

AG U.S. MINISTERS REPORT, 2008

Credentials, Marital, and Ministry Status

By Gender

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Credentials Status	Female	Male	Total	
			#	% ²
Certified ¹	1,708	3,800	5,508	16.1
Licensed	2,487	6,336	8,823	25.8
Ordained	1,806	17,004	18,810	55.0
Specialized Licensed	729	308	1,037	3.0
Total	6,730	27,448	34,178	
Net change from 2007	228	79	307	
Percent of total ministers	19.7	80.3		

Marital Status ³	Female	Male	Total	
			#	% ²
Divorced	243	180	423	1.2
Married	4,500	25,713	30,213	88.4
Single	1,151	971	2,122	6.2
Widowed	836	584	1,420	4.2
Total	6,730	27,448	34,178	

Ministry Status ⁴	Female	Male	Total	
			#	% ²
Chaplains	61	521	582	1.7
Church Staff Members	1,941	5,482	7,423	21.7
Disabled	28	163	191	0.6
District Officials	0	183	183	0.5
Evangelists	170	860	1,030	3.0
World Missionaries ⁵	441	866	1,307	3.8
U.S. Missionaries ⁵	185	497	682	2.0
Pastors (senior) ⁶	475	11,069	11,544	33.8
Sectional Presbyters	11	620	631	1.8
Seniors (65 and older)	1,949	6,452	8,401	24.6
Senior active	616	2,474	3,090	9.0
Senior semi-retired	105	391	496	1.5
Senior retired	1,228	3,587	4,815	14.1
Teachers (AG colleges)	39	244	283	0.8

¹Previously known as Christian Workers.

²Percentages may not total 100.0 due to rounding.

³In 2008, there were 2,729 couples in which both were credentialed AG ministers.

⁴Individuals may be listed in more than one ministry category.

⁵Note that these are credentialed missionaries only, not total missionaries, which includes uncredentialed spouses.

⁶This number is inflated slightly due to misreporting. Also includes AG ministers who pastor non-AG churches. There are an additional 843 non-Council pastors who are senior pastors of AG churches.