



## **Closed School History: 1984 – 2004**

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**Notes:**

The following charts detail the year-by-year school closures from 1984 through 2004. Site closures of consolidated schools are listed, but are not included in the overall count of school closures. Conversely, schools that remained open in the formation of a consolidation are not listed and not counted which is consistent with the previous established methodology. The recent closures of the six parish schools that combined to form Christ Our Savior are all listed as closures as they broke from the traditional consolidation model, and reopened a “new” school at two of the prior sites. In the past this would have been listed as four closures, not six.

The closure of Alexine Academy has been included (they were not previously included in the 2002 report prepared by Sr. Josephine Sferrella) as they share the same “private” status that Mother of Sorrows Boarding School holds, which was included in the 2002 report.

**Closure totals 1984 through 2004:**

Elementary Schools	130
Secondary Schools	<u>18</u>
Total School	148
Site Closures	10

**Future Research**

The second phase is to check over the closures from 1963 through 1983. In addition a school status database is being built to better query closure data, as well as name changes, consolidations, new schools, etc. The final phase will to do additional archival research on school closures prior to 1963.

**Data Sources:**

Elementary School Directories  
2002 Elementary Catholic School Closure report prepared by Sr. Josephine

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**1984**

**Elementary School Closures**

Alexine Academy	1515 W. Ogden Ave	La Grange Park	Operated as a Private school.
Assumption, BVM	2817 W. 24th St.	Chicago	
St. John Chrysostom	5000 St. Charles Rd.	Bellwood	
St. Kevin	10501 S. Torrence St.	Chicago	

**Elementary Buildings Closed in the Formation of a Consolidation or Merger**

St. Bartholomew	914 Eighth St.	Waukegan	Consolidated into Lakeshore Catholic Academy - Building Closed
St. Bernard	6547 Stewart St.	Chicago	Consolidated into Englewood Catholic Academy - Building Closed
St. Brendan	6715 S. Elizabeth St.	Chicago	Consolidated into Englewood Catholic Academy - Building Closed
St. Carthage	7320 S. Yale St.	Chicago	Consolidated into Englewood Catholic Academy - Building Closed
Holy Rosary	11316 S. King Dr.	Chicago	Merged with St. Salomea to form St. Mark the Evangelist - Building Closed
Immaculate Conception	8739 S. Exchange St.	Chicago	Merged with St. Mary Magdalen & SS. Peter & Paul to form Jesus, Our Brother - Building Closed
SS. Peter & Paul	2938 E. 91st St.	Chicago	Merged with St. Mary Magdalen & Immaculate Conception to form Jesus, Our Brother - Building Closed

**1984 Summary**

4 Elementary School Closures

7 Elementary Buildings Closed to form a Consolidation or Merger

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**1985**

**Elementary School Closures**

Immaculate Conception	1431 N. North Park Ave.	Chicago	reopened in 2002 as Immaculate Conception (North Park)
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**Elementary Buildings Closed in the Formation of a Consolidation or Merger**

St. George	911 W. 32nd Place	Chicago	Consolidated into Bridgeport Catholic Academy - Building Used as Admin Offices until 1990. merged with Assumption, BVM (12238 S. Parnell)
SS. Peter & Paul	12255 S. Emerald St.	Chicago	

**High School Closures**

St. Mary of Perpetual Help HS (Coed)	1023 W. 32nd St.	Chicago
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**1985 Summary**

1 Elementary School Closed

2 Elementary Buildings Closed to form a Consolidation or Merger

1 High School Closure

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## **1986**

### **Elementary School Closures**

All Saints	11 E. 117th St.	Chicago	In 1972 merged with Holy Rosary.
Our Lady of Hungary	9242 Kimbark Ave.	Chicago	
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini	751 S. Sacramento St.	Chicago	
St. Joseph	1740 Lake Ave.	Wilmette	Closed in 1986. Reopened in 1998.
St. Mel	4319 W. Washington St.	Chicago	

### **Elementary Buildings Closed in the Formation of a Consolidation or Merger**

St. Mary	1420 Maple	Evanston	Consolidated with St. Nicholas (Evanston) to form Pope John Paul XXIII - Building Closed
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### **1986 Summary**

