

STATISTICAL REPORT

Mission trends
and progress

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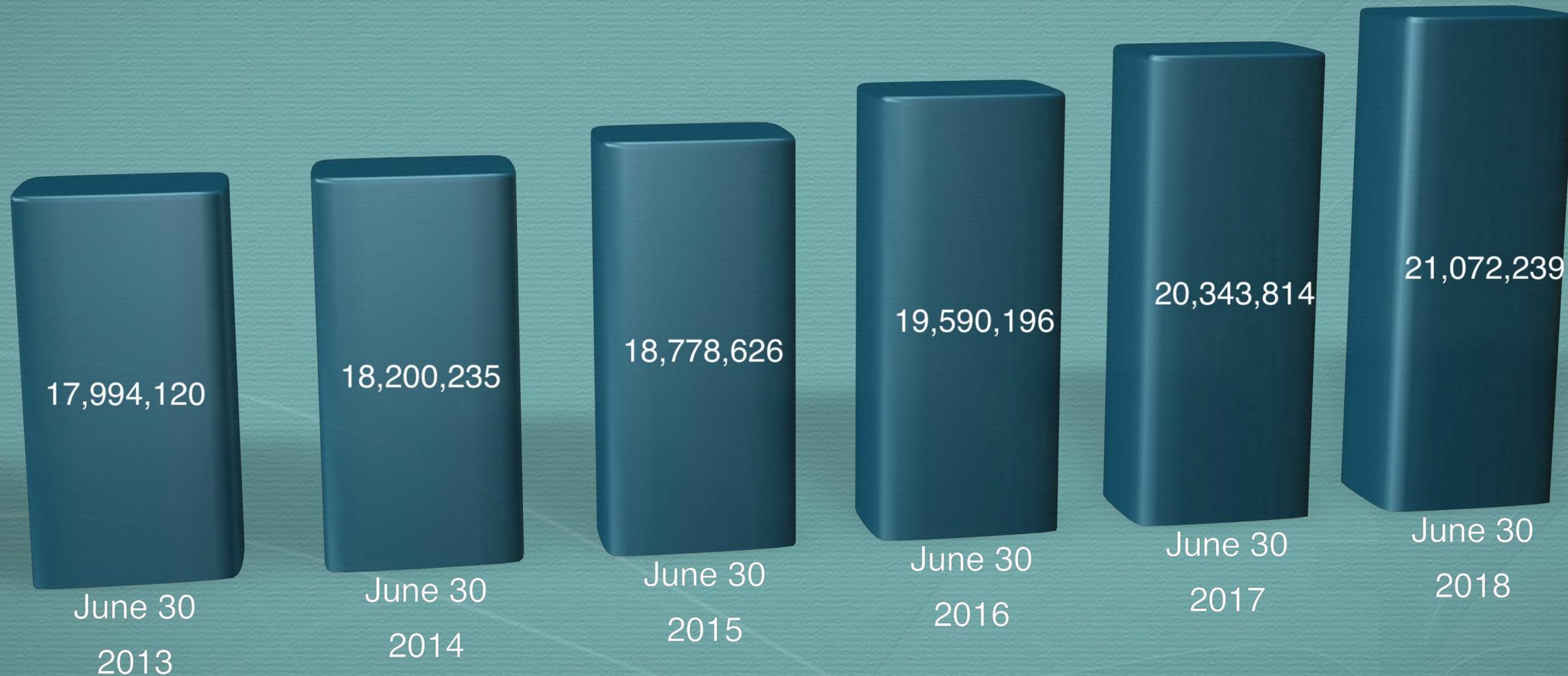
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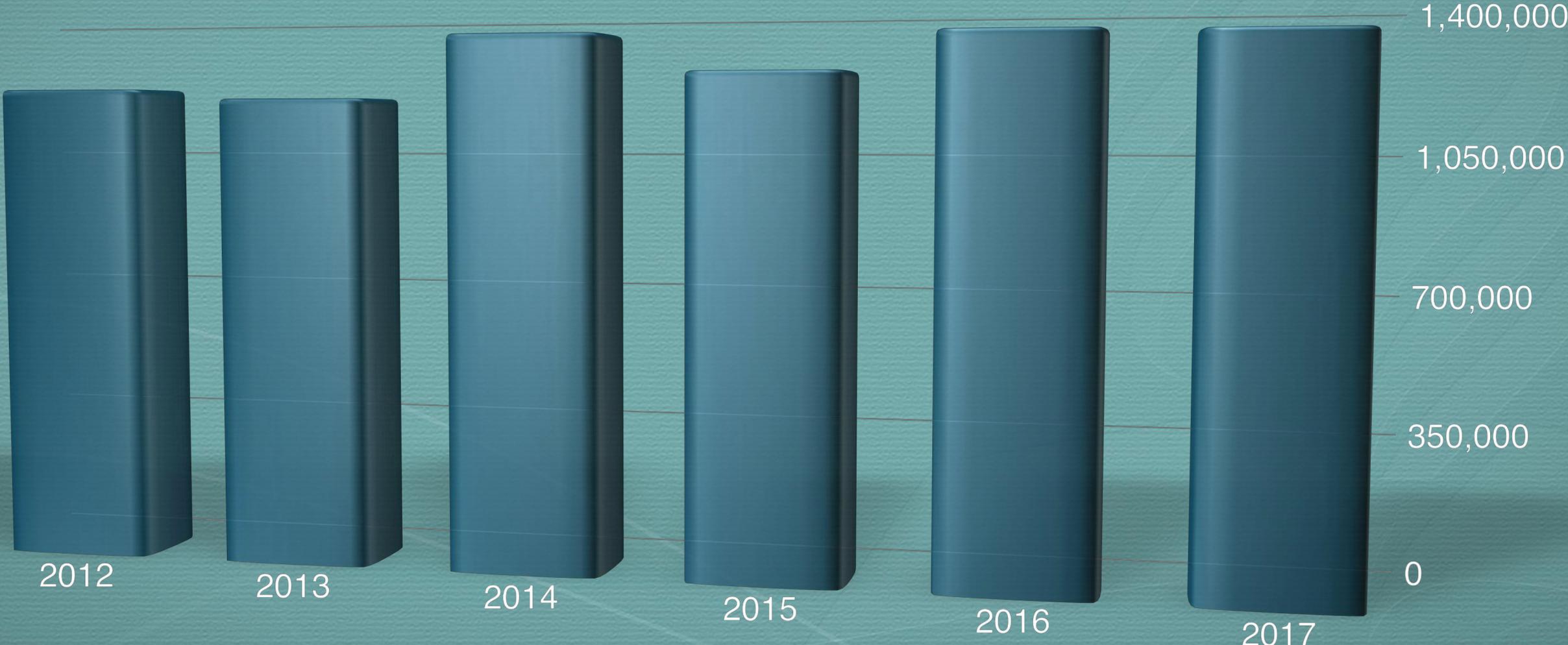
MID-YEAR MEMBERSHIP



