

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



Notes: Surveys were administered in randomly selected accessible schools. Inaccessible schools were those in conflict zones or areas of extremely low population, those where access was denied, and those that could not be reached by public transportation. Reported respondents are those who chose to participate and answered a particular question. Not all participants answered all questions. The composition of the sample set—2,162 students aged 15 to 17, 59% female—indicates a skew toward female attitudes. Data was collected from March to May 2008. SSWC was completed in April 2009 for OneHope by the Metadigm Group.

Armenia	Positive Aspects	Negative Aspects	Key Notes
Family Relationships and Perspectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>97% of respondents report their parents are married.</li> <li>91% feel very close to their mothers.</li> <li>90% report an overall positive family experience.</li> <li>86% report that their parents frequently set good examples for them.</li> <li>85% of respondents feel their home is a place where they feel safe and loved.</li> <li>73% feel very close to their fathers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>28% of respondents spend 15 minutes or less weekly talking to their fathers about things that really matter to them.</li> <li>28% of males (vs. 9% of females) spend 15 minutes or less talking to mothers about things that really matter to them.</li> <li>12% report that home is where they sometimes feel loved and other times do not.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100% of respondents reject the idea that a cohabiting homosexual couple is a family.</li> <li>Females indicate much less often than males (56% to 99%) that they are very close to fathers and somewhat less often (87% to 96%) to mothers.</li> <li>85% report that their fathers frequently (7% sometimes) show love for them. No subjects report that mothers show love frequently. 94% report that their mothers sometimes show love.</li> </ul>
Relationships with People of the Opposite Sex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>93% believe God meant marriage to last a lifetime.</li> <li>85% expect to be very happy in their marriage.</li> <li>64% think that where children are involved, divorce is not acceptable.</li> <li>* 73% indicated premarital sex for a couple in love is never acceptable.</li> <li>60% would like to be a virgin when they marry.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>81% of males indicate that they do not wish to be virgins when they marry.</li> <li>44% agree that it is very hard to have a successful marriage these days</li> <li>* 38% of male (vs. 0% of female) subjects and 10% overall report that they have had intercourse.</li> <li>Parents were the least reported source of information about sex.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Female and urban subjects indicate a less positive outlook on marriage than their peers.</li> <li>Males report much less often than females (19% to 89%) that they want to be virgins when they marry and that premarital sex for a couple in love is never acceptable (38% to 86%).</li> </ul>
Behaviors and Beliefs in Daily Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>93% report that they did not steal money or a material possession in the three months before the survey.</li> <li>85% did not use an illegal, non-prescription drug.</li> <li>82% did not gamble or bet money.</li> <li>71% did not get drunk.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>98% indicate that lying is sometimes necessary.</li> <li>86% say it's ok to break the law if no one is hurt.</li> <li>91% believe that you have to bend the rules to your own benefit to get by.</li> <li>46% viewed a pornographic movie.</li> <li>45% cheated on an exam or evaluation.</li> <li>40% used tobacco.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Males were significantly more likely to have viewed pornography, used drugs, cheated, lied, been drunk, tried to physically hurt someone, gambled, and smoked.</li> <li>88% believe that in matters of morals and ethics, truth can mean different things to different people; no one can be sure they have truth.</li> </ul>
Religious Background and Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>72% report that faith is important in their lives.</li> <li>63% report that God is the all-powerful creator of the universe who rules the world today.</li> <li>58% report that prayer can change what happens.</li> <li>52% report that religion is somewhat or very important to them.</li> <li>71% of respondents report that they are somewhat or very satisfied with their lives.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>96% have not made a personal commitment to Jesus that is still relevant in their lives.</li> <li>95% read the Bible and 77% pray monthly or less often.</li> <li>90% are not sure or don't believe that God exists.</li> <li>62% don't know what will happen when they die.</li> <li>12% are not at all satisfied with their lives.</li> <li>8% report suicidal thoughts in the three months before the survey, with females and rural students doing so more often than their peers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reading the Bible accounts for the least time among listed student activities in a given week.</li> <li>Parents are the greatest reported influence in respondents' lives, with 70% saying they have a lot of influence. 5% and 4% report the same for the Bible and the Christian faith respectively.</li> <li>The most indicated desirable conditions for the future are good health and a high paying job. A close relationship with God is the least indicated.</li> </ul>
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\* Only 30 subjects responded to these questions, as the Association of School Directors of Armenia did not allow this question to be asked except to high-grade students in one school in the capital, Yerevan.