Pandemic Worship Services Survey Results

Lewis Center for Church Leadership Fall 2022

The Lewis Center for Church Leadership polled its *Leading Ideas* e-newsletter subscribers about their congregations' worship attendance during the pandemic. There were 426 responses in total. The results are below. Note: This is not a scientific survey, but simply a snapshot in time from some of our subscribers.

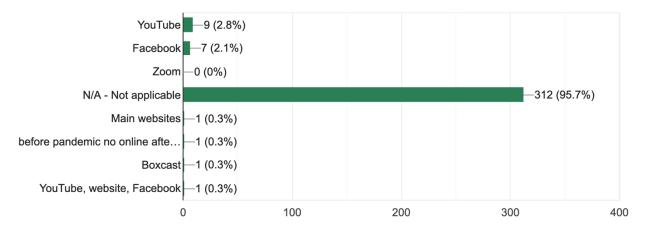
Before the pandemic

Before the pandemic, what kind(s) of worship services did your church offer? (Please check all that apply.)

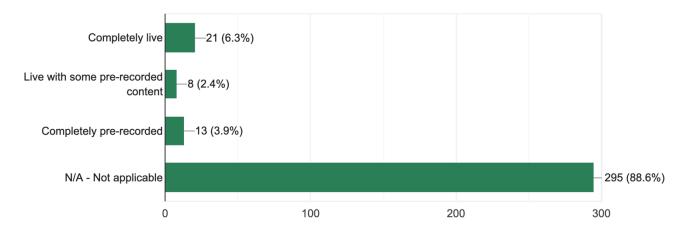
In-person indoo					—368 (88.2%)
In-person outdoors (parkin.)			
Online on	ly -8 (1.9%)				
Hybrid (service was both i.		———————————————————————————————————————	6)		
Rad	io ————————————————————————————————————				
N/A - Not applicab	le —1 (0.2%)				
Televisio	on∣—2 (0.5%)				
Made CD	's⊢1 (0.2%)				
The recorded sermon only.	… ─1 (0.2%)				
Audio recordings of servic.	… ─1 (0.2%)				
Outdoors around sacred fin	re∣—1 (0.2%)				
We had begun conversati.	… ─1 (0.2%)				
online only when not allow.	–1 (0.2%)				
taped service available aft.	–1 (0.2%)				
Recorded DVDs of the ser.	–1 (0.2%)				
last week's sermon availa.	–1 (0.2%)				
Summer outdoors in wood.)—1 (0.2%)				
recorded for websi	te ⊢1 (0.2%)				
Worship at the point. And.	–1 (0.2%)				
TV broadcast of the sermo.					
and livestreamed on YouT.	–1 (0.2%)				
Television and posted onlir	ne 1 (0.2%)				
Sermon available later as.	1 (0.2%)				
CD Recordings made avai.	–1 (0.2%)				
Summer Garden Servio	· · /				
we had a very poor broad.	, , ,				
podcast of sermon on	ly⊢1 (0.2%)				
Lesson and Sermon was r.	• • •				
DVD recordings for shut-ir	ns –1 (0.2%)				
In person indoors, with out.					
Local cable broadca	st⊢1 (0.2%)				
	0	100	200	300	400
	0	100	200	300	400

If before the pandemic your church offered a hybrid worship service (both in-person and online), how was it broadcast?

If before the pandemic your church offered an online-only worship service, how was it broadcast? 326 responses

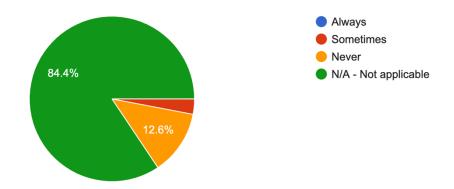


If you offered any online-only worship services before the pandemic, were they 333 responses



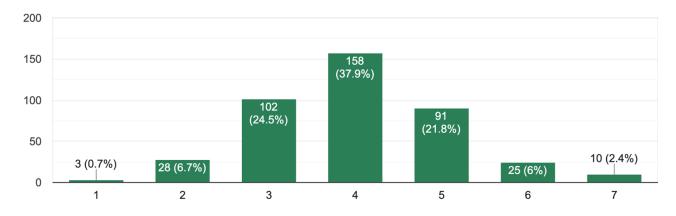
If you offered any online-only worship services before the pandemic, did you ever do joint services with another congregation?

