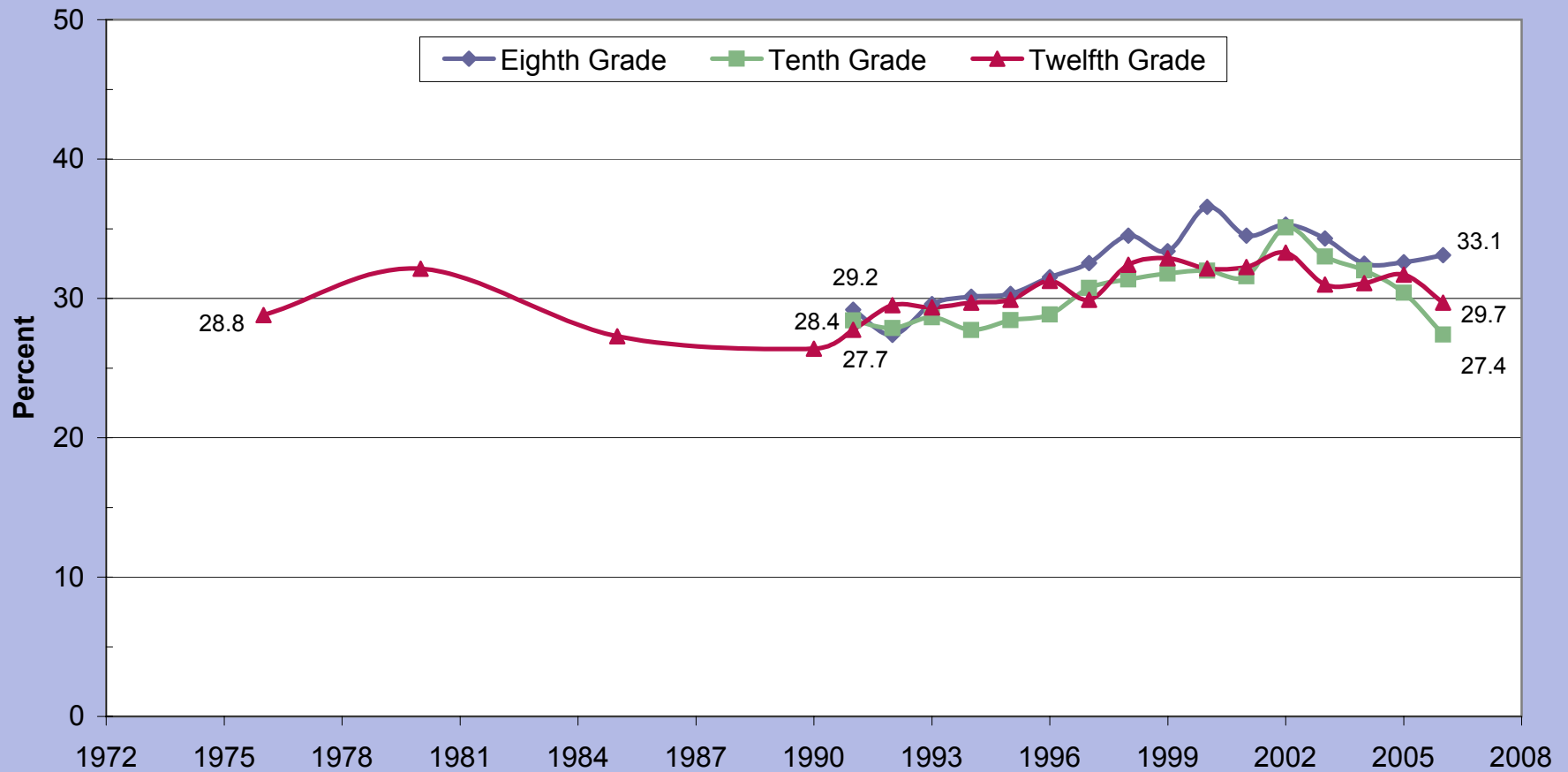


Figure 1

Religiosity: Percentage of Students in Grades 8, 10, and 12 Who Report that Religion Plays a Very Important Role in Their Lives, Selected Years 1976-2006¹

