

The ReligiousInsite Report 2017

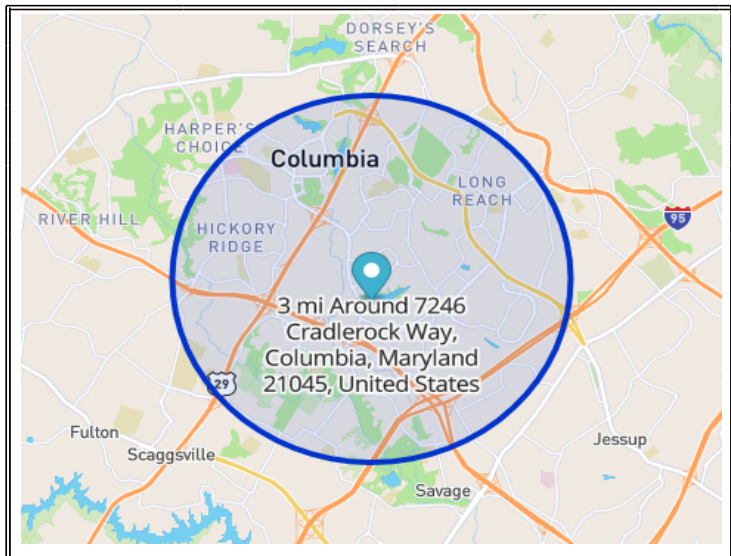
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About the NEW ReligiousInsite Report

The Quadrennium Project provides a projection of likely religious beliefs, preferences and practices for a defined study area. It is based upon the Quadrennium Project national survey conducted by MissionInsite every five (5) years. While general religious data is available through various organizations, only MissionInsite can provide local geography projections that are current. This report is based upon the 2017 Quadrennium Survey; the most recent following the initial 2012 survey.

There are two reports in the Quadrennium Survey series for 2017. The first report is called ReligiousInsite. It provides insights into community beliefs and religious preferences. The second report is called MinistryInsite. The focus of this report is on practical applications of the 2017 survey. It includes life concerns, reasons for non-participation or considered non-participation in a religious congregation or community and a list of preferred ministries or programs--all of which is based upon the very specific profile of the study area. One final innovation for this survey version is the "Priority Lists". Using MissionInsite analytics, very customized priority lists zoom the reader right into the heart of study area concerns, program and ministry preferences and more.

The Study Area



Contents of the ReligiousInsite Report

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How to Read the Different Report Types

Four windows into the respondent's answers to the Quadrennium Survey.

- Window #1:** Reveals the detailed responses across all options
- Window #2:** In most cases, compares the study area responses to national average responses on survey questions or statements. (See last page for additional aid in interpretation.)
- Window #3:** Where possible, this window compares data between the 2012 and 2017 surveys. It reveals potential trends.
- Window #4:** Available only on certain topics, after applying some analytics, this window provides prioritized lists of the topic.

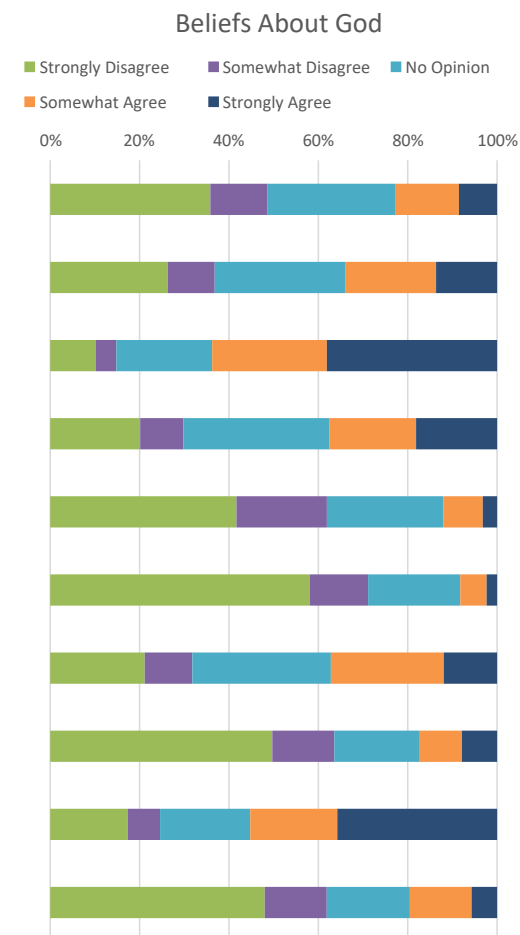
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Beliefs about God

Beliefs about God held by people are very diverse. These statements express the likely views held by people within this study area on a range of beliefs. Ideas range from well defined monotheism to loosely defined polytheism.

Beliefs About God					
Study Area Detail	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	No Opinion	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
Everyone and everything is god	35.8%	12.8%	28.7%	14.1%	8.5%
God is a higher state of consciousness that people may achieve	26.3%	10.5%	29.3%	20.2%	13.7%
God is love and invites the world into a loving relationship	10.2%	4.7%	21.4%	25.7%	38.1%
God is the full realization of human potential	20.1%	9.7%	32.7%	19.4%	18.1%
I believe God created the world but takes no further part in it	41.7%	20.2%	26.0%	8.9%	3.2%
I believe in more than one god, i.e. many gods	58.1%	13.1%	20.6%	5.9%	2.3%
I believe in Nature and/or spirits in Nature	21.2%	10.7%	31.0%	25.3%	11.9%
I don't believe a god exists; the material universe is all that is	49.7%	13.9%	18.9%	9.6%	7.9%
I have a personal relationship with one living God, who is Lord and Savior	17.3%	7.3%	20.2%	19.5%	35.8%
I'm unsure/undecided about whether a god exists	48.0%	13.9%	18.6%	13.8%	5.7%



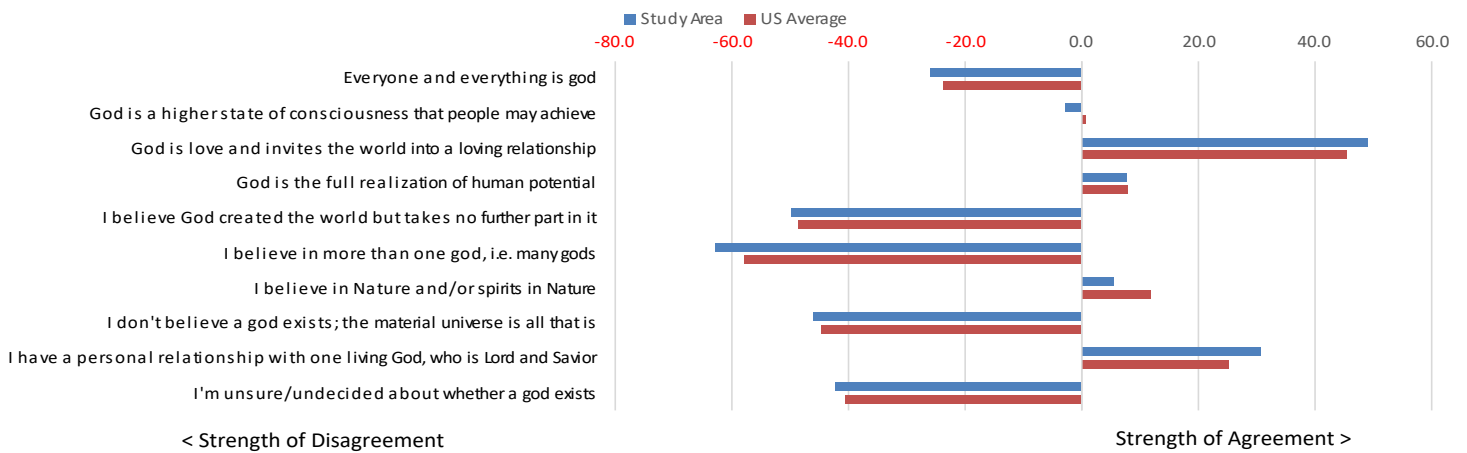
Hint: The detail report indicates how people within the study area would likely respond to the statements about God. Look for the distribution across the five categories. Use the illustrative graph next to each statement row to grasp where the largest percentage is found. Do the highest percentages lean toward the Strongly Agree or Disagree? Or is the No Opinion response greater than the other categories. If it is, what might that indicate?

Beliefs About God

Study Area Compared to National Average	Study Area			US Average			Comparative Index	
	All Disagree	All Agree	Distance	All Disagree	All Agree	Distance	Disagree	Agree
	Everyone and everything is god	48.6%	22.7%	-26.0	46.6%	22.8%	-23.8	104
God is a higher state of consciousness that people may achieve	36.8%	33.9%	-2.9	34.1%	34.8%	0.7	108	97
God is love and invites the world into a loving relationship	14.8%	63.8%	49.0	15.4%	60.7%	45.3	96	105
God is the full realization of human potential	29.8%	37.5%	7.7	28.8%	36.7%	7.9	104	102
I believe God created the world but takes no further part in it	61.9%	12.1%	-49.9	60.6%	11.9%	-48.7	102	101
I believe in more than one god, i.e. many gods	71.1%	8.2%	-62.9	67.3%	9.4%	-58.0	106	88
I believe in Nature and/or spirits in Nature	31.8%	37.2%	5.4	28.2%	40.1%	11.8	113	93
I don't believe a god exists; the material universe is all that is	63.5%	17.5%	-46.1	62.0%	17.3%	-44.7	102	101
I have a personal relationship with one living God, who is Lord and Savior	24.6%	55.2%	30.7	26.1%	51.3%	25.2	94	108
I'm unsure/undecided about whether a god exists	61.9%	19.5%	-42.4	60.1%	19.5%	-40.6	103	100

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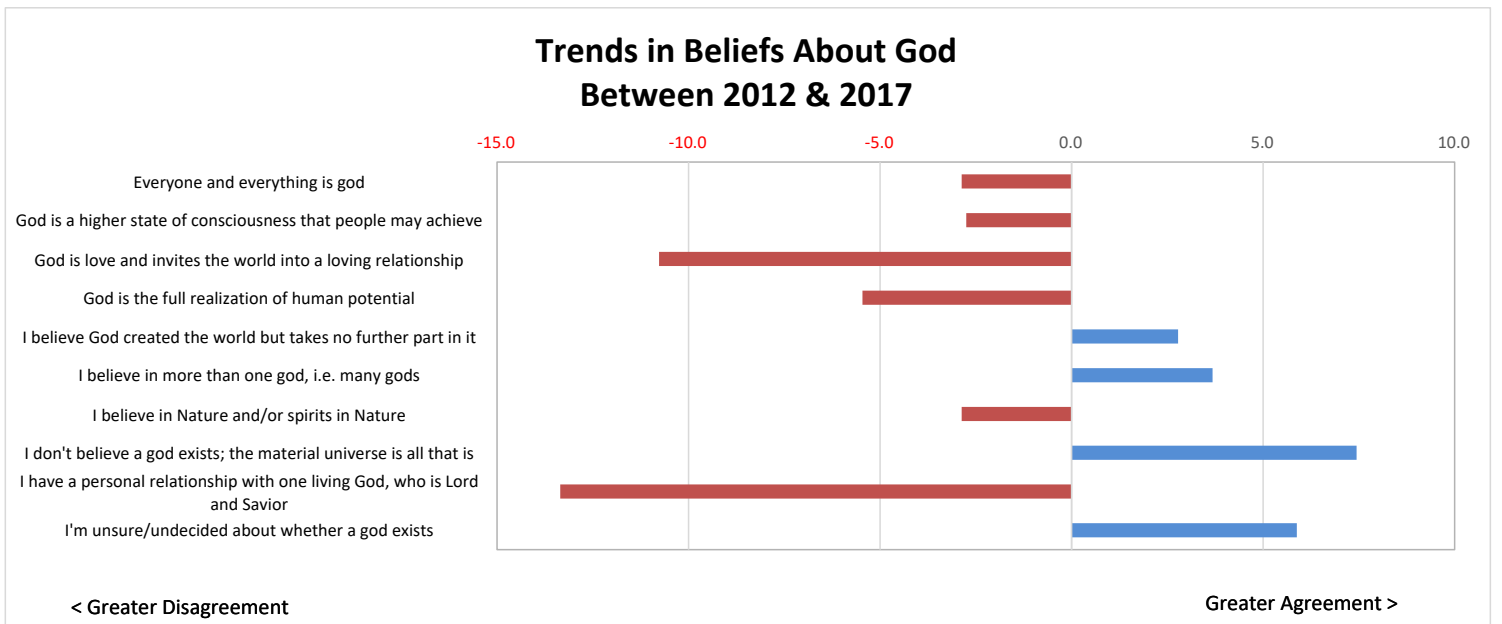
Direction and Strength of Beliefs About God Compared to National Average



Hint: This chart visualizes a comparison of the study area to the national average. It also reveals the strength of the direction of the belief. Whether positive or negative, the longer the bars, the greater the agreement or disagreement. It is calculated by deriving the distance between the percentages agree versus disagree.