333 responses

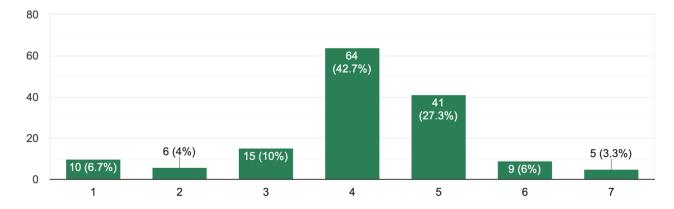


In the five years prior to the pandemic, what was the general trend for in-person worship attendance in your church?



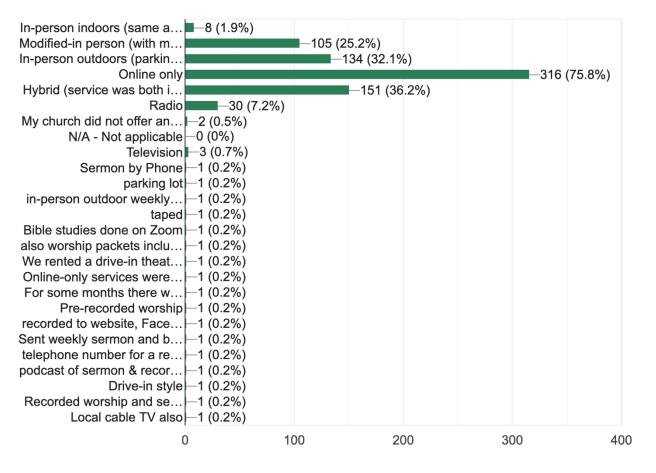


In the five years prior to the pandemic, what was the general trend for online worship attendance and/or hybrid worship attendance (if offered) in your church? 150 responses

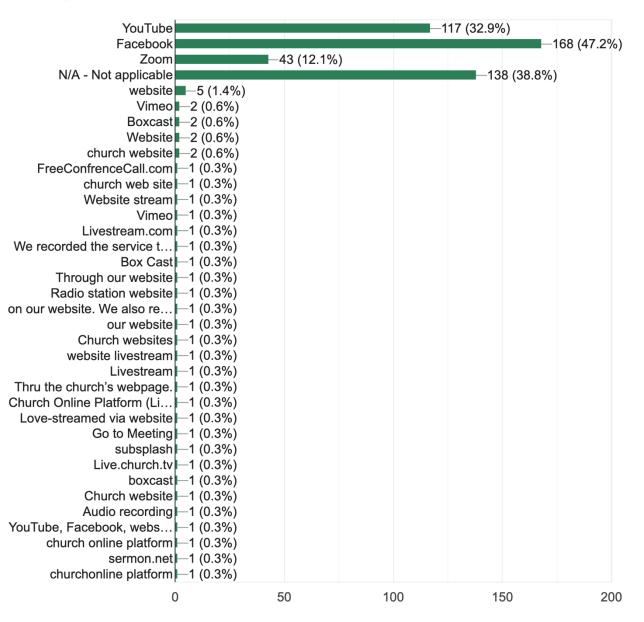


During the height of the pandemic

During the height of the pandemic, what kind(s) of worship services did your church offer? (Please check all that apply.)



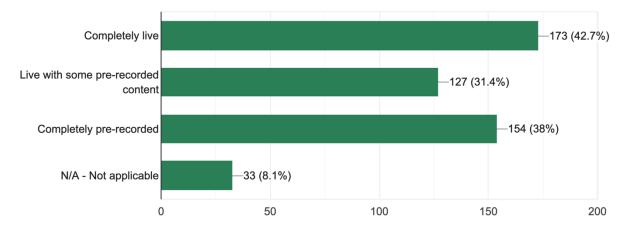
If your church offered a hybrid worship service (both in-person and online) during the pandemic, how was it broadcast?



