



The ReligiousInsite Report 2017

Prepared for: Michigan District LCMS
Study area: 3.5 mi Around 20805 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills, MI, USA

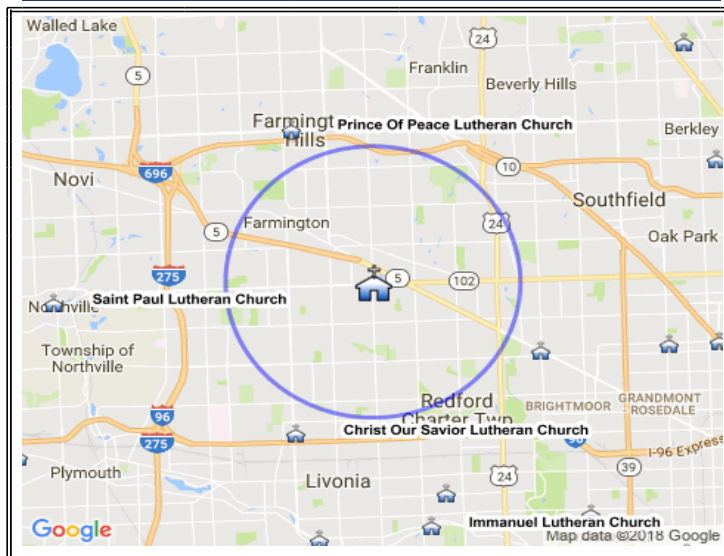
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About the NEW ReligiousInsite Report

The Quadrennium Project provides a projection of likely religious beliefs, preferences and practices for a defined study area. It is based upon the Quadrennium Project national survey conducted by MissionInsite every five (5) years. While general religious data is available through various organizations, only MissionInsite can provide local geography projections that are current. This report is based upon the 2017 Quadrennium Survey; the most recent following the initial 2012 survey.

There are two reports in the Quadrennium Survey series for 2017. The first report is called ReligiousInsite. It provides insights into community beliefs and religious preferences. The second report is called MinistryInsite. The focus of this report is on practical applications of the 2017 survey. It includes life concerns, reasons for non-participation or considered non-participation in a religious congregation or community and a list of preferred ministries or programs--all of which is based upon the very specific profile of the study area. One final innovation for this survey version is the "Priority Lists". Using MissionInsite analytics, very customized priority lists zoom the reader right into the heart of study area concerns, program and ministry preferences and more.

The Study Area



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How to Read the Different Report Types

Four windows into the respondent's answers to the Quadrennium Survey.

- Window #1:** Reveals the detailed responses across all options
- Window #2:** In most cases, compares the study area responses to national average responses on survey questions or statements. (See last page for additional aid in interpretation.)
- Window #3:** Where possible, this window compares data between the 2012 and 2017 surveys. It reveals potential trends.
- Window #4:** Available only on certain topics, after applying some analytics, this window provides prioritized lists of the topic.

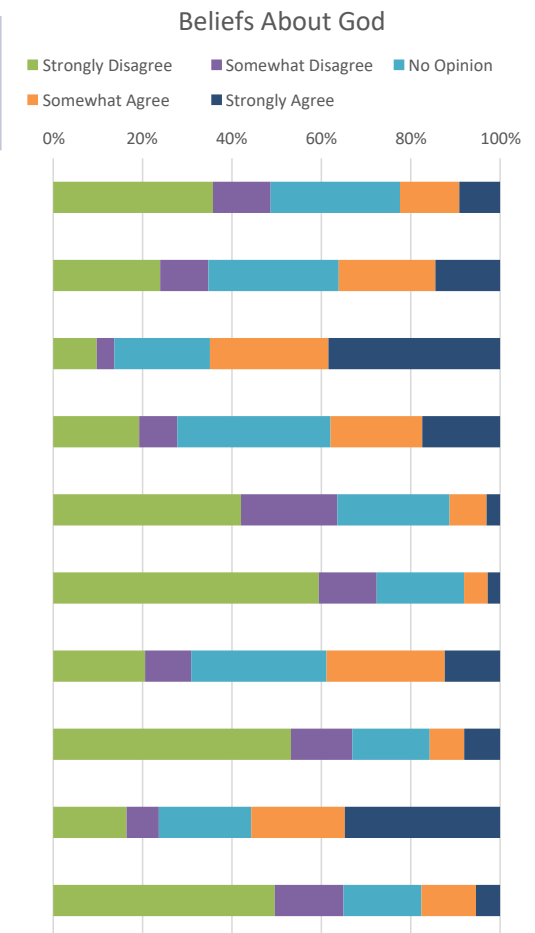
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Beliefs about God

Beliefs about God held by people are very diverse. These statements express the likely views held by people within this study area on a range of beliefs. Ideas range from well defined monotheism to loosely defined polytheism.

Beliefs About God					
Study Area Detail	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	No Opinion	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
Everyone and everything is god	35.7%	12.9%	28.9%	13.3%	9.1%
God is a higher state of consciousness that people may achieve	23.9%	10.8%	29.2%	21.6%	14.5%
God is love and invites the world into a loving relationship	9.7%	3.9%	21.4%	26.5%	38.4%
God is the full realization of human potential	19.2%	8.5%	34.3%	20.5%	17.4%
I believe God created the world but takes no further part in it	42.0%	21.6%	25.1%	8.3%	3.0%
I believe in more than one god, i.e. many gods	59.4%	13.0%	19.5%	5.3%	2.8%
I believe in Nature and/or spirits in Nature	20.6%	10.3%	30.3%	26.5%	12.4%
I don't believe a god exists; the material universe is all that is	53.2%	13.7%	17.3%	7.7%	8.0%
I have a personal relationship with one living God, who is Lord and Savior	16.4%	7.2%	20.7%	21.0%	34.8%
I'm unsure/undecided about whether a god exists	49.6%	15.4%	17.5%	12.2%	5.4%



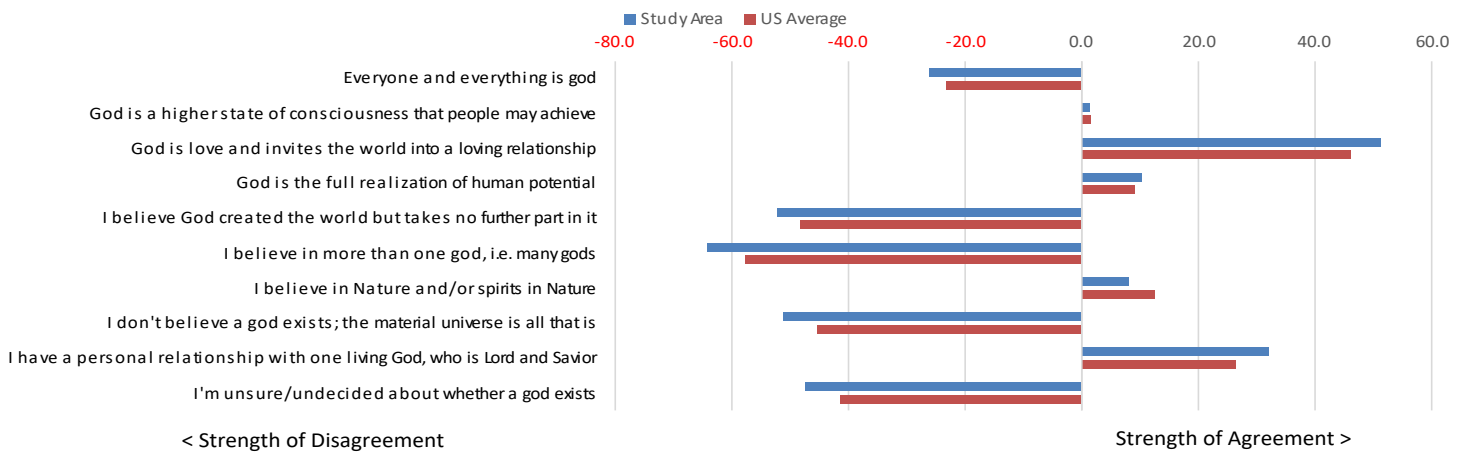
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Beliefs About God

Study Area Compared to National Average	Study Area			US Average			Comparative Index	
	All Disagree	All Agree	Distance	All Disagree	All Agree	Distance	Disagree	Agree
	Everyone and everything is god	48.6%	22.4%	-26.2	46.3%	23.1%	-23.2	105
God is a higher state of consciousness that people may achieve	34.7%	36.1%	1.4	33.7%	35.3%	1.6	103	102
God is love and invites the world into a loving relationship	13.7%	64.9%	51.3	15.1%	61.1%	46.1	91	106
God is the full realization of human potential	27.8%	37.9%	10.2	28.3%	37.4%	9.1	98	101
I believe God created the world but takes no further part in it	63.6%	11.3%	-52.3	60.4%	12.1%	-48.3	105	94
I believe in more than one god, i.e. many gods	72.4%	8.1%	-64.3	67.3%	9.5%	-57.8	108	85
I believe in Nature and/or spirits in Nature	30.9%	38.8%	8.0	27.9%	40.4%	12.5	111	96
I don't believe a god exists; the material universe is all that is	66.9%	15.8%	-51.2	62.4%	17.0%	-45.3	107	92
I have a personal relationship with one living God, who is Lord and Savior	23.6%	55.7%	32.1	25.5%	51.9%	26.4	93	107
I'm unsure/undecided about whether a god exists	64.9%	17.6%	-47.4	60.4%	19.1%	-41.4	107	92

