

How well do you know the
New England Annual
Conference by the
numbers?

How many churches are in the New England Conference?

193

593

993



At the end of 2017, there were 593 churches in the New England Conference

68 of the 593 churches are Federated or United churches that include other denominations as well as United Methodists.

43% of the Federated/United churches are in Vermont.

How many of the 525 UMCs submitted a 2017 statistical report?

475

500

525



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For the 1st time in my 25 years as statistician, all 525 NEAC United Methodist Churches submitted a statistical report.

32 Federated/United Churches also submitted a report.

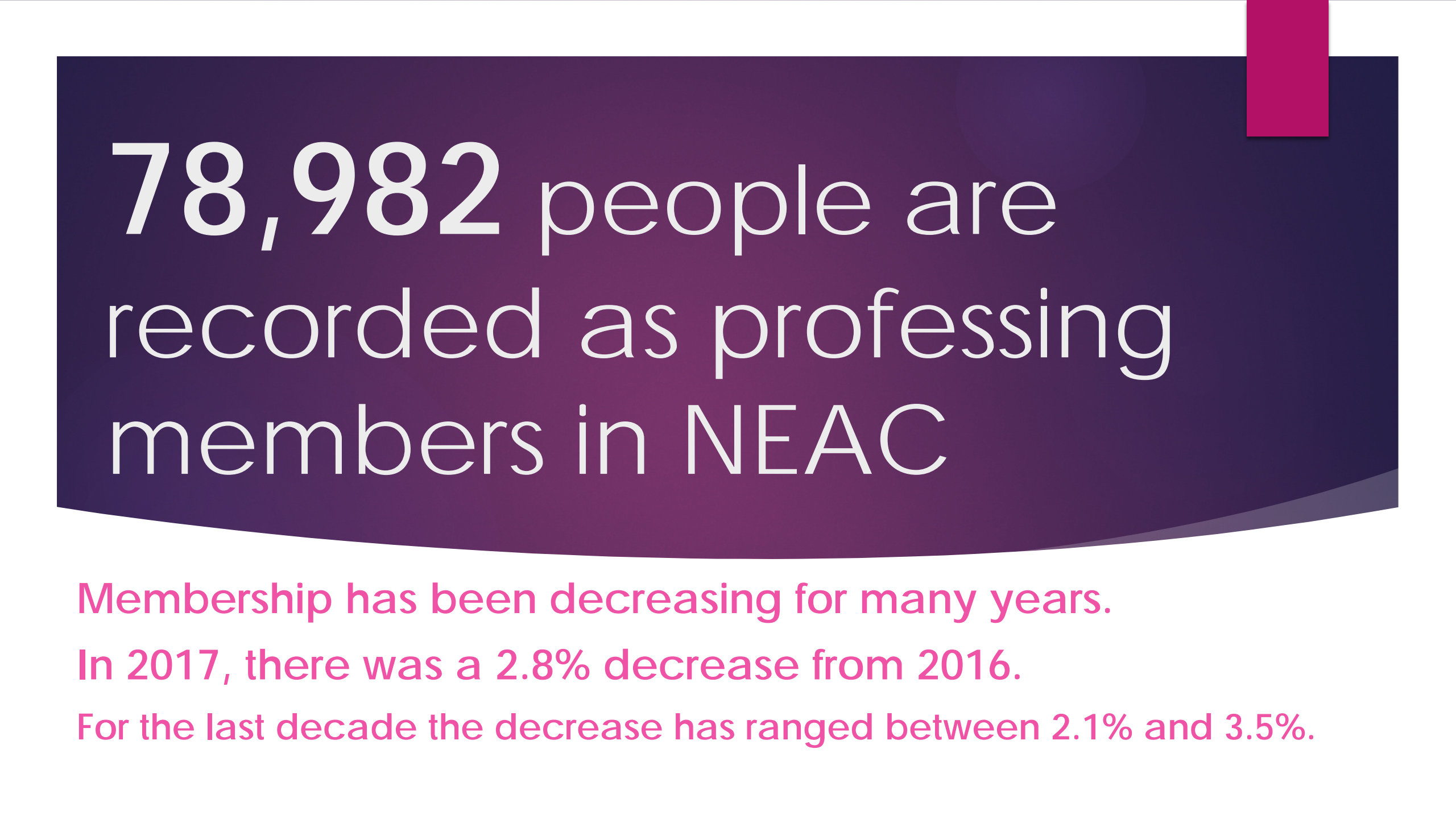
How many people are professing members
in the New England Conference?

Hint: Last year there were 81,231 members

78,982

80,143

82,944



78,982 people are recorded as professing members in NEAC

Membership has been decreasing for many years.

In 2017, there was a 2.8% decrease from 2016.

For the last decade the decrease has ranged between 2.1% and 3.5%.

How many people joined a NEAC church in 2017 by Profession of Faith?

Hint: Last year there were 997

975

996

1141



1141 people joined by Profession of Faith in 2017

The number of Professions of Faith increased in 2017 above the 997 recorded in 2016 and 1120 recorded in 2015 but are less than years prior to 2015.

On an average Sunday, how many people are worshipping in the NEAC?

Hint: Last year there were 27,163

26,113

27,161

28,333



The average worship attendance for all NEAC churches totaled **26,113** people.

3.9% decrease is nearly the same % decrease as in 2016 & 2015. In the past 25 years, the only increases were in 1997 and 2001. The largest percentage decrease was 4.2% in 2003.

