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Preface (by Dr Bev Botting, Head of Research and Statistics, Archbishops' Council)

Each year we take on the ambitious challenge of collecting data from every church in the Church of England. This relies on the time and effort of many incumbents, staff, and volunteers in parishes and diocesan offices. I am extremely grateful to all those who give their time to report and collate accurate figures. I hope that the resulting information will be helpful to parishes and dioceses in their planning for mission and growth.

The annual collection of Statistics for Mission seeks to quantify key aspects of church life. All 16,000 churches in the Church of England are asked to report, among other things, attendance at Sunday and midweek services, attendance at Easter and Christmas, and the numbers of baptisms, marriages, and funerals they carried out. The figures derived from Statistics for Mission returns provide a broad picture of the Church of England. However, these data come from an astonishing range of churches, serving communities large and small in a huge variety of contexts. There are many important things that churches do that are not included in the data we collected – for example, charitable activities, hosting foodbanks and providing leadership in schools – and any reader of this report should note that no set of figures will tell the whole story.

A large part of Statistics for Mission concerns attendance at worship services. Attendance is measured in several ways including the 'usual Sunday attendance' and the 'average weekly attendance' (AWA) (the average number of adults and children attending during each of the first 4 weeks of October). Most measures of attendance show a similar trend: a steady decline of 10-15% over the past decade, although adult weekly attendance is down by 7% since 2004. However, I would urge caution when considering trends. Some questions, such as the usual Sunday attendance, have been asked in almost the same way for many years. Others have changed, to reflect changes in church activity or the evolving interests of those using the data; these changes potentially make it difficult to compare figures from year to year.

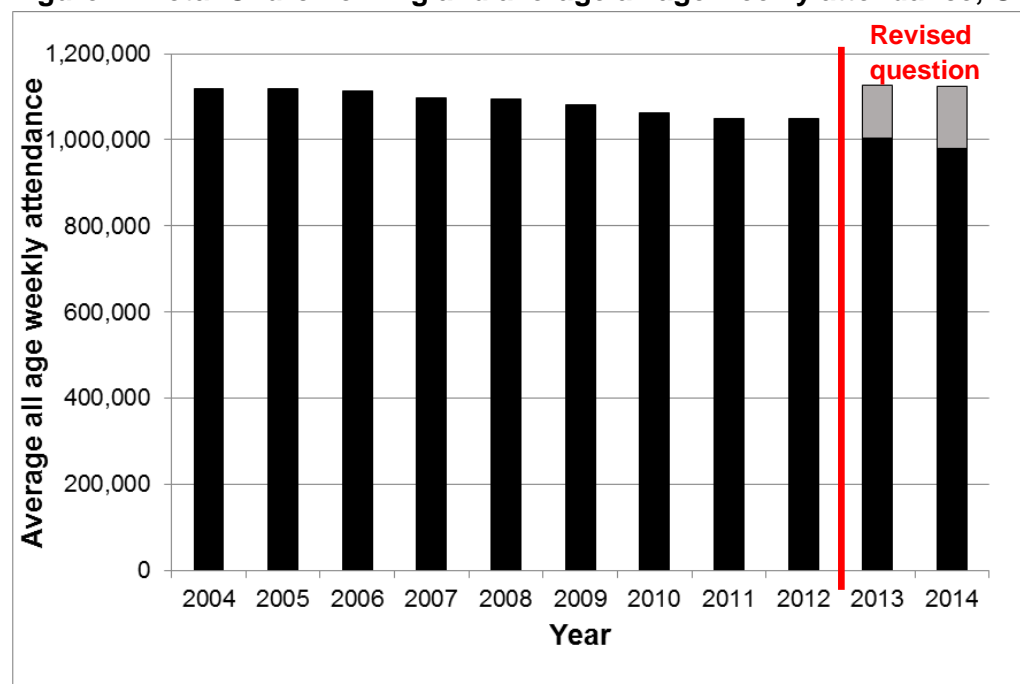
One example is important to note here, as it has a clear impact when interpreting recent attendance trends; research had shown that year-on-year variation in local figures was partly explained by churches sometimes (but not always) including children and adults attending services held specifically for schools. As a result, up to 2012 the headline AWA figure included some (but not all) services in churches that were organised primarily for schools. These services are an important part of our worship, so we have tried to improve the questions asked to ensure each church reports them. In 2013 we introduced a question about attendance at school services during October; in 2014 additional guidance specified that only attendance at school services *taking place in church or church buildings* should be included. Although the new question gives a more accurate way of measuring church attendance, the new way of counting these services means that from 2013 we can't just add attendance at services for schools on to the AWA to get a figure comparable to 2012, (and indeed the 2013 figures may not be completely comparable with 2014 either) as there will be an artificial inflation of the AWA due to more services for schools being included. In this report we have not included attendance at school services in AWA figures for 2013 and 2014. Therefore you shouldn't draw any inferences about short-term trends in the AWA from 2012 to 2014. School services are a significant part of the church's ministry, and accounted for over 40% of children's total church October 2014 attendance. There is a good case for saying they should be included in our total headline count. We are planning to look at this again in the future once we have more data.

Summary

The annual collection of Statistics for Mission seeks to quantify key aspects of participation throughout the Church of England. All 16,000 churches in the Church of England were asked to complete the 2014 return. Churches were asked to report, among other things, attendance at Sunday and midweek services, attendance at Easter and Christmas, and the numbers of baptisms, marriages, and funerals they carried out during 2014. Complete data were received from 85% of churches; where data were missing, values were estimated based on trends from previous years. The data were provided by incumbents, church wardens, and other church staff and volunteers, whom we thank for the time and effort they have taken to report accurate figures.

A detailed methodology can be found at the end of this report. Note: values in the data tables are reported to the nearest 100 or nearest 10, as appropriate. Percentages are reported to the nearest 1% or 0.1%, as appropriate. In accordance with standard practice, totals, percentages, and averages have been calculated before rounding, so row and column totals may not always agree with the sums of the stated amounts.

Figure A: Total Church of England average all age weekly attendance, October count, 2004-2014



On average, 980,000 people attended church each week in October 2014. A further 145,000 people attended services for schools in churches each week (shown in grey in Figure A). Average weekly attendance at church (including fresh expressions of church) has decreased by 12% in the decade since 2004 (Figure A) – though a change to the way that attendance was measured from 2013 onwards means that this figure should be treated with caution. As patterns of church activity have changed, the questions asked on the Statistics for Mission return have changed too. In particular, in 2013 October attendance at school services was separated from attendance at other church services and fresh expressions; this question was further clarified in 2014 to specify that it referred only to school services taking place in church buildings, not to services in schools (e.g. school assemblies). The impact of the new question can be seen in Figure A.

Although the new question provides a more accurate way of measuring church attendance, it means that a simple comparison of average weekly attendance between 2012, 2013, and 2014 is not advisable. In general in this report, attendance at school services is not included in average weekly attendance figures in 2013 and 2014, to allow the best possible comparison between years. For comparison, since 2004 the average adult weekly attendance – less likely to be affected by the change in methodology - has decreased by 7%.

Figure B: Total Church of England usual adult and child Sunday attendance, 2004-2014

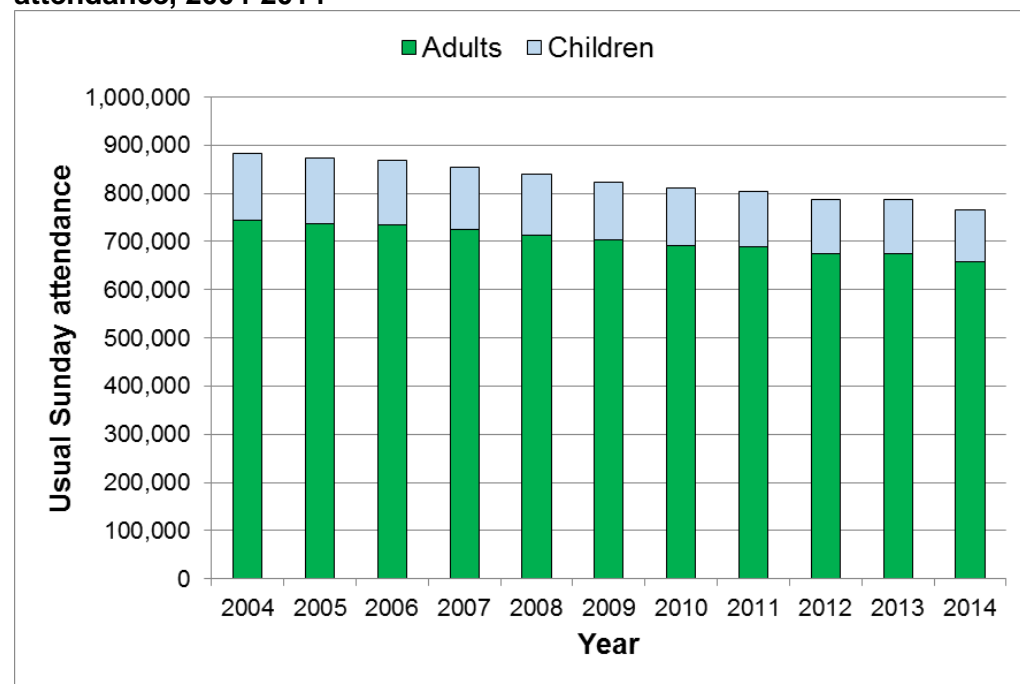
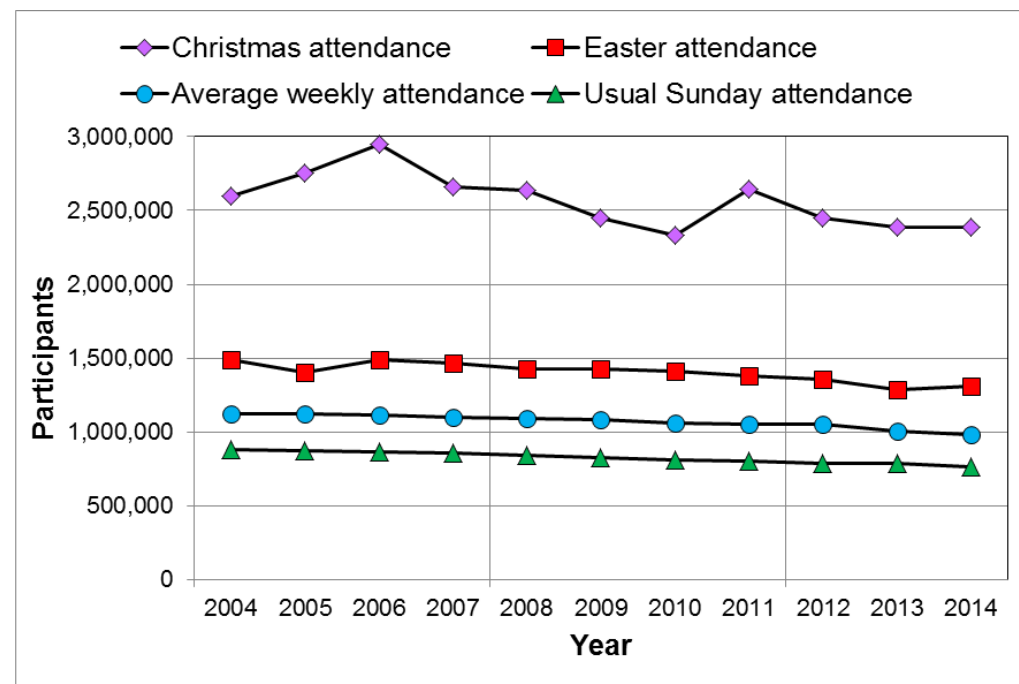


Figure C: Total Church of England participation summary, 2004-2014



Since the 1960s, churches have been asked to report their usual Sunday attendance. This measure does not quantify midweek attendance (so would not be able to capture any increased provision in midweek worship or any trends for attendance to shift from Sundays to other days) but, in itself, provides a measure that has been consistent over time. Usual Sunday attendance, similarly to average weekly attendance measured during October, has decreased (by 13%) over the past decade (Figure B). In 2014, 14% of the congregation on a usual Sunday were children, down from 16% in 2004.

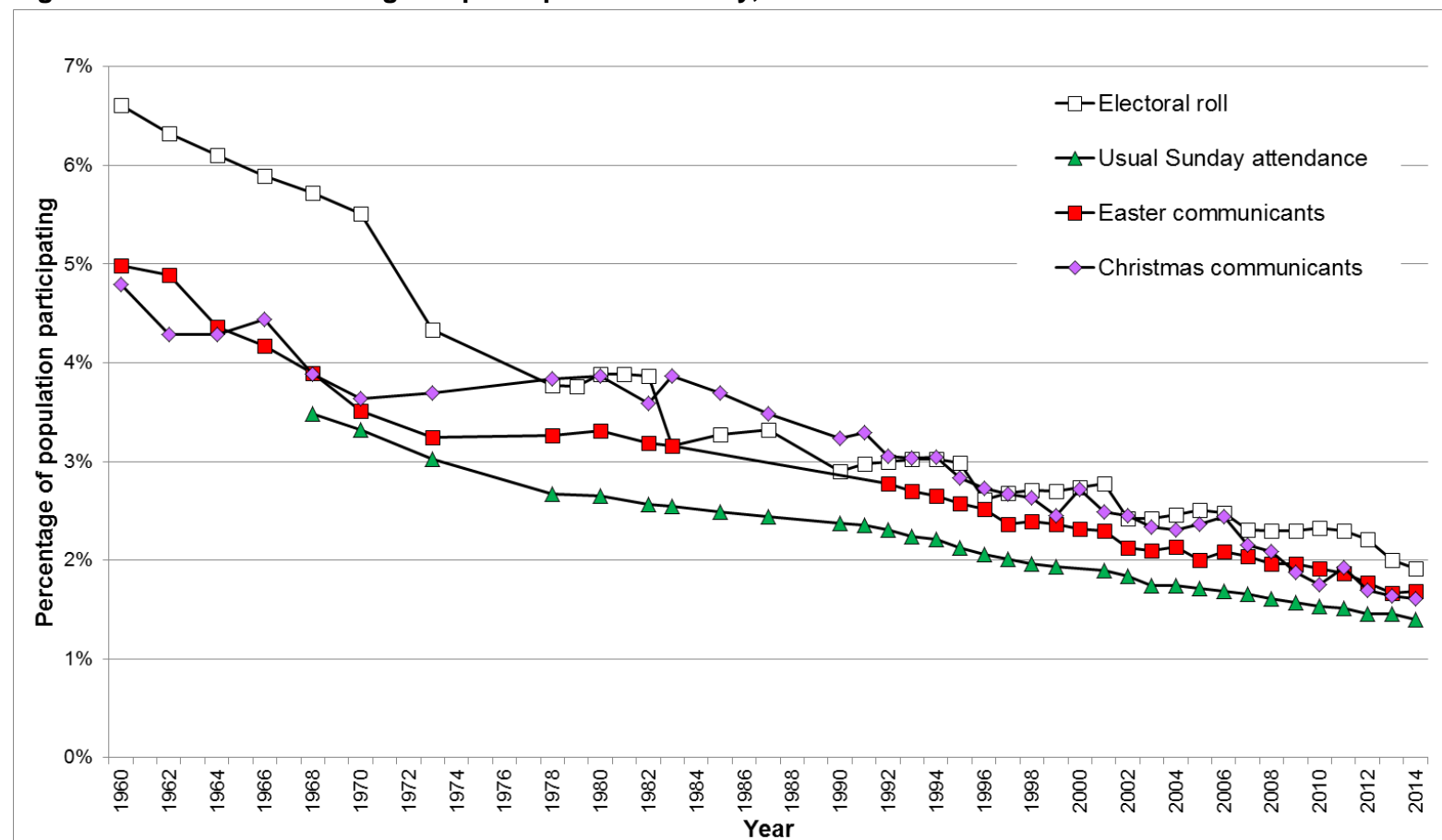
A number of key measures of attendance show a similar trend (Figure C): there has been a steady decline in Church of England attendance of 10-15% over the past decade.

Christmas and Easter attendance trends fit the general picture, albeit with more variation year on year. Despite the decline, large numbers of people continue to attend church for these festivals: 1.3 million at Easter and 2.4 million at Christmas in 2014. Additionally, 2.2 million people attended special Advent services for the congregation and local community, and 2.6 million attended special Advent services for civic organisations and schools.

Since 2012, the Statistics for Mission return has asked churches to report the size (and age distribution) of their worshipping community – those people who would be counted as regular worshippers. In 2014, the worshipping community of the Church of England was 1.1 million people, of whom 20% were aged under 18 and 29% over 70. Since the concept of a worshipping community is relatively new, churches are, understandably, still developing an appropriate understanding of who should be included in the worshipping community in their specific context; therefore, it is not advisable to compare this year's worshipping community with that from 2013. It is hoped that, over time, this measure will become a useful way of understanding a church's community.

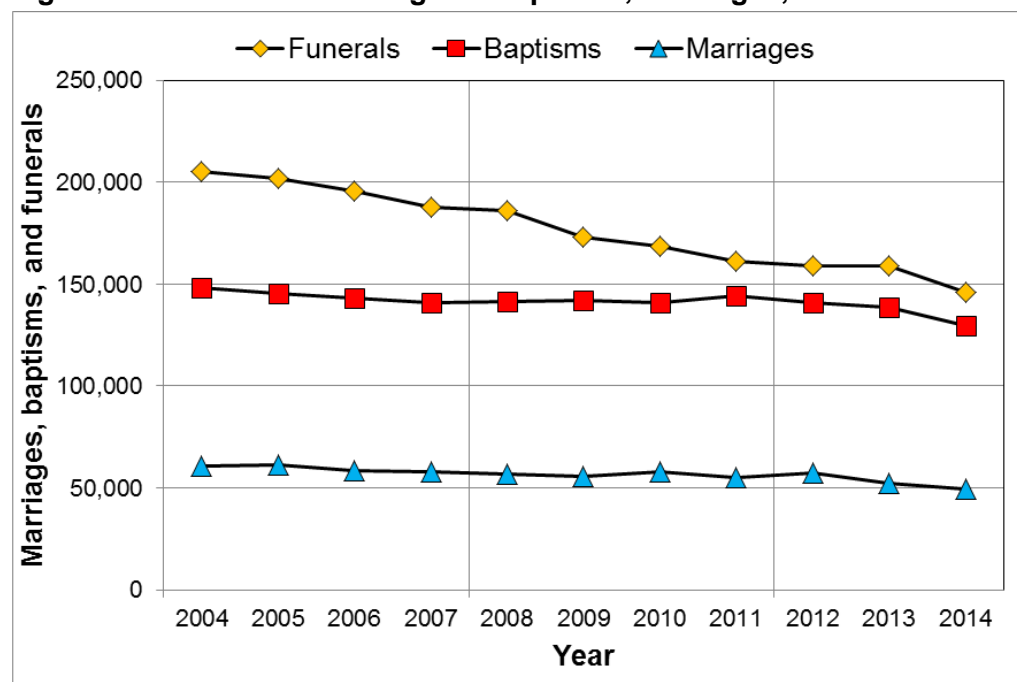
As a proportion of the population living within the dioceses of the Church of England (not including the Diocese in Europe), 1.8% attended a Church of England church each week in October 2014, and 4.3% attended at Christmas. As a proportion of the Christian population, 3.0% attended a Church of England church each week in October 2014 and 7.3% attended at Christmas. Note that the Statistics for Mission return gives no information about Christians who attend services offered by denominations other than the Church of England.

Figure D: Total Church of England participation summary, 1960-2014



Trends over recent years should be viewed in the context of longer-term historical patterns (Figure D), which demonstrate that participation as a proportion of the population has been steadily declining over the last 50 years. The overall figures of decline mask a more varied story of local growth and decline. The fact that fewer people participate in the activities of the Church of England today than have done in the past will not come as a surprise to anyone who has observed trends in church attendance over recent decades.

Figure E: Total Church of England baptisms, marriages, and funerals summary, 2004-2014



In 2014, the Church of England carried out 130,000 baptisms and thanksgivings; 50,000 marriages and services of prayer and dedication after civil marriages; and 146,000 funeral services in churches and at crematoria/cemeteries. The trend over recent years shows a steeper decline in marriages and funerals than in church attendance (Figure E). Since 2004, baptisms have decreased by 12%, marriages by 19%, and funerals by 29%.

12% of births during 2014 were marked by a Church of England infant baptism or thanksgiving service; 31% of deaths were marked by a Church of England funeral.

As well as the wide range of activities taking place in churches, members of church ministry teams serve their communities in many other ways. In particular, 49% of churches lead acts of worship in school assemblies once a month or more, with nearly 30% taking an assembly each week.

More than 50% of churches held a Christingle service in 2014, each attracting over 130 people on average. 79% of these services were held in support of the Children's Society. Further information about churches' charitable giving can be found in the annual Finance report, available online at <https://www.churchofengland.org/about-us/facts-stats/research-statistics.aspx>

The figures derived from Statistics for Mission returns are generally used to provide a broad picture of the Church of England and a summary for each diocese. Such statistics are likely to be seen as the "headline figures". However, contained within the data that lie behind the headlines is an illustration of the astonishing range of churches and communities within the Church of England. It is possible to talk about an "average church" (which had 69 people attending each week during October 2014, 92 at Easter, 171 at Christmas, and which carried out 10 funerals, 9 baptisms, and 3 marriages), but it is important to recognise that many churches are far from average; the largest 5% of churches have a usual Sunday attendance of 160 or more people, whereas 8 or fewer

people attend the smallest 5% of churches. Ministers and congregations exist in a vast range of contexts; one of the roles of the Church of England as a whole is to understand, manage, and serve these contexts, with an awareness of what they are and a consideration of what they might become. It is hoped that the data provided by the Statistics for Mission returns will assist in this task locally, at diocesan level, and nationally.

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The Church of England's 16,000 churches serve a population of over 54 million people, including 32 million Christians. Dioceses vary considerably in their size, population density, and distribution of churches.

Table 1: Diocesan summary statistics, 2014

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Population	Area (square miles)	Population density (people per square mile)	Number of benefices	Number of parishes	Number of churches	Population per church	Rank	Square miles per church	Rank	Christian population	Christian population per church	Rank	Response rate	Rank
1	Bath & Wells	C	930,000	1,610	580	188	465	562	1,660	38	2.9	24	575,000	1,020	39	81%	34
2	Birmingham	C	1,536,000	290	5,300	141	151	189	8,130	2	1.5	40	776,000	4,110	3	96%	9
3	Blackburn	Y	1,323,000	880	1,500	183	229	275	4,810	12	3.2	14	884,000	3,210	8	79%	35
4	Bradford	Y	709,000	920	770	102	126	156	4,550	16	5.9	3	359,000	2,300	18	81%	32
5	Bristol	C	999,000	470	2,130	111	164	205	4,870	11	2.3	37	537,000	2,620	16	96%	10
6	Canterbury	C	943,000	970	970	139	251	328	2,870	28	3.0	22	587,000	1,790	27	91%	19
7	Carlisle	Y	492,000	2,480	200	123	266	339	1,450	40	7.3	2	354,000	1,040	38	91%	18
8	Chelmsford	C	3,102,000	1,530	2,030	320	465	594	5,220	8	2.6	32	1,726,000	2,910	13	100%	2
9	Chester	Y	1,618,000	1,020	1,590	226	272	355	4,560	15	2.9	23	1,103,000	3,110	9	84%	29
10	Chichester	C	1,648,000	1,460	1,130	291	367	488	3,380	23	3.0	20	955,000	1,960	24	94%	12
11	Coventry	C	846,000	690	1,230	130	200	242	3,500	20	2.9	25	506,000	2,090	20	98%	8
12	Derby	C	1,041,000	1,000	1,040	153	255	329	3,160	26	3.0	17	635,000	1,930	26	91%	17
13	Durham	Y	1,475,000	990	1,490	190	225	272	5,420	7	3.6	12	1,033,000	3,800	5	93%	14
14	Ely	C	751,000	1,510	500	180	312	335	2,240	32	4.5	7	443,000	1,320	32	92%	16
15	Exeter	C	1,159,000	2,580	450	181	497	611	1,900	34	4.2	9	705,000	1,150	33	85%	28
16	Gloucester	C	650,000	1,140	570	106	302	385	1,690	36	3.0	21	414,000	1,070	35	88%	21
17	Guildford	C	1,039,000	540	1,920	141	163	216	4,810	13	2.5	33	647,000	2,990	12	99%	5
18	Hereford	C	322,000	1,660	190	105	339	409	790	43	4.1	11	217,000	530	42	78%	36
19	Leicester	C	1,011,000	840	1,200	109	238	312	3,240	25	2.7	31	516,000	1,650	29	88%	23
20	Lichfield	C	2,115,000	1,740	1,220	269	429	560	3,780	18	3.1	15	1,343,000	2,400	17	94%	13
21	Lincoln	C	1,059,000	2,670	400	213	492	635	1,670	37	4.2	10	709,000	1,120	34	58%	43
22	Liverpool	Y	1,576,000	390	4,040	170	205	245	6,430	5	1.6	39	1,189,000	4,850	1	81%	33
23	London	C	4,171,000	280	14,900	409	398	489	8,530	1	0.6	43	1,811,000	3,700	6	87%	27
24	Manchester	Y	2,110,000	420	5,020	203	259	322	6,550	4	1.3	41	1,255,000	3,900	4	87%	25
25	Newcastle	Y	811,000	2,110	380	134	172	237	3,420	21	8.9	1	511,000	2,160	19	98%	7
26	Norwich	C	890,000	1,800	490	186	566	639	1,390	41	2.8	26	538,000	840	41	75%	38
27	Oxford	C	2,335,000	2,220	1,050	289	620	813	2,870	29	2.7	30	1,352,000	1,660	28	74%	39
28	Peterborough	C	883,000	1,150	770	133	349	377	2,340	31	3.1	16	526,000	1,400	31	87%	24
29	Portsmouth	C	773,000	410	1,880	127	142	173	4,470	17	2.4	36	455,000	2,630	15	99%	4
30	Ripon & Leeds	Y	831,000	1,360	610	106	163	251	3,310	24	5.4	4	484,000	1,930	25	98%	6
31	Rochester	C	1,327,000	540	2,460	189	217	266	4,990	10	2.0	38	812,000	3,050	10	90%	20
32	St. Albans	C	1,873,000	1,120	1,670	199	338	404	4,640	14	2.8	29	1,078,000	2,670	14	83%	31
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	662,000	1,440	460	129	445	478	1,380	42	3.0	19	405,000	850	40	76%	37
34	Salisbury	C	937,000	2,050	460	146	449	571	1,640	39	3.6	13	597,000	1,050	37	65%	42
35	Sheffield	Y	1,257,000	580	2,170	151	176	208	6,040	6	2.8	27	758,000	3,650	7	87%	26
36	Sodor & Man	Y	87,000	220	400	15	16	41	2,130	33	5.4	5	-	-	-	100%	1
37	Southwark	C	2,784,000	320	8,700	260	292	364	7,650	3	0.9	42	1,531,000	4,210	2	83%	30
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	1,120,000	850	1,320	158	257	305	3,670	19	2.8	28	633,000	2,080	21	95%	11
39	Truro	C	548,000	1,390	390	128	220	307	1,790	35	4.5	6	328,000	1,070	36	93%	15
40	Wakefield	Y	1,167,000	560	2,080	142	185	232	5,030	9	2.4	34	698,000	3,010	11	73%	40
41	Winchester	C	1,375,000	1,220	1,130	182	261	402	3,420	22	3.0	18	827,000	2,060	23	88%	22
42	Worcester	C	873,000	670	1,300	97	170	282	3,100	27	2.4	35	581,000	2,060	22	99%	3
43	York	Y	1,426,000	2,660	540	256	449	593	2,410	30	4.5	8	920,000	1,550	30	68%	41
Province of Canterbury			C	38,583,000	35,290	1,090	5,251	9,557	11,965	3,220	2.9		22,133,000	1,850			
Province of York			Y	16,003,000	15,410	1,040	2,159	3,000	3,831	4,180	4.0		10,183,000	2,660			
Church of England				54,586,000	50,700	1,080	7,410	12,557	15,796	3,460	3.2		32,317,000	2,050		85%	

Notes: Benefice, Parish, and Church numbers are as listed in the Parish Register maintained by the Research & Statistics Department as at 1st January 2014.

Populations are calculated using mid-year 2014 population estimates from the ONS, mapped onto diocesan boundaries.

Christian population is calculated using data from the 2011 census.

Totals for the Christian populations of the Church of England and the Provinces of Canterbury and York do not include the Isle of Man or the Diocese in Europe.

Response rate is the percentage of churches for which a complete Statistics for Mission return (i.e. one that did not require any estimation) was received.

980,000 people attended Church of England services each week in October 2014. Additionally, over 140,000 people attended school services in church each week.

