

2010 to 2016 Change in Number of ELCA Congregations and Average Attendance by Community Context

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>Community Context</u>
Number of Congregations	2,250	2,160	-90	-4.2%	Rural Farming
Average Worship Attendance	133,820	107,663	-26,157	-24.3%	
Number of Congregations	593	473	-120	-25.4%	Rural, non-farming
Average Worship Attendance	44,267	28,155	-16,112	-57.2%	
Number of Congregations	1,928	1,812	-116	-6.4%	Small town <10,000
Average Worship Attendance	202,662	153,045	-49,617	-32.4%	
Number of Congregations	1,283	1,325	42	3.2%	Small city (10,000 to 49,999)
Average Worship Attendance	195,148	165,914	-29,234	-17.6%	
Number of Congregations	1,080	994	-86	-8.7%	Medium city (50,000 to 249,999)
Average Worship Attendance	176,636	141,135	-35,501	-25.2%	
Number of Congregations	371	394	23	5.8%	Suburb of Medium City
Average Worship Attendance	60,353	59,853	-500	-0.8%	
Number of Congregations	922	867	-55	-6.3%	Large city (250,000 or more)
Average Worship Attendance	116,597	100,442	-16,155	-16.1%	
Number of Congregations	782	733	-49	-6.7%	Large city (suburb within 10 miles)
Average Worship Attendance	139,717	106,539	-33,178	-31.1%	
Number of Congregations	481	439	-42	-9.6%	large city (suburb beyond 10 miles)
<u>Average Worship Attendance</u>	<u>98,989</u>	<u>72,695</u>	<u>-26,294</u>	<u>-36.2%</u>	
Number of Congregations	9,690	9,197	-493	-5.4%	All ELCA Congregations
Average Worship Attendance	1,168,189	935,441	-232,748	-24.9%	

Only congregations reporting average worship attendance were counted in this analysis.

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