

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, 2009 and 2010

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	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
TOTAL	17,911	17,742	16,059	15,889	8,116	7,845
AGE						
12-13	5,918	6,176	5,401	5,644	2,898	2,935
14-15	6,187 ^a	5,779	5,553 ^b	5,124	2,682	2,491
16-17	5,806	5,786	5,105	5,121	2,536	2,418
GENDER						
Male	8,816	8,771	7,964	7,847	4,094	4,038
Female	9,095	8,971	8,094	8,042	4,022 ^a	3,807
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE						
Not Hispanic or Latino	14,323 ^a	14,082	12,894	12,681	6,543	6,311
White	10,135	9,921	8,996	8,896	4,538	4,363
Black or African American	2,924	2,875	2,746	2,641	1,437	1,394
American Indian or Alaska Native	102	92	97	84	53	51
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	60	*	*	*	*
Asian	730	757	654	685	310	322
Two or More Races	366	377	333	322	167	144
Hispanic or Latino	3,588	3,660	3,164	3,209	1,573	1,534
COUNTY TYPE						
Large Metro	9,303	9,321	8,186	8,312	3,845	3,771
Small Metro	5,620	5,551	5,113	4,934	2,683	2,535
Nonmetro	2,989	2,869	2,759	2,643	1,588	1,539

*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 2010 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

^b Difference between estimate and 2010 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality (formerly the Office of Applied Studies), National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2009 and 2010.

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, 2009 and 2010

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	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
TOTAL	74.7	74.7	67.0	66.9	34.0	33.2
AGE						
12-13	82.4	81.4	75.1	74.2	40.5	38.9
14-15	74.0	73.2	66.4	65.1	32.3	31.8
16-17	68.9	70.0	60.6	61.9	30.1	29.3
GENDER						
Male	72.2	72.4	65.2	64.7	33.7	33.5
Female	77.2	77.1	68.8	69.1	34.3	32.8
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE						
Not Hispanic or Latino	74.0	74.2	66.6	66.8	34.0	33.4
White	71.7	71.9	63.8	64.5	32.3	31.7
Black or African American	82.3	83.0	77.1	76.0	40.6	40.4
American Indian or Alaska Native	80.6	73.4	76.4	66.2	42.3	40.2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	88.7	*	*	*	*
Asian	76.0	74.5	68.3	67.8	32.9	31.7
Two or More Races	71.3	74.6	64.7	63.8	32.6	28.5
Hispanic or Latino	77.7	76.9	68.4	67.3	34.2	32.3
COUNTY TYPE						
Large Metro	73.5	73.5	64.6	65.5	30.5	29.8
Small Metro	74.9	75.6	68.2	67.1	36.0	34.8
Nonmetro	78.3	77.1	72.3	71.0	41.9	41.5

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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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