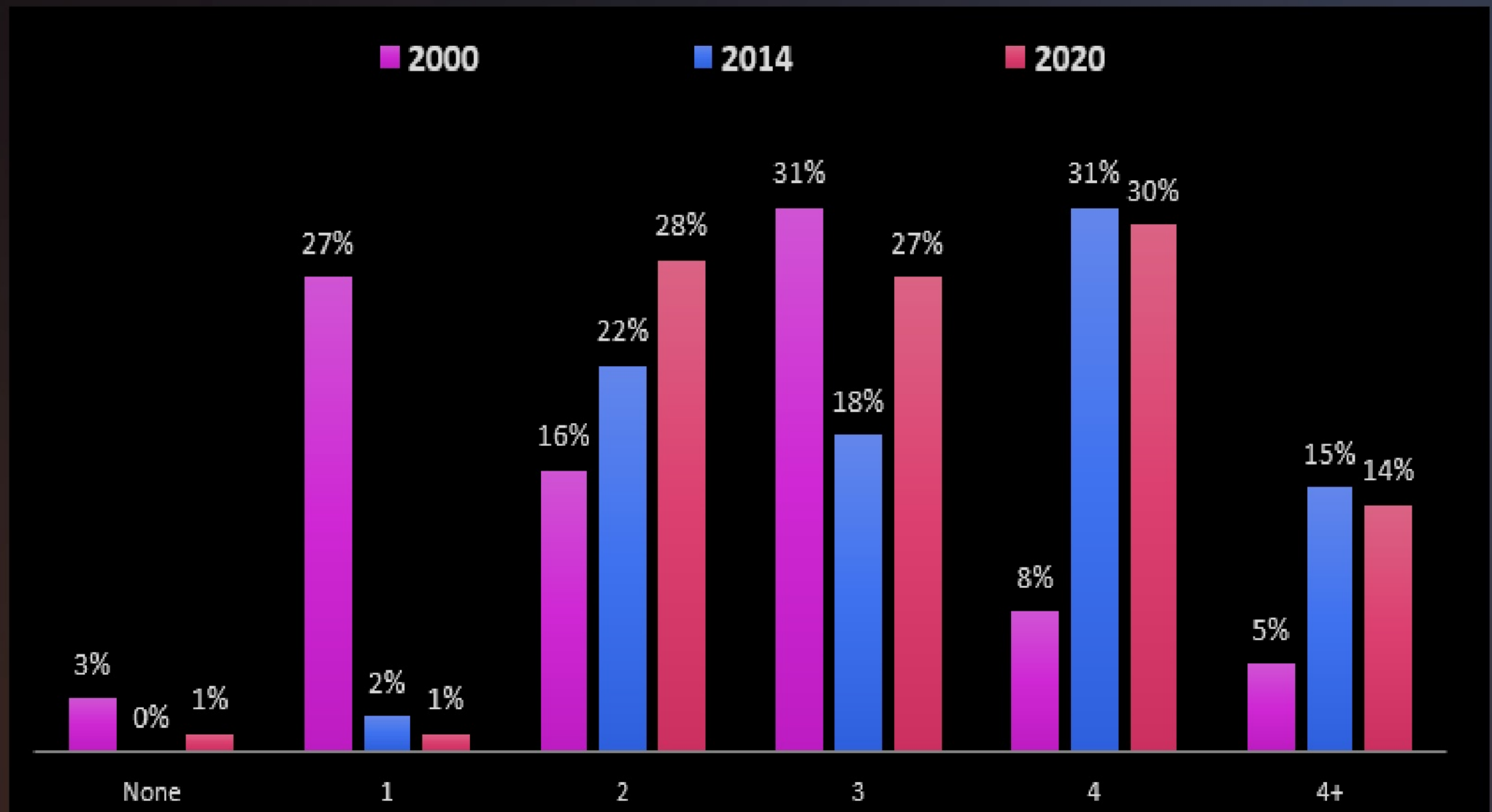


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Public Opinion in Pakistan Since Year 2000

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Islamabad, March 12, 2020

In a Gallup & Gilani Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 2000, respondents were asked “How many children do you think a couple should have?” In response, 31% said 3, 27% said 1, 16% said 2, 8% said 4, 5% said more than 4 and 3% said none.

