

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



Notes: Surveys were administered in randomly selected accessible schools. Inaccessible schools are those in conflict zones or areas of extremely low population, and those that cannot be reached by public transportation. Reported respondents are those who participated in the survey and answered the question. Not all participants answered all questions. The composition of the sample set—3,895 students aged about 13 to 18, 70% rural and 67% aged 16 and over (population density and gender are proportional to the national population distribution) —indicates a hard skew toward rural and older attitudes. Data was collected from May to August 2010. SSWC was completed in October 2010 for OneHope by the Metadigm Group.

Mozambique	Positive Aspects	Negative Aspects	Key Notes
<b>Family Relationships and Perspectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>72% report an overall positive family experience.</li> <li>62% frequently feel proud of their mothers; 49% frequently feel proud of their fathers.</li> <li>61% feel that mothers and 48% that fathers frequently show love for them.</li> <li>54% report that the adults in their family frequently set good examples for them.</li> <li>50% of respondents report their parents as married.</li> <li>44% feel very close to their mothers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>78% sometimes or frequently wonder if their mothers and 65% if their fathers love them.</li> <li>51% do not live with both natural parents.</li> <li>29% report that their father is dead or they do not know him. Only 27% are very close to fathers.</li> <li>26-29% consider cohabiting homosexual couples to be families.</li> <li>24% report that their parents have been divorced.</li> <li>22% report that one or both parents have died.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>50% of respondents subscribe to a traditional description of family—those related by birth, adoption, or marriage.</li> <li>Urban youth report 15% more often than rural subjects that they are very close to their mothers.</li> <li>36% of subjects report that home is where they feel safe and loved. Urban youth report this 15% more often than their rural peers.</li> </ul>
<b>Relationships with People of the Opposite Sex</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>83% believe God meant marriage to last a lifetime.</li> <li>82% expect to be very happy in their marriage.</li> <li>74% do not admire the single life.</li> <li>68% want a marriage like their parents'.</li> <li>64% would wait to have sex after marriage if they could change the past.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>69% agree that it is very hard to have a successful marriage these days.</li> <li>59% do not want to be a virgin when they marry.</li> <li>51% of all respondents have had intercourse.</li> <li>42% think that where children are involved, divorce is acceptable.</li> <li>40% expect marriage to end in divorce.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rural participants are 17% more likely than their urban counterparts to condemn divorce and to desire a marriage like their parents'.</li> <li>Males are 22%, older youth 18%, and rural youth 10% more likely to have had intercourse.</li> <li>Parents were the least reported source of information about sex.</li> </ul>
<b>Behaviors and Beliefs in Daily Life</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>90% report they did not use an illegal, non-prescription drug in the three months before the survey.</li> <li>90% did not use tobacco.</li> <li>87% did not steal money or a material possession.</li> <li>87% did not try to physically hurt someone.</li> <li>83% did not drink enough alcohol to be legally drunk.</li> <li>71% did not lie to an adult.</li> <li>65% read the Bible for an hour or more weekly.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>60% know that something is morally or ethically right if it works in their life.</li> <li>59% say it's ok to break the law if no one is hurt.</li> <li>48% lied to a friend or peer in the three months prior to the survey.</li> <li>44% cheated on an exam or evaluation.</li> <li>42% watched a pornographic movie.</li> <li>21% gambled or bet money on something.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urban participants are more likely (by 18%) to have lied to an adult or (by 13%) to a friend/peer.</li> <li>Males report 13% more often than females that they watched a pornographic movie.</li> <li>Studying from school materials and reading a book occupy the most time for students in a given week. Watching TV occupies the least time.</li> <li>Parents are the greatest reported influence on subjects' thoughts and actions.</li> </ul>
<b>Religious Background and Practice</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>84% believe the universe was created by God.</li> <li>83% report that faith is very important in their lives.</li> <li>81% agree that forgiveness of sin is only possible through faith in Jesus Christ.</li> <li>80% believe the Bible is accurate in all it teaches.</li> <li>75% believe in the efficacy of prayer.</li> <li>62% describe God as the all-powerful, ruling creator.</li> <li>61% (of 94% who answered this question) have made a commitment to Jesus that is relevant in their lives.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>75% believe all religions pray to the same God.</li> <li>73% believe the Holy Spirit is only a symbol.</li> <li>72% believe good people earn a place in heaven.</li> <li>62% deny Jesus' physical resurrection.</li> <li>55% believe in reincarnation.</li> <li>51% believe all religions teach equally valid truths.</li> <li>46% say God is no longer involved in humans' lives.</li> <li>45% believe the whole idea of sin is outdated.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urban youth are 19% more likely to describe God as the all-powerful creator who rules the world. Rural youth 11% more often say everyone is God.</li> <li>Students who reported "a lot" of influence by other faiths: 18% Islam, 18% new age, 15% traditional, 12% Buddhism, 9% Hinduism, and 16% other.</li> <li>48% attend religious services and 37% read the Bible or a religious scripture weekly or more often.</li> </ul>
<b>Identity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>75% of respondents report that they are somewhat or very satisfied with their lives.</li> <li>60% report that having a close relationship with God is very important in their futures.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18% of respondents report suicidal thoughts in the three months before the survey.</li> <li>10% are not at all satisfied with their lives.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>53% believe that a full and satisfying life is not possible without the pursuit of spiritual maturity.</li> <li>The most often indicated desirable conditions for the future are a degree and a high-paying job.</li> </ul>