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They attribute the changes to a variety of factors, from people knowing and interacting with someone who is LGBT, to advocacy on their behalf by high-profile public figures, to LGBT adults raising families. Most who did tell a parent say that it was difficult, but relatively few say that it damaged their relationship. The survey finds that 12 is the median age at which lesbian, gay and bisexual adults first felt they might be something other than heterosexual or straight. For those who say they now know for sure that they are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender, that realization came at a median age of . Among those who have shared this information with a family member or close friend, 20 is the median age at which they first did so. Gay men report having reached all of these coming out milestones somewhat earlier than do lesbians and bisexuals. The survey was conducted April , , and administered online, a survey mode that research indicates tends to produce more honest answers on a range of sensitive topics than do other less anonymous modes of survey-taking. For more details, see Chapter 1 and Appendix 1. The survey finds that the LGBT population is distinctive in many ways beyond sexual orientation. Compared with the general public, Pew Research LGBT survey respondents are more liberal, more Democratic, less religious, less happy with their lives, and more satisfied with the general direction of the country. On average, they are younger than the general public. Their family incomes are lower, which may be related to their relative youth and the smaller size of their households. They are also more likely to perceive discrimination not just against themselves but also against other groups with a legacy of discrimination. About the Survey Findings in this report are based on two main data sources: This report is based primarily on a Pew Research Center survey of the LGBT population conducted April , , among a nationally representative sample of 1, self-identified lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender adults 18 years of age or older. The sample comprised gay men, lesbians, bisexuals and 43 transgender adults. The survey questionnaire was written by the Pew Research Center and administered by the GfK Group using KnowledgePanel, its nationally representative online research panel. The online survey mode was chosen for this study, in part, because considerable research on sensitive issues such as drug use, sexual behavior and even attendance at religious services indicates that the online mode of survey administration is likely to elicit more honest answers from respondents on a range of topics. The margin of sampling error for the full LGBT sample is plus or minus 4. Same-Sex Marriage On the topic of same-sex marriage, not surprisingly, there is a large gap between the views of the general public and those of LGBT adults. Large majorities of LGBT adults and the general public agree that love, companionship and making a lifelong commitment are very important reasons to marry. This report makes no attempt to estimate the share of the U. Other recent survey-based research reports have made estimates in the 3. However, all such estimates depend to some degree on the willingness of LGBT individuals to disclose their sexual orientation and gender identity, and research suggests that not everyone in this population is ready or willing to do so. See Appendix 1 for a discussion of these and other methodological issues. The table above provides a look at key demographic characteristics of the full Pew Research LGBT survey sample and its three largest sub-groups—bisexuals, gay men and lesbians. It shows, among other things, that bisexuals are younger, have lower family incomes and are less likely to be college graduates than gay men and lesbians. The relative youth of bisexuals likely explains some of their lower levels of income and education. The survey also finds that bisexuals differ from gay men and lesbians on a range of attitudes and experiences related to their sexual orientation. Likewise, about half of gay men and lesbians say their sexual orientation is extremely or very important to their overall identity, compared with just two-in-ten bisexual men and women. Gays and lesbians are also more likely than bisexuals to say their sexual orientation is a positive factor in their lives, though across all three subgroups, many say it is neither positive nor negative. Only a small fraction of all groups describe their sexual orientation or gender identity as a negative factor. Roughly three-quarters of bisexual respondents to the Pew Research survey are women. By

contrast, gay men outnumber lesbians by about two-to-one among survey respondents. Bisexuals are far more likely than either gay men or lesbians to be married, in part because a large majority of those in committed relationships have partners of the opposite sex and thus are able to marry legally. Also, two-thirds of bisexuals say they either already have or want children, compared with about half of lesbians and three-in-ten gay men. Across the LGBT population, more say bisexual women and lesbians are accepted by society than say this about gay men, bisexual men or transgender people. Transgender adults are viewed as less accepted by society than other LGBT groups: Surveys of the general public show that societal acceptance is on the rise. More Americans now say they favor same-sex marriage and fewer say homosexuality should be discouraged, compared with a decade ago. A new Pew Research Center analysis shows that among the general public, knowing someone who is gay or lesbian is linked with greater acceptance of homosexuality and support for same-sex marriage. Still, a significant share of the public believes that homosexuality should be discouraged and that same-sex marriage should not be legal. Much of this resistance is rooted in deeply held religious attitudes, such as the belief that engaging in homosexual behavior is a sin. And the public is conflicted about how the rising share of gays and lesbians raising children is affecting society.

