Protestant Churchgoer Views on Travelling to Church

Survey of American Protestant Churchgoers
Methodology

- The online survey of 1,002 American Protestant churchgoers was conducted September 20-27, 2019 using a national pre-recruited panel.
- Respondents were screened to include those who identified as Protestant/non-denominational and attend religious services at least once a month.
- Quotas and slight weights were used to balance gender, age, region, ethnicity, and education to more accurately reflect the population.
- The completed sample is 1,002 surveys.
- The sample provides 95% confidence that the sampling error from the panel does not exceed ±3.2%.
- Margins of error are higher in sub-groups.
Survey Responses
“When you attend church, who typically travels with you?”

- My spouse: 54%
- My child or children: 31%
- Another family member: 18%
- A friend or acquaintance: 11%
- My grandchild: 4%
- Someone from church who lacks transportation: 3%
- Nobody, I travel by myself: 19%

Q38: “When you attend church, who typically travels with you? (Select all that apply)”
“Who typically took you to church as a child?”

- A parent: 76%
- A grandparent: 20%
- Another family member: 10%
- I went by myself: 6%
- The family of a friend my age: 5%
- A church bus: 5%
- Someone you knew primarily from church: 4%
- I did not typically attend church as a child: 6%

Q39: “Who typically took you to church as a child? (Select all that apply)”
Significant Differences

- Gender
- Age
- Ethnicity
- Region
- Education Level
- Denomination
- Worship Service Attendance
- Evangelical Beliefs
- Church Size
Significant Statistical Differences

Comparisons were made to determine if there are any significant statistical differences among gender, age, ethnicity, region, and education.

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Note: Region is defined by US Census locations.
Significant Statistical Differences

Comparisons were made to determine if there are any significant statistical differences among denomination, worship service attendance, evangelical beliefs, and church size.

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“When you attend church, who typically travels with you?”

**My spouse**

- Males are more likely to select than Females (64% v. 46%)
- Those age 65+ (63%) are more likely to select than those 18-34 (43%) and 35-49 (50%)
- African Americans are the least likely to select (31%)
- Those with evangelical beliefs are more likely to select than those without evangelical beliefs (58% v. 49%)
- Those who attend a church of 100 to 249 people (57%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of less than 50 people (47%)
“When you attend church, who typically travels with you?”

My child or children

- Females are more likely to select than Males (36% v. 24%)
- Those age 18-34 (41%) and 35-49 (54%) are more likely to select than those age 50-64 (22%) and 65+ (8%)
- Hispanics are the most likely to select (57%)
- African Americans (40%) are more likely to select than Whites (24%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (41%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (26%)
- Baptists (33%) and Non-denominational (34%) are more likely to select than Lutherans (19%)
“When you attend church, who typically travels with you?”

My grandchild

- Those age 50-64 (7%) and 65+ (7%) are more likely to select than those age 18-34 (<1%) and 35-49 (2%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (6%) or with some college (6%) are more likely to select than those with a Bachelor’s Degree (2%) or Graduate Degree (1%)

Another family member

- Females are more likely to select than Males (23% v. 12%)
- Those age 18-34 (34%) and 35-49 (23%) are more likely to select than those age 50-64 (12%) and 65+ (5%)
- African Americans (31%) and Other Ethnicities (31%) are more likely to select than Whites (13%)
- Those with some college (21%) are more likely to select than those with a Bachelor’s Degree (13%)
- Baptists (21%) are more likely to select than Lutherans (11%)
“When you attend church, who typically travels with you?”

A friend or acquaintance

- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to select (22%)
- African Americans (16%) are more likely to select than Whites (8%)
- Baptists (14%) and Non-denominational (10%) are more likely to select than Lutherans (3%)
- Those who attend a church of 50 to 99 people (15%) and 250 to 499 (15%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of less than 50 people (7%) and 100 to 249 (8%)

Someone from church who lacks transportation

- No significant differences
“When you attend church, who typically travels with you?”

Nobody, I travel by myself

- Those age 50-64 (23%) and 65+ (24%) are more likely to select than those 18-34 (13%)
- African Americans (22%) are more likely to select than Hispanics (11%)
- Lutherans (30%) are more likely to select than Baptists (19%) and Non-denominational (16%)
“Who typically took you to church as a child?”

A parent
- Those who are High School Graduates or less are the least likely to select (70%)
- Lutherans (90%) and Presbyterians (89%) are more likely to select than Baptists (74%), Christian/Churches of Christ (70%), and Non-denominational (71%)

A grandparent
- Females are more likely to select than Males (23% v. 16%)
- Those age 18-34 (30%) and 35-49 (27%) are more likely to select than those 50-64 (14%) and 65+ (8%)
- African Americans are the most likely to select (32%)
- Those in the South are the most likely to select (26%)
- Baptists (25%) and Non-denominational (21%) are more likely to select than Lutherans (8%) and Presbyterians (7%)
“Who typically took you to church as a child?”

Another family member

- Females are more likely to select than Males (13% v. 7%)
- Those age 18-34 (14%) and 35-49 (14%) are more likely to select than those 50-64 (6%) and 65+ (7%)
- African Americans (20%) are more likely to select than Whites (6%) and Hispanics (8%)
- Those with some college (14%) are more likely to select than those with a Bachelor’s Degree (6%) or a Graduate Degree (6%)
- Baptists (13%) and Non-denominational (11%) are more likely to select than Lutherans (1%)
“Who typically took you to church as a child?”

The family of a friend my age
- Those age 18-34 (9%) are more likely to select than those 50-64 (3%) and 65+ (3%)
- Those with some college (8%) are more likely to select than those with a Graduate Degree (1%)
- Baptists (7%) are more likely to select than Lutherans (1%)

A church bus
- Females are more likely to select than Males (8% v 2%)
- Those age 65+ are least likely to select (1%)
- African Americans (8%) and Hispanics (9%) are more likely to select than Whites (4%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (7%) are more likely to select than those with a Bachelor’s Degree (3%)
- Non-denominationals (9%) are more likely to select than Baptists (4%), Lutherans (1%), and Presbyterians (<1%)
“Who typically took you to church as a child?”

Someone you knew primarily from church

- Other Ethnicities (13%) and African Americans (5%) are more likely to select than Whites (2%)

I went by myself

- Those age 65+ (8%) are more likely to select than those 18-34 (3%)
- Other Ethnicities (14%) are more likely to select than Whites (6%)
“Who typically took you to church as a child?”

I did not typically attend church as a child

- Those in the West (11%) are more likely to select than those in the South (4%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (9%) are more likely to select than those with some college (3%)
- Non-denominational (9%) are more likely to select than Lutherans (3%)
- Those who attend a church of 500 or more people (9%) are more likely to select than those who attend a church of 100 to 249 people (4%)
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