

# An Internal Growth Analysis

## of FBC Sample Town, USA

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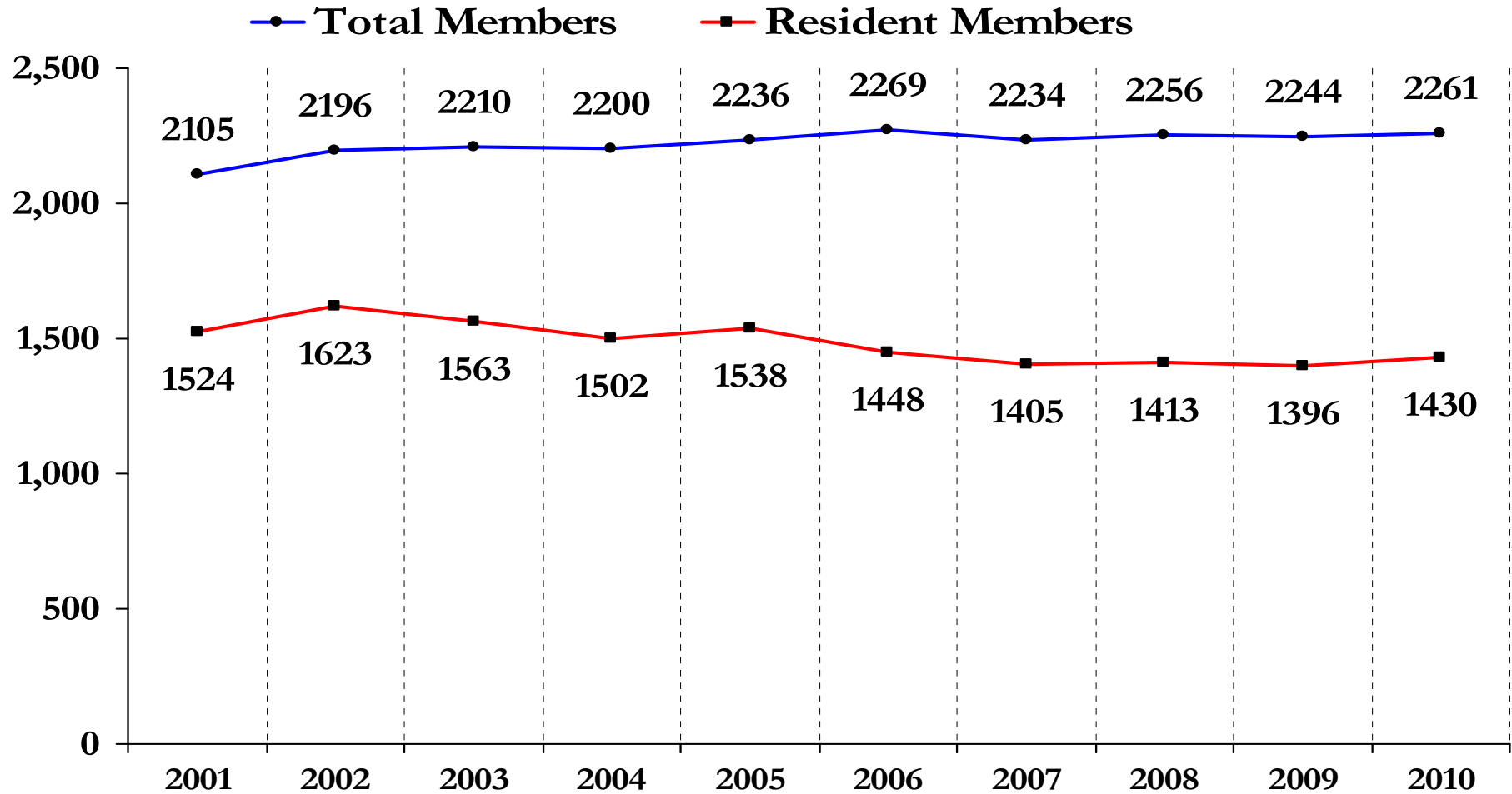
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# What is Revealed in an Internal Growth Analysis?

- **Positive Trends** invite you to study why something is succeeding, and identify practices or principles which can be applied to other areas.
- **Negative Trends** alert you to identify problems and take corrective action. If the internal trend reflects a change in the community, then the entire church must be led to seek a long-term response.
- **Sudden Changes** prompt investigation, and often involve the loss of a highly effective person. Such losses tend to provoke a crisis of broken trust for several people, who will need healing.

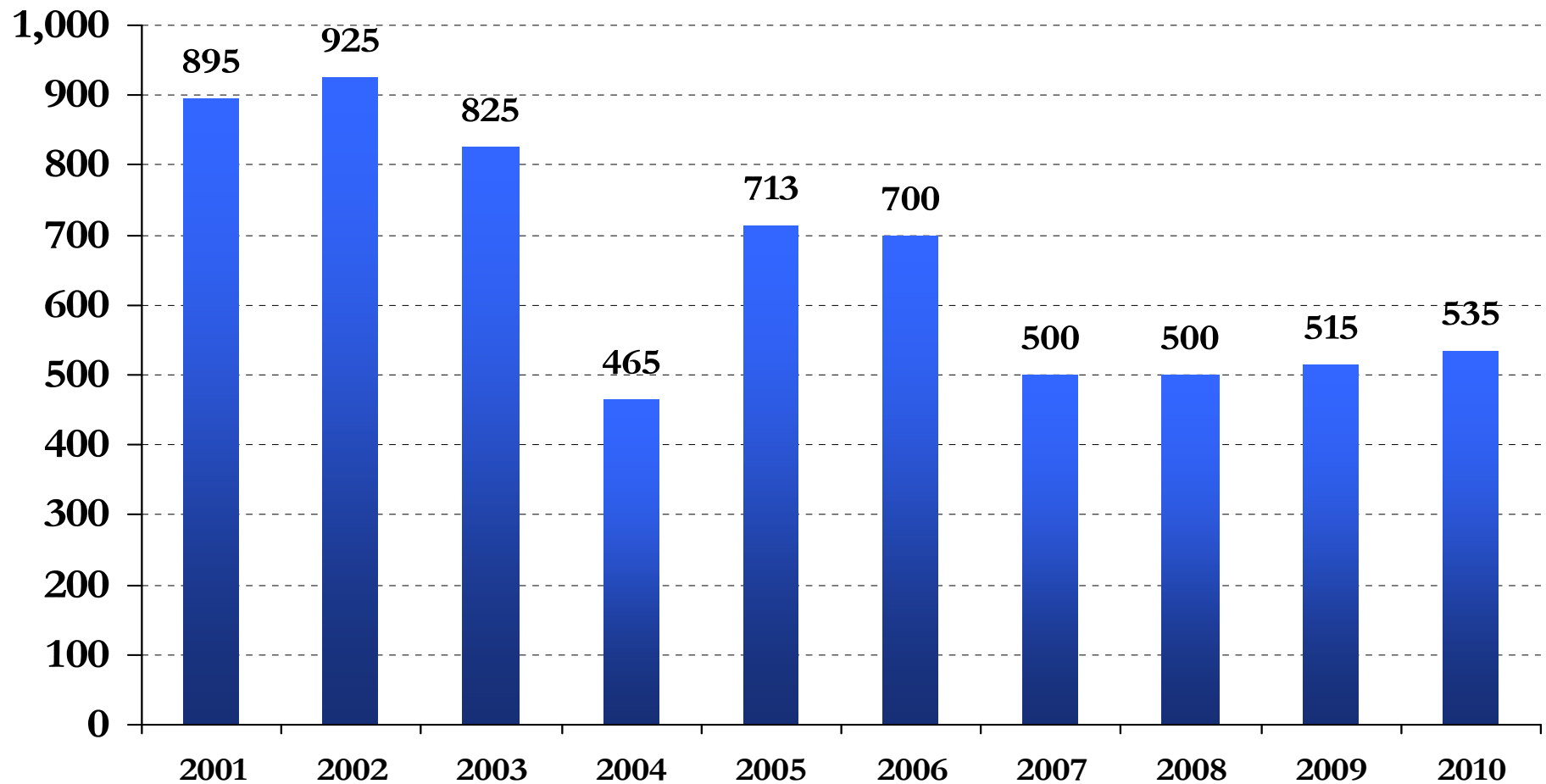
# Membership Overview



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# Worship Attendance

## Sunday Morning



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# Implications for Church Health

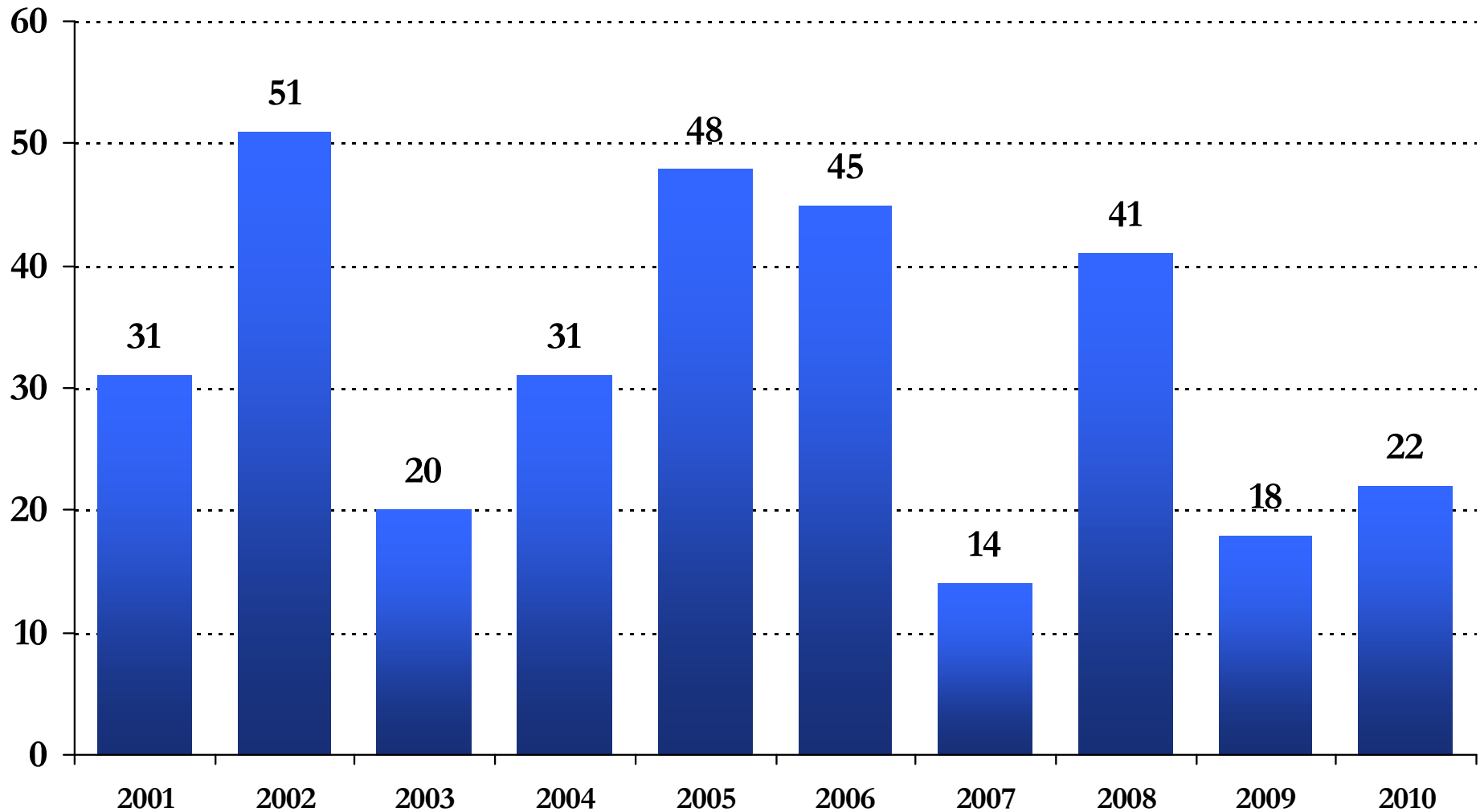
**Did you notice any Significant changes in Membership Numbers?**