Table 2: Diocesan average all age weekly attendance, all age Sunday attendance, and all age school service attendance, 2009-2014

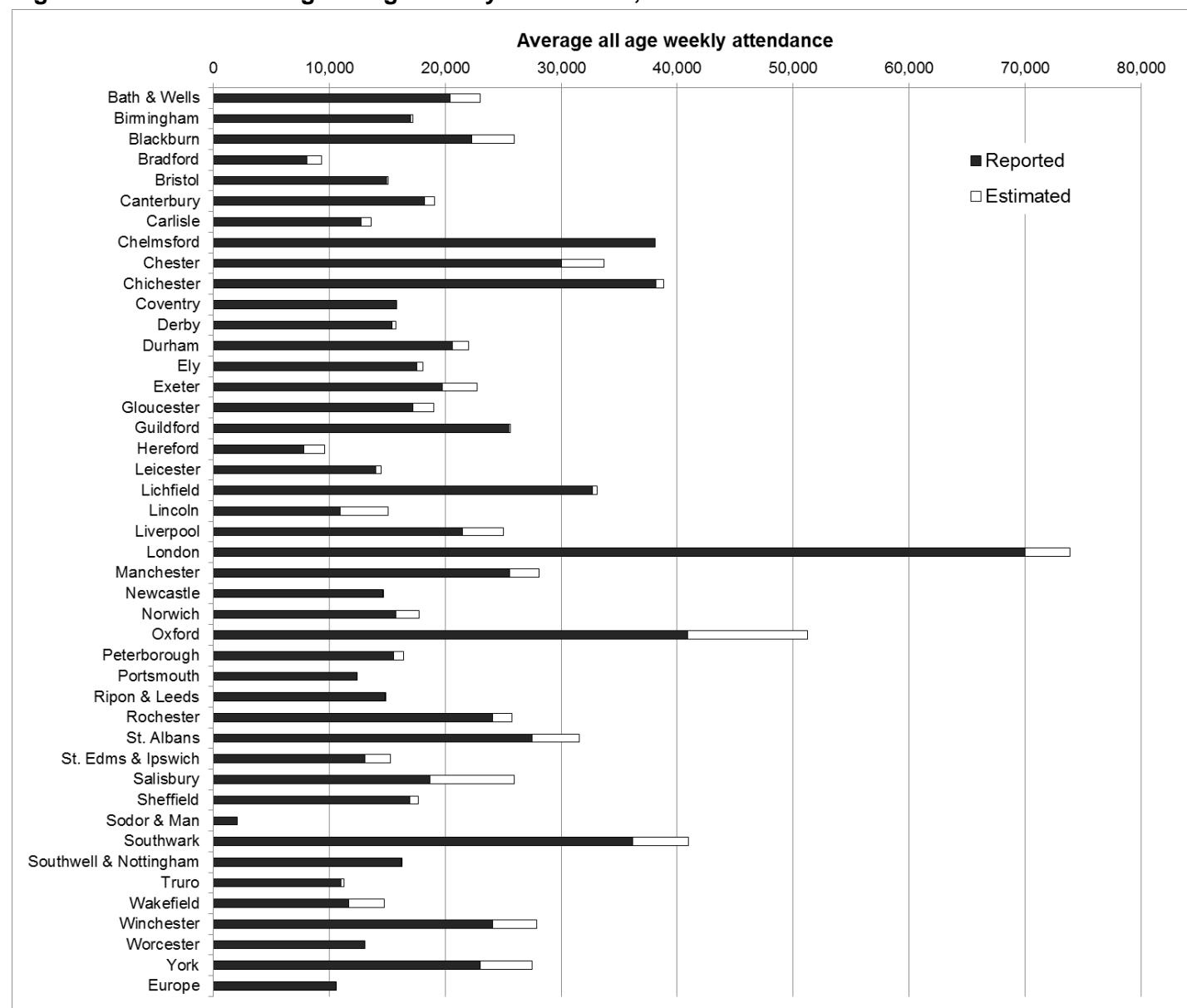
Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Average all age weekly attendance							Average all age Sunday attendance							Average all age weekly school service attendance	
			2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	completeness	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	completeness	2013	2014
1 Bath & Wells	C		25,900	24,800	23,200	24,700	23,000	23,000	89%	21,900	21,000	19,700	21,100	19,900	19,800	89%	2,900	4,000
2 Birmingham	C		18,600	17,500	17,200	17,900	17,000	17,200	99%	15,200	14,500	14,400	14,900	15,000	15,000	99%	2,800	3,000
3 Blackburn	Y		28,800	27,600	27,000	26,800	26,500	26,000	86%	25,100	23,600	23,400	23,100	23,200	22,400	86%	2,400	4,100
4 Bradford	Y		11,800	10,900	10,000	9,800	9,400	9,300	87%	9,300	8,900	8,600	8,500	8,200	8,300	85%	1,700	1,700
5 Bristol	C		17,100	16,900	16,700	16,400	15,600	15,100	99%	14,400	14,200	14,000	13,500	13,200	12,800	99%	2,400	2,000
6 Canterbury	C		21,700	21,400	19,800	21,300	19,300	19,100	96%	18,000	17,200	16,300	17,100	16,700	16,500	95%	3,100	3,500
7 Carlisle	Y		15,800	15,300	14,900	14,900	14,300	13,600	94%	13,100	12,800	12,200	12,500	12,200	11,600	94%	2,500	1,600
8 Chelmsford	C		42,000	40,900	40,800	40,200	38,900	38,100	100%	36,000	34,800	34,500	34,600	34,100	33,800	100%	3,900	4,800
9 Chester	Y		38,700	36,300	36,300	35,900	33,700	33,700	89%	31,500	30,200	30,000	29,200	28,300	28,300	91%	3,800	3,800
10 Chichester	C		44,400	44,800	43,700	42,700	40,600	38,900	98%	36,000	35,900	35,000	35,700	34,500	33,200	98%	4,800	5,400
11 Coventry	C		15,800	15,800	15,300	15,600	16,200	15,800	100%	13,500	13,600	13,200	13,100	13,400	13,200	100%	1,800	3,100
12 Derby	C		17,500	17,100	17,300	17,400	16,000	15,800	98%	15,000	14,700	15,000	14,400	13,800	13,700	98%	2,400	3,500
13 Durham	Y		20,600	21,200	20,500	20,500	20,500	22,000	94%	16,300	16,300	16,000	15,900	16,200	17,100	95%	2,700	4,000
14 Ely	C		18,200	18,400	18,200	17,900	18,000	18,100	97%	15,100	15,300	15,400	15,100	15,600	15,300	98%	1,400	2,700
15 Exeter	C		25,100	25,100	25,200	24,000	23,300	22,700	87%	22,600	22,200	22,000	21,400	20,900	20,200	87%	1,800	3,900
16 Gloucester	C		22,200	21,100	19,900	19,900	18,300	19,000	91%	17,400	16,100	15,700	16,400	15,500	15,600	91%	1,700	3,200
17 Guildford	C		26,700	27,900	28,000	28,300	26,700	25,600	100%	22,900	23,400	23,500	23,900	23,500	22,300	100%	3,800	3,700
18 Hereford	C		10,500	10,500	10,200	10,100	10,000	9,600	82%	8,700	8,700	8,400	8,400	8,100	7,600	80%	1,100	1,200
19 Leicester	C		14,400	15,100	14,600	15,700	14,800	14,500	97%	12,400	12,500	12,500	12,900	12,700	12,300	97%	3,800	2,700
20 Lichfield	C		36,900	35,600	35,800	35,900	33,600	33,100	99%	29,100	28,000	27,100	27,800	27,800	27,000	99%	6,400	8,700
21 Lincoln	C		19,200	18,200	16,900	16,100	15,000	15,100	73%	15,500	14,200	13,600	13,300	12,200	11,900	72%	1,700	2,800
22 Liverpool	Y		27,200	27,800	28,700	28,200	26,500	25,000	86%	22,900	22,600	23,000	22,200	22,200	20,800	86%	4,700	3,500
23 London	C		76,000	74,600	76,100	82,800	78,400	73,900	95%	58,700	57,000	57,400	61,500	59,800	58,200	96%	5,700	10,300
24 Manchester	Y		33,300	32,500	33,200	32,200	31,100	28,100	91%	27,400	26,900	26,800	26,700	27,300	25,400	91%	4,400	2,700
25 Newcastle	Y		14,400	14,300	14,000	14,900	14,500	14,600	100%	11,900	11,800	11,500	11,700	12,000	11,900	100%	2,300	2,400
26 Norwich	C		18,100	17,200	18,400	18,100	17,500	17,800	89%	15,900	15,100	15,000	14,900	14,100	14,500	88%	1,700	2,000
27 Oxford	C		55,000	54,500	52,600	52,900	50,900	51,200	80%	45,700	46,100	44,400	45,300	44,000	45,000	80%	4,800	6,400
28 Peterborough	C		18,000	18,100	17,400	17,000	16,500	16,400	95%	14,500	14,800	14,200	14,000	14,100	13,700	95%	2,200	2,600
29 Portsmouth	C		14,000	14,200	13,500	13,500	12,200	12,400	100%	11,900	11,700	11,200	11,400	10,900	10,800	100%	2,100	2,000
30 Ripon & Leeds	Y		15,900	14,700	15,600	14,300	16,400	14,800	100%	13,200	12,300	12,400	12,000	13,700	12,600	100%	2,600	2,100
31 Rochester	C		28,900	29,300	28,500	27,900	26,700	25,700	93%	25,200	24,900	23,600	23,800	23,100	22,500	94%	3,100	3,200
32 St. Albans	C		36,900	36,700	35,900	35,600	33,100	31,500	87%	28,600	28,000	27,100	26,800	26,500	25,600	88%	5,000	3,700
33 St. Edms & Ipswich	C		18,100	17,200	16,900	16,600	16,100	15,200	86%	15,500	14,900	13,900	14,000	13,600	12,400	86%	800	1,500
34 Salisbury	C		30,000	29,200	28,900	28,600	27,900	25,900	72%	24,300	24,200	23,800	23,900	23,700	22,000	72%	3,500	2,700
35 Sheffield	Y		19,800	19,600	19,900	19,800	18,200	17,700	96%	15,500	15,300	14,900	15,200	15,000	15,000	96%	2,500	2,400
36 Sodor & Man	Y		2,200	2,200	2,300	2,000	2,100	2,100	100%	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,700	1,800	1,500	100%	100	300
37 Southwark	C		44,000	44,700	45,200	43,100	39,700	41,000	88%	39,000	39,100	38,700	38,300	36,500	36,200	89%	-	6,900
38 Southwell & Nottingham	Y		16,700	16,700	17,000	17,100	17,100	16,300	100%	14,100	13,700	13,800	14,000	13,900	13,400	100%	4,000	3,000
39 Truro	C		13,000	12,200	11,500	11,800	11,600	11,300	98%	10,800	10,300	9,700	9,800	9,800	9,600	98%	1,100	1,500
40 Wakefield	Y		16,800	16,200	15,900	15,600	15,300	14,800	79%	13,800	13,100	12,800	12,800	12,700	12,100	78%	2,100	2,900
41 Winchester	C		33,100	32,900	33,400	32,000	30,800	27,900	86%	27,000	27,000	26,300	25,500	26,000	23,900	88%	5,700	3,600
42 Worcester	C		14,700	14,400	14,400	14,800	13,200	13,100	100%	12,500	11,900	11,500	11,900	11,100	11,100	100%	1,800	2,000
43 York	Y		31,600	28,800	28,200	28,000	27,300	27,500	84%	24,000	22,600	22,600	22,700	21,800	21,300	83%	3,400	3,700
44 Europe	C		12,300	12,000	11,500	11,400	10,300	10,600	100%	11,600	11,400	10,900	10,800	9,700	9,800	100%	0	0
Province of Canterbury	C		788,300	778,500	766,900	770,100	731,300	714,500		654,900	642,400	628,000	635,400	619,800	605,700		83,500	106,500
Province of York	Y		293,600	284,100	283,400	280,100	273,000	265,500		240,200	232,100	229,800	228,100	228,300	221,500		39,100	38,200
Church of England			1,081,900	1,062,600	1,050,300	1,050,200	1,004,300	980,000	92%	895,100	874,500	857,800	863,500	848,100	827,200	92%	122,600	144,700

Notes: Attendance data were collected during the first 4 weeks of October, 2014.

Attendance at midweek school services has been measured since 2013; in 2014 attendance at school services on Sundays was measured, with explicit guidance that only school services taking place in churches or church buildings should be included. Attendance at these school services is not included in the weekly attendance or Sunday attendance totals for 2013 and 2014. It is likely that reported attendance before 2013 included some school service attendance, accounting for the unusually large change from 2012 to 2013.

Values shown include data as reported by churches/parishes and estimates where no report has been returned. The completeness columns give the percentages of the 2014 values consisting of reports from churches/parishes (the remainder being estimated).

Figure 1: Diocesan average all age weekly attendance, October count 2014



Excluding school services taking place in churches, over 980,000 people attended worship each week during October 2014. Large differences between dioceses can be seen, both in the number of people attending and in the completeness of the data on which the totals are based. The diocese with the largest absolute attendance – London – had an average weekly attendance more than 30 times larger than that of the smallest diocese – Sodor and Man.

For some dioceses, such as Sodor and Man, Chelmsford, Worcester, and Portsmouth, data are almost complete, and attendance has had to be estimated for very few churches; we can be reasonably confident, therefore, that the figures from these dioceses are accurate. For other dioceses, such as Lincoln, Salisbury, and Oxford, a large amount of estimation has been necessary. The black bars in Figure 1 show the October attendance data as reported by churches/parishes, the white bars show the amount of estimation that has been necessary for each diocese.

830,000 adults attended church each week in October 2014, 85% of them doing so on a Sunday.

Table 3: Diocesan average adult weekly attendance, adult Sunday attendance, and adult school service attendance, 2009-2014

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Average adult weekly attendance							Average adult Sunday attendance							Average adult weekly school service attendance	
			2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	complete-ness	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	complete-ness	2013	2014
1	Bath & Wells	C	21,100	20,200	19,000	20,500	19,700	20,100	88%	19,300	18,500	17,400	18,600	17,800	17,800	88%	700	900
2	Birmingham	C	14,600	13,800	13,800	14,300	14,400	14,700	99%	12,900	12,200	12,100	12,600	12,700	12,800	99%	400	600
3	Blackburn	Y	22,300	21,300	21,000	21,300	21,500	21,100	86%	20,100	19,000	18,700	18,600	18,900	18,300	86%	400	400
4	Bradford	Y	9,100	8,600	8,100	8,100	8,000	8,000	86%	8,000	7,700	7,400	7,300	7,100	7,200	85%	300	400
5	Bristol	C	13,600	13,500	13,300	13,300	13,100	12,700	99%	12,100	11,900	11,700	11,300	11,200	10,900	99%	300	500
6	Canterbury	C	17,000	16,400	15,600	16,400	15,800	16,100	95%	15,000	14,200	13,800	14,100	13,900	14,100	95%	600	900
7	Carlisle	Y	13,000	12,800	12,500	12,800	12,500	11,800	94%	11,600	11,400	10,800	11,200	10,900	10,300	94%	500	500
8	Chelmsford	C	33,500	32,500	32,300	32,300	32,400	32,100	100%	30,000	28,900	28,800	28,800	28,500	28,400	100%	800	1,000
9	Chester	Y	31,200	29,600	29,300	28,600	28,400	28,400	90%	26,800	25,800	25,500	24,800	24,300	24,300	91%	600	800
10	Chichester	C	36,000	36,100	35,700	35,000	34,500	33,600	98%	30,700	30,500	30,400	30,600	30,000	28,900	98%	1,100	1,300
11	Coventry	C	13,200	13,100	13,000	12,800	13,200	13,400	100%	11,500	11,500	11,300	11,100	11,300	11,300	100%	300	500
12	Derby	C	14,600	14,400	14,700	14,300	13,700	13,800	98%	12,900	12,700	13,100	12,600	12,100	12,000	98%	700	1,200
13	Durham	Y	17,100	17,300	17,000	17,000	17,500	19,000	94%	14,200	14,100	13,800	13,800	14,100	14,900	94%	300	1,000
14	Ely	C	14,500	14,500	14,300	14,200	14,900	15,100	97%	13,000	13,100	13,000	13,000	13,400	13,200	97%	200	500
15	Exeter	C	21,900	21,700	21,600	20,800	20,700	20,400	87%	20,100	19,800	19,600	19,200	18,800	18,200	87%	300	700
16	Gloucester	C	17,800	17,000	16,400	16,500	15,900	16,600	91%	15,200	13,800	13,600	14,400	13,700	13,800	91%	500	800
17	Guildford	C	20,100	21,300	21,400	21,800	21,800	21,000	99%	18,200	19,100	19,000	19,300	19,300	18,400	99%	800	800
18	Hereford	C	8,900	8,900	8,700	8,600	8,800	8,500	81%	7,900	7,800	7,600	7,600	7,500	7,000	80%	100	500
19	Leicester	C	12,200	12,300	12,300	12,900	12,500	12,100	97%	10,800	10,800	10,900	11,200	11,000	10,700	96%	800	600
20	Lichfield	C	28,900	27,900	27,400	28,300	28,300	28,000	99%	25,100	24,100	23,400	24,200	24,300	23,800	99%	1,300	1,700
21	Lincoln	C	15,900	14,400	13,900	13,500	13,100	13,200	72%	13,800	12,600	12,100	11,800	11,000	10,800	72%	300	600
22	Liverpool	Y	21,200	21,900	22,100	21,900	21,800	20,600	85%	18,800	18,700	18,800	18,400	18,500	17,300	85%	600	900
23	London	C	60,000	58,600	59,600	64,900	66,000	62,000	95%	48,300	46,900	47,200	50,000	49,500	48,300	96%	700	1,300
24	Manchester	Y	25,200	24,500	24,500	24,100	24,400	21,900	90%	21,800	21,400	21,200	21,000	21,500	19,900	90%	700	500
25	Newcastle	Y	12,100	12,200	11,900	12,500	12,700	12,900	100%	10,500	10,400	10,100	10,300	10,500	10,500	100%	500	800
26	Norwich	C	15,900	15,200	16,100	15,900	15,600	16,200	89%	14,600	13,900	13,800	13,600	13,000	13,300	87%	500	600
27	Oxford	C	43,500	43,900	42,300	42,600	42,200	43,000	80%	37,900	38,600	37,200	38,000	36,900	38,000	80%	1,000	1,500
28	Peterborough	C	14,300	14,500	13,900	13,600	13,800	13,800	94%	12,200	12,400	12,000	11,800	11,900	11,700	94%	500	600
29	Portsmouth	C	11,500	11,500	10,900	11,000	10,600	10,800	100%	10,300	10,200	9,800	9,900	9,500	9,400	100%	300	400
30	Ripon & Leeds	Y	12,600	11,700	12,500	11,300	13,600	12,400	100%	11,000	10,300	10,400	10,000	11,400	10,600	100%	500	400
31	Rochester	C	22,500	22,800	21,700	21,900	21,400	21,200	94%	20,600	20,400	19,300	19,600	19,000	18,700	94%	500	600
32	St. Albans	C	28,200	27,700	27,100	26,900	26,800	25,600	86%	23,900	23,300	22,700	22,400	22,300	21,700	87%	1,000	800
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	15,500	14,700	14,200	14,200	14,200	13,400	85%	13,800	13,200	12,400	12,400	12,200	11,300	86%	100	400
34	Salisbury	C	24,600	24,300	23,700	23,600	23,700	22,200	73%	21,200	21,300	20,700	20,900	20,800	19,300	72%	500	700
35	Sheffield	Y	15,500	15,300	15,600	15,900	14,900	14,700	95%	13,000	12,900	12,600	12,900	12,700	12,600	95%	400	800
36	Sodor & Man	Y	1,800	1,800	1,900	1,800	1,900	1,800	100%	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,500	1,600	1,300	100%	0	100
37	Southwark	C	33,300	33,700	33,200	32,300	31,100	32,400	88%	30,600	30,700	30,200	29,900	28,700	28,700	89%	-	3,600
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	13,700	13,500	13,600	13,900	14,600	14,000	99%	12,200	11,800	11,800	12,000	12,100	11,700	99%	600	600
39	Truro	C	11,200	10,600	10,000	10,200	10,600	10,400	97%	9,800	9,400	8,900	8,900	9,100	8,800	97%	300	400
40	Wakefield	Y	13,800	13,300	13,000	12,900	13,100	12,800	79%	11,900	11,300	11,100	11,100	11,100	10,600	78%	400	700
41	Winchester	C	26,400	26,200	26,400	25,200	25,800	23,700	87%	23,100	23,000	22,500	21,700	22,400	20,600	87%	900	900
42	Worcester	C	12,300	12,200	11,700	11,900	11,400	11,300	100%	11,000	10,500	10,200	10,600	9,900	9,800	100%	300	500
43	York	Y	25,200	22,900	22,900	22,900	23,300	23,900	84%	20,800	19,600	19,500	19,600	18,800	18,500	82%	900	800
44	Europe	C	10,700	10,400	10,000	9,900	9,100	9,500	100%	10,000	9,800	9,500	9,400	8,500	8,700	100%	0	0
Province of Canterbury			633,600	624,400	614,100	619,400	615,200	606,800		555,900	545,200	534,400	539,400	530,300	520,500		15,700	25,100
Province of York			233,700	226,900	226,000	225,000	228,100	223,400		202,200	195,900	193,300	192,500	193,400	187,900		6,700	8,800
Church of England			867,300	851,300	840,100	844,400	843,200	830,200	91%	758,100	741,200	727,600	731,900	723,700	708,400	91%	22,400	33,900

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150,000 children attended church each week in October 2014. Additionally, over 110,000 attended school services in church each week.

Table 4: Diocesan average child weekly attendance, child Sunday attendance, and child school service attendance, 2009-2014

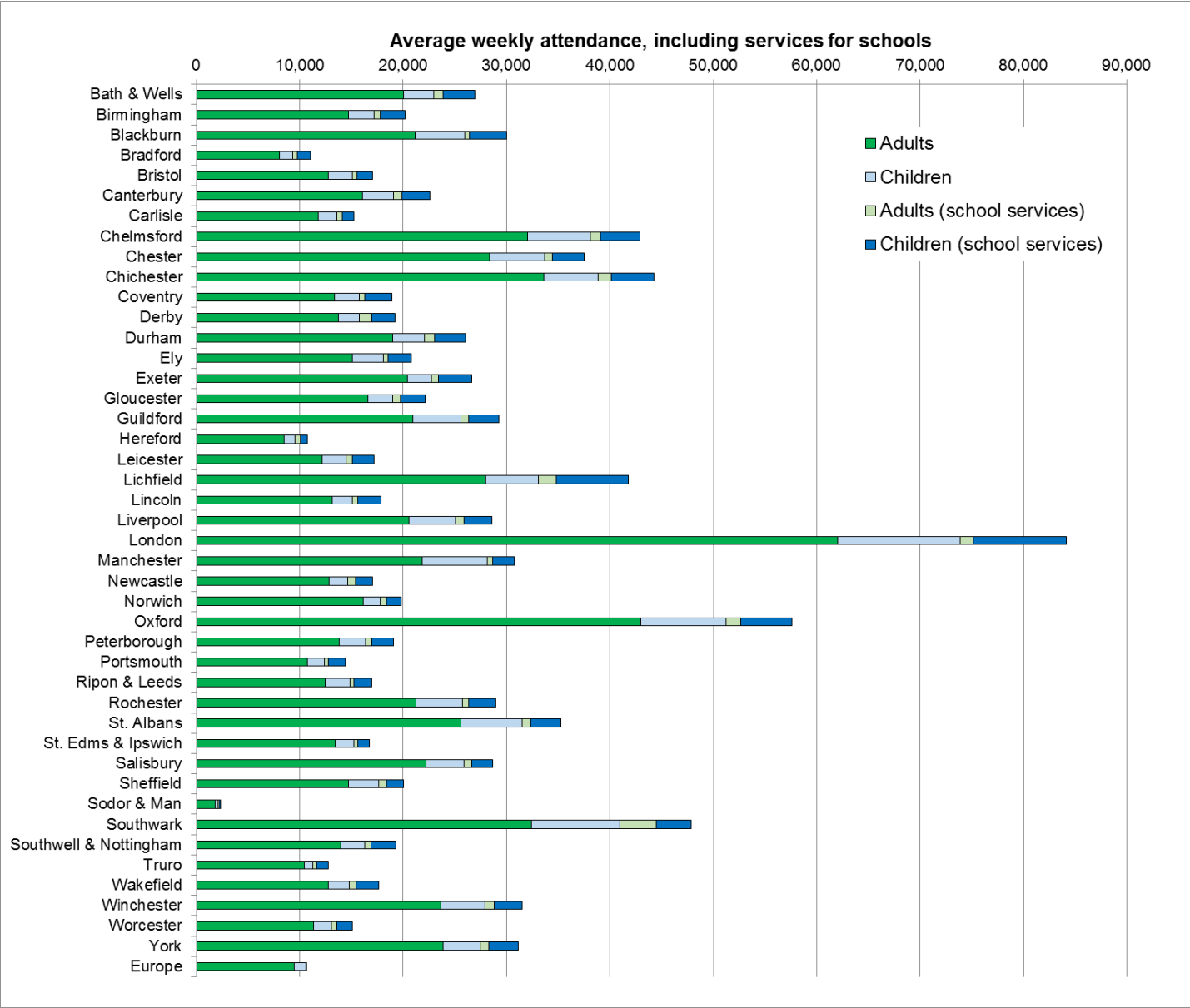
Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Average child weekly attendance							Average child Sunday attendance							Average child weekly school service attendance	
			2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	complete-ness	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	complete-ness	2013	2014
1 Bath & Wells	C		4,600	4,500	4,100	4,100	3,400	2,900	93%	2,400	2,400	2,300	2,400	2,100	2,000	95%	2,200	3,100
2 Birmingham	C		4,000	3,700	3,300	3,600	2,500	2,500	100%	2,200	2,300	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	100%	2,400	2,400
3 Blackburn	Y		6,400	6,100	5,900	5,500	5,000	4,800	86%	4,900	4,600	4,600	4,400	4,300	4,100	88%	2,000	3,600
4 Bradford	Y		2,700	2,300	1,800	1,700	1,300	1,300	92%	1,300	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,100	1,100	91%	1,400	1,300
5 Bristol	C		3,500	3,300	3,300	3,100	2,500	2,300	100%	2,300	2,200	2,300	2,200	2,000	2,000	100%	2,100	1,500
6 Canterbury	C		4,700	4,900	4,100	4,800	3,500	3,000	99%	2,900	2,900	2,400	2,900	2,800	2,500	99%	2,500	2,600
7 Carlisle	Y		2,700	2,500	2,300	2,100	1,800	1,800	95%	1,500	1,400	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,200	97%	1,900	1,100
8 Chelmsford	C		8,300	8,300	8,300	7,700	6,500	6,100	100%	5,800	5,700	5,600	5,700	5,600	5,400	100%	3,000	3,800
9 Chester	Y		7,400	6,700	6,900	7,100	5,300	5,300	87%	4,700	4,400	4,400	4,300	4,000	4,100	94%	3,200	3,000
10 Chichester	C		8,300	8,700	7,900	7,600	6,100	5,200	100%	5,200	5,200	4,500	5,100	4,500	4,300	100%	3,800	4,100
11 Coventry	C		2,500	2,600	2,300	2,700	3,000	2,400	100%	2,000	2,000	1,800	1,900	2,000	1,900	100%	1,600	2,600
12 Derby	C		2,900	2,700	2,600	3,000	2,200	2,000	100%	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,800	1,700	1,600	100%	1,700	2,300
13 Durham	Y		3,400	3,800	3,500	3,500	3,000	3,000	91%	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,000	2,100	2,100	97%	2,400	3,100
14 Ely	C		3,700	3,800	3,900	3,600	3,100	3,000	99%	2,100	2,100	2,400	2,100	2,200	2,100	100%	1,200	2,200
15 Exeter	C		3,200	3,300	3,400	3,200	2,600	2,300	84%	2,400	2,300	2,300	2,200	2,100	2,000	87%	1,500	3,200
16 Gloucester	C		4,400	4,000	3,500	3,400	2,400	2,400	92%	2,200	2,200	2,000	1,900	1,800	1,800	97%	1,200	2,400
17 Guildford	C		6,600	6,500	6,600	6,400	4,900	4,600	100%	4,600	4,300	4,400	4,500	4,200	4,000	100%	3,000	2,900
18 Hereford	C		1,500	1,600	1,400	1,400	1,200	1,100	87%	700	800	700	700	600	600	83%	1,000	600
19 Leicester	C		2,100	2,700	2,300	2,700	2,300	2,300	97%	1,600	1,600	1,500	1,700	1,700	1,600	100%	3,100	2,100
20 Lichfield	C		7,800	7,500	8,300	7,500	5,300	5,100	100%	3,900	3,700	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,300	100%	5,100	7,000
21 Lincoln	C		3,200	3,700	2,900	2,500	1,800	1,900	78%	1,600	1,500	1,300	1,400	1,200	1,200	80%	1,400	2,200
22 Liverpool	Y		6,000	5,900	6,600	6,300	4,700	4,400	89%	4,000	3,900	4,100	3,700	3,800	3,500	88%	4,100	2,700
23 London	C		15,800	16,000	16,400	17,800	12,400	11,800	91%	10,300	10,000	10,100	11,400	10,200	9,900	96%	5,100	9,000
24 Manchester	Y		8,000	8,000	8,500	8,100	6,700	6,200	94%	5,500	5,400	5,600	5,700	5,800	5,500	95%	3,700	2,100
25 Newcastle	Y		2,300	2,100	2,000	2,300	1,900	1,800	100%	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,300	1,500	1,400	100%	1,800	1,600
26 Norwich	C		2,100	1,900	2,300	2,200	2,000	1,600	89%	1,300	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,100	1,100	92%	1,200	1,400
27 Oxford	C		11,400	10,500	10,100	10,200	8,700	8,300	79%	7,700	7,300	7,000	7,100	7,000	7,000	83%	3,800	4,900
28 Peterborough	C		3,600	3,500	3,400	3,300	2,700	2,600	97%	2,200	2,300	2,200	2,100	2,200	2,000	99%	1,700	2,100
29 Portsmouth	C		2,400	2,600	2,500	2,400	1,600	1,600	100%	1,500	1,500	1,300	1,400	1,400	1,400	100%	1,800	1,700
30 Ripon & Leeds	Y		3,200	2,900	3,000	2,900	2,800	2,400	100%	2,200	1,900	2,000	2,000	2,200	2,000	100%	2,100	1,700
31 Rochester	C		6,300	6,400	6,700	5,900	5,300	4,500	93%	4,500	4,400	4,200	4,100	4,100	3,900	97%	2,700	2,700
32 St. Albans	C		8,600	8,900	8,700	8,600	6,300	6,000	91%	4,700	4,600	4,300	4,300	4,200	3,900	92%	4,100	2,900
33 St. Edms & Ipswich	C		2,500	2,400	2,600	2,300	1,900	1,800	92%	1,700	1,600	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,200	91%	700	1,100
34 Salisbury	C		5,300	4,800	5,100	4,900	4,200	3,700	66%	3,000	2,800	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,700	70%	3,000	2,000
35 Sheffield	Y		4,200	4,200	4,200	3,900	3,400	2,900	98%	2,400	2,400	2,200	2,300	2,300	2,400	99%	2,000	1,600
36 Sodor & Man	Y		400	300	300	200	200	200	100%	300	200	200	200	200	200	100%	100	100
37 Southwark	C		10,700	11,000	11,800	10,800	8,600	8,600	88%	8,300	8,200	8,400	8,300	7,800	7,500	88%	-	3,300
38 Southwell & Nottingham	Y		3,000	3,100	3,400	3,100	2,500	2,300	100%	1,900	1,800	1,900	1,900	1,800	1,700	100%	3,400	2,400
39 Truro	C		1,800	1,500	1,400	1,600	1,000	900	100%	1,000	800	800	800	700	700	100%	800	1,100
40 Wakefield	Y		3,000	2,900	2,800	2,600	2,100	2,000	80%	1,900	1,700	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,500	83%	1,700	2,200
41 Winchester	C		6,600	6,700	7,000	6,700	5,000	4,200	85%	3,900	3,900	3,700	3,700	3,600	3,300	91%	4,900	2,700
42 Worcester	C		2,400	2,200	2,600	2,800	1,900	1,800	100%	1,400	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,200	1,300	100%	1,500	1,500
43 York	Y		6,300	5,700	5,300	5,100	4,000	3,600	84%	3,100	2,900	2,900	3,000	3,000	2,800	84%	2,500	2,900
44 Europe	C		1,600	1,600	1,400	1,400	1,200	1,100	100%	1,500	1,500	1,300	1,400	1,200	1,100	100%	0	0
Province of Canterbury	C		152,300	151,600	150,200	148,200	116,100	107,700		96,700	94,700	91,200	93,400	89,400	85,200		67,800	81,400
Province of York	Y		59,100	56,400	56,600	54,300	44,900	42,100		37,100	35,300	35,700	34,800	34,900	33,600		32,400	29,400
Church of England			211,400	207,900	206,800	202,500	161,000	149,800	92%	133,900	129,900	126,800	128,300	124,300	118,800	94%	100,200	110,900

Notes: Attendance data were collected during the first 4 weeks of October, 2014.