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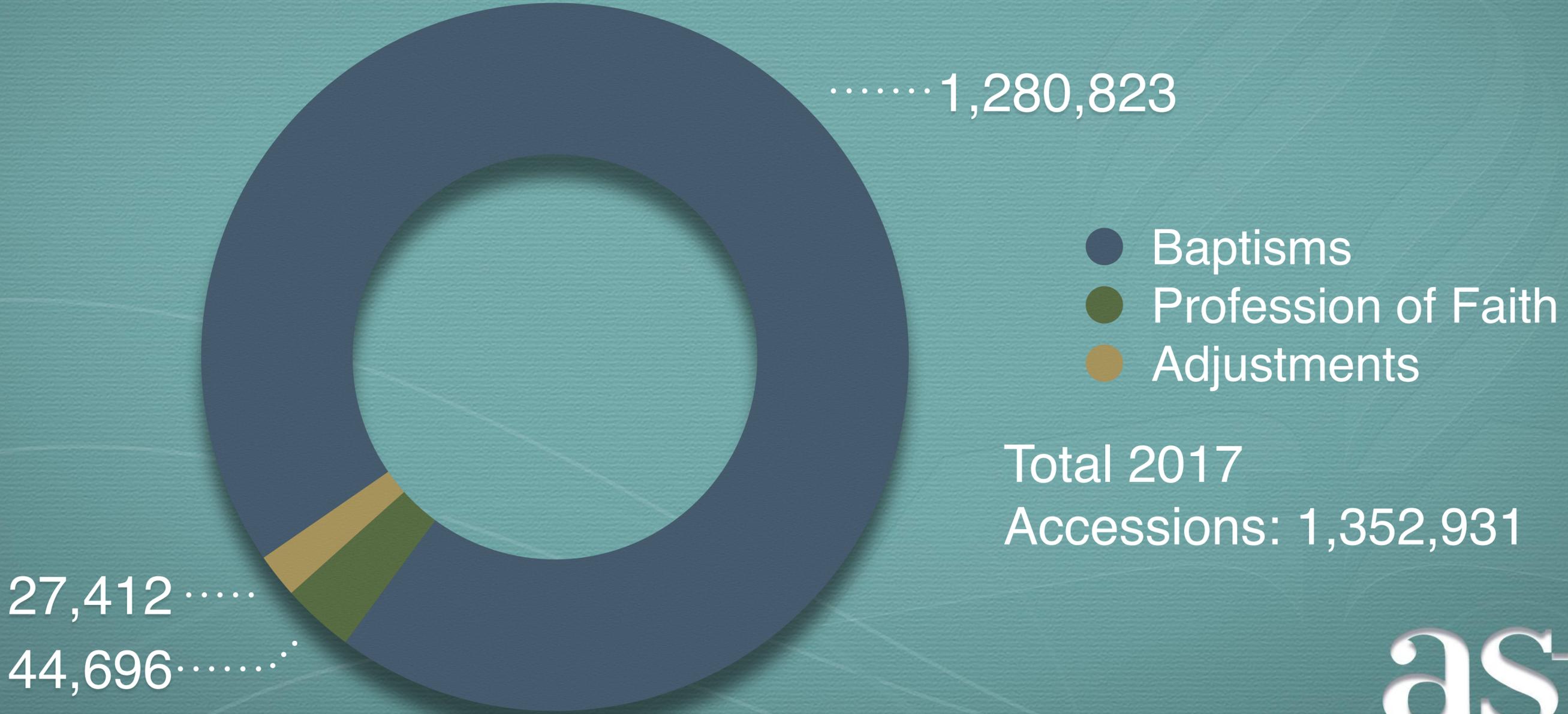
ACCESSIONS

Year-End Through 2017



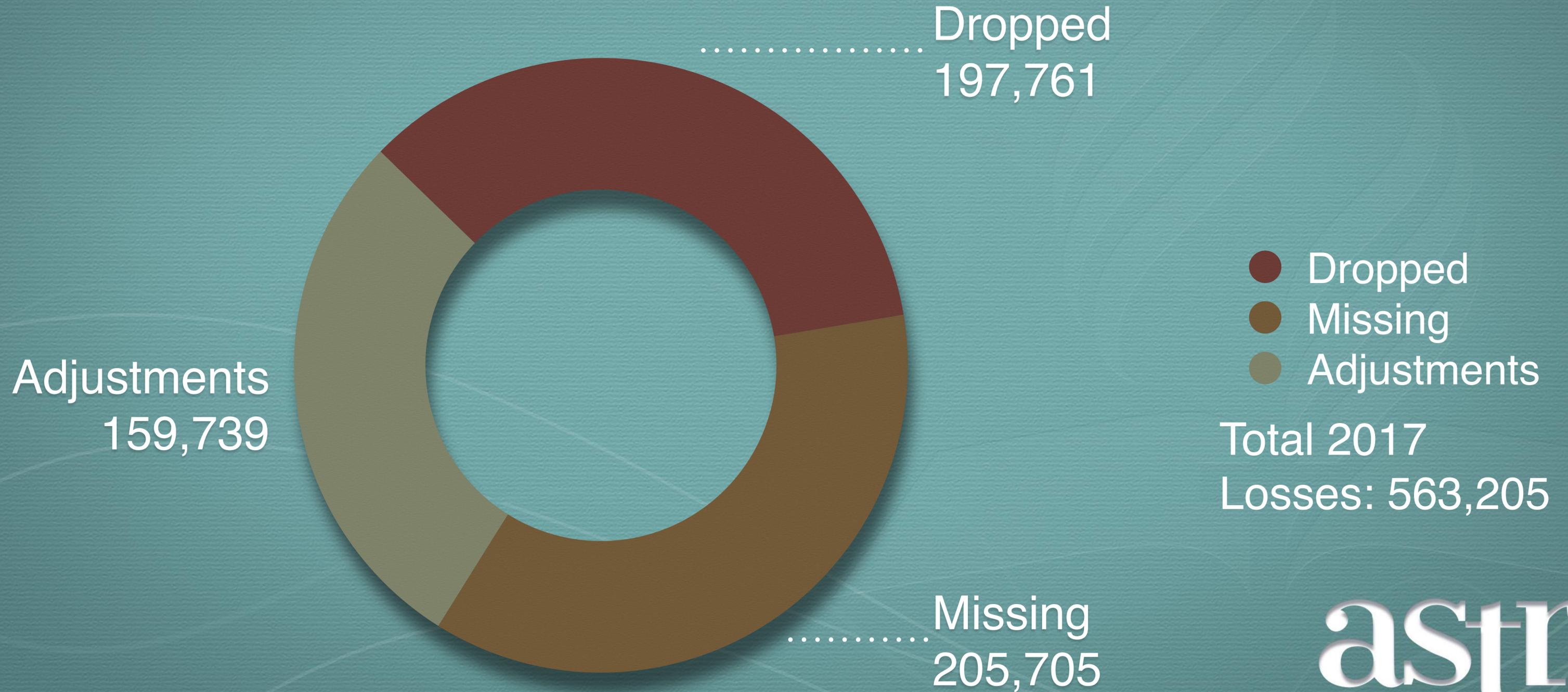
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CALENDAR YEAR 2017



