



Zimbabwe SUMMARY

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Each new generation is unique in its own way, and research can help us understand how the world looks through different eyes. The world's current generation of youth and young adults is sometimes called **Generation Z**. Across Africa, there are 48 million Generation Z youth ages 13-19 comprising about 15% of the population.¹

This research reveals the habits, struggles, beliefs and influences of youth in **Zimbabwe**. It also reveals young people's views of God, Jesus, the Bible, and the church. Data was collected as a follow-up from a larger global study that surveyed youth across more than 20 countries.² This study takes a deep look at the faith of this generation, as well as the struggles they face, and where youth are looking for answers and hope.

ABOUT THE STUDY



113
YOUTH
SURVEYED



50 ITEM
SURVEY



DATA COLLECTED
SEPT-OCT 2021

1. United Nations Population Division, Total Population Database, <https://population.un.org/wpp/DataQuery/>

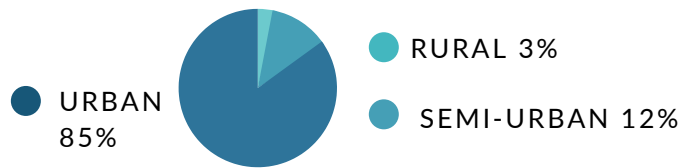
2. Data was collected for the global study in February-March 2020. A revised version of the survey was used in Zimbabwe.



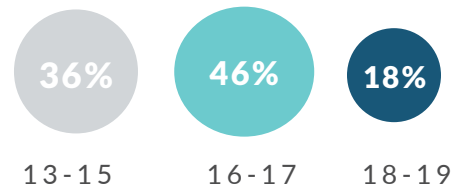
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ABOUT THE YOUTH

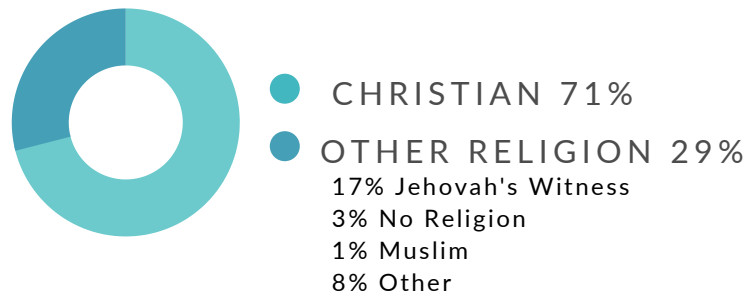
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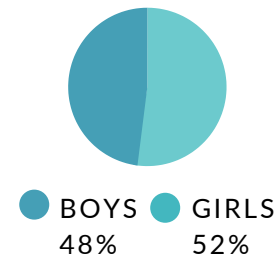
AGE



RELIGION



GENDER



6 TRAITS OF COMMITTED CHRISTIANS

- Believe God exists and they can have a personal relationship with Him
- Pray at least weekly
- Read Scripture on their own at least weekly



- Believe Jesus is the Son of God
- Believe that forgiveness of sins is only possible through faith in Jesus Christ
- Believe the Bible is the Word of God

Although the majority of youth surveyed in Zimbabwe identified as Christian, OneHope was curious to find out how they are living out their faith.

Just 23% of youth were discovered to have the foundational beliefs and behaviors of a Committed Christian. Nearly half of youth surveyed were what we call Nominal Christians. They lack one or more traits of a Committed Christian.



23% of youth surveyed in Zimbabwe were discovered to be **Committed Christians.**

48% of youth surveyed were **Nominal Christians.**

Religious Behaviors

● Never ● Several times a year or monthly ● At least weekly



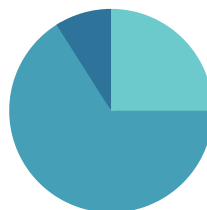
Reading Bible on their own

COMMITTED CHRISTIANS



100%

NOMINAL CHRISTIANS



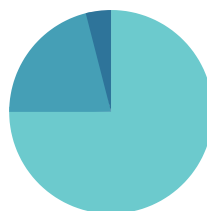
9% 66% 25%



Praying



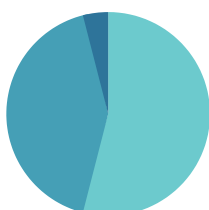
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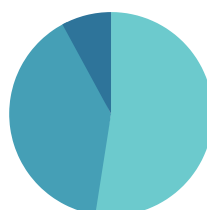
4% 21% 75%



Attending church services



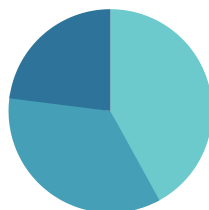
4% 42% 54%



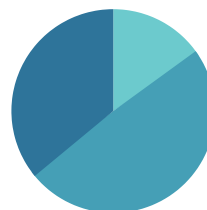
8% 40% 53%



Having spiritual conversations



23% 35% 42%



36% 49% 15%

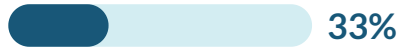




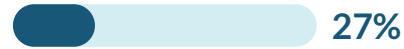
Most likely to change my mind about a religious belief

