

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) 2025 Statistics – Notes and Trends

As part of the Annual Statistical Report submitted to the 227th General Assembly is underway to be presented and approved by the assembly, the Office of Statistics and Rolls, in collaboration with Research Services, has prepared these Narrative Summary of the statistical numbers for 2025. We have pointed out the concrete numbers presented through the Annual Statistics Report, and our colleagues have given us a view into the trends of these numbers even going back a decade. This collaboration will provide further information after the General Assembly where we will be able to talk more about what this means for our denomination, our mid councils and suggesting possibilities on how to interpret these numbers and the trends.

Narrative Summary

- In 2025, PC(USA) membership declined, though at the slowest rate in a decade.
- The denomination continues to be shaped by an older age profile, with deaths outpacing other sources of membership change, while gains through transfers and professions of faith remain positive.
- Congregations are mostly smaller, but most members belong to a comparatively small number of larger churches. That have a significant large share of denominational membership.
- The financial picture was steadier than membership trends, as giving and total receipts per member held basically level with the prior year even as overall membership declined.

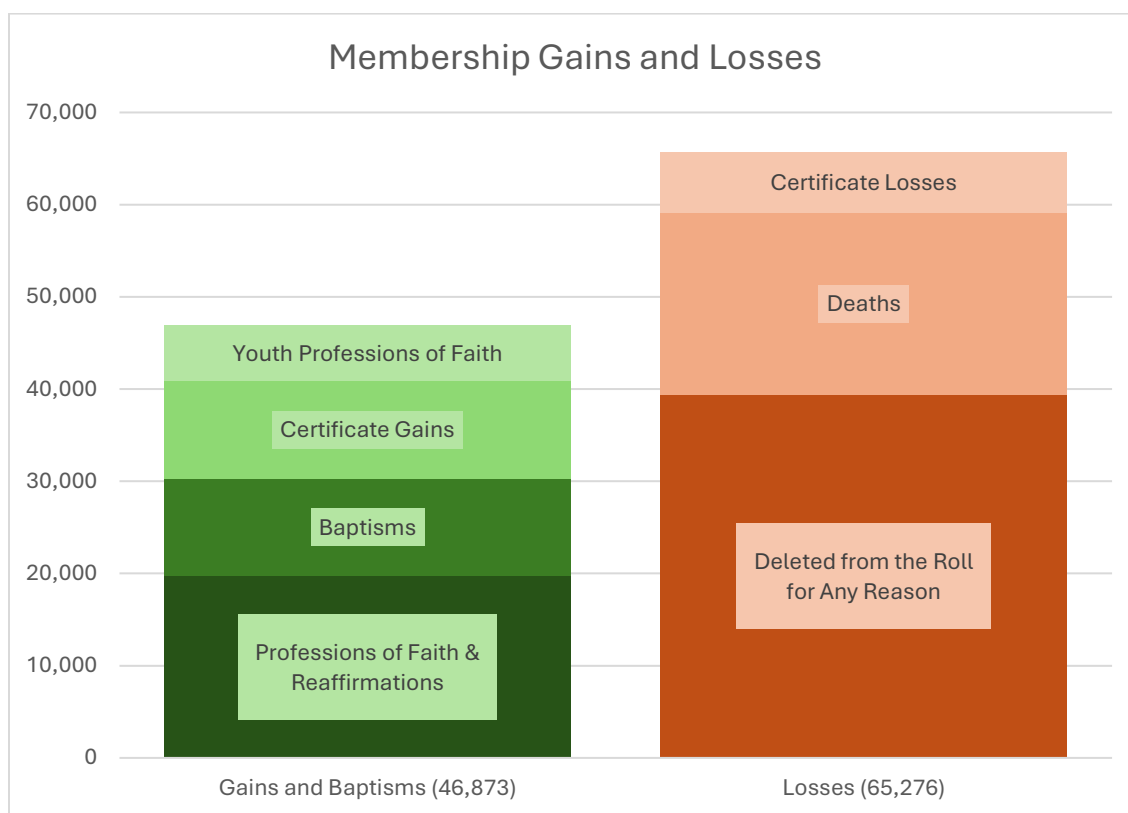
Overall:

Members and Churches Totals

- **In 2025, the total reported membership of PC(USA) was 1,019,003.**
 - It shows a loss of 26,845 members from 2024.
 - Declining membership numbers were expected, as the denomination has had consistently declining membership for over three decades.
 - The 2025 membership had a loss of about 2.6%, which is a significantly lower rate of loss than in recent years, where the average annual loss of the previous 10 years was - 4.6%.
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 - 128 fewer than in 2024, a decrease of -1.5%.
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- **Certificate transfers were positive for the third year in a row, with nearly 4,000 more certificate gains than losses.**
- **Youth professions of faith held steady, while adult professions and reaffirmations hit a three-year high.**
- **Losses due to death stayed steady relative to the total membership, and there were fewer roll removals compared to 2024.**
- **Baptisms were slightly down overall.**

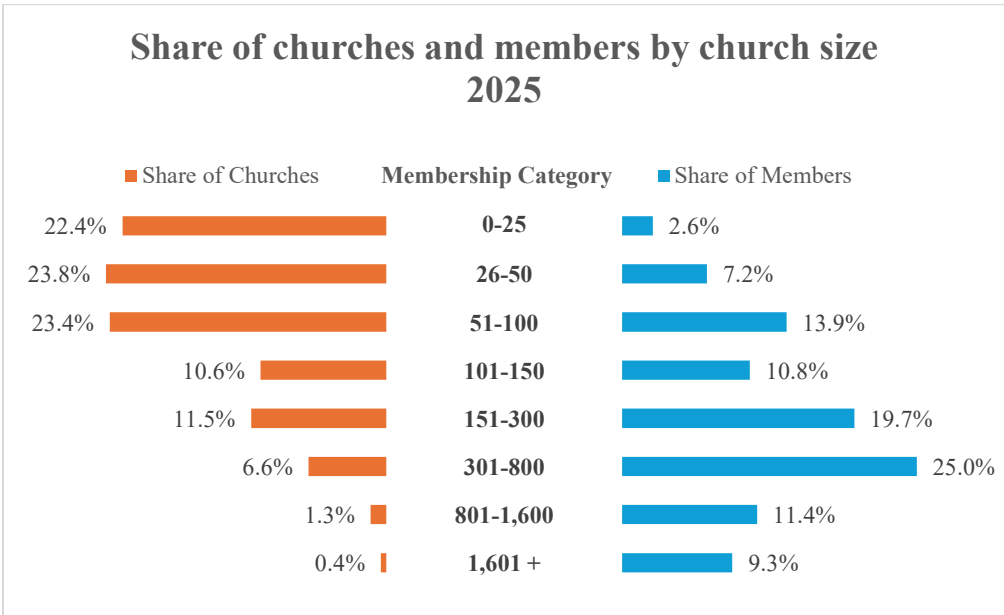


Ministers

- **In 2025, there were 17,520 ministers, a decrease of 222, or 1.3%, from 2024.**
 - The biggest factor in the loss was death, as the 350 recorded deaths was nearly 3 times the 128 ordained in 2025.
 - There was also a net gain of ministers by transfer, receiving 67 from other denominations and dismissing 33.
 - There were 44 removed from office.
- **Candidates preparing for ministry held steady at 658, and there were 1,092 commissioned ruling elders.**

Churches by size

- **Most churches are small, but most members attend larger churches.**
 - The combined membership of the 37 largest churches, 94,274, is almost equal to the total membership of all 3,832 congregations with 50 or fewer members combined, 98,990.
 - The median congregation has 53 members, meaning half of all congregations are that size or smaller.
 - About two-thirds of all members, however, belong to congregations of 151 or more.
- **The overall distribution of church sizes remains similar to previous years.**
- If we collapse the numbers into three broad categories, 100 and under, 101-300, and above 300, we see that:
 - The smaller churches with 100 or fewer members represent about 70% of congregations, they have about 24% of the total denominational membership.
 - The largest churches with over 300 members are only 8% of congregations but have 46% of denominational membership.
 - Finally, the middle category of 101-300 is about 22% of congregations representing 31% of total membership.

