

**2025 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 162 SURVEY 2025
February 3-9, 2025
N=9,544**

Note: All numbers are percentages unless otherwise noted. Percentages less than 0.5% are replaced by an asterisk (*). Rows/columns may not total 100% due to rounding. The questions presented below are part of a larger survey conducted on the American Trends Panel.

"No answer" includes web respondents who do not answer the question as well as telephone respondents who refuse to answer or who say they don't know how to answer. In cases where **"Not sure"** was offered as an explicit option to web and telephone respondents, the **"No answer"** category includes only web skips and telephone refusals.

This survey was conducted primarily online, with some interviews conducted by live telephone. This topline shows the programming language for online administration. For details on how questions were slightly modified for phone administration, visit the questionnaire.

American Trends Panel surveys conducted between October 2016 and June 2024 were conducted fully online (with tablets and data plans provided to adults without home internet). American Trends Panel surveys conducted prior to October 2016 were conducted primarily online, with some respondents completing by mail. For additional details, visit the methodology.

PN = Programming note

NOTE: **"Catholics by religion"** are respondents who say they are Catholic when asked about their present religion (in RELIG).

"Cultural Catholics" are respondents who do not identify as Catholic religiously but say that **"aside from religion"** they consider themselves Catholic in some other way (for example, ethnically, culturally or because of their family's background) (in CATHASIDE).

"Former Catholics" say they were raised Catholic (in CHRELIG) but do not identify as Catholic today, either religiously or aside from religion.

The **"Other Catholic-connected"** includes adults who are not Catholic by religion, culturally Catholic, or formerly Catholic, but who have a Catholic spouse, partner or parent (in SPRELIG or CATHPARENT) or say **"yes"** when asked if they ever attend Catholic Mass (in CATHATTEND1).

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
U.S. adults	9,544	+/- 1.3 percentage points
Catholic by religion	1,787	+/- 3.1 percentage points
Cultural Catholic	782	+/- 4.7 percentage points
Former Catholic	836	+/- 4.6 percentage points
Other Catholic-connected	878	+/- 4.5 percentage points

OTHER QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

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ASK ALL:

Is your overall opinion of former Pope Benedict XVI...

	NET Favor- able	<i>Very fav</i>	<i>Mostly fav</i>	NET Unfavor- able	<i>Mostly unfav</i>	<i>Very unfav</i>	Never heard of this person	No answer
Feb 3-9, 2025								
U.S. adults	43	6	37	34	24	10	20	3
Catholic by religion	76	18	58	16	14	2	6	2
Cultural Catholic	42	7	35	40	33	7	16	2
Former Catholic	28	3	25	49	31	18	20	3
Other Catholic- connected	43	3	40	36	27	9	18	3

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON, BASED ON ALL U.S. ADULTS

	NET Favor- able	<i>Very fav</i>	<i>Mostly fav</i>	NET Unfavor- able	<i>Mostly unfav</i>	<i>Very unfav</i>	(VOL.) Never heard of this person	(VOL.) Can't rate/Ref.
Feb 14-17, 2013	49	14	34	27	16	12	4	20
Apr 2008	61	22	39	17	9	8	4	18
Mar 2008	52	18	34	18	12	6	7	23
Aug 2007	50	14	36	18	12	6	8	24
Jul 2005	44	10	34	11	7	4	4	41

RELIG**ASK ALL:**

[PN: IF WEB, SOFT PROMPT IF SELECT CODE 11 AND LEFT BLANK: "You did not provide a response in the text box. If you would like to skip, click Next." **ALLOW TO CONTINUE IF SKIP AGAIN WITHOUT ENTERING TEXT; IF CAT1, INTERVIEWERS MUST ENTER A TEXT RESPONSE IF CODE 11 SELECTED**]

What is your present religion, if any?

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	<u>U.S. adults</u>	<u>Catholic by religion</u>	<u>Cultural Catholic</u>	<u>Former Catholic</u>	<u>Other Catholic-connected</u>
Protestant (for example, Baptist, Methodist, non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Church of Christ, Congregational/United Church of Christ, Holiness, Reformed, Church of God, etc.)	43	0	42	34	53
Roman Catholic	20	100	0	0	0
Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints or LDS)	2	0	3	1	2
Orthodox (such as Greek, Russian or some other Orthodox church)	1	0	1	2	1
Jewish	1	0	1	*	2
Muslim	1	0	1	1	2
Buddhist	1	0	1	1	2
Hindu	1	0	*	*	2
Atheist	6	0	7	13	8
Agnostic	6	0	14	14	8
Something else	3	0	4	6	4
Nothing in particular	15	0	27	27	16
No answer	*	0	0	*	*

INTERVENING QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ATTENDPER¹****ASK ALL:**

Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services in person?

	<u>Feb 3-9, 2025</u>	
	<u>U.S. adults</u>	<u>Catholic by religion</u>
More than once a week	8	4
Once a week	17	24
Once or twice a month	8	10
A few times a year	15	21
Seldom	25	26
Never	27	13
No answer	*	*

¹ Refer to CATHATTEND1 and CATHATTEND2 below for estimates of frequency of Mass attendance among "cultural Catholic," formerly Catholic, and "Other Catholic-connected" respondents. Catholics by religion were not asked CATHATTEND1 or CATHATTEND2.

