

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, 2017 and 2018

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	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
TOTAL	17,181 ^a	16,565	15,454 ^a	14,701	7,197 ^a	6,602
AGE GROUP						
12-13	5,812	5,651	5,297	5,058	2,454	2,351
14-15	5,918 ^a	5,544	5,208	4,932	2,475 ^a	2,236
16-17	5,450	5,370	4,949	4,711	2,267 ^a	2,016
GENDER						
Male	8,563 ^a	8,298	7,772 ^a	7,376	3,687	3,465
Female	8,618 ^a	8,268	7,682 ^a	7,326	3,510 ^a	3,137
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE						
Not Hispanic or Latino	12,890 ^a	12,376	11,580 ^a	11,084	5,509 ^a	5,138
White	8,587	8,237	7,657	7,317	3,692	3,450
Black or African American	2,633	2,526	2,425	2,286	1,236 ^a	1,064
AIAN	107	*	88	91	55	47
NHOPI	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	951	965	864	897	311	389
Two or More Races	535	471	476	431	175	156
Hispanic or Latino	4,291	4,189	3,874 ^a	3,617	1,688 ^a	1,465
COUNTY TYPE						
Large Metro	9,799 ^a	9,112	8,786 ^a	8,075	3,781 ^a	3,325
Small Metro	4,766	4,937	4,284	4,347	2,054	2,049
Nonmetro	2,616	2,516	2,384	2,280	1,362	1,228
Urbanized	1,077	956	965	851	554	454
Less Urbanized	1,321	1,279	1,219	1,180	688	627
Completely Rural	218	281	200	249	120	147

* = low precision; -- = not available; da = does not apply; nc = not comparable due to methodological changes; nr = not reported due to measurement issues.

NOTE: Respondents with unknown Religious Beliefs data were excluded from the respective analyses.

^a The difference between this estimate and the 2018 estimate is statistically significant at the .05 level. Rounding may make the estimates appear identical.

Definitions: Measures and terms are defined in Appendix A.

Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2017 and 2018.

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, 2017 and 2018

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	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
TOTAL	71.0 ^a	68.9	63.9 ^a	61.2	30.0 ^a	27.7
AGE GROUP						
12-13	78.0 ^a	75.6	70.9 ^a	68.0	33.4	32.0
14-15	71.5 ^a	67.9	63.0 ^a	60.5	30.1 ^a	27.5
16-17	64.5	63.8	58.6 ^a	56.0	26.9 ^a	24.0
GENDER						
Male	69.7	68.2	63.3 ^a	60.7	30.3	28.6
Female	72.4 ^a	69.6	64.6 ^a	61.8	29.7 ^a	26.7
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE						
Not Hispanic or Latino	70.1 ^a	67.8	63.0 ^a	60.9	30.2 ^a	28.3
White	67.1 ^a	65.1	59.8	58.0	29.0	27.4
Black or African American	81.3	79.0	74.8 ^a	71.3	38.5 ^a	33.4
AIAN	70.9	*	58.4	60.3	37.2	32.0
NHOPI	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	73.9	69.1	68.0	64.8	24.9	28.6
Two or More Races	66.2	61.8	58.7	56.4	21.7	20.4
Hispanic or Latino	74.1	72.3	66.9 ^a	62.3	29.4 ^a	25.5
COUNTY TYPE						
Large Metro	69.7 ^a	67.7	62.6 ^a	60.1	27.2 ^a	24.9
Small Metro	71.6 ^a	68.6	64.2 ^a	60.6	31.0 ^a	28.7
Nonmetro	75.4	74.0	68.7	67.0	39.4	36.3
Urbanized	72.6	69.2	65.0	61.6	37.7	33.0
Less Urbanized	77.4	76.6	71.5	70.5	40.3	37.8
Completely Rural	78.3	80.4	71.9	72.4	43.5	42.5

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