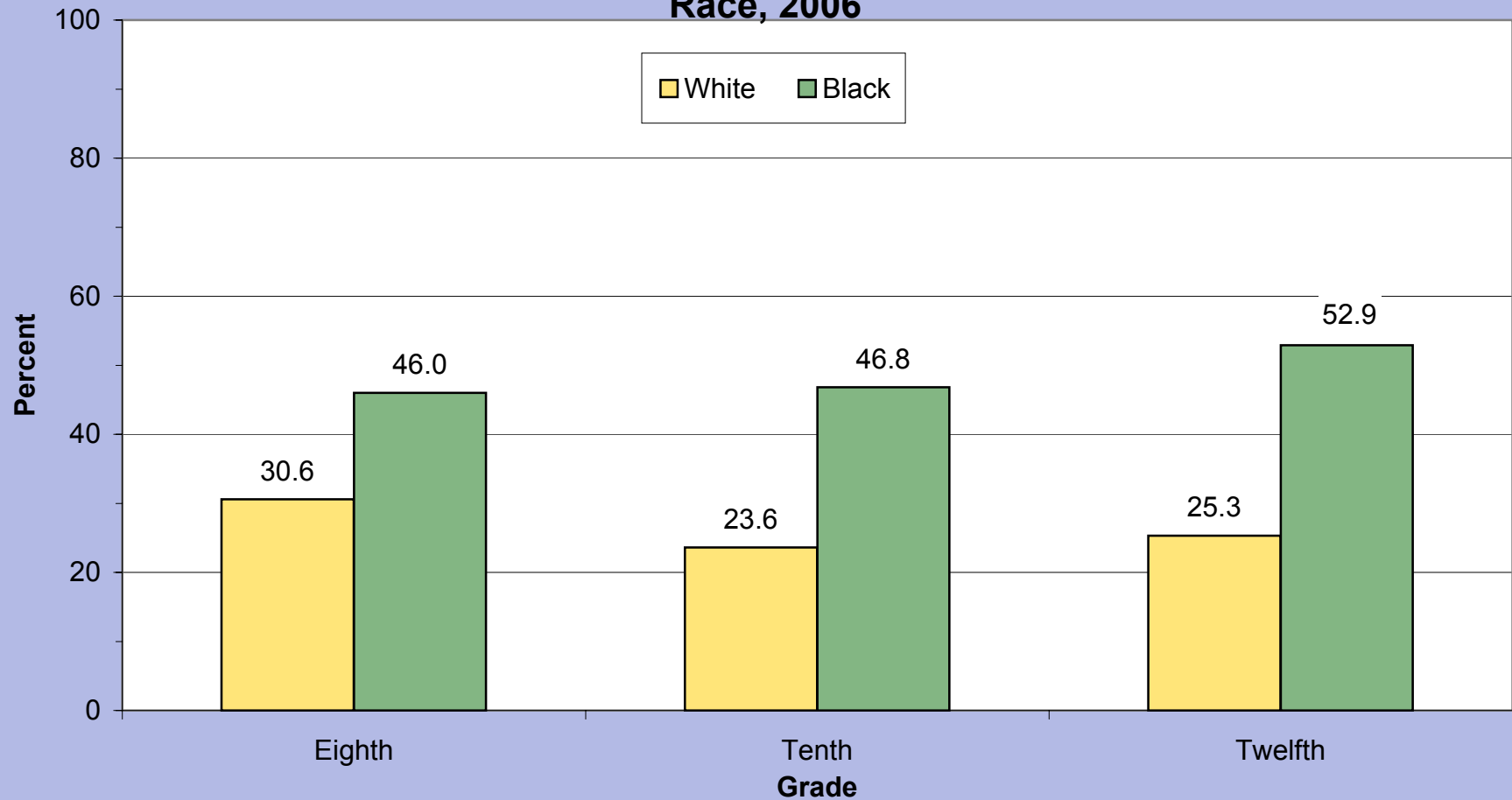


¹Note: Data from 1997-2006 exclude students living in California

Source: Original analysis by Child Trends of Monitoring the Future data, Selected Years 1976-2006

Figure 2

Religiosity: Percentage of Students in Grades 8, 10, and 12 Who Report that Religion Plays a Very Important Role in Their Lives, by Race, 2006¹

