

AG U.S. FEMALE MINISTERS, 1977-2009

Year ¹	Number	Female Ministers % of “Total” Ministers ²	Ordained, Licensed & Special Licensed Ministers	Total Ministers (Including Certified Ministers)
1977	3,220	15.0	21,397	
1978	3,237	14.7	22,062	
1979	3,253	14.4	22,584	
1980	3,323	14.3	23,246	
1981	3,399	14.2	23,898	
1982	3,430	14.0	24,498	
1983	3,507	13.8	25,378	
1984	3,601	13.9	25,986	
1985	3,683	13.9	26,439	
1986	3,718	13.9	26,837	
1987	3,770	13.8	27,264	
1988	4,592	15.0		30,552
1989	4,511	14.8		30,471
1990	4,559	14.9		30,524
1991	4,604	15.0		30,746
1992	4,654	15.1		30,893
1993	4,722	15.2		31,057
1994	4,773	15.2		31,300
1995	4,861	15.3		31,752
1996	5,057	15.6		32,314
1997	5,120	15.8		32,367
1998	5,156	15.9		32,337
1999	5,225	16.2		32,304
2000	5,258	16.3		32,310
2001	5,335	16.5		32,374
2002	5,502	16.9		32,556
2003	5,688	17.4		32,732
2004	5,817	17.6		33,036
2005	6,100	18.2		33,553
2006	6,265	18.6		33,622
2007	6,502	19.2		33,871
2008	6,730	19.7		34,178
2009	6,932	20.1		34,504

¹ Reporting periods varied in the past until December 31, 1981, when we went to a calendar year (January 1-December 31) period. Prior to that time, the closest calendar year is estimated.

² Percentages are based on the *subtotal* of ordained, licensed, and specialized licensed ministers until 1988.