

Historical Membership Figures

The following are the annual membership figures for the American Society of Criminology. It is obviously incomplete, as many records have been lost. In some instances, there are irreconcilable discrepancies from one historical report to another. Some years, round numbers were reported rather than actual counts, and finally, membership years were defined differently from time to time in the past. This is, however, the best we have, and it at least gives us some sense of the growth ASC has experienced through the years.

1941 – 8
1952 – 41
1953 – 60
1954 – 45
1955 – 44
1956 – 50
1957 – 65
1958 – 118
1959 – 165
1964 – 274
1968 – 269
1970 – 329
1972 – 419
1975 – 1,385
1976 – 2,104
1977 – 1,972
1978 – 1,884
1979 – 1,920
1980 – 1,702

1981 – 1,840
1982 – 1,743
1983 – 1,800
1984 – 1,750
1985 – 1,800
1986 - 1,850
1992 – 2,352
1993 – 2,432
1998 – 3,223
2006 – 2,935
2007 – 3,040
2008 – 3,060
2009 – 3,105
2010 – 3,421
2011 – 3,259
2012 – 3,645
2013 – 3,442
2014 – 3,505
2015 – 3,480
2016 – 3,698
2017 – 3,686
2018 – 3,513

The oldest Membership Committee report we have is a handwritten document from 1959, prepared by the Chair of the Membership Committee at that time, Albert C. Germann (see www.asc41.com/history/Membership_Figures-Lists/ASC_Membership_Committee_report_1959.pdf)