

YouGov Results - Children

Fieldwork: 9th - 10th September 2019

Sample: 2,029 GB adults



Total	Gender		Age					Social Grade	
	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE

Are you the parent/ guardian of children of any of the following ages? (Please select all that apply. If you do not have any children, please select the "Not applicable" option)

	Unweighted base	2029	928	1101	184	298	350	348	849	1176	853
	Base	2029	984	1045	225	305	346	340	812	1157	872
Under 6 months old	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%
Between 6 and 12 months old	1%	1%	2%	1%	5%	4%	0%	-	-	2%	1%
1 year old	1%	1%	2%	0%	4%	3%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%
2 years old	2%	2%	1%	2%	0%	4%	4%	1%	-	1%	2%
3 years old	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	7%	1%	-	2%	3%
4 years old	2%	2%	2%	2%	0%	3%	7%	2%	0%	2%	2%
5 years old	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	4%	7%	1%	0%	3%	2%
6 years old	2%	2%	2%	2%	0%	3%	6%	2%	1%	2%	2%
7 years old	3%	3%	3%	2%	-	4%	9%	2%	0%	2%	3%
8 years old	2%	2%	2%	2%	-	2%	7%	3%	0%	2%	2%
9 years old	2%	2%	2%	2%	0%	3%	6%	3%	1%	3%	2%
10 years old	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	0%	5%	3%	1%	2%	2%
11 years old	3%	3%	3%	3%	-	3%	7%	6%	1%	3%	3%
12 years old	3%	3%	2%	3%	-	2%	7%	6%	0%	3%	2%
13 years old	2%	2%	2%	2%	-	0%	5%	5%	1%	2%	1%
14 years old	2%	2%	3%	2%	-	1%	4%	7%	0%	2%	2%
15 years old	2%	2%	2%	2%	-	0%	5%	6%	1%	2%	3%
16 years old	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	0%	4%	8%	1%	3%	2%
17 years old	2%	2%	2%	1%	-	-	2%	6%	1%	1%	2%
18 years old	3%	3%	3%	3%	-	-	3%	9%	1%	2%	3%
Older than 18 years old	36%	36%	33%	39%	-	-	6%	35%	72%	34%	39%
Not applicable - I do not have any children	44%	44%	48%	40%	92%	70%	40%	37%	24%	46%	41%

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Are you the parent/ guardian of children of any of the following ages? (Please select all that apply. If you do not have any children, please select the "Not applicable" option)

	2029	493	340	200	244	467	1744	105	180
Unweighted base									
Base	2029	485	335	198	274	461	1753	99	177
Under 6 months old	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	-	0%
Between 6 and 12 months old	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%
1 year old	1%	2%	1%	3%	0%	2%	2%	1%	1%
2 years old	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	-	-
3 years old	2%	2%	2%	3%	0%	3%	2%	1%	3%
4 years old	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%
5 years old	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%
6 years old	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%
7 years old	3%	2%	2%	4%	1%	4%	3%	1%	3%
8 years old	2%	3%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%
9 years old	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	2%
10 years old	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	-	2%
11 years old	3%	3%	4%	2%	4%	2%	3%	2%	3%
12 years old	3%	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	2%	5%	3%
13 years old	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
14 years old	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	3%	2%	4%	4%
15 years old	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%
16 years old	2%	3%	3%	4%	1%	2%	3%	3%	1%
17 years old	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%
18 years old	3%	3%	4%	3%	1%	2%	3%	2%	1%
Older than 18 years old	36%	35%	41%	37%	28%	37%	36%	38%	36%
Not applicable - I do not have any children	44%	43%	40%	40%	54%	41%	43%	44%	46%

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Are you the parent/ guardian of children of any of the following ages? (Please select all that apply. If you do not have any children, please select the "Not applicable" option)