LIVING LOSSES

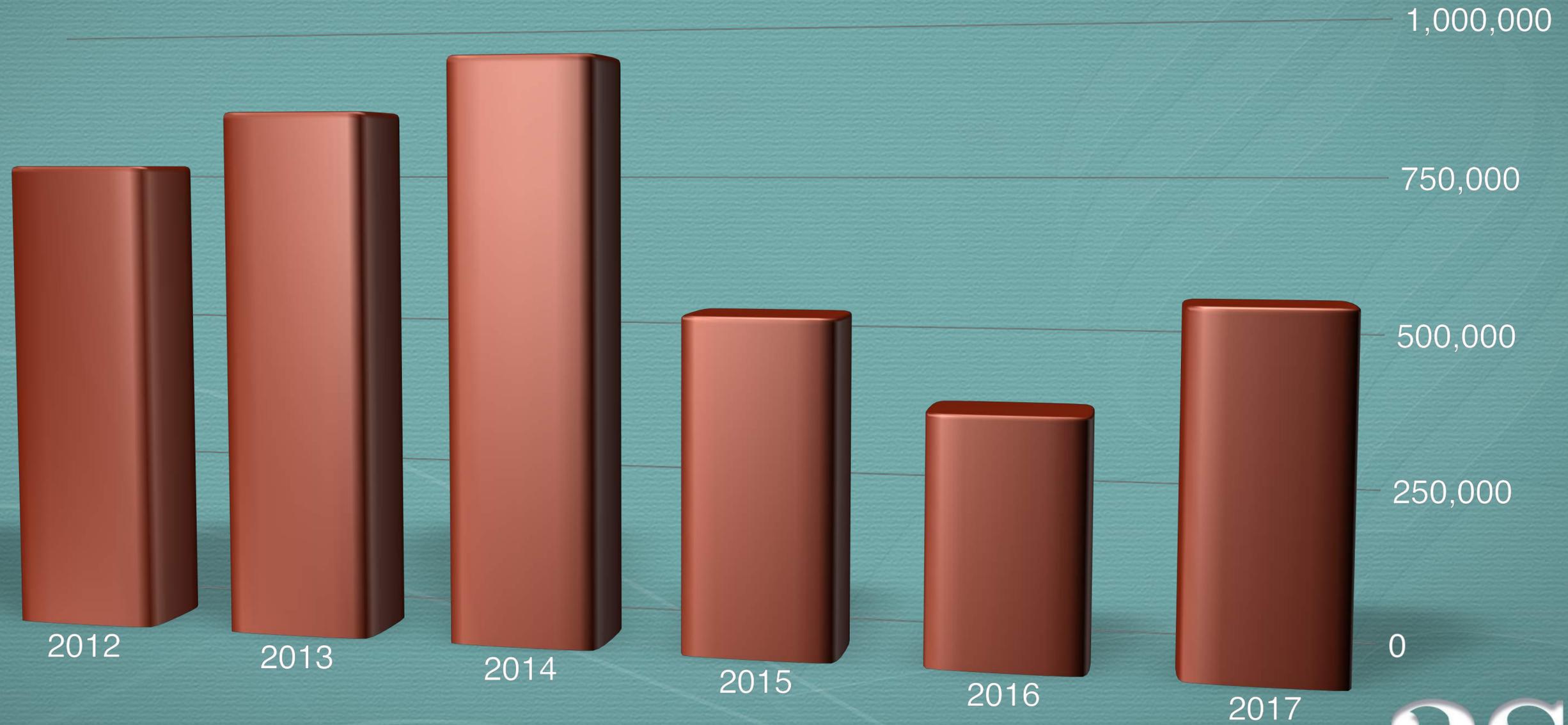
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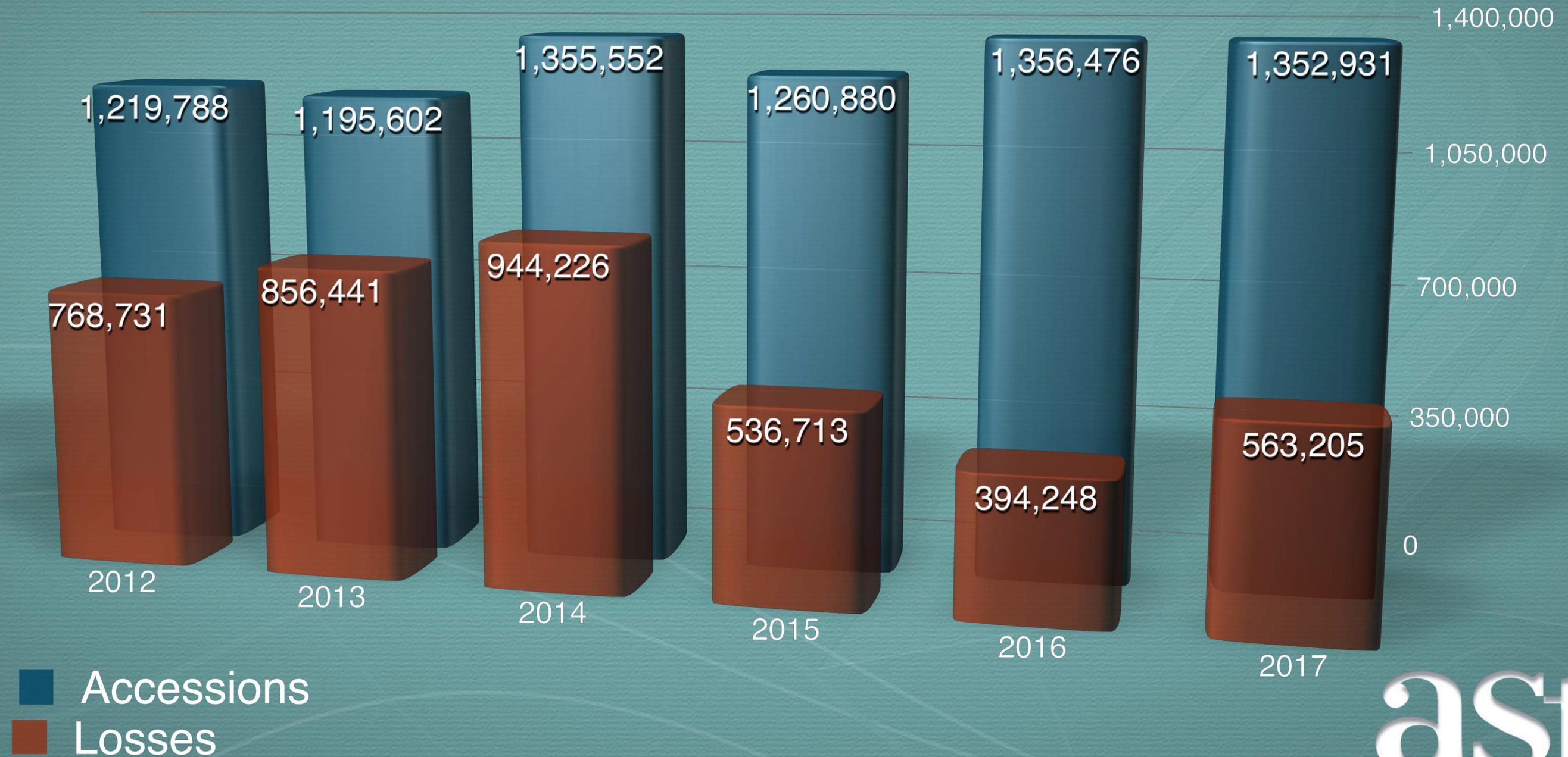
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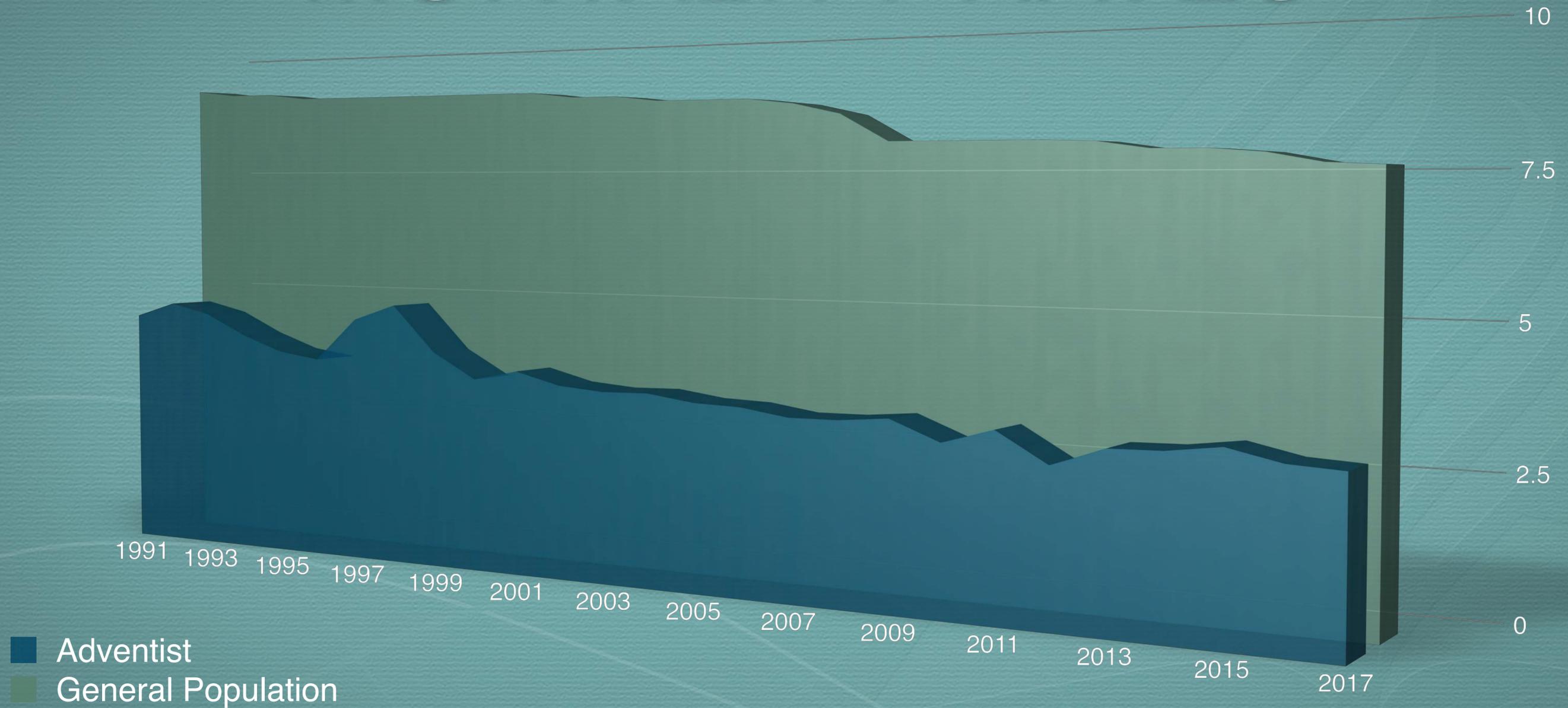
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GAINS AND LOSSES



