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RESULTS DISSEMINATION DOCUMENT

# GLOBAL OPINION ON POPULATION AGING & THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN

*(Question: 5 & 6)*

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# INTRODUCTION

## Question covered in this edition:

- **Thinking about your country's population, do you feel it is??**

# **SECTION 1 : SURVEY DEMOGRAPHICS**

# Survey Demographics for Current Report



## Sample Size and Number of countries covered:

N= 58,302 in 59 countries

## Education Profile of Global Sample



Low: 14%  
Medium: 43%  
High: 42%

## Employment Profile of Global Sample



Working full: 47%  
Working Part-time: 10%  
Unemployed: 8%  
Student: 6%  
Housewife: 10%  
Retired/Disabled: 16%  
Others: 1%

## Gender Profile of Global Sample



Females: 51%    Males: 49%

## Religious Profile of Global Sample



Christian: 52%  
Muslim: 18%  
Hindu: 2%  
All other religions: 7%  
No religion: 16%

## Income Classification of Global Sample



Low-Lower-Middle Income: 16%  
Upper-Middle-Income : 35%  
High-Income : 48%

## Age Profile of Global Sample



Under 34  
years: 33%

35-54 years: 37%

55+ years: 30%

## **SECTION 2:**

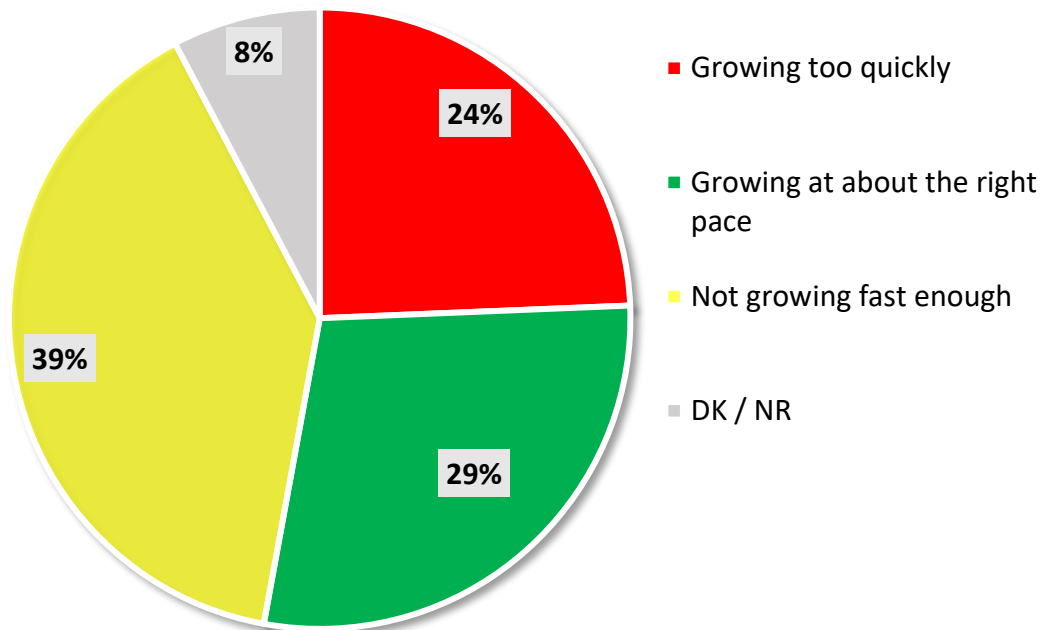
# **GLOBAL OPINION ON POPULATION AGING**

## GLOBAL OPINION ON POPULATION AGING

### 2.1 - GLOBAL PICTURE

*Thinking about your country's population, do you feel it is?*

GROWING TOO QUICKLY% : 24 / NOT GROWING FAST ENOUGH % : 29 / GROWING AT ABOUT THE RIGHT PACE % : 39  
 NET POPULATION GROWTH SENTIMENT% = (GROWING TOO QUICKLY) - (NOT GROWING FAST ENOUGH) = -15