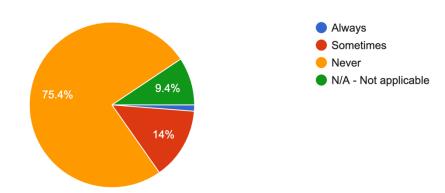
If your church offered an online-only worship service during the pandemic, how was it broadcast? ³⁹⁵ responses

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YouTube				—192 (48.	
Facebook		0- (0)			-230 (58
Zoom	54		%)		
N/A - Not applicable		(12.9%)			
	1.3%)				
	.8%)				
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church web site ⊢1 (0	· · ·				
Website via Boxcast -1 (0	·				
Church Online -1 (0	,				
Our website via Vimeo −1 (0					
On our website using Bo $[-1 (0)$					
our website and email -1 (0	· · · · ·				
Church app ⊢1 (0	· í				
Vimeo and linked throug					
Livestream -1 (0	· · ·				
Through our website -1 (0	· · · ·				
	.3%)				
Radio Station website -1 (0					
This was not "live" but a \vdash 1 (0	· · · ·				
Local TV station 1 (0					
on our website. We also1 (0	· · ·				
our website 1 (0					
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Church websites -1 (0	· · · · ·				
website livestream -1 (0	· · · · ·				
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Our Website –1 (0	.3%)				
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Boxcast/ Internet -1 (0	.3%)				
Recorded – 1 (0	.3%)				
Church website -1 (0					
Live-streamed via website -1 (0	.3%)				
streamed via website -1 (0	.3%)				
subsplash ─1 (0	.3%)				
Vimeo - prerecorded -1 (0	.3%)				
Live.church.tv -1 (0					
	.3%)				
Vimeo/Website -1 (0	.3%)				
boxcast –1 (0	.3%)				
church online -1 (0	.3%)				
Bobcats distribution -1 (0	.3%)				
Boxcast –1 (0	.3%)				
Church webpage -1 (0	.3%)				
FreeConferenceCall -1 (0					
sermon.netI-1 (0					
Posted on Facebook an1 (0					
Vimeo via Church Online -1 (0					
Vimeo, Rokul–1 (0	,				
viewer on our own websi	,				
live-streamed on sermo1 (0	,				
Local cable TV also 1 (0	3%)				

If you offered any online-only worship services during the pandemic, were they 405 responses

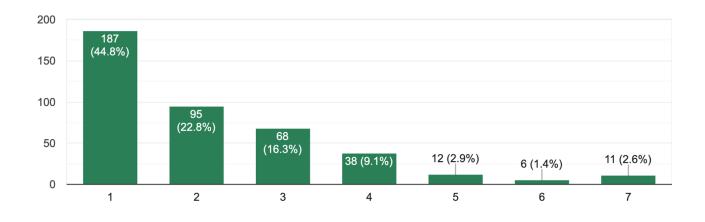


If you offered any online-only worship services during the pandemic, did you ever do joint services with another congregation? 406 responses

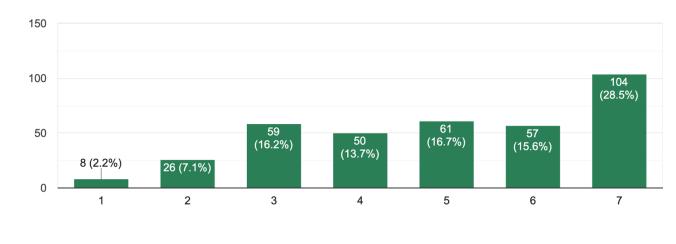


During the height of the pandemic, how did your in-person worship attendance compare to pre-pandemic times?

