

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



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—3,287 students aged about 13 to 18 (population density and gender are proportional to national population distribution)—indicates a skew towards male attitudes among older subjects. Data was collected from September to December 2008. SSWC was completed in February 2009 for OneHope by the Metadigm Group.

Tanzania	Positive Aspects	Negative Aspects	Key Notes
Family Relationships and Perspectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 75% feel that mothers and 53% that fathers frequently show love for them. 71% report an overall positive family experience. 67% feel very close to their mothers. 49% feel very close to their fathers. 64% report that the adults in their family frequently demonstrate that they really love each other. 61% of respondents report their parents as married. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 70% sometimes or frequently wonder if their mothers and 51% if their fathers love them. 29% spend no time in a normal week talking to fathers about things that really matter to them. 24% report that their father is not alive or they do not know him. 20% report that one or both parents have died. 17% report that their parents have been divorced. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 57% of respondents favor a traditional description of family—those related by birth, adoption, or marriage). 11-12% consider cohabiting homosexual couples to be families. 31% report that home is where they feel safe and loved. 11% said home is a place where they usually feel uncomfortable and would rather be elsewhere.
Relationships with People of the Opposite Sex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 89% believe God meant marriage to last a lifetime. 84% expect to be very happy in their marriage. 77% would like to be a virgin when they marry. 73% think that where children are involved, divorce is not acceptable. 71% do not expect that marriage will end in divorce. 71% want a marriage like their parents'. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50% agree that it is very hard to have a successful marriage these days. 29% report that premarital sex is sometimes and 11% always acceptable for a couple in love. 21% of all respondents have had intercourse. Parents were the least reported source of information about sex. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Males report 16% less often than females that they would like to be a virgin when they marry. Males and older subjects report 11% more often than their female and younger peers that they have had intercourse. 60% indicate premarital sex for a couple in love is never acceptable.
Behaviors and Beliefs in Daily Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 95% report that they did not use an illegal drug in the three months before the survey. 94% did not use tobacco. 92% had not been legally drunk. 92% did not try to hurt someone physically. 91% did not gamble or bet money on something. 91% did not steal money or a material possession. 89% did not cheat on an exam or evaluation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 48% believe that you have to bend the rules to your own benefit to get by. 41% lied to a friend or peer and 32% to an adult in the three months prior to the survey. 39% cannot recall a time when their religious beliefs changed their behavior. 33% say it's ok to break the law if no one is hurt. 33% read a pornographic magazine. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 68% indicate that they read the Bible for an hour or more weekly. Studying from school materials occupies the most time in a given week. Of those listed, the greatest source of influence on subjects' thoughts and actions is indigenous faith or traditional ancestor worship. Parents are the least reported influence. 72% know that something is morally or ethically right if it works in their lives.
Religious Background and Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 91% believe the Bible is accurate in all it teaches. * 88% have made a personal commitment to Jesus that is still relevant in their lives. 87% believe the universe was created by God. * 83% believe in the efficacy of prayer. 82% agree God is the all-powerful creator who rules. * 80% report the Christian faith is relevant to them. * 80% believe forgiveness of sins is only possible through faith in Jesus Christ. 58% attend religious services weekly or more often. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 79% believe good people earn a place in heaven. * 75% believe all religions pray to the same God. 68% believe ghosts exist and influence life. * 49% believe the Holy Spirit is only a symbol. * 48% believe there are sins God can't forgive. 39% believe God is not involved in humans' lives. * 39% believe the whole idea of sin is outdated. * 38% believe in reincarnation. * 27% deny Jesus' physical resurrection. 24% do not know what will happen after they die. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 75% believe the Bible provides absolute moral truths that are the same for all people in all situations, without exception. But 63% agree that in matters of morals and ethics, truth means different things to different people; no one can be absolutely positive that they have the truth. 41% believe that a full and satisfying life is possible without the pursuit of spiritual maturity. Males agree 8% more often they will go to heaven for following religious rites; females 7% more often don't know what will happen when they die.
Identity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 57% of respondents report that they are somewhat or very satisfied with their lives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25% are not at all satisfied with their lives. 10% of respondents report suicidal thoughts in the three months before the survey. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The most indicated desirable conditions for the future are a close relationship with God, good physical health, and a degree.

* About two-thirds of participants answered these questions.