

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



Notes: 69% of respondents were aged 16 years or older. 57% of respondents were female. Responses are weighted toward both of these groups. There were not enough responses from urban students to be certain that the data genuinely reflects their attitudes and behaviors. In all cases, reported respondents are those who participated in the survey and answered the question. Not all participants answered all questions. SSWC was completed in October 2008 for OneHope by the Metadigm Group.

Namibia	Positive Aspects	Negative Aspects	Key Notes
Family Relationships and Perspectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>76% of respondents sometimes or frequently talk to their mothers about personal concerns.</li> <li>56% sometimes or frequently talk to their fathers about personal concerns.</li> <li>47% report that they are very close to their mothers.</li> <li>26% report that they are very close to their fathers.</li> <li>49% said that home is where they feel safe and loved. Younger students were more likely to report this.</li> <li>68% said that their family experience has been positive.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only 30% of respondents report that they live with both natural parents.</li> <li>31% report that their fathers have died or that they do not know them.</li> <li>16% report that their mothers have died or that they do not know them.</li> <li>7% report that both parents have died.</li> <li>22% report that their parents have been divorced.</li> <li>22% of those under 16 accept that homosexuals who live together are a family.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students feel the adults in their family set good examples for them, demonstrate love between each other, spend time with them, and express interested in who they are.</li> <li>Respondents were more likely to feel that their mothers (56%) frequently show love for them than that their fathers (35%) do. But they were also more likely to frequently wonder if their mothers (34%) love them than to wonder the same about their fathers (25%).</li> </ul>
Relationships with People of the Opposite Sex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>88% of respondents expect to be very happy in their marriage.</li> <li>81% say that God intended marriage to last a lifetime.</li> <li>64% want a marriage like their parents.</li> <li>50% indicated that premarital sex for a couple in love is never acceptable.</li> <li>73% of respondents have not had sexual intercourse.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>68% believe it is very hard to have a successful marriage these days.</li> <li>57% said divorce is okay if children are involved.</li> <li>54% do not want to be a virgin when they marry.</li> <li>41% expect that most marriages end in divorce.</li> <li>40% learned about sex from TV or movies. Parents were the least often reported source.</li> <li>42% of males have had sexual intercourse.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Females indicated a notably greater value for virginity, but also more often admired single life.</li> <li>Younger respondents placed greater value on virginity. And they were significantly more positive about the prospects for marriage.</li> <li>Older students were twice as likely to have had sexual intercourse. And males were 2.6 times more likely than females to have done so.</li> </ul>
Behaviors and Beliefs in Daily Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>88% did not use an illegal drug in the three months before the survey was administered.</li> <li>86% did not use tobacco.</li> <li>82% did not cheat on an exam or evaluation.</li> <li>The Bible and parents were the greatest reported influences in the respondents' lives.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>71% lied to a friend or peer in the three months prior to the survey.</li> <li>62% lied to a parent, teacher, or an adult.</li> <li>45% watched a pornographic movie.</li> <li>31% gambled.</li> <li>24% stole.</li> <li>48% say it's ok to break the law if no one is hurt.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Males reported significantly more often than females that they had viewed pornography, gotten drunk, or gambled. And they more often reported using drugs and tobacco and trying to physically hurt someone.</li> <li>69% could recall a time when their religious beliefs changed their behavior. But 64% said that whatever works in their lives is morally right.</li> </ul>
Religious Background and Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>75% of respondents indicated that a close relationship with God is very important to their futures.</li> <li>75% believe that prayer can be effective in their lives.</li> <li>73% said that Jesus was born to a virgin.</li> <li>72% have made a personal commitment to Jesus that is still relevant in their lives.</li> <li>81% agree that forgiveness of sins is only possible through faith in Jesus Christ.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>79% are not sure or do not believe God exists.</li> <li>68% believe all religions pray to the same God.</li> <li>65% say a good person can earn a place in heaven.</li> <li>63% believe that moral truth can mean different things and no one can be positive they know it.</li> <li>48% believe Jesus did not physically return to life.</li> <li>45% believe some sins can never be forgiven.</li> <li>33% do not know what will happen after they die.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students reporting "a lot" of influence by other faiths include 5% Buddhism, 10% new age, 7% Islam, 12% indigenous/traditional, 7% Hinduism, and 11% other.</li> <li>There is a sharp tension and some flat contradiction within the respondents' belief systems.</li> </ul>
Identity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>54% of respondents said it is very important in their futures that they live with a high degree of integrity.</li> <li>46% report that they are very satisfied with their lives.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17% of respondents had suicidal thoughts in the three months before the survey.</li> <li>12% are not at all satisfied with their lives.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nearly three quarters of all respondents have some or a lot of desire for purpose in their lives.</li> </ul>