#### 5 HIGHEST RATED NATIONS

##### NET POPULATION GROWTH SENTIMENT

PAKISTAN : 69%

SOUTH AFRICA: 63%

NETHERLANDS: 62%

UNITED KINGDOM: 53%

SWITZERLAND: 52%

#### 5 LOWEST RATED NATIONS

##### NET POPULATION GROWTH SENTIMENT

GREECE: -91%

UKRAINE: -87%

LATVIA: -87%

REPUBLIC OF KOREA: -86%

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA: -79%

# GLOBAL OPINION ON POPULATION AGING

## 2.2 - NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

*Thinking about your country's population, do you feel it is?*

*(Countries presented in alphabetical order)*

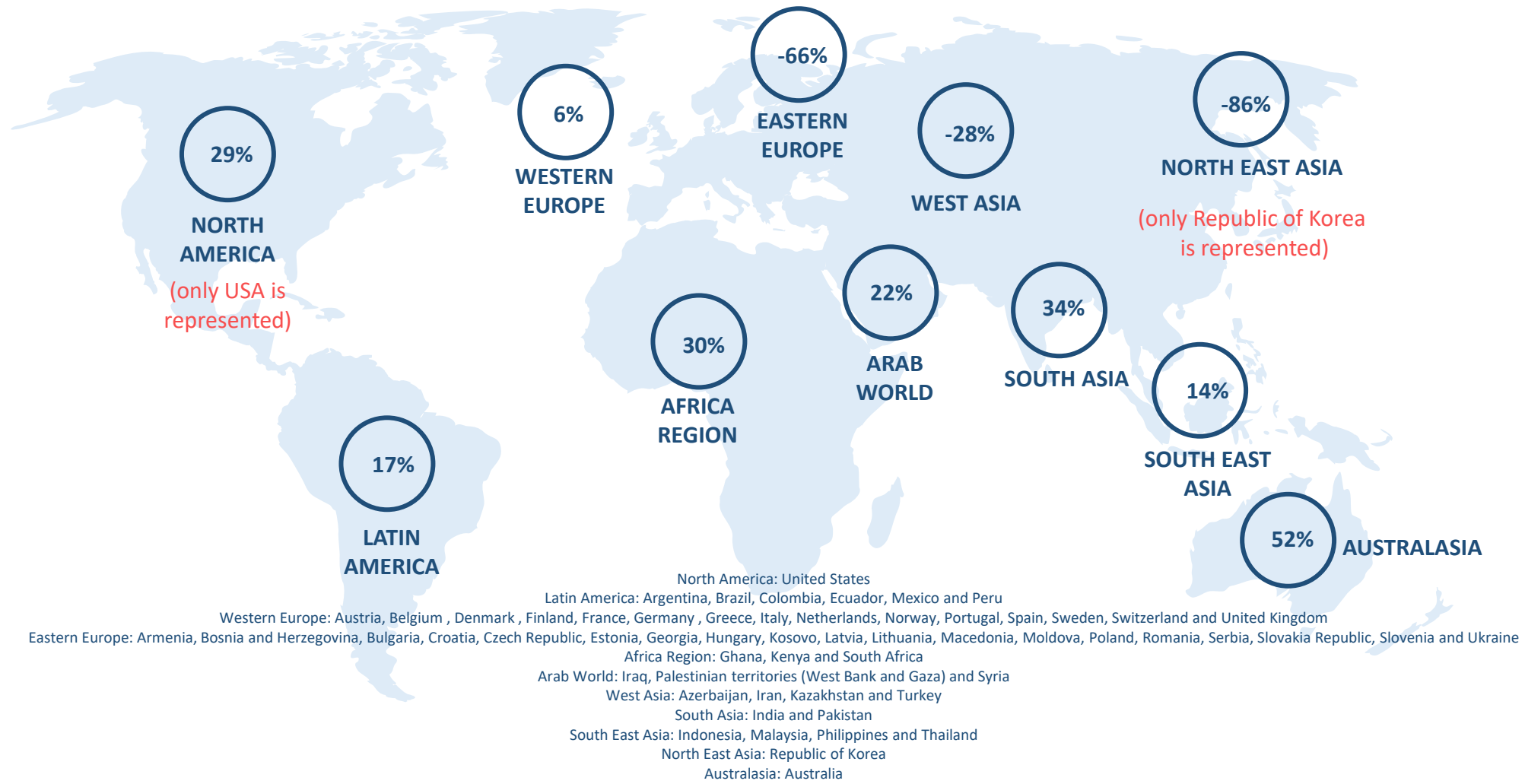
| Country                | Growing too quickly | Growing at about the right pace | Not growing fast enough | DK / NR | NET SCORE | Country                                      | Growing too quickly | Growing at about the right pace | Not growing fast enough | DK / NR | NET SCORE |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|-----------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Global average         | 24%                 | 29%                             | 39%                     | 8%      | -15%      | Kosovo                                       | 6%                  | 32%                             | 60%                     | 2%      | -55%      |
| Argentina              | 20%                 | 37%                             | 31%                     | 13%     | -11%      | Latvia                                       | 1%                  | 3%                              | 88%                     | 8%      | -87%      |
| Armenia                | 5%                  | 17%                             | 75%                     | 3%      | -69%      | Lithuania                                    | 5%                  | 11%                             | 79%                     | 6%      | -74%      |
| Australia              | 56%                 | 37%                             | 3%                      | 5%      | 52%       | Macedonia                                    | 1%                  | 23%                             | 72%                     | 4%      | -70%      |
| Austria                | 46%                 | 30%                             | 10%                     | 14%     | 36%       | Malaysia                                     | 18%                 | 61%                             | 18%                     | 3%      | 0%        |
| Azerbaijan             | 9%                  | 48%                             | 30%                     | 13%     | -20%      | Mexico                                       | 50%                 | 33%                             | 12%                     | 5%      | 38%       |
| Belgium                | 35%                 | 33%                             | 12%                     | 20%     | 24%       | Moldova                                      | 1%                  | 11%                             | 79%                     | 8%      | -78%      |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 2%                  | 12%                             | 81%                     | 5%      | -79%      | Netherlands                                  | 67%                 | 16%                             | 5%                      | 12%     | 62%       |
| Brazil                 | 41%                 | 34%                             | 15%                     | 10%     | 26%       | Norway                                       | 17%                 | 54%                             | 15%                     | 13%     | 2%        |
| Bulgaria               | 2%                  | 10%                             | 78%                     | 10%     | -76%      | Pakistan                                     | 73%                 | 17%                             | 4%                      | 5%      | 69%       |
| Colombia               | 24%                 | 40%                             | 26%                     | 9%      | -2%       | Palestinian territories (West Bank and Gaza) | 45%                 | 36%                             | 18%                     | 2%      | 27%       |
| Croatia                | 5%                  | 16%                             | 74%                     | 5%      | -69%      | Peru                                         | 52%                 | 19%                             | 25%                     | 4%      | 27%       |
| Czech Republic         | 15%                 | 43%                             | 36%                     | 6%      | -21%      | Philippines                                  | 52%                 | 34%                             | 12%                     | 3%      | 40%       |
| Denmark                | 22%                 | 44%                             | 13%                     | 21%     | 8%        | Poland                                       | 3%                  | 13%                             | 72%                     | 12%     | -69%      |
