



BY THE NUMBERS

3,500,000,000	• 3.5 billion TV viewers saw the Choir perform in the Salt Lake Winter Olympic Games opening ceremonies (2002).
250,000	• More than 250,000 ticket requests are received each year for the Choir's Christmas concert.
11,623	• The Tabernacle organ has 11,623 pipes .
2,000	• Over 2,000 stations broadcast <i>Music and the Spoken Word</i> .
1,600	• The Choir travels with about 1,600 pieces of luggage .
360	• 360 members make up the Choir: 91 sopranos, 95 altos, 81 tenors and 93 basses.
175	• The choir has recorded more than 175 musical compilations .
110	• The Orchestra at Temple Square has 110 members , all of whom volunteer their time. 65 accompanied the Choir this year on their performance tour – the first time a full complement of the orchestra has traveled on an extended tour.
80	• <i>Music and the Spoken Word</i> has been on the air for 80 years .
75	• On average, the Choir performs 75 times per year .
28	• The Choir has visited 28 countries outside the United States.
20	• Choir members serve for a maximum of 20 years (or until age 60).
20	• 20 husband-wife combinations sing in the Choir.
13	• The Choir has performed at 13 World's Fairs and Expositions .
10	• 10 U.S. presidents have personally heard the Choir sing.
10	• 10 large buses shuttle Choir members between tour venues.
5	• The Choir practices a minimum of 5 hours each week.
5	• The Choir has performed for 5 presidential inaugurals : Lyndon B. Johnson (1965), Richard Nixon (1969), Ronald Reagan (1981), George H.W. Bush (1989) and George W. Bush (2001).
5	• Choir recordings include 5 gold records (sales of 500,000 units).
3	• <i>Music and the Spoken Word</i> has only had 3 program announcers in its 78-year history: Richard L. Evans (1930 – 1971), J. Spencer Kinard (1972 – 1990) and Lloyd D. Newell (1990 – present).
2	• Choir recordings also include 2 platinum records (sales of 1,000,000 units).
1	• The 1959 recording of "Battle Hymn of the Republic" received a Grammy Award .
1	• The Choir won an Emmy Award for "Christmas Sampler" (1987), a musical special with Shirley Verrett.