

AUSTIN CHAPTER AGO

CHURCH MUSICIANS' SURVEY 2005

▪ ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER – PART TIME

ABOUT YOU

Professional experience ranged from 15 to 52 years and the average was 25.4 years. 100% had bachelors, 100% had masters and 20% had doctoral degrees; 20% had AGO certification.

ABOUT YOUR CURRENT POSITION

The years at their current institution ranged from 1 to 20 with the average being 12 years.

Total years in their current position ranged from 1 to 14 years with the average being 6 years.

Hours per week ranged from 5 to 30 with the average being 15.25 hours. Hours per week spent in meetings ranged from 0 to 2 with the average being 1.2 hours per week.

Number of services per week ranged from 1 to 2. 20% of the respondents' churches had begun to offer contemporary or blended services since they began their current position. None had to learn new skills because of these nontraditional services. Total number of rehearsals per week ranged from 1 to 3 with the average being 1.8.

COMPENSATION

For those playing and directing 1 service per week, the salaries ranged from \$6344 to \$15,825 per year with the average being \$10,856 per year. For those playing 2 services or more per week, the salaries ranged from \$24,960 to \$29,250 with the average being \$27,105 per year.

Vacation ranged from 2 to 4 weeks per year with the average being 3.4 weeks per year. 20% reported receiving time off for continuing education and 20% receive assistance with their medical insurance.

Fees for funerals averaged \$100. Wedding fees ranged from \$175 to \$250 with the average being \$206. Extra rehearsal fees ranged from \$50 to \$88 with the average being \$58. Extra service fees ranged from \$50 to \$88 with the average being \$71.

ABOUT YOUR EMPLOYER

40% Lutheran
40% Episcopal
20% Baptist

Congregational membership ranged from 180 to 750 with the average being 397. Congregational budgets ranged from \$142,000 to \$679,000 per year and Music Budgets ranged from \$6830 to \$48,000 per year. Paid staff ranged from 4 to 9 and music staff ranged from 1 to 4. 80% have clerical support and 40% had staff reporting to them. 80% have contracts or letters of agreement with their employers.

Zip codes represented included 78704, 78731, 78736, 78756 in Austin and 78666 in surrounding areas.