	2029	1422	233	196	57	486	121
Unweighted base	2029	1422	233	196	57	486	121
Base	2029	1397	238	199	58	494	138
Under 6 months old	1%	0%	4%	3%	4%	3%	1%
Between 6 and 12 months old	1%	0%	3%	7%	5%	5%	4%
1 year old	1%	0%	5%	5%	8%	5%	1%
2 years old	2%	0%	5%	6%	6%	5%	4%
3 years old	2%	0%	5%	10%	15%	8%	1%
4 years old	2%	0%	4%	7%	15%	6%	5%
5 years old	2%	0%	3%	12%	14%	8%	3%
6 years old	2%	0%	4%	10%	12%	8%	2%
7 years old	3%	0%	6%	10%	15%	9%	4%
8 years old	2%	0%	1%	10%	12%	6%	6%
9 years old	2%	0%	3%	7%	24%	7%	3%
10 years old	2%	0%	6%	6%	9%	6%	2%
11 years old	3%	0%	6%	11%	21%	10%	4%
12 years old	3%	0%	6%	11%	15%	9%	2%
13 years old	2%	0%	6%	9%	8%	7%	1%
14 years old	2%	0%	3%	10%	15%	7%	3%
15 years old	2%	0%	7%	7%	19%	8%	1%
16 years old	2%	0%	6%	11%	11%	9%	4%
17 years old	2%	0%	6%	5%	8%	6%	3%
18 years old	3%	1%	8%	8%	3%	7%	2%
Older than 18 years old	36%	46%	18%	12%	13%	15%	13%
Not applicable - I do not have any children	44%	52%	17%	15%	12%	16%	60%

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	Unweighted base	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE
	858	416	442	174	212	138	129	205	520	338
Base: All GB adults without children	895	476	419	216	217	137	126	200	534	360
I've never had children, but I do want to have them in the future	26%	25%	27%	48%	39%	20%	7%	4%	27%	24%
I've never had children and do not want them at the moment, but I may want them some day	19%	23%	13%	30%	28%	18%	8%	3%	20%	17%
I've never had children, and I don't want to have them in the future	37%	36%	39%	13%	20%	51%	63%	58%	36%	39%
Other	9%	6%	13%	1%	3%	5%	14%	24%	9%	9%
Don't know	4%	5%	2%	4%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	5%
Prefer not to say	6%	6%	5%	3%	6%	3%	5%	9%	5%	6%

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	Unweighted base	858	202	132	77	135	189	735	44	79
	Base: All GB adults without children	895	209	133	81	155	195	773	43	79
I've never had children, but I do want to have them in the future	26%	21%	32%	26%	25%	28%	26%	15%	35%	
I've never had children and do not want them at the moment, but I may want them some day	19%	22%	17%	22%	13%	18%	18%	26%	17%	
I've never had children, and I don't want to have them in the future	37%	38%	40%	33%	37%	36%	37%	38%	37%	
Other	9%	9%	9%	10%	9%	9%	9%	9%	6%	
Don't know	4%	6%	2%	3%	4%	3%	4%	2%	2%	
Prefer not to say	6%	5%	1%	6%	11%	5%	5%	11%	4%	

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	Unweighted base	858	724	34	24	6	64	70
	Base: All GB adults without children	895	726	46	31	7	83	85
I've never had children, but I do want to have them in the future	26%	22%	39%	55%	48%	46%	40%	
I've never had children and do not want them at the moment, but I may want them some day	19%	18%	32%	22%	-	26%	17%	
I've never had children, and I don't want to have them in the future	37%	43%	14%	14%	12%	14%	14%	
Other	9%	10%	4%	3%	14%	5%	5%	
Don't know	4%	3%	5%	-	13%	4%	11%	
Prefer not to say	6%	4%	5%	6%	13%	6%	14%	

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You previously said you never want to have children in the future... What are your reasons for this?

