

GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

DESIRE TO HAVE CHILDREN

Results are based on telephone interviews with –5,100– national adults, aged 18+, conducted August 22-31, 2013. For results based on the total sample of National Adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is ± 2 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample of national adults includes a minimum quota of 50% cell phone respondents and 50% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by region. Landline and cell phone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both, cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2012 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the July-December 2011 National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2010 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

D65. How many children do you have?

	<u>None</u>	<u>One</u>	<u>Two</u>	<u>Three</u>	<u>Four</u>	<u>Five or more</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Aug 22-31	25	15	26	17	9	7	*
2003 Jul 18-20 ^	28	15	25	15	10	6	1
1990 Apr 19-22 ^	26	14	26	16	8	10	--

^ WORDING: How many children, if any, have you had?

WP1220. Please tell me your age. [FOR SCREENING]

1. What do you think is the ideal number of children for a family to have?

	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6 or more</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Summary</u>	
										<u>0-2</u>	<u>3+</u>
2013	2	3	48	25	9	2	2	10	2.6	53	38
2011	1	4	53	23	8	1	1	9	2.5	58	33
2007	1	3	52	25	7	1	1	9	2.5	56	34
2004	1	3	49	26	9	1	2	9	2.6	53	38
2003	1	2	52	26	9	1	1	8	2.5	55	37
2001	1	2	49	27	9	1	1	11	2.6	52	38
1997	2	2	46	29	9	2	2	8	2.6	50	42
1996	2	3	57	21	7	4	0	6	2.4	62	32
1990	3	3	57	18	8	3	0	8	2.4	63	29
1987	1	3	56	22	9	2	1	6	2.6	60	34
1986	2	5	59	17	11	0	0	6	2.5	66	28
1985	2	4	56	21	8	1	2	6	2.5	62	32
1983	3	3	54	21	11	1	2	5	2.6	60	35
1980	3	2	55	20	9	1	2	8	2.5	60	32
1980	1	3	51	21	12	2	2	8	2.7	55	37
1978	2	2	49	23	13	2	1	8	2.6	53	39
1977	2	2	50	22	10	2	2	10	2.6	54	36
1974	1	2	46	22	14	2	3	10	2.8	49	41
1973	1	1	46	23	14	3	3	9	2.8	48	43
1971	0	1	38	28	19	3	2	10	2.9	39	52
1967	0	0	23	30	31	5	4	7	3.4	23	70
1966	0	1	18	27	27	4	3	20	3.3	19	61
1965	0	1	18	28	29	5	3	16	3.4	19	65
1962	0	1	16	24	33	6	7	13	3.3	17	70
1957	1	1	18	34	27	6	4	9	3.6	20	71
1953	0	1	28	30	29	7	5	0	3.3	29	71
1947	0	1	26	26	29	12	0	6	3.4	27	67
1945	0	1	22	28	31	9	9	0	3.3	23	77
1941	0	1	31	27	27	6	8	0	3.3	32	68
1936	0	2	32	32	22	7	3	0	3.6	34	64

NOTE: Means for 1936-1996 were estimated.

2. *(Asked of those age 18-44 with no children)* Do you want to have children someday, or not?

BASED ON --719-- ADULTS AGE 18-44 WHO DO NOT HAVE CHILDREN ±5 PCT PTS

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Aug 22-31	82	14	3

Trend for comparison (based on adults age 18-40 with no children)

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Aug 22-31	84	13	4
2003 Jul 18-20	86	11	3

3. *(Asked of those age 18-44 with no children who would like to have children)* How many children would you like to have?

BASED ON --586-- ADULTS AGE 18-44 WHO DO NOT HAVE CHILDREN AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THEM; ±5 PCT PTS

	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6 or more</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Summary</u>	
										<u>1-2</u>	<u>3+</u>
2013 Aug 22-31	--	9	55	23	8	1	2	2	2.4	64	34

4. *(Asked of those age 18-44 who have children)* Practically speaking, do you want to have more children someday, or not?

BASED ON --923-- ADULTS AGE 18-44 WHO HAVE CHILDREN; ±4 PCT PTS

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Aug 22-31	32	67	1

5. *(Asked of those age 18-44 who have children who want more children)* How many more children would you like to have?

BASED ON --292-- ADULTS AGE 18-44 WHO HAVE CHILDREN AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MORE; ±7 PCT PTS

	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6 or more</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Summary</u>	
										<u>0-2</u>	<u>3+</u>
2013 Aug 22-31	--	55	31	8	2	--	2	3	1.6	86	12

COMBINED TABLE (D66/Q.5): DESIRED NUMBER OF CHILDREN

BASED ON --923-- ADULTS AGE 18-44 WHO HAVE CHILDREN; ±4 PCT PTS

	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6 or more</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Summary</u>	
										<u>1-2</u>	<u>3+</u>
2013 Aug 22-31	--	10	35	29	14	6	4	2	2.9	45	53

6. *(Asked of those age 45 and older)* If you had to do it over again, how many children would you have, or would you not have any at all?

BASED ON --3,363-- ADULTS AGE 45 AND OLDER; ±2 PCT PTS

	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6 or more</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Summary</u>	
										<u>0-2</u>	<u>3+</u>
Total age 45+	11	5	37	20	13	5	6	3	2.6	53	44
Have children ^	7	6	38	22	13	5	6	2	2.7	51	46
Do not have children †	44	3	29	8	6	1	3	6	1.4	76	18

^ Based on --2,902-- adults age 45 and older who have children; ±2 PCT PTS

† Based on --454-- adults age 45 and older who do not have children; ±6 PCT PTS

SUMMARY: COMBINED RESPONSES (D65/Q.2/Q.6): BASED ON NATIONAL ADULTS

	2013 <u>Aug 22-31</u>	2003 <u>Jul 18-20</u>	1990 <u>Apr 19-22</u>
Have children	74	72	73
Do not have but want to have children	16	16	17
Do not have children but would like to have done so	3	6	3
Do not want children	5	4	4
No opinion	1	2	3

7. What do you think are the main reasons why couples do not have more children? [OPEN-ENDED]

BASED ON --2,033-- NATIONAL ADULTS; ±3 PCT PTS

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Not enough money/Cost of raising child	65
The state of the economy/Jobs	11
Personal choice/No desire for children	6
Poor society/Living in difficult times/Difficult environment	5
Too selfish/Feel children interfere with personal freedom	4
Single-parent homes/Divorce/Lack of commitment to marriage	3
Lack of time/Too busy/Too time consuming	3
Too many women working/Both parents work/Career concerns	3
Children are hard work/Stressful	3
Unable to have children/Cannot conceive	2
Responsibilities involved/Too much responsibility	2
Wife or husband not in good health	1
Parents are older/Waited to have children	1
Cost of education	1
Too many children already/Concerned about overpopulation	1
Uncertainty about the future/Future is bleak	1
Just don't like children	1
Other	1
No opinion	6

Percentages total more than 100% due to multiple responses.