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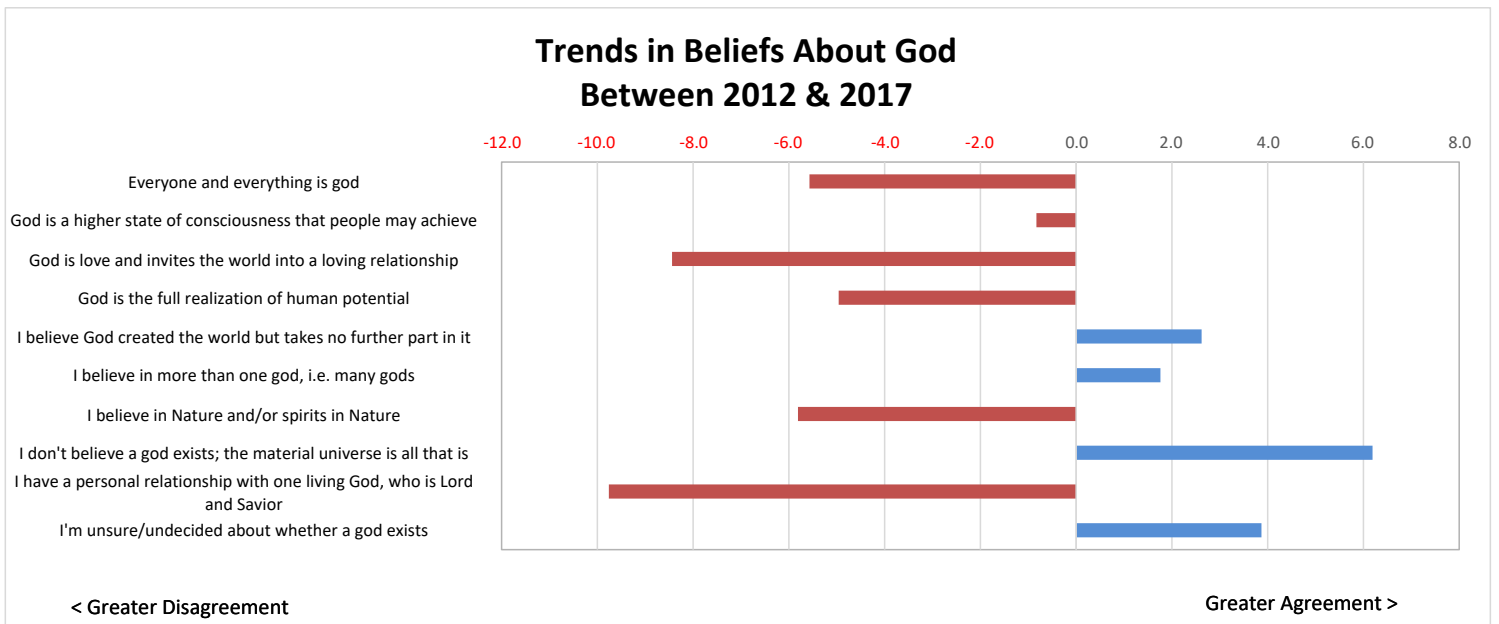
Direction and Strength of Beliefs About God Compared to National Average



Hint: This chart visualizes a comparison of the study area to the national average. It also reveals the strength of the direction of the belief. Whether positive or negative, the longer the bars, the greater the agreement or disagreement. It is calculated by deriving the distance between the percentages agree versus disagree.

Study Area Comparison between 2012 & 2017	Beliefs About God								
	2012			2017			Change Between Surveys		
	All Disagree	No Opinion	All Agree	All Disagree	No Opinion	All Agree	All Disagree	No Opinion	All Agree
Everyone and everything is god	44.1%	27.9%	28.0%	48.6%	28.9%	22.4%	4.5	1.1	-5.6
God is a higher state of consciousness that people may achieve	32.7%	30.4%	36.9%	34.7%	29.2%	36.1%	2.1	-1.2	-0.8
God is love and invites the world into a loving relationship	8.2%	18.4%	73.4%	13.7%	21.4%	64.9%	5.4	3.0	-8.4
God is the full realization of human potential	24.1%	33.0%	42.9%	27.8%	34.3%	37.9%	3.6	1.3	-5.0
I believe God created the world but takes no further part in it	68.9%	22.4%	8.7%	63.6%	25.1%	11.3%	-5.3	2.7	2.6
I believe in more than one god, i.e. many gods	76.3%	17.4%	6.3%	72.4%	19.5%	8.1%	-3.9	2.1	1.8
I believe in Nature and/or spirits in Nature	27.5%	27.9%	44.6%	30.9%	30.3%	38.8%	3.4	2.4	-5.8
I don't believe a god exists; the material universe is all that is	77.6%	12.9%	9.6%	66.9%	17.3%	15.8%	-10.7	4.4	6.2
I have a personal relationship with one living God, who is Lord and Savior	16.6%	17.9%	65.5%	23.6%	20.7%	55.7%	7.0	2.8	-9.8
I'm unsure/undecided about whether a god exists	73.0%	13.3%	13.7%	64.9%	17.5%	17.6%	-8.0	4.1	3.9

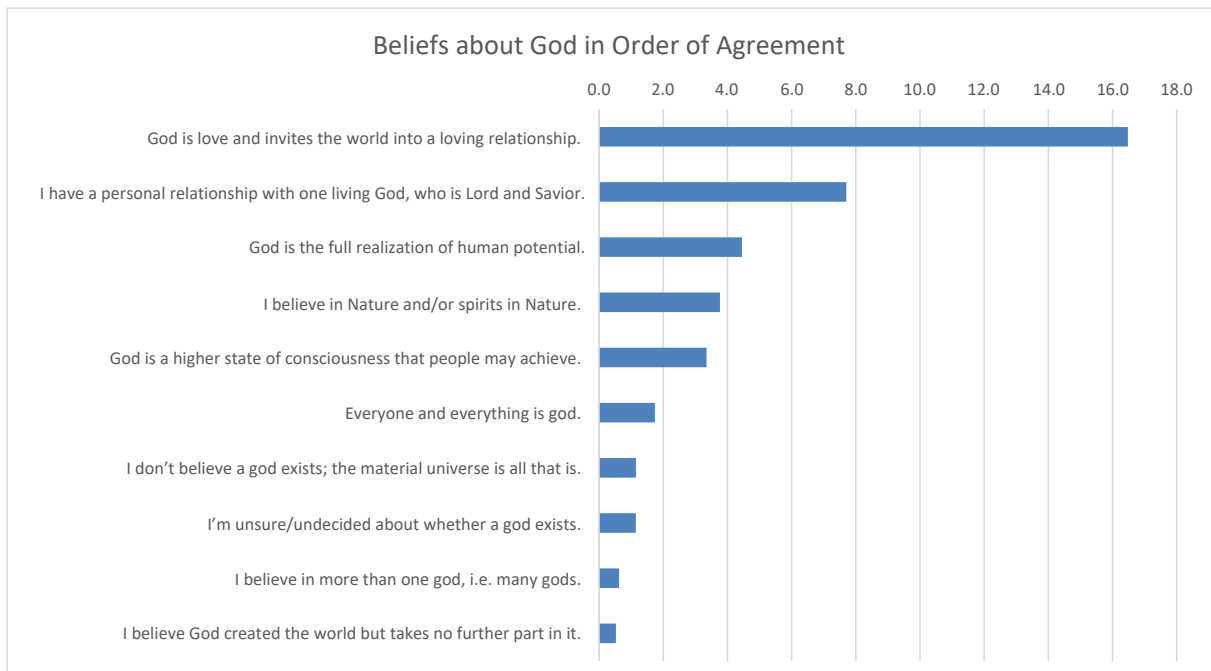
This report compares the answers on these belief statements between the 2012 and 2017 Quadrennium© surveys. These data will provide a sense of the changing trends on these social and moral belief statements, if any. In the chart that follows, the distance between the 2012 and 2017 agree statements is visualized. The longer the bar, either positive or negative the greater the shift on agreement. This provides a glimpse into changes on these issues between the two surveys.



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Beliefs about God in Rank Order

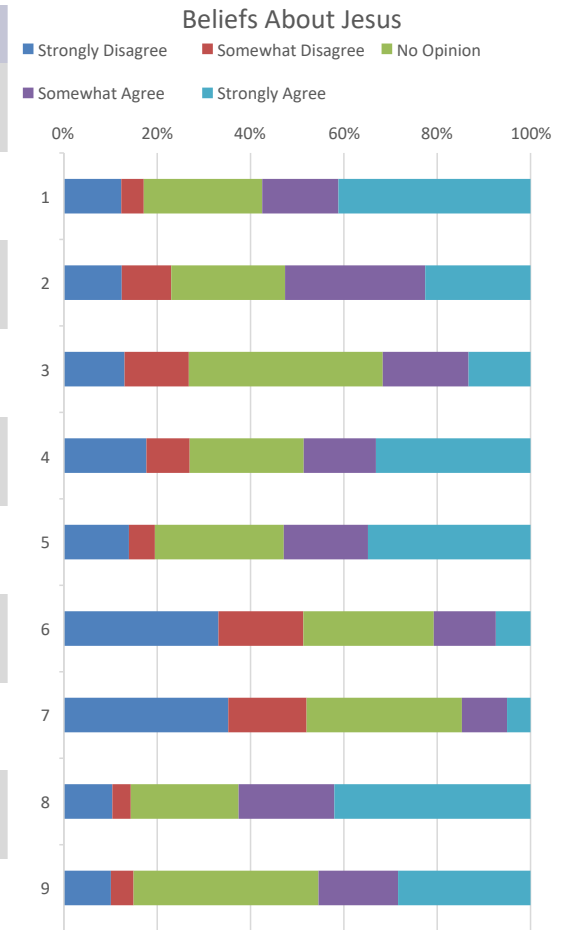
Ranking	Concern	Ratio	Strength
1	God is love and invites the world into a loving relationship.	16.5	Very strong agreement
2	I have a personal relationship with one living God, who is Lord and Savior.	7.7	Very strong agreement
3	God is the full realization of human potential.	4.5	Somewhat strong agreement
4	I believe in Nature and/or spirits in Nature.	3.8	Somewhat strong agreement
5	God is a higher state of consciousness that people may achieve.	3.3	Somewhat strong agreement
6	Everyone and everything is god.	1.7	Weak agreement
7	I don't believe a god exists; the material universe is all that is.	1.1	Weak agreement
8	I'm unsure/undecided about whether a god exists.	1.1	Weak agreement
9	I believe in more than one god, i.e. many gods.	0.6	Very weak agreement
10	I believe God created the world but takes no further part in it.	0.5	Very weak agreement



Beliefs about Jesus

Jesus is a person of interest to many people, but what they think about who he was and what he did varies. These statements express the likely views held by people within this study area.