5 Elementary School Closures

1 Elementary Building Closed to form a Consolidation or Merger

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## **1987**

### **Elementary School Closures**

St. Agnes	3825 S. Washtenaw St.	Chicago	
St. Augustine	5019 S. Laflin St.	Chicago	
St. George	9536 S. Ewing St.	Chicago	School Closed, building rented to Our Lady of Guadalupe as a Junior High
St. Gerald Majella	16121 S. Central Park Ave.	Markham	

### **Elementary Buildings Closed in the Formation of a Consolidation or Merger**

Ascension/ St. Susanna	41 E. 153rd St.	Harvey	Merged with St. John Baptist to form Mary of Nazareth of Harvey - Building Closed
Our Lady of Vilna	2337 W. 23rd Place	Chicago	Merged with St. Paul to form St. Paul/Our Lady of Vilna - Building Closed

### **High School Buildings Closed in the Formation of a Consolidation or Merger**

Sacred Heart of Mary (Girls)	2800 Central Rd.	Rolling Meadows	Merged with Saint Viator High School - Building Closed.
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### **1987 Summary**

4 Elementary School Closures

2 Elementary Buildings Closed to form a Consolidation or Merger

1 High School Building Closed to form a Consolidation or Merger

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**1988**

**Elementary School Closures**

Notre Dame de Chicago	1338 W. Flournoy	Chicago
St. Dionysius	2831 S. 49th Court	Cicero
St. Joseph	267 E. 15th St.	Chicago Heights
St. Mary	307 E. 137 St.	Chicago

**Elementary Buildings Closed in the Formation of a Consolidation or Merger**

St. Francis of Assisi	4424 W. Walton St.	Chicago	Merged with Our Lady of Angels - Building Closed
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**High School Closures**

Holy Family Academy (Girls)	1444 W. Division St.	Chicago
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**High School Buildings Closed in the Formation of a Consolidation or Merger**

Unity HS (Girls)	8100 S. Prairie Ave.	Chicago	Students to St. Martin De Porres Academy (E. 111th St.) - Building Closed
Willobrord Catholic HS (Coed)	11407 S. Erdbrooke Ave.	Chicago	Students to St. Martin De Porres Academy (E. 111th St.) - Building Closed

**1988 Summary**

- 4 Elementary School Closures
  - 1 Elementary Building Closed to form a Consolidation or Merger
  - 1 High School Closed
  - 2 High School Buildings Closed to form a Consolidation or Merger
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**1989**

**Elementary School Closures**

Mother of Sorrows Boarding School	13811 S. Western	Blue Island	Operated as a Private School.
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**High School Closures**

Alvernia HS (Girls)	3900 N. Lawndale Ave.	Chicago
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**1989 Summary**

- 1 Elementary School Closed
  - 1 High School Closed
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**1990**

**Elementary School Closures**

Holy Rosary	1333 Victoria St.	North Chicago	
Holy Trinity	1840 S. Throop St.	Chicago	
Mount Carmel	334 E. 21st St.	Chicago Heights	
Sacred Heart of Jesus	4637 S. Wolcott St.	Chicago	
Seven Holy Founders	12440 S. Ada	Calumet Park	
Ss. Peter & Paul	3737 S. Paulina St.	Chicago	
St. Bonaventure	1651 W. Diversey St.	Chicago	Building reopened in 1998 as part of Cardinal Bernadin Early Childhood Center
St. Charles Lwanga	220 W. 45th Pl.	Chicago	Formed from the consolidation of St. Cecelia and St. Anne in 1971.
St. Fidelis	1405 W. Washtenaw St.	Chicago	
St. Francis de Paula	7825 W. Ellis St.	Chicago	
St. John of God	6130 W. Elizabeth St.	Chicago	
St. Mark the Evangelist	11816 S. Indiana Ave.	Chicago	Formed from the merger of St. Salomea and Holy Rosary in 1984
St. Peter Canisius	5035 W. North Ave.	Chicago	
St. Rosalie	6740 W. Montrose Ave.	Harwood Heights	
St. Sebastian	810 W. Wellington Ave.	Chicago	

