

### Union membership in the United States

This information on this chart comes from the United States Bureau of the Census. The Census Bureau also kept records of strikes by workers. In 1897 there were 1,110 strikes. In 1904 there were 2,186 strikes.

Examine the information in the chart. Can you find any kind of pattern in this information. This kind of pattern is called a **trend**.

Year	Union Members
1897	440,000
1898	467,000
1899	550,000
1900	791,000
1901	1,058,000
1902	1,335,000
1903	1,824,000
1904	2,067,000
1905	1,918,000
1906	1,892,000
1907	2,077,000
1908	2,092,000

- 1) Which year were there the most union members? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Which year were there the fewest union members? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Can you discover a pattern or trend with this information?

What is the pattern or trend?

- 4) Can you guess a reason for this pattern or trend? This kind of guess is called a hypothesis.

Extra-credit- Design and draw a line graph to show the information from this chart.