

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

Notes: Almost all respondents were between 15 and 18 years of age, with 15 and 16 year olds almost twice as heavily represented as older students. Reported respondents are those who participated in the survey and answered the question. Not all participants answered all questions. Surveys were administered in 2007 and 2008. Standard methodology could not be followed for random sampling of students in Russia's schools. A convenient sample of approximately 3,300 students was drawn from schools where OneHope was able to gain access and limits study generalizability.



Russia	Positive Aspects	Negative Aspects	Key Notes
Family Relationships and Perspectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 97% of respondents feel their family experience has been positive. 68% say home is where they feel safe and loved. 88% are fairly or very close to their mothers. 66% are fairly or very close to their fathers. 78% feel that fathers always or sometimes show love for them. 93% feel that mothers always or sometimes show love for them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 55% of respondents rarely or never talk to their fathers about personal concerns. 23% report that their parents have been divorced. 10% said that their father is not alive or that they do not know him. Females were significantly less likely to report living with both natural parents, feeling safe and loved at home, or being very close to fathers. 10% accept that homosexual couples are families. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 63% of respondents (and 69% of females) define family as any group who you love or care about deeply. 23% define it by birth, adoption, and marriage. Students confirmed that parents demonstrate love for each other, spend time and show interest in them, and set good examples.
Relationships with People of the Opposite Sex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 86% expect to be happy in their marriages. 80% of respondents do not expect that those who marry will end up divorced. 70% agree God meant marriage to last a lifetime. Males were 19% more likely to believe that parents should not get divorced if there are children involved and 17% more likely to want a marriage like their parents'. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 75% do not want a marriage like their parents. 68% do not agree that where children are present parents should not get divorced. 59% do not wish to be virgins when they marry. 43% overall and 54% of males report that they have had sexual intercourse. 43% learned about sex from TV or movies. Only 10% learned from parents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only 33% of females (vs. 50% of males) want a marriage like their parents'. Moral constraint from premarital intimacy appears weak—only 11% say it is never morally acceptable for willing parties in love to have sexual intercourse. Constraint weakens as population density increases.
Beliefs and Perspectives About Daily Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 95% did not steal in the three months before the survey. 94% did not use an illegal drug. 86% did not gamble. 79% did not attempt to hurt anyone physically. 68% did not attempt to hurt anyone emotionally. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 70% cheated on an exam or evaluation in the three months leading up to the survey. 60% lied to a parent, teacher or other adult. 47% lied to a peer or friend 39% report that they used tobacco. 38% had been legally drunk. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Males were more likely than females to have engaged with pornography, used drugs, gambled, or tried to hurt someone physically. Urban youth were more likely to have cheated on an exam or to have lied to a parent or adult. Parents are the greatest reported influence in respondents' lives.
Religious Background and Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 87% of respondents heard of the Bible or Jesus from family or relatives. 78% agreed that God exists. 75% said that the soul survives after death. 66% say that prayer can be effective. 55% agreed that God created the universe. 50% made a personal commitment to Jesus that is still important in their lives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 96% of respondents spend less than one hour per week reading the Bible. 92% rarely or never attend religious services. 76% rarely or never pray. 60% deny the physical resurrection of Jesus. 54% indicated that all religious faiths teach the same truths. 44% don't know what will happen when they die. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In general, religion is not important—69% say it has not changed the way they behave. And the Bible is reported to have very little influence. Only 9% of respondents reported that they will go to heaven when they die because they confessed their sins and accepted Jesus. Only 8% find a personal relationship with God to be highly desirable.
Identity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 73% of respondents said that a clear purpose for living was very important to their futures. 53% said that living with a high degree of integrity is very important. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 29% are not too satisfied or not at all satisfied with their lives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Material happiness—high paying jobs, good physical health, and large homes—is very important in respondents' vision of the future.