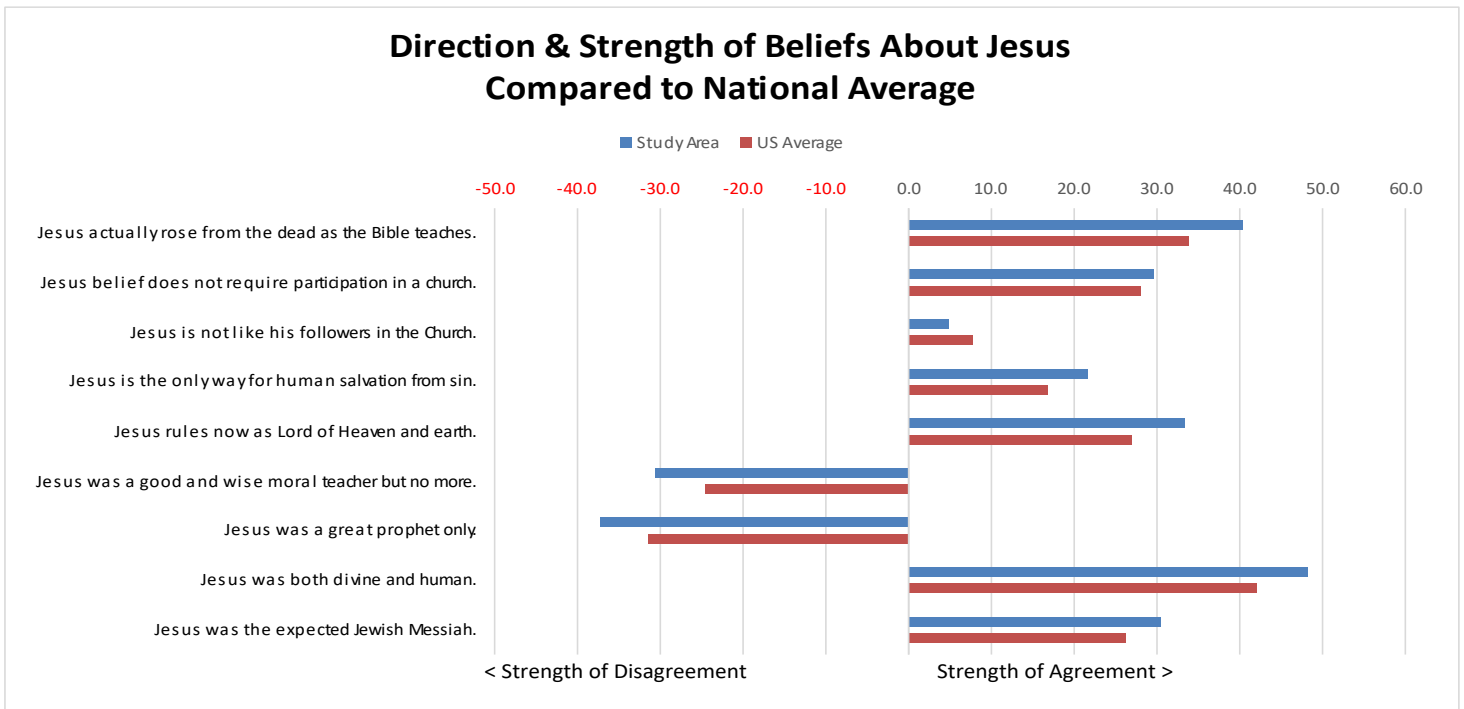
Beliefs About Jesus					
Study Area Detail	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	No Opinion	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
Jesus actually rose from the dead as the Bible teaches.	12.3%	4.8%	25.4%	16.3%	41.2%
Jesus belief does not require participation in a church.	12.4%	10.6%	24.4%	30.0%	22.6%
Jesus is not like his followers in the Church.	13.0%	13.8%	41.5%	18.4%	13.3%
Jesus is the only way for human salvation from sin.	17.7%	9.3%	24.4%	15.5%	33.1%
Jesus rules now as Lord of Heaven and earth.	13.9%	5.6%	27.6%	18.0%	34.8%
Jesus was a good and wise moral teacher but no more.	33.1%	18.2%	27.9%	13.3%	7.4%
Jesus was a great prophet only.	35.2%	16.8%	33.3%	9.7%	5.0%
Jesus was both divine and human.	10.4%	4.0%	23.1%	20.5%	42.1%
Jesus was the expected Jewish Messiah.	10.1%	4.9%	39.6%	17.1%	28.4%



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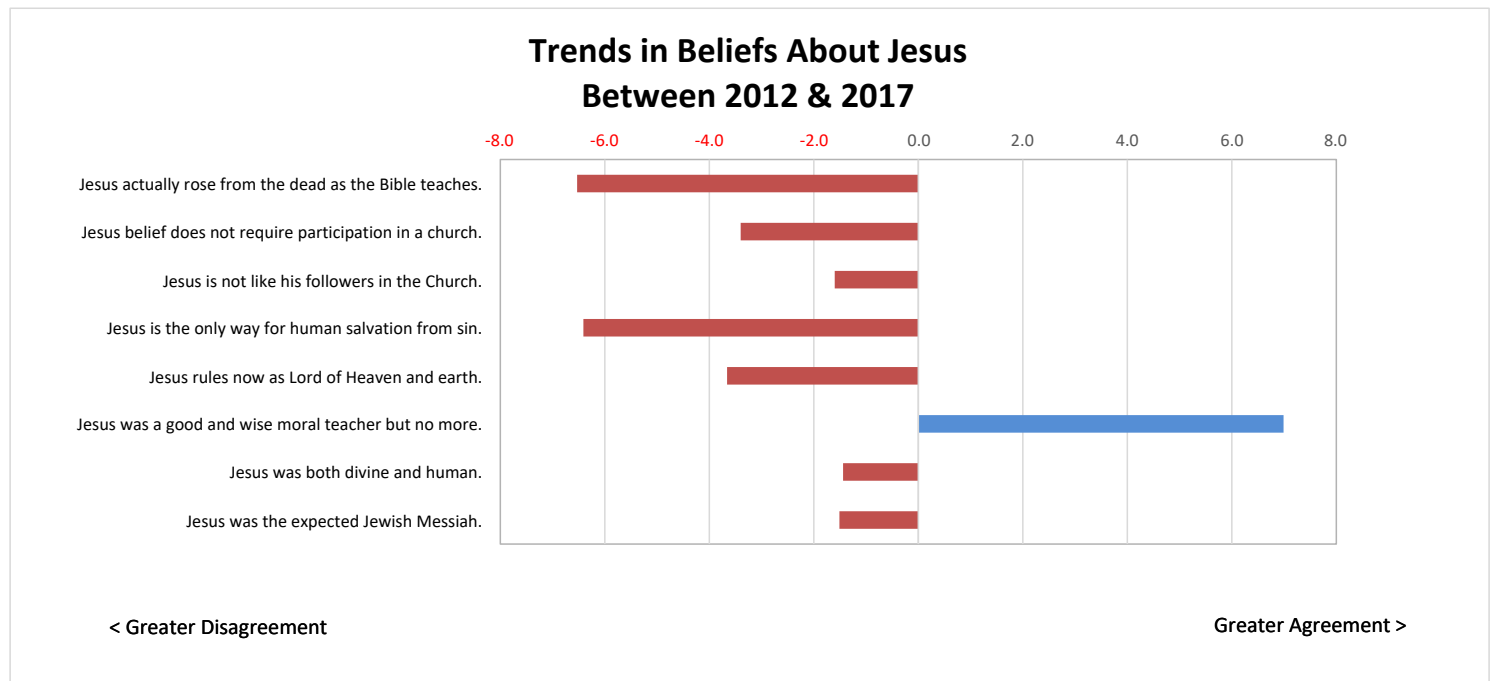
Study Area Compared to National Average	Beliefs About Jesus						Comparative Index	
	Study Area			US Average			Disagree	Agree
	All Disagree	All Agree	Distance	All Disagree	All Agree	Distance		
Jesus actually rose from the dead as the Bible teaches.	17.1%	57.5%	40.4	18.9%	52.8%	33.9	91	109
Jesus belief does not require participation in a church.	23.0%	52.6%	29.6	22.2%	50.2%	28.1	104	105
Jesus is not like his followers in the Church.	26.8%	31.7%	4.9	24.5%	32.3%	7.8	109	98
Jesus is the only way for human salvation from sin.	27.0%	48.6%	21.6	28.1%	44.9%	16.8	96	108
Jesus rules now as Lord of Heaven and earth.	19.5%	52.9%	33.4	21.3%	48.2%	26.9	92	110
Jesus was a good and wise moral teacher but no more.	51.3%	20.7%	-30.6	47.1%	22.5%	-24.6	109	92
Jesus was a great prophet only.	52.0%	14.7%	-37.3	48.1%	16.6%	-31.5	108	89
Jesus was both divine and human.	14.3%	62.6%	48.2	15.1%	57.2%	42.1	95	109
Jesus was the expected Jewish Messiah.	14.9%	45.4%	30.5	15.7%	41.9%	26.3	95	108

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Study Area Comparison between 2012 & 2017	Beliefs about Jesus								
	2012			2017			Point Change Between Surveys		
	All Disagree	No Opinion	All Agree	All Disagree	No Opinion	All Agree	All Disagree	No Opinion	All Agree
Jesus actually rose from the dead as the Bible teaches.	11.8%	24.2%	64.0%	17.1%	25.4%	57.5%	5.4	1.2	-6.5
Jesus belief does not require participation in a church.	24.4%	19.5%	56.0%	23.0%	24.4%	52.6%	-1.4	4.9	-3.4
Jesus is not like his followers in the Church.	24.9%	41.9%	33.3%	26.8%	41.5%	31.7%	1.9	-0.4	-1.6
Jesus is the only way for human salvation from sin.	21.3%	23.7%	55.0%	27.0%	24.4%	48.6%	5.7	0.7	-6.4
Jesus rules now as Lord of Heaven and earth.	15.8%	27.7%	56.5%	19.5%	27.6%	52.9%	3.7	-0.1	-3.7
Jesus was a good and wise moral teacher but no more.	63.0%	23.3%	13.7%	51.3%	27.9%	20.7%	-11.7	4.7	7.0
Jesus was both divine and human.	11.8%	24.1%	64.0%	14.3%	23.1%	62.6%	2.5	-1.0	-1.4
Jesus was the expected Jewish Messiah.	11.3%	41.7%	46.9%	14.9%	39.6%	45.4%	3.6	-2.1	-1.5

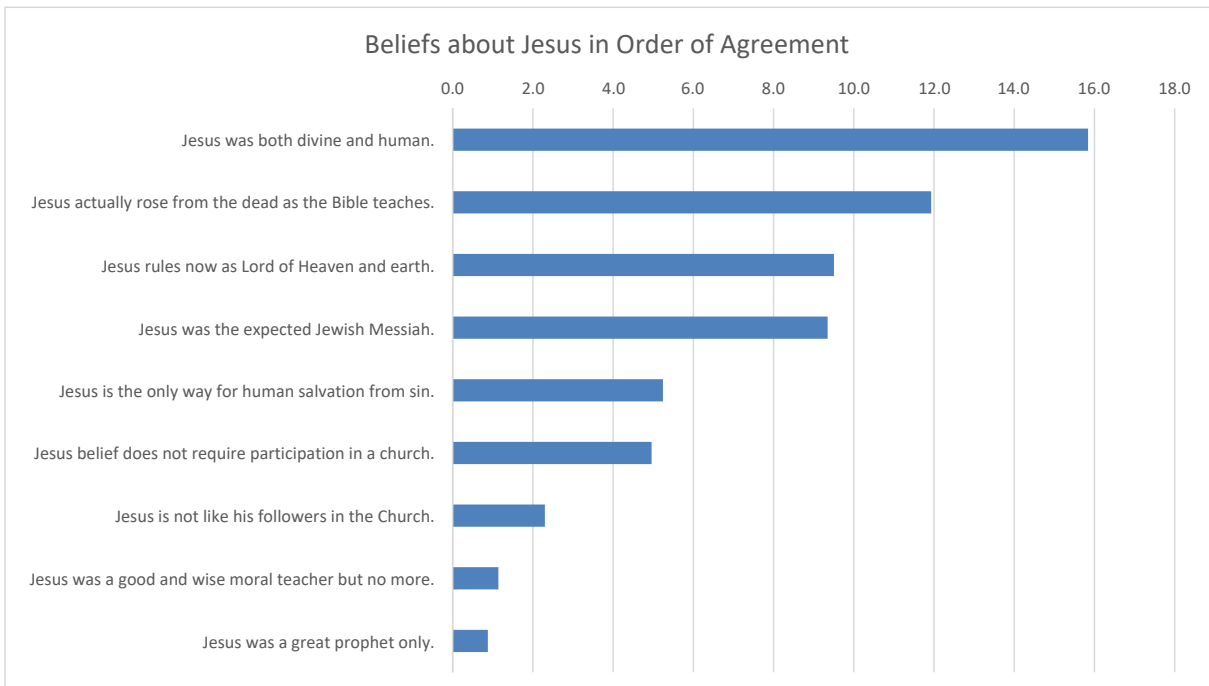
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Beliefs about Jesus in Rank Order