417 responses

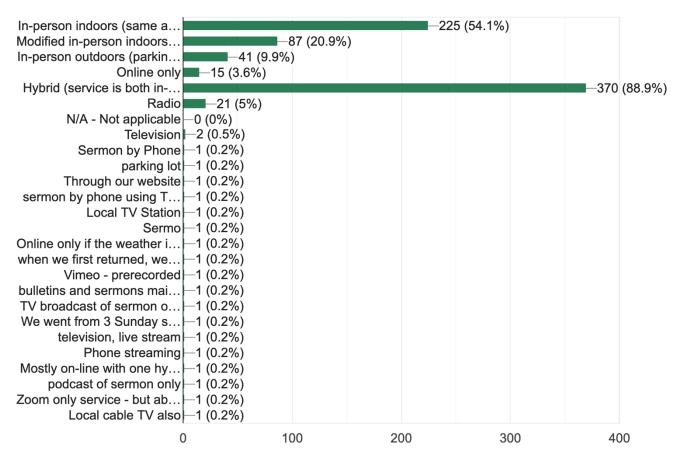


During the height of the pandemic, how did your online worship attendance and/or hybrid worship attendance (if offered) compare to pre-pandemic times? 365 responses



Present time

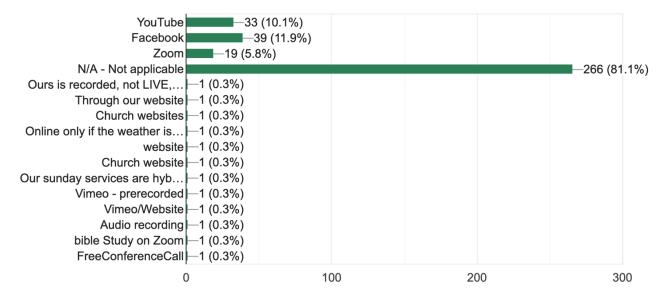
What kind(s) of worship services does your church offer today? (Please check all that apply.) 416 responses



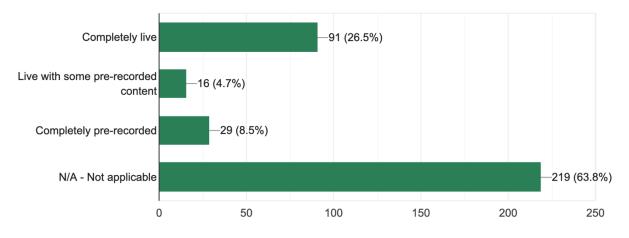
If your church offers a hybrid worship service (both in-person and online) today, how is it broadcast?

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YouTube			-220 (54.6	9%) -264 (65.5%)
Zoom	——————————————————————————————————————	4.6%)		,
Vimeo	■-6 (1.5%)			
website	■—6 (1.5%) ■—5 (1.2%)			
Church website	■ –5 (1.2%)			
	l—2 (0.5%)́			
Boxcast	i⊢2 (0.5%) ⊢2 (0.5%)			
website and twitter	·⊢1 (0.2%) ⊢1 (0.2%)			
church website livestre	⊢1 (0.2%)́			
Website via Boxcast				
Livestream.com	⊢1 (0.2%) ⊢1 (0.2%)			
	⊢1 (0.2%)			
On our website using	⊢1 (0.2%)			
Church app	l⊢1 (0.2%) −1 (0.2%)			
Church Online Platform	⊢1 (0.2%) ⊢1 (0.2%)			
Radio station website	⊢1 (0.2%)́			
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website livestream	⊢1 (0.2%)			
	⊢1 (̀0.2%)́			
Boxcast/ Internet	:⊢1 (0.2%) ⊢1 (0.2%)			
Live-streamed via web	⊢1 (0.2%)́ ⊢1 (0.2%)			
6 streaming venues total	l⊢1 (0.2%)			
subsplash	⊢1 (0.2%) ⊢1 (0.2%)			
Conference call	⊢1 (0.2%) ⊢1 (0.2%)			
	⊢1 (0.2%)			
boxcast	⊢1 (0.2%)́			
YouTube, Facebook, w	⊢1 (0.2%) ⊢1 (0.2%)			
Telephone				
Apple TV and church	⊢1 (0.2%)́			
Radio	⊢1 (0.2%) ⊢1 (0.2%)			
sermon.net	⊢1 (0.2%) ⊢1 (0.2%)			
	⊢1 (0.2%)			
With our web host	⊢1 (0.2%)́			
Vimeo, Roku	⊢1 (0.2%) ⊢1 (0.2%)			
Church Online	⊢1 (0.2%)́			
live-streamed on serm	⊢1 (0.2%) ⊢1 (0.2%)			
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	0	100	200	300

