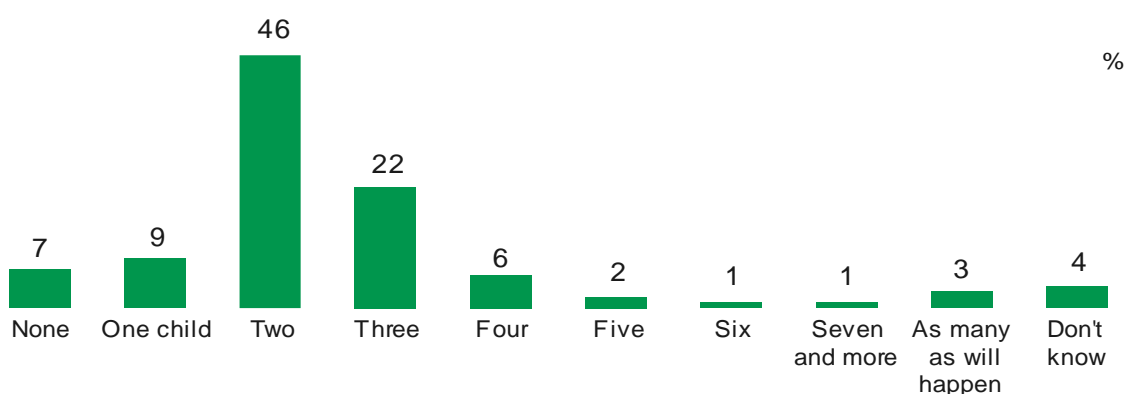


Reproductive goals and the degree of their satisfaction

All respondents, regardless of their age and how many children they have, were asked what number of children they consider ideal from their own point of view. Almost half of Poles would like to have two children (46%), and the second most frequent answer is three children, indicated by over one-fifth of adult Polish residents (22%). Every fourteenth person does not want to have any children (7%), less than one in ten would most like to have one child (9%), and 6% of people consider the optimal number to be four children. Other answers were indicated less frequently.

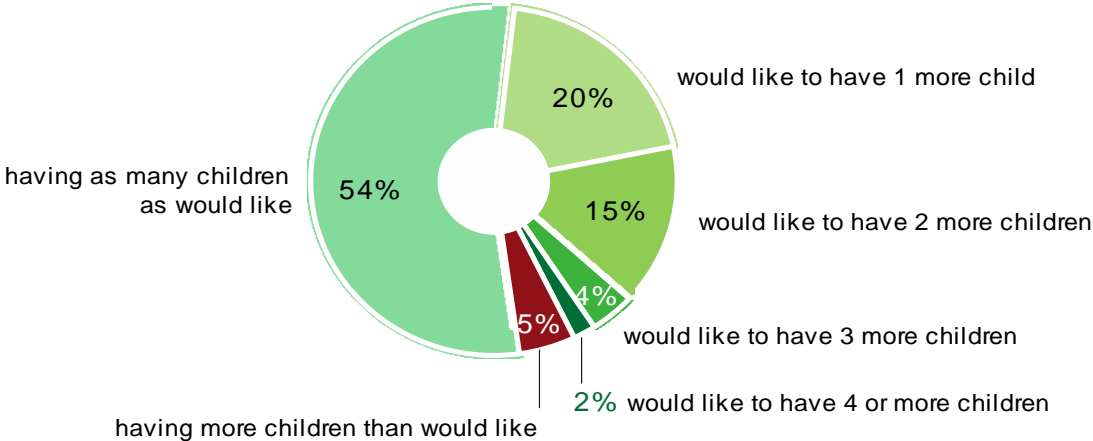
Regardless of your marital status, age, and whether you have children or not, how many children you would like to have in your own life?



The desired number of children varies according to the socio-demographic characteristics of respondents. In particular, in the 18-24 age group the share of people who do not want to have any children is 21%. Taking into account the fact that the vast majority of the youngest respondents do not have children yet, this means that one-fifth of young people do not plan to have children in their lives. Other groups that reject having children more often than on average are: people who do not practice religion at all (17%), identify themselves with the left politically (16%) and are relatively well-off, i.e. with a monthly per capita income of 4,000 PLN or more (14%). It is worth adding that the reluctance to have children does not depend on gender - it is the same for men and women (7% each).

For all respondents, an analysis was carried out comparing the preferred number of children with the actual number of offspring. It turned out that the level of satisfaction of the reproductive needs of Poles is only 54%. Most of the others have not realized their plans for the number of children. Every fifth person (20%) would like to have another child, 15% want two more children than they have, and four out of a hundred people would like to have three more children, while 2% want four or more children than they have. Overall, only 5% of respondents declare that they have more children than they would prefer.

Level of satisfaction of reproductive needs:



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Evaluation of Government's Family Policy and Fulfilment of Procreative Needs of Poles", July 2022. Fieldwork for national sample: July 2022, N=1084. The random sample is representative for adult population of Poland.