Ranking	Concern	Ratio	Strength
1	Jesus was both divine and human.	15.8	Very strong agreement
2	Jesus actually rose from the dead as the Bible teaches.	11.9	Very strong agreement
3	Jesus rules now as Lord of Heaven and earth.	9.5	Very strong agreement
4	Jesus was the expected Jewish Messiah.	9.3	Very strong agreement
5	Jesus is the only way for human salvation from sin.	5.2	Somewhat strong agreement
6	Jesus belief does not require participation in a church.	5.0	Somewhat strong agreement
7	Jesus is not like his followers in the Church.	2.3	Weak agreement
8	Jesus was a good and wise moral teacher but no more.	1.1	Very weak agreement
9	Jesus was a great prophet only.	0.9	Very weak agreement



Beliefs about Social & Moral Values

A great deal of diversity of opinion of many social and moral issues exists. The table below presents the projected views that are likely to be dominate in the study area.





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Social and Moral Values

Study Area Compared to the National Average	Study Area			US Average			Comparative Index	
	Disagree	Agree	Point Distance	Disagree	Agree	Point Distance	Disagree	Agree
<i>I believe...</i>								
abortion should become illegal.	51.6%	28.6%	-23.0	52.5%	26.5%	-26.1	98	108
America has a moral responsibility to be a force for good in the world.	11.6%	65.9%	54.3	12.5%	64.6%	52.1	92	102
asking the rich to pay a higher tax rate is a way to establish economic justice.	22.6%	58.6%	36.0	22.0%	57.9%	35.9	103	101
children should be raised by a mother and father only, if possible.	38.4%	40.5%	2.2	37.2%	40.2%	3.0	103	101
globalism (however you understand it) is a threat to our nation's economic future.	27.0%	33.8%	6.8	26.9%	34.4%	7.5	100	98
greater emphasis must be given to embracing our ethnic diversity.	17.2%	52.8%	35.6	16.4%	53.5%	37.0	105	99
marriage is a relationship between one man and one woman only.	40.4%	42.6%	2.2	39.4%	42.4%	3.0	102	101
our society must give more attention to accomplishing economic justice.	14.4%	56.9%	42.5	13.9%	58.3%	44.5	104	98
race relations in the United States are generally good.	57.3%	20.6%	-36.6	54.6%	22.6%	-32.0	105	91
religion must play a primary role in shaping social morality.	31.1%	46.6%	15.5	32.1%	43.9%	11.9	97	106
same-sex marriage must remain legal and protected.	29.2%	48.6%	19.4	27.6%	48.6%	21.0	106	100
some form of amnesty program for illegal immigrants who have been working and living in this country should be implemented.	26.2%	50.4%	24.2	24.4%	51.8%	27.4	107	97
that the US is losing its place of world leadership.	14.4%	65.1%	50.7	14.6%	64.4%	49.8	99	101
the science that says humans are affecting the climate of the planet (i.e. climate change)	19.5%	61.8%	42.4	17.8%	62.3%	44.4	109	99
the US should pursue every avenue to stop illegal immigrants flowing into this country.	24.8%	54.9%	30.1	24.4%	54.7%	30.3	102	100

Study Area Compared to the National Average	Study Area			US Average			Comparative Index	
	Disagree	Agree	Point Distance	Disagree	Agree	Point Distance	Disagree	Agree
there is too much attention paid to race and racial issues in our country these days.	30.7%	51.8%	21.1	30.4%	50.9%	20.4	101	102
tolerance is necessary for social peace and wellbeing.	10.2%	71.3%	61.0	9.9%	71.1%	61.2	103	100
traditional marriage as a social institution is becoming obsolete.	28.6%	47.2%	18.7	27.7%	45.7%	18.0	103	103
we must be good stewards of the environment even if it means restricting natural resource development. (such as drilling for oil, fracking, etc.).	15.4%	62.7%	47.3	14.8%	62.7%	48.0	104	100
we need to promote sensible gun laws to reduce gun violence.	20.5%	62.5%	42.0	19.0%	63.0%	43.9	108	99
children are adequately taught good moral standards today.	72.1%	11.3%	-60.8	70.4%	11.9%	-58.5	103	95
believe religious communities should have to fully embrace LGBTQ persons (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer).	37.1%	35.4%	-1.7	36.4%	35.0%	-1.4	102	101
believe the government should be deeply involved in solving poverty.	23.7%	54.4%	30.7	23.8%	54.6%	30.7	100	100
I have great hope for the future of my own community (i.e. neighborhood, village, town).	14.5%	54.1%	39.6	15.1%	52.4%	37.3	97	103

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Social and Moral Values

Study Area Comparison between 2012 & 2017

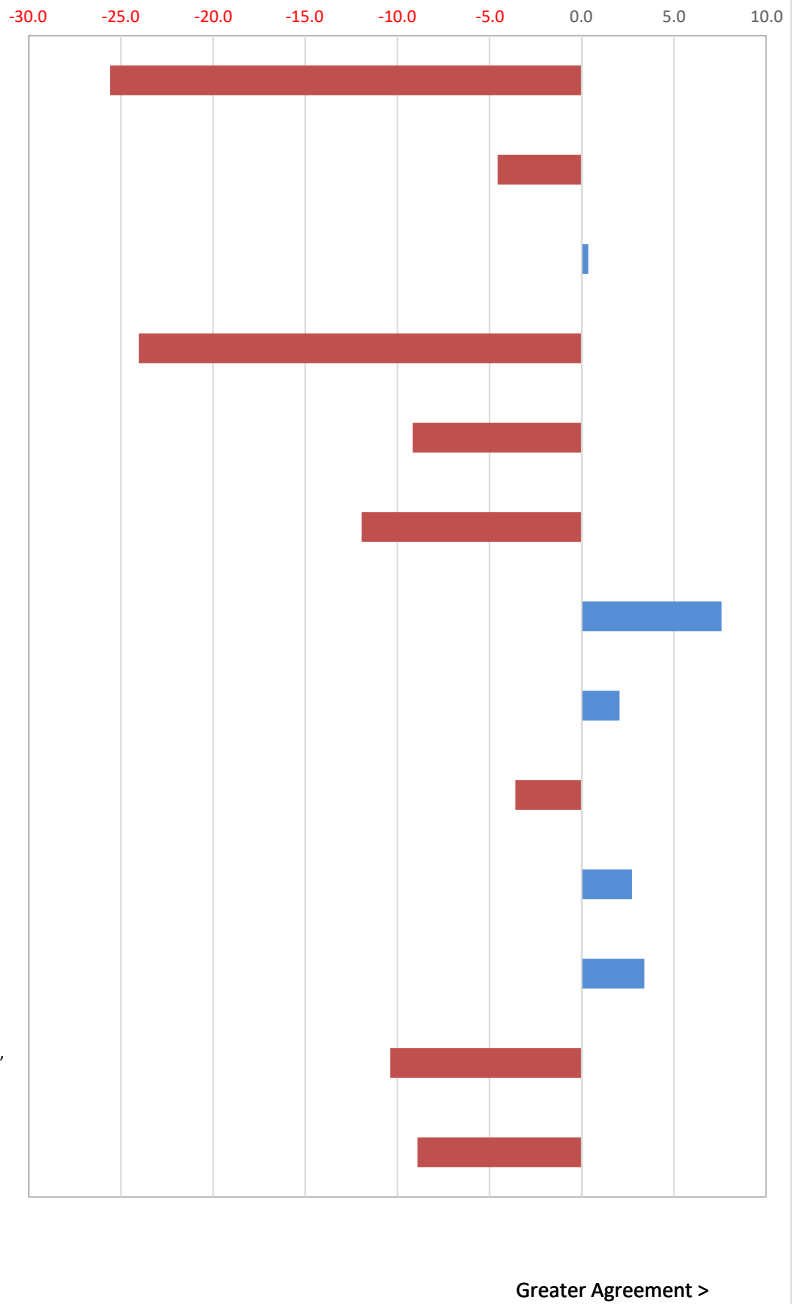
	2012			2017			Point Change Between Surveys		
	All Disagree	No Opinion	All Agree	All Disagree	No Opinion	All Agree	All Disagree	No Opinion	All Agree

I believe... Note not all items on 2012 were on 2017 and not all on 2017 were on 2012. Only same items are compared.

abortion should become illegal.	30.5%	15.4%	54.2%	51.6%	19.8%	28.6%	21.2	4.4	-25.6
America has a moral responsibility to be a force for good in the world.	12.9%	16.6%	70.5%	11.6%	22.5%	65.9%	-1.4	5.9	-4.6
asking the rich to pay a higher tax rate is a way to establish economic justice.	24.9%	16.9%	58.2%	22.6%	18.9%	58.6%	-2.3	2.0	0.4
children should be raised by a mother and father only, if possible.	17.9%	17.5%	64.6%	38.4%	21.1%	40.5%	20.4	3.6	-24.0
marriage is a relationship between one man and one woman only.	35.0%	13.2%	51.8%	40.4%	17.0%	42.6%	5.4	3.8	-9.2
religion must play a primary role in shaping social morality.	21.2%	20.3%	58.5%	31.1%	22.3%	46.6%	9.9	2.0	-11.9
same-sex marriage must remain legal and protected.	39.2%	19.9%	41.0%	29.2%	22.2%	48.6%	-10.0	2.4	7.6
the science that says humans are affecting the climate of the planet (i.e. climate change)	21.3%	19.0%	59.8%	19.5%	18.7%	61.8%	-1.8	-0.3	2.1
tolerance is necessary for social peace and wellbeing.	11.3%	13.9%	74.9%	10.2%	18.5%	71.3%	-1.0	4.6	-3.6
traditional marriage as a social institution is becoming obsolete.	33.4%	22.1%	44.5%	28.6%	24.2%	47.2%	-4.8	2.1	2.7
children are adequately taught good moral standards today.	83.4%	8.7%	7.9%	72.1%	16.5%	11.3%	-11.2	7.9	3.4
believe religious communities should have to fully embrace LGBTQ persons (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer).	27.4%	26.8%	45.8%	37.1%	27.6%	35.4%	9.6	0.8	-10.4
believe the government should be deeply involved in solving poverty.	23.5%	13.2%	63.3%	23.7%	21.9%	54.4%	0.2	8.7	-8.9

Hint: This report compares the answers on these belief statements between the 2012 and 2017 Quadrenium© surveys. These data will provide a sense of the changing trends on these social and moral belief statements, if there any. In the chart that follows, the distance between the 2012 and 2017 agree statements is visualized. The longer the bar, either positive or negative the greater the shift on agreement. This provides a glimps into changes on these issues between the two surveys.