CHRELIG**ASK ALL:**

[PN: IF WEB, SOFT PROMPT IF SELECT CODE 11 AND LEFT BLANK: "You did not provide a response in the text box. If you would like to skip, click Next." ALLOW TO CONTINUE IF SKIP AGAIN WITHOUT ENTERING TEXT]

Thinking about when you were a child, in what religion were you raised, if any?

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	<u>U.S. adults</u>	<u>Catholic by religion</u>	<u>Cultural Catholic</u>	<u>Former Catholic</u>	<u>Other Catholic- connected</u>
Protestant (for example, Baptist, Methodist, non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Church of Christ, Congregational/United Church of Christ, Holiness, Reformed, Church of God, etc.)	49	5	33	0	68
Roman Catholic	31	93	44	99	0
Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints or LDS)	2	*	2	0	4
Orthodox (such as Greek, Russian or some other Orthodox church)	1	*	2	0	2
Jewish	2	*	1	0	3
Muslim	1	*	1	0	2
Buddhist	1	0	1	0	3
Hindu	1	0	0	0	2
Atheist	1	0	2	0	1
Agnostic	1	*	2	0	2
Something else	*	*	*	0	1
Nothing in particular	9	1	12	0	13
No answer	*	0	*	0	1
(VOL.) Partly Catholic	*	0	1	1	0

FRMRCATH**ASK IF FORMER CATHOLIC (CHRELIG=2 AND RELIG=1,3-99):**

You mentioned that you were raised in the Catholic religion, but do not currently identify your religion as Catholic. Just in your own words, what is the main reason you are no longer Catholic?

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	Cultural Catholic who was raised Catholic by religion	Former Catholic
Changed beliefs, hold different beliefs, or values do not align with Church	14	19
Was never committed in the first place and/or grew away from it	8	11
Stopped believing in God/gave up or disavowed religion broadly	9	9
Church abuse scandals	7	8
Catholicism not based in Bible/Do too many things that are not in the Bible	3	8
Started going to a different type of Church/Switched/Prefer other denomination	8	5
Church is too outdated/judgmental/strict/rigid	6	6
Negative opinion of organized religion in general	6	6
Do not feel they need the Church/Have own beliefs about God or spirituality	6	4
Misogyny/role of women/abortion issues	5	4
Hypocrisy	4	4
Disinterest in religion	3	4
Negative opinion about Catholicism specifically	3	4
Church is corrupt/obsessed with money	3	3
Spouse is not Catholic/could not get married in the church	5	2
Catholicism did not fulfill spiritual needs	2	3
Church's stance on LGBTQ issues	5	2
Bad experience with Catholics or the Church	4	2
Sees Catholicism as incompatible with science or reason	3	1
Life circumstances	*	2
Born again/Found Jesus/Personal relationships with Jesus	1	2
Too involved with politics	2	*
Disagreements on social or political issues with Catholic Church	1	1
Pushed out/shunned	1	*
Historical events (Inquisition, treatment of Indigenous people, etc.)	*	1
Other	3	3
Unclear	4	2
Don't know/Refused/Not asked	13	14
N=	402	836

CATHCONV**ASK IF CATHOLIC NOW BUT NOT RAISED (CHRELIG=1, 3-99 AND RELIG=2):****N=148**

You mentioned that you were not raised in the Catholic religion, but now you identify your religion as Catholic. Just in your own words, what is the main reason you became Catholic?

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Converted for spouse or partner/to get married in the church	49
Came to believe in the teachings or historical foundation of Catholicism	13
Felt called to Catholicism or felt it was spiritually fulfilling	12
Influence of family/friends	12
Felt that it made sense/aligned with values	7
Like the Mass/community/style of service and worship	6
Disillusionment or dissatisfaction with previous affiliation	3
Returned to the Church after a time away	3
Influence of Catholic institutions, such as schools	1
Other	1
Unclear	5
Don't know/No answer/Not asked	5

CATHASIDE**ASK IF NOT CATHOLIC BY RELIGION (RELIG=1,3-99):**

Aside from religion, do you consider yourself to be Catholic in any way (for example, ethnically, culturally or because of your family's background)?

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	<u>Cultural Catholic</u>	<u>Former Catholic</u>	<u>Other Catholic-connected</u>
Yes	100	0	0
No	0	99	100
No answer	0	1	*

CATHHOW

**ASK IF CONSIDERS SELF CATHOLIC BUT NOT BY RELIGION (CATHASIDE=1):
N=782**

In your own words, could you please describe in what way you consider yourself Catholic?

