

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



Notes: 25% of participants were over 18 years old. 36 percent were 16 to 18. 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.

Spain	Positive Aspects	Negative Aspects	Key Notes
Family Relationships and Perspectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>74% of respondents report that their parents are married.</li> <li>70% live with their natural mother and father.</li> <li>52% report a very close relationship with their fathers. Females were somewhat less likely and respondents younger than 16 were more likely to report this.</li> <li>69% report a very close relationship with their mothers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>About 50% agree that childless cohabiting homosexual couples are families.</li> <li>Females are more likely than males to report that their parents do not trust them, that they shout at them, that they fight, and that they do not allow them to do what they want.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most respondents reported that their parents are married. This is notable in light of a reported 51% divorce rate.</li> <li>Older respondents are over 20% more likely to accept homosexual couples as families.</li> </ul>
Relationships with People of the Opposite Sex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>73% expect to be happy in their own marriages.</li> <li>70 % of respondents under 16 have not had intercourse. Younger participants were 40% less likely to have had intercourse than older students.</li> <li>Males and younger respondents were less likely to find intercourse morally acceptable for an unmarried couple in love.</li> <li>Males are 12% more likely to want to be a virgin at marriage and 9% more likely to want to regain their virginity if it were possible.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>74% do not want to be a virgin when they marry.</li> <li>55% have had sexual intercourse; males and urban youth are more likely to have had intercourse.</li> <li>65% said that it is always morally acceptable for couples in love to have sexual intercourse.</li> <li>50% did not learn about sex from parents, the least likely source. Classmates and friends were the most likely reported sources.</li> <li>71% believe that divorce is permissible even when children are involved.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participation was heavily weighted towards older youth. Younger students differed, in some cases strongly, from overall responses.</li> <li>Data from Colombia, Costa Rica, and Peru indicate that females much more (and in El Salvador slightly more) than males value virginity. It was not surprising that males in these countries were more likely to have had intercourse. In Spain, males indicated a higher value for virginity. But they still were more likely to have had intercourse.</li> </ul>
Behaviors and Beliefs in Daily Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>78% of respondents had not stolen in the 3 months before the survey.</li> <li>70% did not gamble.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>77% tried to hurt someone physically or emotionally in the three months before the survey.</li> <li>49% say law-breaking acceptable if no one is hurt.</li> <li>43% had been legally drunk.</li> <li>42% used tobacco.</li> <li>39% watched a pornographic movie.</li> <li>34% used an illegal drug.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note again the preponderance of responses from older youth. In this section of the survey, age had less apparent influence than above. But older respondents were significantly more likely to have been drunk, used illegal drugs, or watched a pornographic movie.</li> </ul>
Religious Background and Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>35% of respondents spend an hour or more weekly reading the Bible.</li> <li>52% heard of the Bible or of Jesus from family.</li> <li>70% heard of the Bible or of Jesus in churches.</li> <li>Younger subjects are significantly more likely to believe that God created the universe (by 21%), and that the Bible provides absolute moral truths (by 20%) and practical living advice (by 15%).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>75% are not certain of God's existence.</li> <li>31% believe there is no such thing as God.</li> <li>54% of subjects believe that no one can be sure that they know the truth.</li> <li>63% say rejecting Christ as savior will not result in an eternity in Hell.</li> <li>52% believe that good works can grant them access to Heaven.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Bible and new age religions are about equally influential among respondents.</li> <li>Females are significantly more likely to feel that lying is sometimes necessary, to believe that truth means different things to people, and that spiritual development is not necessary for leading a satisfying life.</li> </ul>
Identity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>46% of respondents were very satisfied with their lives.</li> <li>64% strongly desire a clear purpose for living.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19% had suicidal thoughts in the three months before the survey.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good physical health and close friendships are the most desired conditions for the future, followed by a high-paying job and having a degree.</li> </ul>