

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, 2007 and 2008

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	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
TOTAL	18,734 ^b	18,266	16,819 ^a	16,497	8,585 ^b	8,176
AGE						
12-13	6,445	6,139	5,911	5,616	3,113	2,928
14-15	6,274	6,194	5,622	5,598	2,831	2,817
16-17	6,014	5,934	5,286	5,284	2,641 ^a	2,431
GENDER						
Male	9,218	9,101	8,336	8,285	4,267	4,165
Female	9,516 ^b	9,166	8,483 ^b	8,212	4,318 ^b	4,010
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE						
Not Hispanic or Latino	15,220 ^b	14,617	13,761 ^b	13,263	7,066 ^b	6,664
White	10,819 ^a	10,254	9,725 ^a	9,239	4,825	4,644
Black or African American	3,115	3,148	2,866	2,895	1,626	1,507
American Indian or Alaska Native	131	100	119	92	73	47
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	807	698	740	645	358	298
Two or More Races	292	339	263	317	156	135
Hispanic or Latino	3,514 ^a	3,649	3,058 ^b	3,234	1,519	1,512
COUNTY TYPE						
Large Metro	9,996	9,593	8,881	8,565	4,241	3,947
Small Metro	5,585	5,481	5,053	4,998	2,657	2,574
Nonmetro	3,153	3,193	2,884	2,934	1,687	1,655

*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 2008 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

^b Difference between estimate and 2008 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2007 and 2008.

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, 2007 and 2008

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	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
TOTAL	76.1	75.0	68.4	67.8	35.1 ^a	33.8
AGE						
12-13	82.0	81.6	75.6	74.7	40.1	39.3
14-15	75.6	74.8	67.6	67.6	34.2	34.1
16-17	71.1	69.4	62.5	61.9	31.2 ^b	28.6
GENDER						
Male	73.6	73.5	66.7	66.9	34.3	33.8
Female	78.7 ^b	76.6	70.2	68.7	35.9 ^a	33.8
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE						
Not Hispanic or Latino	75.6 ^b	74.0	68.5 ^a	67.2	35.3 ^a	33.9
White	73.3 ^b	71.1	65.9 ^a	64.3	32.8	32.4
Black or African American	83.4	85.6	77.2	78.3	43.8	41.0
American Indian or Alaska Native	84.2	76.2	76.3	69.9	47.1	36.9
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	81.1 ^a	73.9	74.3	68.3	36.3	32.1
Two or More Races	71.1	69.9	64.4	64.6	38.1 ^a	27.4
Hispanic or Latino	78.1	79.6	67.9	70.4	34.1	33.2
COUNTY TYPE						
Large Metro	75.0	74.0	66.7	65.9	32.0	30.5
Small Metro	77.4 ^a	75.0	70.1	68.7	36.9	35.6
Nonmetro	77.3	78.2	70.8	72.2	41.8	41.0

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