	Unweighted base	162	171	25	41	70	80	117	198	135
	Base	170	164	27	43	69	79	116	192	142
I simply do not feel the desire to have children	5%	7%	3%	9%	7%	11%	1%	3%	6%	4%
Other	11%	10%	11%	4%	19%	14%	8%	9%	13%	8%
The impact on my career	1%	0%	2%	3%	-	-	1%	2%	1%	1%
I do not like children	8%	7%	8%	11%	14%	6%	6%	7%	6%	10%
Health concerns	3%	1%	5%	-	-	1%	4%	5%	2%	4%
I'm not in a relationship	1%	2%	-	9%	-	2%	-	-	-	3%
I dont want the impact on my lifestyle	10%	10%	10%	16%	24%	12%	7%	4%	10%	10%
I dont think I could provide a good quality of life for the child	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	6%	3%	2%	5%	1%
Mental health concerns	3%	1%	4%	3%	8%	6%	-	-	4%	1%
I don't have parental instincts	6%	4%	8%	6%	5%	10%	3%	6%	6%	7%
Raising a child is too much responsibility	4%	5%	3%	7%	4%	3%	5%	4%	4%	4%
I am too old to raise a child	23%	17%	30%	-	-	1%	29%	47%	25%	22%
The impact it would have on climate change	5%	5%	6%	13%	9%	6%	7%	1%	7%	4%
The cost is too high	10%	12%	7%	24%	22%	14%	4%	3%	7%	12%
I think the world is overpopulated	9%	9%	9%	14%	14%	9%	10%	6%	9%	10%
I dont know	26%	33%	20%	35%	20%	32%	35%	17%	25%	27%

Cell Contents (Column Percentages)

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You previously said you never want to have children in the future... What are your reasons for this?

	Unweighted base	North	Midlands	East	London	South	England (NET)	Wales	Scotland
	333	81	54	27	54	70	286	17	30
Base	334	80	53	27	58	71	288	16	29
I simply do not feel the desire to have children	5%	5%	5%	11%	5%	7%	6%	-	-
Other	11%	9%	15%	11%	15%	8%	11%	6%	9%
The impact on my career	1%	1%	-	-	2%	1%	1%	5%	-
I do not like children	8%	9%	7%	-	5%	7%	7%	14%	13%
Health concerns	3%	3%	2%	4%	2%	3%	3%	11%	-
I'm not in a relationship	1%	3%	-	-	-	-	1%	8%	-
I dont want the impact on my lifestyle	10%	16%	11%	8%	4%	5%	9%	11%	17%
I dont think I could provide a good quality of life for the child	3%	2%	4%	-	2%	3%	2%	6%	10%
Mental health concerns	3%	4%	-	-	4%	1%	2%	-	8%
I don't have parental instincts	6%	8%	5%	-	2%	10%	6%	13%	3%
Raising a child is too much responsibility	4%	1%	4%	4%	10%	4%	4%	-	3%
I am too old to raise a child	23%	19%	29%	43%	25%	17%	24%	27%	20%
The impact it would have on climate change	5%	6%	4%	-	6%	7%	5%	6%	7%
The cost is too high	10%	15%	13%	4%	7%	7%	10%	11%	3%
I think the world is overpopulated	9%	13%	5%	-	9%	14%	10%	12%	3%
I dont know	26%	26%	19%	27%	27%	31%	26%	17%	31%

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You previously said you never want to have children in the future... What are your reasons for this?

	Unweighted base	311	7	4	1	12	10
Base	334	311	6	4	1	11	12
I simply do not feel the desire to have children	5%	5%	-	-	-	-	17%
Other	11%	11%	-	24%	-	9%	19%
The impact on my career	1%	1%	-	-	-	-	8%
I do not like children	8%	8%	15%	-	-	8%	8%
Health concerns	3%	3%	-	-	-	-	-
I'm not in a relationship	1%	1%	-	-	-	-	-
I dont want the impact on my lifestyle	10%	9%	13%	24%	-	16%	25%
I dont think I could provide a good quality of life for the child	3%	3%	-	-	-	-	-
Mental health concerns	3%	3%	-	-	-	-	-
I don't have parental instincts	6%	6%	26%	-	-	15%	-
Raising a child is too much responsibility	4%	4%	-	24%	-	9%	-
I am too old to raise a child	23%	24%	14%	26%	-	18%	19%
The impact it would have on climate change	5%	5%	32%	-	-	18%	-
The cost is too high	10%	9%	14%	24%	-	16%	8%
I think the world is overpopulated	9%	9%	17%	-	-	10%	8%
I dont know	26%	26%	27%	25%	100%	32%	22%

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