



Mapping America 148: A Consolidation of Mapping Americas on Religion and Education Attained

Those who attend religious service graduate more from high school and college.

- [Ever Attained a High School Diploma](#)
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Highlights

1. In all demographics those who do not worship at all graduate the least from high school or college.
2. The more frequently people attend religious service, the more education they are likely to attain.
3. Women aged 35 to 44, who attend religious services, are more likely to attain a Bachelor's degree.
4. Those who attend religious services monthly or more frequently are more likely to complete "some college," than those who attend rarely or never.
5. Women, aged 35 to 44, who attend religious services monthly or more frequently are more likely to attain a Bachelor's degree than those women who attend religious service rarely or never.

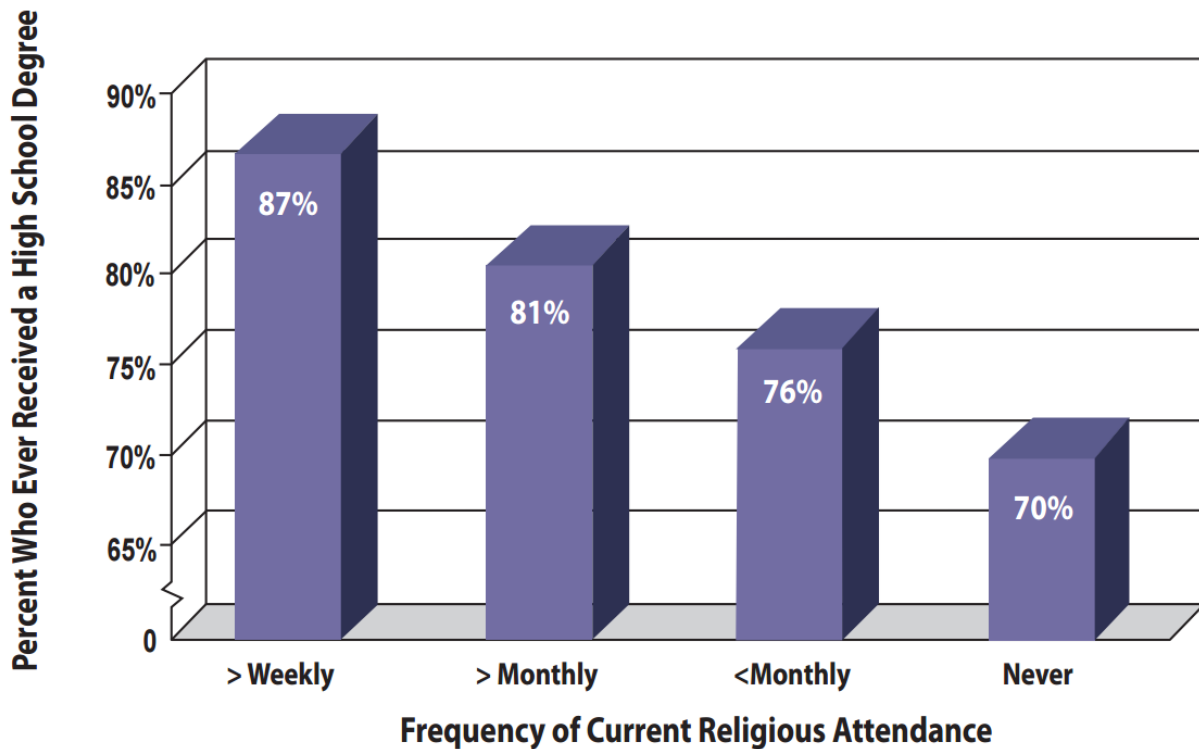
Ever Received a High School Diploma

The 1997 National Longitudinal Survey of Youth shows that students who worship weekly are most likely to have graduated from high school.

