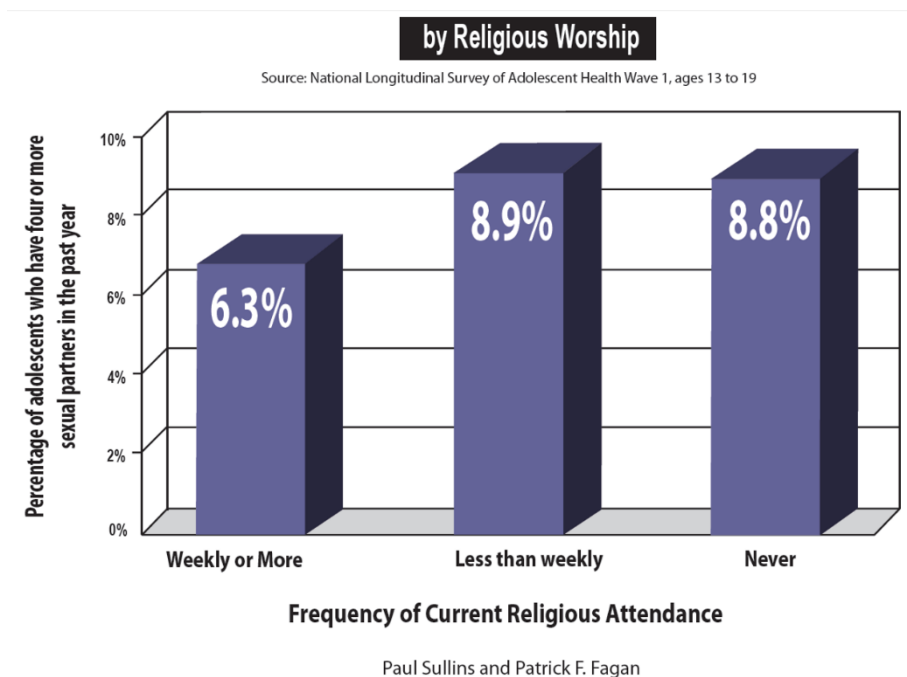


Religious Worship: Adolescents Who Have Had Four or More Sexual Partners

The probability of adolescents (aged 13 to 19) having four or more sexual partners within a year is least likely among those who were raised in intact families that attended religious services weekly or more.¹

Thirteen-to-nineteen-year-olds who attended religious services weekly or more were least likely to have had four or more sexual partners in the past year (6.3%). Adolescents who never attended church and adolescents who attended less than once a week were more likely to have four or more sexual partners: there was almost no statistical difference between the two (8.8% verse 8.9% respectively).



¹The data come from Wave 1 of the *National Longitudinal Survey of Adolescent Health (Add Health)*. Respondents were asked to respond to the question "Since January 1, with how many people in total have you had a sexual relationship?" Their answers choices were to give a specific number or to answer "refused," "legitimate skip," "don't know," or "not applicable."