

Fox Valley Newcomer Project: Newcomer Survey 2026 - Religion and Faith

Newcomer respondent summary perspective of finance around the Fox Valley:

"Our faith communities give us comfort, connection, and a sense of belonging, and we want more opportunities to grow spiritually and support one another."

In regards to religion and faith, we asked Newcomers about their membership in faith communities, the kinds of supports and services they would like to see more of and we asked participating organizations about any faith related services they offer that support Newcomers.

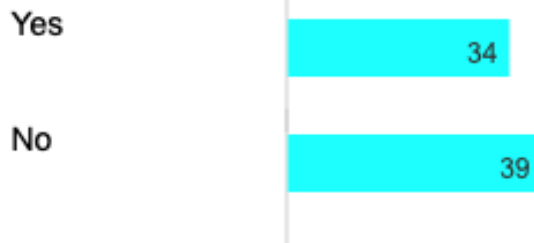
In 2026, a total of 161 Newcomers and 51 organizations across the Fox Valley of Wisconsin responded to the survey.

Organizations that provide faith based supports for Newcomers:

Alliance Church
 Apostolic Truth Church
 Baha'i Faith Appleton
 Bethel Lutheran Church
 Faith Lutheran Church
 Familia Cristiana
 First United Methodist Appleton
 Fox Valley Church, Kimberly, WI
 Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
 Sacred heart Catholic Church
 St Mary Catholic Schools
 Zion Ministry Church

Newcomer Religion and Faith Background

Does anyone who lives with you (including you) attend religious or spiritual events or services?



What is the name of that church, worship space, or faith community?



Faith Community Connection by length of time since arrival

The following charts show responses from Newcomers about whether or not they are connected to a faith community, broken down by how long they have lived in the Fox Valley and the United States. This kind of "length of time" data can help us see if there are any changes in the type of care accessed by Newcomers the longer they live in the area.

Does anyone who lives with you (including you) attend religious or spiritual events or services? (within 1 year of arrival)



Does anyone who lives with you (including you) attend religious or spiritual events or services? (1-5 years since arrival)



Does anyone who lives with you (including you) attend religious or spiritual events or services? (6-10 years since arrival)



Does anyone who lives with you (including you) attend religious or spiritual events or services?



Faith Community Connection by primary language

The following charts show connections to a faith community broken down by respondents whose primary languages other than English are Spanish (45 respondents), Swahili (25 respondents), and Kinyarwanda (19 respondents). Primary language indication does not infer that language users share the same cultural norms, histories, or socio economic status. Primary language may provide an indicator as to if any services or programs are more accessible to users of that language.

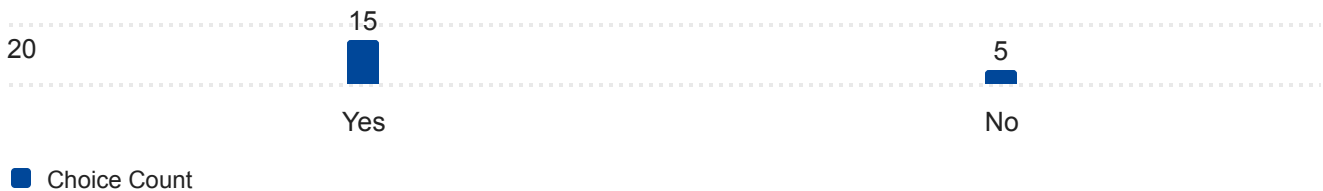
Does anyone who lives with you (including you) attend religious or spiritual events or services? (Spanish speakers)



Does anyone who lives with you (including you) attend religious or spiritual events or services? (Swahili speakers)



Does anyone who lives with you (including you) attend religious or spiritual events or services? (Kinyarwanda speakers)



Faith Community Connections for Newcomers with different levels of comfort level with English

The following charts shows the connections with faith communities by respondents who reported a low or high level of comfort with reading, writing, speaking, and listening in English. This kind of data can indicate how much English is a barrier.

Does anyone who lives with you (including you) attend religious or spiritual events or services? (low comfort with English)