Attendance at school services in church has been measured since 2013; attendance at these school services is not included in the weekly attendance or Sunday attendance totals for 2013 and 2014. It is likely that reported attendance before 2013 included some school service attendance, accounting for the unusually large change from 2012 to 2013.

Values shown include data as reported by churches/parishes and estimates where no report has been returned. The completeness columns give the percentages of the 2014 values consisting of reports from churches/parishes (the remainder being estimated).

Figure 2: Diocesan average adult, child, and school service weekly attendance, October count 2014



In every diocese, adult attendance is considerably larger than child attendance. In some dioceses, for example Lichfield and London, large numbers of children attend school services taking place in churches. Indeed, in many dioceses the number of children attending services for schools is similar to the number of children attending other services.

Figure 3: Total Church of England average all age weekly attendance, October count 2004-2014

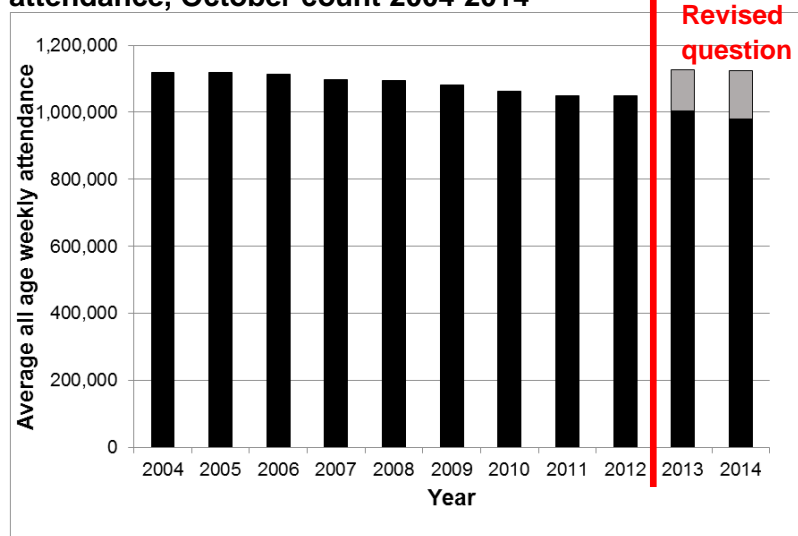


Figure 5: Total Church of England average adult, child, and school service Sunday attendance, October count 2004-2014

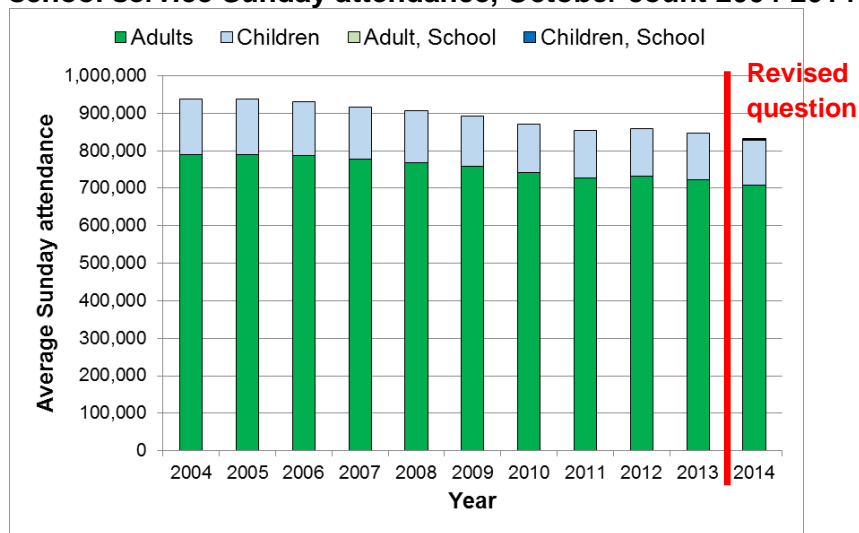
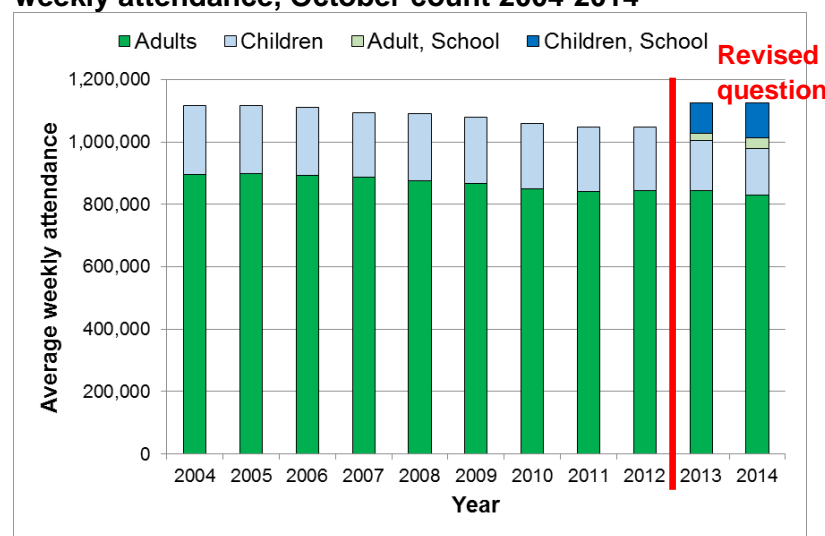


Figure 4: Total Church of England average adult, child, and school service weekly attendance, October count 2004-2014



Average all age weekly attendance during October has shown a steady decline over the last decade, a trend also seen in average Sunday attendance.

Not including school services taking place in church, both average weekly and average Sunday attendance have declined by 12% since 2004. This figure should be treated with caution: since 2013, churches have been specifically asked about attendance at school services taking place in church (attendance at midweek school services was first measured in 2013, attendance at school services on Sundays was first measured in 2014), shown in grey in Figure 3. These serve many people, especially children during the week (Figure 4). It is likely that some of the reported attendance before 2013 was related to school services, thus some of the recent reduction is as a result of attendance being reported in a different way. For comparison, since 2004 the average adult weekly attendance - less affected by the change in methodology - has fallen by 7%.

School services taking place in church during October accounted for over 40% of children's total church October attendance. It is clear that school services taking place in church are a significant part of the church's ministry.

As expected, Figure 5 shows that there is very little attendance at school services taking place in churches on Sundays.

Over 760,000 people attended church on a usual Sunday in 2014, with about 6 times as many adults as children attending.

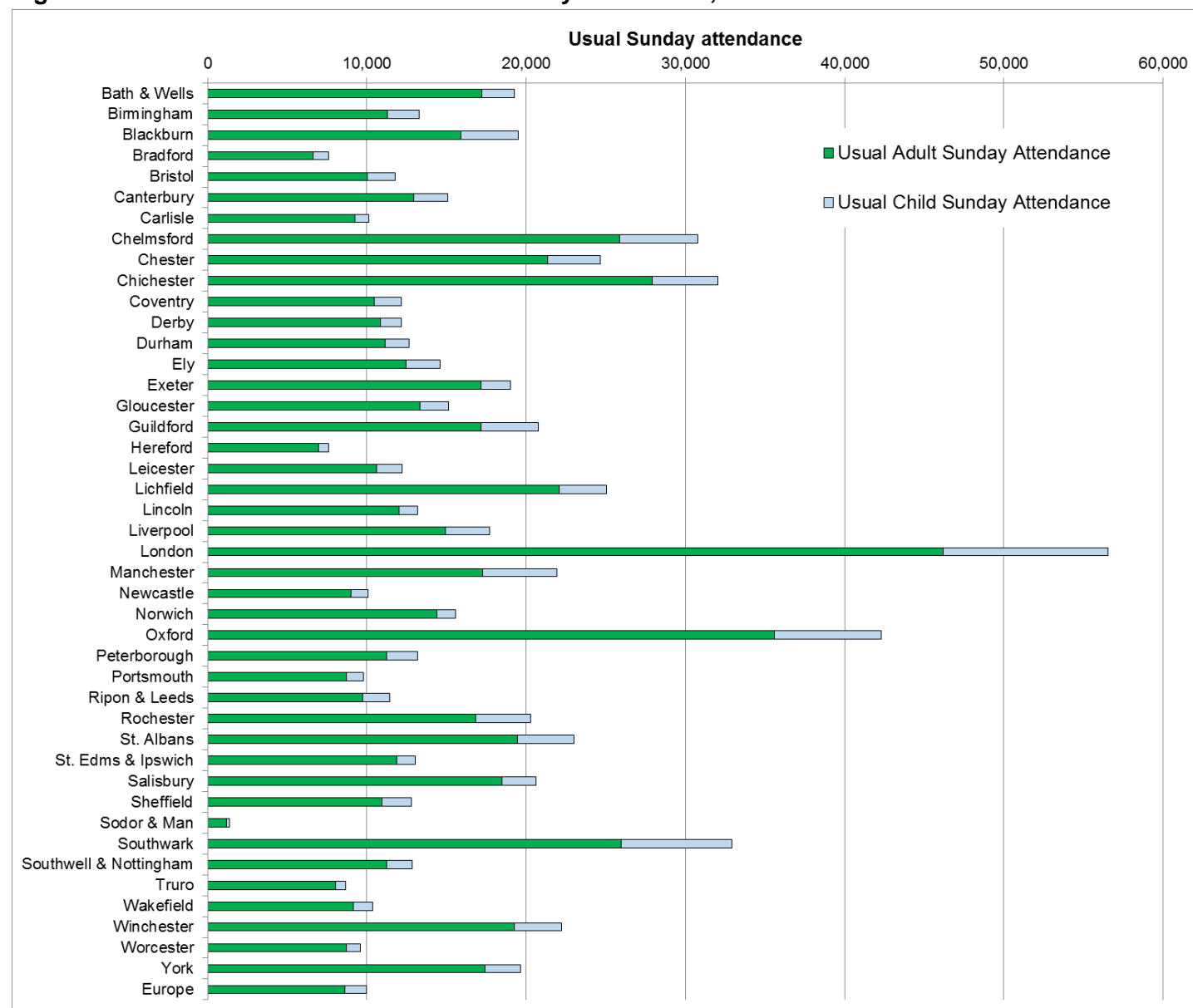
Table 5: Diocesan adult and child usual Sunday attendance, 2009-2014

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	2009			2010			2011			2012			2013			2014			
			Adults	Children	All	Adults	Children	All	Adults	Children	All	Adults	Children	All	Adults	Children	All	Adults	Children	All	complete-ness
1	Bath & Wells	C	18,500	2,500	21,000	17,900	2,300	20,200	18,300	2,500	20,800	17,400	2,400	19,800	17,500	2,400	19,900	17,200	2,100	19,300	86%
2	Birmingham	C	12,100	2,100	14,300	11,600	2,000	13,600	11,500	2,000	13,500	11,700	2,000	13,700	11,500	2,000	13,500	11,300	2,000	13,300	98%
3	Blackburn	Y	17,800	4,000	21,800	17,100	3,900	21,000	17,000	3,900	21,000	16,600	3,800	20,400	16,800	3,800	20,600	15,900	3,600	19,500	85%
4	Bradford	Y	7,100	1,100	8,200	7,100	1,000	8,100	6,800	1,000	7,800	6,800	1,000	7,800	6,400	1,000	7,400	6,600	1,000	7,600	83%
5	Bristol	C	10,800	1,900	12,700	10,700	1,900	12,600	10,800	2,000	12,800	10,400	1,900	12,300	10,500	1,900	12,300	10,000	1,700	11,800	99%
6	Canterbury	C	13,700	2,400	16,000	13,900	2,300	16,200	12,900	2,100	15,000	12,800	2,600	15,400	12,900	2,400	15,300	12,900	2,100	15,100	95%
7	Carlisle	Y	10,000	1,100	11,000	9,800	1,100	10,900	9,800	1,000	10,800	9,600	1,000	10,600	9,900	1,000	10,800	9,300	900	10,100	94%
8	Chelmsford	C	27,400	5,100	32,500	26,800	5,200	32,100	26,700	4,900	31,600	26,200	4,900	31,000	26,600	4,800	31,400	25,900	4,900	30,800	100%
9	Chester	Y	23,100	3,800	26,900	22,900	3,700	26,600	23,200	3,700	26,900	21,600	3,400	25,000	21,100	3,300	24,400	21,300	3,300	24,700	93%
10	Chichester	C	29,100	4,800	33,900	28,500	4,700	33,200	29,000	4,700	33,600	28,500	4,600	33,100	28,400	4,300	32,700	27,900	4,100	32,000	98%
11	Coventry	C	11,000	1,800	12,800	10,900	1,800	12,800	11,000	1,800	12,800	10,700	1,700	12,400	10,500	1,700	12,200	10,500	1,700	12,200	100%
12	Derby	C	11,300	1,600	12,900	11,400	1,600	13,000	11,500	1,600	13,100	11,200	1,500	12,700	10,800	1,500	12,300	10,900	1,300	12,200	97%
13	Durham	Y	12,300	1,700	14,000	11,900	1,900	13,700	11,700	1,600	13,300	11,300	1,600	12,900	11,400	1,500	12,900	11,200	1,500	12,700	96%
14	Ely	C	12,000	1,900	13,900	12,300	2,000	14,300	12,400	2,000	14,400	12,000	2,300	14,300	12,700	2,300	15,000	12,500	2,100	14,600	96%
15	Exeter	C	19,300	2,300	21,600	18,500	2,100	20,600	18,600	2,100	20,700	18,100	1,900	20,000	18,100	2,000	20,000	17,200	1,900	19,000	86%
16	Gloucester	C	15,000	2,300	17,200	14,300	2,100	16,400	13,300	1,800	15,200	13,200	1,800	14,900	13,300	1,800	15,000	13,400	1,800	15,100	92%
17	Guildford	C	18,300	3,800	22,100	18,100	3,700	21,800	17,500	3,700	21,300	17,400	3,700	21,200	17,800	3,600	21,400	17,200	3,600	20,800	100%
18	Hereford	C	7,400	800	8,200	7,100	700	7,900	7,300	700	8,100	7,600	800	8,400	8,000	800	8,800	7,000	600	7,600	81%
19	Leicester	C	10,800	1,600	12,400	10,700	1,600	12,400	11,000	1,600	12,600	10,900	1,600	12,500	11,000	1,600	12,600	10,600	1,600	12,200	95%
20	Lichfield	C	23,500	3,600	27,100	22,900	3,500	26,400	22,800	3,400	26,200	22,900	3,300	26,200	22,200	3,100	25,300	22,100	3,000	25,000	97%
21	Lincoln	C	13,600	1,400	14,900	12,700	1,200	14,000	12,600	1,200	13,900	12,600	1,200	13,800	11,900	1,100	13,100	12,000	1,200	13,200	70%
22	Liverpool	Y	16,800	3,300	20,100	16,100	3,100	19,200	16,200	3,100	19,400	16,000	3,000	19,000	15,400	2,900	18,400	14,900	2,800	17,700	84%
23	London	C	46,700	10,300	56,900	45,900	10,000	55,900	46,500	10,200	56,700	47,900	10,400	58,300	47,600	10,300	57,900	46,200	10,400	56,500	96%
24	Manchester	Y	19,500	4,800	24,300	18,900	5,000	23,900	18,600	4,900	23,500	18,300	4,900	23,300	18,200	4,900	23,100	17,300	4,700	21,900	90%
25	Newcastle	Y	9,500	1,200	10,700	9,500	1,200	10,600	9,300	1,100	10,400	9,100	1,100	10,200	9,200	1,100	10,300	9,000	1,100	10,100	100%
26	Norwich	C	14,200	1,300	15,500	14,000	1,500	15,500	13,900	1,300	15,200	13,800	1,000	14,800	14,200	1,100	15,300	14,400	1,100	15,600	86%
27	Oxford	C	35,600	6,900	42,500	36,000	6,700	42,700	35,500	6,600	42,200	35,700	6,900	42,600	36,100	7,000	43,100	35,600	6,700	42,300	80%
28	Peterborough	C	11,900	2,200	14,100	11,700	2,100	13,800	11,700	2,100	13,800	11,300	1,900	13,200	11,500	2,000	13,400	11,300	1,900	13,200	93%
29	Portsmouth	C	9,800	1,400	11,200	9,700	1,300	11,000	9,100	1,200	10,200	9,000	1,200	10,200	8,800	1,100	9,900	8,700	1,100	9,800	100%
30	Ripon & Leeds	Y	10,000	1,900	11,900	9,600	1,700	11,300	9,600	1,700	11,300	9,100	1,700	10,800	10,200	2,000	12,100	9,700	1,700	11,400	99%
31	Rochester	C	18,400	4,100	22,400	18,600	4,100	22,800	18,200	3,800	22,000	17,100	3,700	20,800	17,300	3,700	21,100	16,800	3,500	20,300	92%
32	St. Albans	C	21,400	4,100	25,500	21,000	4,000	25,000	20,900	4,100	25,000	20,600	3,900	24,400	20,100	3,700	23,900	19,400	3,600	23,000	87%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	13,000	1,600	14,700	13,100	1,700	14,700	12,700	1,500	14,200	12,400	1,300	13,800	12,300	1,400	13,800	11,900	1,200	13,100	84%
34	Salisbury	C	20,000	2,700	22,700	20,100	2,600	22,700	19,700	2,600	22,300	19,400	2,500	21,900	19,100	2,400	21,400	18,500	2,200	20,600	75%
35	Sheffield	Y	11,600	2,000	13,600	11,600	1,900	13,500	11,300	1,900	13,200	11,100	1,900	13,000	10,900	1,900	12,700	10,900	1,800	12,800	94%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	1,400	200	1,600	1,300	200	1,600	1,200	200	1,400	1,200	200	1,300	1,300	200	1,500	1,200	200	1,400	100%
37	Southwark	C	28,600	7,500	36,100	29,200	7,600	36,800	29,000	7,700	36,700	27,700	7,600	35,300	27,300	7,700	35,000	26,000	7,000	32,900	88%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	11,500	1,600	13,100	11,400	1,600	13,000	12,200	1,700	13,900	11,400	1,700	13,100	11,700	1,700	13,400	11,300	1,600	12,900	98%
39	Truro	C	8,900	800	9,600	8,600	800	9,300	8,400	800	9,300	8,000	700	8,700	8,300	700	9,000	8,000	600	8,700	97%
40	Wakefield	Y	10,700	1,500	12,200	10,400	1,400	11,900	10,100	1,400	11,400	9,600	1,300	10,900	9,500	1,300	10,800	9,100	1,200	10,400	78%
41	Winchester	C	21,900	3,800	25,700	21,600	3,700	25,300	21,500	3,700	25,200	20,100	3,700	23,800	21,300	3,300	24,600	19,200	3,000	22,200	87%
42	Worcester	C	10,400	1,200	11,600	10,000	1,100	11,100	9,800	1,100	10,900	8,800	1,000	9,800	8,800	900	9,600	8,700	900	9,600	99%
43	York	Y	18,600	2,200	20,700	17,800	2,400	20,200	17,900	2,300	20,200	17,600	2,300	19,900	17,900	2,300	20,200	17,400	2,200	19,600	79%
44	Europe	C	9,800	1,600	11,400	9,400	1,600	11,000	9,300	1,600	10,900	9,200	1,600	10,800	8,200	1,400	9,600	8,600	1,400	10,000	100%
Province of Canterbury			524,300	89,400	613,600	517,400	87,600	605,000	513,800	86,400	600,200	504,700	85,600	590,300	504,300	83,900	588,200	491,800	80,100	571,900	
Province of York			179,900	30,200	210,100	175,300	30,100	205,400	175,000	29,600	204,600	169,300	28,800	198,100	169,700	28,800	198,500	165,300	27,500	192,800	
Church of England			704,200	119,600	823,800	692,700	117,700	810,400	688,800	116,000	804,800	674,100	114,400	788,500	674,000	112,700	786,700	657,100	107,600	764,700	91%

Notes: Data in this table refer to attendance on a “usual Sunday, when there is a service”.

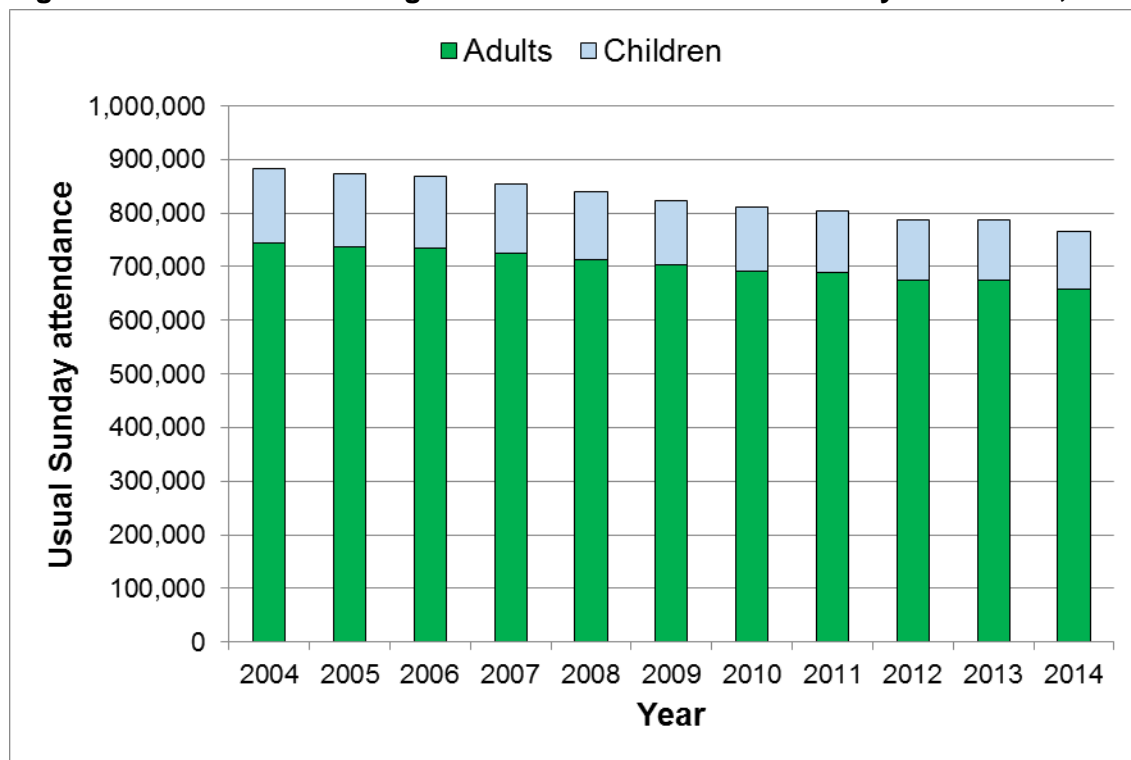
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Figure 6: Diocesan adult and child usual Sunday attendance, 2014



As with October count figures, usual Sunday attendance differs greatly by diocese. The fraction of attendance made up of children also differs greatly. In some dioceses (such as Manchester and Southwark) children make up 20% of usual Sunday attendance, whereas in others (including Truro, Norwich, and Hereford) children make up under 10% of usual Sunday attendance. This observation is likely to be strongly related to the different age distributions within diocesan populations.

Figure 7: Total Church of England adult and child usual Sunday attendance, 2004-2014



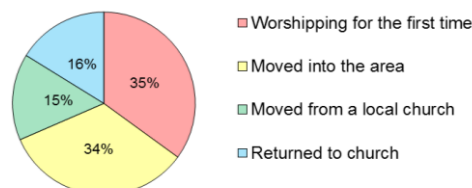
Since 2004, usual Sunday attendance has fallen by 13%, with the reduction being greater in children (a fall of 23%) than in adults (a fall of 12%). In 2004, children made up 16% of the church's usual Sunday attendance, falling to 14% by 2014.

The worshipping community of the Church of England contains over 1.1 million people. 20% are under 18, and 29% are over 70 years old.

Table 6: Diocesan worshipping community, 2012-2014

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Worshipping community				Age distribution, 2014		
			2012	2013	2014	complete ness	0-17	18-69	70+
1 Bath & Wells	C		26,900	24,500	25,200	82%	15%	44%	42%
2 Birmingham	C		19,300	19,200	19,500	97%	20%	51%	29%
3 Blackburn	Y		27,200	24,100	29,300	78%	29%	43%	27%
4 Bradford	Y		10,800	10,600	10,300	81%	18%	48%	34%
5 Bristol	C		17,300	16,300	17,600	93%	21%	53%	26%
6 Canterbury	C		20,800	20,100	20,300	91%	20%	49%	31%
7 Carlisle	Y		14,600	13,600	14,700	86%	15%	42%	43%
8 Chelmsford	C		44,500	43,500	44,000	93%	20%	53%	27%
9 Chester	Y		35,900	34,000	36,600	85%	19%	49%	31%
10 Chichester	C		42,500	42,600	45,800	90%	18%	51%	30%
11 Coventry	C		17,800	16,300	17,300	98%	20%	51%	29%
12 Derby	C		17,700	17,200	17,500	92%	17%	49%	34%
13 Durham	Y		18,500	16,800	18,900	92%	17%	45%	38%
14 Ely	C		21,000	19,600	21,500	93%	20%	51%	29%
15 Exeter	C		26,000	24,500	25,000	81%	13%	46%	41%
16 Gloucester	C		23,000	21,600	22,900	86%	20%	51%	29%
17 Guildford	C		33,000	29,100	32,400	93%	23%	55%	22%
18 Hereford	C		11,900	11,800	11,500	73%	13%	44%	43%
19 Leicester	C		21,600	19,200	18,600	95%	21%	47%	31%
20 Lichfield	C		47,300	45,100	43,700	94%	19%	48%	33%
21 Lincoln	C		20,300	17,400	17,300	69%	14%	45%	41%
22 Liverpool	Y		26,000	23,100	25,600	74%	23%	49%	29%
23 London	C		84,000	79,500	89,700	84%	24%	63%	13%
24 Manchester	Y		31,200	28,400	29,500	83%	26%	48%	26%
25 Newcastle	Y		13,300	14,200	14,700	93%	15%	49%	35%
26 Norwich	C		17,900	20,300	20,400	77%	14%	44%	42%
27 Oxford	C		64,400	56,100	65,400	71%	22%	55%	24%
28 Peterborough	C		20,200	18,900	20,200	88%	18%	50%	32%
29 Portsmouth	C		15,400	14,200	14,800	96%	16%	46%	37%
30 Ripon & Leeds	Y		14,600	14,800	14,500	99%	20%	49%	31%
31 Rochester	C		31,000	29,000	30,200	87%	22%	55%	23%
32 St. Albans	C		39,700	37,500	36,500	76%	23%	50%	27%
33 St. Edms & Ipswich	C		19,800	15,500	18,000	76%	15%	48%	37%
34 Salisbury	C		31,600	29,500	30,900	67%	17%	48%	35%
35 Sheffield	Y		17,400	16,600	17,100	84%	19%	52%	29%
36 Sodor & Man	Y		2,000	1,600	1,900	98%	17%	46%	37%
37 Southwark	C		-	-	48,600	77%	26%	56%	18%
38 Southwell & Nottingham	Y		19,000	18,500	18,600	96%	20%	51%	29%
39 Truro	C		11,100	11,300	11,700	94%	11%	44%	45%
40 Wakefield	Y		16,000	14,200	14,900	75%	18%	48%	34%
41 Winchester	C		33,500	32,400	30,800	83%	20%	49%	31%
42 Worcester	C		14,600	13,200	13,400	96%	13%	47%	41%
43 York	Y		27,100	26,200	28,600	68%	16%	49%	35%
44 Europe	C		14,500	13,600	15,900	91%	20%	61%	19%
Province of Canterbury	C		808,700	758,900	846,700				
Province of York	Y		273,600	256,500	275,000				
Church of England			1,082,300	1,015,400	1,121,700	84%	20%	51%	29%

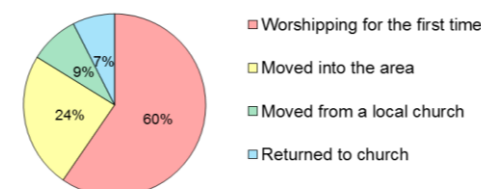
Figure 8: Worshipping community adult joiners by reason, 2014



Churches reported 82,000 people joining their worshipping communities during 2014 (one third being children).

The most common reported reasons for adults to join a worshipping community were worshipping for the first time (35%) and moving into the area (34%). The most common reported reason for children to join a worshipping community was worshipping for the first time (60%), followed by moving into the area (24%).

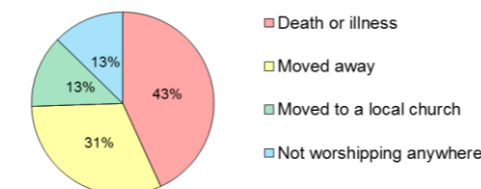
Figure 9: Worshipping community child joiners by reason, 2014



Churches reported 56,000 people leaving their worshipping communities during 2014 (one fifth being children).

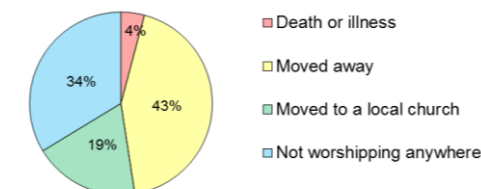
The most common reported reason for adults to leave a worshipping community was death or illness (43%), followed by moving away (31%). The most common reported reason for children to leave a worshipping community was moving away (43%), followed by no longer worshipping at any church (34%).

Figure 10: Worshipping community adult leavers by reason, 2014



Absolute numbers of joiners and leavers are likely in many cases to be the best estimate made by those completing the return. The reasons for joining/leaving are likely to be uncertain in many cases, so the figures shown here should be treated with caution.