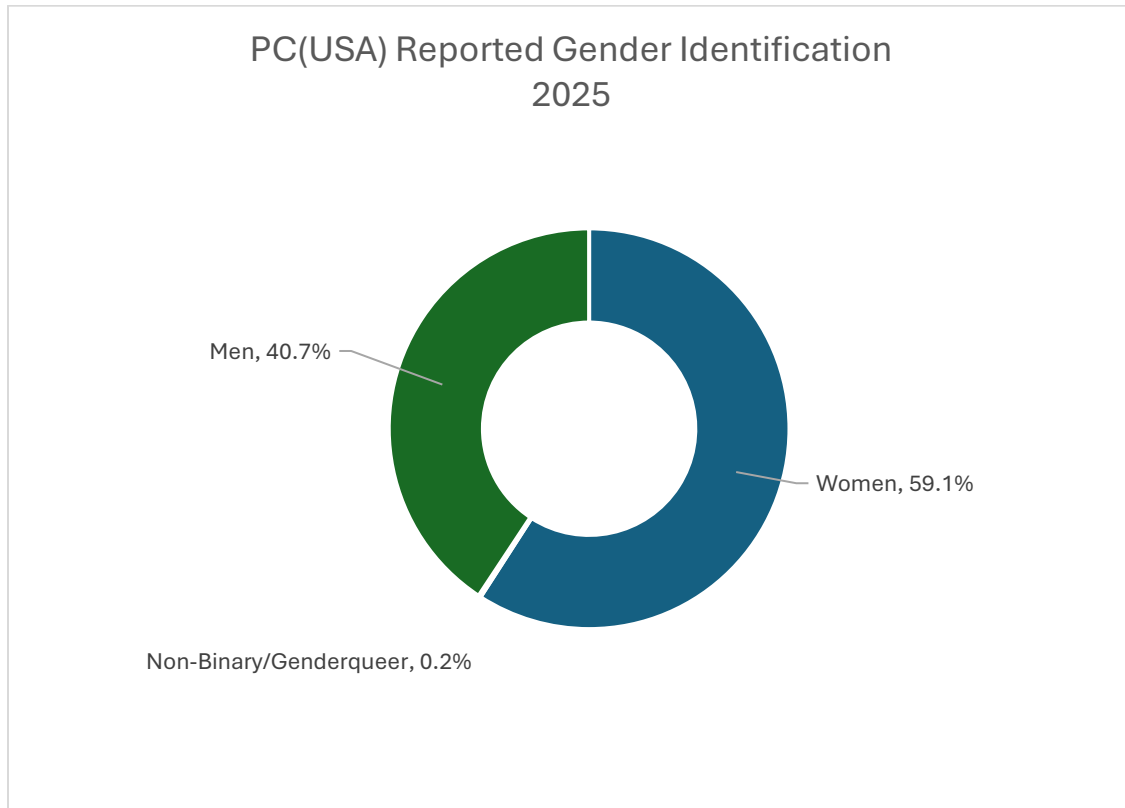


Member Demographics

The reported racial and ethnic, gender identity, and age demographics of members remain similar to recent years. While the percentage of congregations reporting demographics has declined from 2024, the proportions stayed almost the same.

- The most common reported gender identity remains women at 59.1%, followed by men at 40.7%.

