

## 2017 Survey of Congregations - Young Adults Confirmed 2004-2006

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
<b>Source for Survey (metadata from server)</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>100%</b>
Sample	160	87%
Facebook	16	9%
Other or missing	8	4%
<b>What is your current role at this congregation?</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>99%</b>
Senior/Sole Pastor	157	86%
Other Pastor	2	1%
DCE	10	5%
Lay leader	2	1%
Youth Ministry Personnel	5	3%
Parent	1	1%
Office Staff	2	1%
Other	3	2%
Missing	2	
<b>What was your involvement in the lives of young people at this congregation in the years 2004-2006</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>99%</b>
I was not at this congregation in those years	89	49%
I was here but I did not work closely with the youth	5	3%
My only interactions with the majority of these young people were during their confirmation classes	3	2%
I interacted with these youth in confirmation classes and as part of the worshipping body	43	23%
I made an intentional effort to build relationships with many of these young people above and beyond typical congregation interactions	38	21%
<b>User-Provided:</b> Sunday school / Bible class teacher	3	2%
<b>User-Provided:</b> I was called to the church during this time	2	1%
Missing	1	
<b>Is anyone helping you answer these questions</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>User-Provided:</b> Church Staff	18	60%
<b>User-Provided:</b> Parents	5	17%
<b>User-Provided:</b> Youth Ministry Personnel	3	10%
Other	4	13%
Missing	154	
<b>Cross Tabulation: "I was not at this congregation" &amp; "Is anyone helping"?</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>49%</b>
"I was not at this congregation" & has some help	25	14% *
"I was not at this congregation" & have no (or missing) help	64	35% *

\*These percentages are based on the responses to "What was your involvement", so that we now know that 35% of survey respondents were not at the congregation 2004-2006, and did not indicate anyone was there help them with their answers.

Throughout this document the "TOTAL" column represents total number of congregations, unless specifically stated otherwise.

For every item, "Missing" denotes the number of times an item was skipped when a response was expected (not included in percentages).

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<b>Did you congregation operate or closely associate with a Lutheran Elementary school during the late 90s early 2000s</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>99%</b>
No	129	70%
Yes and we still do	43	23%
Yes, but that has since stopped	11	6%
Missing	1	
<b>Have there been any major changes to your confirmation classes and/or youth ministry in the past fifteen years?</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>98%</b>
Added staff for youth ministry	55	30%
Reduced staff for youth ministry	23	13%
Changed staff members for youth ministry	49	27%
Changed pastor overseeing junior confirmation	79	43%
Changed structure of youth ministry program	75	41%
Changed structure of Christian Education in the congregation	61	33%
Changed junior confirmation process or classes	97	53%
No changes	4	2%
<b>At what grade level did you confirm most youth between 2004-2006?</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>98%</b>
Ninth	4	2%
Eighth	152	84%
Seventh	19	10%
Sixth	5	3%
Other	1	1%
Missing	3	
<b>About how many people attend worship at your church on a typical weekend?</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>97%</b>
<i>(respondents provided exact numbers to this and the age breakdowns)</i>		
Less than 50	15	8%
50 - 100	42	24%
100 - 150	46	26%
150 - 300	43	24%
300 - 500	21	12%
Over 500 (max 1100)	11	6%
Missing	6	
	<i>Total Number of Worshipers:</i>	32,802
	<i>Average Number of Worshipers:</i>	179
	<i>Total worshipers included in age breakdowns below:</i>	29,136 <i>(used in percentages)</i>
<b>Children (under 12)</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>97%</b>
None	15	8%
Less than 5% of worship attendees	14	8%
5 - 10%	59	33%
10 - 15%	46	26%
15 - 25%	42	24%
Over 25% (max 31%)	2	1%
Missing	6	
	<i>Total number of children in worship:</i>	3,411 <i>12% (out of 29,136)</i>

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<b>Youth (13 - 18)</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>97%</b>
None	18	10%
Less than 5% of worship attendees	60	34%
5 - 10%	75	42%
10 - 15%	18	10%
15 - 25% (max 24%)	7	4%
Missing	6	
<i>Total number of youth in worship:</i>	<i>2,035</i>	<i>7% (out of 29,136)</i>

*Low percentages are expected since "youth" represents only a 6 year age span, while the other groups range from 12 - 15 years.*

