

Mapping America 150: Education Performance



Schools all over the country have begun a new school year and many individuals are looking for the keys to success in school. Through data analysis, MARRI shows that those who have the best chance of success in schools are also those who come from intact families and attend church weekly or more.

Religious Practice and Education Performance

- Teenagers who attended church weekly or more had the highest grade point average (GPA), the highest combined average GPA in English and math, received the highest percentage of A's at school, and scored in the highest percentile on the CAT-ASVAB test (54%).
- Conversely, teenagers who reported never going to church had the lowest GPA, the lowest combined average GPA in English and math, had the lowest percentage of receiving mostly A's at school, and scored in the lowest percentile on the CAT-ASVAB test (45%).



Family Structure and Education Performance



- Teenagers from always-intact married families had the highest GPA average, the highest combined average GPA in English and math, had the highest likelihood of receiving A's, and scored the highest CAT-ASVAB test percentile (58%).
- Teenagers from an intact family or adoptive family were three times less likely than any other family structure to have repeated a grade. (6.5%)
- Teenagers from always-single parent families had the lowest GPA (2.5) and were least likely to have received mostly A's at school (9%).

For a more in-depth look at the research and statistics highlighted above see our sources here:

1. [Grade Point Average by Current Religious Attendance and Structure of Family of Origin](#)
2. [Religious Attendance and School Performance](#)
3. [Family Structure and School Performance](#)
4. [Repeating a Grade and Religious Attendance](#)
5. [Repeating a Grade and Family Structure](#)
6. [Students' Who Receive Mostly A's](#)
7. [CAT-ASVAB Math/Verbal Percentile Scores](#)