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RESPONSES WERE PERMITTED; UP TO THREE RESPONSES WERE CODED**

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NET Respondent's own background	32
Raised Catholic/practiced as a child/received sacraments	17
Cultural/ethnic ties	9
Catholic school/college/education	4
Previously attended Catholic church or participated in Church-related activities	4
Former Catholic (didn't specify when)	1
Habit/familiarity	2
NET Relationships with Catholics	27
Family connection other than parents (e.g. grandparents, wider family, etc.)	19
Catholic parent(s)	6
Catholic or Catholic-connected spouse or partner/Married in the church	3
Raising/raised children as Catholic	1
Catholic friends or grew up around Catholics	1
NET Catholic beliefs	23
Retain teachings/values/morals	9
Believe in God or Jesus or a higher power	7
Belief in elements of Catholic doctrine	5
Respect/appreciation for Catholic teachings/practices/institutions	3
Believe in/value the Bible	1
Believe in afterlife	*
NET Catholic practices	12
Celebrate Catholic holidays/traditions or participate in Catholic ceremonies	5
Attend Catholic services	3
Prayer	2
Devotion to Saints	2
Practice Catholicism in some way	2
NET Commonalities with Catholicism	2
Practice or identify as similar religion	1
Consider self Christian	1
Universality	1
Knowledge of Catholic teachings/practices	2
Experience Catholic guilt/trauma	1
Converted to Catholicism	1
Externally identify as Catholic	*
Unclear	5
Don't know/No answer/Not asked	24

SPRELIGMOD**ASK IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER (X_MARITAL=1,2):**

[PN: IF WEB, SOFT PROMPT IF SELECT CODE 11 AND LEFT BLANK: "You did not provide a response in the text box. If you would like to skip, click Next." ALLOW TO CONTINUE IF SKIP AGAIN WITHOUT ENTERING TEXT]

In a previous survey, you said you were married or living with a partner. What is your **[PN: INSERT IF X_MARITAL=1: spouse's; INSERT IF X_MARITAL=2: partner's]** present religion, if any?

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	<u>U.S. adults</u>	<u>Catholic by religion</u>	<u>Cultural Catholic</u>	<u>Former Catholic</u>	<u>Other Catholic- connected</u>
Protestant (for example, Baptist, Methodist, non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Church of Christ, Congregational/United Church of Christ, Holiness, Reformed, Church of God, etc.)	26	8	20	25	22
Roman Catholic	14	49	12	5	25
Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints or LDS)	1	0	1	1	1
Orthodox (such as Greek, Russian or some other Orthodox church)	*	*	1	*	1
Jewish	1	*	1	1	1
Muslim	1	*	*	*	*
Buddhist	1	*	1	*	1
Hindu	1	*	*	0	1
Atheist	3	1	3	6	2
Agnostic	3	1	3	5	3
Something else	1	*	1	2	1
Nothing in particular	10	5	13	18	9
No answer	*	*	*	*	*
Not asked (Not married/not living with a partner)	38	36	44	36	32

CATHATTEND1

ASK IF ATTENDS WORSHIP SERVICES AND NOT CATHOLIC BY RELIGION (ATTENDPER=1-5 AND RELIG=1,3-99):

Aside from weddings and funerals, do you ever attend Mass at a Catholic Church, or not?

CATHATTEND2

**ASK IF NOT CATHOLIC BY RELIGION BUT ATTENDS CATHOLIC CHURCH (CATHATTEND1=1):
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]**

And aside from weddings and funerals, about how often would you say you attend Mass at a Catholic church?

	<u>Feb 3-9, 2025</u>		
	<u>Cultural Catholic</u>	<u>Former Catholic</u>	<u>Other Catholic-connected</u>
Yes, ever attend Catholic Mass (in CATHATTEND1)	26	8	32
More than once a week	*	0	1
Once a week	4	*	1
Once or twice a month	2	1	3
A few times a year	10	2	8
Seldom	11	4	19
No answer	*	*	1
Does not attend Catholic Mass (those who never attend in ATTENDPER, said "No" in CATHATTEND1, or did not answer in ATTENDPER or CATHATTEND1)	74	92	68

CATHPARENT

ASK IF NOT CATHOLIC BY RELIGION AND NOT RAISED CATHOLIC (RELIG=1,3-99 AND CHRELIG=1,3-99):

Growing up, did you have a Catholic parent, or not?

	<u>Feb 3-9, 2025</u>	
	<u>Cultural Catholic</u>	<u>Other Catholic-connected</u>
Yes	28	57
No	27	43
No answer	1	*
Not asked (raised Catholic in CHRELIG)	44	0

PROGRAMMING NOTES:

Please create CATHCONN as follows and include variable in dataset:

compute CATHCONN=0.

if RELIG=2 CATHCONN=1.

if CATHASIDE=1 CATHCONN=2.

if (RELIG=1,3-99 AND CATHASIDE=2,98,99) AND (CHRELIG=2 or SPRELIGMOD=2 or CATHPARENT=1 or CATHATTEND1=1) CATHCONN=3.

value label CATHCONN 0 "No Catholic connection" 1 "Catholic by religion" 2 "Catholic aside from religion (cultural Catholic)" 3 "Catholic connected (includes "former Catholic" and "other Catholic-connected" categories)".]

Please create MASSATTENDER as follows and include variable in dataset:

Compute MASSATTENDER=0.

if RELIG=2 AND ATTENDPER=1-5 MASSATTENDER=1.

if CATHATTEND1=1 MASSATTENDER=1.

value label MASSATTENDER 0 "Does not attend Catholic Mass" 1 "Attends Catholic Mass".

