## Family Matters



A new addition to the family?

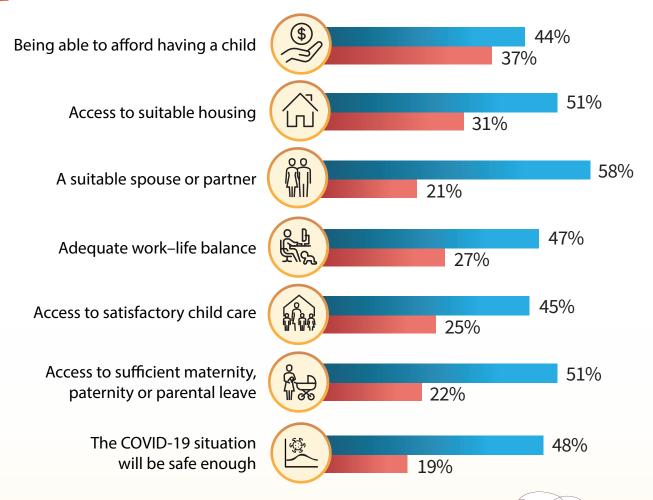
It depends!

In 2021, **24%** of people **aged 15 to 49** had changed their plans with regard to having children as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Most often, they

planned on having fewer children or having a child later.

Percentage of people aged **15 to 49** who, in **2022**, believed that in the next three years, the **following conditions related to having children**<sup>1</sup> **would be met** 





People **aged 25 to 49** were systematically **more optimistic** about the likelihood in the next three years of various conditions related to having children being met.

In contrast, people **aged 15 to 24** were more likely to believe that **economic conditions** (financial capacity, adequate housing) and **work–life balance** would **not be sufficient enough to have a child**.



1. Regardless of whether or not they planned to have a first child or another child. For each condition, the remaining proportion includes the "Unsure" responses.

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