Study Area Comparison between 2012 & 2017	Beliefs About God								
	2012			2017			Change Between Surveys		
	All Disagree	No Opinion	All Agree	All Disagree	No Opinion	All Agree	All Disagree	No Opinion	All Agree
Everyone and everything is god	48.2%	26.3%	25.6%	48.6%	28.7%	22.7%	0.5	2.4	-2.9
God is a higher state of consciousness that people may achieve	37.6%	25.8%	36.6%	36.8%	29.3%	33.9%	-0.8	3.5	-2.8
God is love and invites the world into a loving relationship	9.2%	16.3%	74.5%	14.8%	21.4%	63.8%	5.6	5.1	-10.8
God is the full realization of human potential	27.8%	29.3%	43.0%	29.8%	32.7%	37.5%	2.1	3.4	-5.5
I believe God created the world but takes no further part in it	71.8%	18.9%	9.3%	61.9%	26.0%	12.1%	-9.9	7.1	2.8
I believe in more than one god, i.e. many gods	80.2%	15.3%	4.6%	71.1%	20.6%	8.2%	-9.0	5.3	3.7
I believe in Nature and/or spirits in Nature	30.6%	29.3%	40.1%	31.8%	31.0%	37.2%	1.2	1.7	-2.9
I don't believe a god exists; the material universe is all that is	78.1%	11.9%	10.0%	63.5%	18.9%	17.5%	-14.6	7.0	7.4
I have a personal relationship with one living God, who is Lord and Savior	17.9%	13.5%	68.6%	24.6%	20.2%	55.2%	6.7	6.7	-13.4
I'm unsure/undecided about whether a god exists	75.2%	11.2%	13.6%	61.9%	18.6%	19.5%	-13.3	7.5	5.9

This report compares the answers on these belief statements between the 2012 and 2017 Quadrennium© surveys. These data will provide a sense of the changing trends on these social and moral belief statements, if any. In the chart that follows, the distance between the 2012 and 2017 agree statements is visualized. The longer the bar, either positive or negative the greater the shift on agreement. This provides a glimpse into changes on these issues between the two surveys.



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Beliefs about God in Rank Order

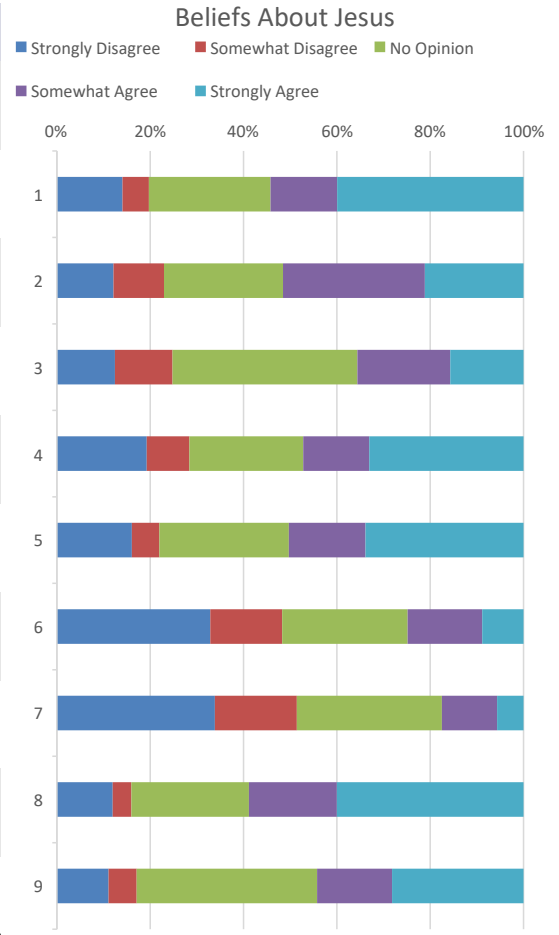
Ranking	Concern	Ratio	Strength
1	God is love and invites the world into a loving relationship.	4.3	Somewhat strong agreement
2	I have a personal relationship with one living God, who is Lord and Savior.	2.2	Weak agreement
3	God is the full realization of human potential.	1.3	Weak agreement
4	I believe in Nature and/or spirits in Nature.	1.2	Weak agreement
5	God is a higher state of consciousness that people may achieve.	0.9	Very weak agreement
6	Everyone and everything is god.	0.5	Very weak agreement
7	I'm unsure/undecided about whether a god exists.	0.3	Very weak agreement
8	I don't believe a god exists; the material universe is all that is.	0.3	Very weak agreement
9	I believe God created the world but takes no further part in it.	0.2	Very weak agreement
10	I believe in more than one god, i.e. many gods.	0.1	Very weak agreement



Beliefs about Jesus

Jesus is a person of interest to many people, but what they think about who he was and what he did varies. These statements express the likely views held by people within this study area.

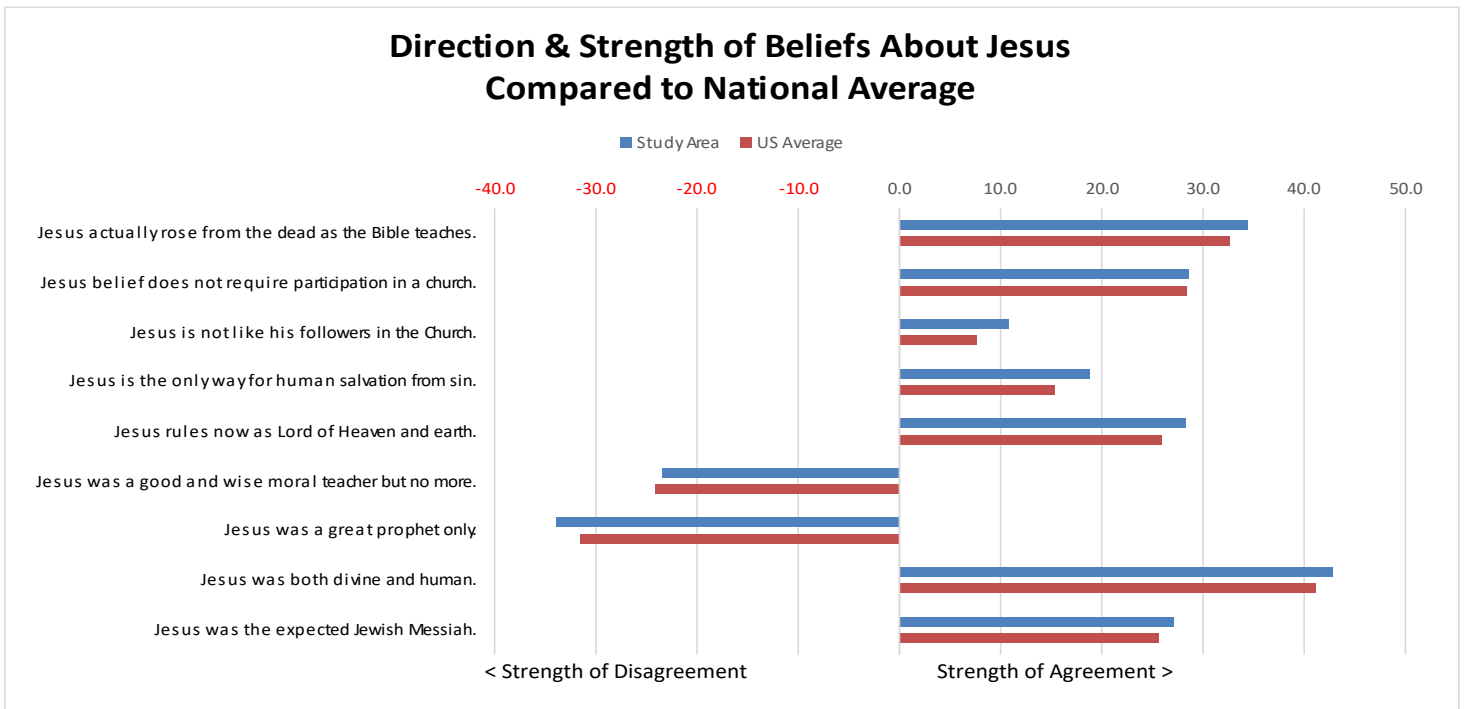
Beliefs About Jesus					
Study Area Detail	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	No Opinion	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
Jesus actually rose from the dead as the Bible teaches.	14.1%	5.7%	26.1%	14.3%	39.9%
Jesus belief does not require participation in a church.	12.1%	10.8%	25.5%	30.4%	21.1%
Jesus is not like his followers in the Church.	12.4%	12.3%	39.6%	19.9%	15.7%
Jesus is the only way for human salvation from sin.	19.3%	9.1%	24.4%	14.2%	33.1%
Jesus rules now as Lord of Heaven and earth.	16.1%	5.9%	27.7%	16.4%	33.9%
Jesus was a good and wise moral teacher but no more.	32.9%	15.4%	26.9%	16.0%	8.9%
Jesus was a great prophet only.	33.9%	17.6%	31.1%	11.8%	5.7%
Jesus was both divine and human.	12.0%	4.0%	25.2%	18.8%	40.0%
Jesus was the expected Jewish Messiah.	11.1%	6.0%	38.7%	16.1%	28.2%



Hint: The detail report indicates how people within the study area would likely respond to the statements about Jesus. Look for the distribution across the five categories. Use the illustrative graph next to each statement row to grasp where the largest percentage is found. Do the highest percentages lean toward the Strongly Agree or Disagree? Or is the No Opinion response greater than the other categories. If it is, what might that indicate?