**Elementary Buildings Closed in the Formation of a Consolidation or Merger**

Assumption BVM	12242 S. Parnell St.	Chicago	Merged with St. Catherine of Genoa
Holy Cross	6537 S. Maryland St.	Chicago	Consolidated with Ss. Cyril/Methodius and Clara, called St. Gelasius - Building Closed
St. Ludmilla	2414 S. Albany St.	Chicago	Merged with St. Casimir - Building Closed

**Elementary Consolidated Site Closure**

Academy St. Benedict The African -May St. Campus	7007 S. May St.	Chicago	p.k.a. Englewood Catholic Academy - Sacred Heart Campus
Bridgeport Catholic Academy - Early Childhood East	3207 S. Emerald St.	Chicago	p.k.a St. David (S. Emerald)
Bridgeport Catholic Academy - Early Childhood West	1047 W. 31st St.	Chicago	p.k.a. Immaculate Conception & St. Bridget

**High School Closures**

Quigley Preparatory Seminary - South (Boys)	7740 S. Western St.	Chicago
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**1990 Summary**

- 15 Elementary School Closures
- 3 Elementary Buildings Closed to form a Consolidation or Merger
- 3 Elementary Site Closures
- 1 High School Closure

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**1991**

**Elementary School Closures**

St. Roman	2651 W. 23rd St.	Chicago
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**Elementary Buildings Closed in the Formation of a Consolidation or Merger**

St. Veronica	3318 N. Whipple St.	Chicago	Consolidated into Resurrection Catholic Academy - building closed
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**1991 Summary**

1 Elementary School Closure

1 Elementary Building Closed to form a Consolidation or Merger

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**1992**

**Elementary School Closures**

Providence of God	1814 S. Union	Chicago
St. Anthony	1506 S. 49th Court	Cicero
St. Charles Borromeo	1635 N. 37th Ave	Melrose Park
St. Francis de Sales	10200 S. Ave."J"	Chicago
St. James	611 Maple St.	Maywood

**Elementary Buildings Closed in the Formation of a Consolidation or Merger**

St. Isaac Jogues	8101 Golf Rd.	Niles	Considered a merger as students went to Our Lady of Ransom & St. John Brebeuf - building closed
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**1992 Summary**

5 Elementary School Closures

1 Elementary Building Closed to form a Consolidation or Merger

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**Elementary School Closures**

Corpus Christi	4910 S. King Drive	Chicago
St. Hedwig	2219 N. Hamilton St.	Chicago
St. Kilian	8748 S. Aberdeen St.	Chicago
St. Michael the Archangel	4821 S. Damen	Chicago
St. Wenceslaus	3425 N. Lawndale Ave.	Chicago

**Elementary Buildings Closed in the Formation of a Consolidation or Merger**

Our Lady of Lourdes	1449 S. Keeler Ave.	Chicago	Consolidated with Blessed Sacrament (Central Park) - building closed
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**High School Closures**

Academy of the Sacred Heart (Girls)	6250 N Sheridan Rd.	Chicago	Building Remains open and used by Sacred Heart Schools (Sheridan)
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**1993 Summary**

- 5 Elementary School Closures
- 1 Elementary Building Closed to form a Consolidation or Merger
- 1 High School Closed

**1994**

**Elementary School Closures**

Holy Name Cathedral Elementary	751 N. State St.	Chicago	School Closed, building remained open as part of Francis Xavier Ward
Jesus, Our Brother	8401 S. Saginaw St.	Chicago	
Little Flower	1821 W. 80th St.	Chicago	
Our Lady of Pompeii	1220 W. Lexington Ave.	Chicago	
St. Anselm	6042 S. Indiana St.	Chicago	
St. Laurence	1349 E. 72nd St.	Chicago	
St. Rita of Cascia	6201 S. Fairfield Ave.	Chicago	

**Elementary School Closing in the Formation of a Consolidation**

St. Ignatius	1300 W. Loyola St.	Chicago	Consolidated into Northside Catholic Academy - building closed
St. Jerome	1706 W. Morse St.	Chicago	Consolidated into Northside Catholic Academy - building closed
St. Timothy	6330 N. Washtenaw Ave.	Chicago	Consolidated into Northside Catholic Academy - building closed

**High School Closures**

Cathedral HS (Coed)	751 N. State St.	Chicago
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**High School Buildings Closed in the Formation of a Consolidation or Merger**