**Has the Worship Attendance remained steady or has it had a history of ups and downs? What are some of the issues that have caused the changes in attendance?**

**In the next Two presentations, take note of how many Baptisms and Other Additions were made...**

# Baptism Overview

## Annual Totals



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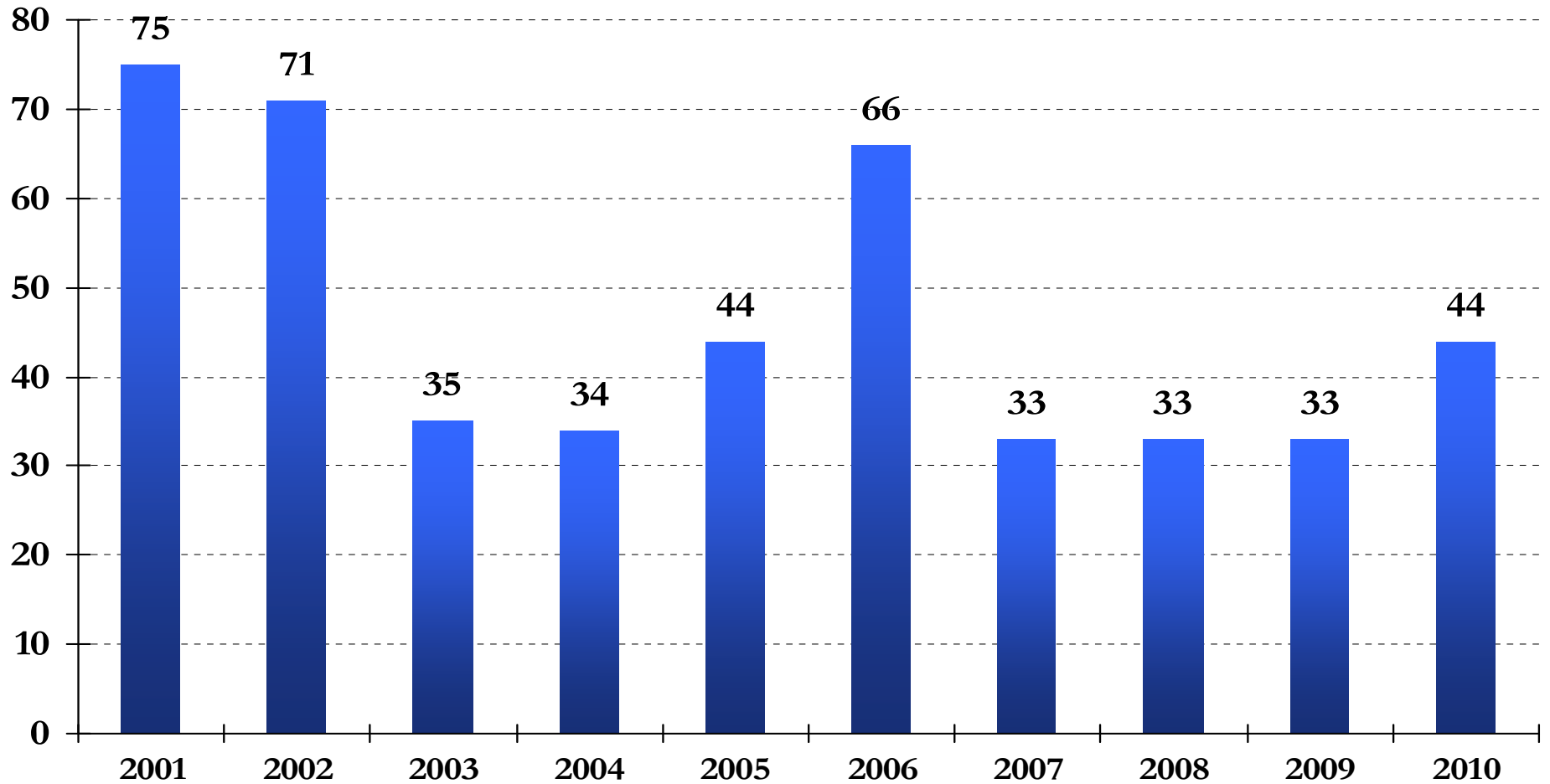
# Baptism Overview

## By Age Group

	'01	'02	'03	'04	'05	'06	'07	'08	'09	'10
<6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6-8	8	13	3	2	6	8	3	4	3	5
9-11	7	11	3	5	10	8	2	6	6	5
12-17	10	17	9	15	13	5	4	14	3	6
18-29	2	3	5	3	11	17	0	3	1	2
30-59	4	6	0	5	8	5	5	12	5	4
60+	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0

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# Other Additions



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# Implications for Church Health

Did you notice any Baptism trends? Did you increase or decrease in the number you Baptized? What are some possible reasons?

Did all Age Groups have a healthy number of Baptisms? Were there some Age Groups that had only a few Baptisms? No baptisms?

What Age Groups are Low or Absent in attendance within the Church? Did this Age Group have a healthy number of Baptisms?

# Implications for Church Health

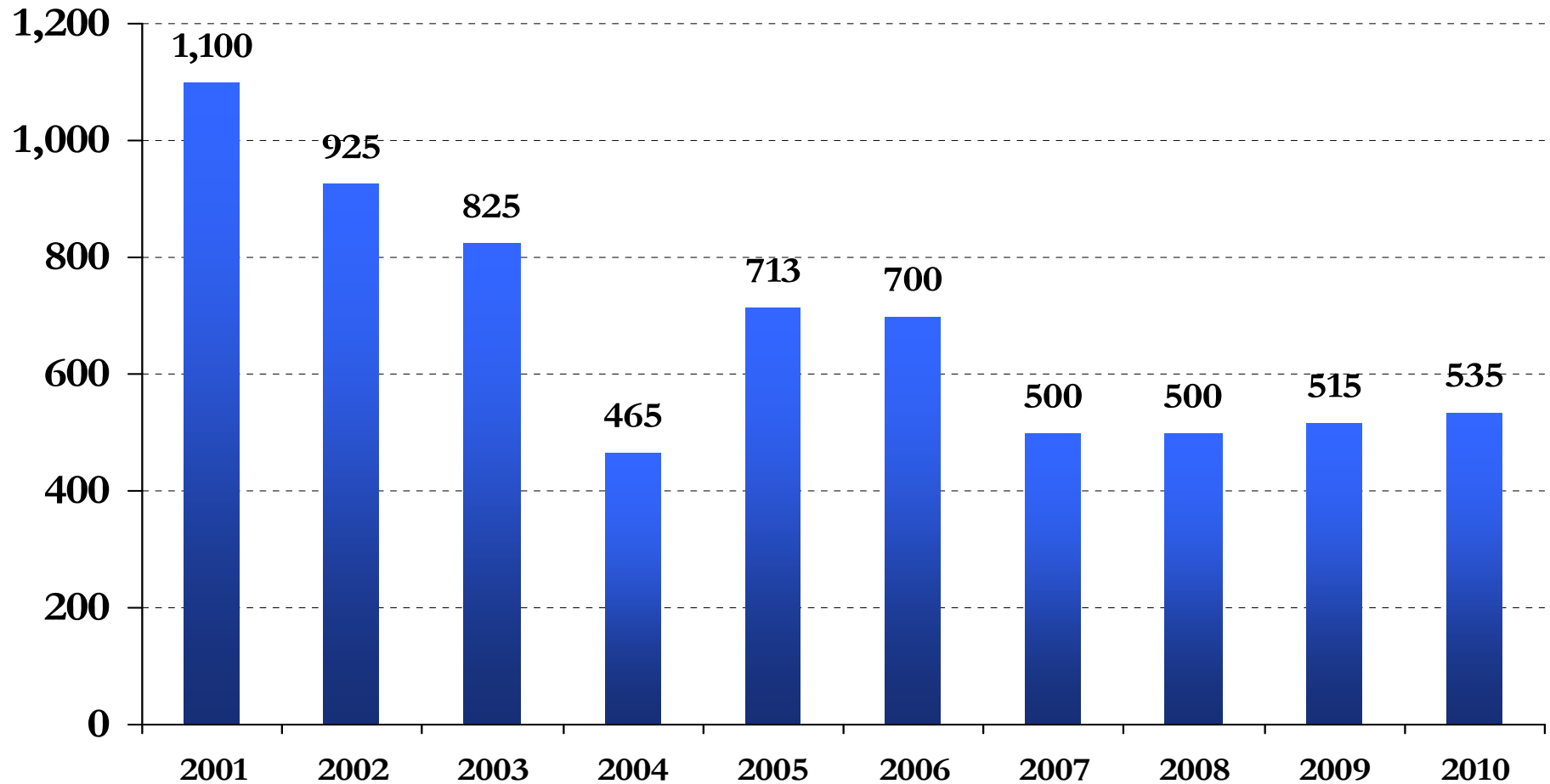


Let's Look again at the Worship Attendance. Make note of the Number attending in comparison to the Number Baptized and Other Additions...



