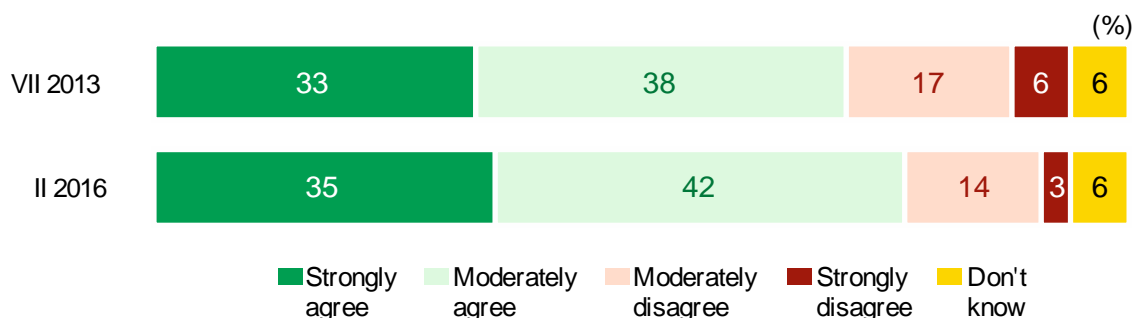


Opinions about the “Family 500+” programme

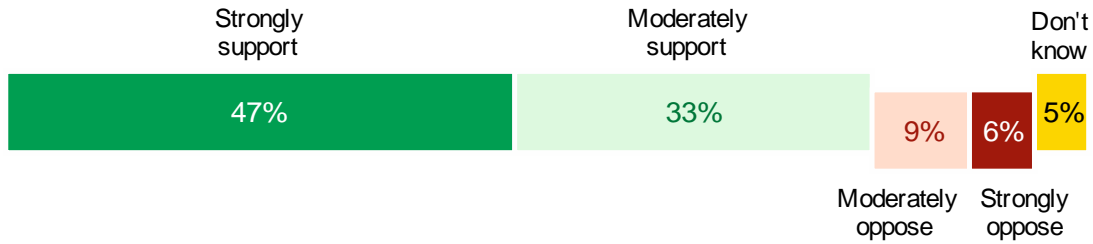
The president signed the law on state support for children, which fulfils one of the major pre-electoral promises of PiS. This law has a goal of financially supporting families bringing up children and increasing the birth rate in view of negative demographic trends. It envisages a benefit of 500 PLN for every second and subsequent child and for every first child in families in which per capita income is not higher than 800 PLN (or 1200 PLN in case of families with a disabled child).

In general, Poles appreciate the need to conduct state policy towards increasing fertility. Over three-quarters think that the state should have a policy to encourage people to have more children. The view is becoming more widespread.

Do you agree that the state should have a policy to encourage people to have more children?



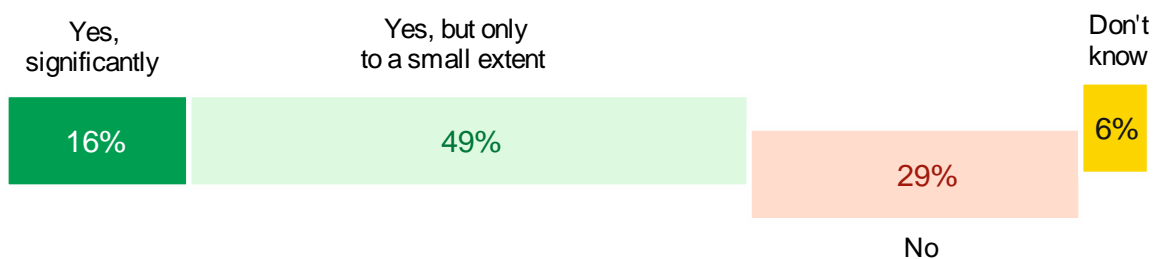
Do you support the introduction of a 500 PLN childcare benefit for every second and subsequent child up to the age 18 and for every child in low-income families?



The introduction of the 500 PLN childcare benefit for every second and subsequent child up to the age 18 and for every child in low-income families is supported by a vast majority of respondents.

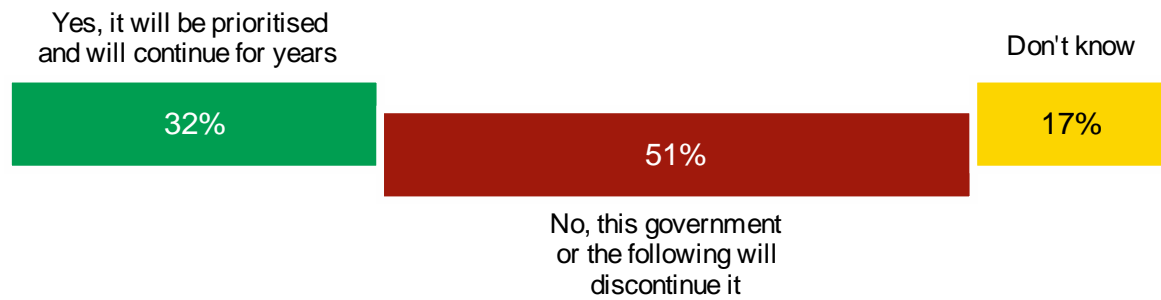
According to government estimates, 278 000 more children will be born in the next ten years due to the introduction of the “Family 500+” programme than would otherwise be the case. This would reduce the pace of decline in the number of births, although it would not reverse the negative trend. Social expectation related to the consequences of the introduction of this programme are moderately optimistic. Almost two-thirds of respondents hope that the introduction of the “Family 500+” programme will increase the number of births in Poland. Most of them predict a modest increase.

Will the introduction of the “Family 500+” programme contribute to the increase in the number of births in Poland?



The effectiveness of the programme “Family 500+” will probably depend not so much on its duration, but rather on whether it will become anchored in social consciousness as a constant and predictable element of the support system for families and fertility in Poland. Future implementation of this programme is doubtful. Over half of respondents are afraid that this government or the following will not have money to continue it. Almost a third of Poles think that this programme will be prioritised and will continue for years.

Will there be funding for the programme “Family 500+” in the following years?



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Family 500 Plus Programme as a Component of State Support for Families and Boosting Demography", February 2016. Fieldwork for national sample: February 2016, N=1000. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.