

**Table 3.14A Agreed or Strongly Agreed with Statements about Religious Beliefs: Among People Aged 12 to 17; by Demographic and Geographic Characteristics, Numbers in Thousands, 2019 and 2020**

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	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
<b>TOTAL</b>	16,300	<i>16,426</i>	14,417	<i>14,390</i>	6,538	<i>6,285</i>
<b>AGE GROUP</b>						
12-13	5,716	<i>5,718</i>	5,048	<i>4,895</i>	2,437	<i>2,388</i>
14-15	5,436	<i>5,668</i>	4,873	<i>5,100</i>	2,202	<i>1,990</i>
16-17	5,149	<i>5,040</i>	4,495	<i>4,395</i>	1,899	<i>1,906</i>
<b>GENDER</b>						
Male	7,986	<i>8,335</i>	7,130	<i>7,303</i>	3,454	<i>3,326</i>
Female	8,314	<i>8,091</i>	7,287	<i>7,086</i>	3,085	<i>2,959</i>
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>						
Not Hispanic or Latino	12,189	<i>12,011</i>	10,838	<i>10,759</i>	5,025	<i>4,675</i>
White	8,134	<i>7,841</i>	7,149	<i>6,990</i>	3,304	<i>3,220</i>
Black or African American	2,430	<i>2,465</i>	2,217	<i>2,363</i>	1,068	<i>851</i>
AIAN	116	*	*	*	65	*
NHOPI	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	911	<i>1,290</i>	819	<i>1,004</i>	339	<i>409</i>
Two or More Races	531	<i>310</i>	480	<i>305</i>	217	<i>154</i>
Hispanic or Latino	4,111	<i>4,415</i>	3,579	<i>3,631</i>	1,514	<i>1,609</i>
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>						
Large Metro	8,842	<i>8,943</i>	7,724	<i>7,639</i>	3,185	<i>3,263</i>
Small Metro	4,981	<i>5,308</i>	4,457	<i>4,697</i>	2,108	<i>1,941</i>
Nonmetro	2,477	<i>2,176</i>	2,236	<i>2,054</i>	1,245	<i>1,081</i>
Urbanized	1,020	<i>849</i>	909	<i>764</i>	496	<i>426</i>
Less Urbanized	1,161	<i>1,140</i>	1,056	<i>1,123</i>	578	<i>600</i>
Completely Rural	296	*	271	*	171	*

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

NOTE: Estimates in the 2020 column are italicized to indicate caution should be used when comparing estimates between 2020 and prior years because of methodological changes for 2020. Due to these changes, significance testing between 2020 and prior years was not performed. See the *2020 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Methodological Summary and Definitions* for details.

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

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, 2019 and Quarters 1 and 4, 2020.

**Table 3.14B Agreed or Strongly Agreed with Statements about Religious Beliefs: Among People Aged 12 to 17; by Demographic and Geographic Characteristics, Percentages, 2019 and 2020**

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	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
<b>TOTAL</b>	68.0	<i>67.1</i>	60.3	<i>58.9</i>	27.5	<i>25.8</i>
<b>AGE GROUP</b>						
12-13	74.4	<i>69.7</i>	66.0	<i>59.6</i>	32.1	<i>29.4</i>
14-15	66.5	<i>67.1</i>	59.5	<i>60.5</i>	27.0	<i>23.6</i>
16-17	63.6	<i>64.5</i>	55.7	<i>56.4</i>	23.6	<i>24.5</i>
<b>GENDER</b>						
Male	65.7	<i>67.2</i>	58.9	<i>58.8</i>	28.7	<i>26.9</i>
Female	70.4	<i>67.1</i>	61.7	<i>59.0</i>	26.3	<i>24.8</i>
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>						
Not Hispanic or Latino	67.5	<i>65.6</i>	60.1	<i>58.7</i>	28.0	<i>25.6</i>
White	65.2	<i>62.4</i>	57.6	<i>55.3</i>	26.7	<i>25.6</i>
Black or African American	76.5	<i>80.4</i>	69.4	<i>77.5</i>	33.8	<i>28.2</i>
AIAN	71.6	*	*	*	40.1	*
NHOPI	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	71.8	<i>70.1</i>	64.5	<i>55.8</i>	26.9	<i>22.6</i>
Two or More Races	59.8	<i>52.3</i>	53.9	<i>50.6</i>	24.2	<i>25.7</i>
Hispanic or Latino	69.8	<i>71.8</i>	60.8	<i>59.4</i>	26.0	<i>26.6</i>
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>						
Large Metro	67.7	<i>64.7</i>	59.2	<i>55.5</i>	24.6	<i>23.8</i>
Small Metro	67.2	<i>70.6</i>	60.1	<i>62.4</i>	28.6	<i>26.0</i>
Nonmetro	71.3	<i>69.6</i>	64.7	<i>65.4</i>	36.2	<i>34.6</i>
Urbanized	69.4	<i>65.9</i>	62.4	<i>59.0</i>	34.0	<i>32.9</i>
Less Urbanized	72.0	<i>72.1</i>	65.7	<i>70.5</i>	36.2	<i>38.2</i>
Completely Rural	75.6	*	68.9	*	44.4	*

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