CONFESS

ASK IF CATHOLIC, CATHOLIC ASIDE FROM RELIGION OR CATHOLIC CONNECTED (CATHCONN=1,2,3):

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

About how often, if at all, do you go to confession with a Catholic priest?

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	<u>Catholic by religion</u>	<u>Cultural Catholic</u>	<u>Former Catholic</u>	<u>Other Catholic- connected</u>
At least once a month	3	1	0	1
Several times a year	9	3	1	2
Once a year	12	6	2	2
Less than once a year	30	8	2	5
Never	47	81	95	90
No answer	1	*	1	1

COMMUNION

ASK IF ATTENDS CATHOLIC MASS (MASSATTENDER=1):

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

When you attend Catholic Mass, how often do you receive Communion?

	<u>Feb 3-9, 2025</u>			
	<u>Catholic by religion</u>	<u>Cultural Catholic</u>	<u>Former Catholic</u>	<u>Other Catholic- connected</u>
Every time	36	6	1	2
Most of the time	15	4	0	4
About half of the time	6	2	1	2
Less than half of the time	13	4	1	4
Never	16	10	5	20
No answer	2	*	*	1
Not asked (does not attend Mass in ATTENDPER or CATHATTEND1)	14	74	92	68

COMMREC1

ASK IF RECEIVES COMMUNION AT LEAST SOME OF THE TIME (COMMUNION=1,2,3,4):
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Do you prefer to receive Communion...?

	<u>Feb 3-9, 2025</u>			
	<u>Catholic by religion</u>	<u>Cultural Catholic</u>	<u>Former Catholic</u>	<u>Other Catholic_ connected</u>
In the hand	44	11	2	6
On the tongue	14	3	0	3
No preference	11	2	1	3
No answer	0	0	0	*
Not asked (does not attend Mass in ATTENDPER or CATHATTEND1 or does not receive Communion in COMMUNION)	31	84	97	89

LASTRITES

ASK IF CATHOLIC, CATHOLIC ASIDE FROM RELIGION OR CATHOLIC CONNECTED
(CATHCONN=1,2,3):
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

If you were seriously ill, how important would it be to receive the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick from a Catholic priest?

	<u>Feb 3-9, 2025</u>			
	<u>Catholic by religion</u>	<u>Cultural Catholic</u>	<u>Former Catholic</u>	<u>Other Catholic- connected</u>
Extremely important	32	4	*	2
Very important	26	5	1	5
Somewhat important	20	18	5	7
Not too important	9	20	7	8
Not at all important	6	34	75	62
Not sure	7	19	11	15
No answer	*	1	1	1

CATHESENT**ASK IF CATHOLIC BY RELIGION OR ASIDE FROM RELIGION (CATHCONN=1,2):****[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS WITHIN EACH SCREEN; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]**

How important is each of the following to what being Catholic means to you?

	Essential part of what being Catholic means <u>to me</u>	Important but not essential part of what being Catholic <u>means to me</u>	Not an important part of what being Catholic means <u>to me</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Receiving the Eucharist Feb 3-9, 2025				
Catholic by religion	46	33	19	1
Cultural Catholic	17	24	54	5
b. Having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ Feb 3-9, 2025				
Catholic by religion	69	21	8	2
Cultural Catholic	44	22	32	3
c. Being part of an unbroken tradition going back to the apostles Feb 3-9, 2025				
Catholic by religion	32	36	29	4
Cultural Catholic	16	28	53	4
d. Devotion to the Virgin Mary Feb 3-9, 2025				
Catholic by religion	50	33	16	1
Cultural Catholic	20	27	49	4
e. Being part of a Catholic parish Feb 3-9, 2025				
Catholic by religion	30	39	29	2
Cultural Catholic	11	27	58	4
f. The leadership of the pope Feb 3-9, 2025				
Catholic by religion	33	43	22	2
Cultural Catholic	13	31	52	4
g. Getting married in the church Feb 3-9, 2025				
Catholic	40	34	24	2
Cultural Catholic	16	30	51	3
h. Celebrating feast days or festivals that are part of your national or ethnic heritage Feb 3-9, 2025				
Catholic by religion	26	47	26	1
Cultural Catholic	16	45	38	2
i. Going on pilgrimages Feb 3-9, 2025				
Catholic by religion	9	27	63	2
Cultural Catholic	6	25	67	3

CATHESSANT CONTINUED ...**ASK IF CATHOLIC BY RELIGION OR ASIDE FROM RELIGION (CATHCONN=1,2):**

	Essential part of what being Catholic means <u>to me</u>	Important but not essential part of what being Catholic <u>means to me</u>	Not an important part of what being Catholic means <u>to me</u>	<u>No answer</u>
j. Working to help the poor and needy Feb 3-9, 2025				
Catholic by religion	47	43	9	1
Cultural Catholic	41	40	17	2
k. Opposing abortion Feb 3-9, 2025				
Catholic by religion	32	29	37	2
Cultural Catholics	20	27	51	2
l. Caring for immigrants Feb 3-9, 2025				
Catholic by religion	30	36	32	1
Cultural Catholics	28	35	34	3
m. Taking care of the environment Feb 3-9, 2025				
Catholic by religion	31	46	22	1
Cultural Catholic	28	42	28	2
n. Opposing the death penalty Feb 3-9, 2025				
Catholic by religion	22	34	43	2
Cultural Catholic	16	28	52	3

CATHESSENTOE**ASK IF CATHOLIC BY RELIGION OR ASIDE FROM RELIGION (CATHCONN=1,2):****[PN: IF WEB, SOFT PROMPT IF SELECT CODE 1 AND LEFT BLANK: "You did not provide a response in the text box. If you would like to skip, click Next." ALLOW TO CONTINUE IF SKIP AGAIN WITHOUT ENTERING TEXT]**

Is there anything else that is essential to what being Catholic means to you?