- **Attend Religious Service Weekly or More (87%): Most likely.**
- **Attend Religious Service Monthly but Not Weekly (81%).**
- **Attend Religious Service Less Than Monthly (76%).**
- **Never Attend Religious Service (70%): Least likely.**

[Click here](#) to read the entire report on those who have ever received a high school degree.

“Ever Received a High School Degree” by Current Religious Attendance



Source: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth (1997)

"Completed Some College" by Current Religious Attendance

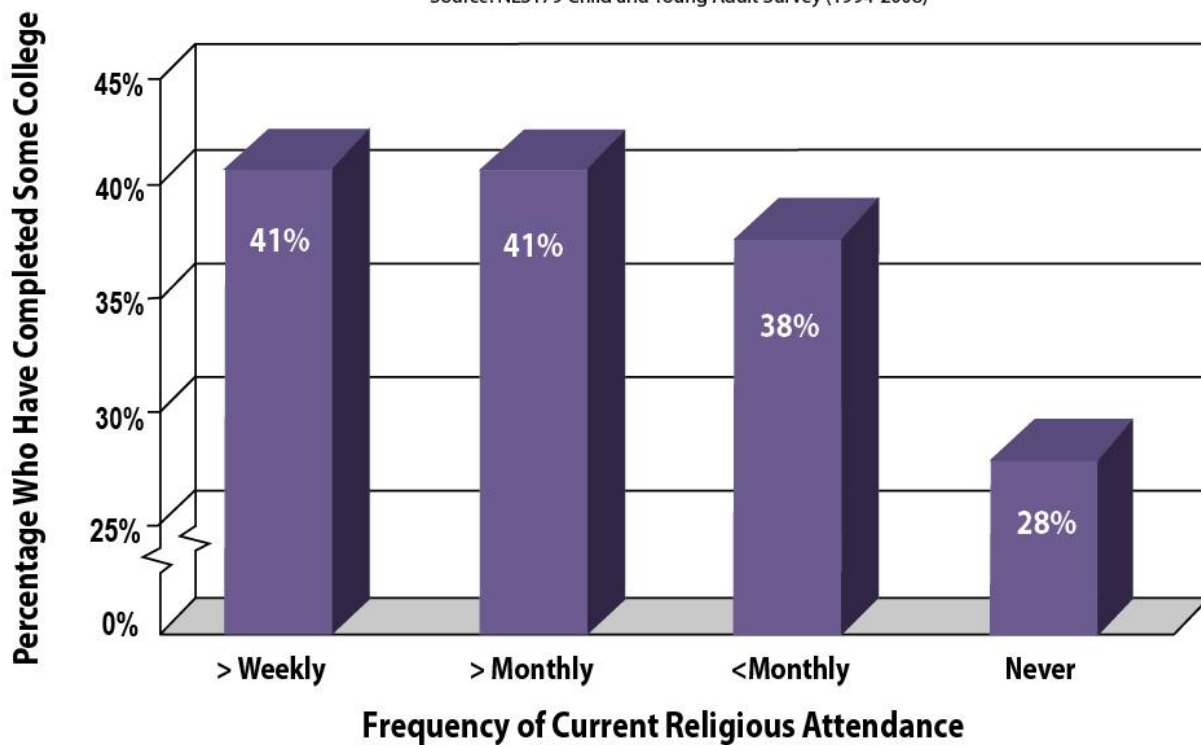
The 1979 National Longitudinal Survey of Youth Child and Young Adult Survey shows that adults who worship at least weekly are more likely to complete some college.

