

Table 3.14A Youths Agreed or Strongly Agreed with Statements about Religious Beliefs among Persons Aged 12 to 17, by Demographic and Geographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2006 and 2007

Demographic/Geographic Characteristic	STATEMENTS ABOUT RELIGIOUS BELIEFS					
	Religious Beliefs Are a Very Important Part of Youth's Life		Religious Beliefs Influence Youth's Decision Making in Life		It Is Important for Friends to Share Religious Beliefs	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
TOTAL	19,069 ^a	18,734	16,919	16,819	8,684	8,585
AGE						
12-13	6,389	6,445	5,777	5,911	3,207	3,113
14-15	6,569	6,274	5,874	5,622	2,983	2,831
16-17	6,111	6,014	5,267	5,286	2,494	2,641
GENDER						
Male	9,433 ^a	9,218	8,369	8,336	4,332	4,267
Female	9,636	9,516	8,550	8,483	4,352	4,318
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE						
Not Hispanic or Latino	15,471 ^a	15,220	13,800	13,761	7,114	7,066
White	11,016	10,819	9,773	9,725	4,933	4,825
Black or African American	3,219	3,115	2,949	2,866	1,651	1,626
American Indian or Alaska Native	107	131	*	119	59	73
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	757	807	665	740	319	358
Two or More Races	283	292	243	263	116	156
Hispanic or Latino	3,597	3,514	3,119	3,058	1,570	1,519
COUNTY TYPE						
Large Metro	10,218	9,996	8,949	8,881	4,345	4,241
Small Metro	5,681	5,585	5,082	5,053	2,625	2,657
Nonmetro	3,170	3,153	2,888	2,884	1,714	1,687

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: Response categories for the questions on Religious Beliefs include "Strongly disagree," "Disagree," "Agree," and "Strongly agree." The estimates in this table correspond to persons reporting "Agree" or "Strongly agree." Respondents with unknown Religious Beliefs data were excluded.

^a Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

^b Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2006 and 2007.

Table 3.14B Youths Agreed or Strongly Agreed with Statements about Religious Beliefs among Persons Aged 12 to 17, by Demographic and Geographic Characteristics: Percentages, 2006 and 2007

Demographic/Geographic Characteristic	STATEMENTS ABOUT RELIGIOUS BELIEFS					
	Religious Beliefs Are a Very Important Part of Youth's Life		Religious Beliefs Influence Youth's Decision Making in Life		It Is Important for Friends to Share Religious Beliefs	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
TOTAL	77.0	76.1	68.3	68.4	35.1	35.1
AGE						
12-13	82.7	82.0	74.9	75.6	41.8	40.1
14-15	75.8	75.6	67.8	67.6	34.5	34.2
16-17	72.9	71.1	62.7	62.5	29.7	31.2
GENDER						
Male	74.8	73.6	66.3	66.7	34.5	34.3
Female	79.3	78.7	70.4	70.2	35.8	35.9
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE						
Not Hispanic or Latino	76.0	75.6	67.8	68.5	35.0	35.3
White	73.8	73.3	65.4	65.9	33.1	32.8
Black or African American	85.4	83.4	78.1	77.2	43.7	43.8
American Indian or Alaska Native	80.5	84.2	*	76.3	44.7	47.1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	75.0	81.1	66.3 ^a	74.3	31.5	36.3
Two or More Races	69.8	71.1	60.1	64.4	28.6 ^a	38.1
Hispanic or Latino	81.4 ^a	78.1	70.6	67.9	35.8	34.1
COUNTY TYPE						
Large Metro	76.6 ^a	75.0	67.1	66.7	32.6	32.0
Small Metro	76.5	77.4	68.4	70.1	35.4	36.9
Nonmetro	79.0	77.3	72.2	70.8	43.1	41.8

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: Response categories for the questions on Religious Beliefs include "Strongly disagree," "Disagree," "Agree," and "Strongly agree." The estimates in this table correspond to persons reporting "Agree" or "Strongly agree." Respondents with unknown Religious Beliefs data were excluded.

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