

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



Notes: Surveys were administered in randomly selected accessible schools in 2007. Older students, ages 16-18, were not represented in sufficient numbers for valid statistical interpretation of responses by age. The survey is heavily skewed towards the younger population, with only 25% of participants aged 16 or older.

In all cases, reported respondents are those who participated in the survey and answered the question. Not all participants answered all questions. SSWC is produced for OneHope by the Metadigm Group.

Peru	Positive Aspects	Negative Aspects	Key Notes
Family Relationships and Perspectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 55% of respondents report that their parents are married. That percentage drops with increased population density. 72% live with both natural parents. 55% report they are very close to their fathers. Females were 9% less likely to report this. 69% report that they are very close to their mothers. 40% frequently seek advice from fathers. 50% frequently seek advice from mothers. 70% feel their family experience has been positive. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20% of respondents live with only one parent. This was more often true for urban participants. 30% almost never talk to their fathers about personal concerns. 28% frequently wonder if fathers love them. 35% frequently wonder if mothers love them. 67% spend less than 30 minutes a week talking to fathers about things that matter to them. 56% spend less than 30 minutes a week talking to mothers about things that matter to them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports indicate strong, positive feelings about parents. Parents tend not to shout at children or fight; they are interested in and spend time with children; they set good examples; and they demonstrate love for each other. 13% of participants feel uncomfortable at home and would rather be elsewhere. Females reported this and that at home they “sometimes felt loved and other times did not” more often than males.
Relationships with People of the Opposite Sex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 81% believe that they will be happy in their own marriages. 80% do not expect marriage to end in divorce. 68% would like to be a virgin when they are married. 64% feel that being in love never makes premarital intercourse acceptable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 26% of males have had sexual intercourse. 16% overall reported that they have had sexual intercourse. Note that 77% of participants were younger than 16. For these, the reported rate was 13%. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural respondents showed less confidence in marriage. They were more likely to expect marriage to end in divorce, and less likely to believe that they will be happy in marriage. Females indicated a much higher value for virginity than males. For example, they were 30% more likely to wish to be a virgin when they marry.
Behaviors and Beliefs in Daily Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 94% of students reported that in the three months before the survey they did not use illegal drugs. 92% had not been legally drunk. 89% did not use tobacco. 91% did not steal. 86% to 87% did not view a pornographic movie or magazine. 89% did not attempt to hurt someone physically. 85% did not attempt to hurt someone emotionally. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 37% lied to a parent or an adult in the three months before the survey. 44% lied to a friends or peer. 36% cheated on an exam. 27% had gambled. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall the students’ responses indicate they behave morally in most cases, but deception is common. Males were twice as likely as females to have gambled, gotten legally drunk, or used illegal drugs and nearly 4 times more likely to have viewed a pornographic movie. Urban students were significantly more likely to have cheated on an exam or to have lied to an adult or peer.
Religious Background and Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 84% report that they are Christians, either Roman Catholic (62%) or Protestant (22%). 84% say the Bible provides practical standards for living. 79% believe that God exists. 64% believe that God is the creator of the universe who rules the world today. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 70% do not believe or are not sure that the soul survives the death of the body. 30% do not know what will happen when they die. 60% said that breaking the law is ok if you don’t hurt anyone. 68% think that truths can be in contradiction and remain correct. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only 14% confirmed that “When you die you will go to Heaven because you have confessed your sins and have accepted Jesus Christ as your savior.” 32% attend church services weekly or more often. 34% pray daily.
Identity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 45% of respondents are very satisfied with life. Only 5% report that they are not at all satisfied. 84% report that their faith is important in their lives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13% of respondents had suicidal thoughts in the three months before the survey. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 79% of respondents indicated that good physical health was to be desired “a lot” for their futures. This was the highest rated factor. Having influence and having children were the lowest rated factors.