Age, Gender and Race

The survey finds that the attitudes and experiences of younger adults into the LGBT population differ in a variety of ways from those of older adults, perhaps a reflection of the more accepting social milieu in which younger adults have come of age. For example, younger gay men and lesbians are more likely to have disclosed their sexual orientation somewhat earlier in life than have their older counterparts. Some of this difference may be attributable to changing social norms, but some is attributable to the fact that the experiences of young adults who have not yet identified as being gay or lesbian but will do so later in life cannot be captured in this survey. In addition women, whether lesbian or bisexual, are significantly more likely than men to either already have children or to say they want to have children one day. While the same-sex marriage issue has dominated news coverage of the LGBT population in recent years, it is only one of several top priority issues identified by survey respondents. When asked in an open-ended question to name the national public figures most responsible for advancing LGBT rights, President Barack Obama, who announced last year that he had changed his mind and supports gay marriage, tops the list along with comedian and talk show host Ellen DeGeneres, who came out as a lesbian in and has been a leading advocate for the LGBT population ever since then. For the most part LGBT adults are in broad agreement on which institutions they consider friendly to people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender. And they offer opinions on a range of public policy issues that are in sync with the Democratic and liberal tilt to their partisanship and ideology. Self and Country

LGBT adults and the general public are also notably different in the ways they evaluate their personal happiness and the overall direction of the country. Gay men, lesbians and bisexuals are roughly equal in their expressed level of happiness. Opinions on this question are strongly associated with partisanship. They have more mixed views of the Jewish religion and mainline Protestant churches, with fewer than half of LGBT adults describing those religions as unfriendly, one-in-ten describing each of them as friendly and the rest saying they are neutral. The survey finds that LGBT adults are less religious than the general public. Of those LGBT adults who are religiously affiliated, one-third say there is a conflict between their religious beliefs and their sexual orientation or gender identity. Pew Research surveys of the general public show that while societal views about homosexuality have shifted dramatically over the past decade, highly religious Americans remain more likely than others to believe that homosexuality should be discouraged rather than accepted by society. In addition, religious commitment is strongly correlated with opposition to same-sex marriage.

Community Identity and Engagement

As LGBT adults become more accepted by society, the survey finds different points of view about how fully they should seek to become integrated into the broader culture. When it comes to community engagement, gay men and lesbians are more involved than bisexuals in a variety of LGBT-specific activities, such as attending a gay pride event or being a member of an LGBT organization. Overall, many LGBT adults say they have used their economic power in support or opposition to certain products or companies. There are big differences across LGBT groups in how they use social networking sites.

A Note on Transgender Respondents

Transgender is an umbrella term that groups together a variety of people whose gender identity or gender expression differs from their birth sex. Some identify as female-to-male, others as

male-to-female. Others may call themselves gender non-conforming, reflecting an identity that differs from social expectations about gender based on birth sex. Some may call themselves genderqueer, reflecting an identity that may be neither male nor female. And others may use the term transsexual to describe their identity. A transgender identity is not dependent upon medical procedures. While some transgender individuals may choose to alter their bodies through surgery or hormonal therapy, many transgender people choose not to do so. People who are transgender may also describe themselves as heterosexual, gay, lesbian, or bisexual. In the Pew Research Center survey, respondents were asked whether they considered themselves to be transgender in a separate series of questions from the question about whether they considered themselves to be lesbian, gay, bisexual, or heterosexual see Appendix 1 for more details. Although there is limited data on the size of the transgender population, it is estimated that 0. However, their survey responses are represented in the findings about the full LGBT population throughout the survey. The responses to both open- and closed-ended questions do allow for a few general findings. For example, among transgender respondents to this survey, most say they first felt their gender was different from their birth sex before puberty. For many, being transgender is a core part of their overall identity, even if they may not widely share this with many people in their lives. And just as gay men, lesbians, and bisexuals perceive less commonality with transgender people than with each other, transgender adults may appear not to perceive a great deal of commonality with lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals. In particular, issues like same-sex marriage may be viewed as less important by this group, and transgender adults appear to be less involved in the LGBT community than are other sub-groups. Here are some of the voices of transgender adults in the survey: Now I feel more at home in the world, though I must admit, not completely. There is still plenty of phobic feeling. I am very empathetic because of my circumstance. Identifying as another gender is not easy. We mostly tried to conform and simply lived two lives at once. The stress caused a very high suicide rate and a higher rate of alcohol addiction somehow I was spared both. But most people are willing to change for you if they care enough. Most people know me one way and to talk to them about a different side of me can be disconcerting. For the ones that do it out of disrespect, I just talk to them one on one and ask for them to do better. Notes on Terminology Unless otherwise noted, all references to whites, blacks and others are to the non-Hispanic components of those populations. Hispanics can be of any race. Non-whites refers to people whose race is not white e. References to the political party identification of respondents include those who identify with a political party or lean towards a specific political party. Those identified as independents do not lean towards either the Democratic Party or the Republican Party. Acknowledgments Many Pew Research Center staff members contributed to this research project. Paul Taylor oversaw the project and served as lead editor of the report. Parker wrote chapters 2 and 3. Chapter 4 was written by Eileen Patten.

