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The State of Safety at U.S. Religious Institutions



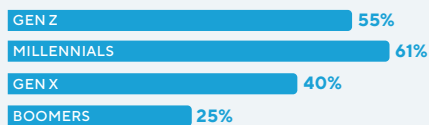
KEY FINDINGS

Safety concerns are prevalent among regular attendees of religious services

48% Agree they feel less safe attending religious services in-person due to recent incidents of violence at places of worship.

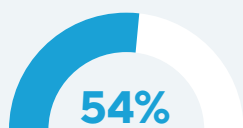
47% Of U.S. adults who attend a religious service at least once a month are concerned about their safety.

Younger generations are more concerned

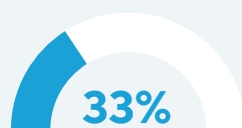


32% Of those who attend larger services (500+ attendees) are **VERY** concerned about their safety—significantly more than those who attend smaller services (18%).

Many religious establishments are upgrading security, but gaps remain



Over half of attendees report their establishment upgraded security in the last year.

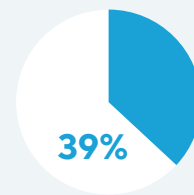
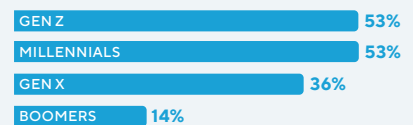


One-third rate the security at their place of worship as non-existent or minimal.

62% Agree that they would feel safer if there were more security measures in place.

Safety concerns are influencing behavior and attendance

Younger generations are more likely to change behavior due to safety concerns.

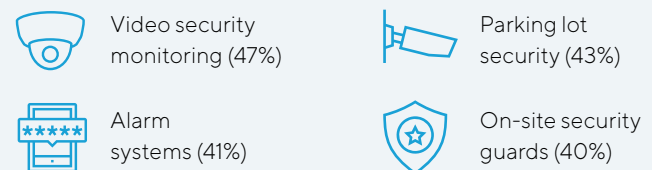


39% agree that concerns about safety have caused them to change attendance habits at religious services.

Visible security measures offer reassurance



Measures seen as most reassuring include:



Survey Methodology

This survey was conducted online within the United States by The Harris Poll on behalf of Verkada from October 14-16, 2025, among 1,123 adults ages 18 and older who attend a religious service or event at least once a month. The sampling precision of Harris online polls is measured by using a Bayesian credible interval. For this study, the sample data is accurate to within +/- 3.5 percentage points using a 95% confidence level. For complete survey methodology, including weighting variables and subgroup sample sizes, please contact press@verkada.com.