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## EIGHT IN TEN BELIEVE GOD EXISTS...PERIOD

Phoenix, Arizona, December 5, 2003. Eight of ten Arizonans believe God exists, while just under a fifth have doubts, including nine percent who flatly assert God does not exist.

Belief in God peaks among women (86%), but is otherwise uncorrelated to such factors as education. Also, despite folklore that as one advances in age the more likely they are to believe in God, we find no such pattern in this survey. Thus, 83 percent of retirees believe God exists, as do 85 percent of 35 to 54 year olds and 80 percent of adults under the age of 35.

The findings outlined in this report are based on a survey of 602 heads of household throughout Maricopa County conducted between November 6 and November 20, 2003, by the Behavior Research Center of Arizona as part of the Center's independent and non-partisan Rocky Mountain Poll series. The public is welcome to visit [www.brcpolls.com](http://www.brcpolls.com) to read this and other recent polls.

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This statement conforms to the principles of disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls.

**BELOW:** Statistical data

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**STATISTICAL DATA**

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*“When it comes to belief in God, which of the following comes closest to your point of view:”*

	<u>GOD EXISTS</u>	<u>GOD DOES NOT EXIST</u>	<u>NOT SURE/ DON'T CARE</u>
TOTAL	82%	2%	16%
<u>GENDER</u>			
Men	78	4	18
Women	86	1	13
<u>AGE</u>			
Under 35 years	80	1	19
35 to 54	85	4	11
55 +	83	3	14
Retired	83	1	16
<u>EDUCATION</u>			
High school or less	83	2	15
Some college	85	3	12
College graduate	81	2	17
<u>ETHNICITY</u>			
Caucasian	81	3	16
Hispanic	88	0	12
Other	79	0	21

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