<b>Young Adults (18-34)</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>97%</b>
None	16	9%
Less than 5% of worship attendees	41	23%
5 - 10%	60	34%
10 - 15%	33	19%
15 - 25%	23	13%
Over 25% (max 48%)	5	3%
Missing	6	
<i>Total number of young adults (18-34) in worship:</i>	<i>2,830</i>	<i>10% (out of 29,136)</i>

<b>Adults 35 - 49</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>97%</b>
None	14	8%
Less than 5% of worship attendees	7	4%
5 - 10%	23	13%
10 - 15%	25	14%
15 - 25%	76	43%
25 - 50%	31	17%
Over 50% (max 56%)	2	1%
Missing	6	
<i>Total number of adults aged 35 - 49 in worship:</i>	<i>6,021</i>	<i>21% (out of 29,136)</i>

<b>Adults 50 - 65</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>97%</b>
None	13	7%
Less than 5% of worship attendees	0	0%
5 - 10%	6	3%
10 - 15%	19	11%
15 - 25%	79	44%
25 - 50%	57	32%
Over 50% (max 65%)	4	2%
Missing	6	
<i>Total number of adults aged 50 - 65 in worship:</i>	<i>7,100</i>	<i>24% (out of 29,136)</i>

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	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
<b>Senior Adults (over 65)</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>97%</b>
None	16	9%
Less than 5% of worship attendees	1	1%
5 - 10%	7	4%
10 - 15%	18	10%
15 - 25%	56	31%
25 - 50%	65	37%
Over 50% (max 73%)	15	8%
Missing	6	
<i>Total number of senior adults (over 65) in worship:</i>	<i>7,739</i>	<i>27% (out of 29,136)</i>
<b>Community type</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>98%</b>
Rural area	48	27%
Small town (pop. less than 25,000)	46	25%
Mid-sized city (pop. between 25,000 and 100,000)	34	19%
Metropolitan area with combined population of 100,000 or more	53	29%
<i>Missing</i>	3	
Thriving Suburb (if large or mid-sized city)	12	7%
Established Suburb (if large or mid-sized city)	56	31%
City Center (if large or mid-sized city)	18	10%
Small town (from previous list)	46	25%
Rural - within an hour drive of a city of 100,000 or more people	23	13%
Rural - over an hour of drive from a city of 100,000 or more people	24	13%
<i>Missing</i>	5	
<b>How many colleges or universities are within a 45-minute drive?</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>98%</b>
<i>(respondents provided a number)</i>		
None	9	5%
One	21	12%
Two	24	13%
Three	42	23%
Four or Five	41	23%
Six to Eight	42	23%
Over Eight	2	1%
<i>Missing</i>	3	
<b>What is the age of your pastor (if multiple pastors, give the senior pastor's age)?</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>99%</b>
<i>(respondents provided the age)</i>		
30 - 40	29	16%
40 - 45	17	9%
45 - 50	13	7%
50 - 55	28	15%
55 - 60	37	20%
Over 60 (max 71)	58	32%
<i>Missing</i>	2	

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	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
<b>What is the age of your youngest church worker or lay leader?</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>93%</b>
Under 25	27	16%
25 - 28	27	16%
28 - 32	43	25%
32 - 36	39	23%
36 - 45	24	14%
Over 45 (max 67)	12	7%
<i>Missing</i>	12	

<b>What is the role of the youngest leader in your congregation? (only displaying numbers from when that person is under age 32)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Average</b>	
		<b>Age</b>	<b>Age Range</b>
Committee / Board / Council	22	26.0	17-30
Youth Ministry	15	26.1	19-32
Elder	14	28.4	25-32
DCE	12	25.5	22-32
Trustee	10	28.2	21-32
Officer	9	29.0	25-32
Teacher	7	26.7	22-30
Children's Ministry	6	24.8	19-30
Ordained	6	30.8	28-32
Worship / Music	4	25.5	25-26

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
<b>Do you have access to your congregation's confirmation class rolls/records from</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>100%</b>
Yes, paper only	91	49%
Yes, digital	14	8%
Yes, paper and digital	36	20%
No	43	23%

The following two questions were asked only of the 43 congregations without records

<b>On average, about how many young people did your congregation confirm in a typical year in the mid-2000s?</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>77%</b>
Less than 5 per year	10	30%
5 - 10 per Year	14	42%
Over 10 per Year	9	27%
<i>Missing</i>	10	

<b>About how many of those young people could you contact today?</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>67%</b>
One or two	4	14%
Three to Five	9	31%
Six to Ten	8	28%
Over Ten	8	28%
<i>Missing</i>	14	