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Moreover, these changes are taking place across the religious landscape, affecting all regions of the country and many demographic groups. While the drop in Christian affiliation is particularly pronounced among young adults, it is occurring among Americans of all ages. The same trends are seen among whites, blacks and Latinos; among both college graduates and adults with only a high school education; and among women as well as men. Explore the data with our interactive database tool. To be sure, the United States remains home to more Christians than any other country in the world, and a large majority of Americans “roughly seven-in-ten” continue to identify with some branch of the Christian faith. And the share of Americans who identify with non-Christian faiths also has inched up, rising 1. Growth has been especially great among Muslims and Hindus, albeit from a very low base. The drop in the Christian share of the population has been driven mainly by declines among mainline Protestants and Catholics. Each of those large religious traditions has shrunk by approximately three percentage points since . The evangelical Protestant share of the U. Non-Hispanic whites now account for smaller shares of evangelical Protestants, mainline Protestants and Catholics than they did seven years earlier, while Hispanics have grown as a share of all three religious groups. Religious intermarriage also appears to be on the rise: Nearly one-in-five people surveyed who got married since are either religiously unaffiliated respondents who married a Christian spouse or Christians who married an unaffiliated spouse. Explore data on religious groups in the U. Religious Landscape Study, a follow-up to its first comprehensive study of religion in America, conducted in . The Religious Landscape Studies were designed to fill the gap. Comparing two virtually identical surveys, conducted seven years apart, can bring important trends into sharp relief. This makes it possible to paint demographic and religious profiles of numerous denominations that cannot be described by smaller surveys. The latest survey was conducted in English and Spanish among a nationally representative sample of 35, adults interviewed by telephone, on both cellphones and landlines, from June 4-Sept. Findings based on the full sample have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 0. See Appendix A for more information on how the survey was conducted, margins of error for subgroups analyzed in this report and additional details. Even a very small margin of error, when applied to the hundreds of millions of people living in the United States, can yield a wide range of estimates for the size of particular faiths. Nevertheless, the results of the second Religious Landscape Study indicate that Christians probably have lost ground, not only in their relative share of the U. Catholics, for instance, are defined as all respondents who say they are Catholic, regardless of their specific beliefs and whether or not they attend Mass regularly. In fact, many people who are unaffiliated with a religion believe in God, pray at least occasionally and think of themselves as spiritual people. For more details on the exact questions used to measure religious identity, see the survey topline. For more on how Protestant respondents were grouped into particular religious traditions, see Appendix B. Between and , the overall size of the U. This decline is larger than the combined margins of sampling error in the twin surveys conducted seven years apart. Using the margins of error to calculate a probable range of estimates, it appears that the number of Christian adults in the U. In , there were an estimated 41 million mainline Protestant adults in the United States. And evangelical Protestants, while declining slightly as a percentage of the U. The new survey indicates that churches in the evangelical Protestant tradition “including the Southern Baptist Convention, the Assemblies of God, Churches of Christ, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, the Presbyterian Church in America, other evangelical denominations and many nondenominational congregations” now have a total of about 62 million adult adherents. That is an increase of roughly 2 million since , though once the margins of error are taken into account, it is possible that the number of evangelicals may have risen by as many as 5 million or remained essentially unchanged. The new survey indicates there are about 51 million Catholic adults in the U. But taking margins of error into account, the decline in the number of Catholic adults could be as modest as 1 million. Meanwhile, the number of religiously unaffiliated adults has increased by roughly 19 million since