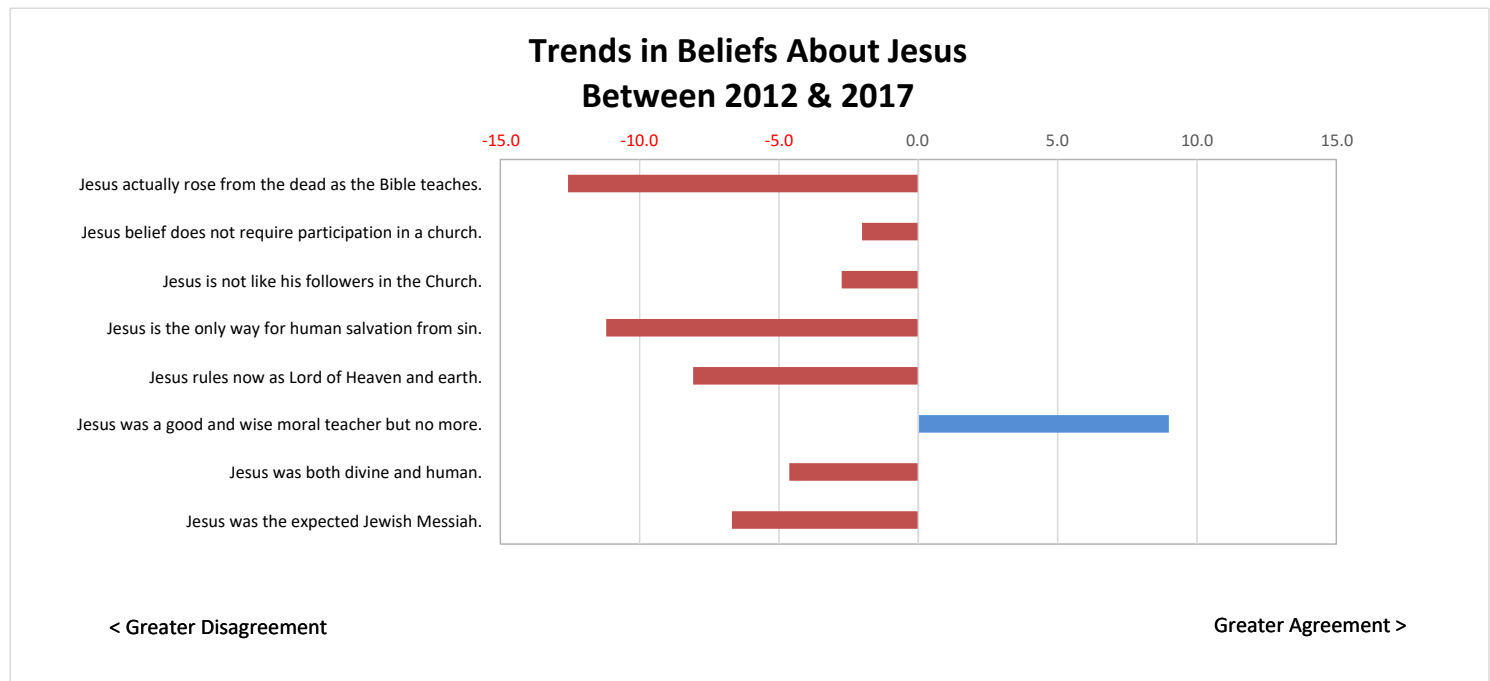
Beliefs About Jesus									
Study Area Compared to National Average	Study Area			US Average			Comparative Index		
	All Disagree	All Agree	Distance	All Disagree	All Agree	Distance	Disagree	Agree	
	Jesus actually rose from the dead as the Bible teaches.	19.7%	54.2%	34.5	19.4%	52.1%	32.6	101	104
Jesus belief does not require participation in a church.	23.0%	51.5%	28.6	22.0%	50.4%	28.4	104	102	
Jesus is not like his followers in the Church.	24.8%	35.6%	10.8	24.6%	32.2%	7.7	101	110	
Jesus is the only way for human salvation from sin.	28.4%	47.2%	18.8	28.7%	44.1%	15.4	99	107	
Jesus rules now as Lord of Heaven and earth.	22.0%	50.3%	28.3	21.7%	47.7%	26.0	101	105	
Jesus was a good and wise moral teacher but no more.	48.3%	24.8%	-23.4	46.8%	22.7%	-24.1	103	109	
Jesus was a great prophet only.	51.4%	17.5%	-33.9	48.1%	16.5%	-31.6	107	106	
Jesus was both divine and human.	16.0%	58.8%	42.9	15.5%	56.7%	41.2	103	104	
Jesus was the expected Jewish Messiah.	17.1%	44.3%	27.2	15.9%	41.6%	25.7	107	106	

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Study Area Comparison between 2012 & 2017	Beliefs about Jesus								
	2012			2017			Point Change Between Surveys		
	All Disagree	No Opinion	All Agree	All Disagree	No Opinion	All Agree	All Disagree	No Opinion	All Agree
Jesus actually rose from the dead as the Bible teaches.	14.8%	18.4%	66.8%	19.7%	26.1%	54.2%	4.9	7.7	-12.6
Jesus belief does not require participation in a church.	28.6%	17.9%	53.6%	23.0%	25.5%	51.5%	-5.6	7.6	-2.0
Jesus is not like his followers in the Church.	25.1%	36.5%	38.4%	24.8%	39.6%	35.6%	-0.3	3.1	-2.8
Jesus is the only way for human salvation from sin.	23.4%	18.2%	58.4%	28.4%	24.4%	47.2%	5.1	6.2	-11.2
Jesus rules now as Lord of Heaven and earth.	20.1%	21.6%	58.4%	22.0%	27.7%	50.3%	1.9	6.2	-8.1
Jesus was a good and wise moral teacher but no more.	65.8%	18.3%	15.8%	48.3%	26.9%	24.8%	-17.6	8.6	9.0
Jesus was both divine and human.	15.0%	21.5%	63.5%	16.0%	25.2%	58.8%	1.0	3.7	-4.6
Jesus was the expected Jewish Messiah.	12.7%	36.3%	50.9%	17.1%	38.7%	44.3%	4.4	2.4	-6.7

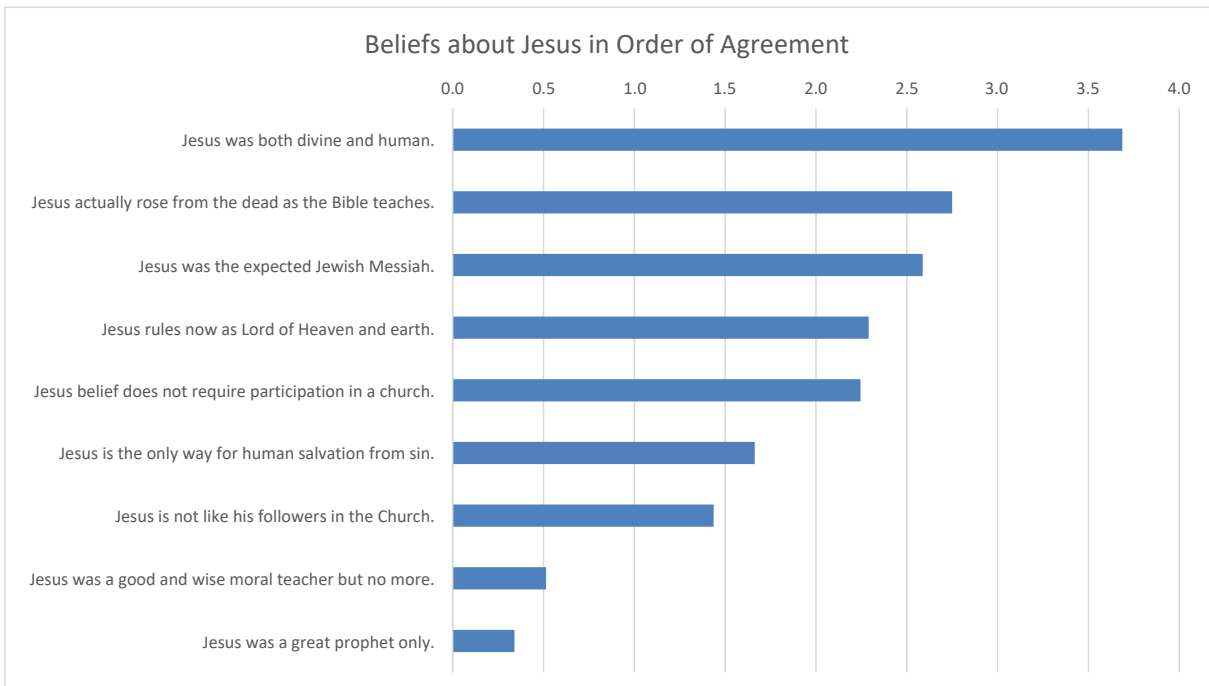
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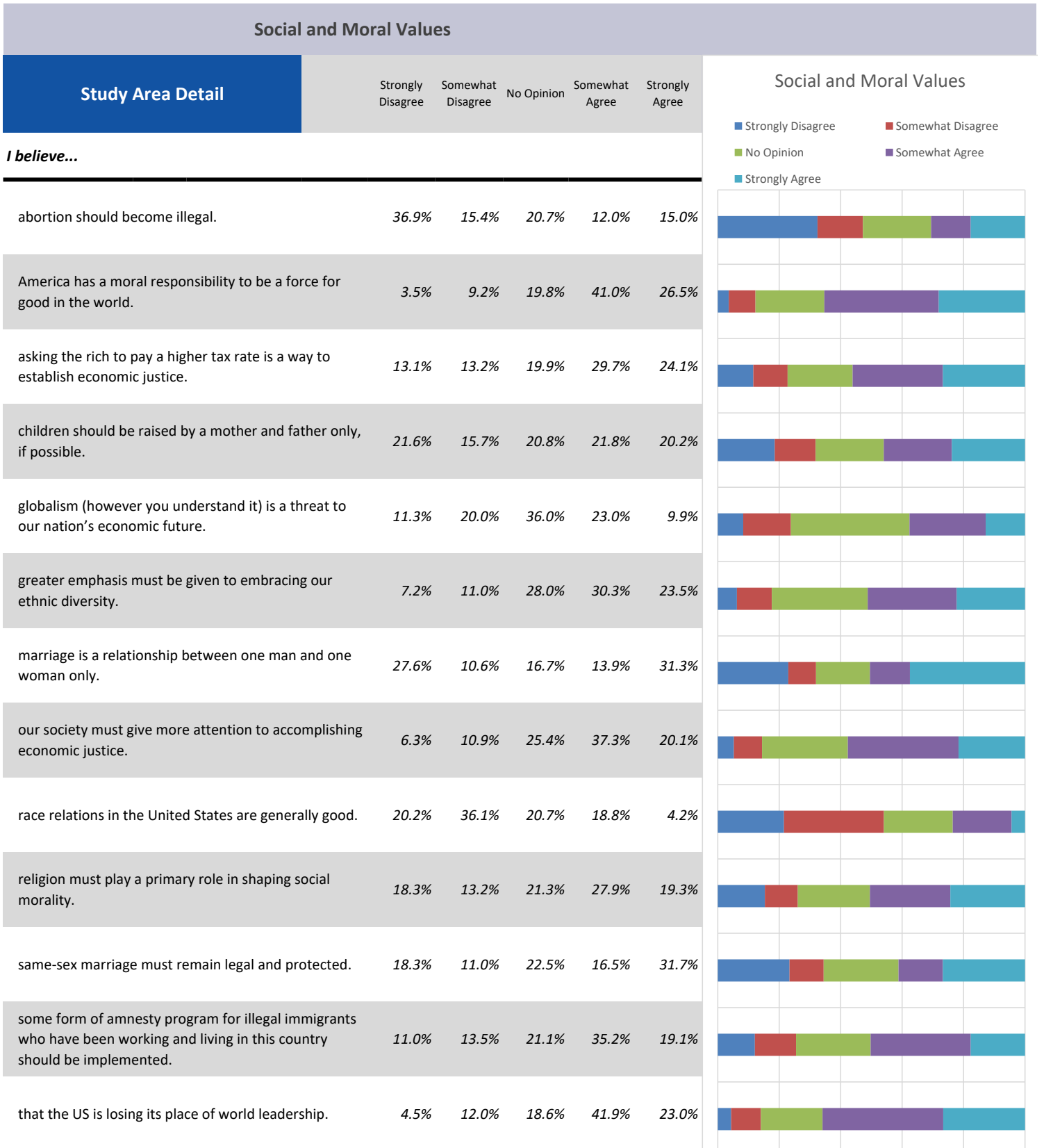
Beliefs about Jesus in Rank Order

Ranking	Concern	Ratio	Strength
1	Jesus was both divine and human.	3.7	Weak agreement
2	Jesus actually rose from the dead as the Bible teaches.	2.7	Weak agreement
3	Jesus was the expected Jewish Messiah.	2.6	Weak agreement
4	Jesus rules now as Lord of Heaven and earth.	2.3	Weak agreement
5	Jesus belief does not require participation in a church.	2.2	Weak agreement
6	Jesus is the only way for human salvation from sin.	1.7	Very weak agreement
7	Jesus is not like his followers in the Church.	1.4	Very weak agreement
8	Jesus was a good and wise moral teacher but no more.	0.5	Very weak agreement
9	Jesus was a great prophet only.	0.3	Very weak agreement



Beliefs about Social & Moral Values

A great deal of diversity of opinion of many social and moral issues exists. The table below presents the projected views that are likely to be dominate in the study area.



the science that says humans are affecting the climate of the planet (i.e. climate change)	8.3%	10.6%	18.2%	28.7%	34.2%	
the US should pursue every avenue to stop illegal immigrants flowing into this country.	9.2%	15.6%	19.2%	28.8%	27.3%	
there is too much attention paid to race and racial issues in our country these days.	14.5%	16.7%	17.7%	28.9%	22.3%	
tolerance is necessary for social peace and wellbeing.	3.7%	7.1%	17.3%	35.6%	36.3%	
traditional marriage as a social institution is becoming obsolete.	12.2%	17.4%	23.9%	32.5%	14.0%	
we must be good stewards of the environment even if it means restricting natural resource development. (such as drilling for oil, fracking, etc.).	4.8%	11.1%	20.0%	33.2%	30.9%	
we need to promote sensible gun laws to reduce gun violence.	9.6%	11.0%	15.8%	29.4%	34.2%	
children are adequately taught good moral standards today.	33.7%	37.0%	16.4%	8.7%	4.2%	
believe religious communities should have to fully embrace LGBTQ persons (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer).	20.7%	18.7%	25.0%	17.4%	18.1%	
believe the government should be deeply involved in solving poverty.	8.9%	18.9%	19.6%	30.2%	22.5%	
I have great hope for the future of my own community (i.e. neighborhood, village, town).	2.9%	9.8%	30.7%	43.3%	13.2%	