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	<u>Feb 3-9, 2025</u>	
	<u>Catholic by religion</u>	<u>Cultural Catholic</u>
Being moral/good/kind/loving	8	4
Following or learning teachings of Jesus/Bible/Church (only specific mentions of Jesus and/or scripture)	4	2
Belief in God/love for God	3	1
Devotion to saints	*	*
Helping others/people in need	1	*
Love family/being united with family and friends	1	1
Having a personal relationship with God	1	*
Social justice (tolerance, rejecting bigotry, caring for environment)	1	1
Forgiveness	1	*
Peace/joy/fulfillment	1	1
Participation in Mass	*	*
Reading the Bible	*	*
Receiving the Eucharist	*	0
Belief in afterlife	*	0
Belief in Church doctrine	*	*
Pro-life/respect for all life	*	*
Suffering/sacrifice of Jesus	*	0
Eucharist doctrine/transubstantiation	*	*
Upholding traditions/celebrating holidays	*	*
Prayer, rosary	2	1
Sharing teachings of Catholic faith	*	*
Obedience/deference to religious authority	*	0
Financially supporting the church	*	0
Culture/heritage	*	*
Personal beliefs/being true to self	*	1
Raising children to be Catholic	*	0
Repentance	*	*
Opposing misconduct in the Church/holding Church accountable/activism within the church	*	0
Respect for the rule of law	*	0
Being active in church life/part of a community	1	*
Opposing Trump	*	*
Separating faith and politics	*	0
Universality	*	0
Separating church and state	*	0
Sacraments, rituals	*	*
Oppose homosexuality and/or premarital sex	*	0
Priest vocation	*	0
Rejecting evil/Satan	0	*
Supporting Trump	*	0
Latin Mass	*	0
Unclear	1	3
No additional essentials/No answer/Not asked	76	87

CATHKID

**ASK IF CATHOLIC, CATHOLIC ASIDE FROM RELIGION OR CATHOLIC CONNECTED
(CATHCONN=1,2,3):**

If you had a grown child who was not a practicing Catholic, would that bother you?

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	Catholic by <u>religion</u>	Cultural <u>Catholic</u>	Former <u>Catholic</u>	Other Catholic- <u>connected</u>
Yes, it would bother me a lot	13	3	2	4
Yes, it would bother me a little	29	14	4	5
No, it wouldn't bother me at all	58	82	94	90
No answer	*	1	1	2

PRACTICEA**ASK ALL:**

[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1]

How often do you do each of the following?

		<u>Daily</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>No answer</u>
WEAR	Wear religious items or symbols, or carry them with you Feb 3-9, 2025						
	U.S. adults	17	4	3	23	52	1
	Catholic by religion	34	5	5	28	28	1
	Cultural Catholic	13	5	7	21	52	1
	Former Catholic	8	3	1	17	71	*
	Other Catholic-connected	13	5	3	23	55	*
CNDL	Light incense of candles <u>for spiritual or religious reasons</u> Feb 3-9, 2025						
	U.S. adults	2	3	5	20	69	*
	Catholic by religion	3	5	8	40	43	*
	Cultural Catholic	4	5	8	22	61	1
	Former Catholic	2	3	4	13	78	*
	Other Catholic-connected	2	4	8	17	68	*
BIB/OTHSCRPT ²	Read the Bible/Read the Bible, the Torah, the Quran or other Holy Scripture Feb 3-9, 2025						
	U.S. adults	14	12	7	32	34	*
	Catholic by religion	7	7	9	46	31	*
	Cultural Catholic	9	10	13	29	38	1
	Former Catholic	15	9	6	22	47	*
	Other Catholic-connected	14	10	7	36	34	*
SAINTS ³	Practice devotion to the Virgin Mary or to a favorite saint or saints Feb 3-9, 2025						
	Catholic by religion	17	9	10	35	28	1
	Cultural Catholic	4	4	5	20	64	1
	Former Catholic	1	1	1	9	87	1
	Other Catholic-connected	2	3	2	8	84	1

² Respondents who are Catholic by religion or have other Catholic-connections (CATHCONN=1-3) were asked how often they read the Bible. All others were asked how often they "read the Bible, the Torah, the Quran or other Holy Scripture."

³ Only respondents who are Catholic by religion or "Other Catholic-connected" (CATHCONN=1-3) received this question.