There are now approximately 56 million religiously unaffiliated adults in the U. Indeed, the unaffiliated are now second in size only to evangelical Protestants among major religious groups in the U. As the Millennial generation enters adulthood, its members display much lower levels of religious affiliation, including less connection with Christian churches, than older generations. And fewer than six-in-ten Millennials identify with any branch of Christianity, compared with seven-in-ten or more among older generations, including Baby Boomers and Gen-Xers. Roughly one-in-five are evangelical Protestants. In addition, people in older generations are increasingly disavowing association with organized religion. About a third of older Millennials adults currently in their late 20s and early 30s now say they have no religion, up nine percentage points among this cohort since 2007, when the same group was between ages 18 and 29. Nearly a quarter of Generation Xers now say they have no particular religion or describe themselves as atheists or agnostics, up four points in seven years. As the shifting religious profiles of these generational cohorts suggest, switching religion is a common occurrence in the United States. If switching among the three Protestant traditions e. Some switching also has occurred in the other direction: By contrast, Christianity “ and especially Catholicism “ has been losing more adherents through religious switching than it has been gaining. Former Christians represent Both the mainline and historically black Protestant traditions have lost more members than they have gained through religious switching, but within Christianity the greatest net losses, by far, have been experienced by Catholics. Nearly one-third of American adults This means that No other religious group in the survey has such a lopsided ratio of losses to gains. The evangelical Protestant tradition is the only major Christian group in the survey that has gained more members than it has lost through religious switching. Other highlights in this report include: The Christian share of the population is declining and the religiously unaffiliated share is growing in all four major geographic regions of the country. But the religiously unaffiliated have grown and Christians have declined as a share of the population within all three of these racial and ethnic groups. Although it is low relative to other religious groups, the retention rate of the unaffiliated has increased. As the ranks of the religiously unaffiliated continue to grow, they also describe themselves in increasingly secular terms. The share of the public identifying with religions other than Christianity has grown from 4. Gains were most pronounced among Muslims who accounted for 0. More than one-in-ten immigrants identify with a non-Christian faith, such as Islam or Hinduism. Hindus and Jews continue to be the most highly educated religious traditions. These groups also have above-average household incomes. About the U. Religious Landscape Study This is the first report on findings from the U. Religious Landscape Study, the centerpiece of which is a nationally representative telephone survey of 35, adults. The first was conducted in 2007, also with a telephone survey of more than 35, Americans. The new study is designed to serve three main purposes: To provide a detailed account of the size of the religious groups that populate the U. The results of the Religious Landscape Study will be published in a series of reports over the coming year. This first report focuses on the changing religious composition of the U. It also summarizes patterns in religious switching. In addition, this report includes an appendix that compares the findings of the and Religious Landscape Studies with several other surveys and assesses how recent developments in American religion fit into longer-term trends. Data from a variety of national surveys, including the long-running General Social Survey and Gallup polls, confirm that Protestants have been declining as a share of the U. But there is less of a consensus about trends in American Catholicism. Some surveys, including the one featured in this report, indicate that the Catholic share of the population is declining, while others suggest it is relatively stable or may have declined and then ticked back up in recent years. Other findings from the Religious Landscape Study will be released later this year. Acknowledgments Many individuals from the Pew Research Center contributed to this report. Alan Cooperman, director of religion research, oversaw the effort and served as the primary editor. Gregory Smith, associate director for religion research, served as the primary researcher and wrote the Overview and Methodology. Smith also wrote the chapter on the changing religious composition of the U. The chapter on religious switching and intermarriage was written by Research Associate Becka Alper. Research Associate Jessica Martinez and Research Assistant Claire Gecewicz wrote the chapter on the demographic profiles of religious groups, and Research Analyst Elizabeth Sciupac wrote the chapter on the shifting religious identity of demographic groups. Gecewicz prepared the detailed tables. Bill Webster created the graphics. Green,

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director of the Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics at the University of Akron, served as a senior adviser on the Religious Landscape Studies, providing valuable advice on the survey questionnaires, categorization of respondents and drafts of the reports. Additionally, we received helpful comments on portions of the study from David E. While the analysis was guided by our consultations with the advisers, the Pew Research Center is solely responsible for the interpretation and reporting of the data. Roadmap to the Report The remainder of this report explores in greater depth many of the key findings summarized in this Overview. Chapter 1 offers a detailed look at the religious composition of the United States and how it has changed in recent years. Chapter 2 examines patterns in religious switching and intermarriage. Chapter 3 provides a demographic profile of the major religious traditions in the United States. Chapter 4 then flips the lens, looking at the religious profile of Americans in various demographic groups. Appendix A describes the methodology used to conduct the study. Appendix B provides details on how Protestants were categorized into one of three major Protestant traditions the evangelical tradition, the mainline tradition and the historically black Protestant tradition based on the specific denomination with which they identify. Appendix C compares findings from the Religious Landscape Studies with other major religion surveys and puts the current results into the context of longer-term trends.

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