Trends in Social and Moral Beliefs Between 2012 & 2017

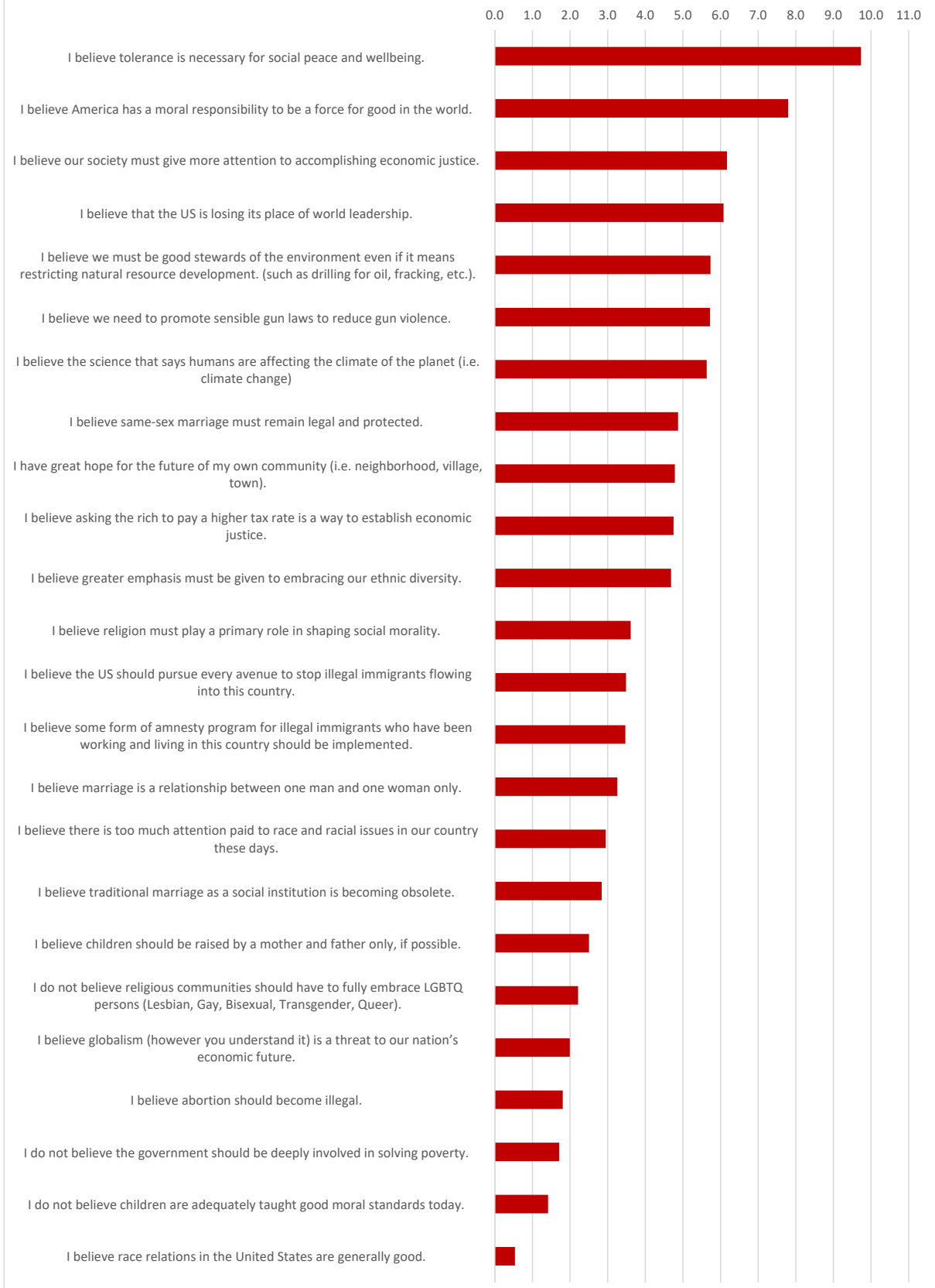


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Social and Moral Beliefs by Strength of Importance

<i>Ranking</i>	<i>Concern</i>	<i>Ratio</i>	<i>Strength</i>
1	I believe tolerance is necessary for social peace and wellbeing.	9.7	Very strong agreement
2	I believe America has a moral responsibility to be a force for good in the world.	7.8	Very strong agreement
3	I believe our society must give more attention to accomplishing economic justice.	6.2	Somewhat strong agreement
4	I believe that the US is losing its place of world leadership.	6.1	Somewhat strong agreement
5	I believe we must be good stewards of the environment even if it means restricting natural resource development. (such as drilling for oil, fracking, etc.).	5.7	Somewhat strong agreement
6	I believe we need to promote sensible gun laws to reduce gun violence.	5.7	Somewhat strong agreement
7	I believe the science that says humans are affecting the climate of the planet (i.e. climate change)	5.6	Somewhat strong agreement
8	I believe same-sex marriage must remain legal and protected.	4.9	Somewhat strong agreement
9	I have great hope for the future of my own community (i.e. neighborhood, village, town).	4.8	Somewhat strong agreement
10	I believe asking the rich to pay a higher tax rate is a way to establish economic justice.	4.8	Somewhat strong agreement
11	I believe greater emphasis must be given to embracing our ethnic diversity.	4.7	Somewhat strong agreement
12	I believe religion must play a primary role in shaping social morality.	3.6	Very weak agreement
13	I believe the US should pursue every avenue to stop illegal immigrants flowing into this country.	3.5	Very weak agreement
14	I believe some form of amnesty program for illegal immigrants who have been working and living in this country should be implemented.	3.5	Very weak agreement
15	I believe marriage is a relationship between one man and one woman only.	3.3	Very weak agreement
16	I believe there is too much attention paid to race and racial issues in our country these days.	2.9	Very weak agreement
17	I believe traditional marriage as a social institution is becoming obsolete.	2.8	Very weak agreement
18	I believe children should be raised by a mother and father only, if possible.	2.5	Very weak agreement
19	I do not believe religious communities should have to fully embrace LGBTQ persons (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer).	2.2	Very weak agreement
20	I believe globalism (however you understand it) is a threat to our nation's economic future.	2.0	Very weak agreement
21	I believe abortion should become illegal.	1.8	Very weak agreement
22	I do not believe the government should be deeply involved in solving poverty.	1.7	Very weak agreement
23	I do not believe children are adequately taught good moral standards today.	1.4	Very weak agreement
24	I believe race relations in the United States are generally good.	0.5	Very weak agreement

Social and Moral Beliefs in Order of Agreement



Religious Preferences

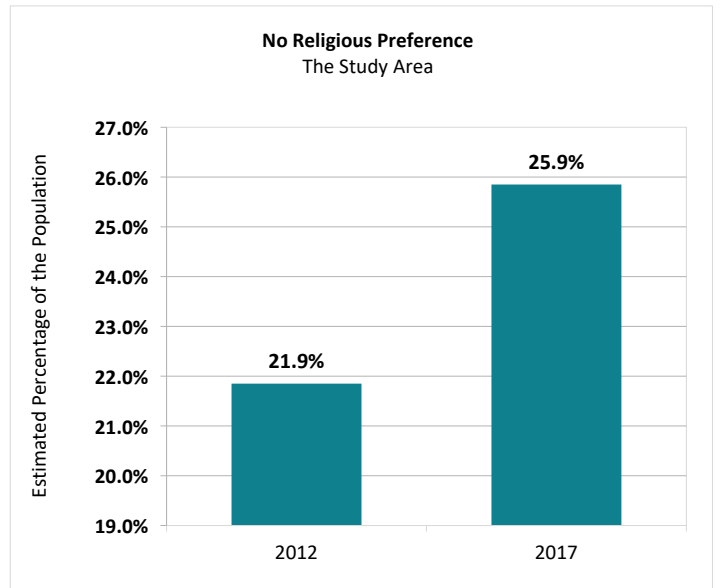
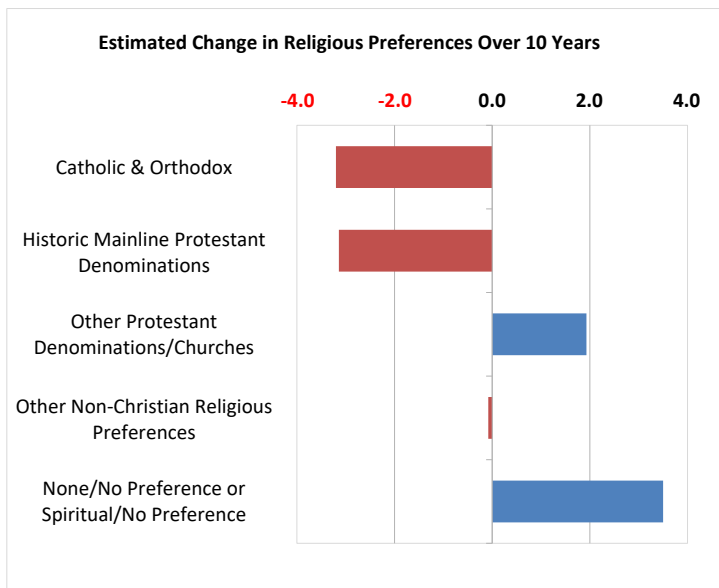
Religious preferences range from the “Nones” to very specific traditions. The likely preferences within this study area are presented below for both now and 10 years prior. Note any changes up or down.

