

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



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 sample set contained a disproportionate percentage of younger children in rural populations and older students in urban populations. SSWC was completed in June 2008 for OneHope by the Metadigm Group

Togo	Positive Aspects	Negative Aspects	Key Notes
Family Relationships and Perspectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 48% of respondents report their parents as married. 67% report an overall positive family experience. 45% feel that fathers frequently show love for them. 53% feel very close to their fathers. (Note: This is true for only 27% of urban youth.) 66% feel that mothers frequently show love for them. 68% feel very close to their mothers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 17% report that one or both parents have died. 19% live with one parent, 9% with a grandparent and 5% without an adult. 25% report that their parents have been divorced. 25% said home is a place where they usually feel uncomfortable and would rather be elsewhere. 52% sometimes or frequently wonder if their fathers and 64% if their mothers love them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents slightly favored a traditional description of family (those related by birth, adoption, or marriage). But in concrete cases an most (89-91%) did not think of childless, unwed heterosexuals or homosexual couples as families. 35-48% of urban youth considered the concrete cases above to be families. 48% considered homosexual couples of either sex to be families.
Relationships with People of the Opposite Sex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 91% believe God meant marriage to last a lifetime. 91% expect to be very happy in their marriage. 86% do not admire the single life 77% think that where children are involved, divorce is not acceptable. 76% do not expect that marriage will end in divorce. 71% would like to be a virgin when they marry. 62% indicated premarital sex for a couple in love is never acceptable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 66% agree that it is very hard to have a successful marriage these days 40% of those 16 and older and 48% of urban youth report that they have had intercourse. 28% of all respondents indicate that they have had sexual intercourse. Parents were the least reported source of information about sex. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Females more often indicated that it is very hard to have a successful marriage, but they less often agreed that divorce was an acceptable solution where children are involved. Males were 14% less likely than females to want to be virgins when they marry. Urban students were the most likely to agree that marriage is very hard; but they were the least likely to believe in the inevitability of divorce.
Behaviors and Beliefs in Daily Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 95% report that they did not use tobacco and 91% an illegal drug in the three months before the survey. 86% had not been legally drunk. 84% did not cheat on an exam or evaluation. 71% indicated that they read the Bible for an hour or more weekly. Studying from school materials and reading a book occupy the most time for students in a given week. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24-25% viewed pornographic materials. 20% gambled or bet money on something. 14% stole money or a material possession. 36% say it's ok to break the law if no one is hurt. 48% lied to a friend or peer and 33% to an adult in the three months prior to the survey. 61% believe that you have to bend the rules to your own benefit to get by. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Males report 11% more often than females that they watched a pornographic movie. Males were more likely to have been legally drunk or gambled and less likely to have lied. Urban youth reported lying at a much greater rate than their semi-urban and rural peers.
Religious Background and Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 91% believe the universe was created by God. 88% report that prayer can change what happens. 88% have made a personal commitment to Jesus that is still relevant in their lives. 85% agree that the Bible provides a clear description of moral truth. 84% report that having a close relationship with God is very important in their futures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 85% of respondents are not sure if God exists. 81% believe the Holy Spirit is only a symbol. 82% believe that good people earn a place in heaven. 65% believe that what works in their lives is morally right. 66% believe all religions pray to the same God. 51% believe in reincarnation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More respondents indicated a sure belief in ghosts than in God 71% believe that people can define truth in contradictory ways and be correct. Students who reported "a lot" of influence by other faiths: , 20% Islam, 14% traditional, 13% other ,12% new age, 9% Buddhism, and 8% Hinduism.
Identity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 71% of respondents report that they are somewhat or very satisfied with their lives. 50-53% reported "a lot" of influence by the Bible and the Christian faith in their lives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 26% of respondents report suicidal thoughts in the three months before the survey. Females reported this significantly more often than males. 15% are not at all satisfied with their lives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 62% believe that a full and satisfying life is possible without the pursuit of spiritual maturity. The most indicated desirable conditions for the future are health, a degree, and a large house.