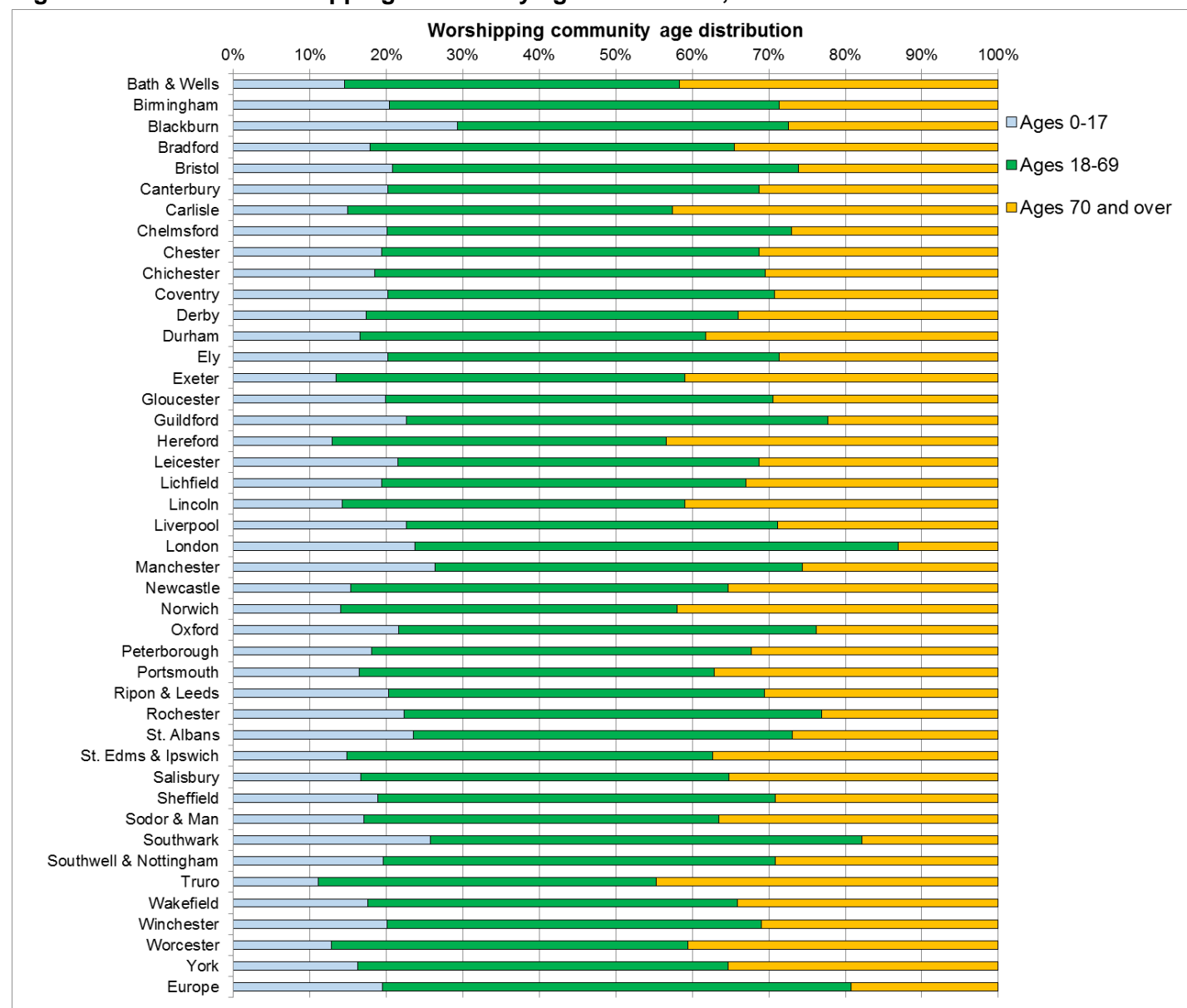
Figure 11: Worshipping community child leavers by reason, 2014



Notes: The age distribution gives the percentage of the worshipping community in each of the 3 age groups shown. Note that worshipping community data were not collected from Southwark in 2012 and 2013, so a large part of the increase in the overall figure from 2013 to 2014 is a result of Southwark data.

Values shown in Table 6 include data as reported by churches/parishes and estimates where no report has been returned. The completeness column gives the percentages of the 2014 values consisting of reports from churches/parishes (the remainder being estimated).

Figure 12: Diocesan worshipping community age distribution, 2014



Worshipping community data have been collected since 2012, and – it being a relatively new concept – the interpretation of who ought to be included within a church’s worshipping community is still settling down. The advice is that a church’s worshipping community should include those who attend the church (any congregation, including fresh expressions) regularly, for example at least once a month. However, it is not always obvious at what point a new joiner becomes a “regular” worshipper, or when a former member of the worshipping community has left, and therefore there is bound to be some uncertainty in these figures.

Information about the age structure of the worshipping community allows us to identify dioceses with a large proportion of children (e.g. Blackburn and Manchester) as well as those whose churches serve an older population (e.g. Truro and Hereford).

Over 1 million people are on the electoral roll of the Church of England.

Table 7: Diocesan electoral roll, 2014

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Electoral roll
1	Bath & Wells	C	30,700
2	Birmingham	C	15,200
3	Blackburn	Y	28,300
4	Bradford	Y	9,200
5	Bristol	C	15,300
6	Canterbury	C	17,900
7	Carlisle	Y	17,900
8	Chelmsford	C	40,800
9	Chester	Y	37,800
10	Chichester	C	45,900
11	Coventry	C	15,700
12	Derby	C	15,200
13	Durham	Y	18,600
14	Ely	C	17,500
15	Exeter	C	26,700
16	Gloucester	C	21,800
17	Guildford	C	26,600
18	Hereford	C	15,300
19	Leicester	C	16,100
20	Lichfield	C	37,600
21	Lincoln	C	20,100
22	Liverpool	Y	23,900
23	London	C	69,500
24	Manchester	Y	27,400
25	Newcastle	Y	14,200
26	Norwich	C	17,700
27	Oxford	C	51,600
28	Peterborough	C	18,100
29	Portsmouth	C	14,200
30	Ripon & Leeds	Y	14,000
31	Rochester	C	26,000
32	St. Albans	C	31,900
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	19,600
34	Salisbury	C	34,700
35	Sheffield	Y	15,400
36	Sodor & Man	Y	2,000
37	Southwark	C	41,800
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	16,900
39	Truro	C	13,600
40	Wakefield	Y	15,700
41	Winchester	C	32,400
42	Worcester	C	15,000
43	York	Y	28,100
44	Europe	C	10,800
	Province of Canterbury	C	775,300
	Province of York	Y	269,500
	Church of England		1,044,800

Note: Electoral roll data as provided by diocesan offices are used where this information is not given by churches/parishes. Therefore, no estimation is carried out in the preparation of this table.

1.3 million people went to church at Easter in 2014, of whom 70% took communion.

Table 8: Diocesan Easter communicants and attendance, 2009-2014

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Easter communicants							Easter attendance						
			2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	complete-ness	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	complete-ness
1	Bath & Wells	C	29,800	29,300	28,800	27,500	25,100	26,100	86%	41,300	41,800	39,300	38,200	34,100	36,200	85%
2	Birmingham	C	17,000	15,500	15,700	15,600	15,000	14,800	98%	23,200	22,500	21,700	21,600	20,900	20,700	98%
3	Blackburn	Y	27,000	26,300	25,900	25,200	23,700	23,100	83%	35,400	35,000	34,900	32,800	30,800	31,100	85%
4	Bradford	Y	10,400	10,100	9,900	9,700	8,700	9,200	84%	13,600	13,500	13,300	12,500	11,100	11,900	85%
5	Bristol	C	14,800	13,700	13,900	13,700	13,600	13,400	97%	21,100	21,000	20,500	20,700	19,800	19,600	98%
6	Canterbury	C	20,000	19,700	19,700	19,300	18,200	18,800	94%	28,800	28,900	28,100	26,900	26,100	27,300	94%
7	Carlisle	Y	17,400	16,700	16,300	15,900	14,400	14,600	95%	23,100	22,800	22,300	23,600	20,100	19,800	95%
8	Chelmsford	C	38,000	39,100	37,600	35,800	34,800	35,400	100%	54,900	54,800	53,200	52,800	50,400	51,100	100%
9	Chester	Y	31,800	30,300	30,300	28,900	25,900	27,600	89%	45,000	44,100	41,800	39,600	36,900	39,300	90%
10	Chichester	C	44,700	42,900	44,100	41,300	40,100	40,600	97%	61,800	61,000	61,000	60,100	56,000	56,600	97%
11	Coventry	C	15,200	14,800	15,200	14,700	13,500	13,700	99%	21,000	20,600	20,300	20,600	18,900	19,100	99%
12	Derby	C	17,000	16,500	16,100	15,700	15,000	14,500	96%	23,300	22,400	21,600	21,300	20,600	20,100	97%
13	Durham	Y	17,300	16,900	16,100	15,800	14,800	15,000	95%	23,200	22,900	21,500	21,400	20,300	20,700	95%
14	Ely	C	16,000	16,600	16,400	16,500	14,800	15,400	95%	22,900	24,500	23,100	22,100	22,600	23,100	96%
15	Exeter	C	34,900	33,100	32,100	31,100	28,400	28,300	87%	46,000	44,300	42,600	40,600	37,700	37,200	87%
16	Gloucester	C	23,200	21,800	21,100	20,500	17,800	19,200	92%	30,800	30,600	29,200	29,700	25,100	27,300	93%
17	Guildford	C	24,700	24,900	25,000	24,400	23,100	24,700	98%	36,500	37,500	37,500	37,100	34,600	36,600	99%
18	Hereford	C	13,700	13,200	13,100	12,900	11,300	10,700	81%	17,800	17,600	17,100	17,600	14,800	14,700	80%
19	Leicester	C	15,000	15,200	14,800	15,100	14,600	14,100	95%	20,700	20,700	19,900	21,700	20,000	21,200	89%
20	Lichfield	C	34,200	33,200	32,400	31,800	30,500	29,800	97%	45,600	44,600	42,300	42,100	41,300	40,100	97%
21	Lincoln	C	18,800	18,800	18,200	16,800	15,100	15,700	69%	24,600	24,000	23,400	23,800	19,900	20,800	69%
22	Liverpool	Y	23,800	22,600	23,100	21,800	20,700	21,100	84%	31,200	29,600	31,000	29,400	27,000	27,400	84%
23	London	C	56,600	57,700	55,700	54,400	50,100	56,300	94%	85,000	85,900	88,300	86,800	92,700	90,800	92%
24	Manchester	Y	25,900	24,400	25,100	24,500	23,500	22,800	89%	34,700	33,500	34,100	33,000	33,200	31,900	89%
25	Newcastle	Y	13,600	13,200	12,800	12,800	11,800	11,700	100%	18,600	18,400	17,600	18,200	16,800	17,700	100%
26	Norwich	C	22,500	22,400	23,100	21,300	19,000	20,200	85%	29,900	29,800	29,700	27,100	26,000	27,600	85%
27	Oxford	C	52,300	51,800	50,800	47,800	44,300	48,700	83%	74,900	74,700	73,300	72,700	67,300	72,300	81%
28	Peterborough	C	18,100	18,500	18,600	17,700	16,400	17,300	93%	24,800	24,500	24,400	23,600	23,100	24,000	93%
29	Portsmouth	C	16,400	15,900	15,400	14,600	13,900	14,200	100%	21,600	21,300	20,500	20,300	19,400	19,900	100%
30	Ripon & Leeds	Y	16,100	15,600	14,900	14,300	14,900	14,900	99%	20,700	20,800	20,300	19,400	20,100	19,600	99%
31	Rochester	C	24,500	23,600	23,800	22,800	21,600	22,400	95%	36,000	35,700	35,100	35,400	33,300	33,900	95%
32	St. Albans	C	30,500	30,600	30,300	30,100	28,300	27,400	85%	44,000	43,000	43,000	44,400	40,000	40,700	87%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	21,100	20,500	20,100	19,000	17,800	17,500	86%	28,700	28,400	27,000	26,600	24,400	24,500	87%
34	Salisbury	C	33,300	32,900	32,600	32,000	29,600	29,500	73%	46,500	45,400	44,000	44,200	40,800	41,600	76%
35	Sheffield	Y	14,000	13,700	13,400	13,500	13,000	13,200	92%	19,500	20,100	19,400	19,400	18,400	19,600	93%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	2,300	2,300	2,100	1,900	1,900	2,000	100%	5,100	3,000	2,800	2,600	2,700	2,500	100%
37	Southwark	C	40,900	41,000	39,700	37,500	38,000	37,700	85%	58,500	59,700	58,700	54,000	58,300	56,100	85%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	14,900	15,000	14,400	13,900	14,000	14,200	97%	21,700	20,700	19,700	19,600	20,100	19,300	97%
39	Truro	C	17,000	15,500	15,100	14,700	13,100	13,800	96%	23,000	20,500	20,400	20,300	18,200	19,000	96%
40	Wakefield	Y	15,200	14,800	14,500	13,600	12,400	12,500	78%	20,300	19,500	19,500	17,400	16,400	16,800	79%
41	Winchester	C	31,800	31,600	31,400	30,200	29,300	29,600	90%	45,700	44,500	44,700	42,900	41,800	41,200	88%
42	Worcester	C	15,000	15,000	14,000	13,400	12,500	12,300	99%	20,300	20,000	19,000	18,200	17,400	16,700	99%
43	York	Y	27,800	27,600	25,600	25,500	23,300	23,300	81%	38,100	37,700	35,400	34,700	31,700	32,800	81%
44	Europe	C	15,200	15,100	15,000	14,700	12,900	13,300	100%	19,700	19,400	19,200	19,100	16,700	17,100	100%
Province of Canterbury			772,200	760,600	749,700	722,900	677,600	695,200		1,079,000	1,069,800	1,048,100	1,032,100	982,100	996,800	
Province of York			257,600	249,600	244,400	237,300	223,200	225,300		350,300	341,500	333,700	323,600	305,600	310,200	
Church of England			1,029,800	1,010,200	994,000	960,200	900,800	920,500	91%	1,429,300	1,411,200	1,381,800	1,355,700	1,287,700	1,307,000	91%

Notes: Figures include communicants and attendance at any services on Easter Day or vigil services on Easter Eve.

Communicants are a subset of those attending.

Values shown include data as reported by churches/parishes and estimates where no report has been returned. The completeness columns give the percentages of the 2014 values consisting of reports from churches/parishes (the remainder being estimated).

2.4 million people went to church at Christmas in 2014. Special services in Advent for church congregations and churches' local communities were attended by over 2.2 million people. Special services in Advent for civic organisations and schools were attended by 2.6 million people.

Table 9: Diocesan Christmas communicants and attendance, 2009-2014

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Christmas communicants							Christmas attendance							Advent attendance, 2014	
			2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	complete-ness	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	complete-ness	Congregation & community services	Civic & school services
1	Bath & Wells	C	29,400	26,700	31,000	28,700	27,600	27,900	87%	68,800	62,000	76,900	69,000	66,000	66,400	89%	66,600	73,000
2	Birmingham	C	14,900	12,500	15,100	13,900	13,200	12,800	98%	37,100	31,400	38,100	39,000	36,000	36,500	98%	39,700	49,300
3	Blackburn	Y	21,100	20,200	21,800	20,900	19,500	18,700	83%	43,700	42,200	47,500	49,700	46,900	43,500	85%	38,700	51,100
4	Bradford	Y	8,600	8,500	9,200	8,300	7,700	7,800	83%	22,900	23,800	26,000	25,500	22,600	25,000	86%	18,800	21,400
5	Bristol	C	16,800	13,700	15,900	15,800	15,300	14,300	97%	40,300	39,200	45,900	43,600	41,300	39,900	97%	48,100	45,600
6	Canterbury	C	20,200	19,500	20,500	18,400	18,200	18,100	94%	62,900	57,400	60,500	54,700	52,600	53,900	94%	46,900	62,200
7	Carlisle	Y	15,100	14,200	15,700	14,500	13,200	13,400	93%	32,800	31,400	35,700	36,100	31,800	32,600	93%	35,000	35,500
8	Chelmsford	C	35,300	33,500	37,300	31,700	31,200	31,200	100%	102,200	94,500	111,800	97,600	96,600	96,000	100%	94,400	114,200
9	Chester	Y	30,200	28,200	31,800	28,000	24,600	26,200	89%	75,100	71,700	81,400	74,500	71,800	77,400	90%	69,100	117,500
10	Chichester	C	46,000	42,900	46,400	40,600	37,900	37,600	97%	121,300	114,100	127,200	107,900	103,600	105,500	97%	99,100	102,500
11	Coventry	C	14,500	13,400	15,600	13,900	13,800	14,000	100%	39,800	38,700	43,700	42,600	43,300	41,000	99%	34,600	39,600
12	Derby	C	14,200	13,400	15,500	13,500	13,300	13,700	95%	38,800	37,500	42,400	37,300	41,500	39,400	97%	45,200	48,300
13	Durham	Y	14,500	13,500	14,600	12,900	12,200	12,500	94%	37,100	33,200	38,700	37,100	33,800	37,700	95%	36,000	56,600
14	Ely	C	16,400	16,600	17,900	16,200	15,400	15,400	96%	45,000	46,700	51,600	47,100	48,300	47,800	97%	49,800	44,600
15	Exeter	C	30,600	26,600	33,400	28,800	26,800	28,000	86%	70,800	61,600	77,500	65,600	66,200	67,300	89%	61,000	59,300
16	Gloucester	C	23,500	22,300	24,900	20,700	19,000	20,500	92%	57,200	51,800	63,200	56,600	52,500	54,100	92%	48,900	44,200
17	Guildford	C	26,300	25,000	27,200	24,500	23,400	24,200	99%	85,500	84,700	92,200	86,000	78,900	81,200	99%	63,400	72,500
18	Hereford	C	14,300	12,500	14,200	12,500	12,400	11,700	83%	26,200	24,300	29,500	25,900	24,400	23,600	85%	22,900	16,800
19	Leicester	C	14,900	14,200	16,000	14,800	14,500	13,400	95%	37,100	33,200	37,200	37,700	38,200	38,700	96%	38,900	45,400
20	Lichfield	C	33,600	30,000	34,000	30,900	30,900	29,400	97%	74,900	67,700	79,400	76,500	79,100	74,800	97%	78,500	119,400
21	Lincoln	C	18,700	18,300	18,800	17,800	16,100	15,900	64%	43,000	43,100	45,500	43,800	37,600	39,000	70%	38,200	48,400
22	Liverpool	Y	20,200	17,500	21,000	18,500	18,600	16,900	84%	36,800	31,600	39,000	32,100	36,000	35,300	87%	43,800	45,300
23	London	C	53,400	52,300	57,300	53,800	50,300	53,300	94%	111,700	112,600	123,700	119,800	118,800	124,500	95%	132,100	155,300
24	Manchester	Y	19,300	19,400	21,500	20,400	19,400	18,300	88%	37,600	36,400	42,400	43,100	41,900	37,100	90%	46,400	55,700
25	Newcastle	Y	11,800	11,000	12,000	11,200	10,800	10,900	100%	38,800	35,600	40,600	40,100	37,900	38,900	100%	32,300	42,700
26	Norwich	C	21,300	20,300	21,800	19,400	18,200	18,500	84%	54,800	55,600	62,800	53,800	54,700	52,800	86%	50,700	43,700
27	Oxford	C	56,700	54,000	56,900	50,200	48,900	50,800	82%	145,900	143,600	154,100	139,600	137,900	146,700	84%	108,500	113,200
28	Peterborough	C	18,500	17,700	19,900	18,000	17,600	17,400	92%	45,500	45,300	53,400	51,600	47,100	48,000	92%	43,800	45,300
29	Portsmouth	C	16,800	15,300	15,900	13,800	13,300	13,600	100%	42,500	39,200	44,200	42,100	39,100	41,100	100%	30,600	56,300
30	Ripon & Leeds	Y	14,100	14,000	14,700	13,000	14,700	13,400	99%	30,500	31,700	35,800	32,500	39,000	38,100	100%	37,000	38,700
31	Rochester	C	23,700	22,000	24,200	21,000	19,800	19,400	94%	71,100	66,900	75,500	67,800	64,100	64,800	94%	60,300	85,600
32	St. Albans	C	32,100	30,200	32,800	30,700	28,900	28,800	85%	94,300	87,800	96,500	96,500	90,300	89,900	88%	64,600	97,600
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	19,500	18,800	19,800	18,300	17,000	16,900	84%	46,600	48,100	52,300	46,600	45,100	44,200	85%	42,300	43,000
34	Salisbury	C	34,700	32,100	35,700	32,600	32,000	30,900	71%	77,000	74,800	80,600	77,500	78,800	71,700	73%	54,100	48,400
35	Sheffield	Y	12,200	11,400	13,000	10,500	10,600	10,500	91%	30,200	30,300	34,400	32,600	32,700	33,200	93%	40,600	45,000
36	Sodor & Man	Y	2,600	2,600	1,800	1,800	2,000	1,800	100%	4,900	4,100	4,400	3,500	4,000	3,900	100%	6,000	7,200
37	Southwark	C	40,600	39,500	42,200	37,900	39,400	37,000	83%	97,900	98,700	105,100	99,300	104,100	98,300	84%	71,600	85,600
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	14,200	13,100	14,900	12,500	12,700	12,800	99%	36,800	35,000	42,600	36,500	38,100	37,500	100%	42,600	47,900
39	Truro	C	14,100	12,800	14,400	12,800	12,000	12,500	97%	32,400	30,600	34,700	31,300	28,900	27,800	96%	36,500	31,800
40	Wakefield	Y	14,000	13,400	13,900	12,000	11,400	11,400	82%	35,300	34,400	37,600	34,300	33,400	32,800	78%	27,200	36,500
41	Winchester	C	33,900	33,300	36,400	31,700	32,200	31,700	88%	88,500	83,800	94,500	89,000	84,100	82,900	88%	66,200	82,700
42	Worcester	C	14,400	12,300	15,200	13,200	12,600	12,400	99%	37,500	31,500	38,600	36,700	37,400	36,700	99%	33,400	56,400
43	York	Y	25,800	24,900	27,100	24,600	23,700	22,800	80%	67,500	63,500	75,700	67,100	65,500	65,600	83%	51,700	61,500
44	Europe	C	12,100	10,500	13,300	10,800	10,000	10,500	100%	19,000	17,600	21,100	17,700	16,400	16,600	100%	32,700	3,400
Province of Canterbury			761,300	712,000	789,500	706,900	681,400	681,700		1,915,600	1,824,000	2,059,700	1,900,100	1,852,900	1,851,100		1,703,700	1,933,400
Province of York			223,500	211,800	233,100	209,200	201,100	197,500		530,100	504,700	581,800	544,500	535,300	538,600		525,300	662,600
Church of England			984,800	923,800	1,022,600	916,100	882,500	879,200	90%	2,445,800	2,328,800	2,641,500	2,444,700	2,388,200	2,389,700	91%	2,228,900	2,596,000

Notes: Figures include communicants and attendance at any services on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

Communicants are a subset of those attending.

Values shown include data as reported by churches/parishes and estimates where no report has been returned.

The completeness columns give the percentages of the 2014 values consisting of reports from churches/parishes (the remainder being estimated).

Figure 13: Total Church of England Easter attendance and communicants, 2004-2014

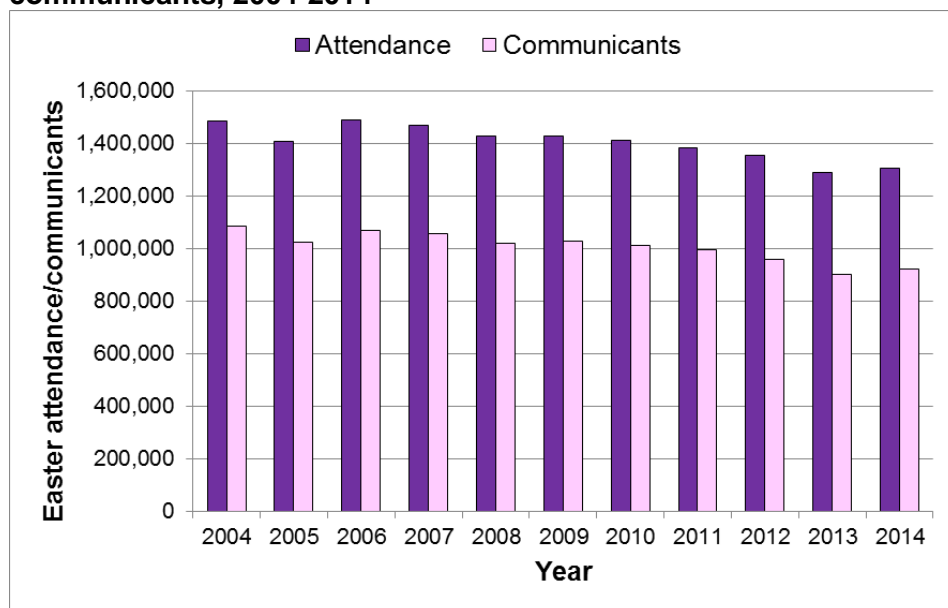
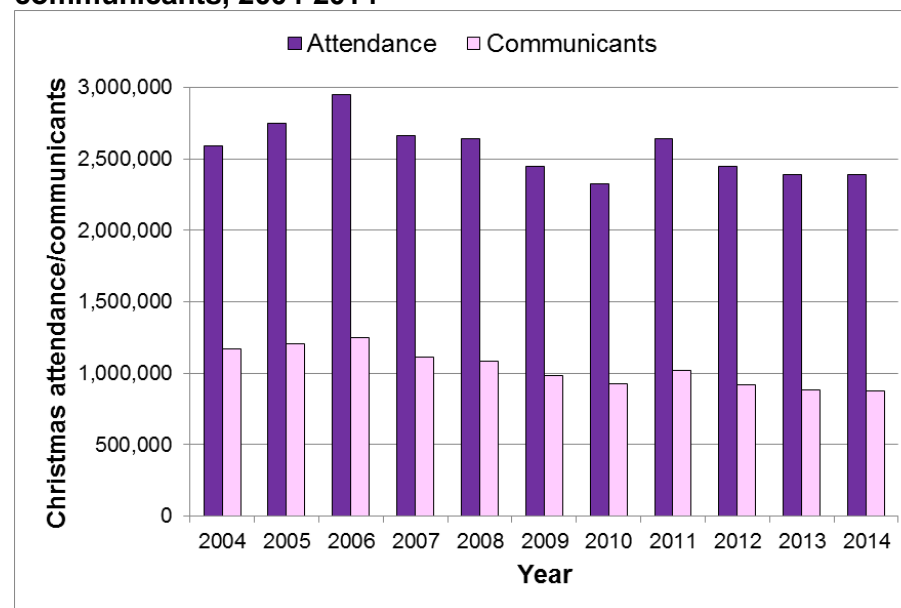


Figure 14: Total Church of England Christmas attendance and communicants, 2004-2014



In common with other attendance trends, Easter and Christmas attendance have generally declined over the last decade. Some of the observed fluctuations are likely to be related to day of the week (Christmas), the timing of school holidays (Easter), and the weather.

Since 2013 the Statistics for Mission return has asked about attendance at special services during Advent, including nativities and carol services, run for the congregation and local community or for civic or school organisations. In both cases, well over 2 million people were reported as attending.

Church of England participation has decreased steadily since the 1960s.

Figure 15: Total Church of England participation summary, 2004-2014

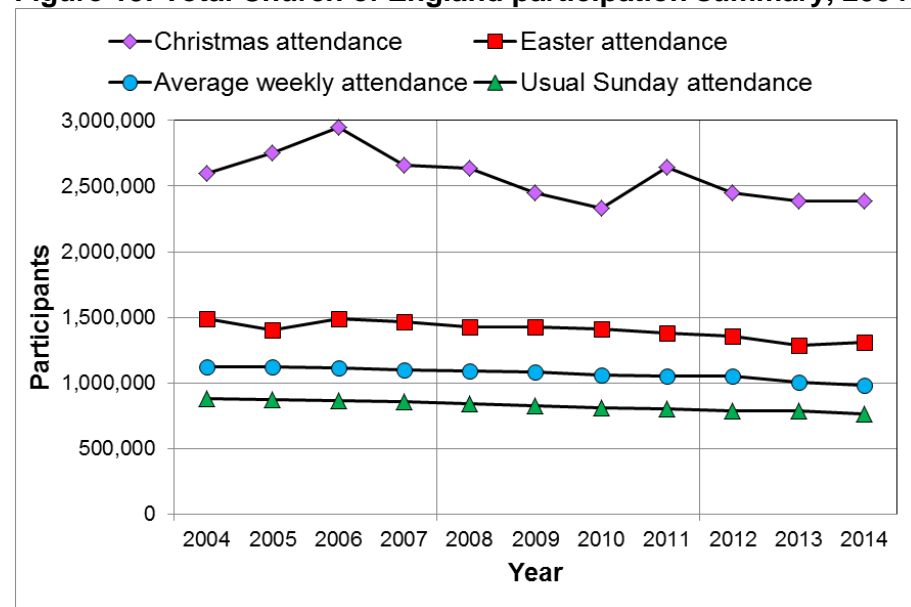
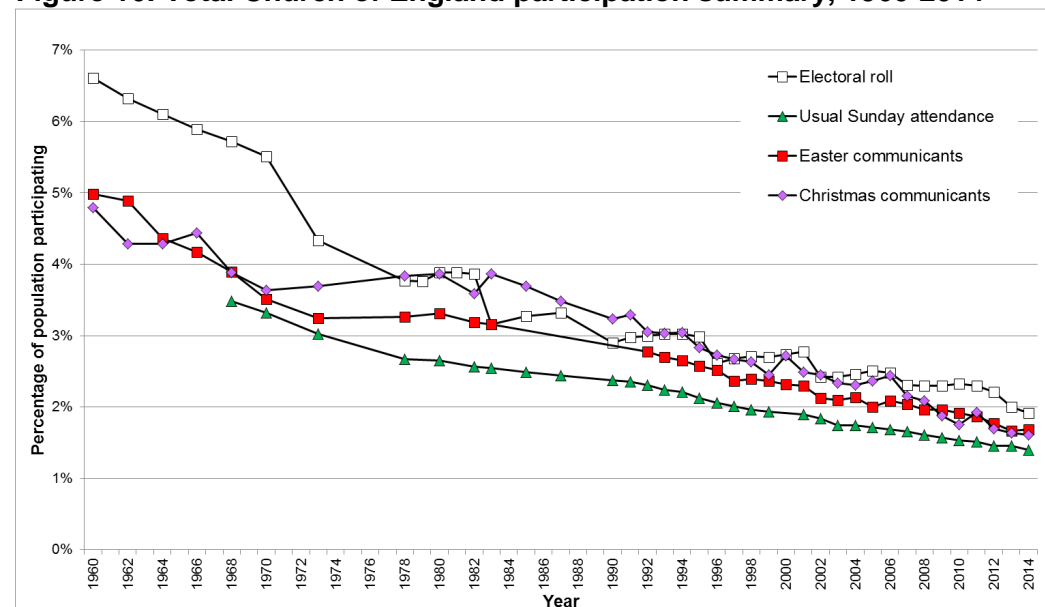


Figure 16: Total Church of England participation summary, 1960-2014



To summarise participation over recent years: there has been a steady decline of 10-15% in key recorded measures of participation over the past decade (Figure 15).

