

# Spiritual State of the World's Children: Summary Table, Colombia



Notes: 73% of surveys were completed by students under the age of 16. In all cases, reported respondents are those who participated in the survey and answered the question. Not all participants answered all questions. SSWC includes the comparison of “evangelical” and “non-evangelical” populations. This category is defined by the response to the question, “When you die you will go to Heaven because you have confessed your sins and have accepted Jesus Christ as your savior.” Respondents are considered evangelicals if they indicated “Yes.” SSWC is produced for OneHope by the Metadigm Group.

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	Positive Aspects	Negative Aspects	Key Notes
Family Relationships and Perspectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>54% live with both natural parents.</li> <li>42% of respondents report that their parents are married.</li> <li>39% report a very close relationship with fathers.</li> <li>68% report a very close relationship with their mothers.</li> <li>61% frequently feel proud of their fathers.</li> <li>79% frequently feel proud of their mothers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>44% almost never talk to fathers about personal concerns.</li> <li>32% frequently wonder if their mothers love them.</li> <li>21% frequently wonder if their fathers love them.</li> <li>18% almost never talk to mothers about personal concerns.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most family worldview indicators are strongly positive, but 89% spend less than 1 hour a week talking to fathers and 75% to mothers about things that really matter to them. Latin Americans celebrate time invested with their children, so this reported finding was received with some alarm.</li> <li>90% agree that God intends marriage to last a lifetime. But there is some conflict among indicators of respondents' confidence that they can have a successful, lasting marriage.</li> </ul>
Relationships with People of the Opposite Sex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>74% of participants have not had sexual intercourse, and females were less likely than males to have done so.</li> <li>69% of females would like to be a virgin when they marry.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>34% of respondents 16 and older have had sexual intercourse.</li> <li>Reported sexual experience is little different between Evangelicals and non-Evangelicals.</li> <li>62% of males would not like to be a virgin when they marry.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The acceptance of sexual activity for an unmarried couple in love decreases as the intensity of the activity increases.</li> <li>Females are less likely than males to accept the morality of premarital sexual activity for couples in love.</li> </ul>
Behaviors and Beliefs in Daily Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>91% of respondents had not used illegal drugs in the three months before the survey.</li> <li>58%, the greatest response set, indicated that parents are very influential in their lives.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>70% said that it is okay to break the law without hurting anybody.</li> <li>30% were legally drunk at some time in the three months before the survey.</li> <li>75% of respondents had lied to an adult.</li> <li>70% had lied to a friend or peer in the past three months.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Living with a high degree of integrity is a desirable condition for the respondents. This seems discordant with reported behavior with regard to lying.</li> <li>In the reported use of pornography, alcohol, and illegal drugs, gambling, and attempts to hurt someone there are minimal differences between Evangelicals and non-Evangelicals.</li> </ul>
Religious Background and Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>88% indicate having made a personal commitment to Jesus Christ</li> <li>84% report that their faith is important in their lives.</li> <li>81% think the Bible provides indisputable moral truth.</li> <li>79% said that the Bible provides absolute moral truths that are the same for all people in all situations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>31% of evangelical youth agreed that God is no longer personally involved in the lives of humans.</li> <li>31% of evangelical youth think that all religions teach equally valid truths.</li> <li>30% belief in reincarnation.</li> <li>78% think that truth can be contradictorily defined and still be correct.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Female respondents are more likely than males to believe the Bible provides practical standards for living, but they are also more likely to define truth and morals in pragmatic and relativistic terms.</li> <li>There is a seeming disconnect between theory and practical theology. For example, 81% say that good people go to heaven, but 66% say that those who do not accept Jesus go to hell.</li> </ul>
Identity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>53% report being very satisfied with their lives.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>24% had suicidal thoughts in the three months before the survey.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-evangelicals were more likely to have had suicidal thoughts than were evangelicals.</li> </ul>