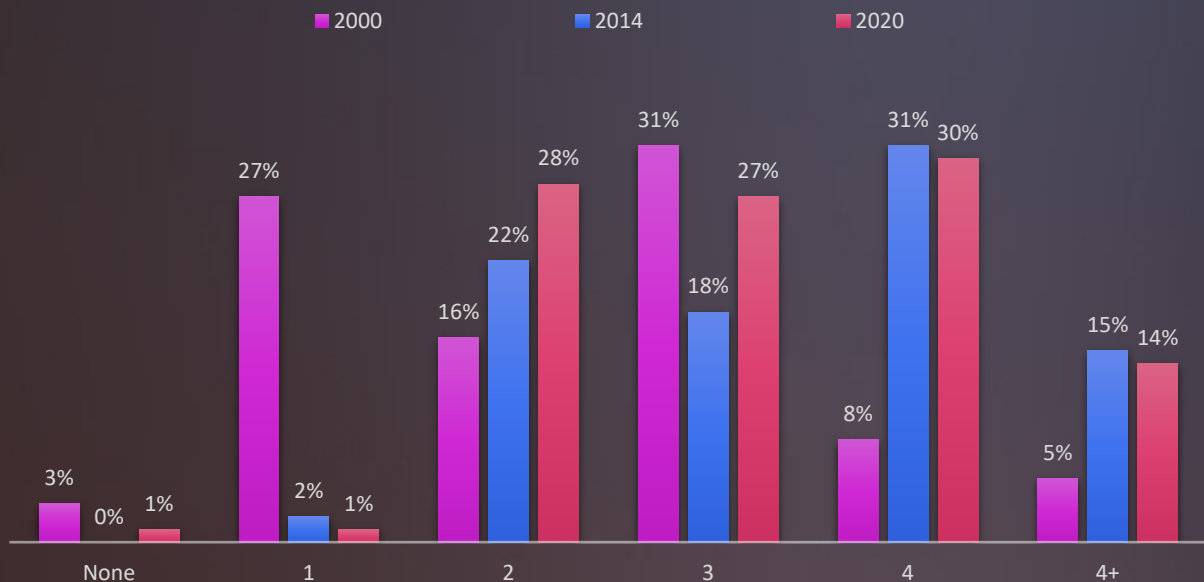
Comparative Picture: This question was asked again in 2020 to enable a comparison to be made across the years. In 2020, 30% said 4, 28% said 2, 27% said 3, 10% said 5, 2% said 6, 2% said more than 6 and only 1% each said 1 and none.

Trend Analysis: In 2000, highest percentage of respondents opined for 1 child at 27%, which fell to only 1% in 2020. While the percentage of respondents opining for 2 children rose by 12% in 2020

Implication of this finding: The average number of children rose from 2 in 2000 to 3 in 2014 and 2020. Despite mass family planning campaigns calling citizens to have lesser or 2 children, most Pakistanis in recent years have grown to prefer bigger families.

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Question: “How many children do you think a couple should have?”



Note: Don't Know/No Response not shown

Source: Gallup & Gilani Pakistan Poll

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Bilal I Gilani, who is Executive Director at Gallup Pakistan and is Director of Gallup Pakistan History Project explains the aim of the Project as follows: ‘Gallup Pakistan has been polling in Pakistan since 1979 (over 40 years). During this time millions of Pakistanis have been surveyed by over a thousand interviewers of Gallup. In 2014, Gallup Pakistan has decided to release historical Public Opinion data and this Press Release is part of Gallup Pakistan’s History Project. This endeavor is dedicated to all those who hope for a more empirical understanding of Pakistani Issues. For more information about Gallup History Project, please contact caf@gallup.com.pk

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