A broader historical perspective is provided by Figure 16, which shows participation as a percentage of the population covered by the Church of England (excluding the Diocese in Europe), for those measures for which longer datasets are available: the electoral roll, Easter and Christmas communicants, and usual Sunday attendance. As Figure 16 illustrates, the recent decline fits the longer historical trend, with participation halving since the end of the 1960s.

2% of the population (3% of the Christian population) attended a Church of England church each week in October 2014. At Christmas, over 4% of the population (7% of the Christian population) went to a Church of England church.

Table 10: Diocesan participation as a percentage of diocesan population and as a percentage of diocesan Christian population, 2014

Ref no	Diocese	Province	Total					% of population					% of Christian population				
			All age average weekly attendance	All age usual Sunday attendance	Worshipping community	Easter attendance	Christmas attendance	All age average weekly attendance	All age usual Sunday attendance	Worshipping community	Easter attendance	Christmas attendance	All age average weekly attendance	All age usual Sunday attendance	Worshipping community	Easter attendance	Christmas attendance
1	Bath & Wells	C	23,000	19,300	25,200	36,200	66,400	2.5%	2.1%	2.7%	3.9%	7.1%	4.0%	3.4%	4.4%	6.3%	11.5%
2	Birmingham	C	17,200	13,300	19,500	20,700	36,500	1.1%	0.9%	1.3%	1.3%	2.4%	2.2%	1.7%	2.5%	2.7%	4.7%
3	Blackburn	Y	26,000	19,500	29,300	31,100	43,500	2.0%	1.5%	2.2%	2.4%	3.3%	2.9%	2.2%	3.3%	3.5%	4.9%
4	Bradford	Y	9,300	7,600	10,300	11,900	25,000	1.3%	1.1%	1.4%	1.7%	3.5%	2.6%	2.1%	2.9%	3.3%	7.0%
5	Bristol	C	15,100	11,800	17,600	19,600	39,900	1.5%	1.2%	1.8%	2.0%	4.0%	2.8%	2.2%	3.3%	3.7%	7.4%
6	Canterbury	C	19,100	15,100	20,300	27,300	53,900	2.0%	1.6%	2.1%	2.9%	5.7%	3.2%	2.6%	3.4%	4.6%	9.2%
7	Carlisle	Y	13,600	10,100	14,700	19,800	32,600	2.8%	2.1%	3.0%	4.0%	6.6%	3.8%	2.9%	4.1%	5.6%	9.2%
8	Chelmsford	C	38,100	30,800	44,000	51,100	96,000	1.2%	1.0%	1.4%	1.6%	3.1%	2.2%	1.8%	2.6%	3.0%	5.6%
9	Chester	Y	33,700	24,700	36,600	39,300	77,400	2.1%	1.5%	2.3%	2.4%	4.8%	3.1%	2.2%	3.3%	3.6%	7.0%
10	Chichester	C	38,900	32,000	45,800	56,600	105,500	2.4%	1.9%	2.8%	3.4%	6.4%	4.1%	3.4%	4.8%	5.9%	11.0%
11	Coventry	C	15,800	12,200	17,300	19,100	41,000	1.9%	1.4%	2.0%	2.3%	4.8%	3.1%	2.4%	3.4%	3.8%	8.1%
12	Derby	C	15,800	12,200	17,500	20,100	39,400	1.5%	1.2%	1.7%	1.9%	3.8%	2.5%	1.9%	2.8%	3.2%	6.2%
13	Durham	Y	22,000	12,700	18,900	20,700	37,700	1.5%	0.9%	1.3%	1.4%	2.6%	2.1%	1.2%	1.8%	2.0%	3.6%
14	Ely	C	18,100	14,600	21,500	23,100	47,800	2.4%	1.9%	2.9%	3.1%	6.4%	4.1%	3.3%	4.9%	5.2%	10.8%
15	Exeter	C	22,700	19,000	25,000	37,200	67,300	2.0%	1.6%	2.2%	3.2%	5.8%	3.2%	2.7%	3.5%	5.3%	9.5%
16	Gloucester	C	19,000	15,100	22,900	27,300	54,100	2.9%	2.3%	3.5%	4.2%	8.3%	4.6%	3.7%	5.5%	6.6%	13.1%
17	Guildford	C	25,600	20,800	32,400	36,600	81,200	2.5%	2.0%	3.1%	3.5%	7.8%	4.0%	3.2%	5.0%	5.7%	12.5%
18	Hereford	C	9,600	7,600	11,500	14,700	23,600	3.0%	2.4%	3.6%	4.6%	7.3%	4.4%	3.5%	5.3%	6.7%	10.8%
19	Leicester	C	14,500	12,200	18,600	21,200	38,700	1.4%	1.2%	1.8%	2.1%	3.8%	2.8%	2.4%	3.6%	4.1%	7.5%
20	Lichfield	C	33,100	25,000	43,700	40,100	74,800	1.6%	1.2%	2.1%	1.9%	3.5%	2.5%	1.9%	3.3%	3.0%	5.6%
21	Lincoln	C	15,100	13,200	17,300	20,800	39,000	1.4%	1.2%	1.6%	2.0%	3.7%	2.1%	1.9%	2.4%	2.9%	5.5%
22	Liverpool	Y	25,000	17,700	25,600	27,400	35,300	1.6%	1.1%	1.6%	1.7%	2.2%	2.1%	1.5%	2.2%	2.3%	3.0%
23	London	C	73,900	56,500	89,700	90,800	124,500	1.8%	1.4%	2.1%	2.2%	3.0%	4.1%	3.1%	5.0%	5.0%	6.9%
24	Manchester	Y	28,100	21,900	29,500	31,900	37,100	1.3%	1.0%	1.4%	1.5%	1.8%	2.2%	1.7%	2.3%	2.5%	3.0%
25	Newcastle	Y	14,600	10,100	14,700	17,700	38,900	1.8%	1.2%	1.8%	2.2%	4.8%	2.9%	2.0%	2.9%	3.5%	7.6%
26	Norwich	C	17,800	15,600	20,400	27,600	52,800	2.0%	1.7%	2.3%	3.1%	5.9%	3.3%	2.9%	3.8%	5.1%	9.8%
27	Oxford	C	51,200	42,300	65,400	72,300	146,700	2.2%	1.8%	2.8%	3.1%	6.3%	3.8%	3.1%	4.8%	5.3%	10.9%
28	Peterborough	C	16,400	13,200	20,200	24,000	48,000	1.9%	1.5%	2.3%	2.7%	5.4%	3.1%	2.5%	3.8%	4.6%	9.1%
29	Portsmouth	C	12,400	9,800	14,800	19,900	41,100	1.6%	1.3%	1.9%	2.6%	5.3%	2.7%	2.2%	3.3%	4.4%	9.0%
30	Ripon & Leeds	Y	14,800	11,400	14,500	19,600	38,100	1.8%	1.4%	1.7%	2.4%	4.6%	3.1%	2.4%	3.0%	4.1%	7.9%
31	Rochester	C	25,700	20,300	30,200	33,900	64,800	1.9%	1.5%	2.3%	2.6%	4.9%	3.2%	2.5%	3.7%	4.2%	8.0%
32	St. Albans	C	31,500	23,000	36,500	40,700	89,900	1.7%	1.2%	1.9%	2.2%	4.8%	2.9%	2.1%	3.4%	3.8%	8.3%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	15,200	13,100	18,000	24,500	44,200	2.3%	2.0%	2.7%	3.7%	6.7%	3.8%	3.2%	4.5%	6.1%	10.9%
34	Salisbury	C	25,900	20,600	30,900	41,600	71,700	2.8%	2.2%	3.3%	4.4%	7.7%	4.3%	3.5%	5.2%	7.0%	12.0%
35	Sheffield	Y	17,700	12,800	17,100	19,600	33,200	1.4%	1.0%	1.4%	1.6%	2.6%	2.3%	1.7%	2.3%	2.6%	4.4%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	2,100	1,400	1,900	2,500	3,900	2.4%	1.6%	2.2%	2.9%	4.5%	-	-	-	-	-
37	Southwark	C	41,000	32,900	48,600	56,100	98,300	1.5%	1.2%	1.7%	2.0%	3.5%	2.7%	2.2%	3.2%	3.7%	6.4%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	16,300	12,900	18,600	19,300	37,500	1.5%	1.1%	1.7%	1.7%	3.4%	2.6%	2.0%	2.9%	3.0%	5.9%
39	Truro	C	11,300	8,700	11,700	19,000	27,800	2.1%	1.6%	2.1%	3.5%	5.1%	3.4%	2.6%	3.6%	5.8%	8.5%
40	Wakefield	Y	14,800	10,400	14,900	16,800	32,800	1.3%	0.9%	1.3%	1.4%	2.8%	2.1%	1.5%	2.1%	2.4%	4.7%
41	Winchester	C	27,900	22,200	30,800	41,200	82,900	2.0%	1.6%	2.2%	3.0%	6.0%	3.4%	2.7%	3.7%	5.0%	10.0%
42	Worcester	C	13,100	9,600	13,400	16,700	36,700	1.5%	1.1%	1.5%	1.9%	4.2%	2.3%	1.6%	2.3%	2.9%	6.3%
43	York	Y	27,500	19,600	28,600	32,800	65,600	1.9%	1.4%	2.0%	2.3%	4.6%	3.0%	2.1%	3.1%	3.6%	7.1%
44	Europe	C	10,600	10,000	15,900	17,100	16,600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Province of Canterbury			703,900	561,900	830,800	979,700	1,834,500	1.8%	1.5%	2.2%	2.5%	4.8%	3.2%	2.5%	3.8%	4.4%	8.3%
Province of York			265,500	192,800	275,000	310,200	538,600	1.7%	1.2%	1.7%	1.9%	3.4%	2.6%	1.9%	2.7%	3.0%	5.3%
Church of England			969,300	754,700	1,105,800	1,290,000	2,373,100	1.8%	1.4%	2.0%	2.4%	4.3%	3.0%	2.3%	3.4%	4.0%	7.3%

Notes: Figures for the Church of England and the Province of Canterbury do not include the Diocese in Europe.

Figures relating to the Christian population for the Church of England and the Province of York exclude the Isle of Man. Note that Christian population includes those affiliated with the Church of England and with other Christian denominations.

Unsurprisingly, dioceses with larger populations generally report more people attending. Here, we consider attendance as a percentage of the diocesan population (Figure 17) and the diocesan Christian population (Figure 18). In each figure, dioceses have been plotted in order of their average weekly attendance. Hereford has the largest weekly attendance as a percentage of the diocesan population; Gloucester has the largest weekly attendance as a percentage of the diocesan Christian population. The most obvious difference between the two figures is the position of London, where participation as a percentage of the whole population is relatively low but participation as a fraction of the Christian population is relatively high.

The five measures of participation shown broadly align, with dioceses that are high in one measure being high in the others. The exception, in a number of cases, is Christmas attendance. For example, in London, Liverpool, and Manchester Christmas attendance is notably lower than in dioceses with a similar average weekly attendance. A plausible explanation for this would be population movements over Christmas, e.g. of large, mobile, student populations.

Figure 17: Diocesan participation as a percentage of population, 2014

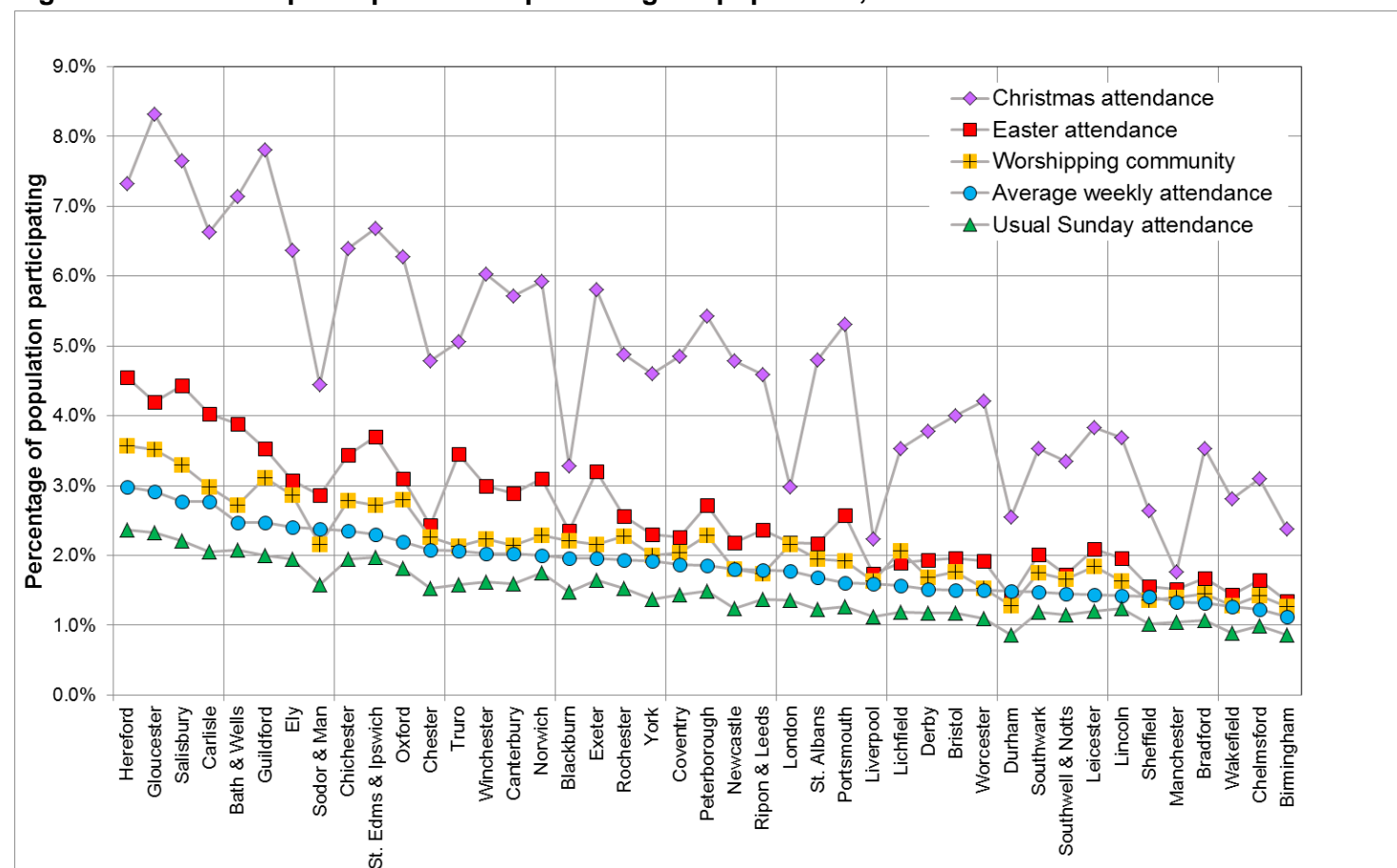
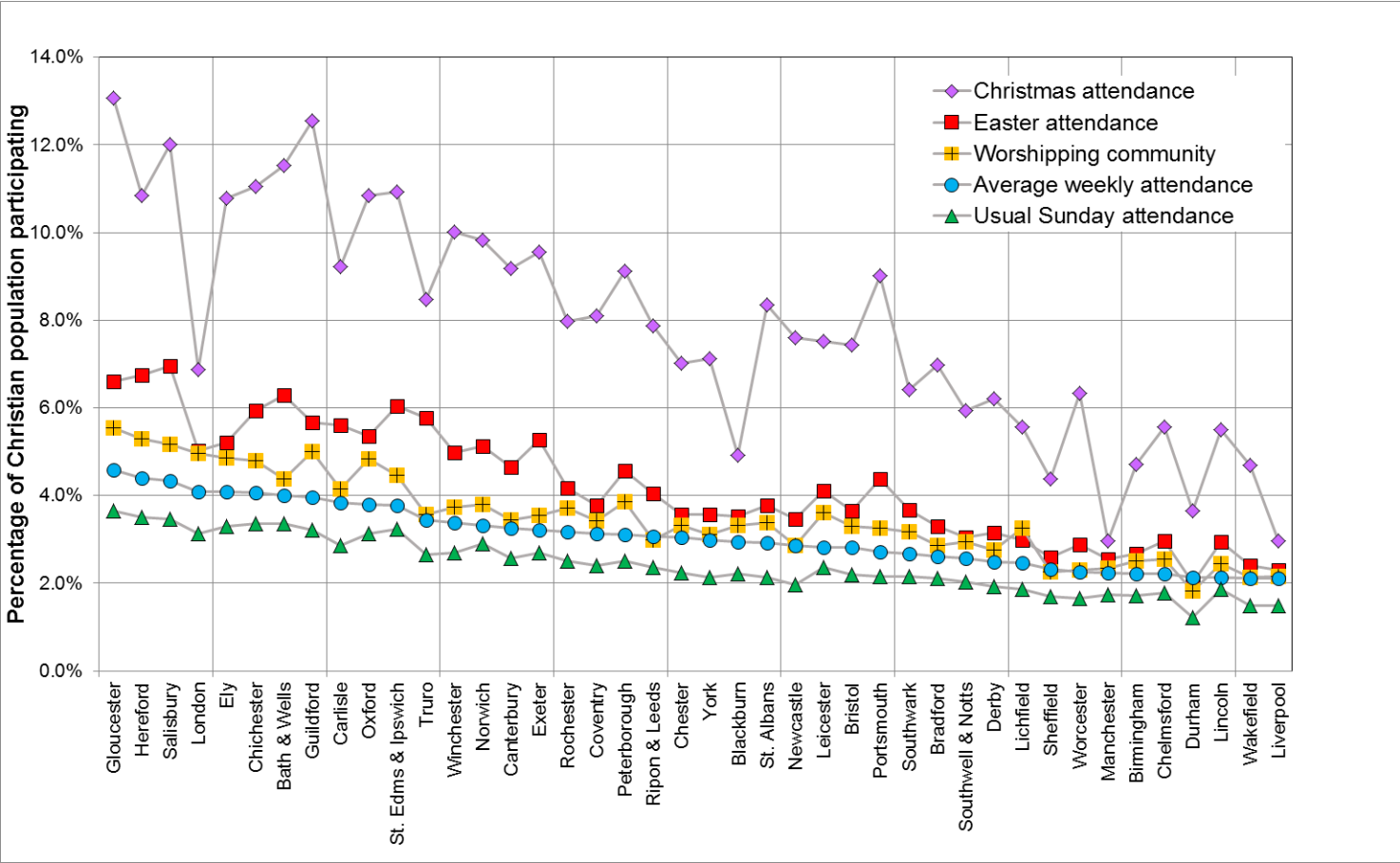


Figure 18: Diocesan participation as a percentage of Christian population, 2014



Over 110,000 infants and children and over 10,000 adults were baptised in the Church of England in 2014.

Table 11: Diocesan baptisms and thanksgivings, 2009-2014

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Infant and child baptisms						Infant baptisms		Child baptisms		Adult baptisms						Thanksgivings			
			2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2014	complete-ness	2014	complete-ness	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	complete-ness	2013	2014	
1	Bath & Wells	C	2,670	2,520	2,640	2,540	2,420	2,350	1,620	88%	730	92%	270	180	170	200	170	140	85%	130	80	
2	Birmingham	C	2,190	2,080	2,280	2,190	2,260	1,960	1,210	98%	750	99%	200	230	200	220	270	230	100%	170	70	
3	Blackburn	Y	3,840	3,800	4,090	4,000	4,170	3,920	2,620	83%	1,300	81%	210	200	210	210	240	210	84%	80	50	
4	Bradford	Y	1,160	1,070	1,250	1,270	1,080	1,060	660	85%	400	72%	80	60	60	110	80	90	86%	100	100	
5	Bristol	C	1,720	1,660	1,750	1,680	1,670	1,520	950	97%	570	96%	140	140	120	130	140	160	99%	30	40	
6	Canterbury	C	2,680	2,670	2,700	2,560	2,610	2,400	1,460	94%	940	89%	220	240	220	220	230	220	92%	90	110	
7	Carlisle	Y	2,120	2,100	2,070	2,170	2,280	2,070	1,690	91%	390	89%	90	90	100	90	110	100	83%	40	30	
8	Chelmsford	C	4,890	4,710	4,750	4,630	4,740	4,340	2,440	100%	1,910	100%	650	650	700	680	730	670	100%	330	350	
9	Chester	Y	4,490	4,530	4,580	4,330	4,350	4,150	2,760	87%	1,390	83%	270	280	310	290	320	250	85%	310	350	
10	Chichester	C	3,490	3,470	3,590	3,480	3,190	2,990	1,840	96%	1,140	97%	280	260	230	300	300	230	97%	140	130	
11	Coventry	C	1,730	1,770	1,790	1,740	1,790	1,590	900	100%	690	100%	130	160	170	180	150	150	100%	130	130	
12	Derby	C	2,370	2,260	2,330	2,330	2,230	2,020	1,400	92%	620	91%	180	140	130	140	140	150	90%	170	90	
13	Durham	Y	4,860	4,860	5,040	5,000	5,030	4,670	3,260	95%	1,420	90%	250	250	290	300	320	370	92%	260	200	
14	Ely	C	1,720	1,700	1,770	1,840	1,760	1,700	1,080	93%	620	94%	120	130	140	180	130	180	95%	60	70	
15	Exeter	C	2,870	2,850	2,910	2,700	2,620	2,440	1,580	86%	860	79%	240	240	250	240	200	200	67%	80	90	
16	Gloucester	C	2,060	2,120	2,080	2,090	1,900	1,890	1,250	88%	650	88%	250	230	220	260	240	210	96%	60	50	
17	Guildford	C	2,750	2,810	2,970	2,770	2,580	2,510	1,490	96%	1,020	98%	200	190	210	230	180	190	99%	110	130	
18	Hereford	C	1,280	1,220	1,300	1,270	1,180	1,160	840	80%	330	77%	90	70	90	90	90	50	83%	10	10	
19	Leicester	C	1,600	1,700	1,620	1,730	1,700	1,490	1,000	93%	490	96%	210	150	140	170	160	150	94%	40	30	
20	Lichfield	C	5,660	5,800	5,760	5,670	5,550	5,140	3,450	98%	1,690	98%	470	430	480	480	430	420	98%	390	390	
21	Lincoln	C	3,700	3,620	3,870	3,920	3,520	3,470	2,440	69%	1,030	67%	190	190	210	250	230	200	64%	60	50	
22	Liverpool	Y	4,510	4,530	4,680	4,280	4,240	4,130	2,520	82%	1,600	86%	260	250	280	280	320	310	88%	140	130	
23	London	C	4,470	4,300	4,430	4,200	4,160	3,960	2,010	95%	1,950	93%	630	650	620	650	650	730	96%	130	180	
24	Manchester	Y	4,860	5,180	4,950	5,120	5,270	4,680	2,810	86%	1,870	88%	390	390	390	410	420	480	87%	360	310	
25	Newcastle	Y	2,070	2,160	2,230	2,130	2,130	2,090	1,490	100%	600	100%	100	120	150	150	190	160	99%	20	20	
26	Norwich	C	1,980	2,080	2,090	2,010	2,110	1,930	1,230	86%	700	77%	160	180	190	200	220	180	90%	90	80	
27	Oxford	C	5,790	5,660	5,770	5,420	5,460	5,030	3,220	77%	1,820	81%	400	430	440	430	410	440	80%	210	210	
28	Peterborough	C	1,860	1,890	1,900	1,920	1,940	1,780	1,150	91%	630	88%	170	150	150	160	180	180	89%	70	70	
29	Portsmouth	C	1,770	1,670	1,740	1,780	1,740	1,640	1,020	100%	620	100%	150	130	160	160	140	130	100%	60	50	
30	Ripon & Leeds	Y	1,900	1,840	1,930	1,890	1,980	1,690	1,090	99%	600	96%	130	140	130	170	160	160	99%	130	120	
31	Rochester	C	2,920	2,970	3,090	2,960	2,970	2,760	1,500	91%	1,260	89%	290	330	300	290	320	300	90%	220	200	
32	St. Albans	C	3,750	3,630	3,610	3,530	3,390	3,090	1,900	83%	1,190	84%	310	320	330	370	320	300	78%	130	160	
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	1,490	1,440	1,510	1,530	1,440	1,330	950	83%	380	85%	130	120	110	90	90	90	78%	50	60	
34	Salisbury	C	2,790	2,790	2,890	2,830	2,720	2,600	1,620	70%	980	68%	180	220	260	230	210	220	82%	70	80	
35	Sheffield	Y	3,290	3,140	3,280	3,200	3,070	2,840	1,880	90%	960	90%	340	350	360	320	400	340	88%	290	240	
36	Sodor & Man	Y	270	270	250	190	240	250	170	100%	80	100%	10	20	20	10	10	20	100%	10	0	
37	Southwark	C	4,250	4,360	4,360	4,010	2,610	3,520	2,080	83%	1,440	95%	430	520	470	460	480	350	80%	290	160	
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	2,180	2,110	2,190	2,170	2,260	1,960	1,250	98%	710	99%	260	280	240	280	290	300	99%	80	90	
39	Truro	C	1,430	1,450	1,660	1,590	1,570	1,360	960	95%	400	94%	90	100	110	110	100	100	100%	30	30	
40	Wakefield	Y	2,980	2,890	2,930	2,860	2,860	2,690	1,730	76%	970	78%	260	260	340	390	350	360	77%	200	200	
41	Winchester	C	3,550	3,660	3,680	3,670	3,660	3,270	2,190	87%	1,080	90%	180	190	230	260	230	230	91%	190	140	
42	Worcester	C	2,510	2,510	2,490	2,370	2,430	2,250	1,450	99%	800	97%	160	140	180	180	160	140	100%	260	140	
43	York	Y	4,780	4,630	4,540	4,480	4,380	3,990	2,760	73%	1,230	72%	290	260	350	340	310	300	68%	130	120	
44	Europe	C	470	530	480	490	390	350	230	100%	120	100%	90	80	80	80	100	100	100%	30	30	
Province of Canterbury			C	82,390	81,900	83,820	81,420	78,310	73,820	46,440		27,380		7,210	7,190	7,290	7,630	7,370	7,050		3,820	3,410
Province of York			Y	43,310	43,120	44,000	43,080	43,330	40,190	26,680		13,510		2,930	2,940	3,220	3,330	3,510	3,450		2,120	1,950
Church of England				125,700	125,020	127,820	124,500	121,640	114,010	73,120	89%	40,890	89%	10,140	10,140	10,510	10,960	10,890	10,490	90%	5,940	5,360

Notes: Here, infants are those aged under 1 year. Children are those aged 1-12 years. Adults are those aged 13 years and over.

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Over 46,000 couples were married in Church of England churches in 2014.

Table 12: Diocesan marriages and services of prayer and dedication after civil marriages, 2009-2014

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Marriages							Services of prayer and dedication						
			2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	complete-ness	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	complete-ness
1	Bath & Wells	C	1,350	1,450	1,320	1,640	1,410	1,330	88%	100	70	90	70	80	60	82%
2	Birmingham	C	1,000	980	940	920	810	830	99%	50	30	50	50	60	50	100%
3	Blackburn	Y	980	1,070	1,070	1,120	1,060	1,020	82%	60	60	50	50	50	40	82%
4	Bradford	Y	580	650	670	640	630	590	76%	20	20	30	20	20	20	88%
5	Bristol	C	800	890	800	810	710	700	97%	50	40	50	40	40	30	100%
6	Canterbury	C	1,040	1,250	1,220	1,250	1,150	1,110	96%	80	100	70	80	80	70	90%
7	Carlisle	Y	770	810	730	790	770	830	93%	40	50	50	40	40	30	88%
8	Chelmsford	C	2,720	2,720	2,380	2,290	1,930	1,790	100%	120	120	130	130	110	100	100%
9	Chester	Y	1,630	1,670	1,670	1,780	1,630	1,540	83%	60	50	80	50	70	90	100%
10	Chichester	C	1,650	1,840	1,880	1,940	1,700	1,590	95%	150	150	150	140	120	100	89%
11	Coventry	C	910	930	910	1,020	910	830	99%	50	50	60	40	50	40	98%
12	Derby	C	1,050	1,100	1,100	1,170	1,060	1,030	95%	50	60	70	40	40	40	91%
13	Durham	Y	1,190	1,170	1,110	1,200	1,060	1,060	90%	80	70	60	50	80	50	96%
14	Ely	C	880	970	910	1,010	920	860	92%	50	50	60	40	30	40	93%
15	Exeter	C	1,540	1,560	1,570	1,680	1,520	1,420	84%	110	120	90	90	90	80	74%
16	Gloucester	C	1,000	1,100	1,130	1,300	1,130	1,080	86%	60	70	70	70	60	60	91%
17	Guildford	C	1,180	1,230	1,130	1,200	1,090	1,000	97%	70	80	80	60	60	60	96%
18	Hereford	C	630	660	650	670	630	600	85%	40	40	40	40	30	40	89%
19	Leicester	C	970	1,020	980	1,010	880	870	97%	60	60	50	50	50	40	91%
20	Lichfield	C	2,100	2,260	2,120	2,300	2,080	1,960	99%	120	110	130	100	90	80	99%
21	Lincoln	C	1,480	1,420	1,320	1,500	1,260	1,160	71%	90	80	80	90	70	70	68%
22	Liverpool	Y	1,010	1,020	940	1,090	940	890	87%	50	60	80	50	40	60	97%
23	London	C	1,700	1,620	1,400	1,420	1,250	1,190	95%	150	160	170	130	140	130	95%
24	Manchester	Y	1,250	1,230	1,090	1,130	1,070	980	89%	60	60	70	60	60	80	70%
25	Newcastle	Y	620	670	650	710	610	620	100%	40	30	30	30	30	30	100%
26	Norwich	C	1,210	1,210	1,250	1,280	1,210	1,190	85%	70	70	100	60	60	60	83%
27	Oxford	C	2,750	2,810	2,710	2,800	2,550	2,490	77%	170	160	150	180	150	130	76%
28	Peterborough	C	1,060	1,050	1,020	1,110	1,020	1,010	90%	60	50	40	60	60	50	81%
29	Portsmouth	C	870	920	920	1,000	850	820	100%	70	60	70	60	60	50	100%
30	Ripon & Leeds	Y	810	770	830	830	820	800	99%	30	40	40	40	30	20	100%
31	Rochester	C	1,060	1,190	1,070	1,190	1,100	1,010	87%	80	80	100	70	80	90	82%
32	St. Albans	C	1,590	1,640	1,540	1,620	1,470	1,340	83%	80	80	80	80	80	70	93%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	1,070	1,080	1,120	1,090	910	880	86%	70	40	60	60	40	70	93%
34	Salisbury	C	1,410	1,450	1,400	1,490	1,400	1,300	70%	90	100	110	100	70	70	57%
35	Sheffield	Y	1,040	1,060	1,020	1,120	950	920	93%	50	60	60	40	30	30	90%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	120	110	130	130	100	90	100%	10	20	10	0	10	10	100%
37	Southwark	C	1,830	1,950	1,360	1,300	1,270	1,100	81%	90	90	90	70	70	80	91%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	1,200	1,180	1,050	1,150	1,080	1,000	97%	70	60	80	60	60	60	94%
39	Truro	C	910	940	890	1,140	960	970	97%	70	60	70	60	50	40	100%
40	Wakefield	Y	970	910	860	890	820	790	75%	60	50	50	30	30	30	61%
41	Winchester	C	1,710	1,940	1,790	1,850	1,810	1,520	86%	110	120	120	90	150	80	89%
42	Worcester	C	1,070	1,140	1,130	1,150	1,040	940	100%	50	60	70	50	50	40	98%
43	York	Y	1,650	1,600	1,610	1,750	1,650	1,630	71%	90	70	70	80	80	70	64%
44	Europe	C	90	90	100	100	110	100	100%	400	390	330	280	240	230	100%
Province of Canterbury			38,620	40,390	38,040	40,220	36,110	33,980		2,820	2,730	2,810	2,430	2,330	2,160	
Province of York			13,810	13,920	13,410	14,330	13,190	12,760		710	700	760	600	620	620	
Church of England			52,430	54,320	51,460	54,550	49,300	46,740	89%	3,530	3,440	3,580	3,040	2,950	2,790	89%

Note: Values shown include data as reported by churches/parishes and estimates where no report has been returned. The completeness columns give the percentages of the 2014 values consisting of reports from churches/parishes (the remainder being estimated).