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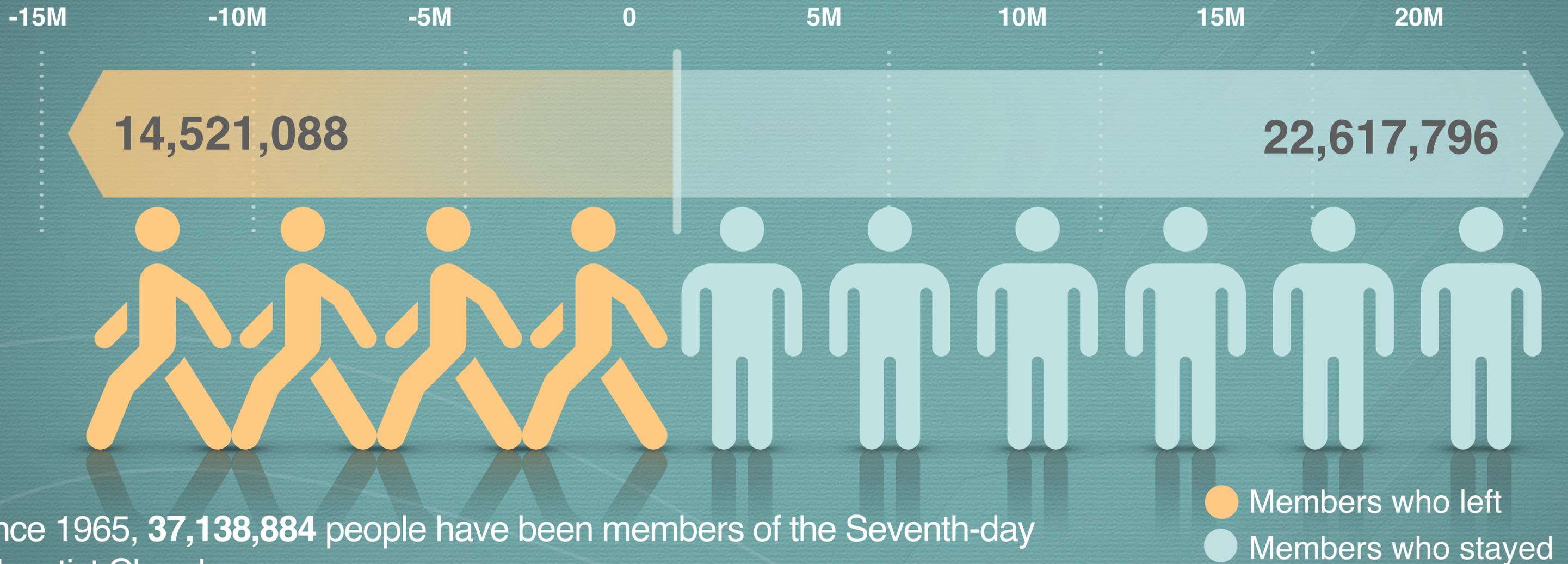
MORTALITY RATES



■ Adventist
■ General Population

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MEMBERS WHO LEAVE



Since 1965, **37,138,884** people have been members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

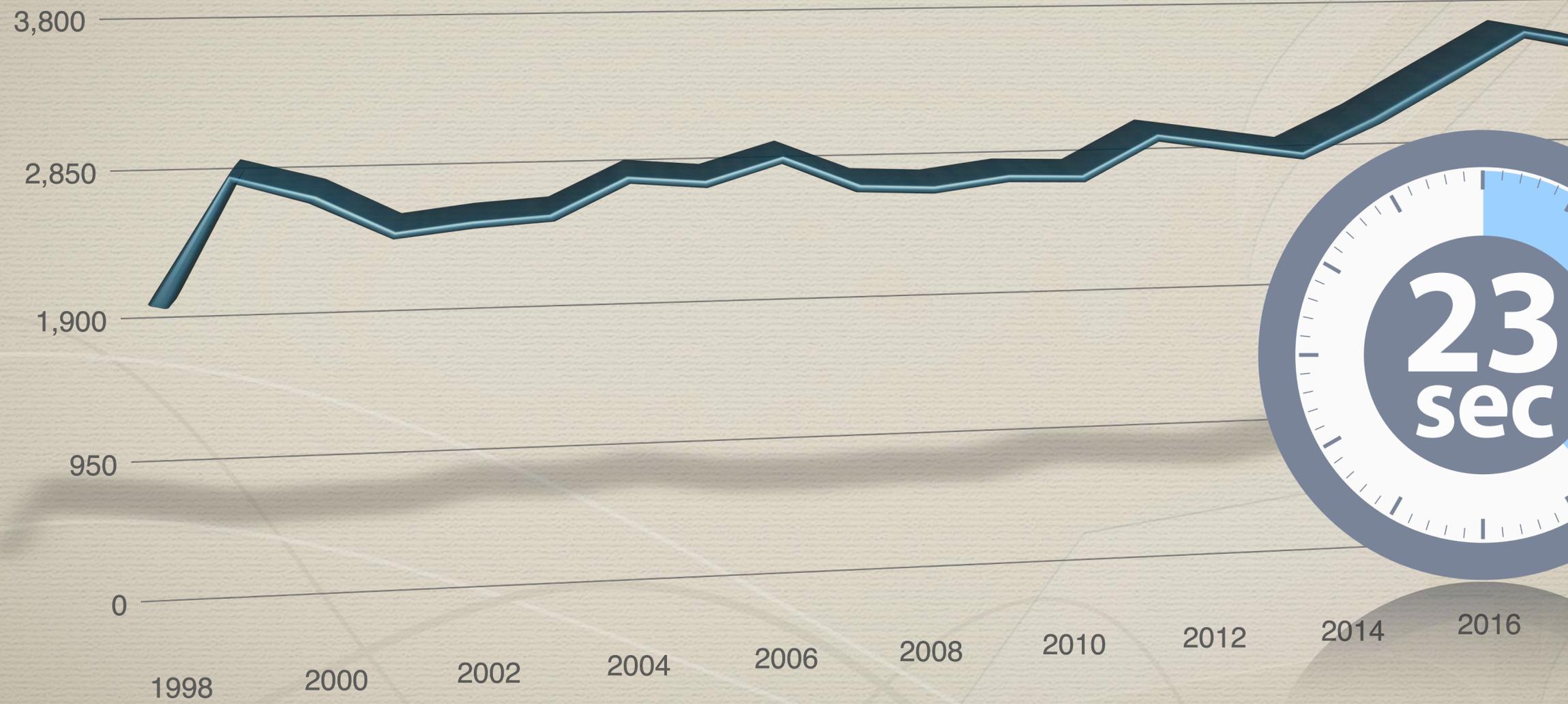
Of those, **14,521,088** have chosen to leave.

Our net loss rate is 42%.

In effect, **4 of every 10** church members are slipping away.

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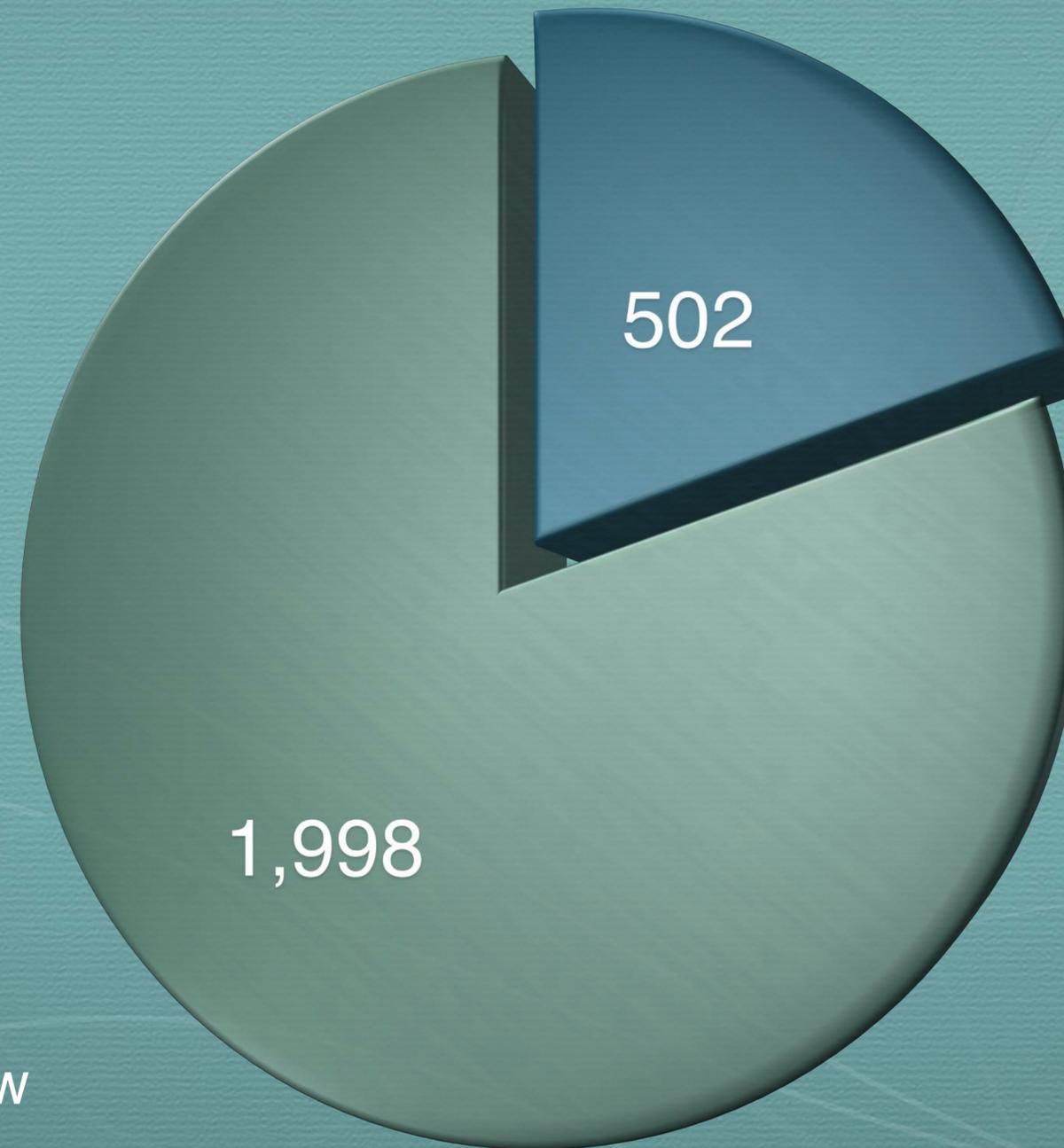
ACCESSIONS PER DAY