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Social and Moral Values

Study Area Compared to the National Average	Study Area			US Average			Comparative Index	
	Disagree	Agree	Point Distance	Disagree	Agree	Point Distance	Disagree	Agree
<i>I believe...</i>								
abortion should become illegal.	52.3%	27.0%	-25.3	53.3%	26.1%	-27.1	98	103
America has a moral responsibility to be a force for good in the world.	12.7%	67.5%	54.9	12.6%	64.9%	52.4	101	104
asking the rich to pay a higher tax rate is a way to establish economic justice.	26.3%	53.8%	27.5	22.5%	57.7%	35.2	117	93
children should be raised by a mother and father only, if possible.	37.3%	42.0%	4.7	38.1%	39.6%	1.6	98	106
globalism (however you understand it) is a threat to our nation's economic future.	31.2%	32.9%	1.6	27.8%	33.8%	6.0	112	97
greater emphasis must be given to embracing our ethnic diversity.	18.2%	53.8%	35.6	16.6%	53.7%	37.2	110	100
marriage is a relationship between one man and one woman only.	38.2%	45.2%	7.0	40.4%	41.8%	1.5	95	108
our society must give more attention to accomplishing economic justice.	17.2%	57.4%	40.2	14.1%	58.3%	44.2	122	98
race relations in the United States are generally good.	56.3%	23.0%	-33.3	55.1%	22.5%	-32.6	102	102
religion must play a primary role in shaping social morality.	31.5%	47.2%	15.7	32.9%	43.5%	10.6	96	108
same-sex marriage must remain legal and protected.	29.3%	48.2%	19.0	27.2%	49.4%	22.2	108	98
some form of amnesty program for illegal immigrants who have been working and living in this country should be implemented.	24.5%	54.3%	29.8	24.4%	52.1%	27.7	100	104
that the US is losing its place of world leadership.	16.5%	64.8%	48.3	14.8%	64.5%	49.7	112	101
the science that says humans are affecting the climate of the planet (i.e. climate change)	19.0%	62.9%	43.9	17.8%	62.8%	45.0	107	100
the US should pursue every avenue to stop illegal immigrants flowing into this country.	24.7%	56.1%	31.4	25.0%	54.5%	29.5	99	103

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there is too much attention paid to race and racial issues in our country these days.	31.2%	51.2%	20.1	30.9%	50.4%	19.5	101	102
tolerance is necessary for social peace and wellbeing.	10.8%	71.9%	61.1	9.8%	71.7%	61.9	110	100
traditional marriage as a social institution is becoming obsolete.	29.6%	46.5%	16.9	28.0%	45.6%	17.6	106	102
we must be good stewards of the environment even if it means restricting natural resource development. (such as drilling for oil, fracking, etc.).	15.8%	64.2%	48.3	14.7%	63.3%	48.6	107	101
we need to promote sensible gun laws to reduce gun violence.	20.6%	63.6%	43.0	18.9%	63.4%	44.5	109	100
children are adequately taught good moral standards today.	70.7%	12.9%	-57.7	70.2%	12.2%	-58.0	101	106
believe religious communities should have to fully embrace LGBTQ persons (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer).	39.5%	35.5%	-4.0	36.3%	35.6%	-0.7	109	100
believe the government should be deeply involved in solving poverty.	27.8%	52.7%	24.9	23.8%	54.7%	30.9	116	96
I have great hope for the future of my own community (i.e. neighborhood, village, town).	12.7%	56.6%	43.9	14.6%	53.0%	38.4	87	107

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Social and Moral Values

Study Area Comparison between 2012 & 2017

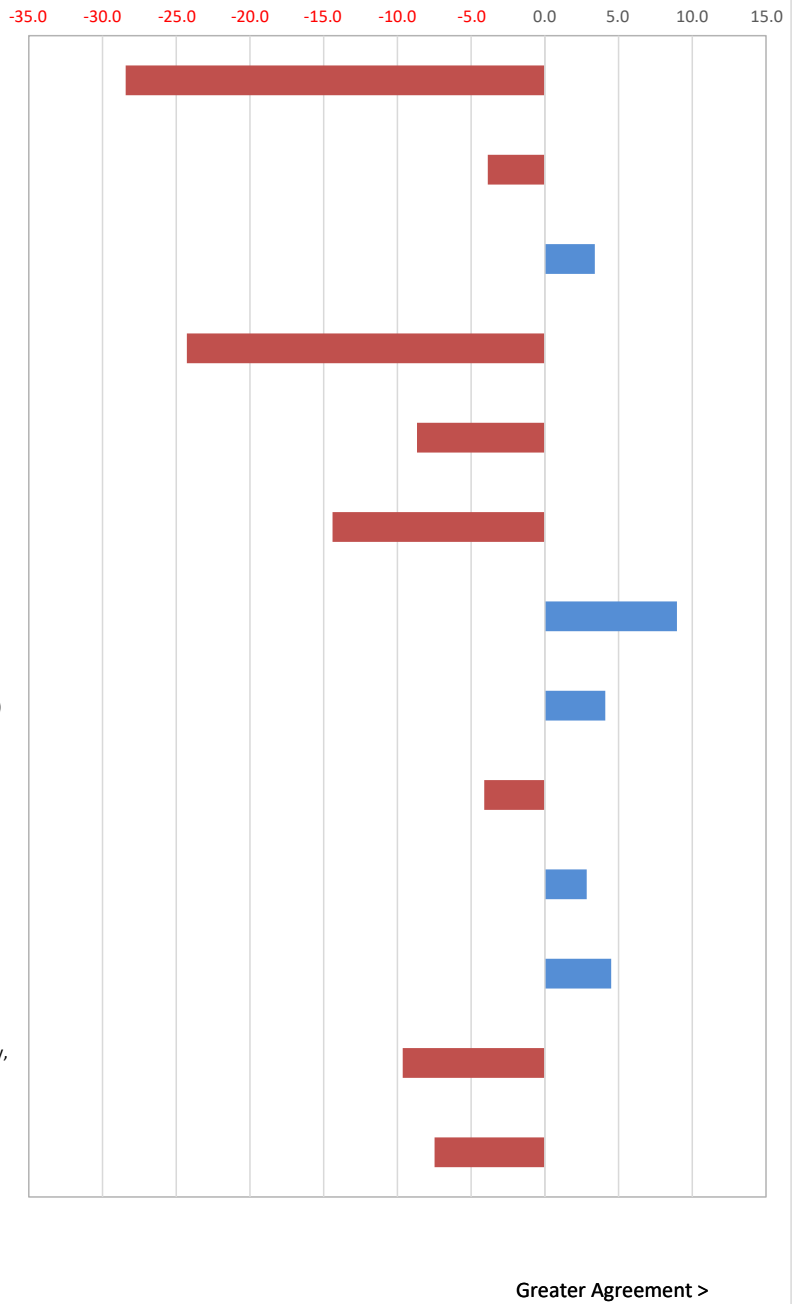
	2012			2017			Point Change Between Surveys		
	All Disagree	No Opinion	All Agree	All Disagree	No Opinion	All Agree	All Disagree	No Opinion	All Agree

I believe... *Note not all items on 2012 were on 2017 and not all on 2017 were on 2012. Only same items are compared.*

abortion should become illegal.	28.4%	16.2%	55.4%	52.3%	20.7%	27.0%	23.9	4.5	-28.4
America has a moral responsibility to be a force for good in the world.	13.6%	15.0%	71.4%	12.7%	19.8%	67.5%	-0.9	4.7	-3.9
asking the rich to pay a higher tax rate is a way to establish economic justice.	32.4%	17.3%	50.4%	26.3%	19.9%	53.8%	-6.1	2.7	3.4
children should be raised by a mother and father only, if possible.	18.3%	15.5%	66.3%	37.3%	20.8%	42.0%	19.1	5.3	-24.3
marriage is a relationship between one man and one woman only.	34.0%	12.1%	53.8%	38.2%	16.7%	45.2%	4.1	4.6	-8.7
religion must play a primary role in shaping social morality.	21.4%	17.0%	61.6%	31.5%	21.3%	47.2%	10.0	4.3	-14.4
same-sex marriage must remain legal and protected.	42.0%	18.8%	39.3%	29.3%	22.5%	48.2%	-12.7	3.8	9.0
the science that says humans are affecting the climate of the planet (i.e. climate change)	23.8%	17.4%	58.8%	19.0%	18.2%	62.9%	-4.8	0.8	4.1
tolerance is necessary for social peace and wellbeing.	11.5%	12.5%	76.0%	10.8%	17.3%	71.9%	-0.7	4.8	-4.1
traditional marriage as a social institution is becoming obsolete.	36.0%	20.4%	43.7%	29.6%	23.9%	46.5%	-6.3	3.5	2.8
children are adequately taught good moral standards today.	82.9%	8.7%	8.4%	70.7%	16.4%	12.9%	-12.3	7.7	4.5
believe religious communities should have to fully embrace LGBTQ persons (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer).	30.0%	24.8%	45.1%	39.5%	25.0%	35.5%	9.4	0.2	-9.6
believe the government should be deeply involved in solving poverty.	27.4%	12.4%	60.1%	27.8%	19.6%	52.7%	0.3	7.2	-7.5

Hint: This report compares the answers on these belief statements between the 2012 and 2017 Quadrenium© surveys. These data will provide a sense of the changing trends on these social and moral belief statements, if there any. In the chart that follows, the distance between the 2012 and 2017 agree statements is visualized. The longer the bar, either positive or negative the greater the shift on agreement. This provides a glimps into changes on these issues between the two surveys.

Trends in Social and Moral Beliefs Between 2012 & 2017

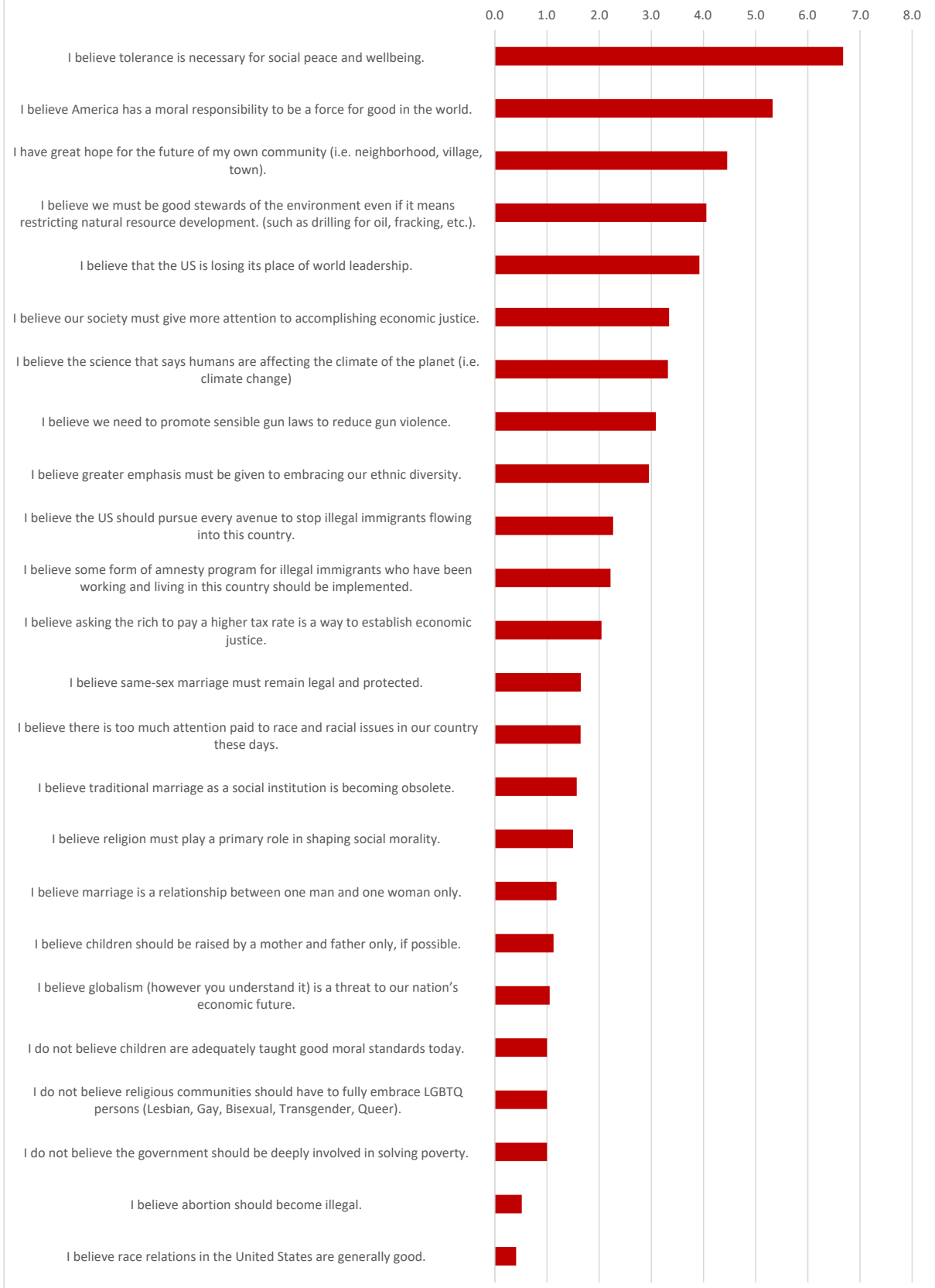


Hint: What does this graph show? It compares the change in agreement between the 2012 Quadrennium Survey and the 2017 Quadrennium Survey for this study area. (It is not a comparison to the national profile.) Look for significant swings in either direction.

