

**Table 7  
Descriptive Statistics on PC(USA) Ministers — 1996-2004**

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1996</b>
Ministers <sup>1</sup>	21,287	21,248	21,194	21,151	21,065	20,988	20,940	20,858	20,783
Active Ministers	13,786	13,804	13,845	13,935	13,989	14,053	14,171	14,271	14,384
Ordained Women <sup>1</sup>	4,430	4,308	4,152	4,015	3,853	3,693	3,545	3,379	3,202
Candidates <sup>2,3</sup>	1,427	1,371	1,294	1,215	1,182	1,340	1,255	1,265	1,288
Women Candidates <sup>3</sup>	761	733	675	650	629	674	649	627	639
Racial Ethnic Candidates <sup>3</sup>	210	246	242	238	223	244	224	220	215*
Ordinations	334	346	327	394	367	337	379	378	408
Received from other Denominations	73	104	76	87	58	66	92	57	85
Dismissed to other Denominations	29	21	24	16	20	27	28	27	31
Ministers Deceased	290	315	275	292	264	297	288	265	256
Ministers Removed from Office	62	66	73	58	73	57	82	78	76
Installations (Pastors, Associate Pastors)	729	705	777	804	798	836	774	771	409
Pastoral Dissolutions	622	619	612	751	756	837	703	742	403

\* Revised

<sup>1</sup> Includes retired ministers.

<sup>2</sup> Data are for “candidates under care” only, and do not include “inquirers.”

<sup>3</sup> Data supplied by the Office of Resourcing Committees on Preparation for Ministry. All other data supplied by the Office of the General Assembly.