EVERY
23
SECONDS
SOMEONE
BECOMES AN
ADVENTIST

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NEW CONGREGATIONS (IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS)

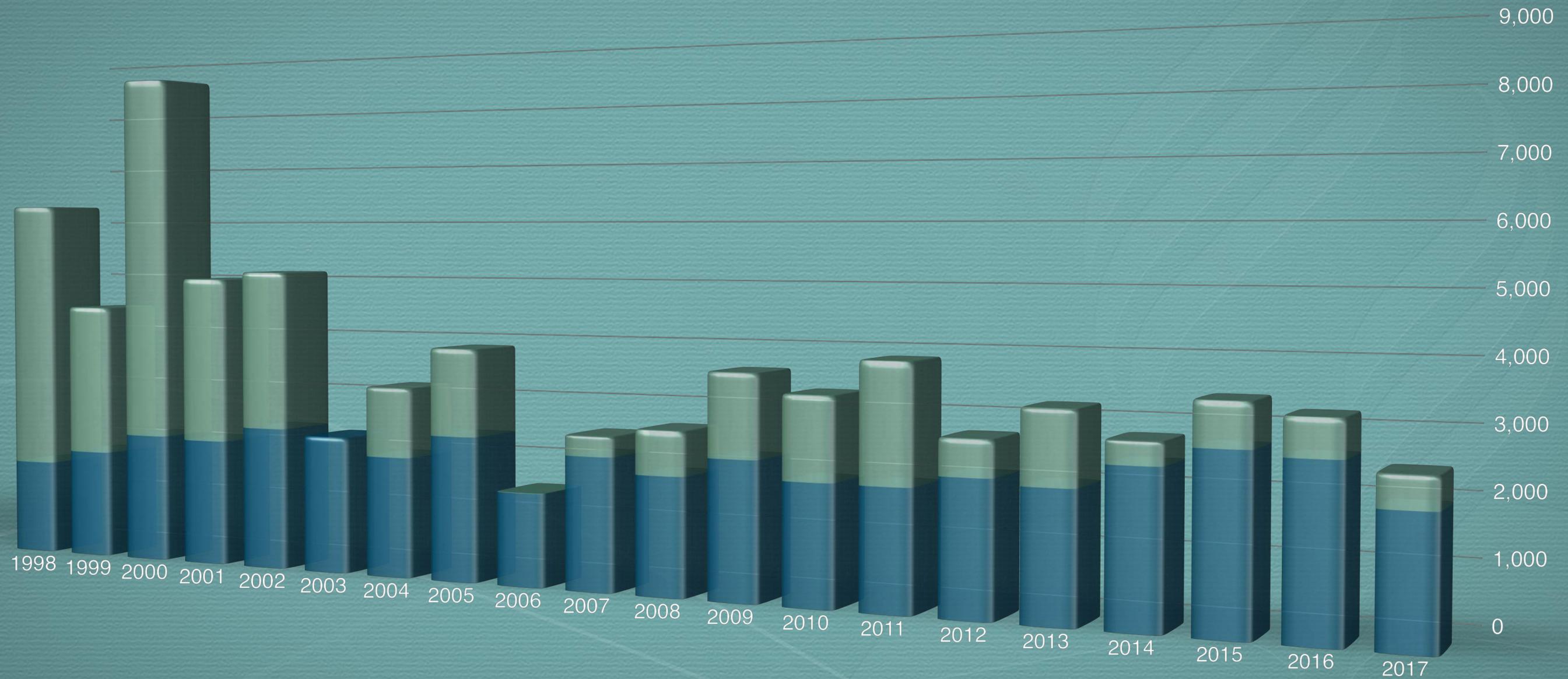


 New Companies
 Churches

New

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NEW CONGREGATIONS



Twenty-Year Trend



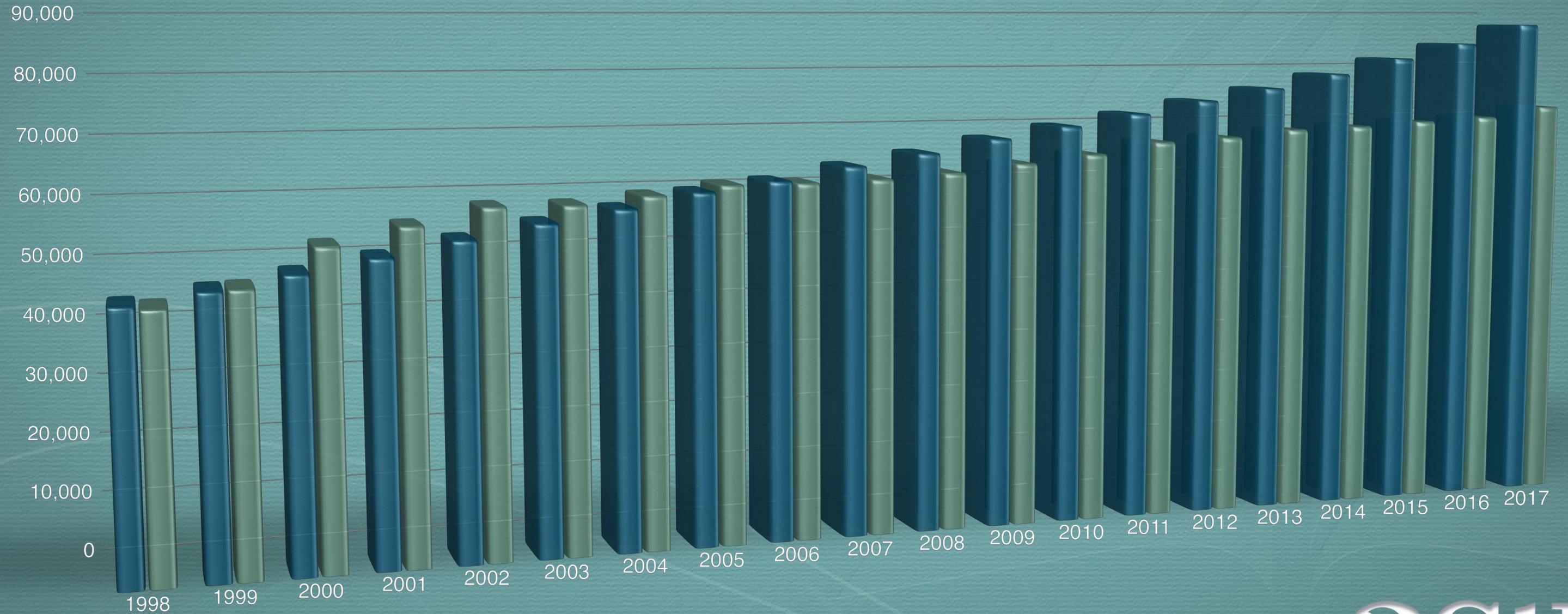
New Companies



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TOTAL CONGREGATIONS



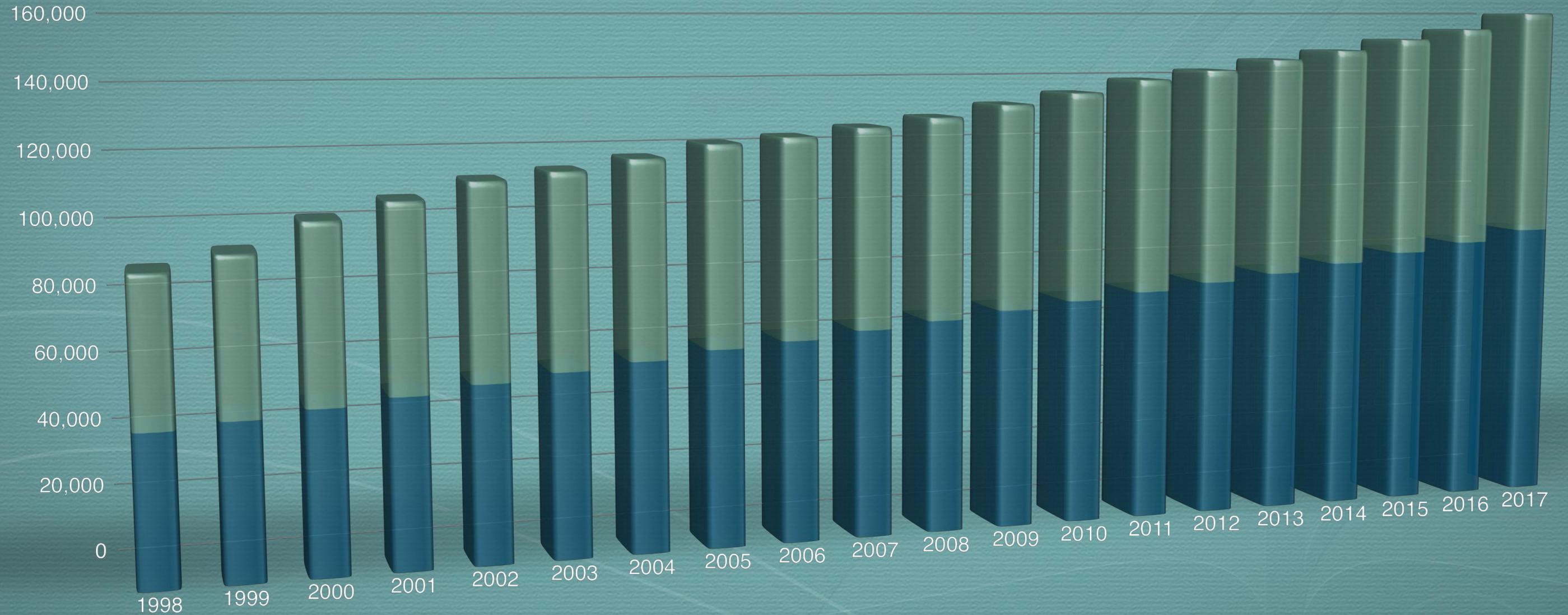