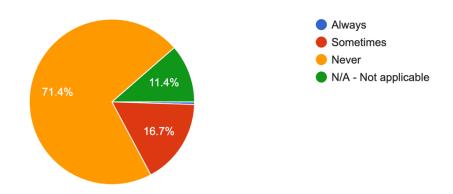
If your church offers an online-only worship service today, how is it broadcast? 328 responses



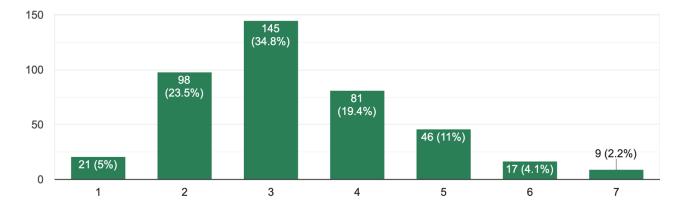
If you offer any online-only worship services today, are they 343 responses



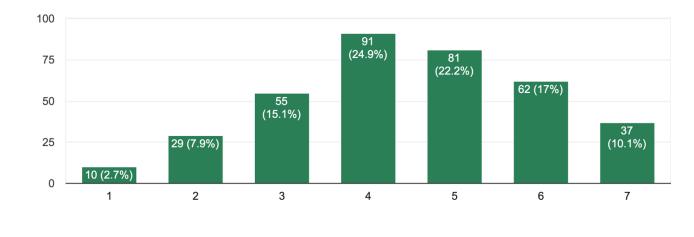
If you offer any online-only worship services and/or hybrid worship services today, do you ever do joint services with another congregation? ^{395 responses}



How does your current in-person worship attendance compare to pre-pandemic times? 417 responses

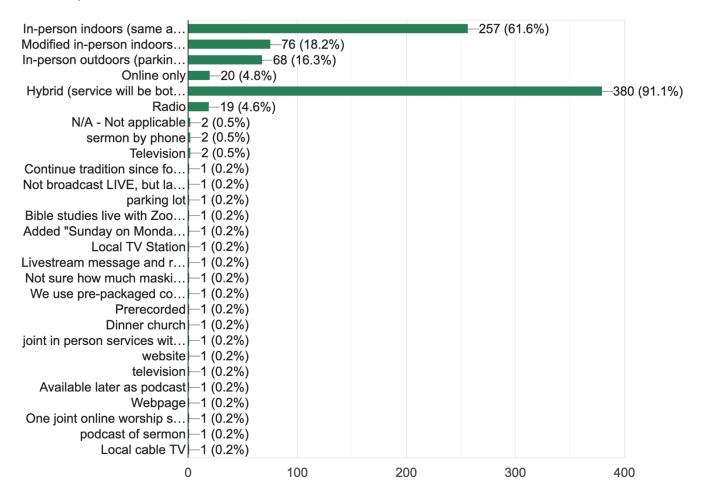


How does your current online worship attendance and/or hybrid worship attendance (if offered) compare to pre-pandemic times? 365 responses

