

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, 2010 and 2011

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	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
TOTAL	17,720	17,871	15,849	16,098	7,755	7,992
AGE						
12-13	6,177	6,093	5,635	5,549	2,907	2,883
14-15	5,761 ^a	6,089	5,101 ^a	5,466	2,455 ^a	2,709
16-17	5,781	5,688	5,113	5,083	2,392	2,399
GENDER						
Male	8,763	8,756	7,828	7,851	3,994	3,938
Female	8,958	9,115	8,020 ^a	8,247	3,760 ^b	4,053
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE						
Not Hispanic or Latino	14,057	13,852	12,642	12,632	6,223	6,345
White	9,906	9,581	8,866	8,671	4,285	4,330
Black or African American	2,863	2,789	2,631	2,607	1,385	1,406
American Indian or Alaska Native	92	94	84	86	51	54
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	60	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	759	841	686	791	323	359
Two or More Races	377 ^b	490	323 ^a	426	144	169
Hispanic or Latino	3,663 ^b	4,018	3,207 ^b	3,467	1,531	1,647
COUNTY TYPE						
Large Metro	9,341	9,412	8,327	8,405	3,773	3,882
Small Metro	5,542	5,617	4,912	5,088	2,484	2,599
Nonmetro	2,837	2,842	2,610	2,605	1,498	1,510

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: Some 2010 estimates may differ from previously published estimates due to updates (see Section B.3 in Appendix B of the *Results from the 2011 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: National Findings*).

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 2011 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

^b Difference between estimate and 2011 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, 2010 and 2011.

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, 2010 and 2011

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	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
TOTAL	74.6	73.5	66.7	66.3	32.8	33.1
AGE						
12-13	81.4	80.7	74.0	73.6	38.5	38.6
14-15	73.1	73.5	64.9	66.1	31.4	32.9
16-17	69.9 ^b	67.1	61.8	59.9	28.9	28.4
GENDER						
Male	72.3	70.9	64.6	63.5	33.1	32.0
Female	77.0	76.3	68.9	69.1	32.4	34.2
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE						
Not Hispanic or Latino	74.0 ^a	72.6	66.6	66.1	32.9	33.4
White	71.7	70.4	64.2	63.6	31.2	31.9
Black or African American	83.0	82.0	76.0	76.8	40.3	41.7
American Indian or Alaska Native	73.4	71.6	66.2	66.9	40.2	42.4
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	89.1	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	74.6	71.5	67.7	67.3	31.7	30.4
Two or More Races	74.7	70.5	63.9	61.1	28.4	24.4
Hispanic or Latino	77.0	76.9	67.3	66.8	32.3	31.9
COUNTY TYPE						
Large Metro	73.5	72.8	65.5	65.1	29.7	30.2
Small Metro	75.5 ^a	73.4	66.9	66.4	34.1	34.2
Nonmetro	76.8	76.3	70.7	70.0	40.8	40.8

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