There were over 80,000 funeral services held in Church of England churches, and over 65,000 at crematoria/cemeteries in 2014.

Table 13: Diocesan funeral services held in church and at crematoria/cemeteries, 2009-2014

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Funerals in church							Funerals at crematoria/cemeteries						
			2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	complete-ness	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	complete-ness
1	Bath & Wells	C	2,430	2,360	2,260	2,240	2,270	2,050	88%	1,490	1,520	1,500	1,470	1,630	1,350	88%
2	Birmingham	C	1,260	1,240	1,200	1,170	1,240	1,130	98%	2,920	2,800	2,690	2,770	2,830	2,370	99%
3	Blackburn	Y	2,330	2,370	2,360	2,180	2,260	2,030	81%	1,790	1,690	1,720	1,720	2,060	1,650	85%
4	Bradford	Y	800	760	850	890	800	780	87%	740	830	790	830	710	630	79%
5	Bristol	C	1,080	1,060	1,090	970	970	840	98%	1,400	1,200	1,080	1,010	770	850	99%
6	Canterbury	C	1,260	1,320	1,220	1,200	1,150	1,140	94%	2,140	2,270	2,130	1,780	1,730	1,590	94%
7	Carlisle	Y	1,860	1,840	1,840	1,780	1,770	1,740	91%	1,070	1,080	1,060	1,000	1,070	950	89%
8	Chelmsford	C	3,010	2,830	2,740	2,810	2,820	2,730	100%	4,390	4,030	3,760	3,640	3,270	2,890	100%
9	Chester	Y	3,640	3,490	3,410	3,360	3,410	3,140	87%	2,650	2,580	2,450	2,620	2,620	2,360	87%
10	Chichester	C	2,120	2,150	2,200	2,180	2,180	2,010	96%	2,940	2,780	2,470	2,350	2,320	1,960	94%
11	Coventry	C	1,670	1,600	1,560	1,590	1,620	1,470	100%	980	960	1,000	930	850	810	100%
12	Derby	C	2,530	2,480	2,240	2,380	2,260	2,130	94%	1,570	1,490	1,360	1,310	1,200	980	97%
13	Durham	Y	3,700	3,600	3,410	3,260	3,320	3,040	95%	2,190	2,130	1,920	1,910	1,960	1,800	95%
14	Ely	C	1,620	1,580	1,490	1,410	1,490	1,500	94%	940	880	880	870	880	850	92%
15	Exeter	C	2,850	2,710	2,640	2,720	2,650	2,530	83%	1,590	1,430	1,340	1,370	1,190	1,120	82%
16	Gloucester	C	1,890	1,730	1,800	1,960	1,840	1,900	86%	1,170	1,250	1,230	1,170	1,210	1,110	89%
17	Guildford	C	1,320	1,330	1,230	1,270	1,290	1,280	98%	1,870	1,880	1,820	1,710	1,670	1,320	99%
18	Hereford	C	1,490	1,460	1,350	1,310	1,450	1,190	78%	690	660	670	600	680	580	84%
19	Leicester	C	1,490	1,640	1,520	1,660	1,550	1,430	95%	1,280	1,170	1,040	1,120	1,050	870	97%
20	Lichfield	C	5,630	5,270	4,960	5,060	5,030	4,420	98%	4,060	4,400	3,850	3,830	3,590	3,430	97%
21	Lincoln	C	2,670	2,390	2,360	2,340	2,270	2,070	67%	1,950	1,700	1,560	1,810	1,420	1,420	70%
22	Liverpool	Y	3,420	3,440	3,170	3,150	3,290	3,110	83%	2,070	1,970	1,990	2,090	2,160	1,970	83%
23	London	C	1,520	1,420	1,450	1,440	1,490	1,460	93%	2,450	2,190	2,190	2,090	2,070	1,820	95%
24	Manchester	Y	2,380	2,280	2,270	2,200	2,300	2,040	89%	2,370	2,240	2,100	2,230	2,390	1,950	86%
25	Newcastle	Y	1,300	1,310	1,230	1,210	1,160	1,120	99%	1,350	1,400	1,300	1,280	1,290	1,270	99%
26	Norwich	C	2,380	2,330	2,250	2,220	2,330	2,200	83%	2,230	2,270	2,110	2,050	2,250	2,240	84%
27	Oxford	C	3,500	3,450	3,440	3,570	3,530	3,410	77%	3,310	3,160	2,930	2,940	2,590	2,510	81%
28	Peterborough	C	1,400	1,470	1,520	1,400	1,500	1,410	91%	730	750	760	790	850	840	96%
29	Portsmouth	C	1,120	1,150	1,150	1,130	1,220	1,060	100%	1,540	1,500	1,350	1,330	1,320	1,280	100%
30	Ripon & Leeds	Y	1,320	1,260	1,350	1,240	1,390	1,350	100%	1,080	910	790	700	880	700	98%
31	Rochester	C	1,470	1,420	1,450	1,380	1,370	1,330	87%	3,580	3,490	3,280	3,170	2,760	2,550	92%
32	St. Albans	C	2,600	2,510	2,450	2,420	2,230	2,090	86%	2,820	2,590	2,400	2,400	2,120	2,040	85%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	1,840	1,850	1,800	1,740	1,730	1,680	83%	1,130	920	930	1,000	970	920	87%
34	Salisbury	C	2,380	2,270	2,100	2,190	2,450	2,140	65%	1,670	1,440	1,560	1,480	1,520	1,390	60%
35	Sheffield	Y	2,400	2,380	2,240	2,110	2,280	2,140	87%	2,520	2,350	2,020	2,040	1,790	1,620	88%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	250	270	280	230	260	250	100%	170	190	110	140	170	140	100%
37	Southwark	C	1,310	1,230	1,250	1,200	1,270	1,180	82%	3,110	3,010	2,860	2,670	2,630	2,260	84%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	2,260	2,270	2,140	2,270	2,290	2,110	99%	1,850	1,940	1,810	1,580	1,710	1,650	99%
39	Truro	C	1,590	1,500	1,540	1,510	1,550	1,320	95%	760	700	650	560	660	630	97%
40	Wakefield	Y	2,140	2,100	2,140	2,070	2,050	1,980	72%	1,720	1,800	1,660	1,660	1,810	1,680	80%
41	Winchester	C	2,300	2,240	2,180	2,100	2,310	2,150	83%	1,690	1,710	1,670	1,520	1,770	1,540	93%
42	Worcester	C	1,780	1,870	1,720	1,670	1,710	1,590	100%	1,620	1,650	1,500	1,540	1,820	1,470	99%
43	York	Y	2,970	2,950	2,980	2,900	2,910	2,700	74%	2,520	2,610	2,190	2,010	2,150	1,890	70%
44	Europe	C	280	230	230	270	190	240	100%	640	660	550	490	410	440	100%
Province of Canterbury			59,790	58,100	56,390	56,500	56,940	53,060		58,670	56,470	53,140	51,750	50,010	45,380	
Province of York			30,770	30,320	29,660	28,830	29,500	27,550		24,100	23,700	21,930	21,800	22,750	20,240	
Church of England			90,560	88,420	86,050	85,340	86,440	80,610	89%	82,770	80,170	75,070	73,550	72,760	65,620	90%

Notes: Values include all funerals conducted on behalf of a church/parish by any minister.

Values shown include data as reported by churches/parishes and estimates where no report has been returned. The completeness columns give the percentages of the 2014 values consisting of reports from churches/parishes (the remainder being estimated).

The Church of England carries out many thousands of baptisms, marriages, and funerals each year. As seen with the measures of participation shown above, numbers have declined in the past decade, with baptisms down by 12% (Figure 19), marriages down by 19% (Figure 20) and funerals down by 29% (Figure 21) since 2004.

In 2004, Infant baptisms made up 62% of all baptisms and thanksgivings, and child baptisms made up 24%; that balance has shifted somewhat, with the figures in 2014 being 54% and 30% respectively. The decline, of 38%, in funerals at crematoria/cemeteries is particularly noticeable. Some of this may relate to the likelihood that not all such services officiated at by a licensed Church of England minister will have been included in the returns.

Figure 19: Total Church of England baptisms and thanksgivings, 2004-2014

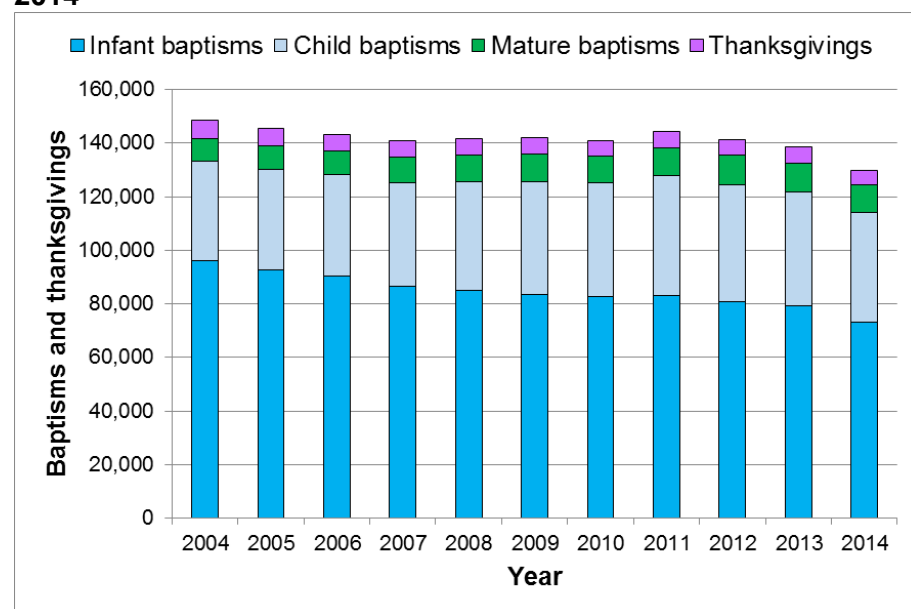


Figure 20: Total Church of England marriages and services of prayer and dedication after civil marriages, 2004-2014

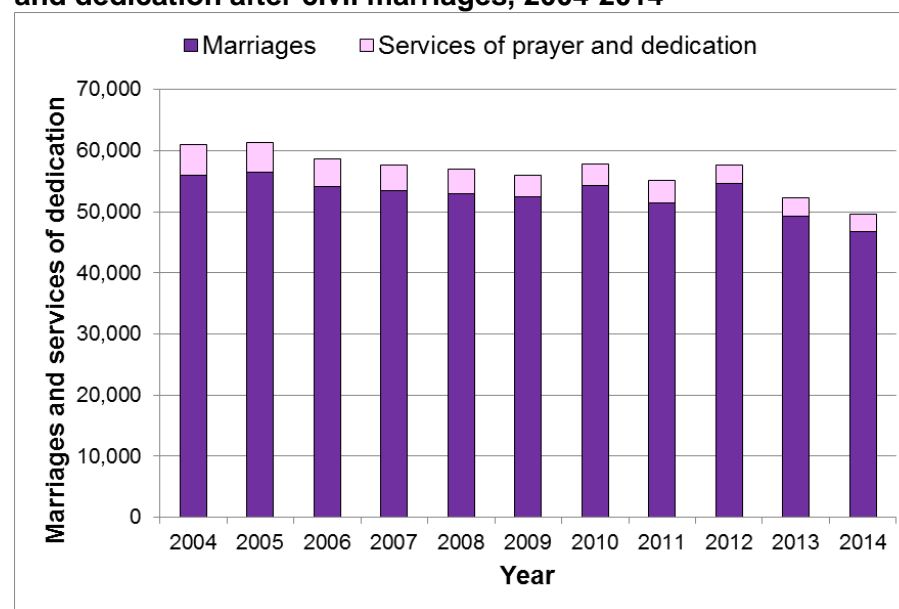


Figure 21: Total Church of England funerals, 2004-2014

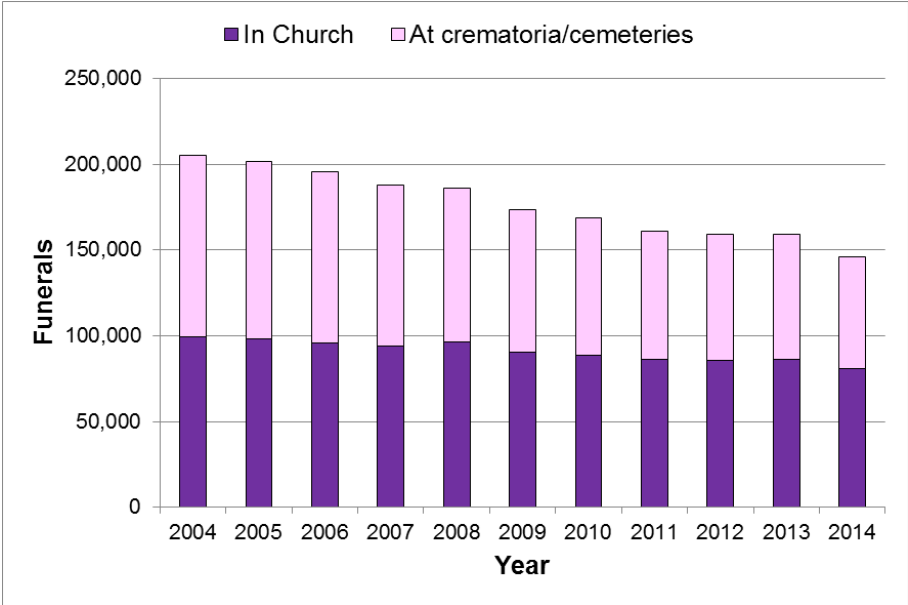
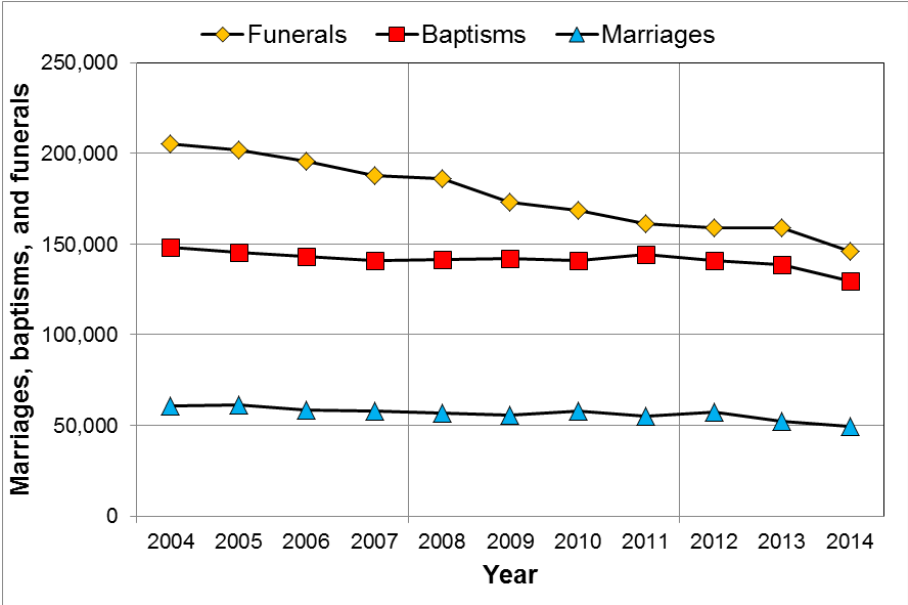


Figure 22: Total Church of England baptisms, marriages, and funerals, 2004-2014



Each week in 2014 the Church of England carried out approximately 1,500 infant baptisms, 1,000 marriages, and 2,800 funerals.

Table 14: Diocesan baptisms, marriages, and funerals, 2009-2014

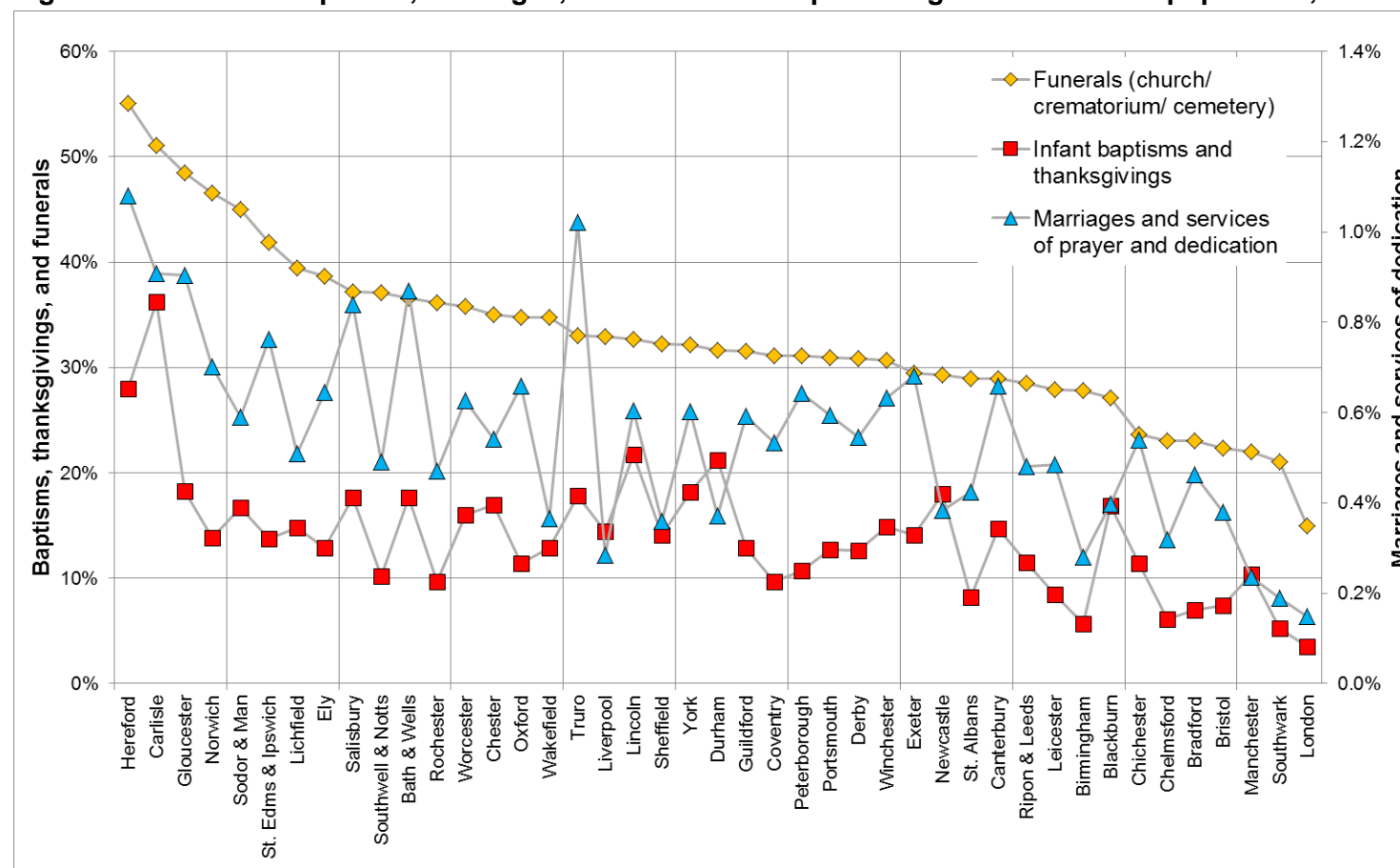
Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Births	Infant baptisms and thanksgivings	%	Unmarried adults	All marriages and services of dedication	%	Deaths	All funerals in churches, crematoria, & cemeteries	%
1	Bath & Wells	C	9,470	1,670	18%	318,000	1,380	0.9%	9,290	3,400	37%
2	Birmingham	C	22,050	1,260	6%	630,900	880	0.3%	12,560	3,490	28%
3	Blackburn	Y	15,690	2,650	17%	531,600	1,060	0.4%	13,590	3,680	27%
4	Bradford	Y	10,150	710	7%	264,900	610	0.5%	6,120	1,410	23%
5	Bristol	C	13,230	990	7%	387,000	730	0.4%	7,530	1,690	22%
6	Canterbury	C	10,380	1,530	15%	356,500	1,180	0.7%	9,430	2,730	29%
7	Carlisle	Y	4,720	1,710	36%	189,600	860	0.9%	5,270	2,690	51%
8	Chelmsford	C	43,040	2,650	6%	1,181,000	1,890	0.3%	24,360	5,620	23%
9	Chester	Y	17,890	3,040	17%	601,900	1,630	0.5%	15,740	5,510	35%
10	Chichester	C	16,850	1,930	11%	625,400	1,690	0.5%	16,790	3,970	24%
11	Coventry	C	10,080	980	10%	327,700	880	0.5%	7,310	2,280	31%
12	Derby	C	11,510	1,460	13%	392,000	1,070	0.5%	10,060	3,110	31%
13	Durham	Y	15,980	3,390	21%	598,800	1,110	0.4%	15,290	4,840	32%
14	Ely	C	8,820	1,130	13%	280,500	900	0.6%	6,080	2,350	39%
15	Exeter	C	11,690	1,640	14%	438,700	1,500	0.7%	12,360	3,640	30%
16	Gloucester	C	7,050	1,290	18%	250,500	1,130	0.9%	6,200	3,010	49%
17	Guildford	C	12,180	1,570	13%	356,300	1,050	0.6%	8,230	2,600	32%
18	Hereford	C	3,010	840	28%	117,900	640	1.1%	3,210	1,770	55%
19	Leicester	C	12,110	1,030	9%	374,800	910	0.5%	8,260	2,300	28%
20	Lichfield	C	25,120	3,730	15%	800,600	2,040	0.5%	19,910	7,850	39%
21	Lincoln	C	11,410	2,480	22%	409,500	1,240	0.6%	10,660	3,480	33%
22	Liverpool	Y	18,080	2,610	14%	666,700	950	0.3%	15,420	5,070	33%
23	London	C	60,340	2,120	4%	1,777,000	1,320	0.1%	21,820	3,270	15%
24	Manchester	Y	29,050	3,020	10%	897,400	1,060	0.2%	18,150	3,990	22%
25	Newcastle	Y	8,350	1,500	18%	338,000	650	0.4%	8,140	2,390	29%
26	Norwich	C	9,190	1,280	14%	354,400	1,240	0.7%	9,520	4,440	47%
27	Oxford	C	29,370	3,350	11%	794,300	2,620	0.7%	17,010	5,920	35%
28	Peterborough	C	11,230	1,210	11%	329,200	1,060	0.6%	7,230	2,250	31%
29	Portsmouth	C	8,240	1,050	13%	294,700	880	0.6%	7,560	2,340	31%
30	Ripon & Leeds	Y	10,100	1,160	12%	340,300	820	0.5%	7,190	2,050	29%
31	Rochester	C	16,630	1,610	10%	464,800	1,090	0.5%	10,730	3,880	36%
32	St. Albans	C	24,380	2,000	8%	666,500	1,420	0.4%	14,290	4,130	29%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	7,170	990	14%	247,900	940	0.8%	6,200	2,600	42%
34	Salisbury	C	9,370	1,660	18%	327,100	1,370	0.8%	9,490	3,530	37%
35	Sheffield	Y	14,630	2,060	14%	530,900	950	0.4%	11,650	3,760	32%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	990	170	17%	33,200	100	0.6%	860	390	45%
37	Southwark	C	41,530	2,190	5%	1,241,800	1,180	0.2%	16,360	3,440	21%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	12,950	1,320	10%	432,800	1,060	0.5%	10,130	3,760	37%
39	Truro	C	5,450	980	18%	197,600	1,010	1.0%	5,900	1,950	33%
40	Wakefield	Y	14,370	1,860	13%	450,900	820	0.4%	10,530	3,660	35%
41	Winchester	C	15,330	2,280	15%	503,500	1,590	0.6%	11,990	3,680	31%
42	Worcester	C	9,600	1,540	16%	312,700	980	0.6%	8,530	3,060	36%
43	York	Y	15,600	2,840	18%	563,300	1,700	0.6%	14,280	4,590	32%
44	Europe	C	-	250	-	-	330	-	-	690	-
	Province of Canterbury	C	475,840	48,400	10%	14,759,000	35,810	0.5%	318,860	97,760	31%
	Province of York	Y	188,540	28,020	15%	6,440,300	13,380	0.4%	152,350	47,790	31%
	Church of England		664,370	76,420	12%	21,199,200	49,200	0.5%	471,210	145,550	31%

While it is relatively easy to express participation as a percentage of a relevant diocesan population (though, as the Christmas fluctuations noted above illustrate, even this is not entirely straightforward), a similar exercise for funerals, baptisms, and marriages is less simple. Table 14 and Figure 23 attempt to illustrate the percentage of the appropriate population served by the Church of England through baptisms, marriages, or funerals. For infant baptisms, the figure shows the percentage of births for which there was an infant baptism/thanksgiving in 2014; for marriages, the figure shows the percentage of unmarried adults (aged over 16) who were married in the Church of England or had a service of prayer and dedication after a civil marriage; for funerals, the figure shows the percentage of deaths for which there was a funeral. Table 14 and Figure 23 show figures for infant baptisms and thanksgivings; as has been shown in Table 11, a large number of child and adult baptisms also take place.

Notes: Totals for the Church of England and the Province of Canterbury do not include the Diocese in Europe.

Numbers of births, deaths, and unmarried adults (aged 16 and over) are calculated using estimates from the ONS, mapped onto diocesan boundaries.

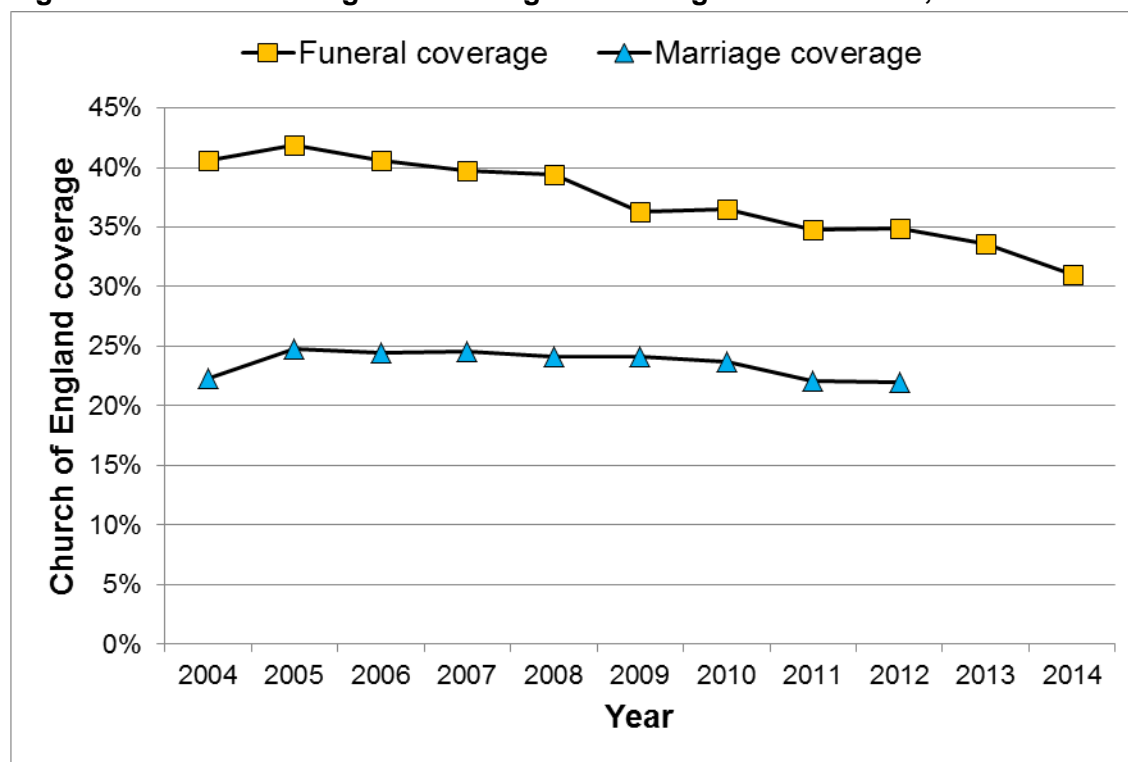
Figure 23: Diocesan baptisms, marriages, and funerals as a percentage of the relevant population, 2014



None of these measures is perfect: funeral data are thought to be incomplete; baptisms and marriages may not take place in the diocese of residence; and many unmarried adults are not “at risk” of marrying. The ideal population from which to generate comparable figures is either hard to define, not measured, or both.

