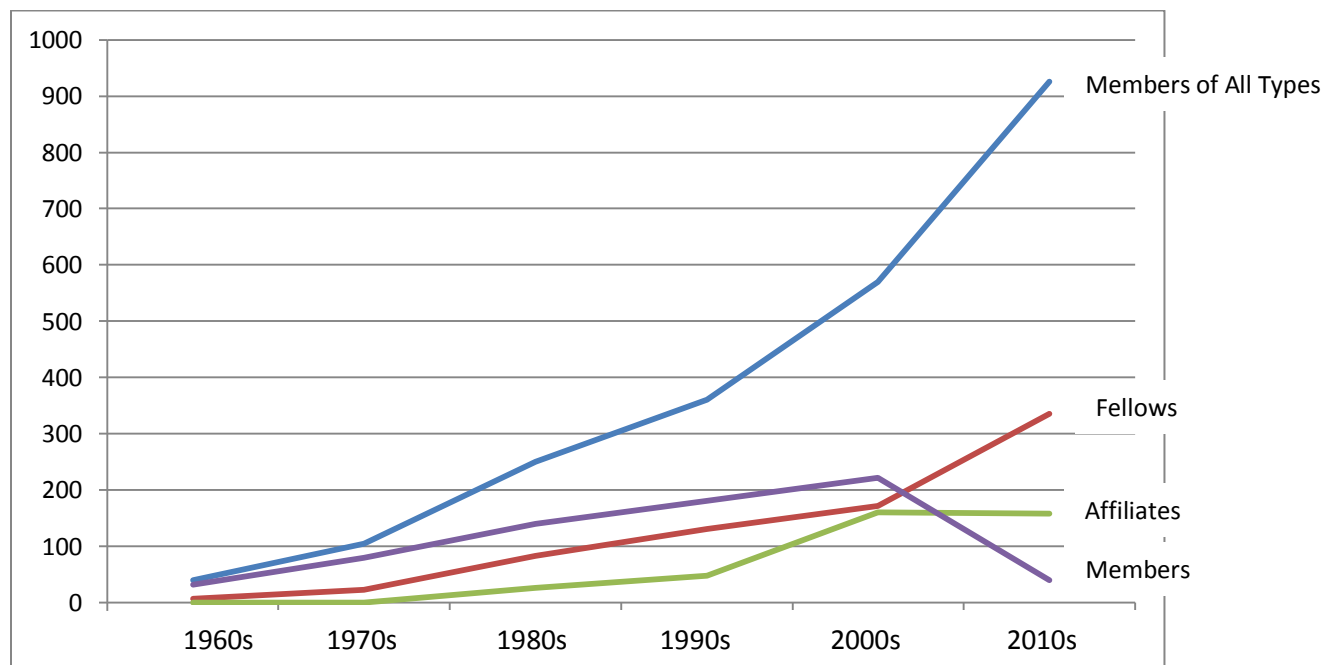


**Growth in NAME Membership, 1960s to Present**  
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Based on data I had on hand from when NAME was located in Atlanta, and on more recent data provided by NAME Executive Director Denise McNally, I have prepared the graphs below to indicate by decade the number of new members in each NAME membership category. Over the years, membership categories have changed and these will be discussed below.