Study Area Compared to National Average	Religious Preferences						Comparative Index	
	Study Area			US Average			10 Years Prior	Now
	10 Years Prior	Now	Point Change	10 Years Prior	Now	Point Change	10 Years Prior	Now
Adventist	0.6%	0.6%	0.0	0.7%	0.6%	-0.1	78	100
Anabaptist/Mennonite	0.2%	0.1%	-0.0	0.3%	0.2%	-0.1	64	72
Baha'i	0.2%	0.1%	-0.1	0.2%	0.2%	-0.1	80	47
Baptist	8.4%	8.0%	-0.4	10.8%	10.0%	-0.8	78	80
Buddhism	0.6%	0.6%	-0.0	1.0%	1.1%	0.1	56	51
Catholic	27.8%	24.5%	-3.3	23.8%	21.2%	-2.7	117	116
Congregational	1.2%	0.9%	-0.3	0.9%	0.8%	-0.1	128	104
Episcopalian/Anglican	1.0%	0.8%	-0.2	1.6%	1.5%	-0.2	60	55
Hindu	0.4%	0.4%	-0.0	0.7%	0.6%	-0.0	55	55
Holiness	0.5%	0.4%	-0.1	0.4%	0.4%	-0.0	107	90
Jehovah's Witness	0.1%	0.3%	0.2	0.4%	0.3%	-0.1	36	111
Judaism	2.0%	2.0%	-0.0	3.4%	3.4%	-0.0	59	59
Lutheran	10.5%	9.5%	-1.1	5.1%	4.5%	-0.6	206	209
Methodist	6.5%	5.7%	-0.8	5.8%	5.2%	-0.6	110	109
Mormon/Latter Day Saints	0.5%	0.5%	-0.1	1.5%	1.4%	-0.1	37	34
Muslim/Islam	0.4%	0.3%	-0.1	0.4%	0.4%	-0.0	98	75
Native American	0.1%	0.1%	0.0	0.2%	0.2%	0.0	47	48
New Age	0.3%	0.3%	-0.0	0.3%	0.3%	-0.0	97	93
Non-denominational/Independent	6.4%	8.2%	1.8	6.1%	7.5%	1.3	105	110
None/No Religious Preference	22.4%	25.9%	3.5	26.2%	29.4%	3.2	85	88
Orthodox Christian	1.7%	1.8%	0.1	1.6%	1.6%	-0.0	106	115
Pentecostal/Charismatic	1.9%	2.2%	0.3	2.2%	2.2%	-0.0	87	100
Presbyterian/Reformed	3.3%	2.9%	-0.4	3.1%	2.6%	-0.5	108	111
Rastafarian	0.0%	0.0%	0.0	0.1%	0.1%	0.0	60	50
Sikh	0.1%	0.1%	-0.0	0.1%	0.1%	-0.0	114	117
Spiritual/No Religious Preference	2.4%	3.4%	1.0	2.4%	3.6%	1.1	97	95
Taoist	0.1%	0.0%	-0.0	0.1%	0.1%	-0.0	100	50
Unitarian/Universalist	0.3%	0.4%	0.1	0.3%	0.3%	0.0	97	134
Wicca/Wiccan	0.5%	0.5%	-0.0	0.5%	0.6%	0.1	92	76

Summary Religious Preferences: Christian and Other

Study Area Compared to National Average	Study Area			US Average			Comparative Index	
	10 Years Prior	Now	Point Change	10 Years Prior	Now	Point Change	10 Years Prior	Now
Catholic & Orthodox	29.5%	26.3%	-3.2	25.4%	22.8%	-2.7	116	115
Historic Mainline Protestant Denominations	30.9%	27.7%	-3.1	27.4%	24.7%	-2.7	113	112
Other Protestant Denominations/Churches	9.5%	11.5%	1.9	9.7%	10.8%	1.1	98	106
Total: Christian Religious Preferences	69.9%	65.5%	-4.4	62.5%	58.2%	-4.3	112	112
Other Non-Christian Religious Preferences	5.5%	5.5%	-0.1	9.1%	8.9%	-0.1	61	61
None/No Preference or Spiritual/No Preference	24.7%	29.2%	4.5	28.6%	32.9%	4.4	86	89

Hint: This report summarizes the fuller religious preference report by gathering the many different religious traditions into more general categories. This brings into focus where growth and/or decline is happening.



Hint: The graph on the left visualizes the growth or decline of the major categories of the different religious traditions in the study area. The graph on the right shows the significance of the population that indicated their preference was "none" or "nopreference."

Denominational Affiliations

Some people within a study area will indicate an affiliation with one of the following denominations. These projected affiliations are presented below for both now and 10 years prior. Note any changes up or down.

Study Area Compared to National Average	Denominations								
	Study Area			US Average			Comparative Index		
	10 Years Prior	Now	Point Change	10 Years Prior	Now	Point Change	10 Years Prior	Now	
A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO) ***	0.0%	0.7%	0.7	0.0%	0.9%	0.9		77	
African Methodist Episcopal Church	0.4%	0.5%	0.1	0.8%	0.8%	-0.0	43	58	
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church	0.1%	0.1%	-0.0	0.3%	0.4%	0.0	31	23	
American Baptist Churches/ USA	6.9%	6.8%	-0.1	8.1%	8.5%	0.4	84	80	
Assemblies of God	3.1%	3.3%	0.2	3.3%	3.3%	0.0	93	100	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	1.9%	2.6%	0.7	1.7%	2.1%	0.4	113	125	
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	7.3%	8.5%	1.2	8.1%	9.3%	1.2	90	92	
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	0.9%	0.9%	-0.0	2.6%	2.5%	-0.1	35	35	
Church of the Nazarene	1.1%	0.9%	-0.2	0.9%	0.7%	-0.2	122	141	
Episcopal Church	1.5%	1.6%	0.1	2.9%	2.9%	0.0	53	56	
Evangelical Free Church of America	2.0%	2.2%	0.2	1.4%	1.6%	0.2	138	132	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	5.9%	5.6%	-0.4	3.2%	3.0%	-0.1	187	184	
Foursquare Gospel	0.2%	0.5%	0.3	0.5%	0.5%	0.0	33	94	
Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod	8.7%	8.2%	-0.4	4.7%	4.5%	-0.2	185	182	
Presbyterian Church (USA)	3.6%	3.2%	-0.4	4.0%	3.6%	-0.3	90	87	
Presbyterian Church in America	0.7%	0.6%	-0.1	1.0%	1.0%	0.0	65	56	
Reformed Church, RCA/CRC	1.3%	1.3%	0.1	0.8%	0.9%	0.0	158	156	
Roman Catholic Church	37.0%	34.9%	-2.1	33.9%	32.5%	-1.4	109	107	
Salvation Army	0.8%	1.0%	0.2	1.1%	1.2%	0.1	76	83	
Seventh Day Adventist	0.7%	0.7%	-0.0	0.8%	0.8%	0.0	86	82	
Southern Baptist Convention	3.5%	3.2%	-0.3	6.6%	6.4%	-0.2	53	50	
United Church of Christ	3.0%	3.0%	0.0	2.6%	2.8%	0.2	114	106	
United Methodist Church	9.6%	9.7%	0.0	10.0%	9.8%	-0.2	96	99	

Faith and Religious Involvement

Faith is a dynamic factor in many peoples lives. For some it is growing and for others it is declining. The level of active involvement changes as well. The Faith and Religious Involvement variables look at this theme from several vantage points, providing an understanding of what is likely to be the case in the study area.

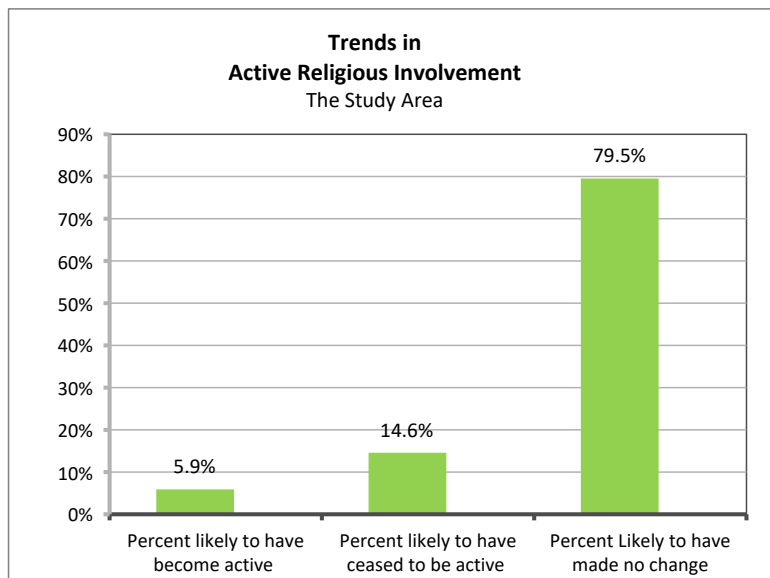
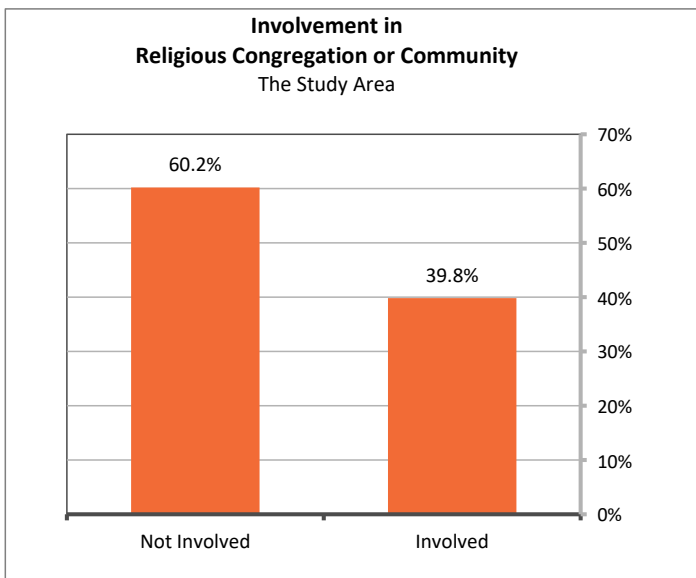
Activity in a Religious Congregation or Community

Study Area Compared to National Average	Study Area	US Average	Comparative Index
	Involvement		
Projected percentage involved	39.8%	34.5%	115
Projected percentage NOT involved	60.2%	65.5%	92
Estimated change of those involved over prior 10 years (point change)	-8.7	-10.0	

Hint: This table presents the percentage of the population in the study area likely to either be involved or not be involved in a religious congregation or community. It also compares these two data points to the national average. Notice whether this study area is more involved or less involved than the national average. Also notice the opposite. are more projected not to be involved than nationally or is the projection for greater involvement. One other item to consider is the Estimated (point) Change over 10 years. This number looks at how respondents answered the question about involvement both currently and 10 years ago. If this number is negative, it means it is likely that the level of involvement is declining in the study area. Again, compare this to the national change.