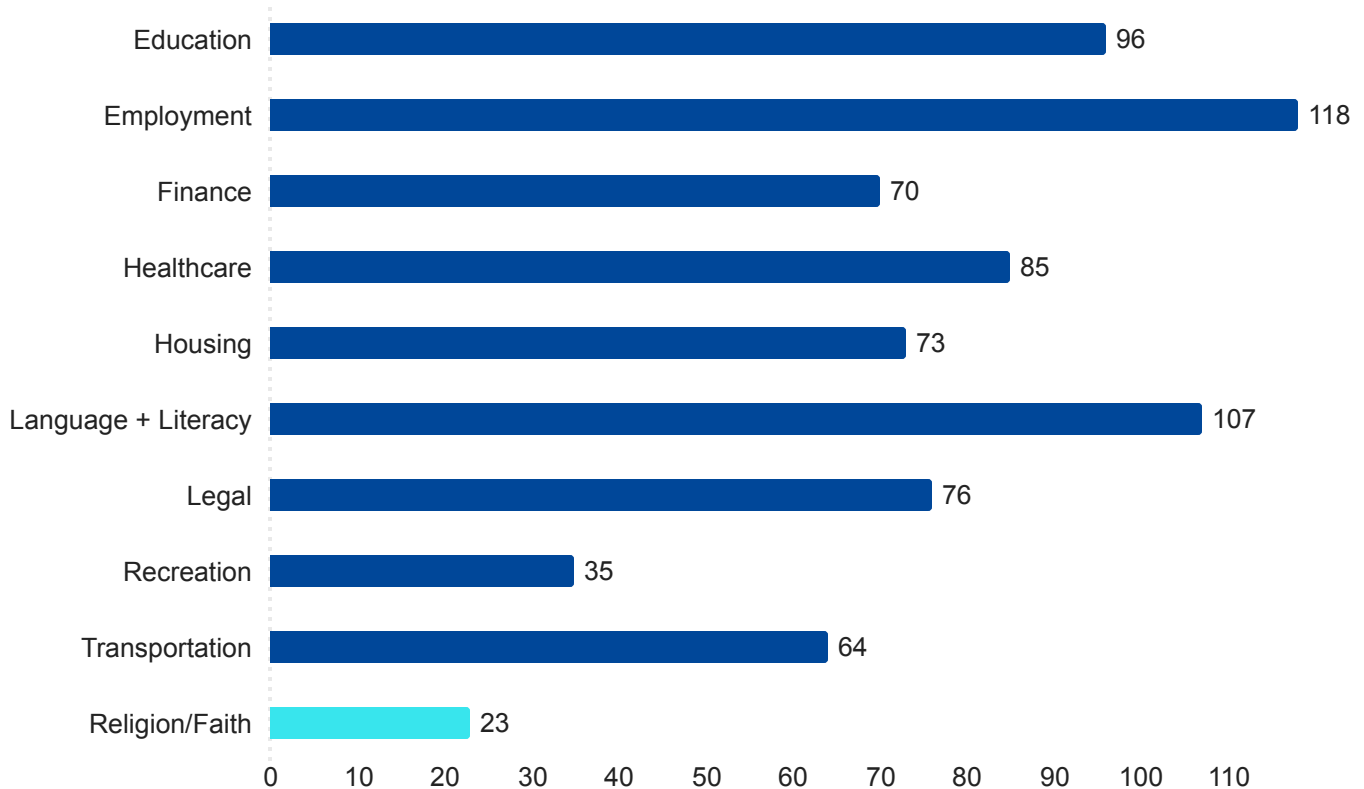


Does anyone who lives with you (including you) attend religious or spiritual events or services? (high comfort with English)



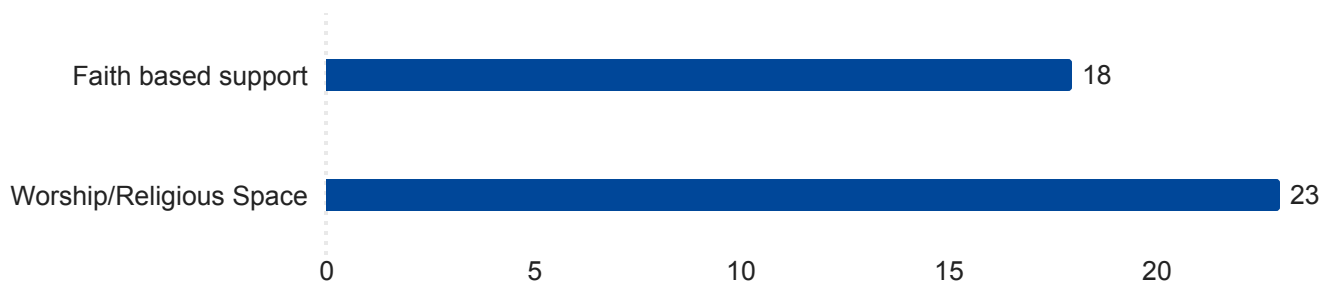
Religion/Faith as an indicator of a thriving life:

In the Fox Cities, we want all families to have good lives. Which of these areas of life have been challenging for you or your family to support you in living well?



Supports Request - Religion and Faith

Newcomers selected a variety of supports they would like easier access to across all sectors. The following supports were reported about for the religion and faith sector:



■ Choice Count