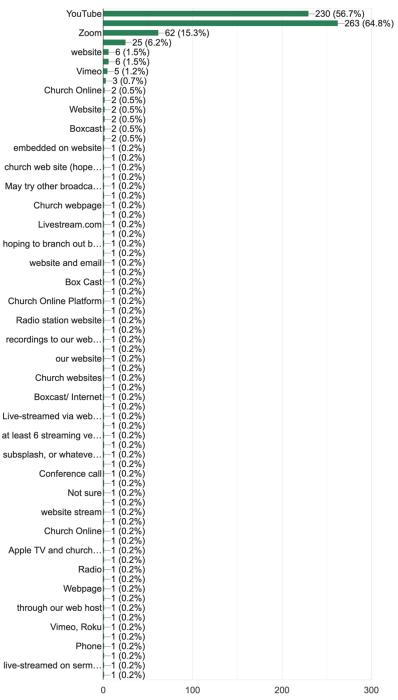


In the coming year

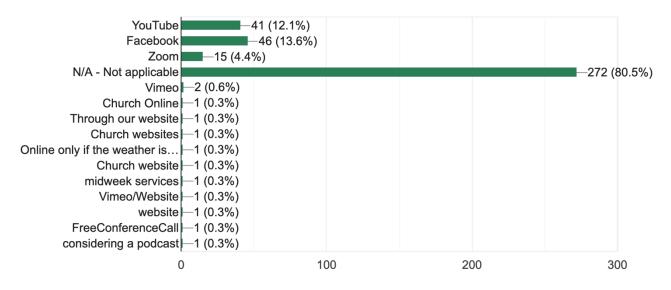
What kind(s) of worship services does your church plan to offer in the coming year? (Please check all that apply.)



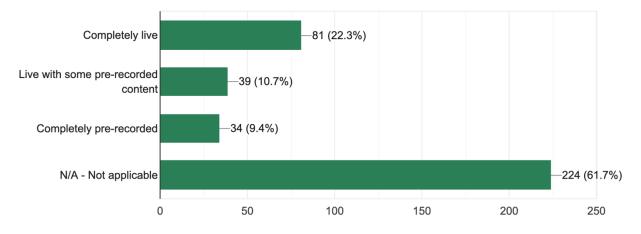
If your church plans to offer a hybrid worship service (both in-person and online) in the coming year, how will it be broadcast?



If your church plans to offer an online-only worship service (no in-person services will be offered) in the coming year, how will it be broadcast? 338 responses

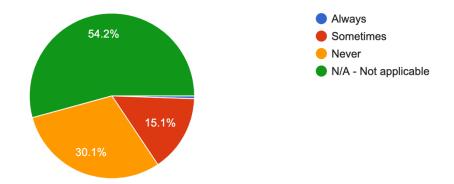


If your church plans to offer any online-only worship services in the coming year, will they be 363 responses

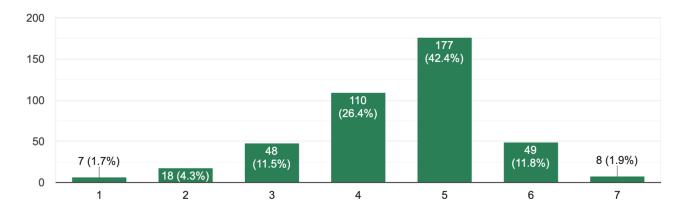


If you church plans to offer any online-only worship services today, will any be joint services with another congregation?

365 responses

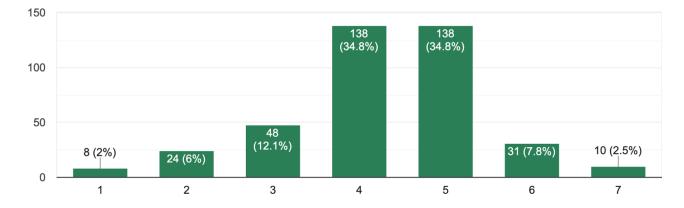


How do you think your in-person worship attendance will fare through the coming year compared to today?



417 responses

How do you think your church's online worship and/or hybrid worship attendance (if offered) will fare through the coming year compared to today? ^{397 responses}



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