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46%, 40% & 9% Proportion of surveyed Canadians who reported that they were "a religious person," "not a religious person" or "a convinced atheist," respectively, in 2012¹

17% & 24% Proportion of surveyed Canadians who reported "no religious affiliation" in 2001 and 2011, respectively^{2*}

31% & 26% Proportion of surveyed Canadian women and men, respectively, who reported attending a religious service at least once a month in 2008³

39% & 45% Proportion of surveyed Canadian women and men, respectively, who reported attending *no* religious services at all in 2008⁴

67% Proportion of surveyed Canadians who reported affiliation with a Christian religion in 2011. The three most commonly cited Christian denominations were Roman Catholic (39%), United (6%) and Anglican (5%).^{5*}

7.2% Proportion of surveyed Canadians who reported affiliation with Muslim, Hindu, Sikh or Buddhist religions in 2011 (up from 4.9% in 2001)^{6*}

4.5% Proportion of the surveyed Aboriginal population in Canada who reported being affiliated with traditional Aboriginal spirituality in 2011^{7*}

9 in 10 Proportion of surveyed Canadians who agreed in 2011 that they are "completely comfortable being around people with different religious beliefs"⁸

32% & 27% Proportion of surveyed Canadians aged 15 and older who cited "fulfilling religious obligations or beliefs" as a reason for making financial charitable donations in 2007 and 2010, respectively⁹

31% & 19% Proportion of surveyed immigrant and Canadian-born people aged 15 and older, respectively, who cited "fulfilling religious obligations or beliefs" as a reason for volunteering in 2010^{10**}

*Based on National Household Survey (NHS) 2011 data. Statistics Canada has taken steps to mitigate the potential effects of non-response rates due to the voluntary nature of the NHS. For more details about NHS data quality, visit the Statistics Canada website at <http://bit.ly/ZPsg9D>.

**"Regular volunteers" are those who did an average of five or more hours of volunteer work per month in the past year.

¹ WIN-Gallup International. *Global Index of Religiosity and Atheism, 2005-2012* (survey, conducted November 2011 to January 2012). Accessed June 12, 2013. <http://bit.ly/PnvfhD>

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³ Statistics Canada (2010). "Religious Attendance Rates, by Sex, 1985 to 2008," *Canadian Social Trends* (No. 89, April 2010). Statistics Canada Reference No. 11-008-X. Accessed June 12, 2013. <http://bit.ly/16AsArD>

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⁵ Statistics Canada (2013). "Immigration and Ethnocultural Diversity in Canada," *NHS Analytical Products, 2011*. Statistics Canada Reference No. 99-010-X. Accessed June 12, 2013. <http://bit.ly/16Y0qMp>

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⁹ Martin Turcotte (2012). "Charitable Giving by Canadians," *Canadian Social Trends* (May 2012, No. 93). Statistics Canada Reference No. 11-008-X. Accessed June 12, 2013. <http://bit.ly/HRkMwO>

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