

DIOCESAN STATISTICS - GUIDELINES

The Diocesan statistics are used to monitor and shape the life of our Diocese and its parishes. The statistics are often requested in categories established by the National Church and used throughout Canada. Statistics should be submitted for each separate congregation. (Financial statistics can be reported on a parish basis rather than a congregational basis if there is a fully integrated parish financial statement.) Reliable statistics are a sound foundation for planning Mission and Ministry.

The following notes will help with the interpretation of the categories.

Please note that the Diocese reports total membership to Church House. It should include all members of the Anglican Communion on your Parish roll and to whom you minister, notwithstanding that they may not be in regular attendance at Church Services.

Number of Families on the Role

This should be the number of households with more than one person resident.

Number of Individuals on the Role

This should be the number of households with one individual resident.

These two numbers should equal the number of households on the role. The number of households should include all three categories of:

1. Those who regularly attend
2. Those who occasionally attend
3. Those who have a past pastoral association with the parish through baptism, marriage, confirmation, etc. Please include summer visitors who attend regularly enough to be on your parish list.

Total Members on the Parish Roll

This will include the sum of all the baptized persons in the households on the parish list.

Number of Confirmed Persons on the Parish Roll

In parishes where there are not up-to-date and accurate records, this number may have to be estimated by the incumbent.

Attendance during the Christmas Season

Numbers reported should include the evening of December 24, through to the evening of December 25, plus any Christmas home communions, and are not to be included in average Sunday attendance reporting unless Christmas falls on a Sunday.

Communicants in the Easter Octave

For Algoma we are asking that this number represent the number of communicants at both Easter Sunday and low Sunday, as well as Easter Saturday vigils, Easter home communions, and Easter services to shut-ins and seniors' homes.

Number of Envelope Subscribers

This should also include those members of your parish who donate through electronic offering.

Number of Pledges

This should indicate how many households in your congregation have made a pledge or a subscription that was received by your congregation or renewed in the current year for the subsequent year.

Number of Other Identifiable Givers

Please include people who make regular donations for church purposes but not one-time gifts for memorials, etc.

Average Total Attendance at Sunday Services

Please include Sunday School attendees - children, children in the nursery, and adult staff looking after the Children.

Also include service participants in the chancel and sanctuary.

When the incumbent signs the register, the incumbent is confirming the accuracy of the attendance figures. Periodic training sessions should be held for sidespeople to instruct them in making, confirming, and recording accurate attendance counts.

Average Attendance at Mid-Week Services

Average Attendance at "Care Home" Services

Parishes having regular mid-week services and mid-week services in "care homes" should report those figures as a separate category from average Sunday attendance.

Frequency of Services

This category simply confirms whether the congregation meets weekly or less frequently, e.g. bi-weekly, monthly, summer only, etc.