Which district has the most people attending church on an average Sunday?

Central
Massachusetts

Rhode
Island/
Southeastern
Massachusetts

Metro
Boston
Hope



RISEM District had the largest total average worship attendance.

The district total of average worship attendances ranged from 1,986 in New Hampshire to 3,954 in Rhode Island/Southeastern MA.

Which district had the largest percentage of churches increase their average worship attendance from 2016 to 2017?

Connecticut/
Western
Massachusetts

Northern
Maine

Mid
Maine



An impressive **37%** of **Northern Maine** churches reported an increase in average worship attendance in 2017 compared to 2016.

25% of all churches in NEAC increased worship attendance this year – a similar number compared to the past several years. Districts ranged from 16% to 37% of churches increasing.

How many people in our congregations serve in mission-related/community ministries?

Hint: Last year 11,162 people actively served

8,476

10,476

12,476



Another increase!

12,426 persons served in
mission-related/community
ministries

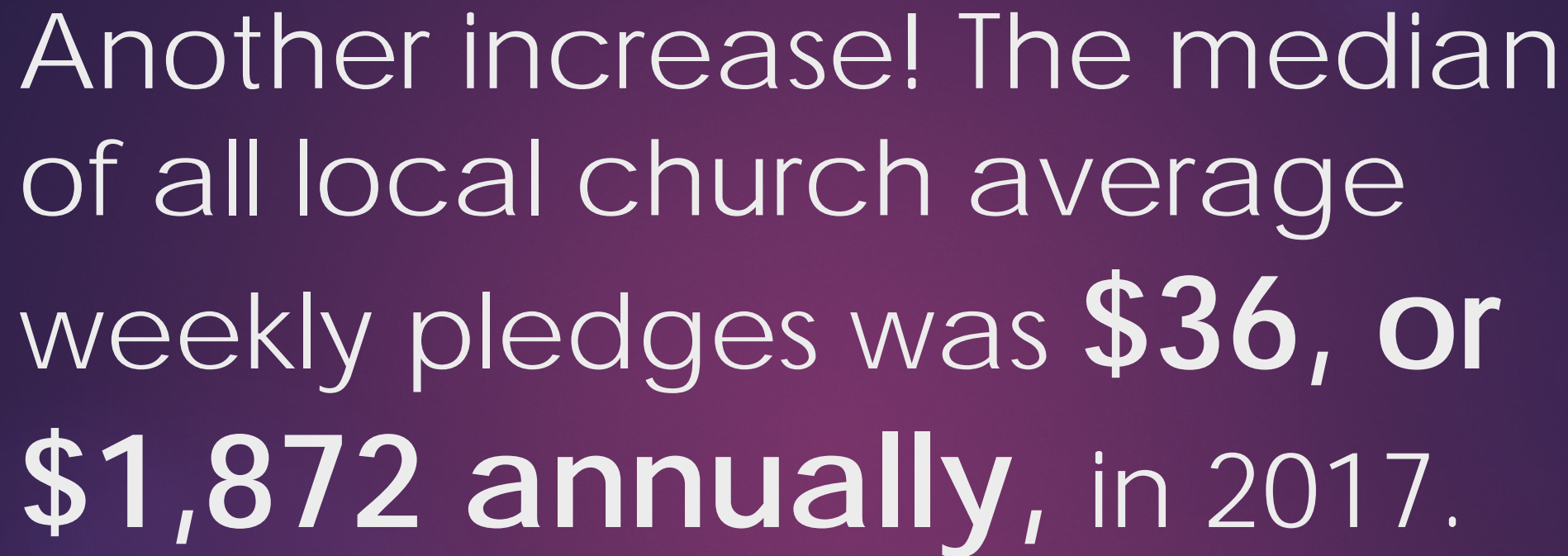
This is a relatively new statistic so it may be that churches are getting used to recording this number. So far, the number has increased every year beginning with 6,626 people in 2013.

What was the conference median
“average weekly pledge”?

\$26

\$36

\$46



Another increase! The median of all local church average weekly pledges was **\$36, or \$1,872 annually**, in 2017.

The median in 2016 for the average weekly pledge was \$34.

Note: Median means that half the churches had an average weekly pledge less than the amount and half the churches had an average higher than that amount.

In 2017, how many of the 525 UMCs in NEAC had a pastor serving a full-time appointment?

153

253

353



153 UM churches (29%)
had a full-time pastor in
2017.

This number has decreased significantly over the past 25 years. In 1995, there were 356 full-time appointments in the New England Conference that did not include Vermont churches.

How many children are enrolled in Christian Formation groups in NEAC churches?

Hint: Last year there were 5,386 children

4,492

5,492

6,492



5,492 children enrolled
in Christian Formation
groups in 2017.

This is the first time this number has increased in the past decade. Also increasing this year were: the number of children baptized, the average attendance in Church School, the number of persons participating in a VBS, the number of ongoing classes for Christian Formation.

How many dollars were spent on mission/benevolences in 2017 by local churches (not including mission shares)?

\$1.05
million

\$2.05
million

\$2.85
million



\$2.85 million was given to mission and benevolences by NEAC local churches in 2017.

Includes: General and Conference Advance Specials, Special Sunday Offerings, Direct giving to UMC and non-UMC missions and is in addition to \$5.88 million spent on mission shares.

An increase of \$196,265 from 2016 with most of that increase in General Advance Specials and non-UMC direct giving.