

# GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

## GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SERIES: IDEAL FAMILY SIZE

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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Results are based on combined data from telephone interviews conducted June 1-22 and July 3-27, 2023, with a random sample of ~2,028—adults, ages 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 3$  percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

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 80% cell phone respondents and 20% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Gallup obtained sample for this study from Dynata. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member has the next 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 and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the most recent Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the most recent National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2020 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. For questions about how this survey was conducted, please contact [galluphelp@gallup.com](mailto:galluphelp@gallup.com).

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Now turning to something different,

30. 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>
2023	2	3	44	29	12	2	2	6	2.7	49	45
2018	1	3	47	26	10	3	2	9	2.7	50	41
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.

31. How many children, if any, have you had?

	<u>None</u>	<u>One</u>	<u>Two</u>	<u>Three</u>	<u>Four</u>	<u>Five or more</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2023 Jun-Jul	31	14	28	15	7	5	1
2018 Jun 1-13	30	14	26	17	6	6	1
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 do you have?

32. *(Asked of those age 18-40 with no children)* Do you want to have children someday, or not?

**BASED ON --321-- ADULTS AGE 18-40 WHO DO NOT HAVE CHILDREN ±7 PCT PTS**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2023 Jun-Jul	75	23	2
2018 Jun 1-13	82	17	1
2013 Aug 22-31	84	13	4
2003 Jul 18-20	86	11	3

33. *(Asked of those age 41 and older who do not have children)* If you had to do it over again, how many children would you have, or would you not have any at all?

**SUMMARY: COMBINED RESPONSES (Q.31/32/33): BASED ON NATIONAL ADULTS**

	<u>2023 Jun-Jul</u>	<u>2018 Jun 1-12</u>	<u>2013 Aug 22-31</u>	<u>2003 Jul 18-20</u>	<u>1990 Apr 19-22</u>
Have children	69	69	74	72	73
Do not have but want to have children	15	17	16	16	17
Do not have children but would like to have done so	6	5	3	6	3
Do not want children	8	8	5	4	4
No opinion	2	2	1	2	3