

**Table 1257. National Nonprofit Associations—Number by Type: 1980 to 2006**

[Data compiled during last few months of year previous to year shown and the beginning months of year shown]

Type	1980	1990	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>14,726</b>	<b>22,289</b>	<b>22,663</b>	<b>21,840</b>	<b>22,449</b>	<b>22,141</b>	<b>22,464</b>	<b>22,659</b>	<b>22,720</b>	<b>23,772</b>
Trade, business, commercial . . . . .	3,118	3,918	3,757	3,880	3,922	3,883	3,818	3,812	3,789	3,942
Agriculture and environment . . . . .	677	940	1,122	1,103	1,120	1,125	1,137	1,140	1,170	1,286
Legal, governmental, public admin., military . . . . .	529	792	776	790	807	814	832	839	868	887
Scientific, engineering, technical . . .	1,039	1,417	1,355	1,302	1,317	1,309	1,326	1,354	1,354	1,396
Educational . . . . .	<sup>2</sup> 2,376	1,291	1,290	1,297	1,346	1,307	1,301	1,313	1,318	1,365
Cultural . . . . .	( <sup>2</sup> )	1,886	1,918	1,786	1,812	1,766	1,749	1,735	1,733	1,782
Social welfare . . . . .	994	1,705	1,885	1,829	1,925	1,917	1,941	1,972	2,072	2,218
Health, medical . . . . .	1,413	2,227	2,348	2,495	2,574	2,601	2,808	2,921	2,982	3,089
Public affairs . . . . .	1,068	2,249	2,148	1,776	1,857	1,808	1,836	1,881	1,854	1,938
Fraternal, nationality, ethnic . . . . .	435	573	552	525	537	529	557	547	550	567
Religious . . . . .	797	1,172	1,230	1,123	1,160	1,154	1,155	1,157	1,147	1,162
Veteran, hereditary, patriotic . . . . .	208	462	686	835	834	785	802	803	774	790
Hobby, avocational . . . . .	910	1,475	1,549	1,330	1,408	1,380	1,435	1,449	1,433	1,525
Athletic sports . . . . .	504	840	838	717	762	730	760	755	762	863
Labor unions . . . . .	235	253	245	232	233	218	211	213	208	209
Chambers of Commerce <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	105	168	168	143	142	141	139	136	135	137
Greek and non-Greek letter societies . . . . .	318	340	336	296	312	301	309	305	303	302
Fan clubs . . . . .	(NA)	581	460	381	381	373	348	327	314	314

NA Not available. <sup>1</sup> The increase in the number of associations comes from the increase in newly discovered and established associations. <sup>2</sup> Data for cultural associations included with educational associations. <sup>3</sup> National and binational. Includes trade and tourism organizations.

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