

AG USA NEW CHURCH CHARTERS AND CHURCH CLOSES
1965-2023

Year ¹	New Charters ²	Change in New Charters	Closes ²	Change in Closes	Total	Total Net Change
2023	247	-18	315	-31	12,681	-68
2022	265	52	346	25	12,749	-81
2021 ³	213	-1	321	59	12,830	-108
2020 ³	214	-51	262	-34	12,938	-48
2019	265	-62	296	-18	12,986	-31
2018	327	27	314	-5	13,017	13
2017	300	-106	319	39	13,004	-19
2016	406	80	280	2	13,023	126
2015	326	-19	278	-10	12,897	48
2014	345	21	288	34	12,849	57
2013	324	-67	254	-10	12,792	70
2012	391	23	264	34	12,722	127
2011	368	43	230	-9	12,595	138
2010	325	59	239	-33	12,457	86
2009	266	19	272	40	12,371	-6
2008	247	-62	232	-26	12,377	15
2007	309	33	258	-5	12,362	51
2006	276	18	263	26	12,311	13
2005	258	-22	237	12	12,298	21
2004	280	-47	225	-13	12,277	55
2003	327	80	238	42	12,222	89
2002	247	27	196	-26	12,133	51
2001	220	-35	222	-4	12,082	-2
2000	255	-60	226	29	12,084	29
1999	315	27	197	-74	12,055	118
1998	288	50	271	69	11,937	17
1997	238	-6	202	19	11,920	36
1996	244	-30	183	-32	11,884	61
1995	274	11	215	-46	11,823	59
1994	263	-13	261	58	11,764	2
1993	276	-58	203	22	11,762	73
1992	334	-34	181	-4	11,689	153
1991	368	28	185	6	11,536	183
1990	340	55	179	-37	11,353	161
1989	285	-26	216	24	11,192	69
1988	311	3	192	2	11,123	119
1987	308	17	190	24	11,004	118
1986	291	-35	166	19	10,886	125

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1985	326	-29	147	-12	10,761	179
1984	355	12	159	29	10,582	196
1983	343	-57	130	-27	10,386	213
1982	400	131	157	45	10,173	243
1981	269	-69	112	-15	9,930	157
1980-81	338	37	127	-22	9,773	211
1979-80	301	38	149	5	9,562	152
1978-79	263	49	144	13	9,410	119
1977-78	214	17	131	2	9,291	83
1976-77	197	-35	129	18	9,208	68
1975-76	232	18	111	-4	9,140	121
1974-75	214	28	115	-22	9,019	99
1973-74	186	-61	137	-38	8,920	49
1972-73	247	38	175	31	8,871	72
1971-72	209	-21	144	29	8,799	65
1970-71	230	61	115	-5	8,734	115
1969-70	169	-41	120	-30	8,619	49
1968-69	210	108	150	52	8,570	60
1967-68	102	-100	98	-41	8,510	4
1966-67	202	-20	139	-92	8,506	63
1965-66	222		231		8,443	

¹ Reporting periods have varied through the years. The 1980-81 reporting period was approximately April 1980 - March 1981. The 1981 reporting period was approximately April 1981 - December 1981. As of December 1982, reports are based on the calendar year ending December 31.

² May include occasional churches closed/chartered in error, and subsequently re-chartered/closed.

³ Years of the COVID-19 pandemic.