Again, however, they offer an alternative way to compare dioceses than that provided by the raw totals. The patterns shown in Figure 23 may be explained by the differences in age and religion profile between dioceses, as well as – particularly in the case of marriages – the mobility of populations. When compared with the measures of participation shown in Figures 17 and 18, there is a less clear alignment between the quantities shown. Although Hereford, Carlisle, and Gloucester score highly in all measures, the large numbers of marriages in Truro and Bath and Wells stand out.

Figure 24: Church of England coverage of marriages and funerals, 2004-2014



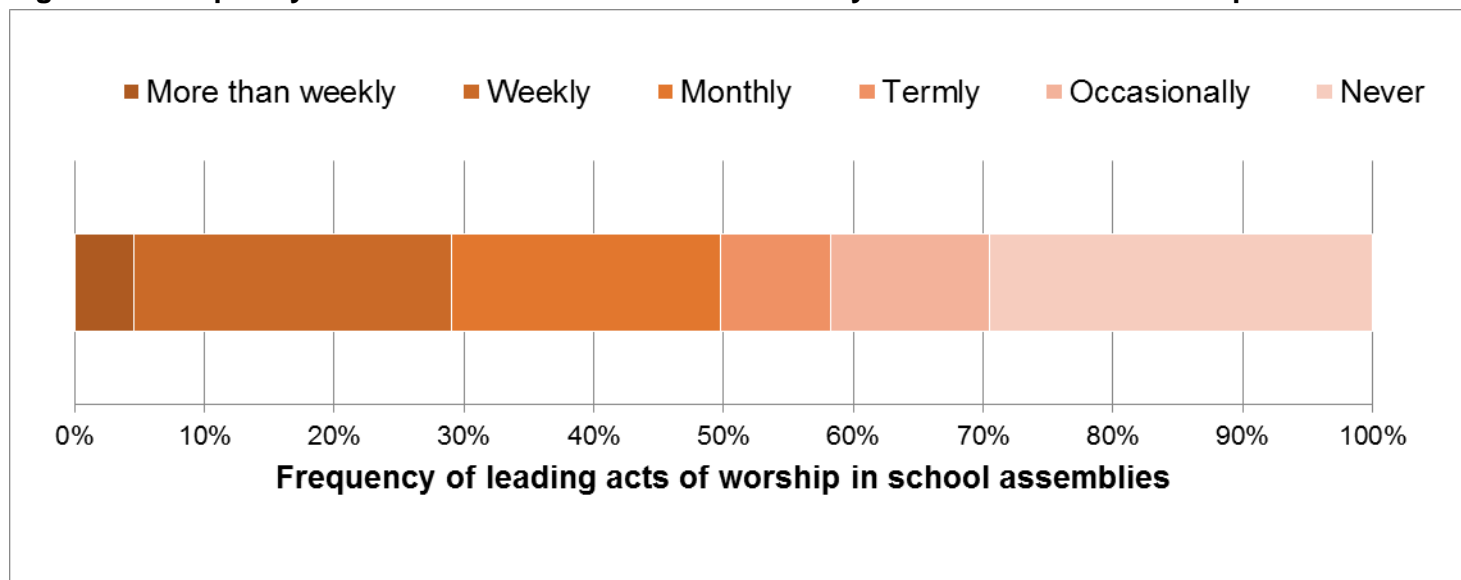
In 2004, 41% of deaths were followed by a Church of England funeral in church or a service in a crematorium/cemetery led by a member of a church ministry team. This had fallen to 31% by 2014 (Figure 24).

The proportion of all marriages that take place or are followed by a service of prayer of dedication in a Church of England church fell from 25% in 2005 to 22% in 2012. Data for the total number of marriages in England and Wales from 2013 and 2014 are not yet available from the ONS.

Note: Because marriage data for England are not available, marriage coverage used the total number of marriages in England and Wales as the baseline. The number of Church of England marriages and services of prayer and dedication after civil marriages is expressed as a percentage of this value.

49% of churches lead acts of worship in school assemblies at least once a month.

Figure 25: Frequency with which members of church ministry teams lead acts of worship in school assemblies, 2014



Approximately half of the responding churches reported that a member of their church ministry team leads an act of worship in schools monthly or more often. Nearly 30% lead acts of worships in schools once a week or more.

These figures are based on 12,444 responses.

Christingle services

63% of churches report having held Christingle services, with 53% having had a Christingle service in 2014. Each of these services attracted an average of 134 people (79 adults and 55 children) in 2014. The vast majority (79%) of Christingle services in 2014 were held in support of the Children's Society.

These figures are based on 12,361 responses.

The wide range of churches

Table 15: Church participation summary, 2014

	smallest 5%	smallest 25%	median	largest 25%	largest 5%	mean
All age average weekly attendance	3	15	40	91	213	69.0
Adult average weekly attendance	3	14	35	77	178	58.5
Child average weekly attendance	0	0	3	12	41	10.4
All age usual Sunday attendance	8	15	31	66	160	53.0
Easter attendance	0	28	58	115	265	91.7
Christmas attendance	0	36	82	197	596	170.9
Worshipping community	9	22	47	95	235	77.2

Table 16: Church funerals, baptisms, and marriages summary, 2014

	smallest 5%	smallest 25%	median	largest 25%	largest 5%	mean
Funerals in churches, crematoria and cemeteries	0	2	5	13	36	10
Baptisms and thanksgivings	0	1	4	11	34	8.9
Marriages and services of prayer and dedication	0	0	2	4	12	3.3

There is a huge range of churches within the Church of England, serving communities large and small.

Tables 15 and 16 illustrate the range of different churches within the dataset. The tables show the participation at the smallest 5% and 25% of churches, the median (i.e. middle) church, the largest 25% and 5% of churches, and the mean (average) church.

For example, the largest 5% of churches have 160 or more people worshipping on a usual Sunday, whereas the smallest 5% have 8 or fewer. The median church has 31 people attending on a usual Sunday, and the mean usual Sunday attendance is 53 people.

A few large churches can result in a large mean value that is not a helpful summary of the data; the median is often a more useful number to consider when thinking about a “typical” church.

The tables suggest that a median church has 40 people attending worship in an average week, the majority being adults, with 31 on a usual Sunday. It has 58 people at Easter, 82 at Christmas, and a worshipping community of 47. It carries out 5 funerals, 4 baptisms, and 2 marriages each year.

Because some churches are significantly larger, the average church looks a little different: it has 69 people attending worship each week, and 53 on a usual Sunday. It has 92 people at Easter, 171 at Christmas, and 77 in its worshipping community. It carries out 10 funerals, 9 baptisms, and 3 marriages each year.

It should be noted that, particularly in parishes that contain several churches, not all churches have services at Easter or Christmas, which explains why a proportion of churches report zero attendance.

Figures in Table 15 and Table 16 are based on 10,269 complete single-church returns.

18,000 people were confirmed in 2014, in over 1,900 confirmation services.

Table 17: Diocesan confirmations by gender, 2014

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Males	Females	Total	Number of services
1	Bath & Wells	C	106	140	246	14
2	Birmingham	C	135	221	356	66
3	Blackburn	Y	372	593	965	75
5	Bristol	C	68	84	152	14
6	Canterbury	C	151	260	411	41
7	Carlisle	Y	123	212	335	45
8	Chelmsford	C	296	524	820	55
9	Chester	Y	214	359	573	88
10	Chichester	C	317	363	680	44
11	Coventry	C	55	111	166	18
12	Derby	C	112	184	296	42
13	Durham	Y	193	229	422	35
14	Ely	C	60	90	150	14
15	Exeter	C	134	212	346	52
16	Gloucester	C	64	140	204	30
17	Guildford	C	218	279	497	25
18	Hereford	C	58	96	154	15
19	Leicester	C	120	194	314	28
20	Lichfield	C	356	478	834	98
21	Lincoln	C	72	116	188	70
22	Liverpool	Y	160	303	463	33
23	London	C	577	689	1,266	135
24	Manchester	Y	293	427	720	68
25	Newcastle	Y	84	147	231	40
26	Norwich	C	107	144	251	46
27	Oxford	C	466	676	1,142	140
28	Peterborough	C	141	198	339	56
29	Portsmouth	C	80	121	201	15
31	Rochester	C	241	291	532	54
32	St. Albans	C	271	391	662	53
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	50	79	129	23
34	Salisbury	C	253	427	680	30
35	Sheffield	Y	90	147	237	31
36	Sodor & Man	Y	14	13	27	5
37	Southwark	C	307	567	874	73
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	130	192	322	16
39	Truro	C	65	75	140	21
46	West Yorks & the Dales	Y	207	369	576	53
41	Winchester	C	165	204	369	34
42	Worcester	C	81	98	179	28
43	York	Y	131	216	347	51
44	Europe	C	103	129	232	33
	Province of Canterbury	C	5,229	7,581	12,810	1,367
	Province of York	Y	2,011	3,207	5,218	540
	Church of England		7,240	10,788	18,028	1,907

Notes: No data were received from the dioceses of Exeter and St. Albans; 2013 figures have been included in this table as an estimate of the number of confirmations in 2014 for these dioceses.

This table shows exact figures, as reported.

Confirmations in the armed forces are not included.

Figure 26: Age distribution of female confirmations, 2004 and 2014

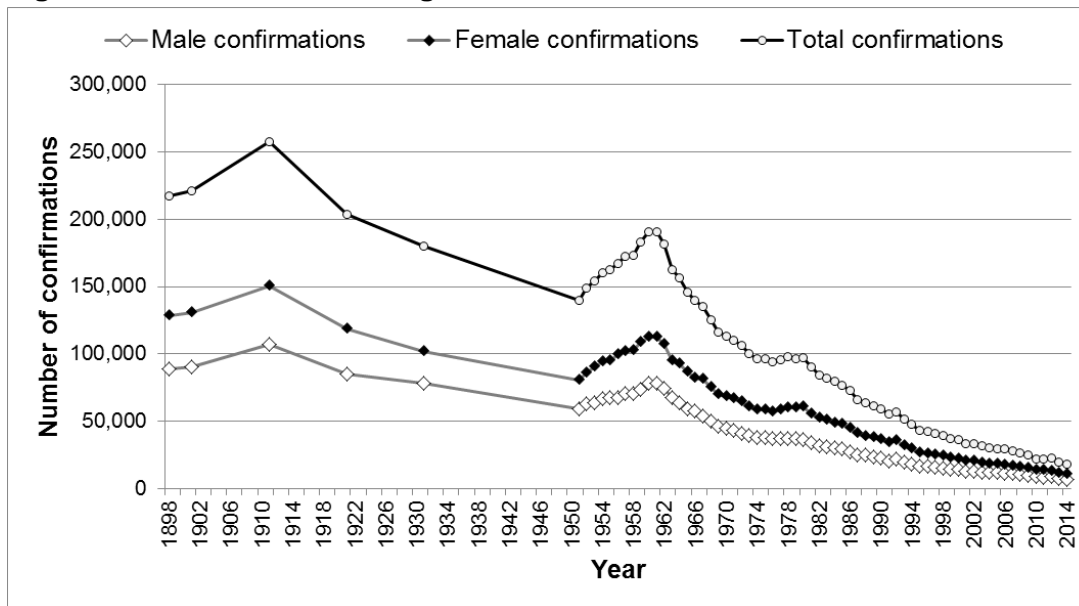


Figure 27: Age distribution of male confirmations, 2004 and 2014



Of the 18,000 people to be confirmed in 2014, 60% were female. 45% were aged over 20, and 26% aged between 12 and 15. The number of confirmations has fallen by over 40% since 2004, continuing the historical trend (Figure 28).

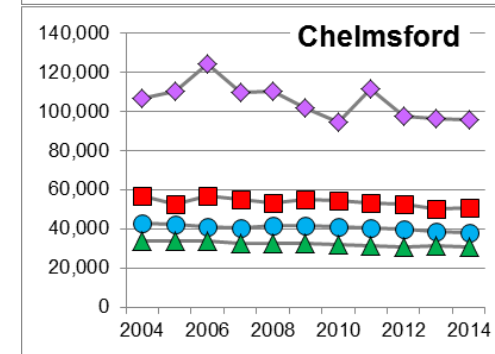
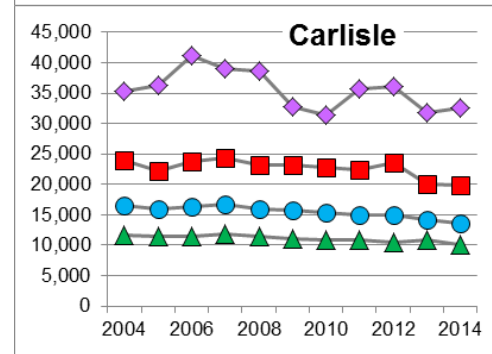
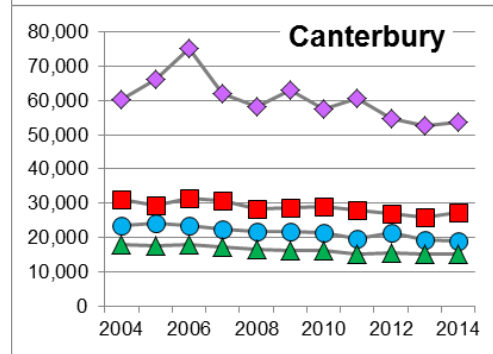
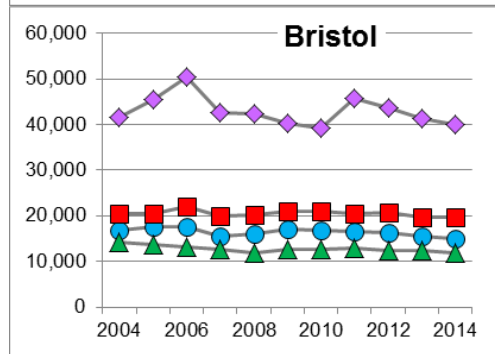
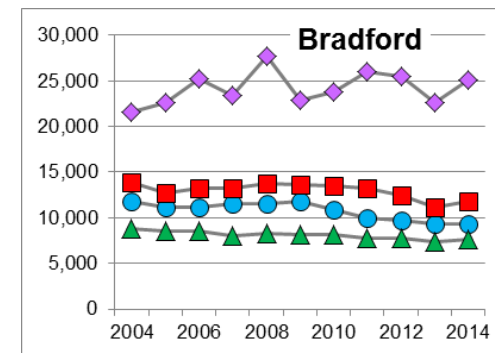
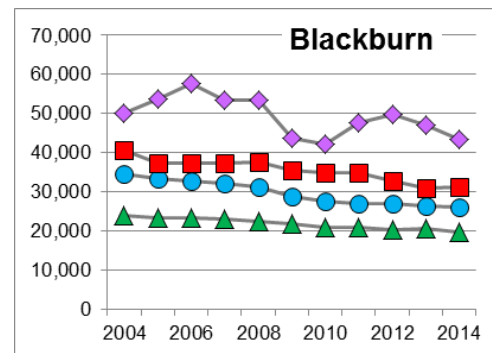
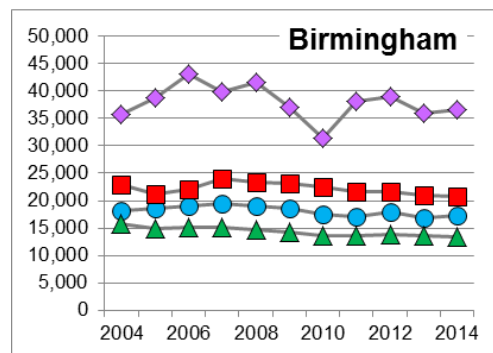
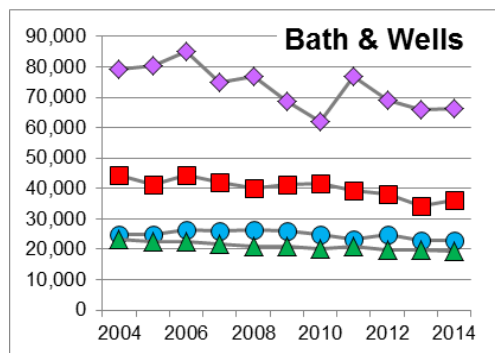
Figure 28: Total Church of England confirmations, 1898-2014

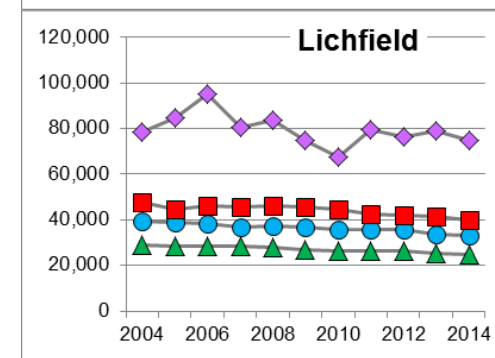
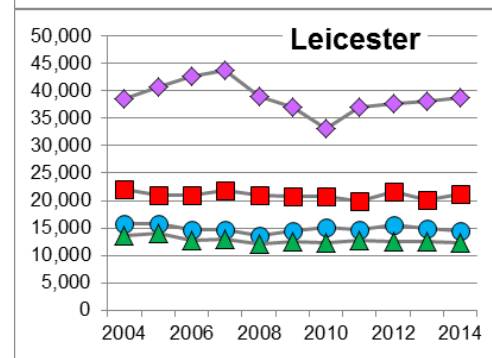
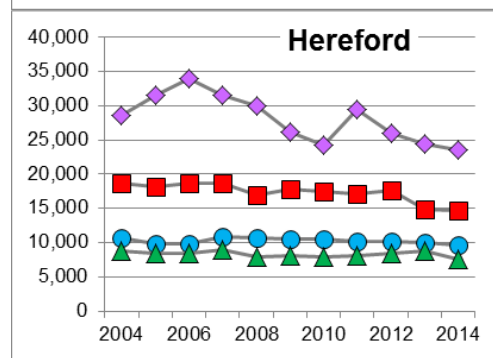
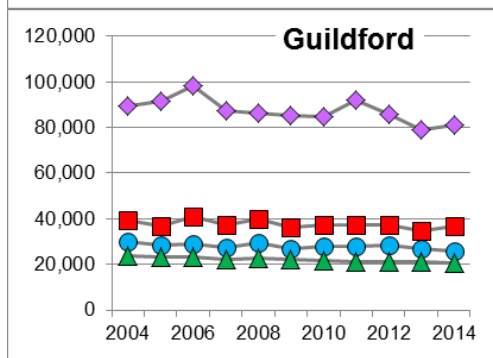
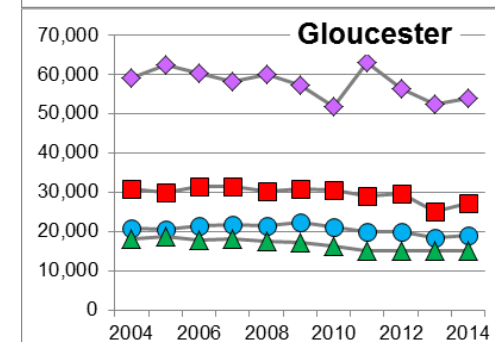
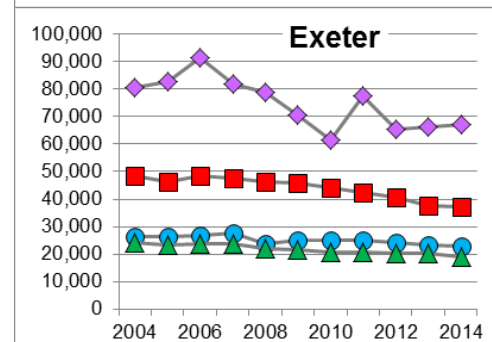
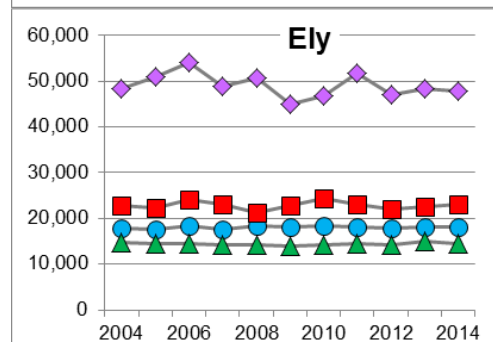
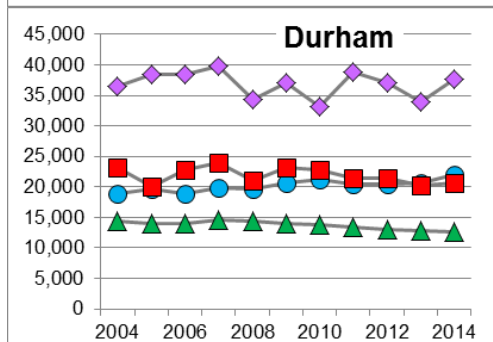
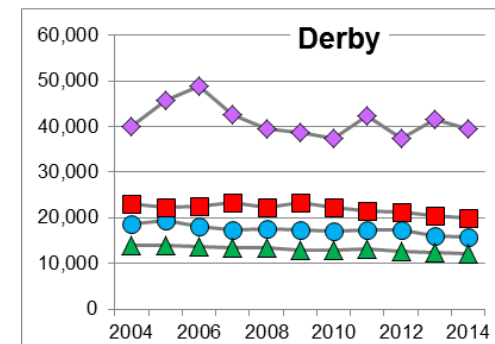
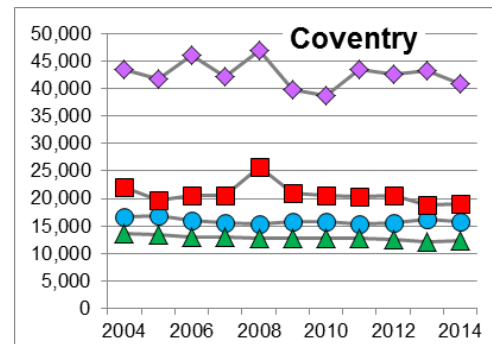
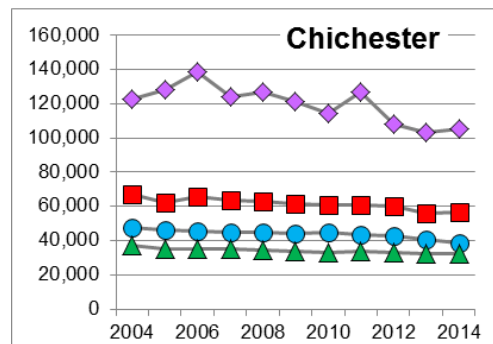
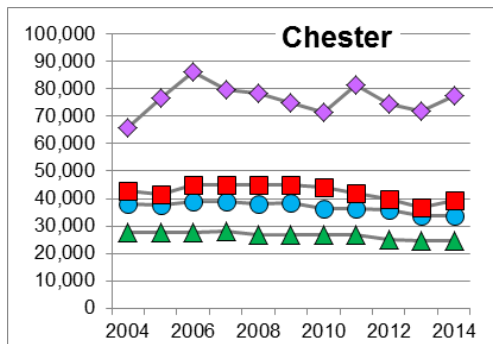


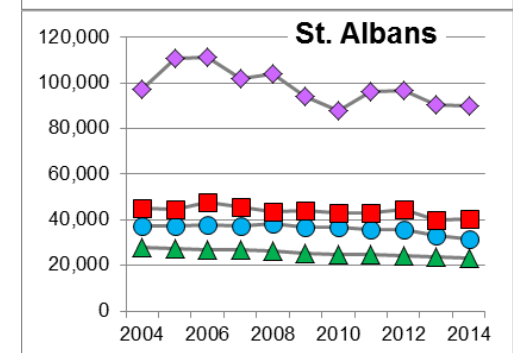
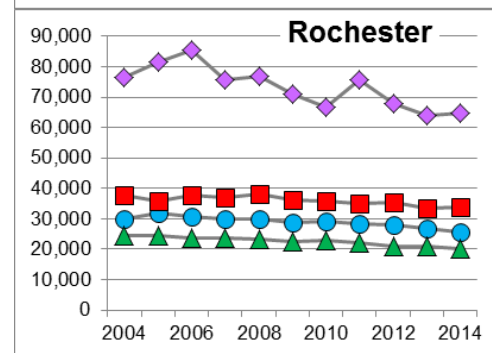
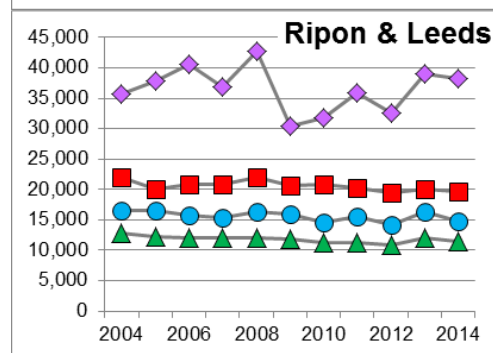
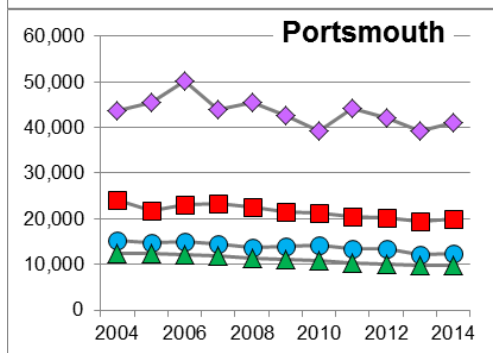
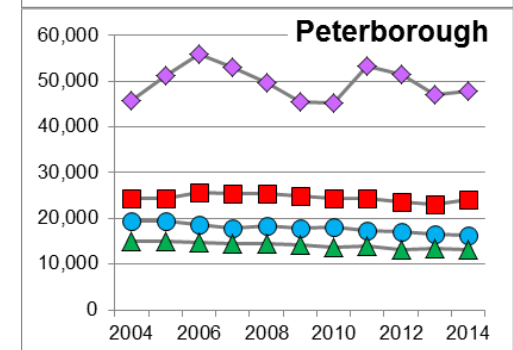
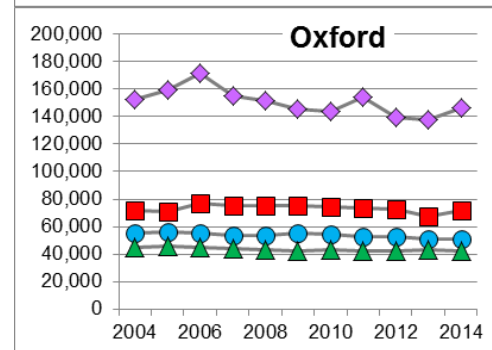
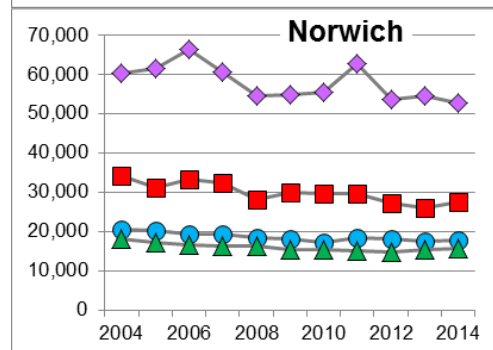
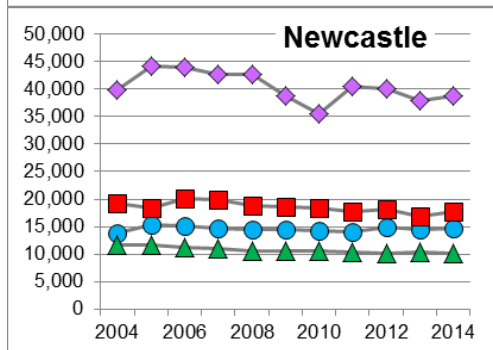
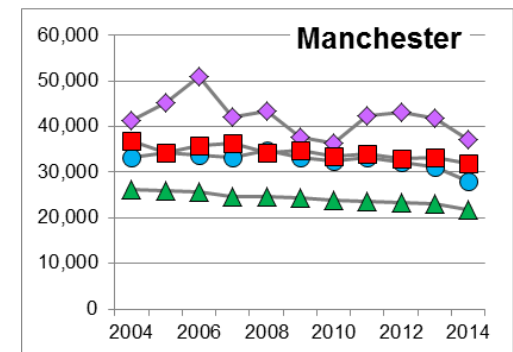
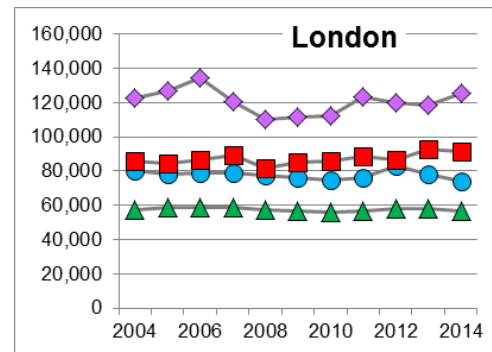
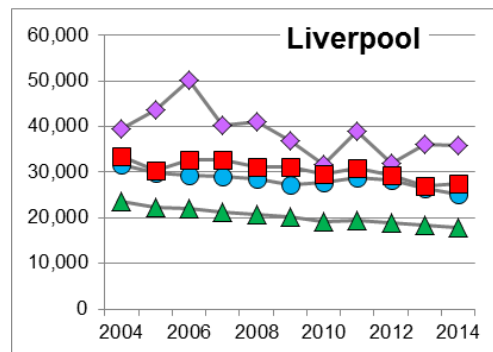
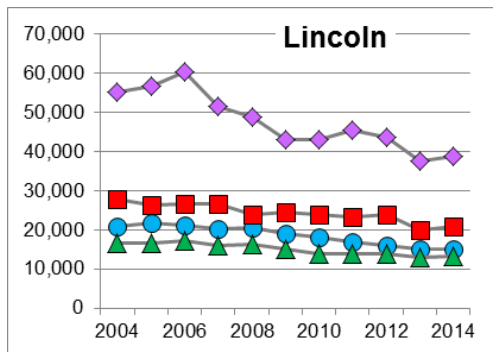
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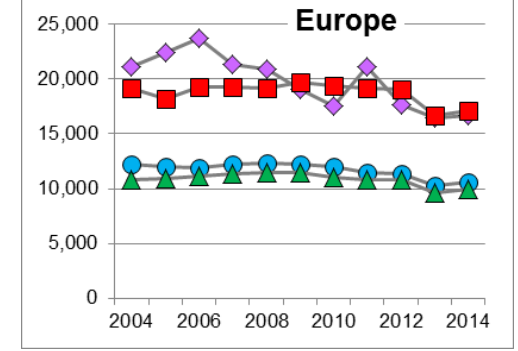
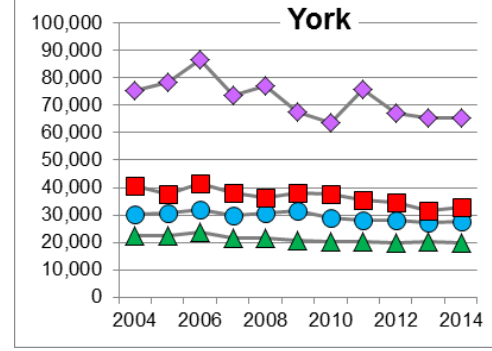
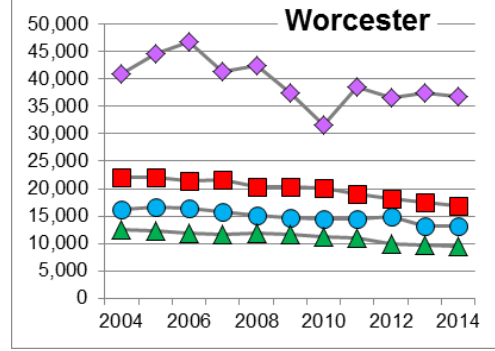
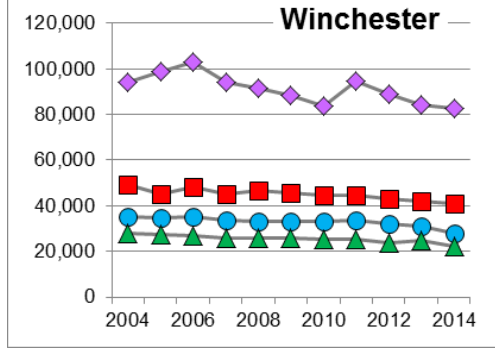
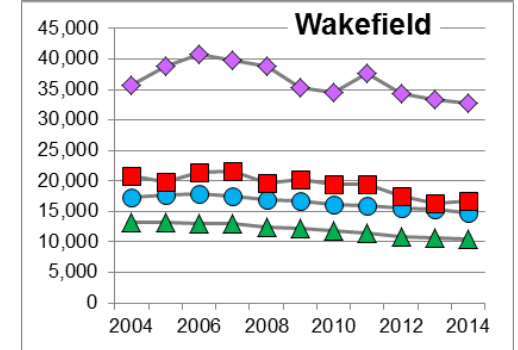
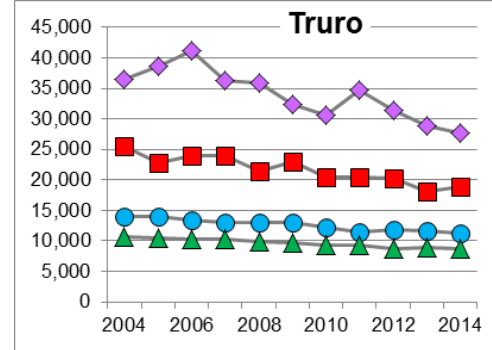
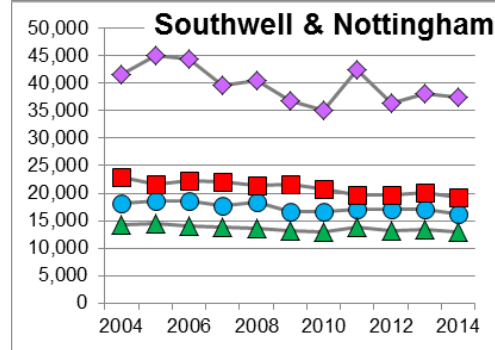
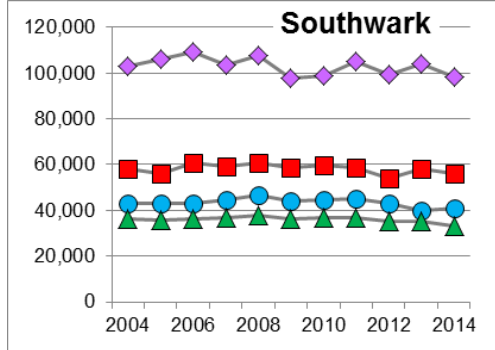
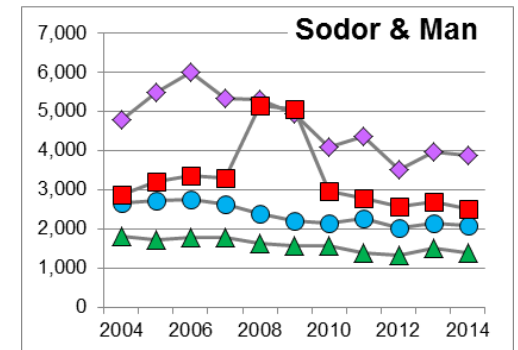
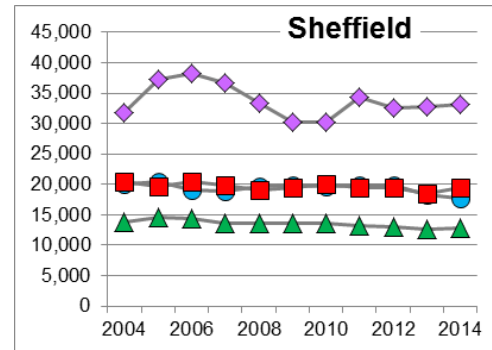
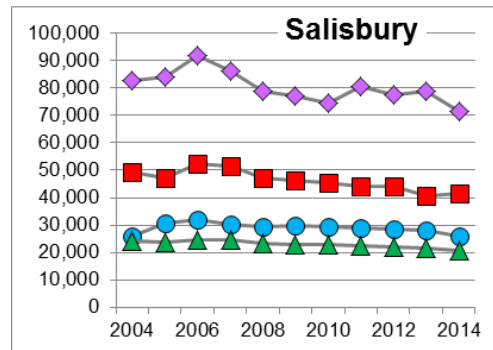
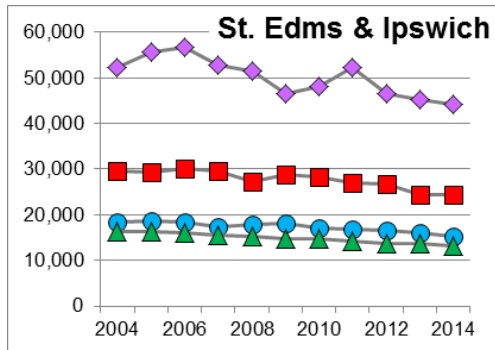
The graphs below show the levels of participation as measured by average weekly attendance, usual Sunday attendance, Christmas attendance, and Easter attendance within each diocese from 2004-2014. Most dioceses display the same general pattern of a gradual decrease in participation, although there is some variation between dioceses. Christmas attendance, as has been noted above, is more variable from year to year than other measures.

