

Ministry in America Today

Try the following quiz to see how well you understand the “figures” regarding your fellow ministers:

- _____ have been forced out of or fired from a ministry at least once.
(5% 10% 15% 25% 35%)
- _____ feel inadequately trained to cope with ministry demands.
(10% 20% 50% 70% 90%)
- _____ believe that pastoral ministry affects their families negatively.
(20% 40% 60% 80% 95%)
- _____ say they’ve experienced depression or burnout to the extent that they needed to take a leave of absence.
(35% 40% 45% 50% 55%)
- _____ have serious conflict with a church member at least once a month.
(20% 30% 40% 50% 60%)
- _____ admit to having an affair while in ministry.
(5% 10% 15% 20% 25%)
- _____ admit that internet pornography is a current struggle.
(10% 22% 37% 47% 62%)
- _____ do not have someone they consider a close friend.
(30% 40% 50% 60% 70%)

Which statistics surprise you most and why?

Which do you identify with most and why?

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Answers:

1. 25% 2. 90% 3. 80% 4. 45% 5. 40% 6. 20% 7. 37% 8. 70%