Marillac High School (Girls)	315 Waukegan Rd.	Northfield	Consolidated with Loyola Academy - Building Closed
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**1994 Summary**

- 7 Elementary School Closures
- 3 Elementary Buildings Closed to form a Consolidation or Merger
- 1 High School Closed

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**1995**

**Elementary School Closures**

St. John Bosco	2245 N. McVicker St.	Chicago
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**1995 Summary**

1 Elementary School Closed

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**1996**

**Elementary School Closures**

St. Joseph the Worker	171 W. Dundee Rd.	Wheeling	
St. Pius X	4311 S. Grove Ave.	Stickney	
St. Stephen	1846 W. 22nd Pl.	Chicago	
St. Teresa of Avila	1940 N. Kenmore St.	Chicago	Building reopened in 1998 as part of Cardinal Bernadin Early Childhood Center

**High School Closures**

St. Joseph HS (Coed)	4831 S. Hermitage St.	Chicago
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**1996 Summary**

4 Elementary School Closures

1 High School Closed

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**1997**

**Elementary School Closures**

St. Gertrude	9617 Schiller Blvd.	Franklin Park
St. Joachim	9035 S. Langley Ave.	Chicago

**High School Closures**

St. Martin de Porres HS (Coed)	250 E. 111th St.	Chicago
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**1997 Summary**

2 Elementary School Closures

1 High School Closed

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**1998**

**Elementary School Closures**

Our Lady Help of Christians	847 N. Leamington Ave.	Chicago
Our Lady of Sorrows	3141 W. Jackson Blvd.	Chicago
St. Adrian	7014 S. Washtenaw Ave.	Chicago
St. Anthony	11530 S. Prairie Ave.	Chicago
St. Basil	1824 W. Garfield Blvd.	Chicago

**Elementary Site Closure**

Our Lady of the Westside - Precious Blood Campus	2401 W. Congress St.	Chicago
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**1998 Summary**

- 5 Elementary School Closures
  - 1 Elementary Site Closures
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**1999**

**Elementary School Closures**

Assumption BVM/ St. Catherine of Genoa	11756 S. Lowe Ave.	Chicago
Our Lady of the Angels	3814 W. Iowa St.	Chicago
Our Lady of Peace	7847 S. Jeffrey St.	Chicago

**Elementary School Closing in the Formation of a Consolidation**

Immaculate Conception	4420 S. Fairfield St.	Chicago	Consolidated into Pope John Paul II Academy - building closed
St. Pancratius	2940 W. 40th Pl.	Chicago	Consolidated into Pope John Paul II Academy - building closed

**High School Closures**

Longwood Academy High School (Girls)	1309 W. 95th St.	Chicago
Archbishop Weber High School (Boys)	5252 W. Palmer Ave.	Chicago

**1999 Summary**

- 3 Elementary School Closures
  - 2 Elementary Buildings Closed to form a Consolidation or Merger
  - 2 High School Closures
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**2000**

**Elementary School Closures**

St. Martha	8535 Georgiana Ave.	Morton Grove
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**Elementary Site Closure**

Bridgeport Catholic Academy - North Campus	512 W. 28th Pl.	Chicago
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**2000 Summary**

1 Elementary School Closure  
1 Elementary Site Closure

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**2001**

**Elementary School Closures**

St. Columba	3340 E. 134th St.	Chicago
St. Emeric	4300 W. 180th St.	Country Club Hills
St. Hugh	4315 Joliet Ave.	Lyons
St. Isidore, The Farmer	12731 S. Wood St.	Blue Island
St. Leo the Great	7746 S. Emerald Ave.	Chicago
St. Simeon	501 Bellwood	Bellwood

**Elementary Site Closure**

Bridgeport Catholic Academy - West Campus	1040 W. 32nd Pl.	Chicago
Children of Peace - Holy Family	1029 S. May St.	Chicago
McKinley Park - St. Maurice Campus	3625 S. Hoyne St.	Chicago
Northside Catholic Academy - St. Gregory Campus	1643 W. Bryn Mawr Ave.	Chicago

**High School Closures**

Madonna HS (Girls)	4055 W. Belmont Ave.	Chicago
St. Barbara HS (Girls)	2867 S. Throop St.	Chicago

