

**Table 2c. Amish Population Change 1992-2008
16-Year Summary**

	1992	2008	Net Gain	Percent Change*
Settlements	226	410	184	81%
Districts	929	1,710	781	84%
Est. Population	125,000	231,000	106,000	85%
States/Provinces	22	28	6	27%

* The percent change for districts and estimated population do not match because estimated population is rounded to nearest 1,000.

Notes:

1. Six states have Amish settlements in 2008 that did not have any in 1992. These states (Arkansas, Colorado, Maine, Mississippi, Nebraska, and West Virginia) contain a total of 13 districts, less than 1 percent of the 2008 total of 1,710 districts.
2. Settlement and district statistics were updated in July 2008. Population figures (which include adults and children) are estimates calculated by using a conservative average of 135 people per church district. The number of people per district varies by region, community, affiliation, and age of the district; therefore, the actual number of people in a specific district may be higher or lower than the average used in these tables. The data includes all Amish groups (Old Order and New Order) that use horse-and-buggy transportation, but excludes car-driving groups such as the Beachy Amish and Amish Mennonites.

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**Table 2d. Amish Population Change 1992–2008
Top Ten States Ranked by Population Increase**

State	Districts				Est. Population			
	1992	2008	#Change	%Change	1992	2008	#Change	%Change
PA	221	382	161	73%	29,835	51,570	21,735	73%
OH	258	412	154	60%	34,830	55,620	20,790	60%
IN	166	286	120	72%	22,410	38,610	16,200	72%
WI	53	115	62	117%	7,155	15,525	8,370	117%
NY	30	75	45	150%	4,050	10,125	6,075	150%
KY	21	63	42	200%	2,835	8,505	5,670	200%
MO	32	74	42	131%	4,320	9,990	5,670	131%
MI	39	78	39	100%	5,265	10,530	5,265	100%
IL	21	49	28	133%	2,835	6,615	3,780	133%
MN	9	23	14	156%	1,215	3,105	1,890	156%
Total	850	1,557	707	83%	114,750	210,195	95,445	83%

**Table 2e. Amish Population Change 1992–2008
Top Ten States Ranked by Percentage Increase**

State	Districts				Est. Population			
	1992	2008	#Change	%Change	1992	2008	#Change	%Change
VA	1	5	4	400%	135	675	540	400%
KY	21	63	42	200%	2,835	8,505	5,670	200%
MN	9	23	14	156%	1,215	3,105	1,890	156%
MT	2	5	3	150%	270	675	405	150%
NY	30	75	45	150%	4,050	10,125	6,075	150%
KS	5	12	7	140%	675	1,620	945	140%
IL	21	49	28	133%	2,835	6,615	3,780	133%
MO	32	74	42	131%	4,320	9,990	5,670	131%
TN	6	13	7	117%	810	1,755	945	117%
WI	53	115	62	117%	7,155	15,525	8,370	117%
Total	179	429	250	140%	24,165	57,915	33,750	140%

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