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POPULATION RATIO

(Worldwide ratio of one Seventh-day Adventist  to every ____ people .)

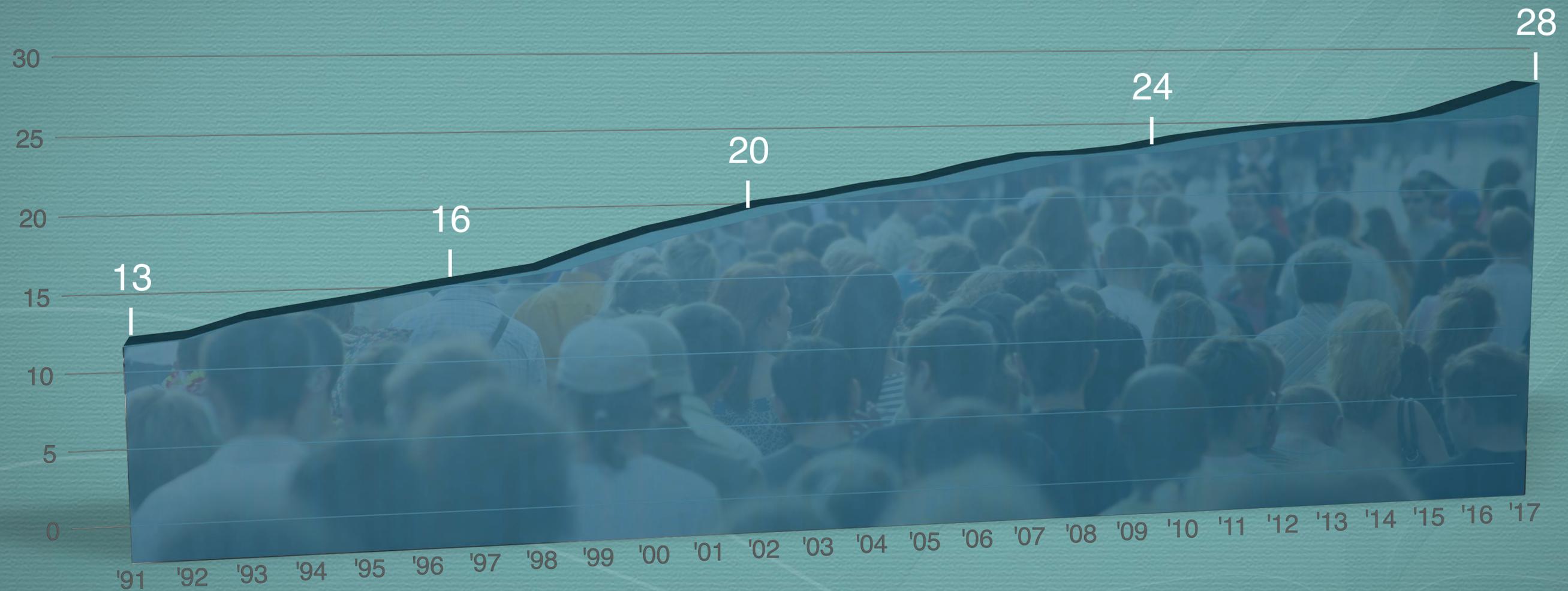


(Lower numbers are better)

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MEMBERS PER 10,000

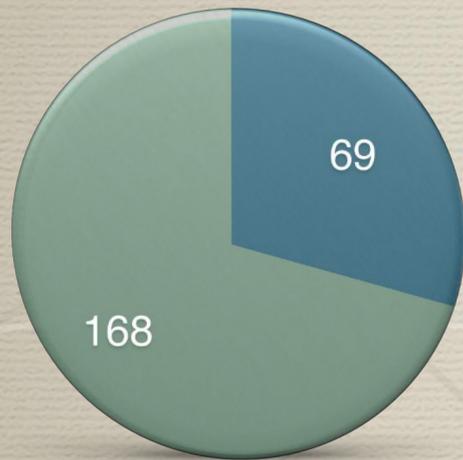
(of General World Population)



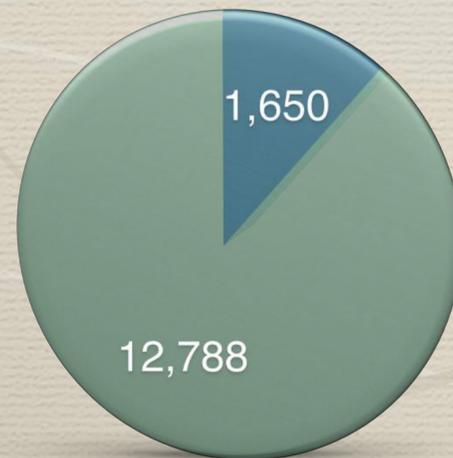
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INSIDE VS. OUTSIDE THE 10/40 WINDOW