**2001 Summary**

6 Elementary School Closures  
4 Elementary Site Closures  
2 High School Closures

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**2002**

**Elementary School Closures**

Blessed Sacrament/ Our Lady of Lourdes	2130 S. Central Park Ave.	Chicago
Holy Innocents	1448 W. Superior St.	Chicago
Holy Name of Mary	1425 W. 112th St.	Chicago
Mary of Nazareth	15727 S. Emerald	Harvey
Mary Queen of Heaven	5300 W. 24th Pl.	Cicero
McKinley Park Catholic School	3540 S. Hermitage St.	Chicago
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	1102 N. 22nd Ave.	Melrose Park
St. Ambrose	1014 E 47th St.	Chicago
St. Clare do Montefalco	5450 Talman Ave.	Chicago
St. Denis	8300 St. Louis St.	Chicago
St. Gelasius	6358 S. Blackstone Ave.	Chicago
St. James	22410 S. Torrence	Sauk Village
St. James	2456 N. Mango St.	Chicago
St. Joseph	1065 N. Orleans St.	Chicago
St. Joseph	4831 S. Hermitage St.	Chicago
St. Michael	2315 W. 24th Pl.	Chicago

**Elementary School Closing in the Formation of a Consolidation**

Transfiguration	5044 N. Rockwell	Chicago	Consolidated with St. Matthias - Building Closed
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**High School Closures**

Lourdes High School (Girls)	4034 W. 56th St.	Chicago	Girls accepted at De La Salle West Campus
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**2002 Summary**

- 16 Elementary School Closures
  - 1 Elementary Building Closed to form a Consolidation or Merger
  - 1 High School Closure
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**2003**

**Elementary School Closures**

Our Lady of Mercy	4416 N. Troy St.	Chicago
St. Anne	16801 Dixie Highway	Hazel Crest
St. Eulalia	815 Lexington Ave.	Maywood
St. Lambert	8141 N. Kedvale	Skokie
St. Philip the Apostle	1980 Old Willow Rd.	Northfield
St. Thaddeus	9538 S. Harvard Street	Chicago

**Elementary Site Closures**

Pope John Paul II - Our Lady of Fatima Site	2744 W. Pershing Rd.	Chicago
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**High School Closures**

Good Council HS (Girls)	3900 W. Peterson St.	Chicago
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**2003 Summary**

- 6 Elementary School Closures
- 1 Elementary Site Closure
- 1 High School Closure

**2004**

**Elementary School Closures**

Holy Ghost	700 E. 170th St.	South Holland	Students accepted at Christ Our Savior
Our Lady of Knock	497 - 163rd St.	Calumet City	Students accepted at Christ Our Savior
Our Lady of Ransom	8300 N. Greenwood Ave.	Niles	
Queen of Apostles	14419 S. Atlantic St.	Riverdale	Students accepted at Christ Our Savior
St. Andrew the Apostle	331 - 155th Pl.	Calumet City	Building Reopened as Christ Our Savior - East Campus
St. Jude the Apostle	900 E. 154th St.	South Holland	Building Reopened as Christ Our Savior - West Campus
St. Mark	2510 W. Cortez St.	Chicago	
St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr	2318 N. Lorel Ave.	Chicago	
St. Victor	548 Price St.	Calumet City	Students accepted at Christ Our Savior

**High School Closures**

Holy Cross HS (Boys)	3000 N. 80th Ave.	River Grove	Students accepted at Guerin College Prep.
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**2004 Summary**

- 9 Elementary School Closures
- 1 High School Closure

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<b>Year</b>	<b>Elementary</b>	<b>Secondary</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Site Closures</b>
1984	11	0	11	0
1985	3	1	4	0
1986	6	0	6	0
1987	6	1	7	0
1988	5	3	8	0
1989	1	1	2	0
1990	18	1	19	3
1991	2	0	2	0
1992	6	0	6	0
1993	6	1	7	0
1994	10	1	11	0
1995	1	0	1	0
1996	4	1	5	0
1997	2	1	3	0
1998	5	0	5	1
1999	5	2	7	0
2000	1	0	1	1
2001	6	2	8	4
2002	17	1	18	0
2003	6	1	7	1
2004	9	1	10	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>10</b>