

# AG USA CHURCHES, MEMBERSHIP, ADHERENTS, AND MINISTERS 1960-2016

<u>Year<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>Churches</u>	<u>Membership</u>	<u>Adherents</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
1960	8,233	508,602		
1961	8,273	514,317		
1962	8,302	514,532		
1963	8,409	543,003		
1964	8,452	555,992		
1965	8,443	572,123		
1966	8,506	576,058		16,505 <sup>2</sup>
1967	8,510	595,231		16,609
1968	8,570	625,660		17,026
1969	8,619	625,027		17,374
1970	8,734	645,891		17,864
1971	8,799	679,813		18,089
1972	8,871	710,071		18,527
1973	8,920	751,818		21,638 <sup>2</sup>
1974	9,019	785,348		22,290
1975	9,140	850,362	1,239,197	23,223
1976	9,208	898,711	1,302,318	23,712
1977	9,291	939,912	1,283,892	24,149
1978	9,410	932,365	1,293,394 <sup>3</sup>	24,920
1979	9,562	958,418	1,629,014 <sup>4</sup>	25,460
1980	9,773	1,064,490	1,732,371	26,428
1981	9,930	1,103,134	1,788,394	27,046
1982	10,173	1,119,686	1,879,182	27,841
1983	10,386	1,153,935	1,992,754	28,878
1984	10,582	1,189,143	2,036,453	29,399
1985	10,761	1,235,403	2,082,878	29,768
1986	10,886	1,258,724	2,135,104	30,204
1987	11,004	1,275,146	2,160,667	30,538
1988	11,123	1,267,696	2,147,041	30,552
1989	11,192	1,266,982	2,137,890	30,471
1990	11,353	1,298,121	2,181,502	30,524
1991	11,536	1,324,800	2,234,708	30,746
1992	11,689	1,337,321	2,257,846	30,893
1993	11,762	1,340,400	2,271,718	31,057
1994	11,764	1,354,337	2,324,615	31,300
1995	11,823	1,377,320	2,387,982	31,752
1996	11,884	1,407,941	2,467,588	32,314
1997	11,920	1,419,717	2,494,574	32,367
1998	11,937	1,453,907	2,525,812	32,337
1999	12,055	1,492,196	2,574,531	32,304
2000	12,084	1,506,834	2,577,560	32,310
2001	12,082	1,532,876	2,627,029	32,374

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2002	12,133	1,585,428	2,687,366	32,556
2003	12,222	1,584,076	2,729,562	32,732
2004	12,277	1,594,062	2,779,095	33,036
2005	12,298	1,612,336	2,830,861	33,553
2006	12,311	1,627,932	2,836,174	33,622
2007	12,362	1,641,341	2,863,265	33,871
2008	12,377	1,662,632	2,899,702	34,178
2009	12,371	1,710,560	2,914,669	34,504
2010	12,457	1,753,881	3,030,944	35,023
2011	12,595	1,755,872	3,041,957	35,483
2012	12,722	1,780,468	3,095,717	35,867
2013	12,792	1,805,381	3,127,857	36,434
2014	12,849	1,812,126	3,146,741	36,884
2015	12,897	1,817,450	3,192,112	37,068
2016	13,023	1,818,941	3,240,258	37,619

<sup>1</sup>We have estimated the calendar year closest to the reporting period for ease of comparative analysis.

<sup>2</sup>Ordained and Licensed only are reported through 1972; 1973 and later includes Specialized Licensed and Certified. (Specialized Licensed were transferred to Licensed in calendar year 2009.)

<sup>3</sup>No adherents data available; Sunday school enrollment used instead.

<sup>4</sup>Beginning in 1979 the source of data collection was changed to the Annual Church Ministries Report.