PRACTICEA CONTINUED ...
ASK ALL:

		<u>Daily</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>No answer</u>
OBJ ⁴	Pray the rosary						
	Feb 3-9, 2025						
	Catholic by religion	10	9	9	37	36	*
	Cultural Catholic	3	3	8	20	65	2
	Former Catholic	1	*	3	7	88	1
	Other Catholic-connected	2	1	3	8	84	2

RELART

ASK IF CATHOLIC, CATHOLIC ASIDE FROM RELIGION OR CATHOLIC CONNECTED (CATHCONN=1,2,3) OR IF CHRISTIAN, SOMETHING ELSE, DON'T KNOW, REFUSED/WEB BLANK TO RELIG (RELIG=1-4, 11, 13, 15, 98, 99):

Do you have religious objects or artwork displayed in your home? These might include a cross, crucifix, or pictures of Jesus or the saints.

	<u>Feb 3-9, 2025</u>			
	<u>Catholic by religion</u>	<u>Cultural Catholic</u>	<u>Former Catholic</u>	<u>Other Catholic-connected</u>
Yes	79	52	37	47
No	20	46	63	52
No answer	*	1	1	1

⁴ Only respondents who are Catholic by religion or "Other Catholic-connected" (CATHCONN=1-3) received this question.

[PN: DISPLAY RELSCHL1 AND RELSCHL2 ON THE SAME SCREEN]

RELSCHL1**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the type of school you attended when you were growing up, from kindergarten through 12th grade, how many years did you attend Catholic school, if any?

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	<u>U.S. adults</u>	<u>Catholic by religion</u>	<u>Cultural Catholic</u>	<u>Former Catholic</u>	<u>Other Catholic- connected</u>
None – I never attended					
Catholic school	80	53	62	61	88
1 to 3 years	6	11	14	13	6
4 to 6 years	5	11	11	9	4
7 years or more	8	24	13	16	2
No answer	*	*	0	*	0

RELSCHL2**ASK ALL:**

Aside from Catholic school or any other religious schools you might have attended, how many years, if any, did you attend Sunday school, CCD, or some other form of religious education?

Feb 3-9, 2025

	<u>U.S. adults</u>	<u>Catholic by religion</u>	<u>Cultural Catholic</u>	<u>Former Catholic</u>	<u>Other Catholic- connected</u>
None	37	32	37	36	40
1 to 3 years	20	26	27	30	23
4 to 6 years	13	16	15	14	12
7 years or more	29	25	20	20	25
No answer	1	*	1	*	*

CATHCLGE1**ASK IF HAS AT LEAST SOME COLLEGE (X_EDUCCAT=1,2):**

Did you attend a Catholic college or university?

BASED ON TOTAL

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	<u>U.S. adults</u>	<u>Catholic by religion</u>	<u>Cultural Catholic</u>	<u>Former Catholic</u>	<u>Other Catholic- connected</u>
Yes, graduated from a Catholic college or university	3	8	5	3	3
Yes, attended a Catholic college or university but didn't graduate from it	1	2	4	2	1
No, did not attend Catholic college or university	59	52	53	57	64
No answer	*	0	*	*	0
Not asked (did not attend college)	36	38	38	39	33

DISPLAY IF ATTENDS CATHOLIC MASS (MASSATTENDER=1):

Next are some questions about the parish where you typically attend Catholic Mass.

MASSWHERE**ASK IF ATTENDS CATHOLIC MASS (MASSATTENDER=1):**

Where do you typically attend Catholic Mass?

	<u>Feb 3-9, 2025</u>			
	<u>Catholic by religion</u>	<u>Cultural Catholic</u>	<u>Former Catholic</u>	<u>Other Catholic- connected</u>
Your local parish	59	11	4	11
Somewhere other than your local parish	9	7	2	12
Some of both	17	8	1	6
No answer	1	*	1	3
Not asked (does not attend Mass in ATTENDPER or CATHATTEND1)	14	74	92	68

PARISHDESC**ASK IF ATTENDS CATHOLIC MASS (MASSATTENDER=1):**

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 ; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

	<u>Feb 3-9, 2025</u>			
	<u>Catholic by religion</u>	<u>Cultural Catholic</u>	<u>Former Catholic</u>	<u>Other Catholic- connected</u>
The parish I attend most frequently has a casual and contemporary atmosphere	35	11	3	13
The parish I attend most frequently has a formal and traditional atmosphere	50	15	4	15
No answer	1	1	1	4
Not asked (does not attend Mass in ATTENDPER or CATHATTEND1)	14	74	92	68

PARISHGROW**ASK IF ATTENDS CATHOLIC MASS (MASSATTENDER=1):****[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]**

Would you say that the parish you attend most frequently is...

	<u>Feb 3-9, 2025</u>			
	<u>Catholic by religion</u>	<u>Cultural Catholic</u>	<u>Former Catholic</u>	<u>Other Catholic- connected</u>
Growing	20	5	1	4
Shrinking	16	6	2	4
Staying relatively stable in size	36	8	2	9
Not sure	14	7	3	13
No answer	1	*	*	2
Not asked (does not attend Mass in ATTENDPER or CATHATTEND1)	14	74	92	68

PARISHVOL**ASK IF ATTENDS CATHOLIC MASS (MASSATTENDER=1):**

Do you volunteer at your parish, such as by serving as an usher, a lector, an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, or in some other way?