● Non-Christians

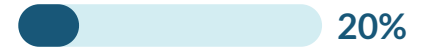
Personal **experiences**
such as answered prayer



My own **investigation**
online or in books



Conversation with
my **parents**



Teachings from
religious leaders



Conversation with
friends



Personal Struggles

Loneliness



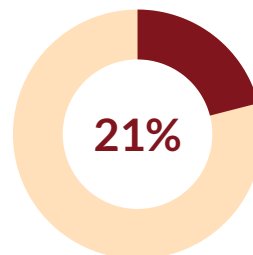
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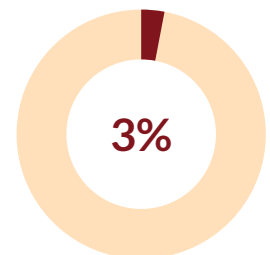
High Anxiety



SUICIDAL THOUGHTS



SUICIDE ATTEMPTS



Had enough alcohol to be drunk



Used drugs other than those required
for medical reasons



Youth reported on their lives and experiences within the past three months.

Gender and Sexuality

Felt sexually attracted to someone of the same gender



Felt I would be most myself as a different gender



Been sexually active

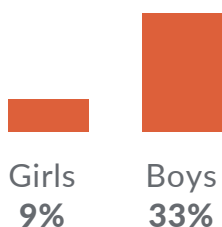


Viewed pornography

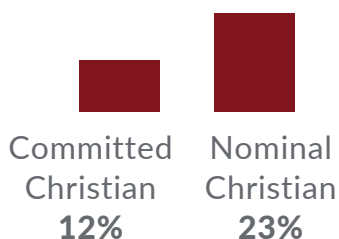


Within the past three months

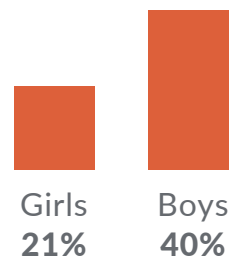
**SEXUALLY ACTIVE
BY GENDER**



**SEXUALLY ACTIVE
BY RELIGION**



**VIEWED
PORNOGRAPHY**



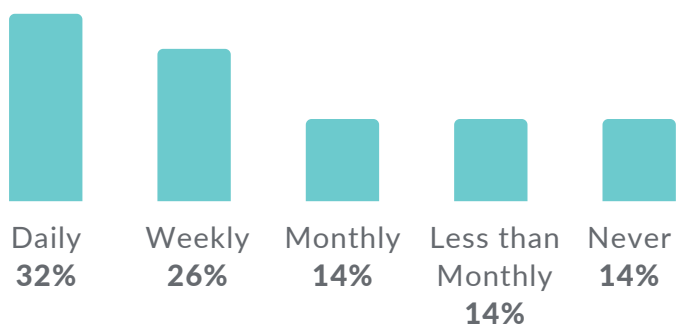
GENDER & SEXUALITY

Where do you go most often for information or guidance about gender, sexuality, or other sexual issues?

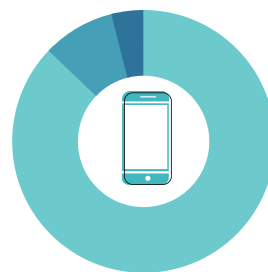
- 1 FAMILY MEMBERS 39%
- 2 FRIENDS/PEERS 19%
- 3 ONLINE SOURCES 19%
- 4 TEACHERS/COUNSELORS 14%
- 5 OFFLINE SOURCES 6%
- 6 RELIGIOUS LEADERS/TEXTS 4%

Digital Connectedness

HOW OFTEN DO YOU HAVE INTERNET ACCESS?

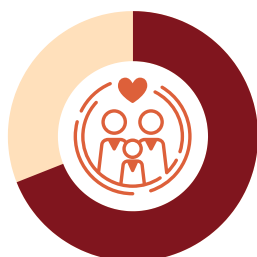


What device do you usually use to access the internet?

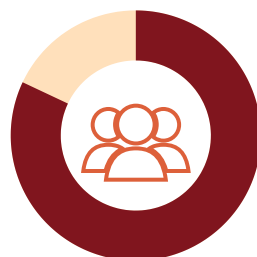


- PERSONAL DEVICE 88%
- SHARED DEVICE 9%
- PUBLIC DEVICE 4%

Relationships



Overall, my family experience has been good
69%



I have close friends who know me well
82%

Influences

AMBITIONS

Who influences your ambitions in life?

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 PARENTS/GUARDIANS 74% | 5 CELEBRITIES/MEDIA 20% |
| 2 TEACHERS 25% | 6 EXTENDED FAMILY 12% |
| 3 FRIENDS 23% | 7 RELIGIOUS LEADERS 6% |
| 4 SIBLINGS 20% | |

MEANING OF LIFE

Where do you go most often for information or guidance about the meaning of life?

