

**Table 3.14C Youths Agreed or Strongly Agreed with Statements about Religious Beliefs among Persons Aged 12 to 17, by Demographic and Geographic Characteristics: Standard Errors of 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 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                              | 97  | 102  | 102   | 104  | 114  | 112  |
| <b>AGE</b>                                |   |      |   |      |  |      |
| 12-13                                     | 130   | 122  | 125   | 114  | 82   | 78   |
| 14-15                                     | 128   | 125  | 119   | 118  | 82   | 76   |
| 16-17                                     | 119   | 118  | 110   | 111  | 77   | 72   |
| <b>GENDER</b>                             |   |      |   |      |  |      |
| Male                                      | 71  | 70   | 75  | 72   | 80   | 77   |
| Female                                    | 66  | 68   | 70  | 72   | 76   | 76   |
| <b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>           |   |      |   |      |  |      |
| Not Hispanic or Latino                    | 87  | 89   | 91  | 94   | 102  | 101  |
| White                                     | 186   | 185  | 171   | 172  | 114  | 114  |
| Black or African American                 | 116   | 114  | 106   | 107  | 73   | 67   |
| American Indian or Alaska Native          | 21  | 15   | 19  | 14   | 12   | 9    |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | *   | *    | *   | *    | *  | *    |
| Asian                                     | 58  | 52   | 55  | 50   | 35   | 34   |
| Two or More Races                         | 23  | 25   | 22  | 26   | 18   | 15   |
| Hispanic or Latino                        | 44  | 45   | 47  | 48   | 50   | 49   |
| <b>COUNTY TYPE</b>                        |   |      |   |      |  |      |
| Large Metro                               | 223   | 207  | 198   | 192  | 126  | 115  |
| Small Metro                               | 148   | 152  | 138   | 136  | 94   | 88   |
| Nonmetro                                  | 104   | 114  | 96  | 108  | 66   | 69   |

\*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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**Table 3.14D Youths Agreed or Strongly Agreed with Statements about Religious Beliefs among Persons Aged 12 to 17, by Demographic and Geographic Characteristics: Standard Errors of 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 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                              | 0.39  | 0.42 | 0.42  | 0.43 | 0.47   | 0.46 |
| <b>AGE</b>                                |   |      |   |      |  |      |
| 12-13                                     | 0.57  | 0.61 | 0.64  | 0.67 | 0.75   | 0.80 |
| 14-15                                     | 0.68  | 0.67 | 0.75  | 0.70 | 0.78   | 0.72 |
| 16-17                                     | 0.71  | 0.71 | 0.73  | 0.75 | 0.72   | 0.70 |
| <b>GENDER</b>                             |   |      |   |      |  |      |
| Male                                      | 0.57  | 0.56 | 0.60  | 0.58 | 0.64   | 0.62 |
| Female                                    | 0.55  | 0.57 | 0.58  | 0.60 | 0.64   | 0.64 |
| <b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>           |   |      |   |      |  |      |
| Not Hispanic or Latino                    | 0.43  | 0.45 | 0.45  | 0.47 | 0.51   | 0.51 |
| White                                     | 0.51  | 0.53 | 0.54  | 0.56 | 0.57   | 0.60 |
| Black or African American                 | 0.87  | 0.75 | 0.93  | 0.93 | 1.19   | 1.16 |
| American Indian or Alaska Native          | 3.03  | 4.60 | 4.00  | 4.66 | 5.59   | 3.65 |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | *   | *    | *   | *    | *  | *    |
| Asian                                     | 1.96  | 2.62 | 2.21  | 2.57 | 2.82   | 2.91 |
| Two or More Races                         | 2.62  | 2.77 | 2.82  | 2.79 | 3.31   | 2.58 |
| Hispanic or Latino                        | 0.98  | 0.99 | 1.04  | 1.03 | 1.12   | 1.08 |
| <b>COUNTY TYPE</b>                        |   |      |   |      |  |      |
| Large Metro                               | 0.59  | 0.62 | 0.62  | 0.64 | 0.67   | 0.65 |
| Small Metro                               | 0.65  | 0.73 | 0.72  | 0.72 | 0.85   | 0.84 |
| Nonmetro                                  | 0.85  | 0.78 | 0.92  | 0.87 | 1.05   | 1.02 |

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**Table 3.14P Youths Agreed or Strongly Agreed with Statements about Religious Beliefs among Persons Aged 12 to 17, by Demographic and Geographic Characteristics: *P* Values from Tests of Differences of Percentages, 2008 Versus 2007**

| 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 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                              | 0.0532  |      | 0.3199  |      | 0.0381   |      |
| <b>AGE</b>                                |   |      |   |      |  |      |
| 12-13                                     | 0.6277  |      | 0.3363  |      | 0.4729   |      |
| 14-15                                     | 0.3889  |      | 0.9958  |      | 0.9245   |      |
| 16-17                                     | 0.0915  |      | 0.5755  |      | 0.0080   |      |
| <b>GENDER</b>                             |   |      |   |      |  |      |
| Male                                      | 0.8482  |      | 0.7684  |      | 0.5938   |      |
| Female                                    | 0.0086  |      | 0.0817  |      | 0.0124   |      |
| <b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>           |   |      |   |      |  |      |
| Not Hispanic or Latino                    | 0.0055  |      | 0.0449  |      | 0.0496   |      |
| White                                     | 0.0015  |      | 0.0250  |      | 0.5750   |      |
| Black or African American                 | 0.0522  |      | 0.3910  |      | 0.1049   |      |
| American Indian or Alaska Native          | 0.1425  |      | 0.2992  |      | 0.1146   |      |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | *   |      | *   |      | *  |      |
| Asian                                     | 0.0322  |      | 0.0786  |      | 0.2851   |      |
| Two or More Races                         | 0.7485  |      | 0.9502  |      | 0.0114   |      |
| Hispanic or Latino                        | 0.3046  |      | 0.0924  |      | 0.5640   |      |
| <b>COUNTY TYPE</b>                        |   |      |   |      |  |      |
| Large Metro                               | 0.2332  |      | 0.3498  |      | 0.1069   |      |
| Small Metro                               | 0.0109  |      | 0.1721  |      | 0.2098   |      |
| Nonmetro                                  | 0.4644  |      | 0.2579  |      | 0.5498   |      |

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