

**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, 2018 and 2019**

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	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
<b>TOTAL</b>	16,565	16,300	14,701	14,417	6,602	6,538
<b>AGE GROUP</b>						
12-13	5,651	5,716	5,058	5,048	2,351	2,437
14-15	5,544	5,436	4,932	4,873	2,236	2,202
16-17	5,370	5,149	4,711	4,495	2,016	1,899
<b>GENDER</b>						
Male	8,298 <sup>a</sup>	7,986	7,376 <sup>a</sup>	7,130	3,465	3,454
Female	8,268	8,314	7,326	7,287	3,137	3,085
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>						
Not Hispanic or Latino	12,376	12,189	11,084	10,838	5,138	5,025
White	8,237	8,134	7,317	7,149	3,450	3,304
Black or African American	2,526	2,430	2,286	2,217	1,064	1,068
AIAN	*	116	91	*	47	65
NHOPI	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	965	911	897	819	389	339
Two or More Races	471	531	431	480	156 <sup>a</sup>	217
Hispanic or Latino	4,189	4,111	3,617	3,579	1,465	1,514
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>						
Large Metro	9,112	8,842	8,075	7,724	3,325	3,185
Small Metro	4,937	4,981	4,347	4,457	2,049	2,108
Nonmetro	2,516	2,477	2,280	2,236	1,228	1,245
Urbanized	956	1,020	851	909	454	496
Less Urbanized	1,279	1,161	1,180	1,056	627	578
Completely Rural	281	296	249	271	147	171

\* = low precision; -- = not available; da = does not apply; nc = not comparable due to methodological changes; nr = not reported due to measurement issues.

NOTE: Respondents with unknown Religious Beliefs data were excluded from the respective analyses.

<sup>a</sup> The difference between this estimate and the 2019 estimate is statistically significant at the .05 level. Rounding may make the estimates appear identical.

Definitions: Measures and terms are defined in Appendix A.

Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2018 and 2019.

**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, 2018 and 2019**

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	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
<b>TOTAL</b>	68.9	68.0	61.2	60.3	27.7	27.5
<b>AGE GROUP</b>						
12-13	75.6	74.4	68.0	66.0	32.0	32.1
14-15	67.9	66.5	60.5	59.5	27.5	27.0
16-17	63.8	63.6	56.0	55.7	24.0	23.6
<b>GENDER</b>						
Male	68.2 <sup>a</sup>	65.7	60.7	58.9	28.6	28.7
Female	69.6	70.4	61.8	61.7	26.7	26.3
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>						
Not Hispanic or Latino	67.8	67.5	60.9	60.1	28.3	28.0
White	65.1	65.2	58.0	57.6	27.4	26.7
Black or African American	79.0	76.5	71.3	69.4	33.4	33.8
AIAN	*	71.6	60.3	*	32.0	40.1
NHOPI	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	69.1	71.8	64.8	64.5	28.6	26.9
Two or More Races	61.8	59.8	56.4	53.9	20.4	24.2
Hispanic or Latino	72.3	69.8	62.3	60.8	25.5	26.0
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>						
Large Metro	67.7	67.7	60.1	59.2	24.9	24.6
Small Metro	68.6	67.2	60.6	60.1	28.7	28.6
Nonmetro	74.0	71.3	67.0	64.7	36.3	36.2
Urbanized	69.2	69.4	61.6	62.4	33.0	34.0
Less Urbanized	76.6 <sup>a</sup>	72.0	70.5	65.7	37.8	36.2
Completely Rural	80.4	75.6	72.4	68.9	42.5	44.4

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