

AUSTIN CHAPTER AGO

CHURCH MUSICIANS' SURVEY 2005

▪ ORGANIST – PART TIME

ABOUT YOU

Professional experience ranged from 1 to 60 years and the average was 33.75 year. 81% had bachelors, 56% had masters and 13% had doctoral degrees; 44% had AGO certification.

ABOUT YOUR CURRENT POSITION

The years at their current institution ranged from 1 to 34 with the average being 8.5 years.

Total years in their current position ranged from 1 to 17 years with the average being 6.125 years.

Paid hours per week ranged from 2 to 30 with the average being 12.71 hours. Hours worked per week ranged from 3 to 30 with the average being 13.13 hours. Hours per week spent in meetings ranged from 0 to 3 with the average being 1 hour per week.

Number of services per week ranged from 1 to 6. 50% of the respondents' churches had begun to offer contemporary or blended services since they began their current position. 13% 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 1.38.

COMPENSATION

For those playing 1 service per week, the salaries ranged from \$4800 to \$19,600 per year with the average being \$10,480 per year. For those playing 2 services or more per week, the salaries ranged from \$8382 to \$31,500 with the average being \$16,407 per year.

Vacation ranged from 2 to 4 weeks per year with the average being 3.21 weeks per year. 31% reported receiving time off for continuing education, 25% receive sick leave, and 19% receive assistance with their medical insurance. AGO dues are paid for 13% of the respondents.

Fees for funerals ranged from \$50 to \$200 and the average was \$113. Wedding fees ranged from \$110 to \$300 and the average was \$198. 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

31% Presbyterian
31% United Methodist
13% Lutheran
6% Episcopal
6% Roman Catholic
6% United Church of Christ
6% Christian Science
6% Baptist
(1 respondent serves 2 denominations)

Congregational membership ranged from 100 to 5000 with the average being 1100. Congregational budgets ranged from \$100,000 to \$2,000,000 per year and Music Budgets ranged from \$9000 to \$186,000 per year. Paid staff ranged from 4 to 68 and music staff ranged from 2 to 8. 75% have clerical support but none had staff reporting to them. 50% have contracts or letters of agreement with their employers.

Zip codes represented included 78701, 78703, 78704, 78705, 78722, 78723, 78731, 78749, 78750 in Austin and 78115, 78626, 78666, and 78945 in surrounding areas.