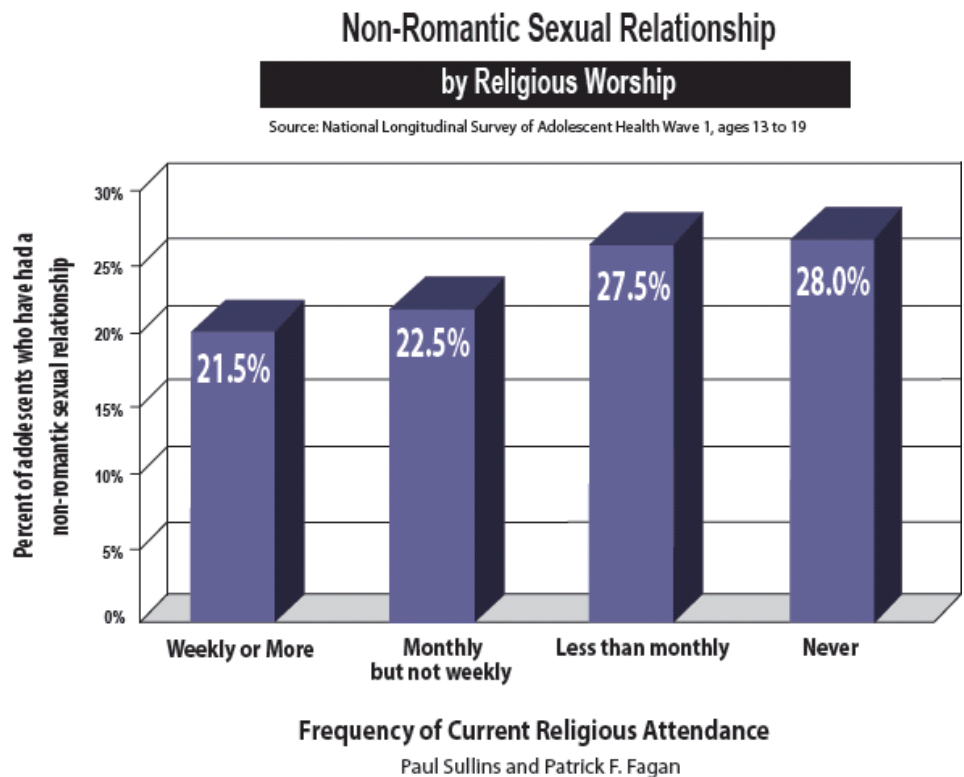


Non-Romantic Sexual Relationship by Religious Worship

Wave 1 of the National Longitudinal Survey of Adolescent Health (Add Health)¹ found that adolescents aged 13 to 19 that worshipped weekly or more were least likely to have had a non-romantic sexual relationship.²

Religious Worship

The likelihood that an adolescent has had a non-romantic sexual relationship decreases as the adolescent's religious involvement increases. Teens who attended religious services weekly or more within the past year were less likely to have had non-romantic sexual intercourse (21.5%) than those who attended monthly but not weekly (22.5%), less than monthly (27.5%), or never (28.0%).



¹ The National Longitudinal Survey of Adolescent Health (Add Health) is a congressionally-mandated longitudinal survey of American adolescents. Add Health drew a random sample of adolescents aged 13-19 in 1995 from junior high and high schools (Wave I) and has followed them in successive waves in 2001 (Wave III) and 2009 (Wave IV).

² Respondents were asked: "Not counting romantic relationships, have you ever had a sexual relationship with anyone?"