# Worship Attendance

## Sunday Morning



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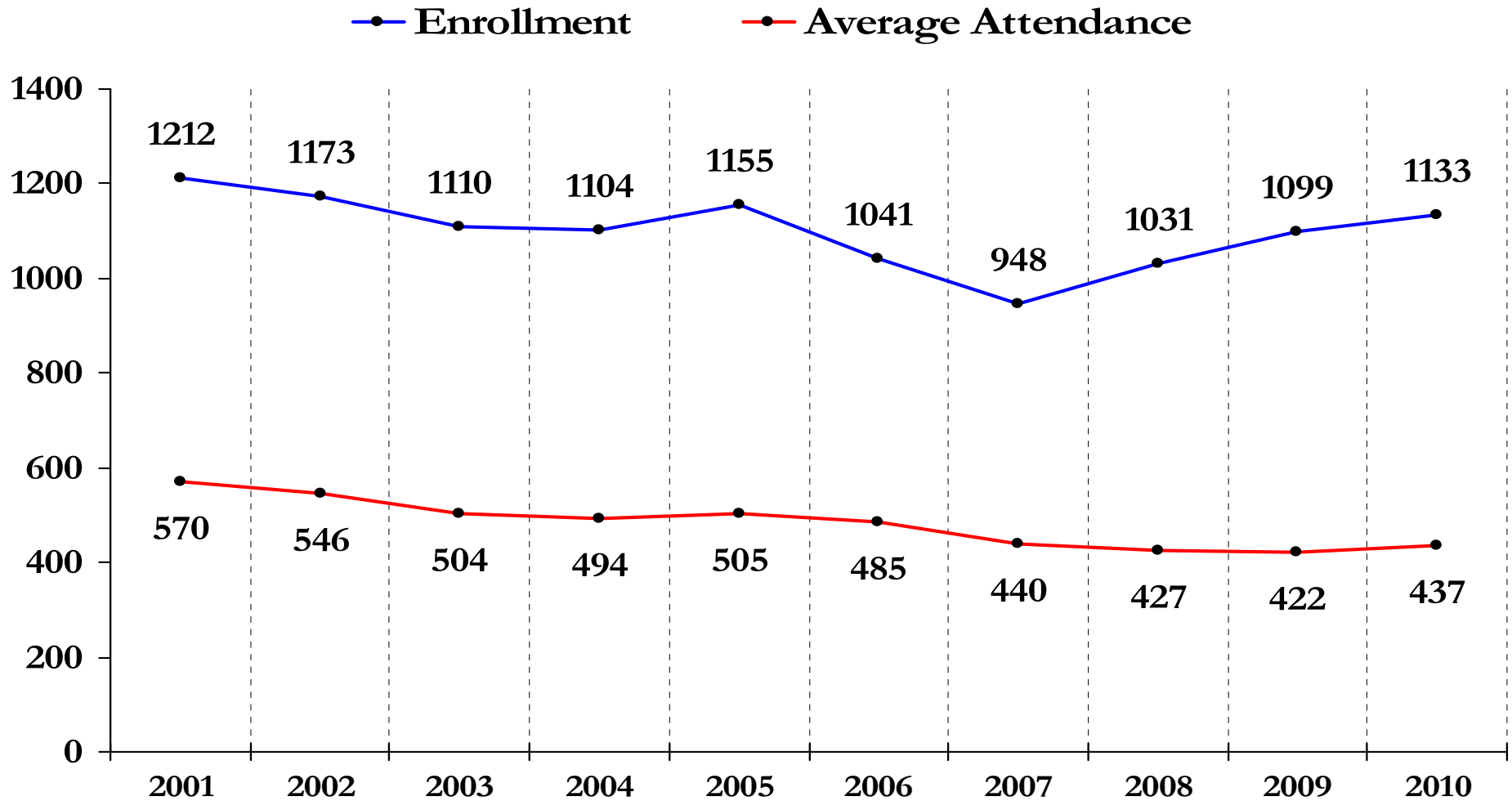
# Implications for Church Health

**Did the Sunday Morning Attendance numbers change to reflect the number of Baptisms and Other Additions?**

**If no Significant changes occurred, the number of Baptisms and Other Additions are not affecting the number attending/leaving the Church...there could be a Problem with Discipleship occurring.**

**In the next presentation, observe how many are attending your Sunday Schools...**

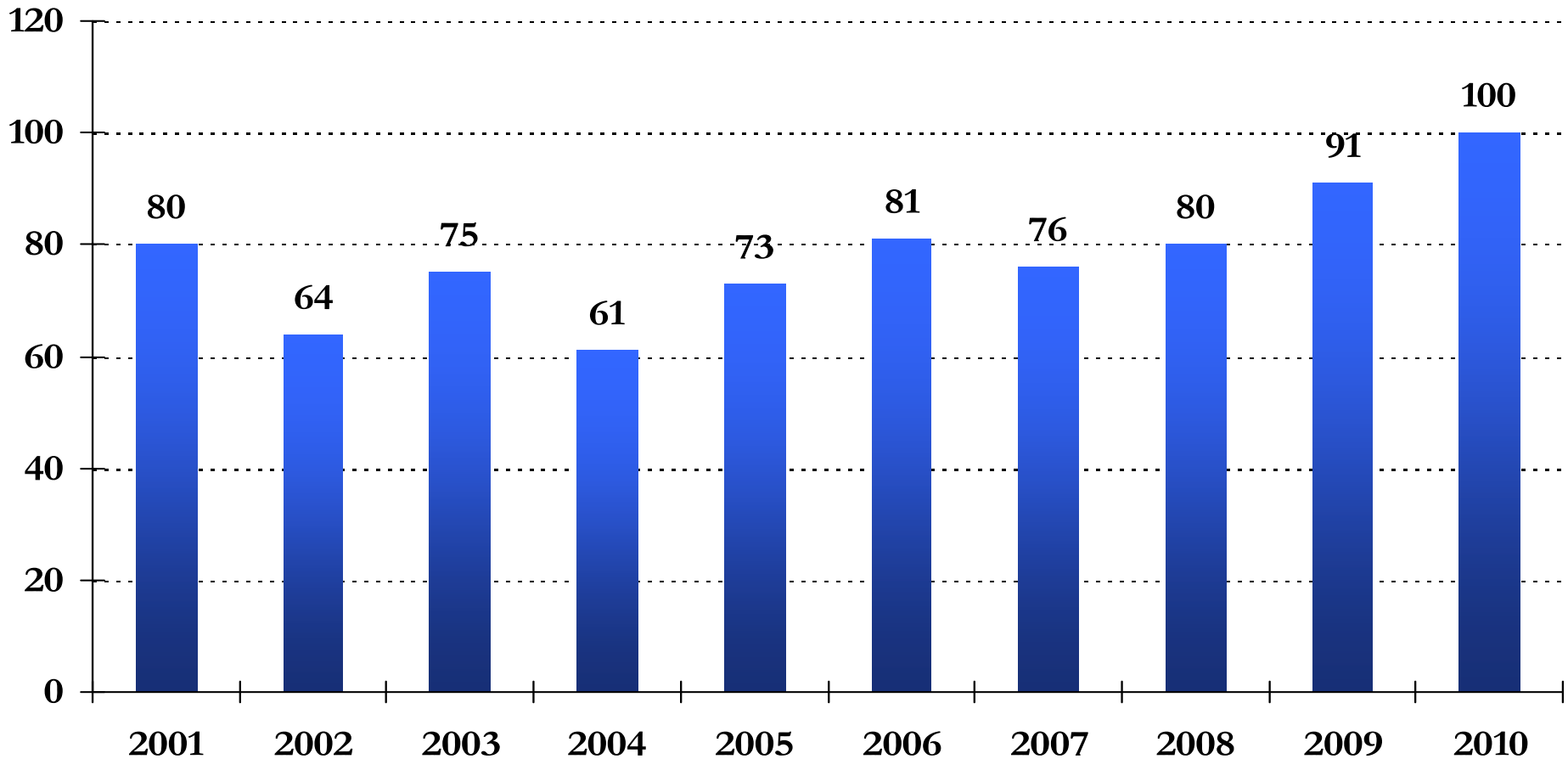
# Sunday School Overview



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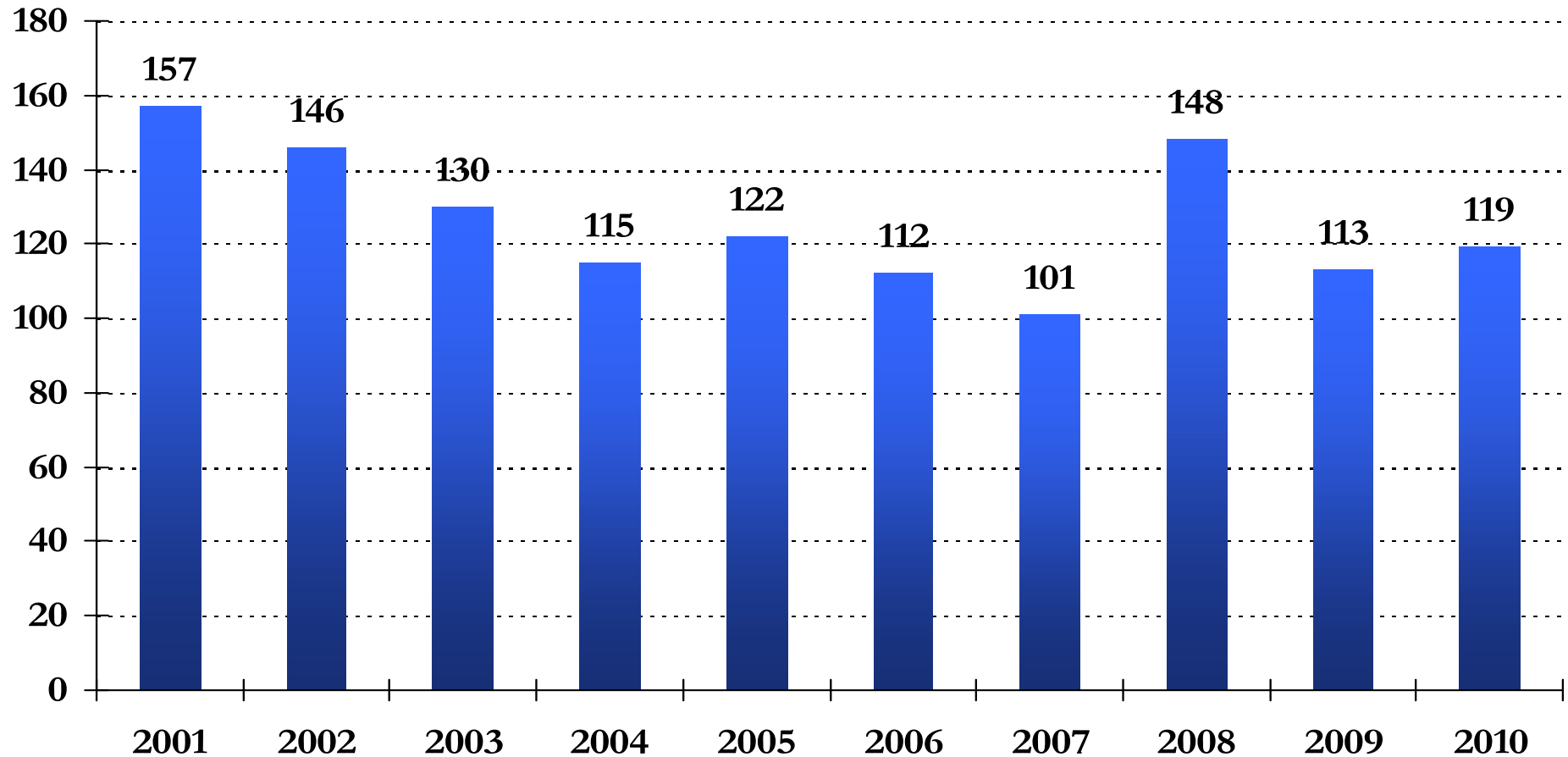
## Preschool (Birth – 5 years)



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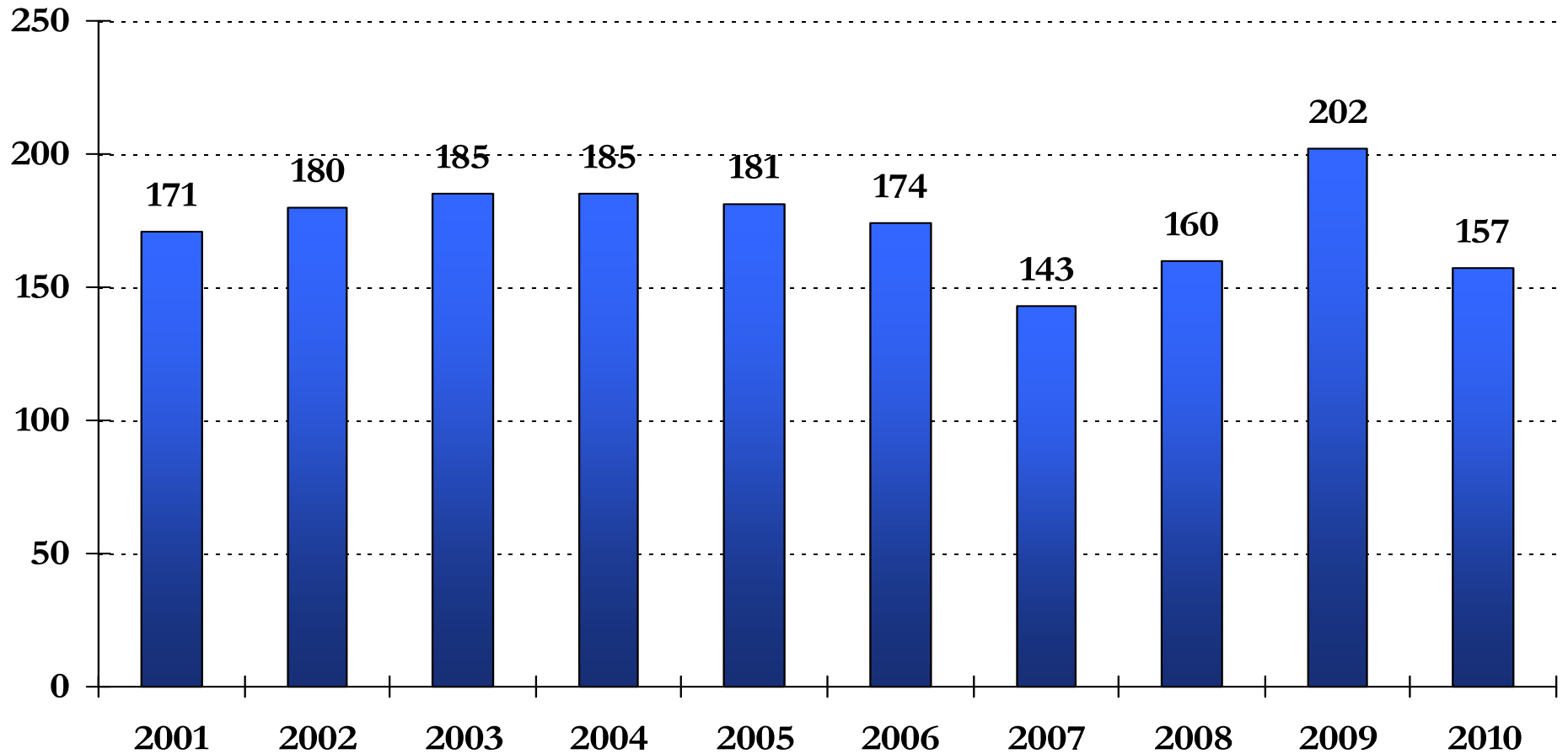
## Children



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# Sunday School Overview

## Youth

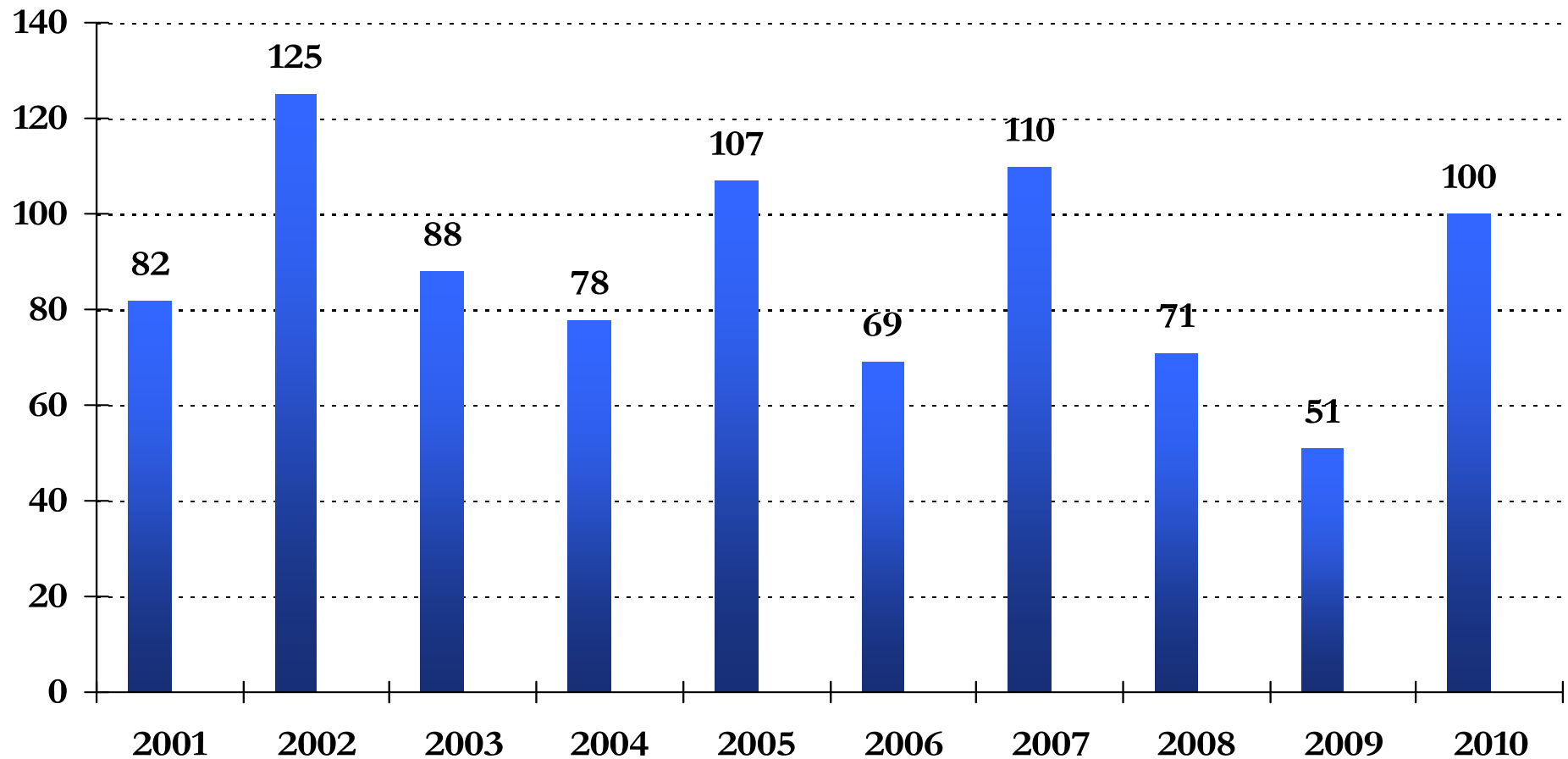


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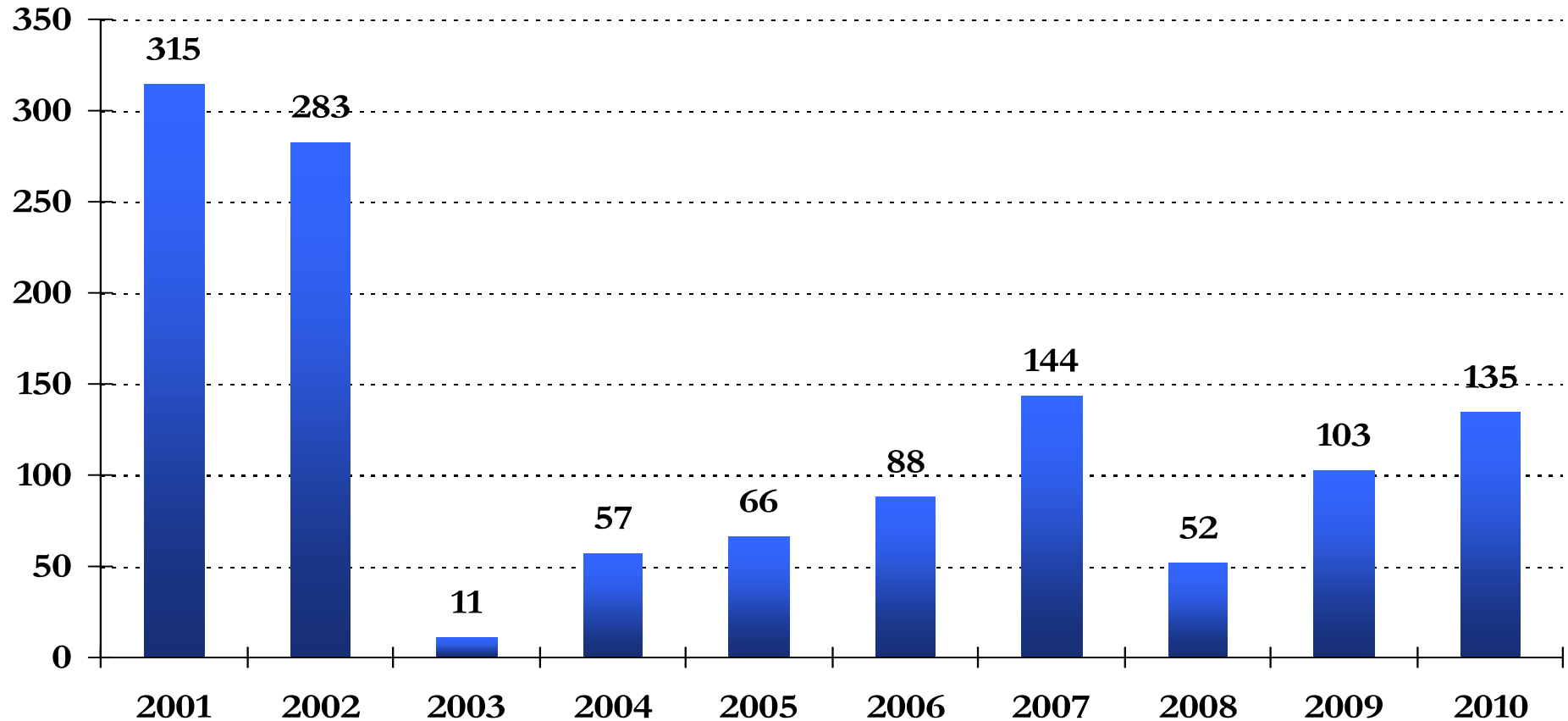
## Young Adults (18-24)



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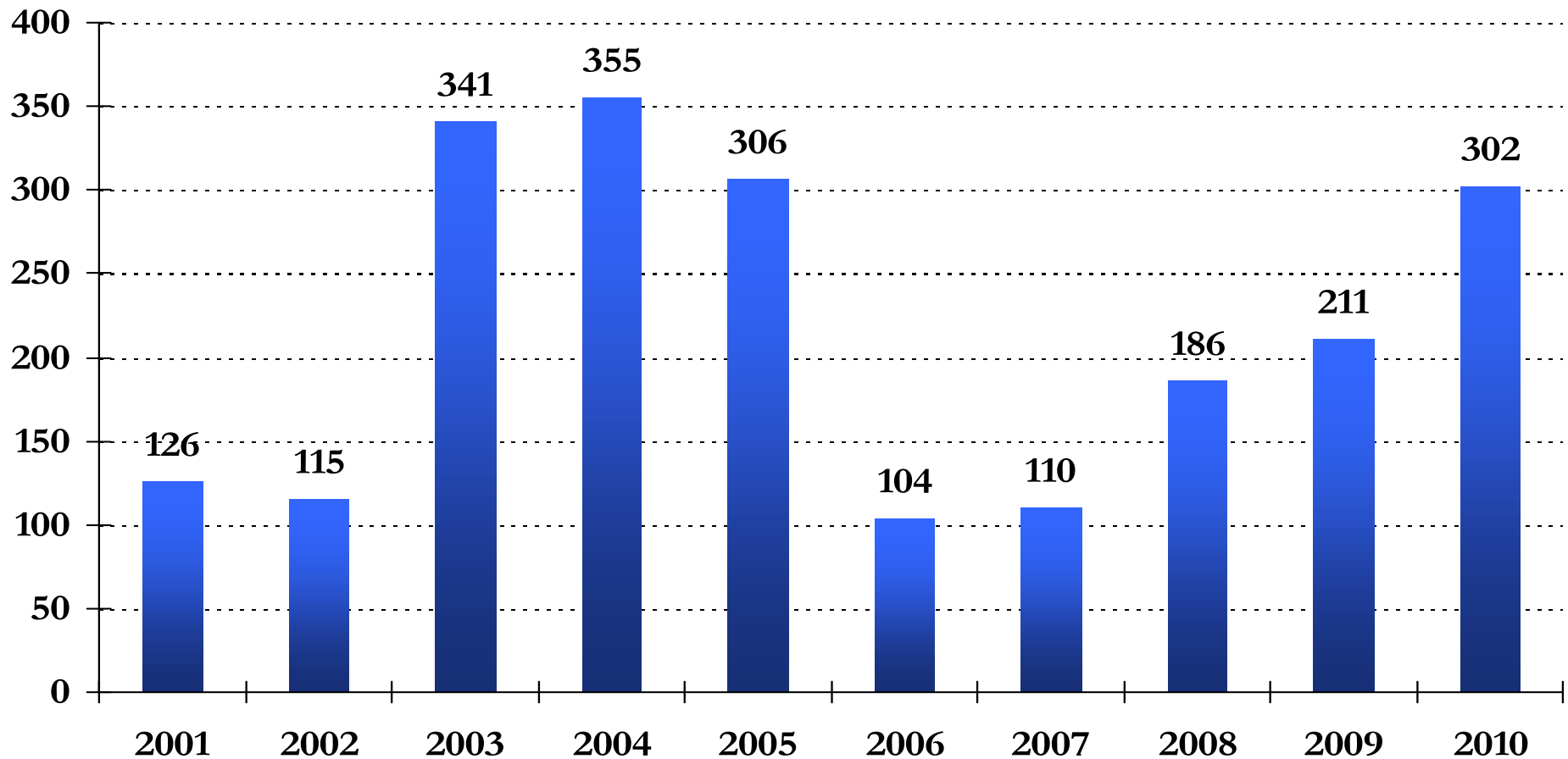
## Young Adults (25-34)



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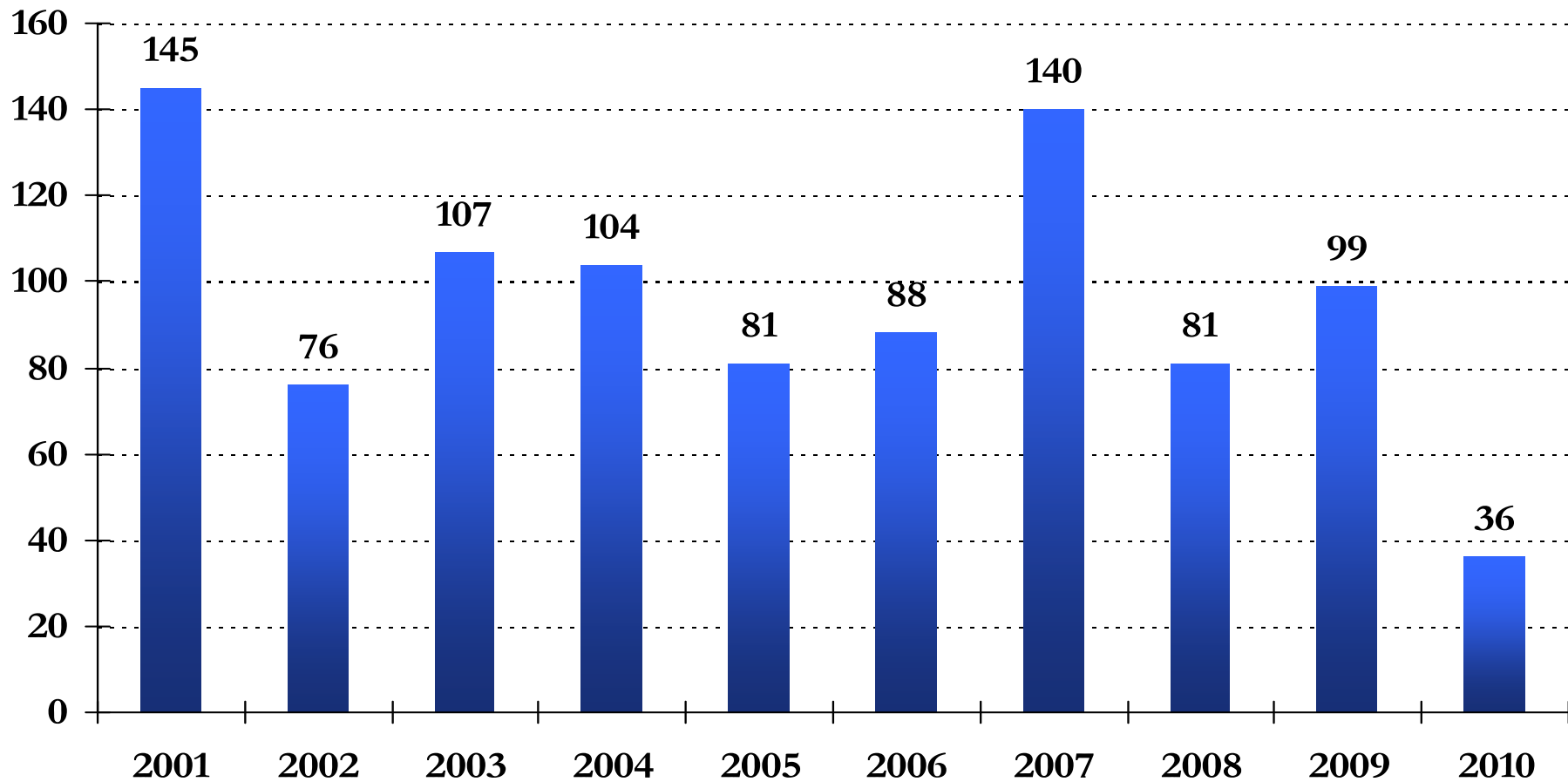
## Median Adults (35-54)



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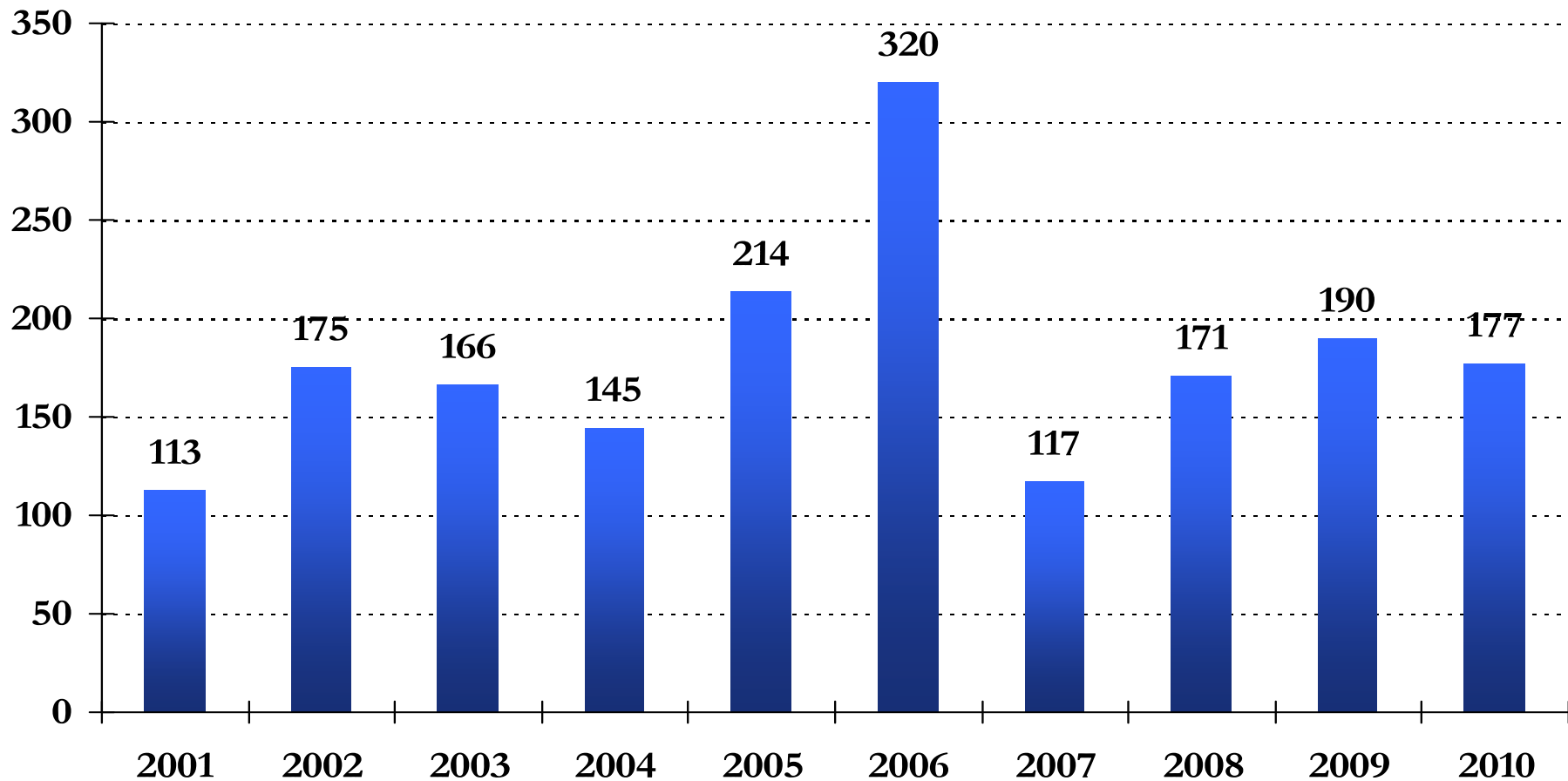
## Senior Adults (55-64)



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# Sunday School Overview

## Senior Adults (65+ and homebound)



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# Implications for Church Health



**Did you notice any sudden Changes for any Age Groups?  
What are some possible reasons for the Changes?**

**Are your Bible Studies/Sunday Schools drawing in a  
Significant number of Church Members?**

**How successful would you determine those programs to be  
in light of the number in Worship Attendance?**

# Implications for Church Health

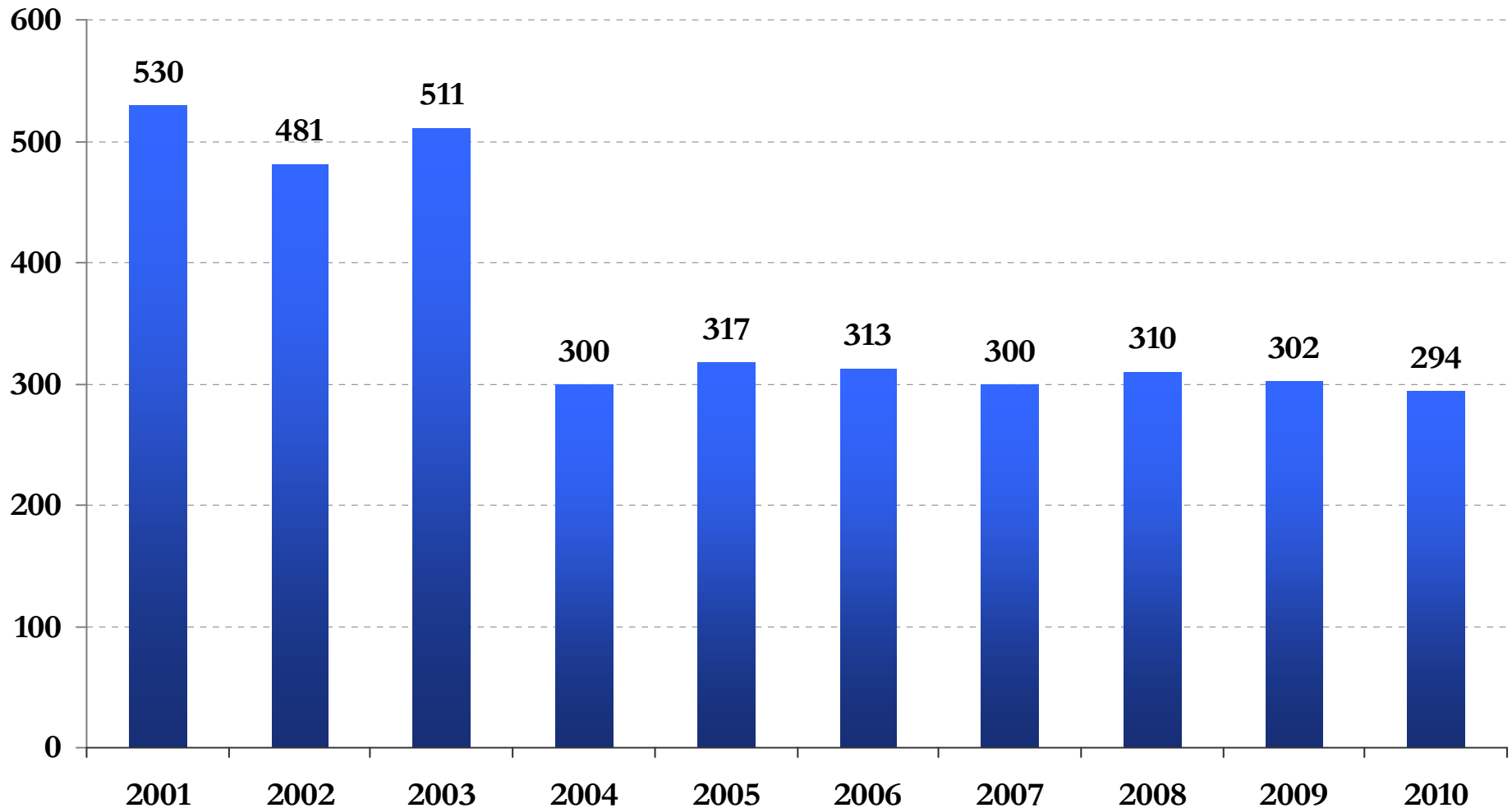


Next, let's examine some of the Church's ministries...



# Program Enrollment

## Vacation Bible School



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# Implications for Church Health



**How successful has Vacation Bible School been as a Community outreach? Are there significant numbers of community kids attending?**

**Let's review the number of Baptisms and Sunday School Attendance again. Compare the numbers with those attending Vacation Bible School...**

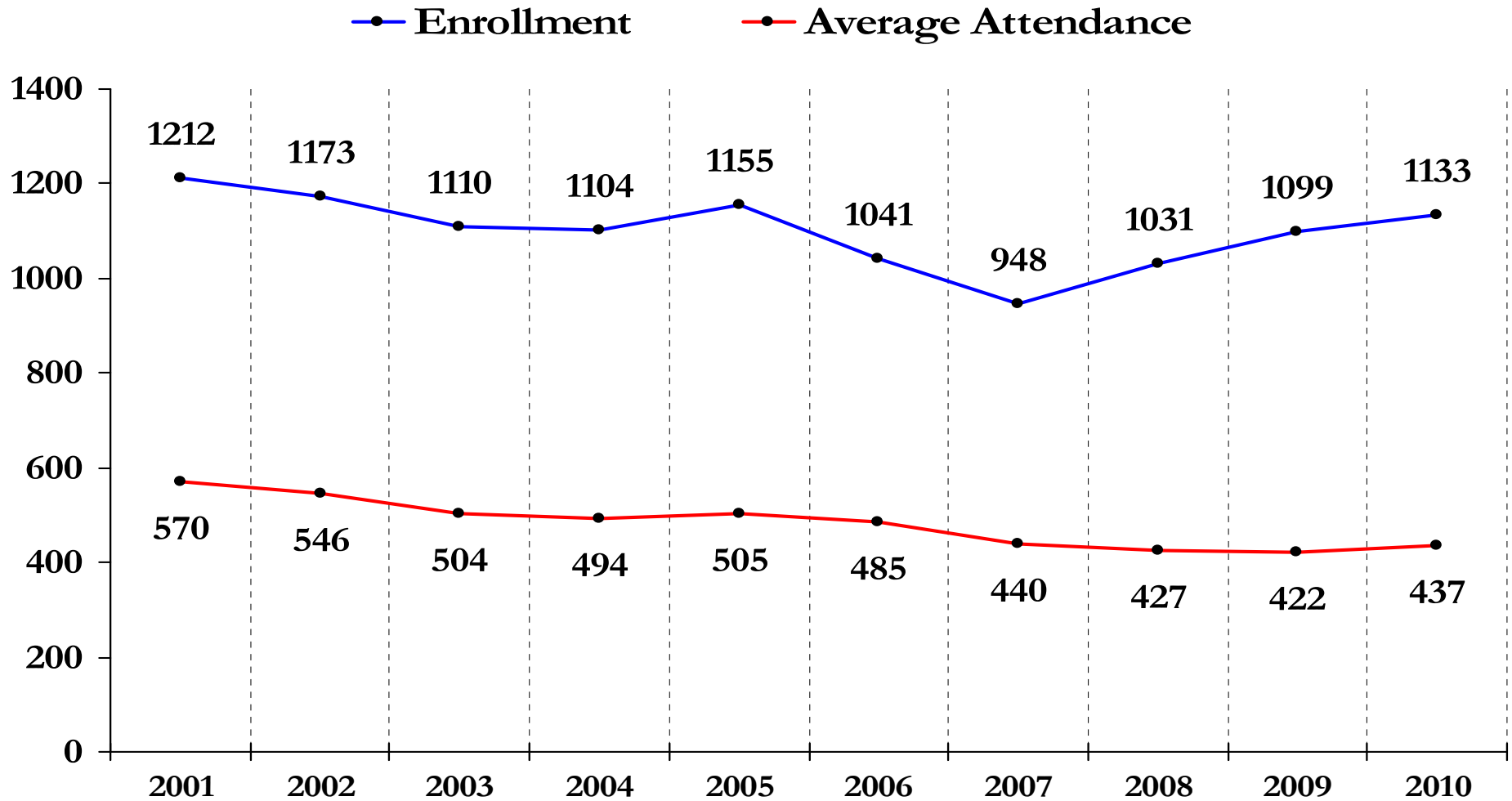
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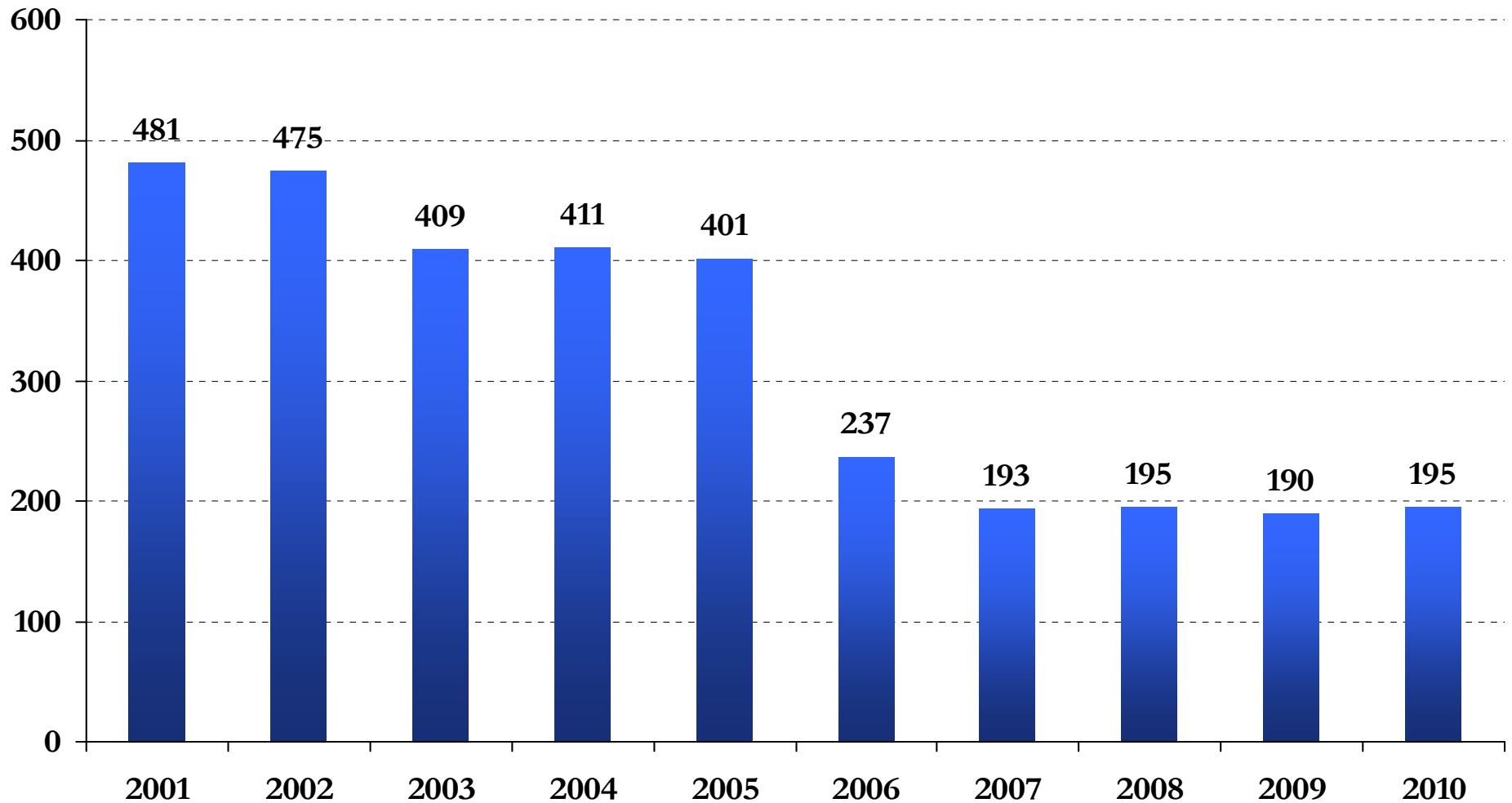
Has the number attending Vacation Bible School affected the number of Children Baptized? Did you see any long term changes in your Sunday School attendance?

What are some steps the Church can take to make a better attempt at making Vacation Bible School a stronger Outreach program?

Let's continue with the review of the Church's programs...

# Program Enrollment

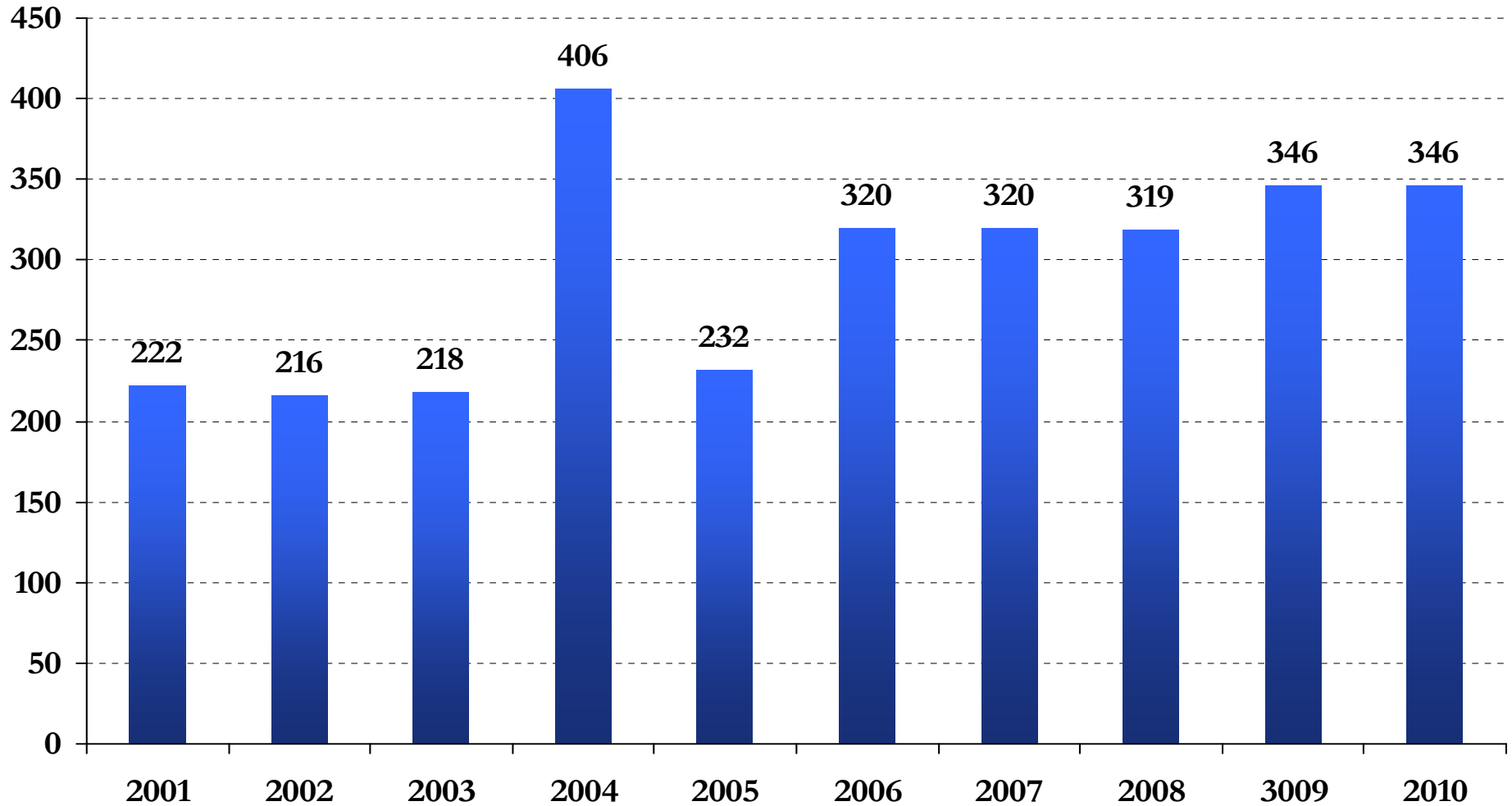
## Music Ministry



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# Program Enrollment

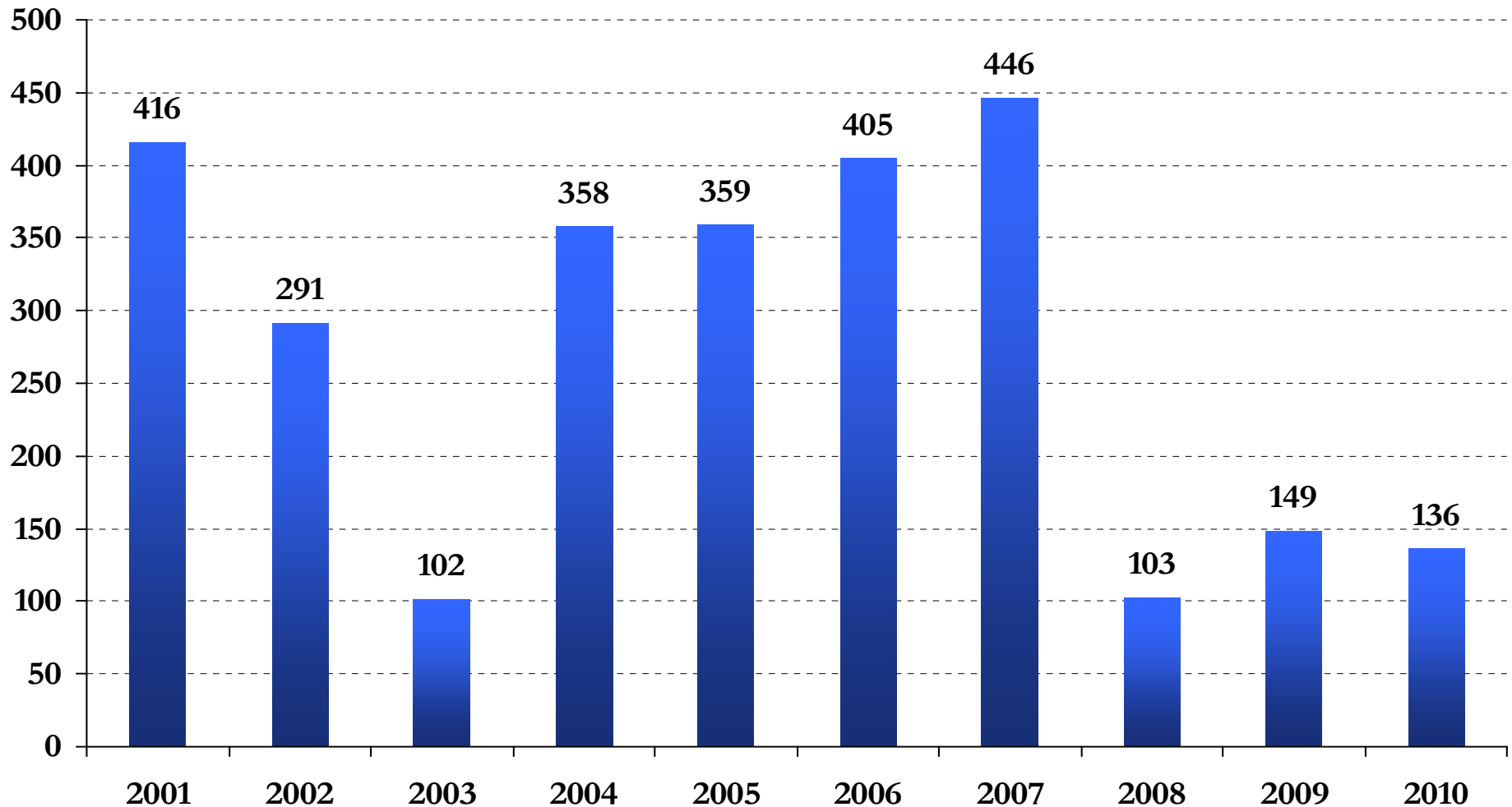
## WMU



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# Program Enrollment

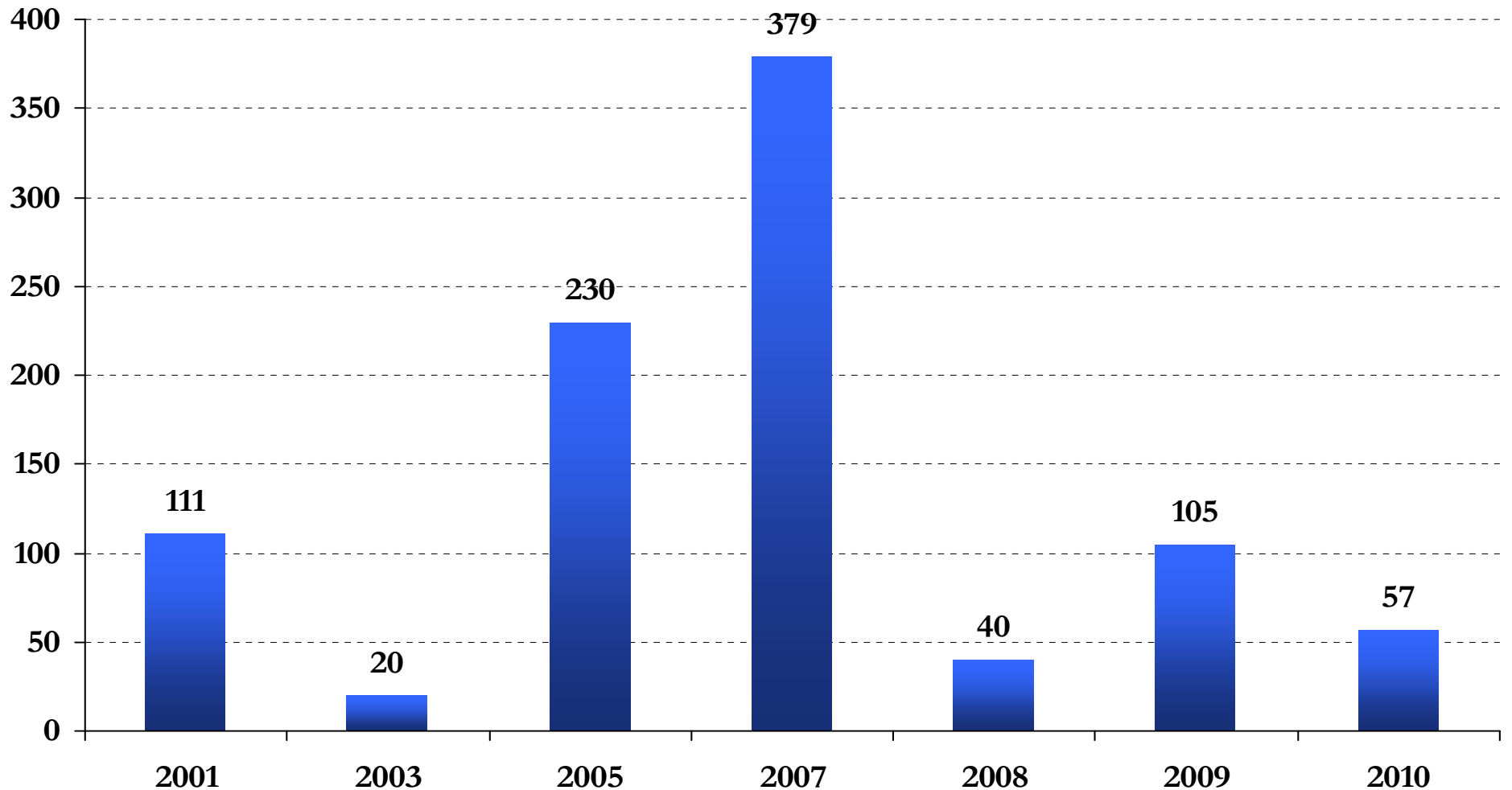
## Mission Project Participation



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# Program Enrollment

## Local Project Participation



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# Implications for Church Health

How effective has the Church involved people in the various ministries? Are there any programs that appear strong? Weak?

What are some programs that are not listed? How successfully has the Church enlisted members in those programs?

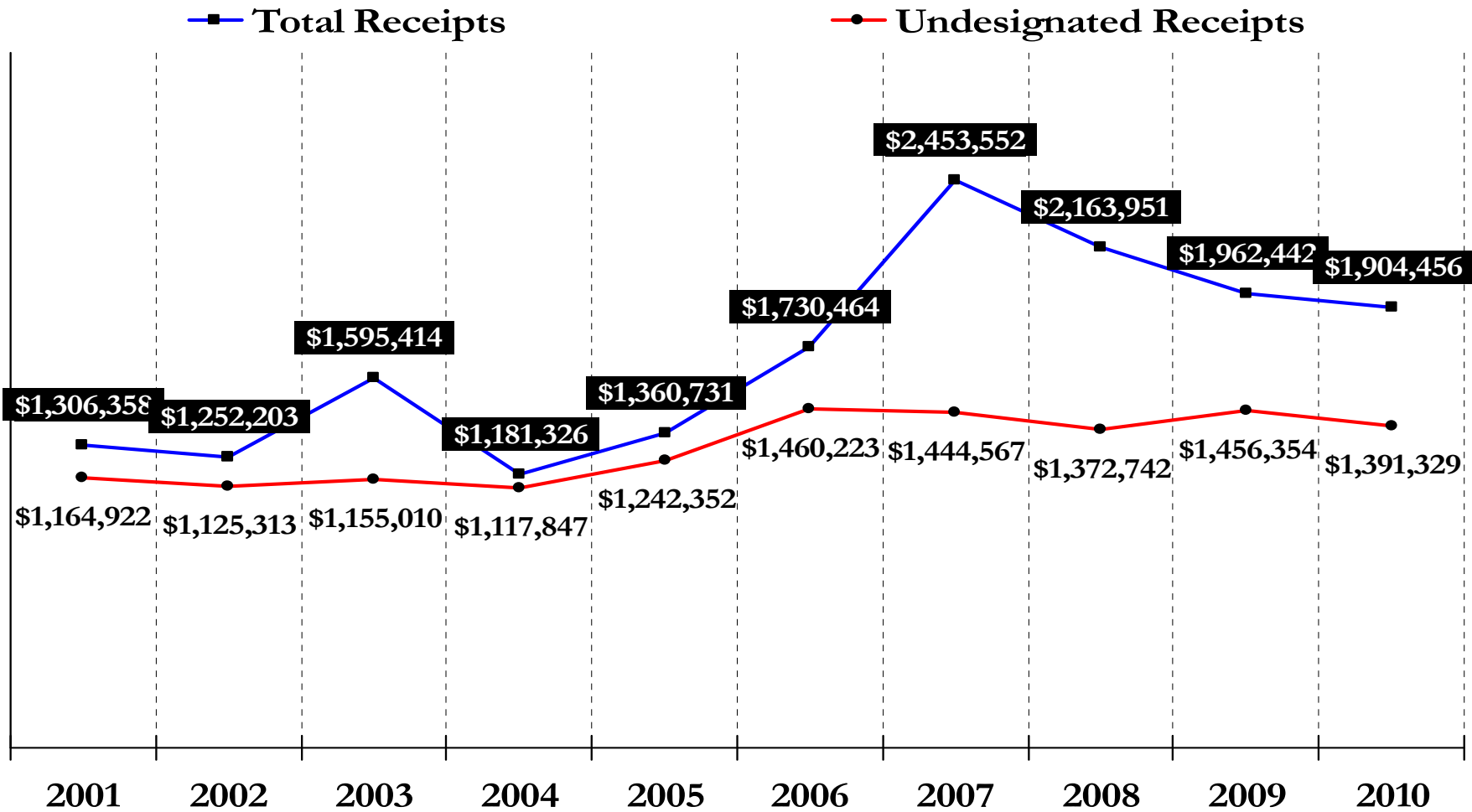
Do you have any special emphasis for Visitors and new Church Members? Has this program affected the number in Worship Attendance?

# Implications for Church Health

Let's examine the Financial Stability of the Church...

# Financial Overview

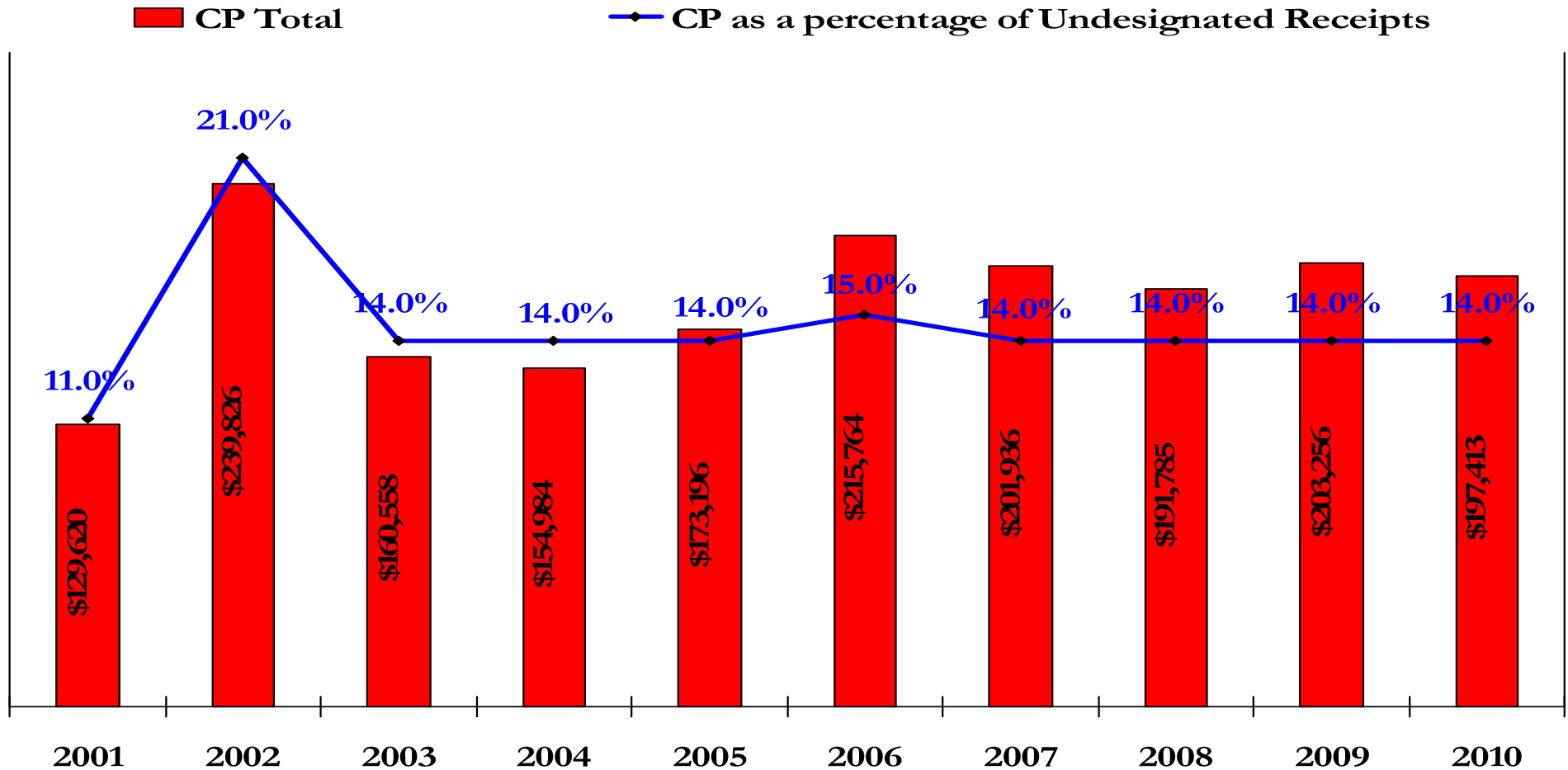
## Income



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# Financial Overview

## Cooperative Program



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# Implications for Church Health



**Did you notice any financial trends that reflect dramatic changes?**

**As a Church member do you feel comfortable about the financial direction of the Church?**

# Implications for Church Health

A healthy church balances several purposes:

Preaching/teaching, evangelism, discipleship, missions, fellowship, worship, stewardship, and social ministry. Each purpose begins and continues through prayer.

The absence, imbalance, or over-emphasis on a single purpose can cause an unhealthy Church profile.

A healthy Church is not just about numerical growth. A healthy Church produces disciplined Believers prepared to join God in His missionary activity. As such, a Believer from your Church should be prepared to serve with God on the Local, National and International level.

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The final question remains...

**“How well are your members prepared to serve and bear a witness to a lost world?”**



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