Social and Moral Beliefs by Strength of Importance

<i>Ranking</i>	<i>Concern</i>	<i>Ratio</i>	<i>Strength</i>
1	I believe tolerance is necessary for social peace and wellbeing.	6.7	Somewhat strong agreement
2	I believe America has a moral responsibility to be a force for good in the world.	5.3	Somewhat strong agreement
3	I have great hope for the future of my own community (i.e. neighborhood, village, town).	4.5	Somewhat strong agreement
4	I believe we must be good stewards of the environment even if it means restricting natural resource development. (such as drilling for oil, fracking, etc.).	4.1	Somewhat strong agreement
5	I believe that the US is losing its place of world leadership.	3.9	Very weak agreement
6	I believe our society must give more attention to accomplishing economic justice.	3.3	Very weak agreement
7	I believe the science that says humans are affecting the climate of the planet (i.e. climate change)	3.3	Very weak agreement
8	I believe we need to promote sensible gun laws to reduce gun violence.	3.1	Very weak agreement
9	I believe greater emphasis must be given to embracing our ethnic diversity.	3.0	Very weak agreement
10	I believe the US should pursue every avenue to stop illegal immigrants flowing into this country.	2.3	Very weak agreement
11	I believe some form of amnesty program for illegal immigrants who have been working and living in this country should be implemented.	2.2	Very weak agreement
12	I believe asking the rich to pay a higher tax rate is a way to establish economic justice.	2.0	Very weak agreement
13	I believe same-sex marriage must remain legal and protected.	1.6	Very weak agreement
14	I believe there is too much attention paid to race and racial issues in our country these days.	1.6	Very weak agreement
15	I believe traditional marriage as a social institution is becoming obsolete.	1.6	Very weak agreement
16	I believe religion must play a primary role in shaping social morality.	1.5	Very weak agreement
17	I believe marriage is a relationship between one man and one woman only.	1.2	Very weak agreement
18	I believe children should be raised by a mother and father only, if possible.	1.1	Very weak agreement
19	I believe globalism (however you understand it) is a threat to our nation's economic future.	1.1	Very weak agreement
20	I do not believe children are adequately taught good moral standards today.	1.0	Very weak agreement
21	I do not believe religious communities should have to fully embrace LGBTQ persons (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer).	1.0	Very weak agreement
22	I do not believe the government should be deeply involved in solving poverty.	1.0	Very weak agreement
23	I believe abortion should become illegal.	0.5	Very weak agreement
24	I believe race relations in the United States are generally good.	0.4	Very weak agreement

Social and Moral Beliefs in Order of Agreement



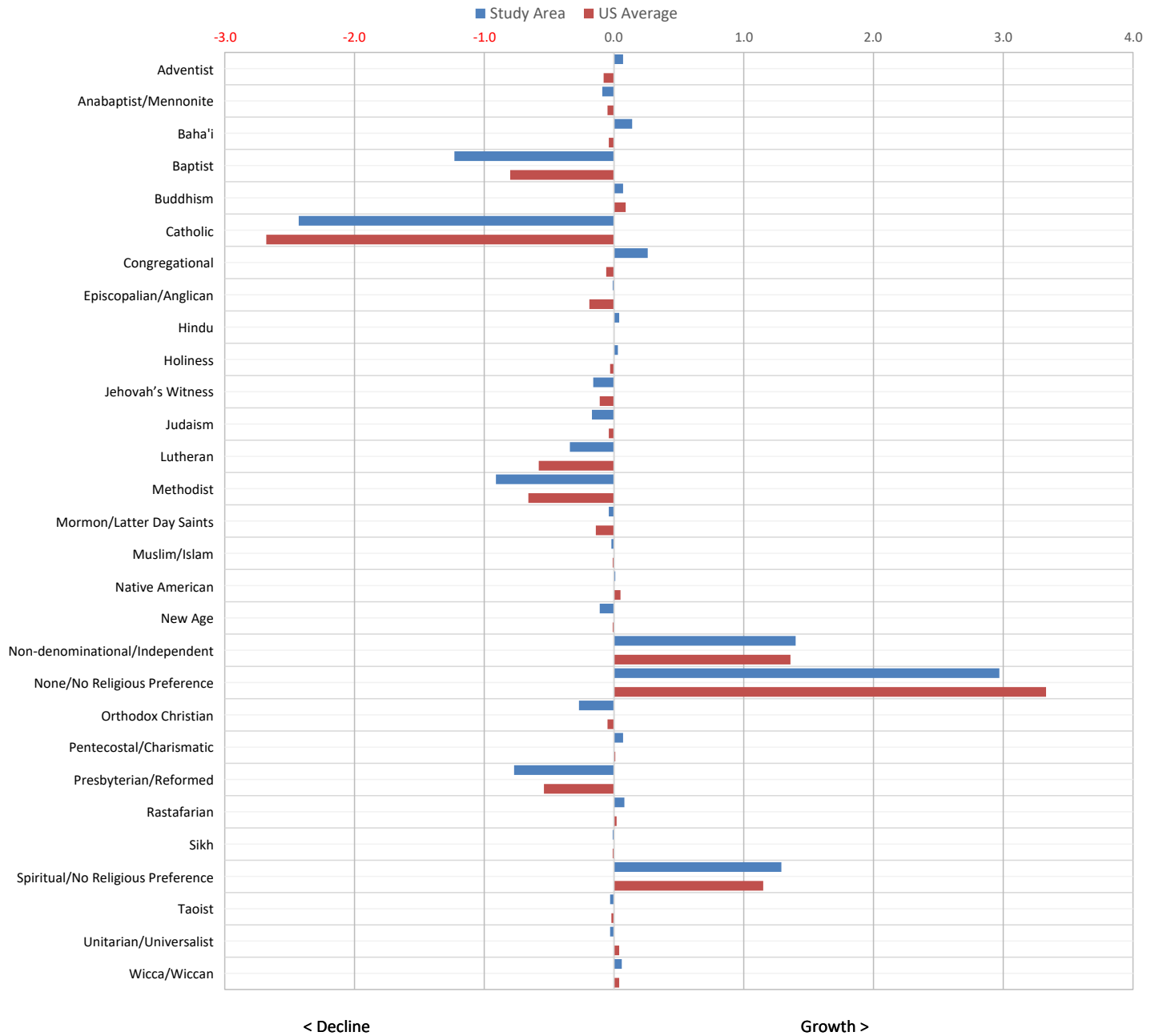
Religious Preferences

Religious preferences range from the “Nones” to very specific traditions. The likely preferences within this study area are presented below for both now and 10 years prior. Note any changes up or down.

Study Area Compared to National Average	Religious Preferences						Comparative Index	
	Study Area			US Average			10 Years Prior	Now
	10 Years Prior	Now	Point Change	10 Years Prior	Now	Point Change	10 Years Prior	Now
Adventist	0.6%	0.7%	0.1	0.7%	0.6%	-0.1	93	116
Anabaptist/Mennonite	0.2%	0.1%	-0.1	0.2%	0.2%	-0.1	87	61
Baha'i	0.1%	0.2%	0.1	0.2%	0.2%	-0.0	42	147
Baptist	15.5%	14.3%	-1.2	10.3%	9.5%	-0.8	150	150
Buddhism	1.0%	1.1%	0.1	1.1%	1.2%	0.1	93	91
Catholic	20.9%	18.4%	-2.4	24.1%	21.4%	-2.7	87	86
Congregational	0.4%	0.7%	0.3	0.9%	0.8%	-0.1	45	80
Episcopalian/Anglican	2.6%	2.6%	-0.0	1.7%	1.5%	-0.2	156	175
Hindu	1.0%	1.0%	0.0	0.7%	0.7%	0.0	138	143
Holiness	0.3%	0.3%	0.0	0.4%	0.4%	-0.0	76	91
Jehovah's Witness	0.4%	0.2%	-0.2	0.4%	0.3%	-0.1	105	89
Judaism	4.8%	4.6%	-0.2	3.6%	3.6%	-0.0	131	128
Lutheran	3.2%	2.9%	-0.3	5.2%	4.6%	-0.6	62	62
Methodist	7.7%	6.7%	-0.9	5.8%	5.1%	-0.7	132	131
Mormon/Latter Day Saints	0.8%	0.8%	-0.0	1.5%	1.4%	-0.1	52	55
Muslim/Islam	0.6%	0.6%	-0.0	0.4%	0.4%	-0.0	145	144
Native American	0.1%	0.1%	0.0	0.1%	0.2%	0.1	64	53
New Age	0.3%	0.2%	-0.1	0.3%	0.3%	-0.0	100	62
Non-denominational/Independent	6.5%	7.9%	1.4	6.2%	7.6%	1.4	105	104
None/No Religious Preference	23.2%	26.2%	3.0	26.1%	29.4%	3.3	89	89
Orthodox Christian	1.5%	1.2%	-0.3	1.6%	1.5%	-0.1	92	77
Pentecostal/Charismatic	1.9%	2.0%	0.1	2.0%	2.0%	0.0	94	97
Presbyterian/Reformed	3.8%	3.1%	-0.8	3.2%	2.6%	-0.5	120	116
Rastafarian	0.0%	0.1%	0.1	0.0%	0.1%	0.0	33	180
Sikh	0.1%	0.1%	-0.0	0.1%	0.1%	-0.0	100	100
Spiritual/No Religious Preference	2.1%	3.4%	1.3	2.4%	3.5%	1.2	88	96
Taoist	0.1%	0.1%	-0.0	0.1%	0.1%	-0.0	129	120
Unitarian/Universalist	0.2%	0.2%	-0.0	0.3%	0.4%	0.0	69	53
Wicca/Wiccan	0.2%	0.3%	0.1	0.5%	0.5%	0.0	45	53

Hint: Respondents were asked to indicate their religious preference, if any for both 10 years ago and now. The report provides both data points plus a calculation of the change between the two points. Of course this report requires someone to recall their religious preference, if any, 10 years ago. But the value is in what they believed to be their preference then and now. If the point change column is red, it means fewer respondents preferred a particular tradition today than 10 years ago. If the point change column is black, it means more respondents indicated that they embraced a religious preference more today than 10 years ago. Ultimately, this will show trends, which will be expressed below. Finally, like many of the other reports, this report compares the study area to the national average responses. The Comparative Indexes reveal whether the study area averages are higher or lower than the national average.