	<u>Feb 3-9, 2025</u>			
	<u>Catholic by religion</u>	<u>Cultural Catholic</u>	<u>Former Catholic</u>	<u>Other Catholic- connected</u>
Yes	14	5	*	4
No	71	21	8	27
No answer	1	*	*	1
Not asked (does not attend Mass in ATTENDPER or CATHATTEND1)	14	74	92	68

PARISHACT**ASK IF ATTENDS CATHOLIC MASS (MASSATTENDER=1):****[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]**

Outside of Mass, how often do you participate in other activities at your parish, like prayer groups, Eucharistic adoration, or community meals?

	<u>Feb 3-9, 2025</u>			
	<u>Catholic by religion</u>	<u>Cultural Catholic</u>	<u>Former Catholic</u>	<u>Other Catholic- connected</u>
At least once a week	3	1	1	1
Once or twice a month	4	2	1	1
Several times a year	9	2	1	5
Seldom	31	7	2	7
Never	39	14	4	17
No answer	*	*	*	1
Not asked (does not attend Mass in ATTENDPER or CATHATTEND1)	14	74	92	68

CONGRACE**ASK IF ATTENDS CATHOLIC MASS (MASSATTENDER=1):**

[PN: IF WEB, SOFT PROMPT IF SELECT CODE 5 AND LEFT BLANK: "You did not provide a response in the text box. If you would like to skip, click Next." **ALLOW TO CONTINUE IF SKIP AGAIN WITHOUT ENTERING TEXT**]

Typically when you attend Mass, what is the race or ethnicity of most of the other people attending?

	<u>Feb 3-9, 2025</u>			
	<u>Catholic by religion</u>	<u>Cultural Catholic</u>	<u>Former Catholic</u>	<u>Other Catholic- connected</u>
All or most are White	40	11	2	13
All or most are Black or African American	1	*	*	2
All or most are Asian or Asian American	2	2	1	4
All or most are Hispanic or Latino	21	4	3	3
All or most are some other race or ethnicity	*	*	*	1
No one racial group makes up a majority	21	9	2	7
No answer	1	*	*	2
Not asked (does not attend Mass in ATTENDPER or CATHATTEND1)	14	74	92	68

LANGMASS**ASK IF ATTENDS CATHOLIC MASS (MASSATTENDER=1):**

[PN: IF WEB, SOFT PROMPT IF SELECT CODE 4 AND LEFT BLANK: "You did not provide a response in the text box. If you would like to skip, click Next." **ALLOW TO CONTINUE IF SKIP AGAIN WITHOUT ENTERING TEXT**]

When you attend Mass, do you...

	<u>Feb 3-9, 2025</u>			
	<u>Catholic by religion</u>	<u>Cultural Catholic</u>	<u>Former Catholic</u>	<u>Other Catholic- connected</u>
Usually go to Mass in English	62	18	4	21
Usually go to Mass in Spanish	13	3	2	1
Sometimes go to Mass in English, sometimes go to Mass in Spanish	9	4	1	5
Usually go to Mass said in some other language	2	1	*	1
No answer	1	*	1	3
Not asked (does not attend Mass in ATTENDPER or CATHATTEND1)	14	74	92	68

PPLFAV_PRIEST**ASK IF ATTENDS CATHOLIC MASS (MASSATTENDER=1):**

Is your overall opinion of the priest or priests at your parish...

	<u>Feb 3-9, 2025</u>			
	<u>Catholic by religion</u>	<u>Cultural Catholic</u>	<u>Former Catholic</u>	<u>Other Catholic- connected</u>
NET Favorable	71	17	2	14
Very favorable	32	6	1	4
Mostly favorable	39	12	1	10
NET Unfavorable	4	2	1	4
Mostly unfavorable	3	2	1	2
Very unfavorable	1	*	*	2
Don't know enough to say	11	7	5	13
No answer	*	*	*	1
Not asked (does not attend Mass (in ATTENDPER or CATHATTEND1)	14	74	92	68

LATMASS1**ASK IF CATHOLIC, CATHOLIC ASIDE FROM RELIGION OR CATHOLIC CONNECTED
(CATHCONN=1,2,3):**

In the last five years, have you ever attended a Traditional Latin Mass (also known as the Extraordinary Form of the Mass), where the entire Mass is said in Latin and where the priest faces the altar with his back to the people in the pews?

LATMASS2**ASK IF EVER ATTENDED TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS (LATMASS1=1):**

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-6/6-1; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

These days, how often do you attend a Traditional Latin Mass?

	<u>Feb 3-9, 2025</u>			
	<u>Catholic by religion</u>	<u>Cultural Catholic</u>	<u>Former Catholic</u>	<u>Other Catholic- connected</u>
Yes, attended in last 5 years (in LATMASS1)	13	13	4	8
<i>These days attend...</i>				
More than once a week	*	0	0	0
Once a week	1	2	0	*
Once or twice a month	1	3	0	2
A few times a year	2	2	1	2
Seldom	5	3	1	2
Never	3	3	2	2
No answer (to LATMASS2)	*	*	*	*
No, have not attended in last 5 years (in LATMASS1)	87	86	95	90
No answer (to LATMASS1)	*	1	2	2

INTERVENING QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

CATHKID1

**ASK IF CATHOLIC, CATHOLIC ASIDE FROM RELIGION OR CATHOLIC CONNECTED
(CATHCONN=1,2,3) AND PARENT OF CHILD OVER 18 (X_ADULTCHILD=1):**

Do you have any adult children, age 18 or older, who are not currently practicing Catholics?