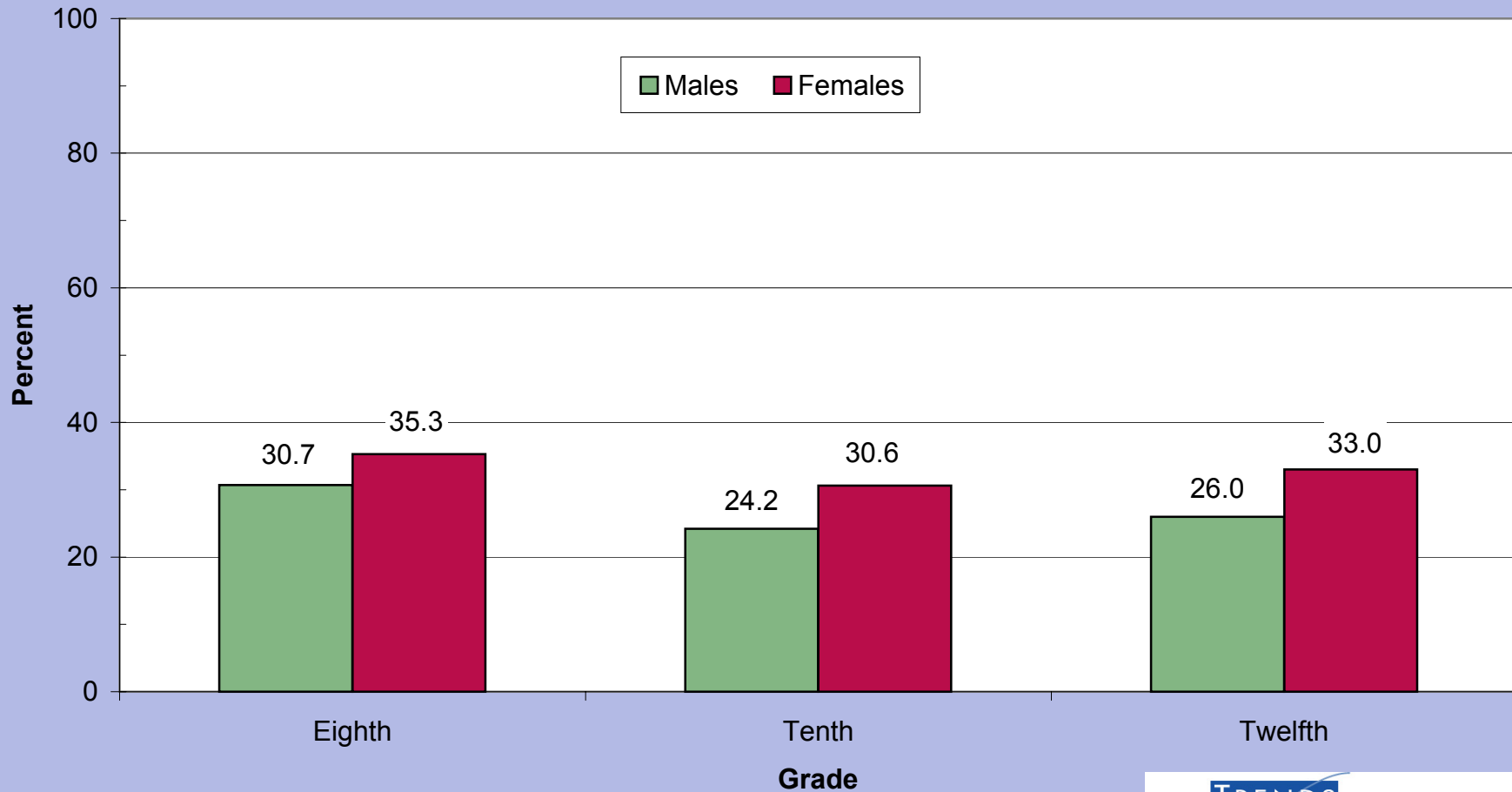


¹ Note: Data exclude students living in California

Source: Original analysis by Child Trends of Monitoring the Future data, 2006

Figure 3

Religiosity: Percentage of Students in Grades 8, 10, and 12 Who Report that Religion Plays a Very Important Role in Their Lives, by Gender, 2006¹



¹ Note: Data exclude students living in California

Source: Original analysis by Child Trends of Monitoring the Future data, 2006

Table 1

Religiosity: Percentage of 8th, 10th, and 12th Grade Students in the United States Who Report that Religion Plays a Very Important Role in their Lives, Selected Years 1976-2006