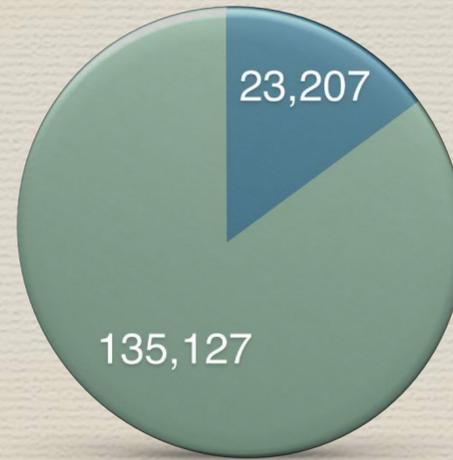
Number of Countries



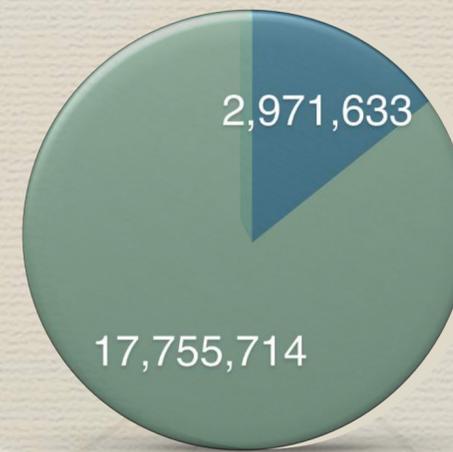
Ordained Ministers



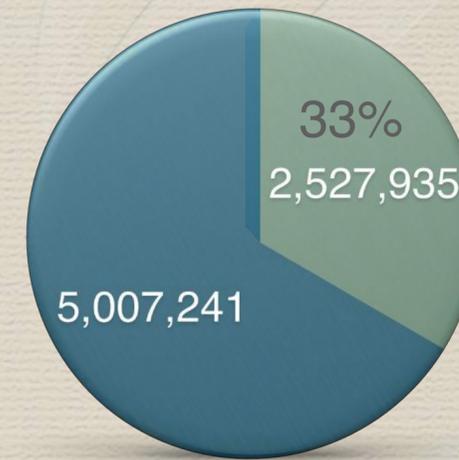
Churches & Companies



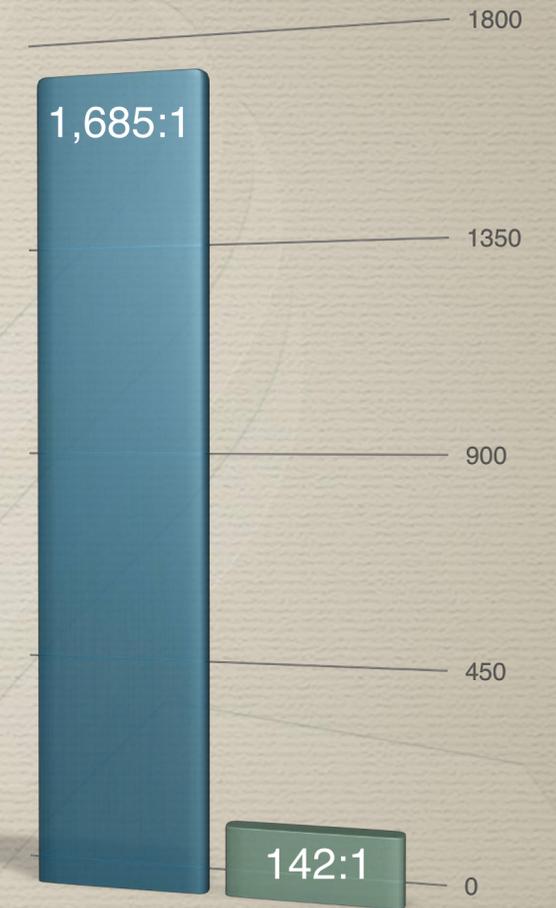
Church Membership



Estimated Population (Thousands)



