

The following represents the Rocky Mountain Conference statistical changes from 2013 to 2014.

Description	2013	2014	Difference
Total professing members at start of year	63,370	61,028	-3.70%
Professions of Faith (see note 1)	1,451	1,263	-12.96%
Deaths (see note 2)	966	912	-5.59%
Total professing members at end of year	61,095	59,619	-2.42%
Average Attendance (see note 3)	29,254	28,358	-3.06%
Baptized (12 and under)	693	670	-3.32%
Baptized (older than 12)	252	236	-6.35%
Total enrolled in confirmation preparation classes this year (see note 4)	600	541	-9.83%
Children in all Christian Formation	10,036	11,151	11.11%
Youth in all Christian Formation	4,234	4,813	13.68%
Young Adults in all Christian Formation	1,713	2,079	21.37%
Other Adults in all Christian Formation	20,749	21,463	3.44%
Total in all Christian Formation (see note 5)	36,732	39,506	7.55%
Average weekly attendance (all ages) in Sunday Church school	7,649	7,478	-2.24%
VBS Participants	11,312	10,649	-5.86%
Number of Sunday School Classes	1,057	1,050	-0.66%
Number of other than Sunday School Classes	1,186	1,298	9.44%
Number of short-term classes and groups (all ages)	1,114	1,240	11.31%
Membership in United Methodist Men	1,713	1,667	-2.69%
Membership in United Methodist Women	7,116	6,575	-7.60%
Number of UMVIM teams sent from local churches	105	80	-23.81%
Number of persons sent out on UMVIM teams from local churches	1,290	1,075	-16.67%
Number of persons engaged in mission (see Note 6)	15,780	21,539	36.50%
Number of persons served by community ministries for daycare and/or education	18,523	18,221	-1.63%
Number of persons served by community ministries for outreach, justice, and mercy	379,259	373,975	-1.39%
Amount Apportioned	\$ 6,696,324	\$ 6,688,301	-0.12%
Apportionment Paid	\$ 5,473,625	\$ 5,584,023	2.02%
Sum of all church expenses (this total includes the amount of apportionment paid).	\$ 70,771,576	\$ 67,167,706	-5.09%
Total income for annual budget/spending plan (see Note 7)	\$ 57,561,840	\$ 55,944,403	-2.81%
Total income for designated causes (including capital campaign)	\$ 9,936,685	\$ 12,532,361	26.12%

Notes:

Note 1 -- Professions of Faith: This is "New Christians." It might be the results of confirmation. It might be those baptized many years before who have never joined a church before. It might be those baptized as part of their becoming members of the church. But the key is "New Christians." We were down 13% here over the previous year.

Note 2 – Deaths: This is deaths of members only. Constituents or frequent worshippers who have not joined are not reported here. Our rate of deaths has been relatively constant for the last decade. Our decline is not a function of particularly increased rate of deaths.

Note 3 – Average Attendance: We experienced 3% decline in attendance. Our attendance is down 20% in the last ten years.

Note 4 – Confirmations: The category is number of youth enrolled or participating. Programs might start in the fall and be completed the following year. Thus this is not necessarily the number of youth necessarily confirmed.

Note 5 – Total Enrolled in some Christian Formation Class: Note that all four categories of Christian Formation, i.e. children, youth, young adults, and other adults, were up for 2014 over 2013.

Note 6 – Number of people involved in Mission: a marked increase. This warrants further analysis. Excellent trend if validated.

Note 7 – Total Income for the Church Budget or Spending Plan: This is down \$1.6M or about 3%. Correlation is not necessarily causation, but attendance was down right at 3%. This warrants further analysis.