Direction & Strength of Religious Preferences Compared to National Average

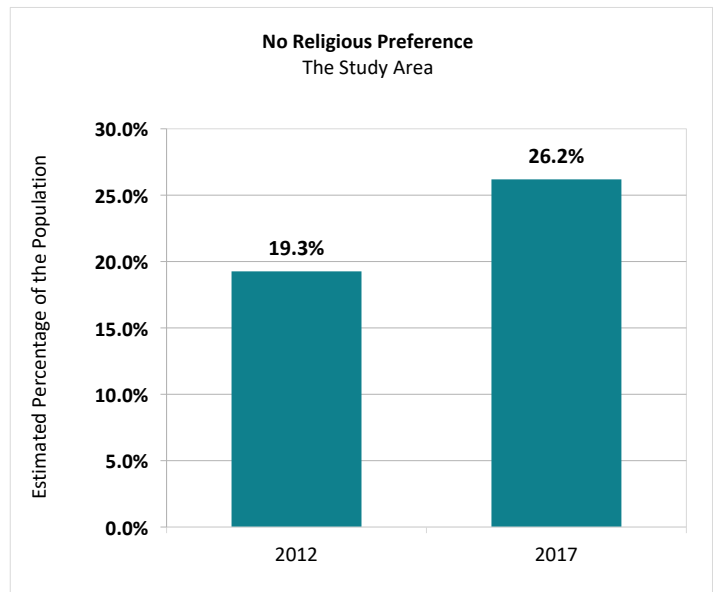
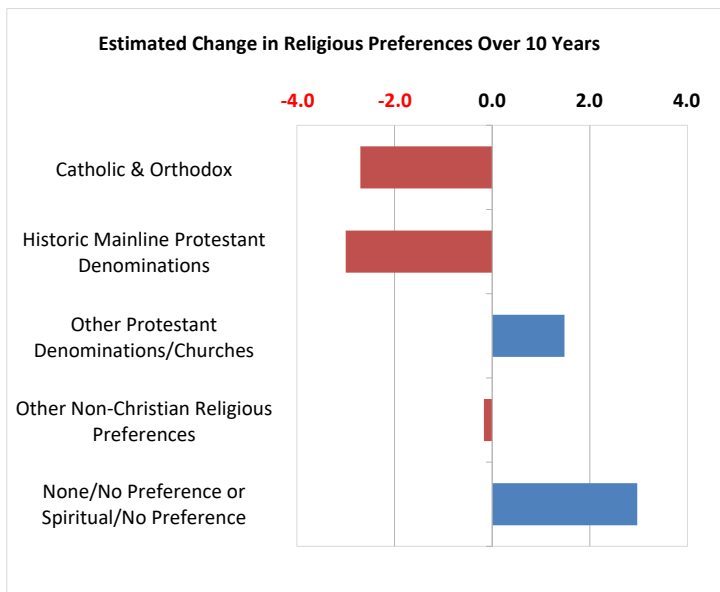


Hint: Bars moving to the right indicate an estimated increase in affiliation for a denomination. Bars moving to the left indicated an estimated decline in affiliation for a denomination.

Summary Religious Preferences: Christian and Other

Study Area Compared to National Average	Study Area			US Average			Comparative Index	
	10 Years Prior	Now	Point Change	10 Years Prior	Now	Point Change	10 Years Prior	Now
Catholic & Orthodox	22.3%	19.6%	-2.7	25.6%	22.9%	-2.7	87	86
Historic Mainline Protestant Denominations	33.2%	30.2%	-3.0	27.0%	24.2%	-2.8	123	125
Other Protestant Denominations/Churches	9.5%	11.0%	1.5	9.5%	10.7%	1.2	100	102
Total: Christian Religious Preferences	65.0%	60.8%	-4.2	62.2%	57.9%	-4.4	105	105
Other Non-Christian Religious Preferences	9.6%	9.4%	-0.2	9.3%	9.2%	-0.1	103	102
None/No Preference or Spiritual/No Preference	25.3%	29.6%	4.3	28.5%	33.0%	4.5	89	90

Hint: This report summarizes the fuller religious preference report by gathering the many different religious traditions into more general categories. This brings into focus where growth and/or decline is happening.



Hint: The graph on the left visualizes the growth or decline of the major categories of the different religious traditions in the study area. The graph on the right shows the significance of the population that indicated their preference was "none" or "nopreference."

Note: **Historic Mainline Protestant** includes Baptist, Congregational, Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist and Presbyterian/Reformed.

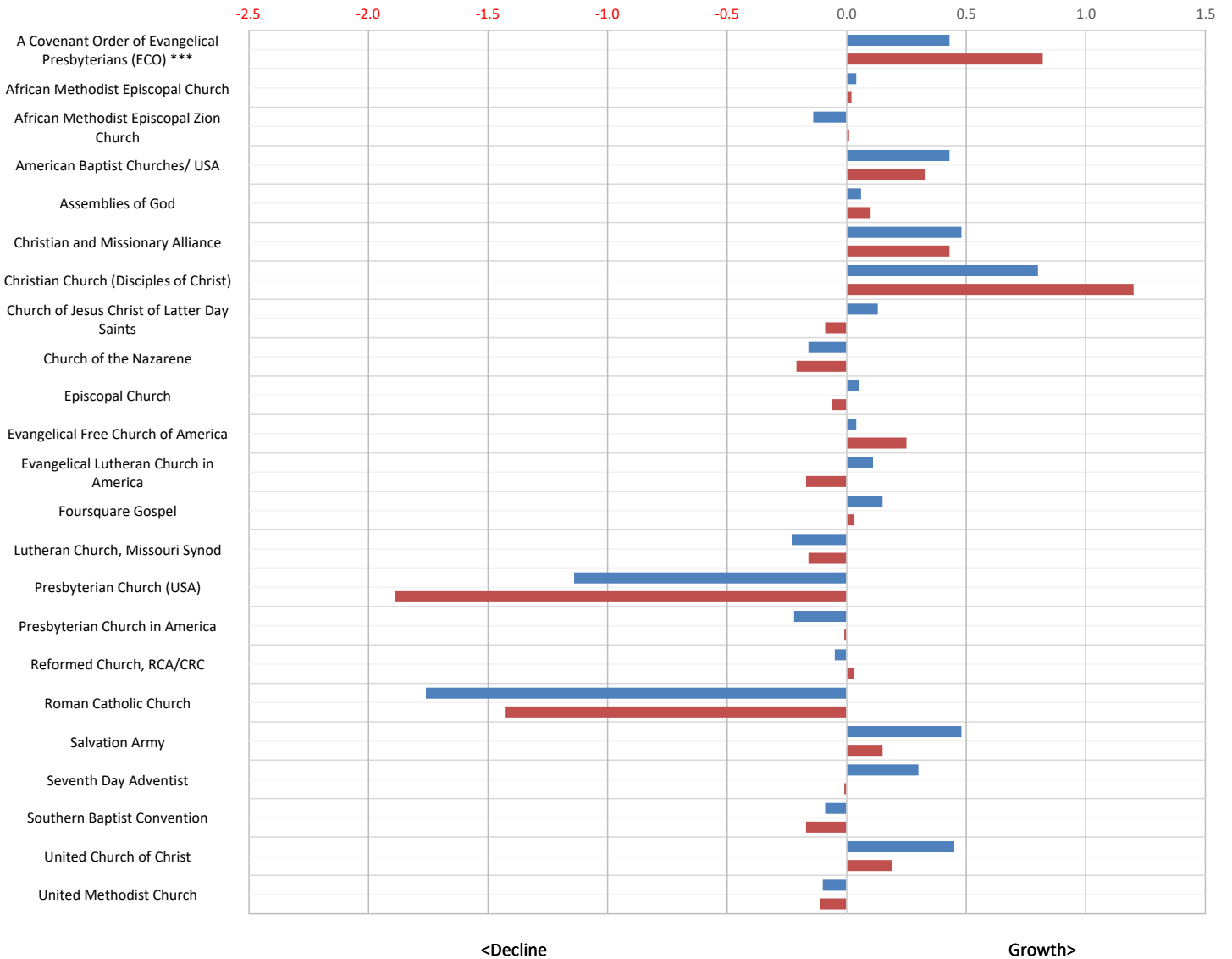
Denominational Affiliations

Some people within a study area will indicate an affiliation with one of the following denominations. These projected affiliations are presented below for both now and 10 years prior. Note any changes up or down.

Study Area Compared to National Average	Denominations								
	Study Area			US Average			Comparative Index		
	10 Years Prior	Now	Point Change	10 Years Prior	Now	Point Change	10 Years Prior	Now	
A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO) ***	0.0%	0.4%	0.4	0.0%	0.8%	0.8		52	
African Methodist Episcopal Church	1.1%	1.2%	0.0	0.8%	0.8%	0.0	148	149	
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church	0.5%	0.3%	-0.1	0.3%	0.3%	0.0	145	97	
American Baptist Churches/ USA	8.7%	9.1%	0.4	7.8%	8.1%	0.3	111	112	
Assemblies of God	2.9%	3.0%	0.1	3.2%	3.3%	0.1	92	91	
Christian and Missionary Alliance	1.5%	2.0%	0.5	1.6%	2.0%	0.4	92	97	
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	7.2%	8.0%	0.8	7.9%	9.1%	1.2	91	88	
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	1.4%	1.5%	0.1	2.7%	2.6%	-0.1	51	57	
Church of the Nazarene	0.6%	0.5%	-0.2	0.9%	0.7%	-0.2	72	71	
Episcopal Church	4.4%	4.5%	0.1	3.0%	3.0%	-0.1	147	152	
Evangelical Free Church of America	1.0%	1.0%	0.0	1.4%	1.7%	0.3	68	60	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	2.1%	2.2%	0.1	3.3%	3.1%	-0.2	64	71	
Foursquare Gospel	0.3%	0.5%	0.2	0.5%	0.5%	0.0	64	90	
Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod	3.2%	2.9%	-0.2	4.8%	4.6%	-0.2	66	64	
Presbyterian Church (USA)	6.0%	4.8%	-1.1	5.5%	3.7%	-1.9	107	132	
Presbyterian Church in America	1.6%	1.3%	-0.2	1.1%	1.1%	-0.0	146	127	
Reformed Church, RCA/CRC	0.7%	0.6%	-0.1	0.8%	0.9%	0.0	78	70	
Roman Catholic Church	28.9%	27.2%	-1.8	34.3%	32.9%	-1.4	84	83	
Salvation Army	0.7%	1.2%	0.5	1.1%	1.2%	0.2	67	98	
Seventh Day Adventist	0.8%	1.1%	0.3	0.8%	0.8%	-0.0	109	150	
Southern Baptist Convention	12.3%	12.3%	-0.1	6.6%	6.4%	-0.2	188	191	
United Church of Christ	1.9%	2.4%	0.5	2.6%	2.7%	0.2	76	87	
United Methodist Church	12.2%	12.1%	-0.1	10.0%	9.9%	-0.1	122	122	

Trends in Denominational Affiliation Compared to National Average

■ Study Area ■ US Average



Hint: Bars moving to the right indicate an estimated increase in affiliation for a denomination. Bars moving to the left indicated an estimated decline in affiliation for a denomination.

Note: ***A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO) is a new denomination that has emerged since the 2012 survey. So any increase is due to the fact that they did not exist before. Therefore the significance of the change must be interpreted in light of this fact.

Faith and Religious Involvement

Faith is a dynamic factor in many peoples lives. For some it is growing and for others it is declining. The level of active involvement changes as well. The Faith and Religious Involvement variables look at this theme from several vantage points, providing an understanding of what is likely to be the case in the study area.

