%	-14%
Connexional TOTAL	0	-746	-14%	-13%	-11%	-12%	-12%	-12%	-9%	-8%	-10%	-10%	-10%

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Attendance 2005/06/07

Change 2005 to 2007

Methodist Church

STATISTICS FOR MISSION : Attendance Statistics Change between 2005 and 2007

District	Child Attendance				Young People Attendance			
	Whole Week		Sunday only		Whole Week		Sunday only	
	Average	Monthly High	Average	Monthly Low	Average	Monthly High	Average	Monthly Low
1 - Synod Cymru	-66%	-54%	-61%	-50%	-38%	-55%	-38%	-55%
2 - Wales Synod	-33%	-38%	-20%	-24%	-37%	-40%	-34%	-39%
5 - Birmingham	-44%	-36%	-49%	-27%	-26%	-25%	-17%	-2%
6 - Bolton and Rochdale	-24%	-26%	-12%	-17%	-14%	-12%	-34%	-32%
7 - Bristol	-41%	-37%	-25%	-36%	-37%	-28%	-24%	-30%
9 - Cumbria	-36%	-38%	-31%	-32%	-16%	-34%	-27%	-32%
10 - Channel Islands	-13%	-4%	-16%	-26%	-33%	-23%	-53%	-19%
11 - Chester and Stoke-on-Trent	-40%	-36%	-41%	-31%	-26%	-33%	-30%	-8%
12 - Cornwall	-8%	-13%	3%	-5%	-10%	-2%	-15%	-7%
13 - Darlington	-12%	-2%	-2%	-30%	-28%	-31%	-4%	-22%
14 - East Anglia	-27%	-26%	-25%	-17%	-8%	-22%	-18%	6%
15 - Isle of Man	-17%	-28%	-9%	-22%	-14%	-21%	-35%	-7%
16 - Leeds	-19%	-27%	4%	-15%	-33%	-3%	-20%	11%
17 - Lincoln and Grimsby	-42%	-41%	-40%	-32%	-30%	-31%	-73%	-80%
18 - Liverpool	-22%	-16%	-21%	-13%	-5%	-21%	-5%	51%
19 - Manchester and Stockport	-39%	-38%	-38%	-23%	-24%	-21%	-9%	-30%
20 - Newcastle upon Tyne	-38%	-38%	-16%	-26%	-21%	-24%	-28%	-18%
21 - North Lancashire	-31%	-37%	-15%	-19%	-9%	-44%	-38%	-24%
22 - Nottingham and Derby	-35%	-34%	-30%	-21%	-23%	-19%	-51%	-53%
23 - Northampton	-34%	-27%	-37%	-24%	-23%	-43%	-39%	-30%
24 - Plymouth and Exeter	-16%	-10%	-6%	-20%	-18%	23%	17%	-14%
25 - Sheffield	-27%	-29%	-8%	-26%	-29%	-31%	-40%	-26%
26 - Southampton	-35%	-36%	-27%	-26%	-24%	-33%	-32%	-33%
27 - West Yorkshire	-34%	-27%	-37%	-21%	-17%	-38%	-31%	-16%
28 - Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury	-42%	-39%	-38%	-33%	-33%	-51%	-49%	-43%
29 - York and Hull	-40%	-32%	-28%	-33%	-23%	-38%	-24%	-15%
31 - Scotland	-45%	-26%	-60%	-35%	-3%	-50%	-24%	-11%
32 - Shetland	-16%	-10%	7%	-17%	-7%	7%	-40%	-52%
34 - Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire	-33%	-33%	-19%	-14%	-10%	-12%	2%	22%
35 - London	-25%	-23%	-19%	-18%	-14%	-26%	-26%	-20%
36 - South East	-35%	-34%	-16%	-22%	-24%	-22%	-13%	-20%
Connexional TOTAL	-32%	-30%	-24%	-23%	-22%	-30%	-28%	-26%

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STATISTICS FOR MISSION : Connexional Attendance at Worship Statistics Change between 2006 and 2007