- **Attend Religious Service Weekly or More (41%): Most likely.**
- **Attend Religious Service Monthly but Not Weekly (41%) Most likely.**
- **Attend Religious Service Less Than Monthly (38%).**
- **Never Attend Religious Service (28%): Least likely.**

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Percentage Who Have Completed Some College by Current Religious Attendance

Source: NLSY79 Child and Young Adult Survey (1994-2008)



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Received a Bachelor's Degree

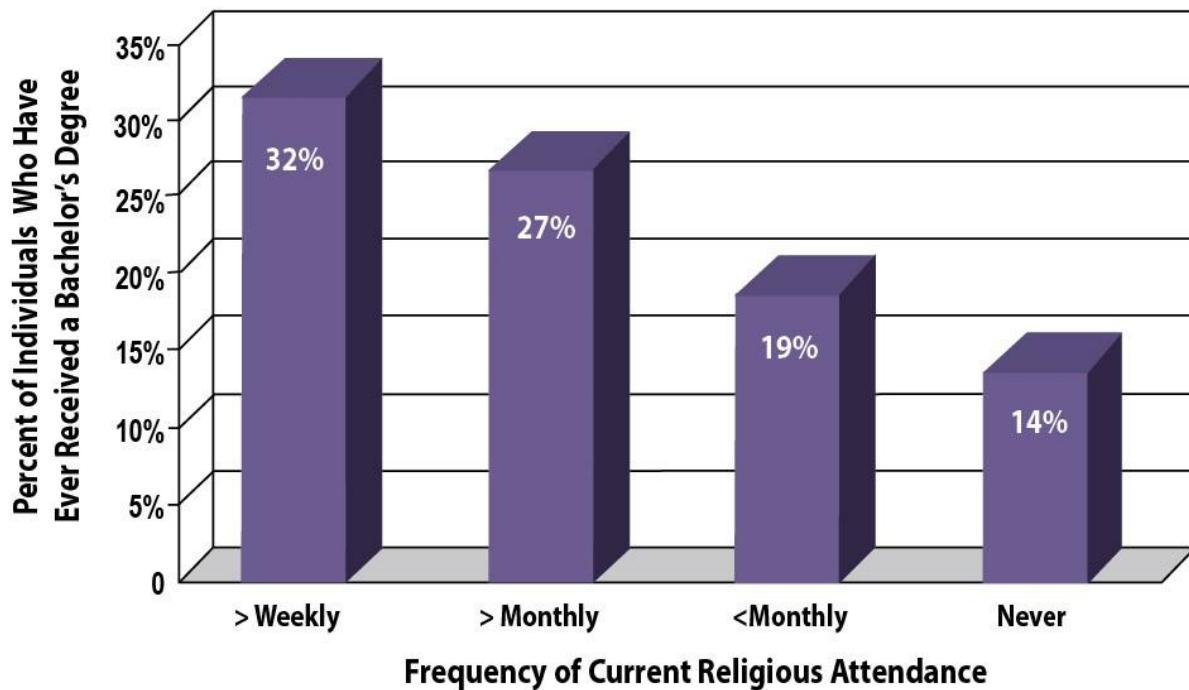
The 1997 National Longitudinal Survey of Youth shows that students who attend weekly religious services are more likely to receive a Bachelor's degree.

- **Attend Religious Service Weekly or More (32%): Most likely.**
- **Attend Religious Service Monthly but Not Weekly (27%).**
- **Attend Religious Service Less Than Monthly (19%).**
- **Never Attend Religious Service (14%): Least likely.**

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"Ever Received a Bachelor's Degree" by Current Religious Attendance

Source: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth (1997)



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Women Attaining a Bachelor's Degree by Religious Attendance

The 2002 National Survey of Family Growth shows that, for women aged 35 to 44, the likelihood of attaining a Bachelor's degree is highest among those who attend religious services once a week.

- **Attend Religious Service Weekly or More (29.3%): Most likely.**
- **Attend Religious Service Monthly but Not Weekly (28.5%).**
- **Attend Religious Service Less Than Monthly (24.1%).**
- **Never Attend Religious Service (21.8%): Least likely.**

[Click here](#) to read the full analysis of women and mothers who have attained a bachelor's degree.

“Women Who Have Attained a Bachelor's Degree” by Religious Attendance

Source: National Survey of Family Growth (2002)