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 FAMILY MEMBERS 56% | 4 FRIENDS/PEERS 7% |
| 2 TEACHERS/COUNSELORS 16% | 5 RELIGIOUS LEADERS/TEXTS 7% |
| 3 OFFLINE SOURCES 9% | 6 ONLINE SOURCES 6% |

RIGHT AND WRONG

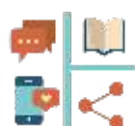
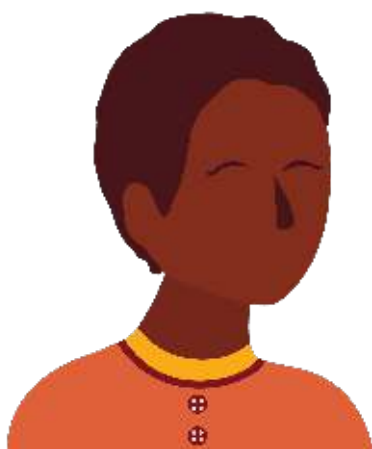
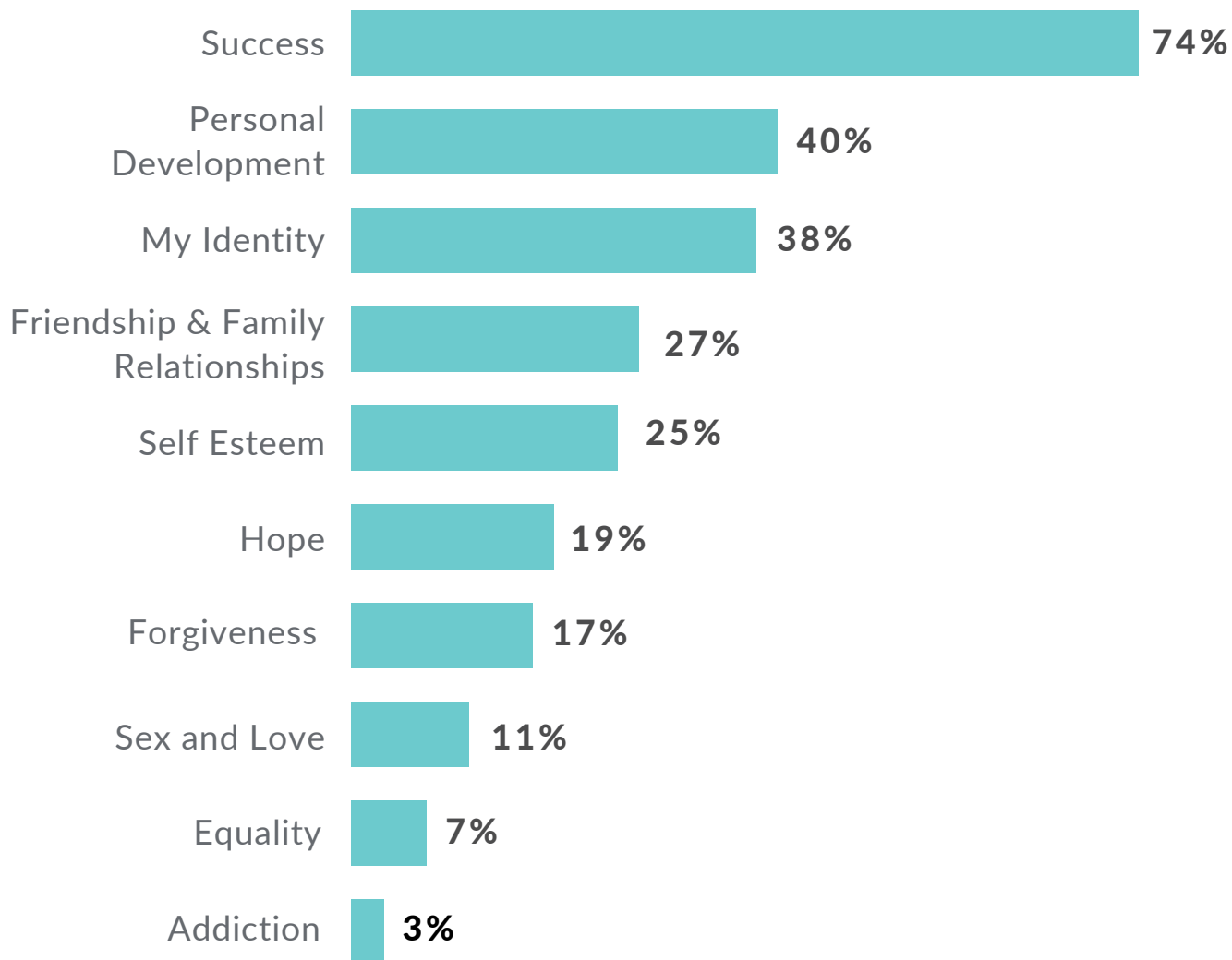
Where do you go most often for information or guidance about what is right and wrong?

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| 2 TEACHERS/COUNSELORS 14% | 5 RELIGIOUS LEADERS/TEXTS 7% |
| 3 FRIENDS/PEERS 11% | 6 OFFLINE SOURCES 3% |

Offline sources includes radio, television, newspapers, and books.

Topics of Interest

MOST INTERESTED IN
READING MORE ABOUT



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