● Average weekly attendance ▲ Usual Sunday attendance ◆ Christmas attendance ■ Easter attendance









Methodology

This report uses data submitted through annual parochial returns and government statistics. The annual Statistics for Mission return is available for completion by each of the almost 16,000 Church of England churches. The majority (85%) of churches in the Church of England have submitted complete data, with most submissions relating to a single church.

Most returns are submitted through the online parish return system. A number of dioceses use different electronic systems, and a small number still rely on paper forms that are subsequently entered electronically.

In most fields, diocesan figures include figures from Cathedrals, reported through separate Cathedral Statistics returns. In some fields - attendance at services for schools and Advent attendance - differences between the questions asked mean that it has not been possible to include Cathedral attendance in diocesan figures.

The content of Statistics for Mission

The annual Statistics for Mission study attempts to measure several different aspects of church life. While no study could cover every facet of the ministry and service of the Church of England, Statistics for Mission seeks to provide a broad picture of those key elements that are common to the vast majority of churches.

A large part of Statistics for Mission is concerned with attendance at worship services. Attendance is measured in a number of different ways

- 1) Usual Sunday attendance, on Sundays when there is a service (adults and children);
- 2) Number of people attending and number of people taking communion at Easter (including vigil services on Easter Eve);
- 3) Number of people attending and number of people taking communion at Christmas (Christmas Eve and Christmas Day);
- 4) October count: the number of adults and children attending during each of the first 4 weeks of October 2014, at church services, fresh expressions of church, and services for schools held in church. Sunday and weekday attendance is asked about, with the instruction that those attending on Sunday and during the week in any given week should only be counted once that week (on Sunday) if possible;
- 5) Worshipping community: any person attending the church regularly, for example at least once a month (or those who would attend if not prevented by illness, infirmity, or temporary absence), including attendance at church services and fresh expressions of church;
- 6) The church and parish electoral roll.

The October count data are used to calculate average weekly and average Sunday attendance, for adults and children. Average Sunday attendance is defined as the total number of reported attendances at church services or fresh expressions of church on Sundays over the 4 weeks of the October count, divided by 4. Average weekly attendance is defined as the total number of reported attendances at church services or fresh expressions of church on Sundays

or weekdays over the 4 weeks of the October count, divided by 4. Attendance at services for schools taking place in the church or church buildings is not included in the average attendance figures, and is instead reported separately.

Churches are asked to report the numbers of adults and children leaving and joining their worshipping community, including estimating the numbers of people leaving and joining for different reasons.

A second aspect of Statistics for Mission is concerned with numbers of baptisms and thanksgivings, marriages and services of prayer and dedication after civil marriages, and funeral services conducted on behalf of the church/parish by any minister held in church or at a crematorium or cemetery (excluding committal only and burial of ashes only). Note that funerals conducted by licensed Church of England ministers that are not held on behalf of a church/parish may not be included in the reported figures.

Additionally, Statistics for Mission asks about attendance at special services during Advent; members of ministry teams leading assemblies in schools; details about fresh expressions of church; and (in 2014) Christingle services and admission to communion.

For reference, the 2014 Statistics for Mission form, including all questions and explanatory notes, can be found at the end of this report.

Data accuracy

Data reported by each church are compared with figures from previous years, and substantial changes are on occasion queried with dioceses and/or churches. Predominantly, these checks are carried out to correct typographical errors occurring during data entry, although they can also highlight occasions when questions have been misinterpreted. These checks happen automatically, immediately on the entry of data, for those returns that are entered in the online parish returns system, and further checking is carried out by staff in the Research and Statistics department.

Values in the data tables are reported to the nearest 100 or nearest 10, as appropriate. Percentages are reported to the nearest 1% or 0.1%, as appropriate. Missing data are indicated with a dash (-). Totals, percentages, and averages have been calculated before rounding, so row and column totals may not always agree with the sums of the stated amounts.

Estimation

For those churches that did not submit a return, we use data from that church from other years to estimate the missing values. Data from 2010-2013 have been used to estimate missing 2014 figures, assuming that past trends will be continued but at a slower pace. Non-integer attendance figures have been rounded down to the nearest whole number. Where data were missing in 2013, 2014 submissions have been used to improve previously-published estimates; therefore, 2013 figures as shown in this report differ slightly from those found in the 2013 Statistics for Mission report.

Estimation calculations have been carried out in R version 3.2.1.

If no return has been received from a church, and there is no indication that data are included in a return from another church, we have estimated values for that church. If a partial return has been received and there is no indication that the church has been closed for all or part of the year, we have estimated those values that are missing; partial returns are considered section by section: October count attendance; usual Sunday attendance; Easter attendance; Christmas attendance; baptisms, marriages, and funerals. If any data are submitted in a given section, any missing values in that section are treated as zeros. If no data are submitted in a section, values for that section are estimated.

When no return has been received from a church for more than 5 years, missing values are treated as zeros. In common with previous years, no church/parish level estimation has been carried out for the Diocese in Europe.

Information about worshipping communities has only been collected since 2012, so there is insufficient data on which to carry out church-level estimation. Diocesan worshipping community values are calculated by scaling up the reported worshipping community by comparing the electoral rolls of those churches within the diocese that did report worshipping community figures with the electoral roll for the whole diocese.

Figures for attendance at school services in churches (on Sundays and weekdays), and attendance at special services held in Advent are not estimated where missing. These fields are recent inclusions in Statistics for Mission and therefore there is insufficient evidence on which to base estimates. Similarly, no estimation is carried out for numbers of joiners and leavers of worshipping communities. For these fields, figures shown in this report are as reported by churches/parishes.

Completeness of reported data

As table 1 shows, complete returns (i.e. those for which no estimation has been carried out) have been received from 85% of all Church of England churches. In some cases, those churches that have not submitted data are large, in other cases small. To indicate the impact of estimation, where it has taken place, we have reported a “completeness” score – this is the percentage of the total value that consists of reported data, with the rest being estimated. For example, if Diocese A is shown to have 500 baptisms with a completeness of 90%, this means that churches in Diocese A have reported 450 baptisms and those churches that did not submit a report have been estimated to have carried out 50 baptisms. The higher the completeness score the more likely it is that the totals are not being skewed by any estimation that has been carried out.

Age groups

Ideally, a single set of age groups would be used throughout the return. However, for a variety of reasons, this has not been the case for some years, and the desire to be able to make comparisons with historical data has discouraged further changes.

Usual Sunday attendance and October count attendance are divided into adults (aged 16 and over) and children (aged under 16).

Worshipping community age groups are 0-10; 11-17; 18-69, and 70+, while worshipping community leavers and joiners are categorised as adults (aged 18+) and children.

Baptisms and thanksgivings are categorised as infants (aged <1 year); children aged 1-4 years; children aged 5-12 years; and youths/adults (aged 13+).

Year to year comparisons

Some questions, such as the usual Sunday attendance, have been asked in almost the same form for many years. Others have changed, to reflect changes in patterns of church services or the evolving interests of those making use of the data. Any changes, although they may provide useful information, potentially make it difficult to compare figures from one year to the next. For example, in 2013 a question about attendance at school services during October was introduced; previously, it is likely that some, but not all, such attendance was recorded during the October count. In 2014 new guidance was added that specified that only attendance at school services *taking place in church or church buildings* should be included and that school assemblies should not be included if they took place in school. While this clarification results in a more logical question, it means that it is not sensible to make direct detailed comparisons of average weekly attendance values (with or without including school service attendance) from 2012, 2013, and 2014.

Diocesan boundaries

Diocesan and parish boundaries as of 1st January 2014 have been used throughout this report. It should be noted that parish reorganisations take place frequently, with more than one hundred changes to parish boundaries each year. In April 2014 the Dioceses of Bradford, Ripon and Leeds, and Wakefield were combined to create the Diocese of Leeds (West Yorkshire and the Dales), and this new structure will be reflected in future reports. The exception to the above is that confirmation data, reported directly by diocesan offices, are shown based on the 2015 diocesan structure.


Population data

Diocesan population statistics have been estimated using data published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS: <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/index.html>), mapped on to diocesan boundaries. This mapping is an approximation, since the boundaries of regions at which population data are reported do not coincide with diocesan boundaries. The latest available data have been used wherever possible; population estimates and numbers of births and deaths are from mid-2014; religious affiliation data (specifically, percentage Christian) are from the 2011 census. Data for the Isle of Man have been taken from http://countrysimeters.info/en/Isle_of_Man and <https://www.gov.im/lib/docs/treasury/economic/census/census2011reportfinalresized.pdf>; data for the Channel Islands have been taken from http://countrysimeters.info/en/Channel_Islands. These sources do not include information about religious affiliation – in the case of the Channel Islands this has been estimated to be the same as that in the rest of the Diocese of Winchester.

Acknowledgements

The attempt to collect data from every church in the Church of England is ambitious and complex, relying on the time and effort of many incumbents, Parochial Church Council members, church staff, and volunteers in parishes, and on a large number of staff in diocesan offices. Several volunteers have been instrumental in entering data for those churches that have submitted paper forms. Many of those whose efforts are essential to the production of this report are unpaid. We are extremely grateful to all those who have taken part and assisted in other ways in facilitating Statistics for Mission, and thank them for their time and commitment.

Reference map of dioceses, 2014

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Note: The diocesan boundaries reflect the structure as of 1st January 2014 to match the structure on which data have been collected.

Statistics for Mission form, 2014

The Statistics for Mission form and explanatory notes were offered as one continuous document in 2014 (with some additional guidance available online). The size of text was increased from previous years in an effort to improve readability, and in general the attempt was made to produce a form that was easier to use than it had been in the past. As a result of these formatting changes, the form takes up more space than in previous years, running to 8 sides of A4 paper, although it contains roughly the same number of questions and the same amount of text and information.

The majority of respondents completed the form online, using the Church of England's online parish return system. This system facilitated some immediate checking of data (e.g. ensuring that attendance at Easter was no less than the number of people receiving communion, and to indicate where large changes from year to year might suggest a typographical error or a misreading of a question). A small number of dioceses continued to use paper forms, which were subsequently entered onto the electronic system.

A copy of the paper version of the form - available to all respondents to be downloaded for reference if required - can be found below.



STATISTICS FOR MISSION: JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2014

Church name:	Parish name:
Deanery:	Diocese:
Church code: 6 ____ (If you are entering your form online then you will not need this code.)	

REMINDER: IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM ONLINE

<http://parishreturns.churchofengland.org/>

- ✓ Please complete this form for your CHURCH. If there is more than one church in your parish, then please complete and submit a separate form for each church.
- ✓ Your church code is published in your *A Church Near You* entry.
Go to: <http://www.achurchnearyou.com/> Search for your church, by postcode or area. There are several tabs (About us, Find us, Contact us, Services and events etc.). Select the last tab on the right, "More Info". There is a list of information provided and the church code is listed as "CofE Church Info", followed by a six digit number starting with 6. For example, the church code for Westminster Abbey is 623000.
If you notice an error in your *A Church Near You* entry, please contact the site directly to update the information, using the "Update this church" option (under "Other Links", towards the right of the page). The Research and Statistics unit cannot correct or alter the information held on the *A Church Near You* site.
- ✓ Fresh expressions of church should be included in your numbers, unless they prefer to complete a separate return. If the fresh expression of church works with a parish please provide the parish name with the return (above). For help in identifying fresh expressions of Church please visit <https://www.churchofengland.org/media/1839845/freshexpressionschoicetree.pdf>
- ✓ Please complete all questions as far as possible. Any empty boxes will be treated as "unknown" and may be queried later as missing data.
- ✓ Except for the one-off question (which changes every year), the information required from your church remains the same. However, the paper form looks a little different from previous years to make it easier to read, using larger text and more space for the answers.
- ✓ In rare circumstances where a single congregation worships evenly between a number of churches (i.e. there is no difference in who attends and how often at each church), a single return may be submitted. The churches included in the return should be noted below.

A single return is submitted on behalf of (please list all included churches here, with church codes):

The first question is about the number of people on the **ELECTORAL ROLL**, as reported at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in 2014.

- ✓ Please write "unknown" if the figure is not available.

1. How many people are on the parish Electoral Roll?

1. Number on the PARISH Electoral Roll	
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If your parish has more than one church and also keeps a separate roll for your church, please also provide the total electoral roll for the church.

- ✓ Please write "N/A" if this is not applicable to your church.

1b. How many people are on the church Electoral Roll?

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The next question is about church attendance on a "USUAL" SUNDAY.

- ✓ A usual Sunday is one which is not a major festival or contained in a peak holiday period
- ✓ Wherever possible, please do not count the same person multiple times – if someone attends more than once during Sunday, please only count them once
- ✓ Only think about the Sundays when you hold at least one service (ignore the Sundays when you do not hold a service at your church)

2. How many people attend your church on a usual Sunday, when there is a service?

2a. Adults (over 16 years old)	
2b. Children and young people (under 16 years)	

The following questions are about **how many people attended** a service or act of worship at **Easter** (Easter Day and vigil services on Easter Eve), **Advent** (Advent Sunday until 23rd December) and **Christmas** (Christmas Eve and Christmas Day).

- ✓ If you did not hold any services or acts of worship at your church during these periods, please enter "no services" in the relevant box.

3. How many people came to your church at Easter 2014?

3a. Number of communicants at any service on Easter Day or vigil service on Easter Eve	
3b. Total number, including communicants, attending worship at any service on Easter Day or vigil service on Easter Eve	

4. How many people came to special services run by your church during Advent 2014?

4a. Total number attending special services run by the church during advent (Advent Sunday until 23 rd December), for example nativities, carols on the green, crib services etc, which were held for the congregation and local community	
4b. Total number attending special services run by the church during advent (Advent Sunday until 23 rd December), for example nativities, carols on the green, school carol services etc, which were held specifically for civic or school organisations	

5. How many people came to your church at Christmas 2014?

5a. Number of communicants at any service on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day	
5b. Total number, including communicants, attending worship at any service on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day	

The next question is about the **OCTOBER COUNT** of the number of people who come to your church. This includes the number of people attending **services and acts of worship**, on Sunday and during the week.

You are asked to enter a count for each of the four consecutive weeks. Each weekly count should be allocated by Sunday or weekdays; adults or children; and type of service (Church, fresh expressions of church or school services).

Number of services: how many services were held, split between the Sunday or during the week. Enter "0" if there were none.

Fresh expressions of church: include fresh expressions of church unless they have opted to submit their own return.

School services: These are services held in your church (or church building) which are attended by a school/s. There is a separate question about school assemblies (acts of worship taken into schools).

Adults: Over 16 years old. Please include those leading the service/s.

Children and young people: Under 16 years old.

Weekdays: People who attended ONLY during the week and NOT on Sunday, i.e. if they have already attended a Sunday service, please try not to count them again if they attend another activity during the week.

- ✓ INCLUDE: Activities in which worship is the prime purpose and predominant feature.
- ✓ The number of adults and children attending services and Sunday schools or equivalent activities
- ✓ Clergy and other ministers who received communion/ attended services
- ✓ All visitors at services, for example those attending baptisms
- ✓ Those celebrating the Eucharist outside the church, for example at home, in prison or in hospital

Please DO NOT include:

- ✗ Activities with only some worship element, such as house groups, parent and toddler groups, Alpha course, social events such as harvest supper and some prayer groups.
- ✗ Also, please do not report here attendance from weddings or funeral services

6. How many people came to your church in October 2014?

✓ Please complete a count for each of the following four weeks.

1.	Number of services	Adult			Children and young people		
		Church	Fresh expressions	School service	Church	Fresh expressions	School service
Sunday 5 th October							
Weekdays 6 th – 11 th							

2.	Number of services	Adult			Children and young people		
		Church	Fresh expressions	School service	Church	Fresh expressions	School service
Sunday 12 th October							
Weekdays 13 th – 18 th							

3.	Number of services	Adult			Children and young people		
		Church	Fresh expressions	School service	Church	Fresh expressions	School service
Sunday 19 th October							
Weekdays 20 th – 25 th							

4.	Number of services	Adult			Children and young people		
		Church	Fresh expressions	School service	Church	Fresh expressions	School service
Sunday 26 th October							
Weekdays 27 th – 1 st Nov							

7. How often does your ministry team lead acts of worship in school assemblies?

- ✓ This question asks about how often a member of your church ministry team leads acts of worship held in schools. Unlike school services, which are included in the October count, school assemblies are held within school buildings rather than your own church or church building.
- ✓ 'Usually' refers to during term-time or when the school is open, ignoring school holidays.
- ✓ Please tick one box as the closest estimate.

Never	Occasionally/ ad hoc	Once a term	Usually once a month	Usually once a week	Usually more often than weekly

The following questions are about your "worshipping community". Think about your regular worshipping community at the end of 2014. There is an additional question to record any changes that have occurred across the year, such as joiners or leavers. For more information, please refer to <http://www.churchofengland.org/media/1529895/worshippingcommunityinfo.pdf>

- ✓ Any person who attends your church regularly, for example at least once a month, or would attend if they were not prevented by illness, infirmity or temporary absence
- ✓ Include all congregations in your church, including fresh expressions
- ✗ Do not include visitors, e.g. holidaymakers, baptism parties etc.
- ✗ Do not include people who consider their 'home' church to be another church
- ✗ Do not include people who left the church earlier in the year (they are counted in the next question)

8. How many people are in your "worshipping community" at the end of 2014?

- ✓ Please complete all of the boxes, as far as you can. If there is no-one in that category, please write "0". If the age groups of the worshipping community are unknown, please write "unknown" and enter the total figure only.

Children (Age 0-10)	Young people (Age 11-17)	Adults (Age 18-69)	Adults (Age 70+)	TOTAL

9. How has your worshipping community changed during 2014?

- ✓ Please complete all of the boxes, as far as you can. If there is no-one in that category, please write "0". If the reasons for leaving or joining are unknown, please write "unknown" and enter the total figure only.

9a. How many adults and children have joined your church during 2014?					
	Worshipping for the first time	Moved into the area	Moved from a local church	Returned to church	TOTAL
Adults (Age 18+)					
Children and young people					

9b. How many adults and children have left your church during 2014?					
	Death or illness	Moved away	Moved to a local church	Not worshipping anywhere	TOTAL
Adults (Age 18+)					
Children and young people					

The next questions are about **fresh expressions of church**. A fresh expression of church is a form of church established primarily for the benefit of people who are not yet "members" of any church. Here you are asked to describe aspects of the way the fresh expression is run, rather than providing numbers on attendance.

- ✓ For help in identifying fresh expressions of church please visit <http://www.churchofengland.org/media/1839845/freshexpressionschoicetree.pdf> or visit <http://www.freshexpressions.org.uk>

- ✓ Fresh expressions of church can be quite varied. If you remain unsure about whether an activity or service meets the definition of a fresh expression, please DO include it here.
- ✓ We have included space for three fresh expressions of church. If you have more, please continue on an additional sheet.
- ✗ Do not include Alpha courses or outreach activities that do not include worship.

10. What regular fresh expressions are supported by your church?

- ☐ **No fresh expressions of church** (If your church did NOT hold fresh expressions of church during 2014 please tick here and leave the rest of this page blank.)

Name of fresh expression					
Description of activity					
Where is it held?	<input type="checkbox"/> Church <input type="checkbox"/> Church Hall <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please note where): _____				
How often?	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Fortnightly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly				
Age group aimed at? (please tick all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> ALL ages <input type="checkbox"/> 10-17	<input type="checkbox"/> Family <input type="checkbox"/> 18-39	<input type="checkbox"/> 0-4 <input type="checkbox"/> 40-64	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-10 <input type="checkbox"/> 65+	
Are attendees also worshippers at other services in your parish?	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Irregular <input type="checkbox"/> Previous attendees <input type="checkbox"/> Never (please tick all that apply)				

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Where is it held?	<input type="checkbox"/> Church <input type="checkbox"/> Church Hall <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please note where): _____				
How often?	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Fortnightly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly				
Age group aimed at? (please tick all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> ALL ages <input type="checkbox"/> 10-17	<input type="checkbox"/> Family <input type="checkbox"/> 18-39	<input type="checkbox"/> 0-4 <input type="checkbox"/> 40-64	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-10 <input type="checkbox"/> 65+	
Are attendees also worshippers at other services in your parish?	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Irregular <input type="checkbox"/> Previous attendees <input type="checkbox"/> Never (please tick all that apply)				

Name of fresh expression					
Description of activity					
Where is it held?	<input type="checkbox"/> Church <input type="checkbox"/> Church Hall <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please note where): _____				
How often?	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Fortnightly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly				
Age group aimed at? (please tick all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> ALL ages <input type="checkbox"/> 10-17	<input type="checkbox"/> Family <input type="checkbox"/> 18-39	<input type="checkbox"/> 0-4 <input type="checkbox"/> 40-64	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-10 <input type="checkbox"/> 65+	
Are attendees also worshippers at other services in your parish?	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Irregular <input type="checkbox"/> Previous attendees <input type="checkbox"/> Never (please tick all that apply)				

The following questions are about occasional services: **baptisms, marriages and funerals.**

11. How many baptisms and thanksgiving for the gift of a child were held at your church between 1st January 2014 and 31st December 2014?

- ✓ If separate services of thanksgiving and baptism were held for an individual both should be included here

	Infants (<1 year)	Children (1-4 years)	Children (5-12 years)	Youth/ adults (13+)
Number of persons baptised				
Number of children for whom a thanksgiving service for the gift (birth or adoption) of a child was held				

12. How many marriages and services of prayer and dedication after civil marriage were held at your church between 1st January 2014 and 31st December 2014?

Number of couples married in church	
Number of couples for whom a service of prayer and dedication was held in church (after civil marriage)	

13. How many funeral services were held by or on behalf of your church between 1st January 2014 and 31st December 2014?

- ✓ Include all funerals that were conducted on behalf of the church/parish by any minister including Readers, stipendiary clergy, non-stipendiary clergy and retired clergy
 ✗ Do not include services that performed only a burial of ashes or only a committal

Number of deceased for whom a funeral service was held in the church	
Number of deceased for whom a full funeral service was conducted (on behalf of this church) at a crematorium or cemetery, excluding committal only and burial of ashes only	

Finally, there are two special focus questions, about **Christingle** and **admission to communion**.

14. Please provide information about your most recent Christingle service

- ✓ If you tick 'not applicable', please leave the additional questions blank.

Not applicable: we do not hold Christingle services (please tick)		
In what year did you last hold a Christingle service?		
Was the service held in support of the Children's Society? (please tick either yes or no)	Yes	
	No	
How many people attended the service? (please report adult and child attendance figures; write "unknown" if you do not hold these records)	Adults	
	Children	

15. Do you admit children to communion before confirmation?

- ✓ In the first column please select ONE answer about your general principle on admission to communion
 ✓ In the second column please note how many children have been admitted to communion before confirmation during 2014. Please enter '0' if would do this in principle, but it did not occur this year.
 ✓ You only need to enter a figure in the row where you have already ticked 'In principle'.

In principle:	In 2014:
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, from baptism	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, beginning from ages 5-8	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, beginning from ages 9-12	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, young people from age 13+	
<input type="checkbox"/> No	N/A

Thank you for completing your annual return on behalf of your church.

Please take a moment to review your answers and make sure that you have completed every question as far as possible and not left any questions blank (use "0" or "unknown" where necessary). Blank answers are often queried with the Diocese later.

Looking back across 2014, were there any **exceptional circumstances** or **significant changes** that may have led to **unusual** figures?

Is there **anything additional** that should be noted when including your annual return within the Statistics for Mission?

Please record below the contact details for the person who has completed this form (or the lead person if more than one individual has helped with the return).

Name: _____ **Position:** _____

Telephone or email: _____ **Date of completion:** _____

Many thanks for taking the time to complete this form. Your contribution is essential to the on-going care and understanding of our churches and congregation; and your diligence, time and effort are highly appreciated.