District	Change in Number of Circuits	All Age Attendance				Sunday only				Adult Attendance			
		Whole Week		Sunday only		Whole Week		Sunday only		Whole Week		Sunday only	
		Average	Monthly High	Average	Monthly Low	Average	Monthly High	Average	Monthly Low	Average	Monthly High	Average	Monthly Low
1 - Synod Cymru	0	-37.38%	80%	23%	42%	94%	24%	45%	91%	27%	50%	105%	29%
2 - Wales Synod	0	-32.12%	7%	12%	21%	18%	20%	24%	18%	25%	25%	22%	26%
5 - Birmingham	0	-28%	-4%	-4%	0%	-3%	5%	2%	2%	6%	1%	0%	6%
6 - Bolton and Rochdale	0	-37.1%	0%	-1%	2%	1%	0%	3%	3%	-1%	3%	2%	0%
7 - Bristol	0	-37.1%	1%	7%	6%	9%	7%	7%	7%	10%	7%	8%	9%
9 - Cumbria	0	-23.5%	6%	3%	6%	11%	0%	10%	12%	6%	8%	13%	4%
10 - Channel Islands	0	-2%	-7%	-1%	-3%	1%	4%	1%	7%	6%	-2%	-5%	6%
11 - Chester and Stoke-on-Trent	0	-25.2%	0%	-2%	-1%	-5%	-4%	8%	6%	3%	0%	-5%	-3%
12 - Cornwall	0	-35%	-3%	-2%	0%	1%	5%	1%	3%	7%	1%	1%	6%
13 - Darlington	0	-44.8%	7%	11%	5%	2%	4%	7%	4%	8%	6%	5%	5%
14 - East Anglia	0	-36%	-5%	-5%	-8%	-5%	-7%	-5%	-2%	-3%	-5%	-6%	-3%
15 - Isle of Man	0	-2%	-13%	-4%	-9%	-1%	0%	-11%	-2%	-2%	-10%	4%	-21%
16 - Leeds	0	-15.9%	4%	13%	9%	3%	7%	9%	7%	7%	7%	5%	7%
17 - Lincoln and Grimsby	0	-53.27%	31%	26%	23%	24%	23%	31%	35%	32%	23%	25%	24%
18 - Liverpool	0	-12%	-6%	-8%	-3%	0%	-1%	2%	1%	3%	0%	0%	0%
19 - Manchester and Stockport	0	-23%	-5%	-7%	-5%	-3%	-4%	1%	0%	0%	-1%	-1%	-3%
20 - Newcastle upon Tyne	0	-24%	-10%	-10%	-8%	-5%	-4%	-6%	-7%	-5%	-5%	-3%	-5%
21 - North Lancashire	0	-19%	-6%	-10%	-8%	-1%	-2%	-1%	-2%	-3%	-2%	1%	1%
22 - Nottingham and Derby	0	-26%	-4%	-2%	-1%	-2%	1%	-1%	2%	7%	2%	1%	5%
23 - Northampton	0	-36%	-9%	-8%	-4%	-8%	-10%	-6%	-6%	-3%	-3%	-8%	-9%
24 - Plymouth and Exeter	0	-25.12%	12%	11%	12%	13%	9%	15%	14%	14%	13%	14%	12%
25 - Sheffield	0	-26%	-12%	-13%	-10%	-9%	-10%	-6%	-8%	-8%	-7%	-8%	-2%
26 - Southampton	0	-34%	-8%	-7%	-9%	-8%	-5%	-11%	-6%	-5%	-9%	-5%	-10%
27 - West Yorkshire	0	-16%	-11%	-7%	-16%	-9%	-3%	-13%	-7%	-3%	-13%	-9%	-13%
28 - Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury	0	-26.3%	3%	7%	3%	4%	5%	6%	10%	6%	4%	8%	6%
29 - York and Hull	0	-32%	-17%	-17%	-20%	-19%	-20%	-16%	-16%	-19%	-19%	-20%	-19%
31 - Scotland	0	-2.6%	45%	-9%	8%	46%	-4%	8%	44%	-4%	8%	47%	-3%
32 - Shetland	0	-1.2%	17%	0%	0%	13%	-5%	1%	15%	-18%	5%	23%	-7%
34 - Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire	0	-26%	0%	0%	-2%	-2%	-2%	-5%	3%	6%	-2%	-2%	-1%
35 - London	0	-19%	-2%	-3%	-2%	-1%	-1%	-3%	-1%	-1%	-1%	-1%	-3%
36 - South East	0	-24%	-10%	-9%	-4%	-5%	-3%	-6%	-6%	-4%	-3%	-6%	-5%
Connexional TOTAL	0	-747	-2%	-2%	-1%	-1%	0%	-1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%

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STATISTICS FOR MISSION : Attendance Statistics Change between 2006 and 2007

