

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, 2012 and 2013

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	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
TOTAL	18,087 ^b	17,697	16,313 ^a	16,008	8,129 ^b	7,684
AGE						
12-13	6,315	6,085	5,704	5,534	2,965	2,800
14-15	6,046	6,087	5,486	5,486	2,660	2,571
16-17	5,727	5,525	5,123	4,988	2,503	2,312
GENDER						
Male	8,881	8,699	8,060	7,878	4,102	3,911
Female	9,206 ^a	8,998	8,253	8,131	4,027 ^a	3,772
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE						
Not Hispanic or Latino	13,912 ^a	13,610	12,654 ^a	12,393	6,415 ^b	6,019
White	9,561	9,330	8,661	8,486	4,448	4,195
Black or African American	2,826	2,696	2,607	2,516	1,319	1,236
American Indian or Alaska Native	117	125	109	106	65	66
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	825	888	779	786	342	304
Two or More Races	507	496	434	429	213	181
Hispanic or Latino	4,175	4,087	3,659	3,616	1,714	1,665
COUNTY TYPE						
Large Metro	9,670	9,458	8,613	8,472	4,020	3,719
Small Metro	5,439	5,381	4,924	4,915	2,540	2,441
Nonmetro	2,979	2,858	2,775	2,621	1,568	1,524

*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 2013 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

^b Difference between estimate and 2013 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, 2012 and 2013.

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, 2012 and 2013

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	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
TOTAL	74.4	73.3	67.1	66.2	33.7 ^b	32.0
AGE						
12-13	81.5	80.1	73.9	72.8	38.9	37.1
14-15	73.4	73.4	66.6	66.1	32.5	31.2
16-17	68.6	67.1	61.3	60.3	30.1 ^a	28.0
GENDER						
Male	71.7	71.0	65.1	64.1	33.4	32.0
Female	77.1	75.7	69.1	68.5	33.9 ^a	32.0
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE						
Not Hispanic or Latino	73.3	72.4	66.7	65.8	34.0 ^b	32.1
White	71.1	70.2	64.4	63.7	33.2 ^a	31.6
Black or African American	82.7	81.1	76.3	75.3	39.1	37.5
American Indian or Alaska Native	81.2	81.0	75.7	69.0	45.5	43.5
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	71.2	74.3	67.4	65.7	30.1	25.9
Two or More Races	71.1	68.2	60.7	58.6	30.1	24.8
Hispanic or Latino	78.0	76.5	68.6	67.7	32.4	31.4
COUNTY TYPE						
Large Metro	72.9	71.9	65.0	64.3	30.6 ^a	28.4
Small Metro	75.1	74.7	68.1	68.1	35.4	34.0
Nonmetro	78.1	75.8	72.3 ^a	69.5	41.2	40.6

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