



# CHRIST-CENTERED LIVING

## DATA DASHBOARD

All data from the 2016 Barna Community Faith Survey unless otherwise noted.

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Data region: (IN) Vanderburgh, Warrick, (KY) Henderson

## DEMOGRAPHICS

### Population of Adults

2016  
**224,881**

There are 224,881 people 18+ years old living in the Vanderburgh, Warrick, Indiana and Henderson, Kentucky region.

*2016 ACS 1-year Supplemental Estimates*

### Overall Faith Identity

2016  
**83%**  
Christian  
U.S. 82%

**11%**  
Atheist/Agnostic/no faith  
U.S. 10%

**2%**  
other faith  
U.S. 6%

Most adults in the region, 8 out of every 10, identify as Christian. About 1 in 10 report no faith, similar to the nation. Notably, there are more adults who identify as 'no faith' in the region's population center, Vanderburgh County, than in the US, (14% vs 10%.) A very small percentage of the local population identify as 'other' including Jewish, Muslim, Hindu and Buddhist.

### Christian Identity by Generation

2016

<b>97%</b> Elders	<b>94%</b> Boomers
<b>81%</b> Gen X	<b>65%</b> Millennials

Elders: < 1945  
Gen X: 1965-83

Boomers: 1946-64  
Millennials: 1984-2002

As people age they are more likely to identify as Christian, but according to Barna Research, there is a clear downward trend for all age groups over time. Though least likely of the age groups to self-identify as Christian, Millennials in this region are more likely than Millennials in the nation to identify as Christian, (65% vs 62%.)

### Christian Faith Affiliation

2016

**17%**  
Catholic  
U.S. 21%

**58%**  
Protestant  
U.S. 47%

**13%**  
other  
U.S. 14%

Most self-identified Christians in the region are Protestant. The top two Protestant denominations in the region are Southern Baptist (15%) and Non-Denominational (12%). About 1 out of every 10 adults report an 'Other' designation, ('Other': Other Christian, no affiliation, and don't know.)



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## CHRISTIAN IDENTITY – INTERNAL EXPERIENCES

### High Commitment to the Christian Faith

2016  
**72%**  
U.S. 55%

Nearly three-quarters of Christians in our region describe themselves as, “absolutely committed” to their faith. This high level of commitment seems to increase with age. 85% of residents 70 years old and over say they are ‘absolutely committed’ to Christianity, compared to 70% of Gen X’ers and 53% of Millennials. Over 90% of the region’s Christians in all age groups say they are at least “moderately committed.”

### Practicing the Christian Faith

2016  
**49%**  
U.S. 43%

According to the Barna Research Group, a Practicing Christian\* is someone who not only self-identifies as Christian, but also says that their faith is a very important aspect of their lives, and has attended a religious service or gathering in the past month. Local Christians are somewhat more likely to “practice” their faith than Christians in the nation.

### Pray to God Each Week

2016  
**91%**

Each week, Christians engage in a variety of activities to orient their lives around their faith. 9 out of every 10 self-identified Christians, pray to God weekly (91%). In addition, 3 out of every 5 (62%) Christians read from the Bible weekly.

### Feeling a Mandate to Serve

2016  
**96%**

Nearly all Christians in the region feel a responsibility to help meet the needs of others as an outgrowth of their faith. So, virtually all of the 8 out of 10 residents who self-identify as Christian indicate a sense of responsibility to act charitable in some way to others.



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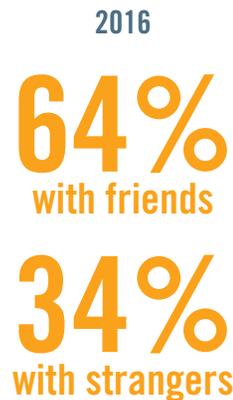
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## CHRISTIAN IMPACT – EXTERNAL EXPRESSION

### Sharing Faith with Others



Three out of every four Christians, (76%,) say that they have a responsibility to share their faith with others. Two-thirds have done so with friends within the past week, (64%), but just one-third with strangers (34%). More than two in five (43%) provided discipleship or mentored another Christian within the past week.

### Christian Fellowship



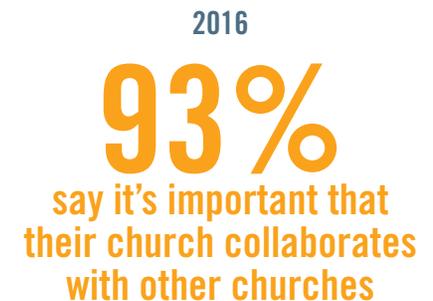
Compared to the nation, local Christians are more likely to have engaged in fellowship opportunities such as Sunday school, small group, and/or Bible study in the past week. One out of four Christians attended Sunday school and roughly one of three Christians attended a small group or Bible study in the past week.

### Volunteerism & Charitable Giving



Christians in the region are more likely to volunteer at a church or nonprofit compared to Christians in the nation. They also give more charitably than non-Christians. 85% of Christians donate to churches and nonprofits compared to just 57% of non-Christians. From Millennials to the elderly, all age groups in the region donate more than their peers nationally.

### Desire for Church Collaboration



Not only do individual Christians feel a mandate to serve the needs of others, nearly all (93%) also say it is at least somewhat important that the church they attend collaborate with other local churches to meet community needs together. More than two out of every three Christians (68%) say this collaboration is very important to them.