District	Child Attendance					Young People Attendance				
	Whole Week			Sunday only		Whole Week			Sunday only	
	Average	Monthly High	Monthly Low	Average	Monthly High	Average	Monthly High	Monthly Low	Average	Monthly High
1 - Synod Cymru	-45%	-38%	-55%	-40%	-37%	19%	55%	19%	19%	29%
2 - Wales Synod	-20%	-24%	-17%	3%	-1%	0%	0%	-35%	-4%	15%
5 - Birmingham	-26%	-17%	-22%	-12%	-23%	-10%	-10%	-40%	-17%	12%
6 - Bolton and Rochdale	-3%	-1%	-2%	-4%	3%	-1%	-1%	-24%	-7%	-6%
7 - Bristol	-26%	-22%	-19%	-9%	-13%	-6%	-6%	-12%	19%	4%
9 - Cumbria	-12%	-14%	-22%	-5%	3%	-22%	-22%	-14%	-12%	2%
10 - Channel Islands	-30%	-30%	-20%	-19%	-17%	-18%	-9%	63%	-28%	35%
11 - Chester and Stoke-on-Trent	-22%	-22%	-26%	-15%	-16%	-21%	-21%	-6%	-4%	24%
12 - Cornwall	-19%	-31%	-14%	-6%	-3%	-6%	-6%	-15%	-22%	-6%
13 - Darlington	10%	15%	30%	-6%	-16%	-8%	-8%	50%	44%	41%
14 - East Anglia	-19%	-17%	-39%	-8%	-16%	-17%	-17%	-23%	-20%	-6%
15 - Isle of Man	-23%	-34%	-21%	-19%	-14%	-26%	-26%	5%	5%	-18%
16 - Leeds	11%	-1%	41%	29%	10%	11%	10%	65%	-16%	67%
17 - Lincoln and Grimsby	8%	23%	-21%	19%	17%	20%	-23%	-43%	56%	63%
18 - Liverpool	-28%	-27%	-29%	-7%	-10%	-17%	-15%	-19%	-8%	41%
19 - Manchester and Stockport	-25%	-29%	-27%	-10%	-16%	-13%	-22%	-24%	-2%	-3%
20 - Newcastle upon Tyne	-27%	-26%	-26%	-12%	-2%	-2%	-18%	-24%	7%	18%
21 - North Lancashire	-21%	-33%	-15%	-9%	-15%	-8%	-19%	-30%	-12%	-8%
22 - Nottingham and Derby	-19%	-23%	-12%	-8%	-8%	-4%	-40%	-27%	-31%	-30%
23 - Northampton	-16%	-11%	-8%	-13%	-7%	-17%	-31%	-33%	-21%	-14%
24 - Plymouth and Exeter	-5%	-2%	-6%	0%	2%	-6%	6%	8%	4%	1%
25 - Sheffield	-23%	-25%	-13%	-17%	-19%	-25%	-34%	-32%	-38%	-29%
26 - Southampton	-12%	-9%	-8%	-13%	-9%	-18%	-25%	-32%	-21%	-20%
27 - West Yorkshire	-24%	-23%	-38%	-10%	-2%	-14%	-35%	-31%	-41%	-7%
28 - Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury	-15%	-17%	-11%	-9%	-12%	-5%	21%	-25%	66%	-3%
29 - York and Hull	-23%	-20%	-27%	-14%	-13%	-23%	-19%	-21%	-15%	-15%
31 - Scotland	-10%	20%	-46%	14%	48%	-17%	45%	70%	0%	-10%
32 - Shetland	12%	33%	-12%	-23%	-18%	-12%	-4%	-11%	13%	-20%
34 - Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire	-16%	-20%	-9%	3%	2%	0%	4%	-9%	11%	-9%
35 - London	-7%	-5%	-9%	-3%	-7%	-8%	-12%	-18%	-8%	-5%
36 - South East	-25%	-27%	-11%	-7%	-11%	-8%	-12%	-11%	-6%	-7%
Connexional TOTAL	-17%	-17%	-15%	-7%	-8%	-11%	-15%	-13%	-5%	-8%

NOTES:

Adults are aged 20 years or over

Children are aged under 13 years old

Young People are aged 13 to 19 years old

Monthly High = Highest weekly level during the month

Monthly Low = Lowest weekly level during the month

Attendance2005to2007

Change 2006 to 2007