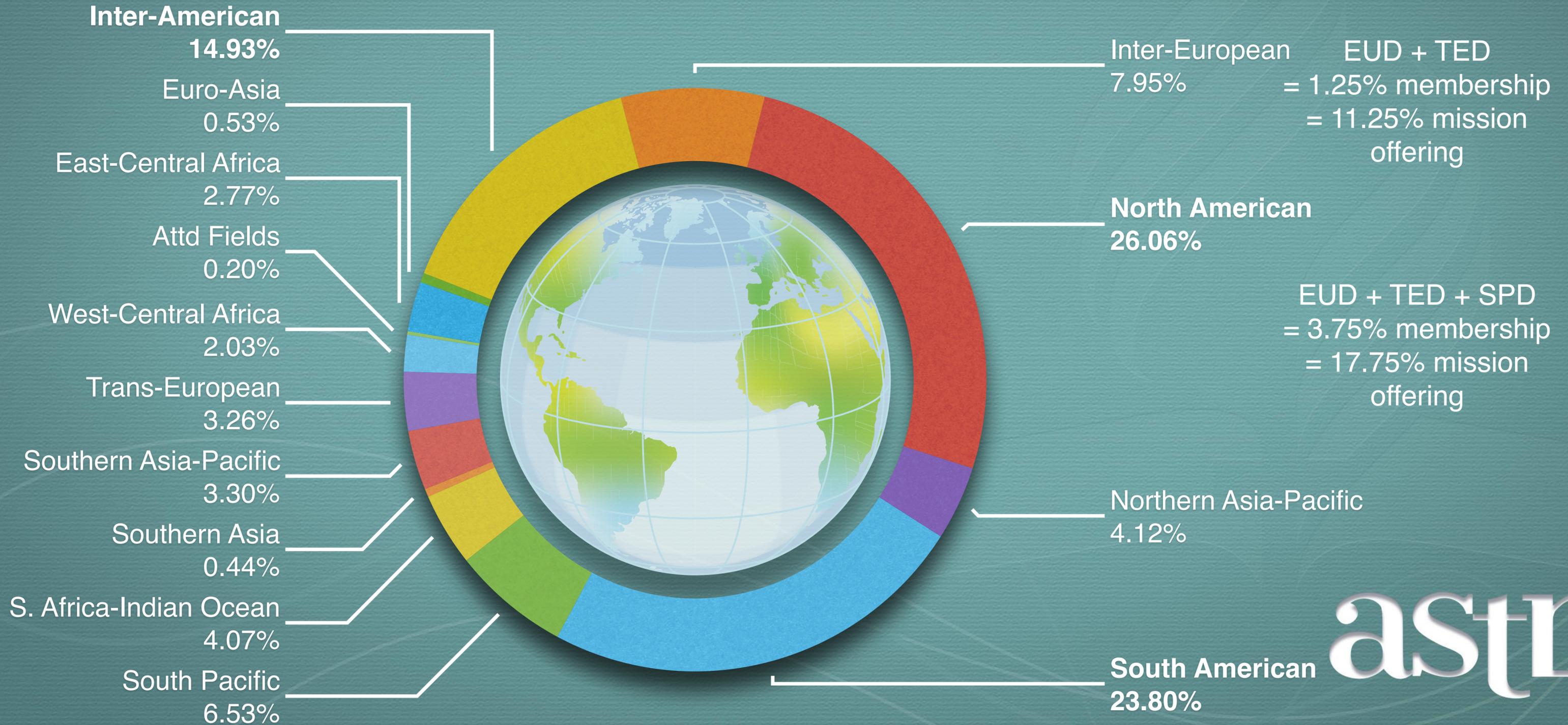
Population per Member Ratio



- Inside the 10/40 Window
- The Rest of the World

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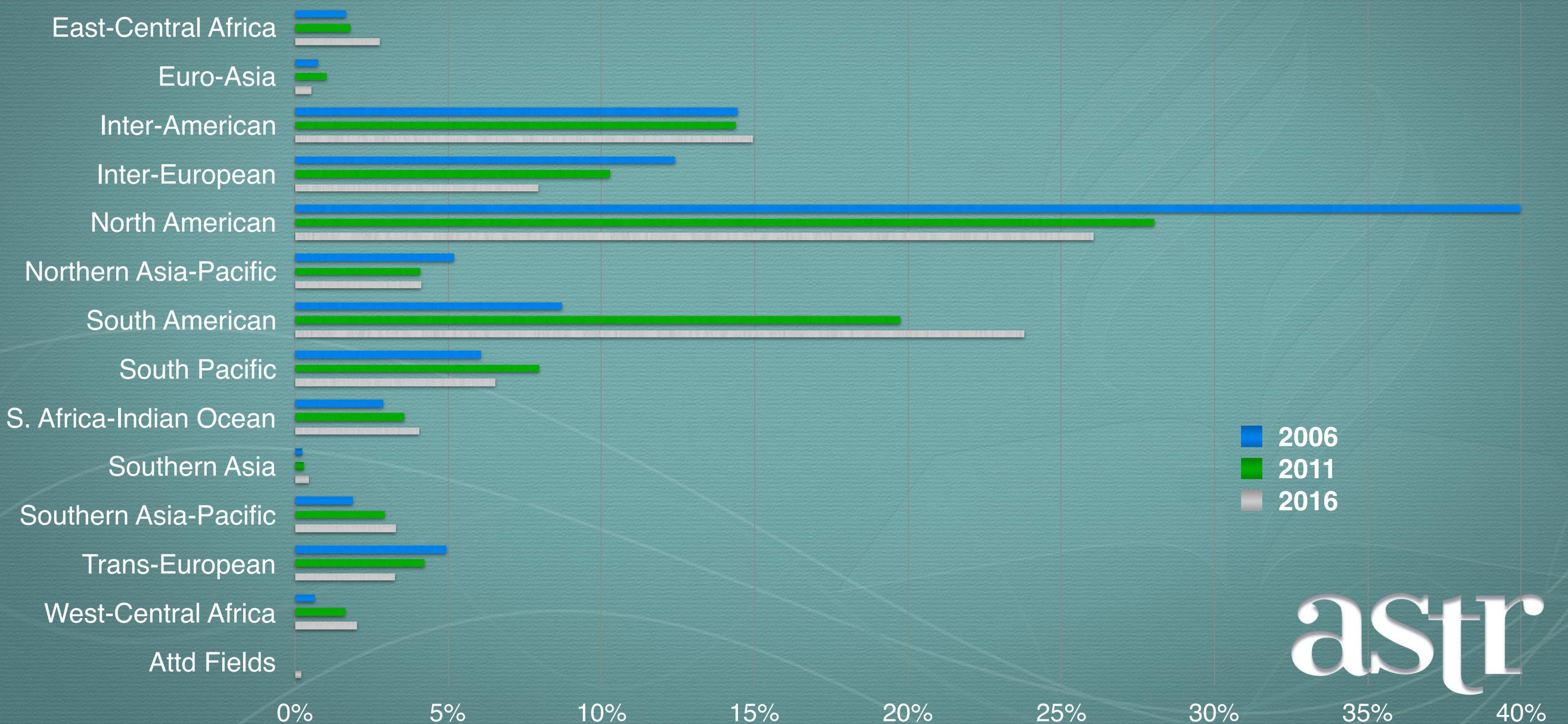
DIVISION SHARE OF 2016 WORLD MISSION OFFERING 2017



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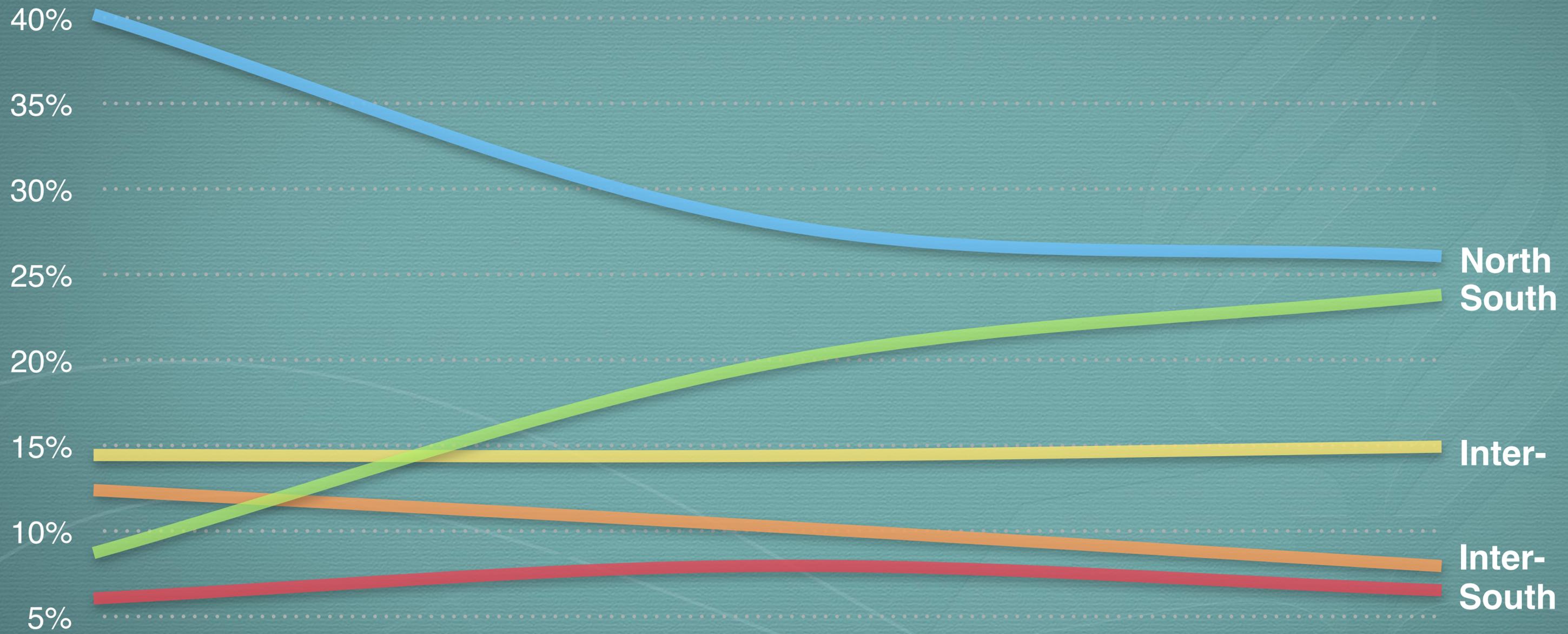
DIVISION SHARE OF WORLD MISSION OFFERING

10-YEAR TREND, 2006-2016



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TOP FIVE DIVISIONS' SHARE OF WORLD MISSION OFFERING, 2006–2016



2006

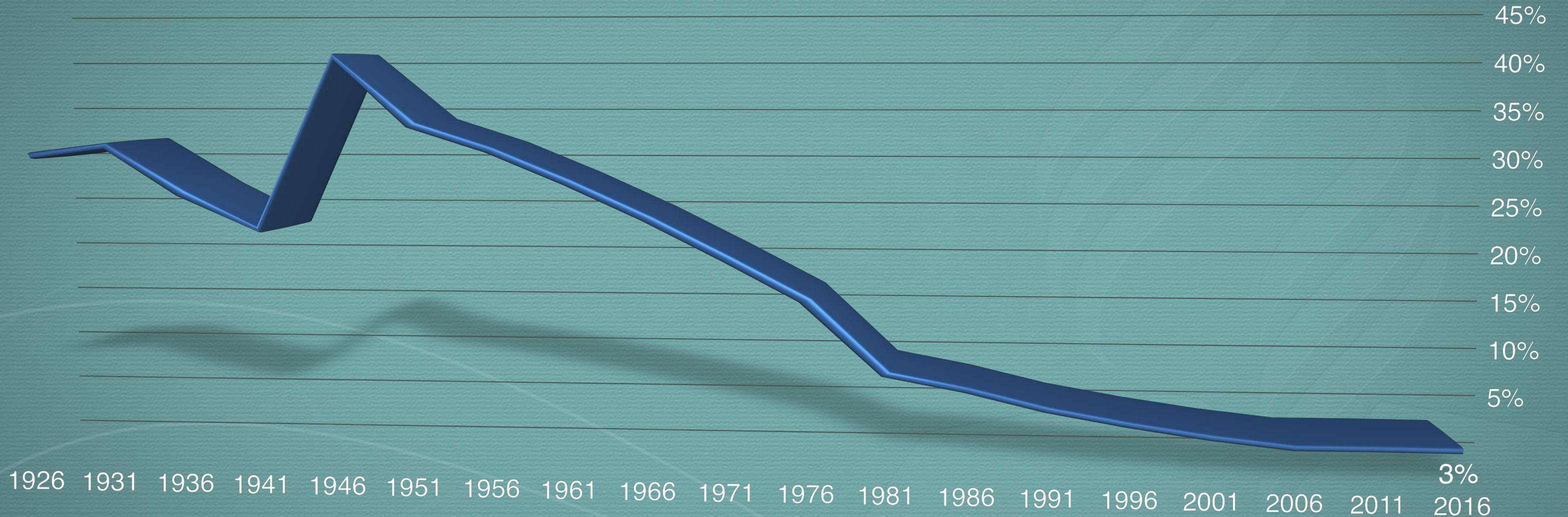
2016

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WORLD GIVING, 1926-2016

World Mission Offering as a Percent of World Tithe



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CONCLUSION

Counting baptisms and members, *or* counting churches and companies, *or* counting tithes and mission offerings:
all are means, not ends in themselves.

They are a way to tell us how we are doing in reaching our greater goal.



CONCLUSION

If we use numbers to identify trends in mission, **they can help us**

If we rely on numbers to shore up our identity, **they will harm us**

“Not by **might**, nor by **power**,
[nor by numerical strength]
but by my Spirit”

— ZECHARIAH 4:6