**Figure 1. Number of Members who have joined NAME each Decade, Organized by Membership Category, 1960s to 2020.**

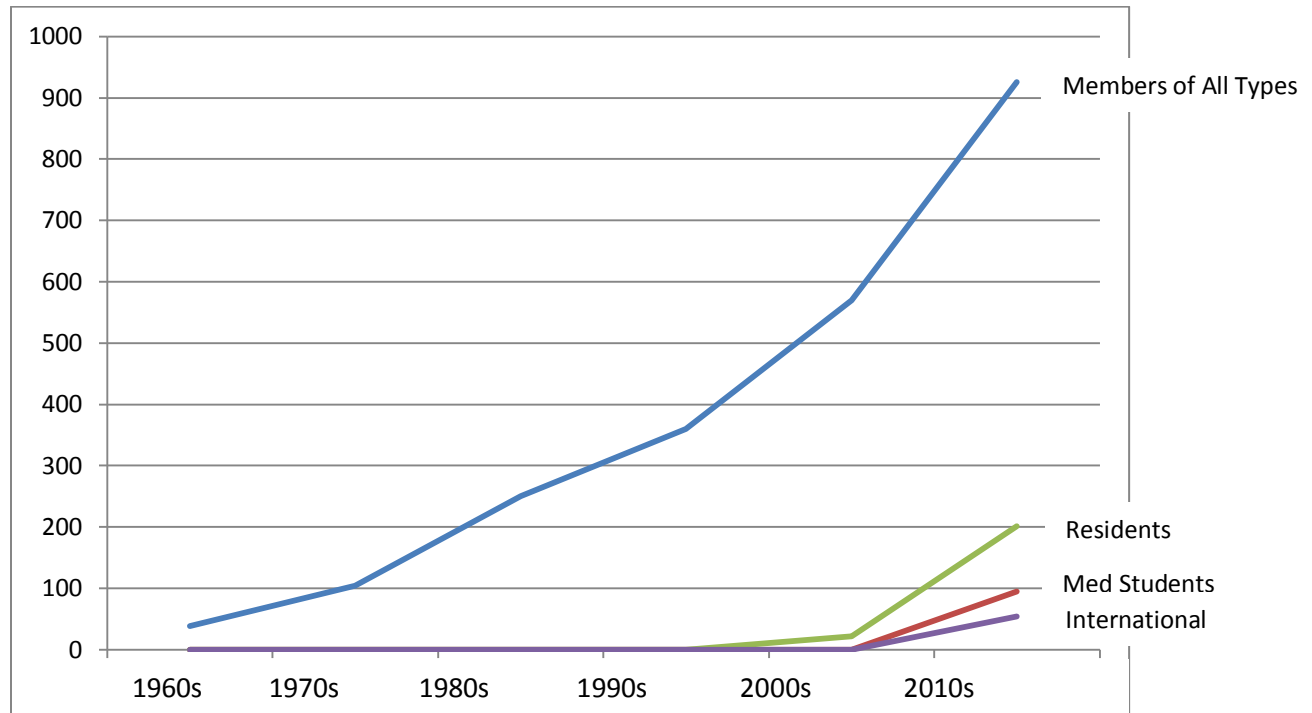


Over time, there have been some changes in how the various member classifications have been defined. In general, Fellows are Board Certified Forensic Pathologists. Members are physicians involved in death investigation who do not meet requirements for Fellow classification. Affiliates include Investigator Affiliates, Administrator Affiliates, Professional Consultant Affiliates, Support System Affiliates, and Trainee Affiliates.

Note that new member Fellows are increasing, Affiliates increased gradually and have levelled off, Members have decreased, and total new members of all types is increasing (See graph on next page). All members in the categories above pay annual dues of various amounts.

The decline in new "Members" is probably due to the fact that most new physician members who join NAME are, or soon will be Board Certified Forensic Pathologists, and hence, Fellows of NAME.

**Figure 2. Number of Members who have joined NAME each Decade, Organized by Relatively New Membership Categories, 1960s to 2020.**



In the last decade or so, new membership categories have been added to NAME. These include Resident, Medical Student, and International Corresponding Member.

Overall, data show that NAME membership continues to increase. At present, there are 1543 members of all types. Non-dues-paying members include Emeritus (93), Resident (223), Medical Student (95), and Fellows in Training (44) members, and these account for about 29% of all members. Thus, there are currently 1088 dues-paying members of NAME.

Since NAME was founded in 1966, 2249 people have joined NAME. With 1543 current members, 706 members have apparently been lost due to death, retirement, disinterest, career changes, or other reasons. However, that loss has occurred over a 54 year period, which means an average annual membership loss of about 13 members per year.