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*The remaining questions were asked only of the 141 congregations with records*

	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
<b>How many young people were confirmed in 2004-2006 (cumulative)?</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>99%</b>
One to Five	13	9%
Five to Ten	26	19%
Ten to Fifteen	24	17%
Fifteen to Twenty-five	35	25%
Over twenty-five	41	29%
Missing	2	
<i>Total number confirmed by these churches 2004-2006:</i>	<i>2,912</i>	
<i>Total number included in the breakdown of current whereabouts:</i>	<i>2,660</i>	

<b>How did those classes compare with classes from other years that decade?</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>99%</b>
Much higher	4	3%
Somewhat higher	24	17%
About the same	83	59%
Somewhat lower	23	16%
Much lower	6	4%
Missing	1	

<b>For how many of these young people would you have an idea of where they are or how to get ahold of them today?</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>95%</b>
None	3	2%
Less than 40%	18	13%
40 - 50%	23	17%
50 - 70%	22	16%
70 - 80%	21	16%
80-99%	20	15%
All	27	20%
Missing	7	
<i>Total number of confirmed that can be contacted:</i>	<i>1,838</i>	<i>63%</i>

<b>I see them <u>regularly</u> at church</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>98%</b>
1 None	52	38%
2 Less than 10%	19	14%
3 10 - 15%	20	14%
4 15 - 30%	27	20%
5 Over 30% (Max 60%)	20	14%
Missing	3	
<i>Total number of confirmed seen regularly at church:</i>	<i>477</i>	<i>16%</i>

<b>I see them every once in a while at church</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>98%</b>
None	31	22%
Less than 12%	20	14%
12 - 20%	29	21%
20 - 25%	22	16%
25 - 35%	18	13%
Over 35% (Max 100%)	18	13%
Missing	3	
<i>Total number seen occasionally at church:</i>	<i>487</i>	<i>17%</i>

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	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
<b>We keep in touch, but only outside of church</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>98%</b>
None	106	77%
Less than 5%	4	3%
5 - 10%	10	7%
10 - 20%	11	8%
20 - 35% (max)	7	5%
Missing	3	
<i>Total number kept in touch outside of church:</i>	97	3%
<b>I don't see them, but I do see family members</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>98%</b>
None	36	26%
Less than 15%	17	12%
15 - 25%	26	19%
25 - 35%	22	16%
35-50%	23	17%
Over 50% (max 100%)	14	10%
Missing	3	
<i>Total number not in touch, but family at church:</i>	701	24%
<b>I don't see them or their family but we have mutual friends</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>98%</b>
None	99	72%
Less than 5%	6	4%
5 - 10%	8	6%
10 - 15%	7	5%
15 - 30%	7	5%
30 - 40%	7	5%
40 - 70% (max)	4	3%
Missing	3	
<i>Total number not in touch, but have mutual friends:</i>	144	5%
<b>We are connected on social media, but that's about it</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>98%</b>
None	110	80%
Less than 5%	4	3%
5 - 10%	4	3%
10 - 15%	7	5%
15 - 30%	6	4%
30 - 40%	4	3%
40 - 70% (max)	3	2%
Missing	3	
<i>Total number connected only by social media:</i>	135	5%
<b>Some other form of contact</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>98%</b>
None	124	90%
Less than 10%	6	4%
10 - 20%	5	4%
Over 20% (max 33%)	3	2%
Missing	3	
<i>Total number connected some other way:</i>	33	1%

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	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
<b>No current connection to this person</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>98%</b>
None	43	31%
Less than 10%	9	7%
10 - 20%	19	14%
20 - 30%	15	11%
30 - 40%	12	9%
40 - 60%	23	17%
Over 60% (100% max)	17	12%
<i>Missing</i>	3	
<i>Total 2004-2006 confirmands with no contact:</i>	687	24%
<b>How many of them worship regularly (at least monthly) at your congregation?</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>97%</b>
None	44	32%
Less than 10%	22	16%
10 - 15%	18	13%
15 - 20%	20	15%
20 - 40%	23	17%
40 - 60% (max)	10	7%
<i>Missing</i>	4	
<i>Total 2004-2006 confirmands still attending this church:</i>	479	18% (out of 2,660)
<b>Worship occasionally at your congregation (and not anywhere else)</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>97%</b>
None	35	26%
Less than 10%	24	18%
10 - 15%	24	18%
15 - 20%	17	12%
20 - 30%	18	13%
Over 30% (max 100%)	19	14%
<i>Missing</i>	4	
<i>Total number attending occasionally:</i>	399	15% (out of 2,660)
<b>Attend another LCMS congregation in the area</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>97%</b>
None	109	80%
Less than 5%	6	4%
5 - 8%	7	5%
8 - 15%	7	5%
Over 15% (max 42%)	8	6%
<i>Total number who attend another LCMS locally:</i>	75	3% (out of 2,660)
<b>Attend another Christian church in your area</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>97%</b>
None	91	66%
Less than 10%	23	17%
10 - 15%	8	6%
15 - 20%	7	5%
20 - 30%	4	3%
Over 30% (max 66%)	4	3%
<i>Missing</i>	4	
<i>Total number attending another denomination locally:</i>	137	5% (out of 2,660)



