

How Religious is Your State?

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There are many ways to define "religious." Therefore, to answer the question, "Which of the 50 states has the most religious population," Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion & Public Life used polling data to rank states on four measures: (1) the importance of religion in people's lives; (2) frequency of attendance at worship services; (3) frequency of prayer and (4) absolute certainty of belief of God. Mississippi stands as the most religious state, with 82% saying that religion is very important in their lives. Alabama and Arkansas come in second and third with 74%, followed by Louisiana (73%) and Tennessee (72%). New Hampshire and Vermont tied for last place at 36%.

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