

2024 Statistical Report Introduction and Instructions

The Yearly Meeting has revised statistical reporting to make it easier for monthly meetings to respond.

1. Why do we collect this data?

- Partly, simply to find out how many Friends are in New England and what the age ranges are, and to collect contact information for new Friends. This enables us to connect children with our youth retreat programs and to share news, announcements, and other communications of interest to individuals and meetings.
- Changes from year to year help us see which meetings are growing and which might benefit from staff and/or committee outreach. Our total membership sometimes determines our representation in larger Friends gatherings.
- Reporting our numbers may increase our visibility. For example, our 2020 statistics were submitted for the U.S. Religious Census. As a result, Quakers will be more accurately represented when local or national media report on religious geography and adherents. Quakers will also be included when sociologists of religion do research and writing. And when individuals go online looking for the religious make-up of a community, Quakers will be included. (For more information about the project, please visit [http://www.usreligioncensus.org/.](http://www.usreligioncensus.org/))

NOTE: The Yearly Meeting office does not maintain records of who is a member of a monthly meeting, but we do maintain records of Friends who are part of your meeting, whether member or attender. **If you wish to have a list from our database to compare to your records, please email office@neym.org or call the Office Manager at 508-754-6760. If you have a current mailing list, please send it to Office Manager, 901 Pleasant St, Worcester, MA 01602 or email it to office@neym.org.**

2. Monthly meetings with preparative meetings and/or worship groups under their care should include those numbers in their total.
3. We are less interested in precise numbers than we are in trends.
4. We have dropped questions about gender from the reporting, simply because we don't find this information useful. (The only time we use gender is in assigning housing for Annual Sessions.)
5. Please make sure that the name of your meeting is on the form and that it is signed by the clerk or membership recorder.
6. **Please make four copies of the completed Statistical Report:**
 - One for the monthly meeting recorder
 - One for the meeting clerk to keep with the minutes

- One to send to the quarterly meeting clerk by April 15, or in the case of Salem Quarter to the clerk of Ministry and Counsel.
- **One to send to the New England Yearly Meeting Office, either by e-mail (office@neym.org) or by USPS (901 Pleasant St, Worcester, MA 01602-1908) by April 30.**

Finally, **if you have any questions about the form**, please contact the Office Manager, office@neym.org.

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If your monthly meeting has preparative meetings or worship groups under its care, please provide responses for each.

Name of Meeting: _____

1. Number of members as of 12/31/2023 (from Column I [highlighted] of the spreadsheet provided) _____
2. New Members: On the form provided below, please provide the name, date of birth, mailing address, email address, and phone number(s) of any Friends you welcomed into membership this year, or did not report in previous years, whether by application or by transfer from another monthly meeting. *If any are minors, please include contact information for the parent(s).*
3. Deaths: Please list the name and month and year of death of each Friend you have lost this year, or lost last year but did not report.

4. Other Loss: If any members transferred or were dropped from the rolls this year, or were in previous years but not reported, please list their names.

5. Number of members as of 12/31/2024: _____
How many of these members are active in the life of the meeting? _____
6. Our meeting for worship is on Zoom or is hybrid.
7. **The following answers should include everyone, whether member or attender.**
 - a. What is the typical attendance in meetings for worship in a given week? __
 - i. How many of these are 18 or younger? _____
 - ii. How many of these are members? _____

- b. What is the typical attendance at First Day School? _____
- c. What is the typical attendance at meeting for business? _____

8. Is it your sense that, compared to 2023, the number of individuals active in your meeting is

- Increasing
- Decreasing
- About the same

Signature: _____

Role: _____

Please complete this form for new members (adult and associate)**

Name	DOB	Mailing Address	E-mail Address	Telephone

** Please provide only that information the individual is willing to share. Date of birth is most useful to us for those under the age of 18 who may be interested in Youth Programs. If the new member is a minor, please provide the name of the parent(s) with the mailing address.