

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, 2011 and 2012

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	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
TOTAL	17,871	18,087	16,098	16,313	7,992	8,129
AGE						
12-13	6,093	6,315	5,549	5,704	2,883	2,965
14-15	6,089	6,046	5,466	5,486	2,709	2,660
16-17	5,688	5,727	5,083	5,123	2,399	2,503
GENDER						
Male	8,756	8,881	7,851 ^a	8,060	3,938	4,102
Female	9,115	9,206	8,247	8,253	4,053	4,027
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE						
Not Hispanic or Latino	13,852	13,912	12,632	12,654	6,345	6,415
White	9,581	9,561	8,671	8,661	4,330	4,448
Black or African American	2,789	2,826	2,607	2,607	1,406	1,319
American Indian or Alaska Native	94	117	86	109	54	65
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	841	825	791	779	359	342
Two or More Races	490	507	426	434	169	213
Hispanic or Latino	4,018 ^a	4,175	3,467 ^a	3,659	1,647	1,714
COUNTY TYPE						
Large Metro	9,412	9,670	8,405	8,613	3,882	4,020
Small Metro	5,617	5,439	5,088	4,924	2,599	2,540
Nonmetro	2,842	2,979	2,605	2,775	1,510	1,568

*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 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

^b Difference between estimate and 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2011 and 2012.

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, 2011 and 2012

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	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
TOTAL	73.5	74.4	66.3	67.1	33.1	33.7
AGE						
12-13	80.7	81.5	73.6	73.9	38.6	38.9
14-15	73.5	73.4	66.1	66.6	32.9	32.5
16-17	67.1	68.6	59.9	61.3	28.4	30.1
GENDER						
Male	70.9	71.7	63.5	65.1	32.0	33.4
Female	76.3	77.1	69.1	69.1	34.2	33.9
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE						
Not Hispanic or Latino	72.6	73.3	66.1	66.7	33.4	34.0
White	70.4	71.1	63.6	64.4	31.9	33.2
Black or African American	82.0	82.7	76.8	76.3	41.7	39.1
American Indian or Alaska Native	71.6	81.2	66.9	75.7	42.4	45.5
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	71.5	71.2	67.3	67.4	30.4	30.1
Two or More Races	70.5	71.1	61.1	60.7	24.4	30.1
Hispanic or Latino	76.9	78.0	66.8	68.6	31.9	32.4
COUNTY TYPE						
Large Metro	72.8	72.9	65.1	65.0	30.2	30.6
Small Metro	73.4	75.1	66.4	68.1	34.2	35.4
Nonmetro	76.3	78.1	70.0	72.3	40.8	41.2

*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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