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	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
<b>Have moved away and attend another LCMS congregation</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>97%</b>
None	73	53%
Less than 10%	20	15%
10 - 15%	13	9%
15 - 20%	9	7%
20 - 30%	10	7%
Over 30% (max 70%)	12	9%
Missing	4	
<i>Total who attend an LCMS church out of town:</i>	258	10% (out of 2,660)
<b>Haved moved away and attend another Christian church</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>97%</b>
None	83	61%
Less than 7%	13	9%
7 - 12%	13	9%
12 - 20%	17	12%
Over 20% (max 100%)	11	8%
Missing	4	
<i>Total who attend another denomination out of town:</i>	168	6% (out of 2,660)
<b>Have stopped attending church</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>97%</b>
None	65	47%
Less than 10%	15	11%
10 - 20%	18	13%
20 - 30%	11	8%
30 - 40%	12	9%
Over 40% (max 85%)	16	12%
Missing	4	
<i>Total who stopped attending church:</i>	293	11% (out of 2,660)
<b>We are not sure where they are</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>97%</b>
None	50	36%
Less than 10%	11	8%
10 - 20%	16	12%
20 - 40%	21	15%
40 - 60%	19	14%
Over 60% (max 100%)	20	15%
Missing	4	
<i>Total for whom we are not sure where they are:</i>	789	30% (out of 2,660)
<b>Other</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>97%</b>
None	126	92%
Less than 10%	4	3%
10 - 20%	2	1%
20 - 30%	3	2%
30 - 40%	1	1%
Over 40% (max 65%)	1	1%
Missing	4	
<i>Total "other":</i>	62	2% (out of 2,660)

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	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
<b>Combination: How many still worship regularly at an LCMS church?</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>97%</b>
None	29	21%
Less than 10%	10	7%
10 - 15%	9	7%
15 - 20%	18	13%
20 - 30%	18	13%
30 - 50%	32	23%
Over 50% (max 92%)	21	15%
Missing	4	
<i>Total regularly worshipping at an LCMS church:</i>	<b>812</b>	<b>31%</b> (out of 2,660)

*This item is a combination of "Worships regularly at home congregation", "Worships at another LCMS congregation in the same area", and "Moved away and attends another LCMS congregation". It does not include "occasionally worships at home congregation".*

<b>How many stopped attending your church prior to graduating high school?</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>89%</b>
None	26	21%
Less than 18%	23	18%
18 - 30%	20	16%
30 - 50%	25	20%
50 - 70%	17	14%
Over 70%	14	11%
Missing	16	
<i>Total who stopped attending prior to graduation:</i>	<b>745</b>	<b>26%</b> * (out of 2,912)
		<b>29%</b> * (out of 2,565)
		<b>34%</b> * (out of 2,181)

*\*Because of the large number of "missing responses" to this item, the percentage has been calculated in three ways. First, using the total number of confirmands provided by all 141 congregations (resulting in 26%). The second number used only the total number of confirmands from the 125 congregations that provided an answer to both questions (29%). The third is the percentage of the 2,181 confirmands we know have stopped regularly attending their home congregation (39%).*

<b>How many of those who are not attending an LCMS church have a parent, sibling or grandparent that still attends your congregation?</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>98%</b>
None	24	17%
Less than 10%	16	12%
10 - 20%	22	16%
20 - 30%	24	17%
30 - 40%	16	12%
Over 40% (max 100%)	36	26%
Missing	3	
<i>Total number who left, but have a family member at church:</i>	<b>696</b>	<b>24%</b> * (total confirmed)
		<b>32%</b> * (those who left)