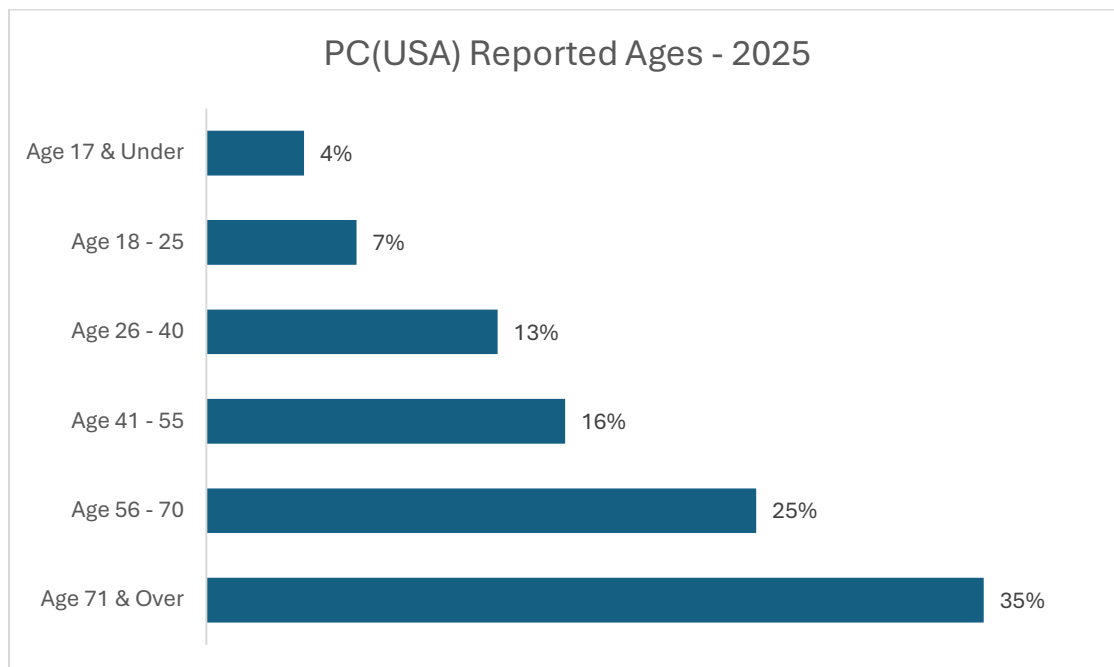
- Non-binary/genderqueer was reported as 0.2% of the denomination. In the chart below, the non-binary slice isn't visible due to the short percentage.



- **Looking at race and ethnicity:**
 - 3.5% of members are reported as Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian,
 - 4.8% Black/African American/African,
 - 1.8% Hispanic/Latinx.
 - Middle Eastern/North African and Native/Indigenous are each 0.3%,
 - 1.6% are reported as Multiracial.
 - White is the most common reported race, with 87.7% of reported members.

Racial Composition of Members		
	Reported	Percentage Reported
Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian	27,655	3.5%
Black/African American/African	38,315	4.8%
Hispanic/Latinx	14,690	1.8%
Middle Eastern/North African	2,068	0.3%
Native American/Alaska Native/Indigenous	2,375	0.3%
Multiracial	12,494	1.6%
White	696,856	87.7%

- **The reported age distribution remains the same as in recent years as the denomination is primarily older, with:**
 - 25% being aged 56-70 and 35% over 70.
 - Those 17 and under are only 4%,
 - Those 18-25 are 7%.
 - The middle age categories combined are about 29% of the denomination with 13% being 26-40 and 16% 41-55.



Finances

- **Total reported receipts for 2025 were \$3.376 billion, which is a 4.2% decrease from 2024. However, the average total receipts per member were \$3,313, essentially level with the \$3,370 per member in 2024 and above the \$2,635 reported in 2023.**
 - As is typical, regular contributions were the largest category of receipts at \$2.140 billion total, an average of \$2,100 per member.
 - Total reported expenditures were \$2.725 billion, which was a large 22.6% decrease from 2024. Most of this decrease was in capital expenditure and investment expense, which were down 54% and 48% respectively.
 - Reported per capita also dropped steeply and was 42% lower than in 2024.
 - Local program, the largest expenditure category, fell by a modest 6.3%.
 - Local mission was down 11.5% while other mission was only down 2.3%.

- **Reported receipts exceeded reported expenditures by \$651.6 million in 2025. This net positive comes from a steep drop in expenditure, particularly capital expenditure and investment expenses.**

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