	Study Area	US Average	Comparative Index
Directional Change in Involvement			
Percent likely to have become active	5.9%	5.1%	116
Percent likely to have ceased to be active	14.6%	15.0%	97
Percent Likely to have made no change	79.5%	79.9%	100
Net Change in direction of activity	-8.7	-9.9	

Hint: In what direction is it likely that religious activity is going in the study area? This table reflects how respondents answered a question about activity in a religious congregation or community. If they answered they were involved 10 years ago, but not today, then it is reflected in the "Percently likely to have ceased to be active. Conversely if they said they were not active 10years ago, but are now, this is reflected in the "Percent likely to have become active". Given these two numbers, what direction is activity in a religious community likely to be moving. This is captured in the "Net Change in direction of activity." If the number is red, it means that those ceasing to be active is greater than those becoming active. Again, also compare the study area to the national average.



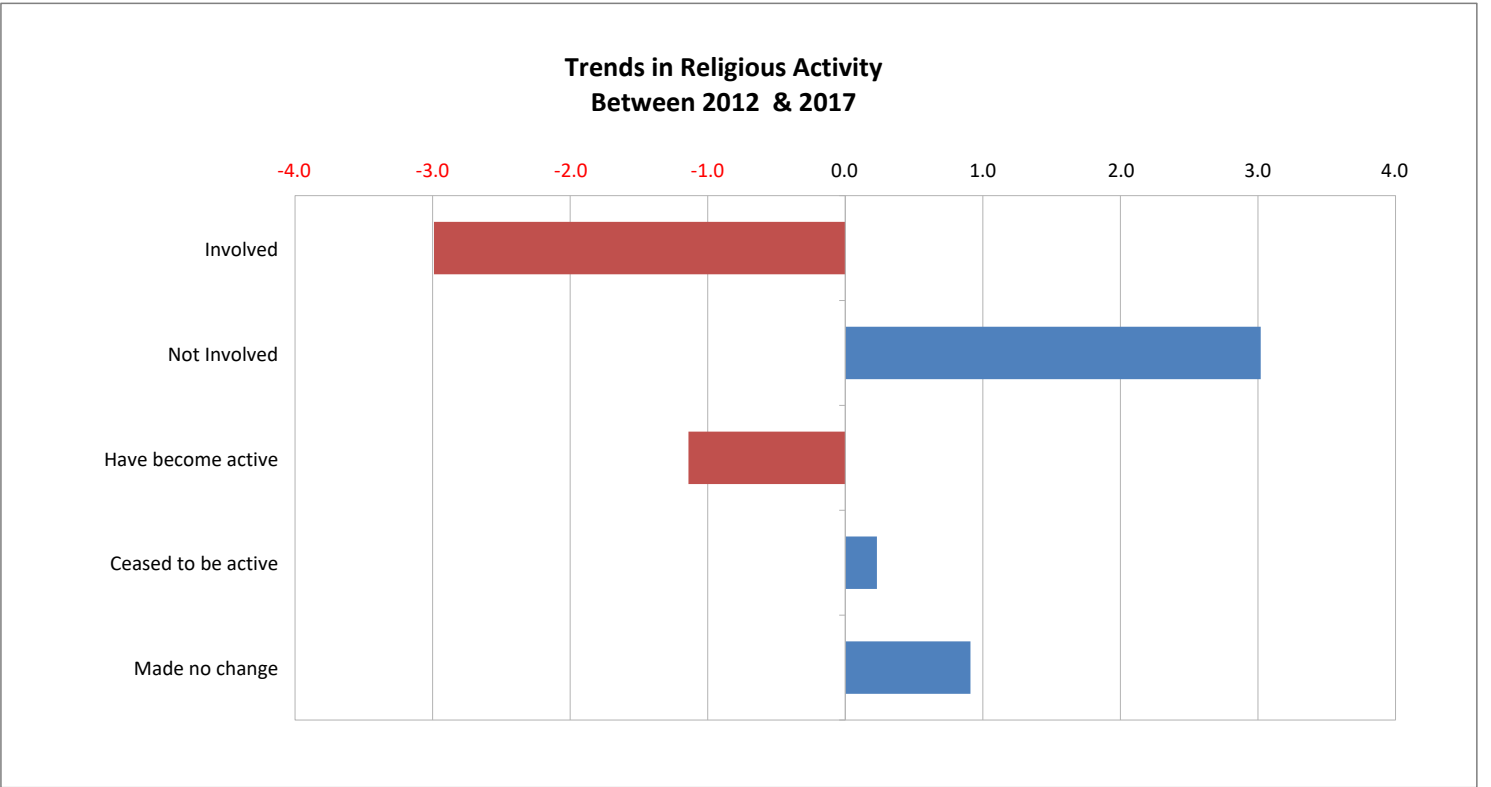
Activity in a Religious Congregation or Community

Study Area Comparison between 2012 & 2017

	2012	2017	Point Change Between Surveys
Involvement			
Projected percentage involved	42.8%	39.8%	-3.0
Projected percentage NOT involved	57.2%	60.2%	3.0

	2012	2017	Point Change Between Surveys
Directional Change in Involvement			
Percent likely to have become active	7.0%	5.9%	-1.1
Percent likely to have ceased to be active	14.4%	14.6%	0.2
Percent Likely to have made no change	78.6%	79.5%	0.9

Hint: Both of these tables compare the level of involvement today and the direction of active involvement reviewed above and then compare the same data from 5 years ago in the 2012 Survey.



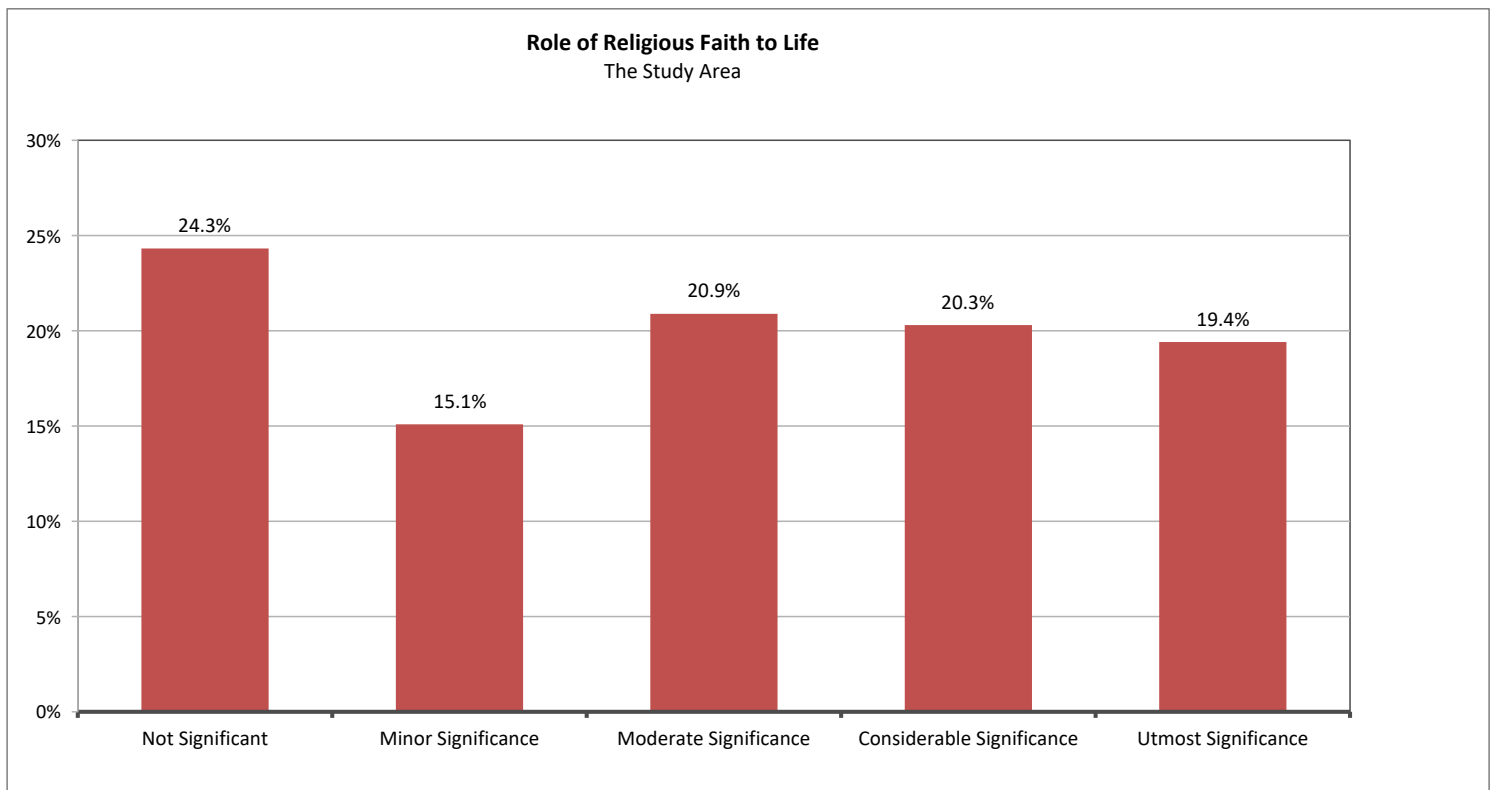
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Projected Role of Religious Faith to Life

Study Area Compared to National Average

	Study Area	US Average	Comparative Index
Level of Significance			
Not Significant	24.3%	27.2%	89
Minor Significance	15.1%	14.6%	103
Moderate Significance	20.9%	19.8%	106
Considerable Significance	20.3%	18.3%	111
Utmost Significance	19.4%	20.2%	96

Hint: Respondents were asked how significant of a role religious faith was in their life, including the option to say not at all. This report provides the detail level as well as comparing that detail to the national averages on each possible choice. This will provide what is likely to be the level of significance faith plays in the life of the study area. The following chart graphically displays the detail for the study area.