	1976	1980	1985	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997 ¹	1998 ¹	1999 ¹	2000 ¹	2001 ¹	2002 ¹	2003 ¹	2004 ¹	2005 ¹	2006 ¹
Eighth Grade	-	-	-	-	29.2	27.4	29.6	30.1	30.3	31.5	32.5	34.5	33.4	36.6	34.5	35.3	34.3	32.5	32.6	33.1
Gender																				
Male	-	-	-	-	27.0	26.1	27.3	28.5	28.4	29.3	30.3	32.9	30.7	32.7	31.1	32.2	31.5	30.0	28.8	30.7
Female	-	-	-	-	31.3	28.5	31.6	31.8	31.8	33.6	34.8	36.3	35.8	40.1	37.6	38.2	36.8	34.7	36.1	35.3
Race																				
White	-	-	-	-	26.4	23.0	26.1	26.2	25.9	26.9	28.5	30.0	29.5	32.5	31.5	30.6	30.9	29.2	29.7	30.6
Black	-	-	-	-	46.9	45.7	42.3	46.3	45.6	47.1	48.3	52.5	51.9	52.6	48.8	52.0	52.0	49.2	46.0	46.0
Parental Education²																				
Less than high school	-	-	-	-	30.1	28.3	30.6	29.7	27.0	32.8	29.7	28.4	31.2	31.9	33.0	33.1	33.2	30.2	27.0	30.2
Completed high school	-	-	-	-	28.1	26.4	27.0	28.1	28.1	28.7	27.9	32.2	31.6	31.7	30.8	32.1	31.6	27.9	29.0	31.4
Some college	-	-	-	-	29.2	27.4	30.1	29.8	29.1	30.6	30.4	35.0	32.9	36.1	33.7	37.9	34.2	33.4	31.7	33.4
Completed college	-	-	-	-	29.5	28.9	31.4	32.1	33.4	32.2	37.4	38.1	36.4	41.8	37.3	37.0	36.7	35.8	36.9	34.8
Graduate school	-	-	-	-	30.6	26.4	31.4	31.0	33.0	35.0	37.5	36.3	34.1	41.0	39.9	37.1	35.6	33.5	35.5	34.5
College Plans																				
None or under 4 years	-	-	-	-	22.1	21.9	23.3	22.4	20.7	24.0	21.2	22.8	22.6	22.6	22.8	25.0	20.3	22.5	16.5	21.7
Complete four years	-	-	-	-	30.3	28.1	30.4	31.1	31.4	32.6	33.8	35.9	34.8	38.3	36.0	36.3	35.8	33.5	34.3	34.2
	1976	1980	1985	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997 ¹	1998 ¹	1999 ¹	2000 ¹	2001 ¹	2002 ¹	2003 ¹	2004 ¹	2005 ¹	2006 ¹
Tenth Grade	-	-	-	-	28.4	27.9	28.7	27.7	28.4	28.9	30.8	31.4	31.8	32.0	31.6	35.1	33.0	32.0	30.4	27.4
Gender																				
Male	-	-	-	-	26.0	26.1	26.2	24.0	25.8	26.3	28.1	28.7	28.4	28.7	27.4	31.6	29.4	28.3	25.7	24.2
Female	-	-	-	-	30.7	29.4	31.1	31.4	31.2	31.3	33.2	33.6	34.8	34.8	35.6	38.5	36.6	35.6	34.9	30.6
Race																				
White	-	-	-	-	23.4	23.7	25.7	24.2	24.6	25.4	27.1	25.5	26.9	28.4	28.4	30.9	28.6	28.4	26.0	23.6
Black	-	-	-	-	51.2	49.5	49.8	47.3	48.5	47.1	47.8	53.6	54.8	52.1	49.0	54.7	50.7	50.6	50.6	46.8
Parental Education²																				
Less than high school	-	-	-	-	28.6	28.0	29.3	29.0	32.1	31.4	32.1	32.9	31.9	31.8	28.9	28.6	27.4	30.8	32.5	24.7
Completed high school	-	-	-	-	28.4	26.9	27.4	26.6	26.0	26.2	28.3	28.5	30.6	28.5	30.5	31.9	30.8	29.3	27.3	23.0
Some college	-	-	-	-	27.0	27.6	29.6	26.0	27.2	29.8	30.7	33.5	31.4	31.7	30.5	34.5	34.0	33.3	30.8	27.1
Completed college	-	-	-	-	29.3	30.0	28.4	29.1	29.4	29.8	31.7	31.8	33.1	34.9	33.5	37.7	36.1	33.0	30.3	29.5
Graduate school	-	-	-	-	29.0	26.6	28.7	29.7	30.9	29.2	32.1	30.3	32.9	31.4	34.2	40.4	31.4	33.6	32.3	31.8
