

Religion in Main Interview, CDS, and TAS: 1968-2023

Domain	Question Text	Family member and waves available: RP=Reference Person*, SP=Spouse/Partner*, FUM=Family members
General Information	Is your religious preference Protestant, Catholic, or Jewish, or what?	RP: 1970-74, RP, SP:76-77, 79-85, 86-2017 TAS: 2005-2013
	What denomination is that?	CDS (Child): 2002, 2007 TAS: 2005, 2007
	We'd like to ask you some questions about religious or spiritual beliefs. What is your religious preference?	RP: 76-77, 79-84, 1994-2017, SP: 76, 1994-2017 RP, SP: 2021 TAS: 2005-2021
	What is your present religion?	RP, SP: 2003-2005
	May we record your religious preferences?	CDS (Child): 2002, 2007
	Do you refer to your place of worship as a church, synagogue, mosque, temple, or by some other name?	CDS (Child): 2002, 2007 TAS: 2005-2015
	Are you a spiritual person?	CDS (Child): 2002, 2007 TAS: 2005-2021
Religiosity	How often do you go to religious services?	RP: 1968-1971, 1972 CDS (PCG): all waves RP, SP: 2003-2005
	How often did you go to religious services? [Number or Time Unit]	
	In the past 12 months, about how often did you attend religious services?	CDS (Child): 2002, 2007 CDS (PCG): 2014, 2019, 2021 TAS: 2005-2021
	How often do you go to church?	RP: 1968, 1969-1971, 1972
	[How often do you attend] religious activities [together]?	CDS (PCG): 1997, 2002, 2007 2014
	How many of your friends go to church regularly?	CDS (Child): 2002, 2007, 2014, 2019, 2021
	[How much time is spent] attending services of a church or synagogue and/or participating in the service: ushering, singing in the choir, going to church, attending funerals, attending wedding service?	CDS (Child): 1997, 2002, 2007 CDS (PCG): 2014, 2019
	[How much time is spent with] individual practice; religious practice carried out as an individual or in a small group; praying; meditating; visiting graves; praying at mealtime or bedtime?	CDS (Child): 1997, 2002, 2007
In the past 12 months, about how often did you participate in religious clubs or activities?	CDS (Child): 2002, 2007 CDS (PCG): 2014, 2019, 2021	
Strength of Religious	How important is religion to you?	CDS (Child): 2002, 2007 TAS: 2005-2021

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Feelings	Apart from attending religious services, how important would you say religion is to you?	CDS (PCG): 1997, 2002, 2007, 2014, 2019, 2021 TAS: 2005-2017
	How much comfort do you get from your religion?	CDS (Child): 2002, 2007
	Aside from conventional religion, how important would you say spirituality or faith is to you?	CDS (PCG): 2002, 2007, 2014, 2019, 2021
	How important is spirituality to you?	CDS (Child): 2002, 2007 TAS: 2005-2021
	How much comfort do you get from your spirituality?	CDS (Child): 2002, 2007
Parental Involvement	How much influence do you have in making decisions about such things as education, religion, and health care for [your child]?	CDS (PCG): 1997, 2002, 2007
	How much influence does [the child's] father have in making decisions about such things as education, religion, and health care?	CDS (PCG): 1997, 2002, 2007
	How much influence does [the child's] mother have in making decisions about such things as education, religion, and health care?	CDS (PCG): 1997, 2014
	How much influence does [non co-resident mother/father] have in making decisions about such things as education, religion, and health care?	CDS (PCG): 2019, 2021
Religious Education	Between kindergarten and now, did [your child] ever attend a religious or other private school (instead of public school)?	FUM: 1995 CDS (PCG): all waves
	Between kindergarten and 12th grade, or highest grade completed, did (he/she/you) ever attend a religious or other private school instead of a public school?	FUM: 1995
	For the years not spent in public schools, was (he/she/were you) mostly in a non-religious private school, a Catholic school or another religious school?	FUM: 1995
	What type of private school has [your child] attended: a private/religious school, a private/non-religious school or both?	CDS (PCG): all waves
	[Is religious instruction] a goal that best describes the objectives of your [early childhood] program?	CDS (PCG): 1997
	What organization(s) [church or religious group] sponsors your program?	CDS (PCG): 1997
	During the last fiscal year, approximately what percentage of your program's budget was met with funds from religious organizations?	CDS (PCG): 1997
Religious Donation & Assistance	Did you make any donations specifically for religious purposes or spiritual development, for example to a church, synagogue, mosque, TV or radio ministry?	RP or SP: 2001-2023
	Altogether, what was the total dollar value of all donations you and your family made towards religious purposes?	RP or SP: 2001-2023

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	Did you make a donation [to the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami] through your church, synagogue, mosque, or other place of worship?	RP or SP: 2005
	Did you, or anyone in your family, donate to any organization that served a combination of purposes? (Amount)	RP or SP: 2001-2023
	Do you ever talk to [your child] about giving some of (his/her) money - if only a few pennies - to a church, synagogue, or another charity?	CDS (PCG): 2002, 2007, 2014, 2019, 2021
	Did you give some of your money last year - if only a few pennies - to a church, synagogue, or another charity that helps people who are not part of your family?	CDS (Child): 2002, 2007, 2014, 2019, 2021
	[Did you receive] help from anyone else, such as a church, family, or a community group? [Housing, health care, child care, food, transportation, etc.] Did [you / [RP / SP]] receive any help in [PYEAR] from non-relatives or friends?	RP or SP: 2001-2023
	[Did you receive] help from a church [in the last 2 years]?	RP: 1999, 2001, 2003
	How important is it to leave an estate or inheritance to a church, synagogue, mosque, or other religious organization?	RP or SP: 2007
Religious Volunteering & Organizations	[How much time did you spend in] organizational activities [such as religious practice or religious groups]?	CDS (Child): 1997, 2002, 2007
	[How much time did you spend in] meetings [or activities] for religious helping groups: attending meetings of helping-oriented church groups—circle, missionary society, youth groups, leading youth groups, Knights of Columbus?	CDS (Child): 1997, 2002, 2007
	[How much time did you spend in] meetings [or activities] for other church groups: attending meetings of church group, Bible study group, not primarily helping-oriented?	CDS (Child): 1997, 2002, 2007
	[How much time did you spend in] church, or other religious club or activity (not religious service)?	CDS (Child): 1997, 2002, 2007
	Which types of organizations have you been involved with in your volunteer or community service work in the last 12 months?	TAS: 2005-2021
	How often did you do volunteer activity at or through your church, synagogue, or mosque, such as serving on a committee, assisting in worship, teaching, or helping others through programs organized by your place of worship?	RP, SP: 2003, 2005
	[What are your] calculated annual hours volunteering through religious organizations?	RP, SP: 2003, 2005
	Was any of (your/her/his) volunteering at or through (your/her/his) place of worship? In a typical week, how many hours do you spend volunteering, for example, at religious organizations, schools, hospitals, charities, or community organizations?	RP or SP: 2011-2023

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*Prior to 2017, Reference Person was referred to as Head and prior to 2015 Spouse or Partner was referred to as Wife or “Wife”