	<u>Feb 3-9, 2025</u>			
	<u>Catholic by religion</u>	<u>Cultural Catholic</u>	<u>Former Catholic</u>	<u>Other Catholic- connected</u>
Yes, have at least one adult child who is not a practicing Catholic	35	28	34	30
No, do not have any adult children who are not practicing Catholics	17	7	8	7
Not sure	3	4	2	2
No answer	1	1	1	2
Not asked (not the parent of adult children)	44	61	55	59

HEARDANYMOD

ASK HEARDANYMODa OF ALL: ASK HEARDANYMODb-c IF CATHOLIC, CATHOLIC ASIDE FROM RELIGION OR CATHOLIC CONNECTED (CATHCONN=1,2,3):
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

How much, if anything, have you heard about each of the following?

		<u>A lot</u>	<u>A little</u>	<u>Nothing at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	Sexual abuse and misconduct by Catholic priests and bishops ⁵				
	Feb 3-9, 2025				
	U.S. adults	55	38	7	1
	Catholic by religion	57	37	5	1
	Cultural Catholic	58	32	9	1
	Former Catholic	67	26	7	1
	Other Catholic-connected	57	35	7	1
	Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019 ⁶				
	U.S. adults	58	34	8	1
b.	The Synod on Synodality, which concluded in October 2024				
	Feb 3-9, 2025				
	Catholic by religion	4	19	77	*
	Cultural Catholic	3	13	83	1
	Former Catholic	1	7	90	2
	Other Catholic-connected	3	10	84	3
c.	The National Eucharistic Congress, held in July 2024				
	Feb 3-9, 2025				
	Catholic by religion	6	25	69	1
	Cultural Catholic	5	16	77	1
	Former Catholic	*	9	88	3
	Other Catholic-connected	4	10	84	2

⁵ For respondents who are not Catholic or "Other Catholic-connected" (CATHCONN=0), this is a standalone question (HEARDANYMODd). They did not receive HEARDANYMODb-c.

⁶ In Wave 46, the question asked, "How much, if anything, have you heard about *recent reports* of sexual abuse and misconduct by Catholic priests and bishops?"

ABUSE1

**ASK IF HEARD AT LEAST A LITTLE ABOUT SEXUAL ABUSE AND MISCONDUCT
(HEARDANYMODa=1,2 OR HEARDANYMODd=1,2):**

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 ; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Do you think the reports of sexual abuse and misconduct by Catholic priests and bishops...

BASED ON TOTAL

	<u>Feb 3-9, 2025</u>					Mar 18- Apr 1, <u>2019</u>
	<u>U.S. adults</u>	<u>Catholic by religion</u>	<u>Cultural Catholic</u>	<u>Former Catholic</u>	<u>Other Catholic- Connected</u>	<u>U.S. adults</u>
NET Heard a lot/A little (in HEARDANY)	93	94	89	93	92	92
Reflect things that happened in the past and mostly don't happen anymore	18	31	19	9	15	12
Reflect ongoing problems that are still happening	74	62	70	82	75	79
No answer	1	1	1	1	2	1
Heard nothing at all (in HEARDANY)	7	5	9	7	7	8
No answer (in HEARDANY)	1	1	1	1	1	1

ABUSE3

ASK ALL:

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 ; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Generally speaking, do you think sexual abuse and misconduct is...

	<u>Feb 3-9, 2025</u>					Mar 18- Apr 1, <u>2019</u>
	<u>U.S. adults</u>	<u>Catholic by religion</u>	<u>Cultural Catholic</u>	<u>Former Catholic</u>	<u>Other Catholic- Connected</u>	<u>U.S. adults</u>
More common among Catholic priests than it is among leaders in other religious traditions	35	19	31	39	39	48
Less common among Catholic priests than it is among leaders in other religious traditions	5	10	8	2	6	3
Equally as common among Catholic priests as it is among leaders in other religious traditions	58	68	59	56	53	47
No answer	2	2	1	3	2	2

ABUSE4**ASK ALL:**

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS ABUSE3 ; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: INCLUDE PARENTHETICAL FOR ONLY 1ST OPTION SHOWN ON SCREEN]

Generally speaking, do you think sexual abuse of children is...

	<u>Feb 3-9, 2025</u>					<u>Mar 18- Apr 1, 2019</u>
	<u>U.S. adults</u> 26	<u>Catholic by religion</u> 16	<u>Cultural Catholic</u> 33	<u>Former Catholic</u> 36	<u>Other Catholic- Connected</u> 30	<u>U.S. adults</u> 34
More common among clergy and other religious leaders than it is among other adults who work with children (such as teachers, coaches or camp counselors)						
Less common among clergy and other religious leaders than it is among other adults who work with children (such as teachers, coaches or camp counselors)	11	17	12	5	9	6
Equally as common among clergy and other religious leaders as it is among other adults who work with children	60	65	53	54	57	57
No answer	3	2	3	4	4	3

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE