2008 Southern Baptist Convention Statistical Summary

Item/Statistic	Final 2008	Final 2007	2008-2007 Numeric Change	2008-2007 Percent Change
State Conventions [1]	42	41	1	2.44%
Associations	1,182	1,186	-4	-0.34%
Churches	44,848	44,696	152	0.34%
Total Membership	16,228,438	16,266,920	-38,482	-0.24%
Baptisms	342,198	345,941	-3,743	-1.08%
Ratio of Baptisms: Total Membership	1:47	1:47	(N/A)	(N/A)
Primary Worship Attendance	6,184,317	6,148,868	35,449	0.58%
Sunday School Enrollment	7,752,794	7,876,611	-123,817	-1.57%
Total Mission Expenditures	$1,358,802,036	$1,327,856,082	30,945,954	2.33%
Church-type Missions Operating [2]	5,257	5,254	Not comparable [2]	Not comparable [2]

Notes:
(1) The Convention of Southern Baptist Churches in Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands was classified as a state convention in 2008.
(2) Some state conventions no longer use the designation of Church-type Mission to categorize congregations which are not self-determining, self-sustaining, and self-propagating.

Other 2008 Items

Not asked by all state conventions [1]

Item/Statistic	Final 2008	Final 2007
Other Additions [3]	344,342	361,583
Discipleship Training Enrollment [2] [4]	1,798,330	1,664,348
Music Ministry Enrollment/Participation [4]	1,416,694	1,444,837
WMU Enrollment [3] [4]	795,379	778,555
Men/Boys Mission Education Enrollment [3] [4]	403,575	381,355
Total Gifts: Tithes, Offerings & Special Gifts [3] [4]	$11,106,405,320	$10,845,108,310
Undesignated Receipts [3]	$9,013,807,646	$8,699,869,367
Total Receipts [3]	$12,121,220,925	$11,832,871,416
Value of Congregational Property [3] [4] [5]	$41,061,602,388	$37,737,114,929

Notes:
(1) Totals for items in this table have incomplete data for 2008 due to the fact that not all state conventions asked the item or did so in a way not comparable with the standard definition. Similiar actions occurred in 2007. Thus, comparisons between the two years may not be appropriate. See the Notes in the 2007 SBC Statistical Summary for specific details to determine if a comparison is desirable.
(2) Prior to 2005, Discipleship Training Enrollment counted persons more than once (counted for each group in which they participated). In 2005 (and afterwards), the item was changed to count persons only once regardless of how many studies in which they participated.
(3) The California Southern Baptist Convention did not ask this item or the information necessary to obtain the item.
(4) The Baptist General Convention of Texas did not ask this item or the information necessary to obtain the total.
(5) The Georgia Baptist Convention, Illinois Baptist State Association and the Kentucky Baptist Convention did not ask this item.

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