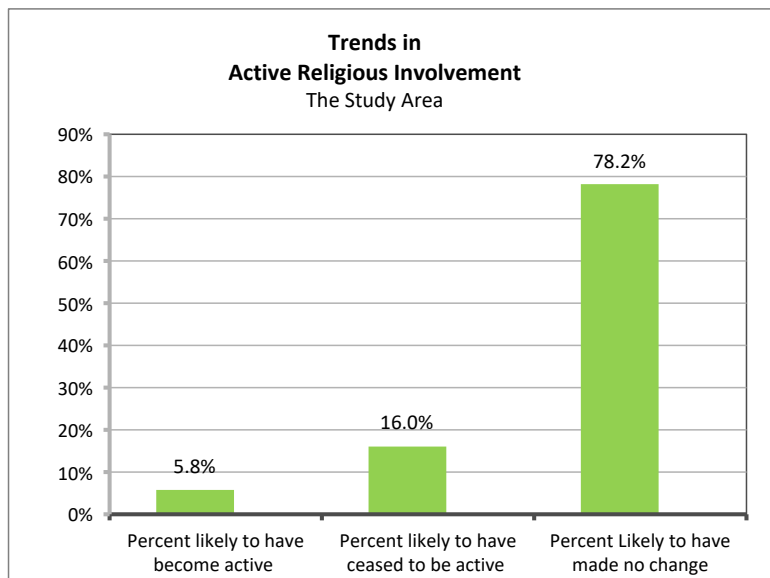
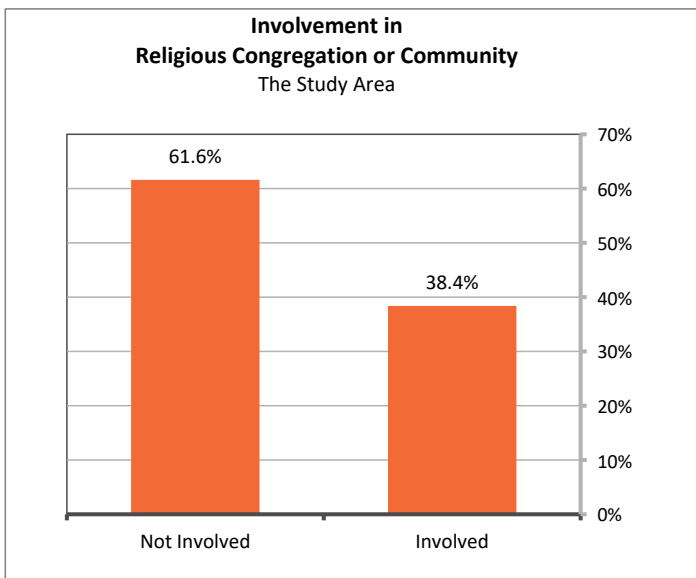
Activity in a Religious Congregation or Community

Study Area Compared to National Average	Study Area	US Average	Comparative Index
	Involvement		
Projected percentage involved	38.4%	34.7%	111
Projected percentage NOT involved	61.6%	65.3%	94
Estimated change of those involved over prior 10 years (point change)	-10.3	-9.9	

Hint: This table presents the percentage of the population in the study area likely to either be involved or not be involved in a religious congregation or community. It also compares these two data points to the national average. Notice whether this study area is more involved or less involved than the national average. Also notice the opposite. are more projected not to be involved than nationally or is the projection for greater involvement. One other item to consider is the Estimated (point) Change over 10 years. This number looks at how respondents answered the question about involvement both currently and 10 years ago. If this number is negative, it means it is likely that the level of involvement is declining in the study area. Again, compare this to the national change.

	Study Area	US Average	Comparative Index
Directional Change in Involvement			
Percent likely to have become active	5.8%	5.1%	114
Percent likely to have ceased to be active	16.0%	15.0%	107
Percent Likely to have made no change	78.2%	79.9%	98
Net Change in direction of activity	-10.3	-9.9	

Hint: In what direction is it likely that religious activity is going in the study area? This table reflects how respondents answered a question about activity in a religious congregation or community. If they answered they were involved 10 years ago, but not today, then it is reflected in the "Percently likely to have ceased to be active. Conversely if they said they were not active 10years ago, but are now, this is reflected in the "Percent likely to have become active". Given these two numbers, what direction is activity in a religious community likely to be moving. This is captured in the "Net Change in direction of activity." If the number is red, it means that those ceasing to be active is greater than those becoming active. Again, also compare the study area to the national average.



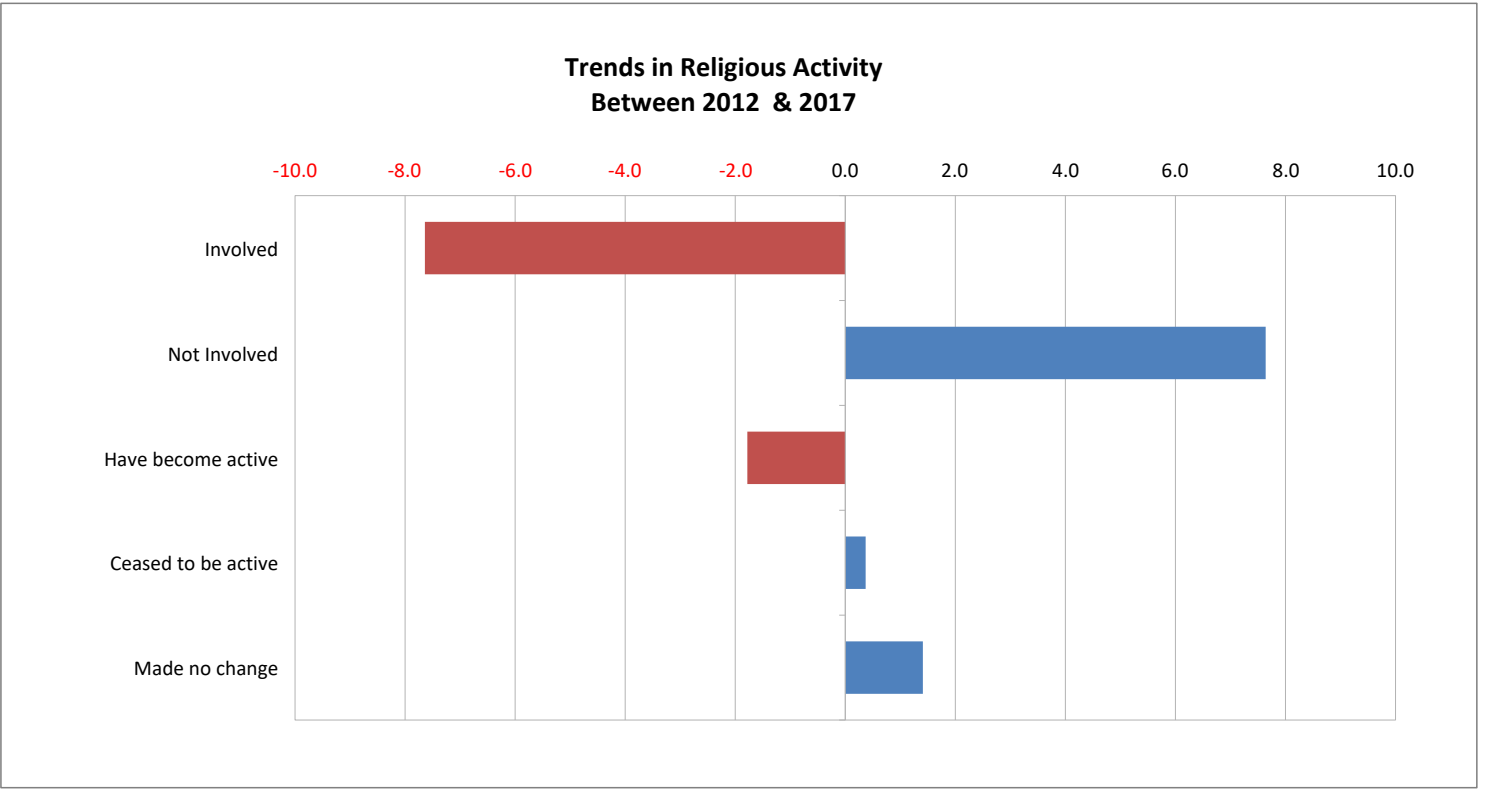
Activity in a Religious Congregation or Community

Study Area Comparison between 2012 & 2017

	2012	2017	Point Change Between Surveys
Involvement			
Projected percentage involved	46.0%	38.4%	-7.6
Projected percentage NOT involved	54.0%	61.6%	7.6

	2012	2017	Point Change Between Surveys
Directional Change in Involvement			
Percent likely to have become active	7.6%	5.8%	-1.8
Percent likely to have ceased to be active	15.7%	16.0%	0.4
Percent Likely to have made no change	76.8%	78.2%	1.4

Hint: Both of these tables compare the level of involvement today and the direction of active involvement reviewed above and then compare the same data from 5 years ago in the 2012 Survey.



Hint: What does this graph show? It compares the change in agreement between the 2012 Quadrennium Survey and the 2017 Quadrennium Survey for this study area. (It is not a comparison to the national profile.) Look for significant swings in either direction.

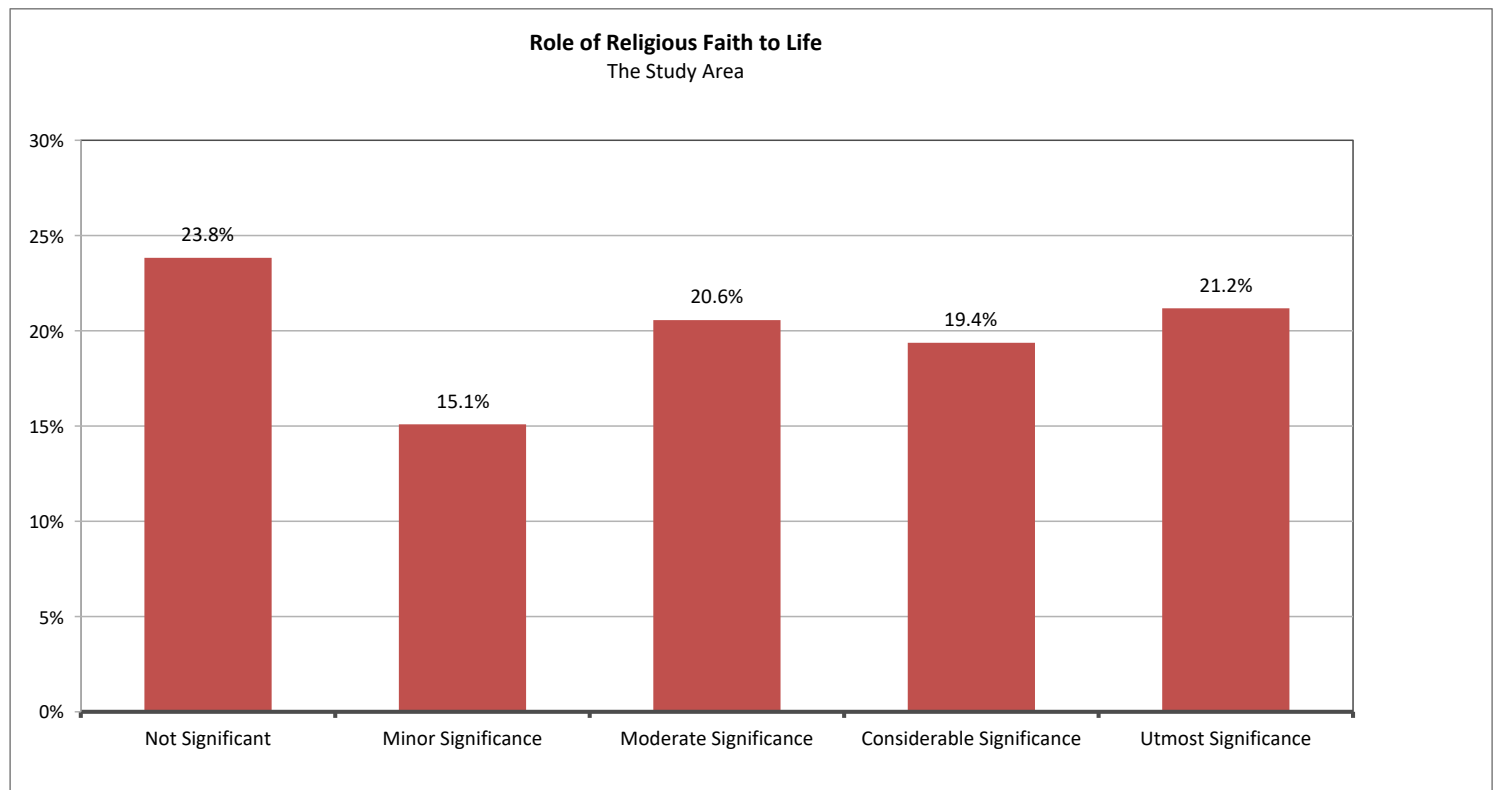
Projected Role of Religious Faith to Life

Study Area Compared to National Average

Level of Significance

	Study Area	US Average	Comparative Index
Not Significant	23.8%	27.4%	87
Minor Significance	15.1%	15.0%	101
Moderate Significance	20.6%	20.0%	103
Considerable Significance	19.4%	18.2%	106
Utmost Significance	21.2%	19.5%	109

Hint: Respondents were asked how significant of a role religious faith was in their life, including the option to say not at all. This report provides the detail level as well as comparing that detail to the national averages on each possible choice. This will provide what is likely to be the level of significance faith plays in the life of the study area. The following chart graphically displays the detail for the study area.