College Plans																				
None or under 4 years	-	-	-	-	23.9	22.4	22.4	21.3	21.0	20.5	19.5	21.8	21.7	22.7	20.5	22.7	23.8	22.2	20.1	15.7
Complete four years	-	-	-	-	29.5	29.0	30.0	29.0	29.7	30.2	32.7	32.9	33.3	33.5	33.3	36.9	34.3	33.3	31.8	28.9
	1976	1980	1985	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997 ¹	1998 ¹	1999 ¹	2000 ¹	2001 ¹	2002 ¹	2003 ¹	2004 ¹	2005 ¹	2006 ¹
Twelfth Grade	28.8	32.1	27.3	26.4	27.7	29.5	29.4	29.7	29.9	31.3	29.9	32.4	32.9	32.2	32.3	33.3	31.0	31.1	31.7	29.7
Gender																				
Male	23.6	27.0	23.4	23.0	24.1	25.9	25.5	27.0	26.8	27.5	25.6	28.3	29.8	28.7	28.3	29.3	26.2	26.9	26.7	26.0
Female	34.1	37.0	31.0	29.8	31.4	33.0	32.7	32.0	32.7	34.8	33.8	36.2	35.6	35.2	36.3	36.7	35.0	35.4	36.3	33.0
Race																				
White	25.8	29.3	23.4	22.2	24.0	24.8	23.8	25.8	25.8	26.8	24.5	26.8	28.8	25.6	26.7	30.0	25.5	26.9	27.6	25.3
Black	50.9	49.6	52.5	53.5	50.3	51.4	51.4	49.3	51.9	55.0	55.7	57.3	55.4	58.1	57.0	51.4	56.0	54.3	53.8	52.9
Parental Education²																				
Less than high school	33.6	37.3	32.2	31.7	30.9	31.6	35.2	32.0	33.1	34.7	31.0	36.3	35.7	35.9	32.0	33.7	30.3	33.9	32.4	28.5
Completed high school	26.9	31.6	25.6	26.4	26.9	27.8	28.7	27.8	30.0	30.6	28.7	30.0	31.3	29.2	27.2	32.6	29.5	31.1	30.5	28.8
Some college	28.3	30.9	27.4	25.3	26.9	29.6	28.6	30.0	28.6	32.1	30.0	32.1	33.2	32.0	31.3	30.7	31.3	29.5	29.7	29.8
Completed college	29.0	30.5	26.4	24.9	28.5	30.2	29.4	30.4	30.8	32.5	31.5	34.6	34.4	34.4	34.4	36.4	31.9	31.9	33.2	30.8
Graduate school	24.9	29.3	26.6	25.8	27.2	30.5	26.9	29.6	27.7	26.2	28.0	31.8	30.3	32.1	39.2	34.4	31.5	31.7	33.8	31.0
College Plans																				
None or under 4 years	25.3	29.7	23.5	23.4	23.8	23.6	24.7	25.6	24.7	25.1	24.3	27.9	28.1	24.1	24.8	26.0	23.6	24.2	24.2	23.7
Complete four years	32.0	33.8	29.3	27.4	29.4	31.3	30.9	31.0	31.4	32.7	31.1	33.5	33.9	34.1	34.0	34.7	32.9	33.0	33.4	31.1

¹Note: Data exclude students living in California

²Parental education is calculated by the Institute of Social Research as the average of the mother's and father's education. Child Trends has relabeled these results to reflect the education level of the most educated parent. In those circumstances where the gap between mothers' and fathers' education is more than one level, this results in an underestimate of the most educated parent's education level.

Note: These estimates may differ slightly from published estimates due to small differences between the publicly available sample weights and those used by Monitoring the Future staff.

Source: Original analysis by Child Trends of Monitoring the Future data, Selected Years 1976-2006