Projected Role of Religious Faith to Life

Study Area Compared to National Average

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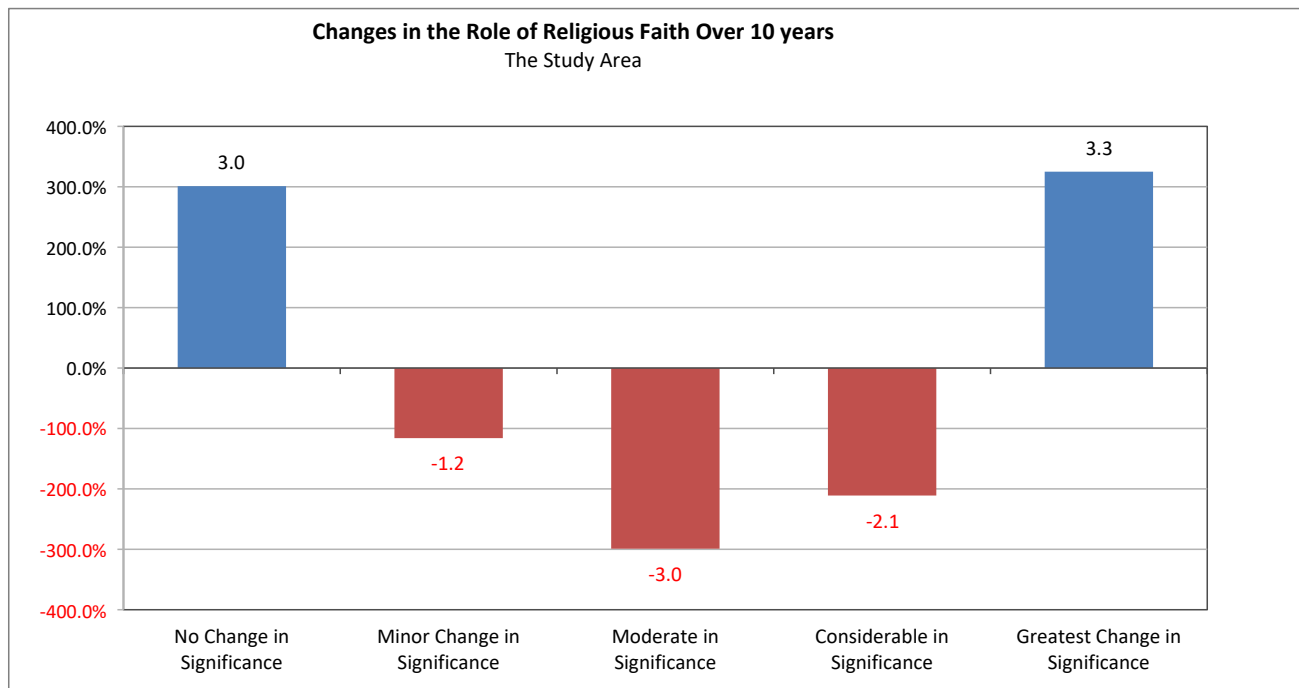
US Average

Comparative Index

Change in the role of religious faith over 10 years:

Change Category	Study Area	US Average	Comparative Index
No Change in Significance	3.0	2.6	116
Minor Change in Significance	-1.2	-1.3	89
Moderate in Significance	-3.0	-3.1	96
Considerable in Significance	-2.1	-1.6	134
Greatest Change in Significance	3.3	3.5	94

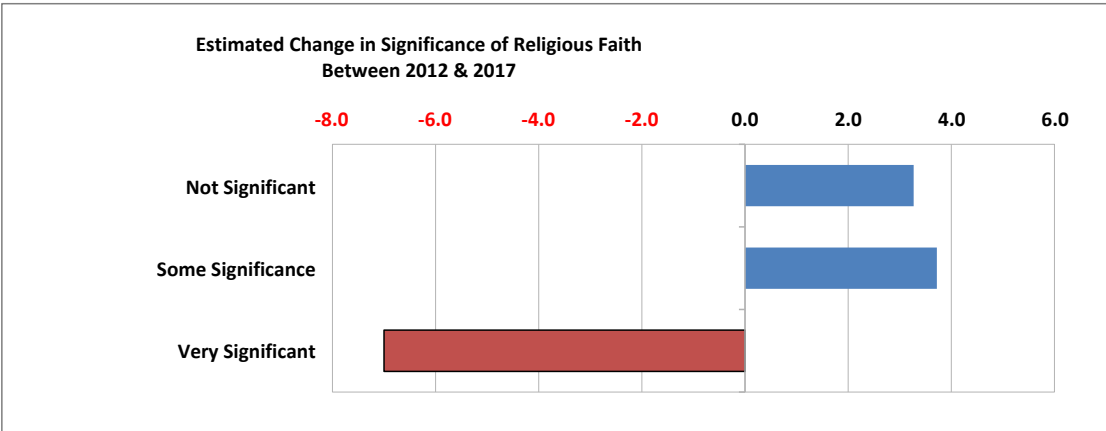
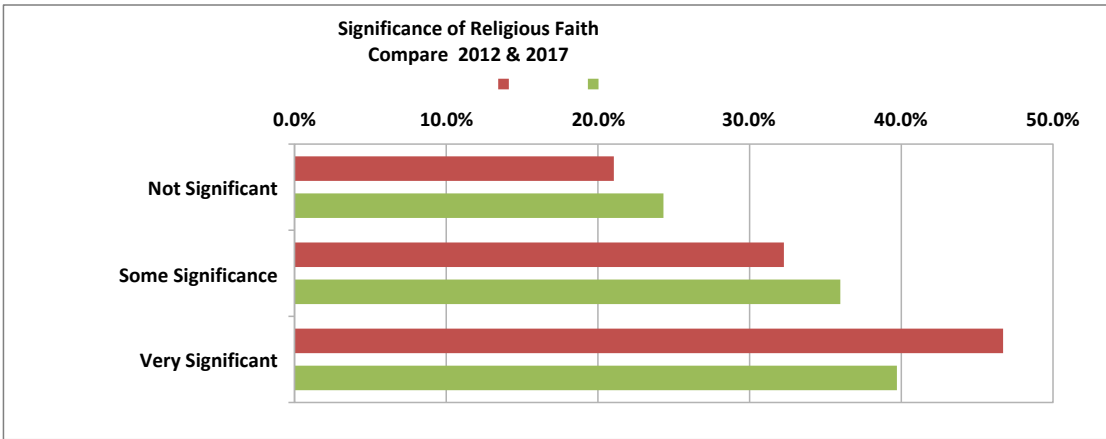
Hint: Here the projected role of religious faith to life is considered from a trend point of view. Respondents were asked to indicate the level of significance, at both now and 10 years ago. This report shows the changes. If a number is red, it means a decline in the statement of significance. If they are black, it means that there has been an increase. Positive numbers for Considerable or Greatest Change in Significance suggests that faith has become more important to persons in the study area. Again, compare this to the national average. The graphic below presents the direction and strength of change.



Projected Role of Religious Faith to Life

Study Area Compared to Same Area in 2017	2012	2017	Point Change
Level of Significance			
Not Significant	21.1%	24.3%	3.3
Some Significance	32.3%	36.0%	3.7
Very Significant	46.7%	39.7%	-7.0

Hint: This report compares the level of significance between the 2012 and 2017 Quadrenium© surveys. These data will provide a sense of the changing trends on role of religious faith to life, if there any.



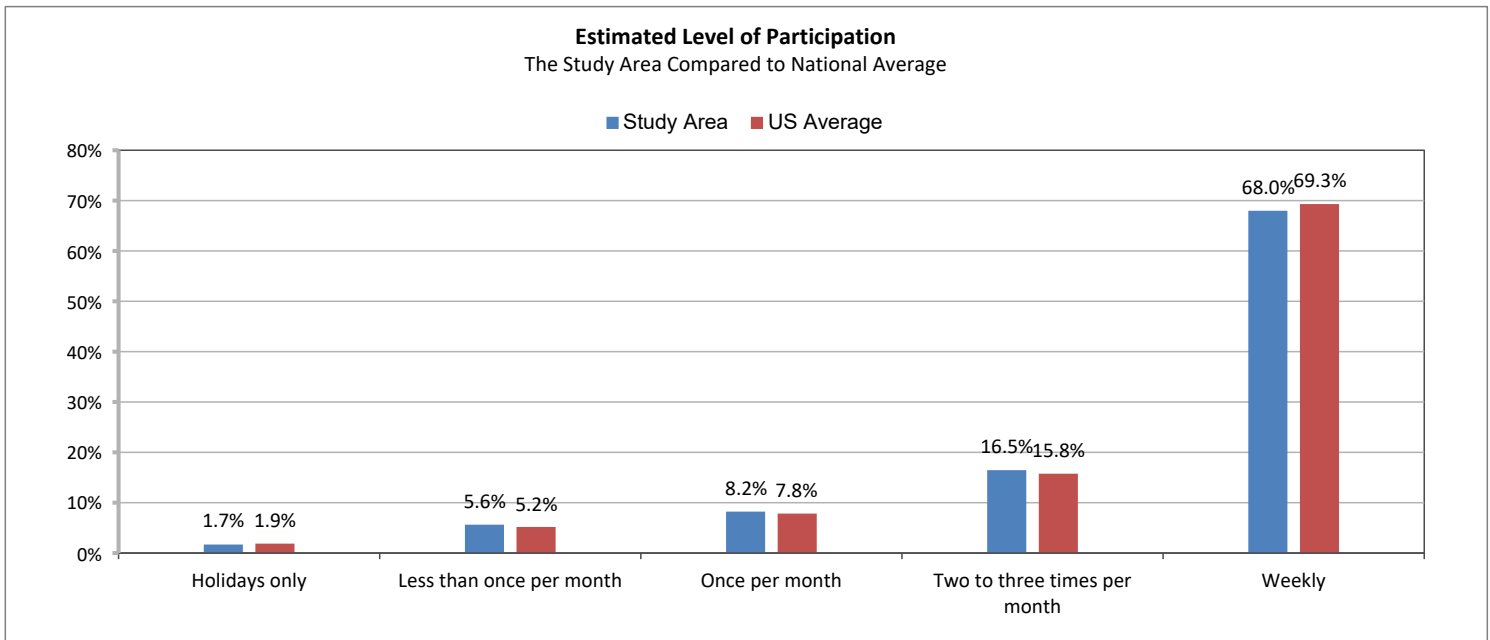
Hint: These two graphs visually present the change in the significance of religious faith between the 2012 and 2017 surveys. Look for categories that lost significance and for those that gained significance. In most cases, an increase in one or more will at the expense of one or more others.

Level of Participation in Religious Faith

Study Area Compared to National Average

	Study Area	US Average	Comparative Index
<i>Of those who indicated participation</i>			
Holidays only	1.7%	1.9%	90
Less than once per month	5.6%	5.2%	109
Once per month	8.2%	7.8%	105
Two to three times per month	16.5%	15.8%	104
Weekly	68.0%	69.3%	98

Hint: ON this final report on participation in religious faith, the focus is only on those who indicated in the survey that they did in fact participate in a religious congregation or community. Those who indicated no participation in a religious congregation or community were screened out. As before, the study area percentages are compared to the national average. The graphic below visualizes the data.



Supporting Information

Interpreting the Report

The Quadrennium Project reports are formatted to help you interpret data at a glance.

Comparative Indexes: All variables will have a column called "Comparative Index." An index is an easy way to compare a study area with a larger area. For this report, all comparisons are with the national averages for the data item. The indexes can be interpreted as follows.

- Indexes of 100 mean the study area variable is the same as its base area.
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