Projected Role of Religious Faith to Life

Study Area Compared to National Average

Study Area

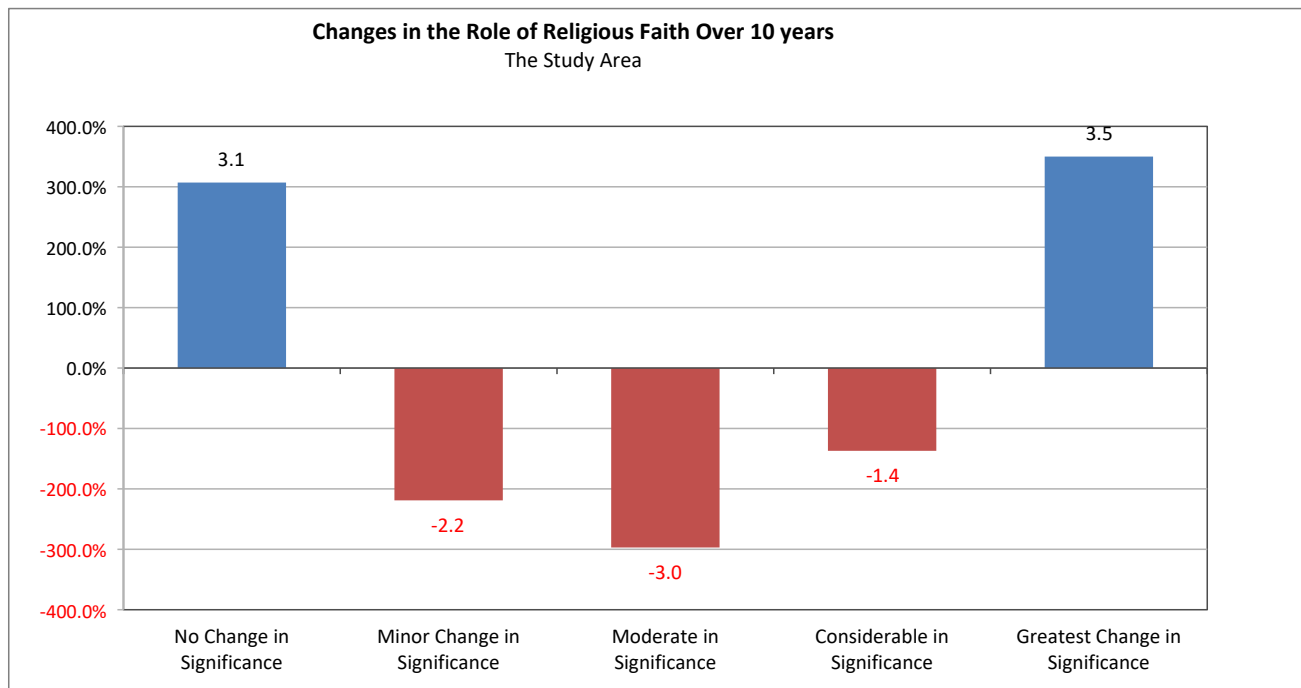
US Average

Comparative Index

Change in the role of religious faith over 10 years:

No Change in Significance	3.1	2.7	113
Minor Change in Significance	-2.2	-1.2	183
Moderate in Significance	-3.0	-3.2	94
Considerable in Significance	-1.4	-1.6	86
Greatest Change in Significance	3.5	3.3	108

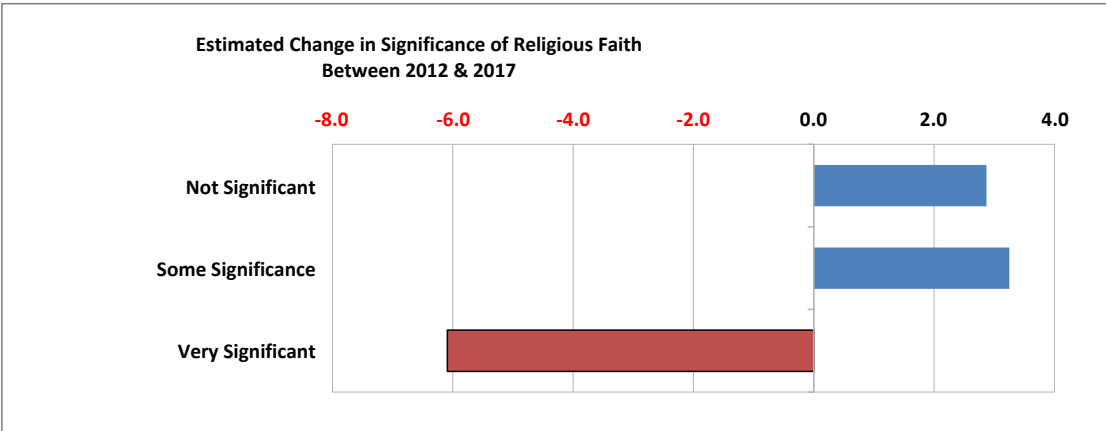
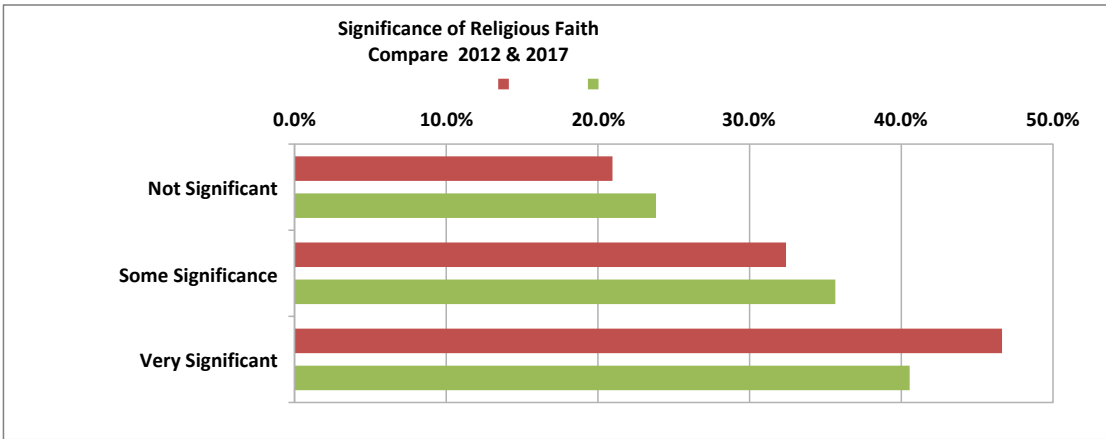
Hint: Here the projected role of religious faith to life is considered from a trend point of view. Respondents were asked to indicate the level of significance, at both now and 10 years ago. This report shows the changes. If a number is red, it means a decline in the statement of significance. If they are black, it means that there has been an increase. Positive numbers for Considerable or Greatest Change in Significance suggests that faith has become more important to persons in the study area. Again, compare this to the national average. The graphic below presents the direction and strength of change.



Projected Role of Religious Faith to Life

Study Area Compared to Same Area in 2017	2012	2017	Point Change
Level of Significance			
Not Significant	21.0%	23.8%	2.9
Some Significance	32.4%	35.7%	3.3
Very Significant	46.6%	40.6%	-6.1

Hint: This report compares the level of significance between the 2012 and 2017 Quadrenium© surveys. These data will provide a sense of the changing trends on role of religious faith to life, if there any.



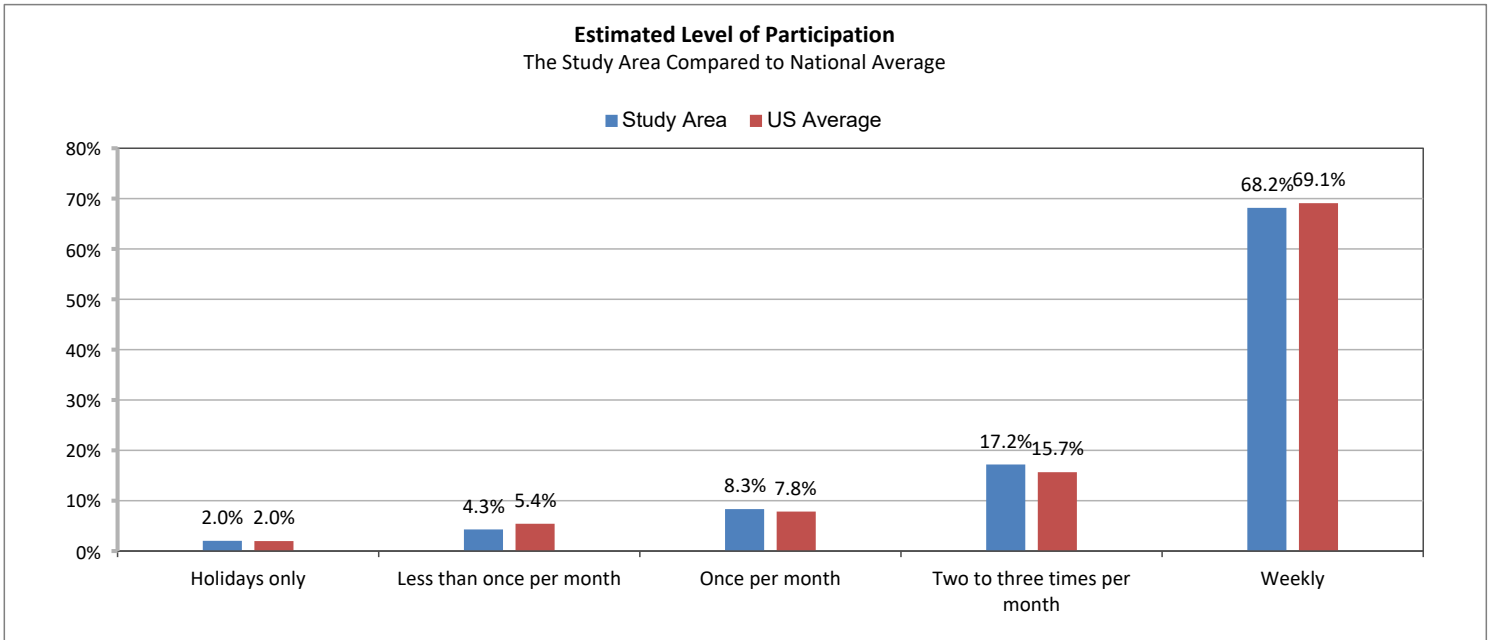
Hint: These two graphs visually present the change in the significance of religious faith between the 2012 and 2017 surveys. Look for categories that lost significance and for those that gained significance. In most cases, an increase in one or more will at the expense of one or more others.

Level of Participation in Religious Faith

Study Area Compared to National Average

	Study Area	US Average	Comparative Index
<i>Of those who indicated participation</i>			
Holidays only	2.0%	2.0%	103
Less than once per month	4.3%	5.4%	79
Once per month	8.3%	7.8%	106
Two to three times per month	17.2%	15.7%	110
Weekly	68.2%	69.1%	99

Hint: ON this final report on participation in religious faith, the focus is only on those who indicated in the survey that they did in fact participate in a religious congregation or community. Those who indicated no participation in a religious congregation or community were screened out. As before, the study area percentages are compared to the national average. The graphic below visualizes the data.



Supporting Information

Interpreting the Report

The Quadrennium Project reports are formatted to help you interpret data at a glance.

Comparative Indexes: All variables will have a column called "Comparative Index." An index is an easy way to compare a study area with a larger area. For this report, all comparisons are with the national averages for the data item. The indexes can be interpreted as follows.

- Indexes of 100 mean the study area variable is the same as its base area.
- Indexes greater than 100 mean the study area variable is above the base area. The higher the number, the greater it is above the base.
- Indexes less than 100 mean the study area variable is below the base area. The lower the number, the greater it is below the base.

Ratio: Calculated using Somewhat Agree + Strongly Agree divided by Somewhat Disagree + Strongly Disagree

Color Coding: The "Comparative Indexes" columns are color coded to easily spot any change and the direction of that change.

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