| Ecuador                | 41%                 | 41%                             | 16%                     | 2%      | 25%       | Portugal                                     | 35%                 | 26%                             | 35%                     | 5%      | 0%        |
| Estonia                | 2%                  | 14%                             | 76%                     | 8%      | -74%      | Romania                                      | 9%                  | 22%                             | 64%                     | 6%      | -55%      |
| Finland                | 8%                  | 29%                             | 52%                     | 11%     | -45%      | Serbia                                       | 4%                  | 21%                             | 70%                     | 4%      | -65%      |
| France                 | 30%                 | 28%                             | 19%                     | 23%     | 11%       | Slovakia Republic                            | 9%                  | 23%                             | 60%                     | 7%      | -51%      |
| Georgia                | 3%                  | 24%                             | 70%                     | 3%      | -66%      | Slovenia                                     | 9%                  | 24%                             | 61%                     | 7%      | -52%      |
| Germany                | 31%                 | 29%                             | 22%                     | 18%     | 9%        | South Africa                                 | 70%                 | 20%                             | 7%                      | 2%      | 63%       |
| Ghana                  | 14%                 | 51%                             | 25%                     | 10%     | -12%      | Spain                                        | 27%                 | 29%                             | 36%                     | 8%      | -10%      |
| Greece                 | 3%                  | 2%                              | 94%                     | 2%      | -91%      | Sweden                                       | 27%                 | 37%                             | 18%                     | 19%     | 9%        |
| Hungary                | 9%                  | 25%                             | 61%                     | 5%      | -52%      | Switzerland                                  | 57%                 | 30%                             | 5%                      | 8%      | 52%       |
| India                  | 32%                 | 33%                             | 32%                     | 3%      | -1%       | Syria                                        | 23%                 | 61%                             | 15%                     | 2%      | 9%        |
| Indonesia              | 47%                 | 31%                             | 10%                     | 12%     | 38%       | Thailand                                     | 15%                 | 48%                             | 37%                     | 0%      | -22%      |
| Iran                   | 5%                  | 25%                             | 69%                     | 2%      | -64%      | Turkey                                       | 27%                 | 20%                             | 45%                     | 8%      | -18%      |
| Iraq                   | 50%                 | 29%                             | 20%                     | 0%      | 30%       | Ukraine                                      | 1%                  | 5%                              | 88%                     | 7%      | -87%      |
| Italy                  | 7%                  | 14%                             | 69%                     | 10%     | -62%      | United Kingdom                               | 58%                 | 29%                             | 5%                      | 8%      | 53%       |
| Kazakhstan             | 12%                 | 48%                             | 21%                     | 20%     | -9%       | United States                                | 38%                 | 42%                             | 9%                      | 11%     | 29%       |
| Kenya                  | 54%                 | 38%                             | 6%                      | 1%      | 47%       |                                              |                     |                                 |                         |         |           |
| Republic of Korea      | 0%                  | 12%                             | 86%                     | 1%      | -86%      |                                              |                     |                                 |                         |         |           |

Minor deviations due to rounding are possible

## GLOBAL OPINION ON POPULATION AGING 2.3 - REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE

*Thinking about your country's population, do you feel it is?*

(REGIONAL BREAKDOWN DATA – NET FIGURES ONLY)



## GLOBAL OPINION ON POPULATION AGING

### 2.4 - GLOBAL DEMOGRAPHICS

*Thinking about your country's population, do you feel it is?*

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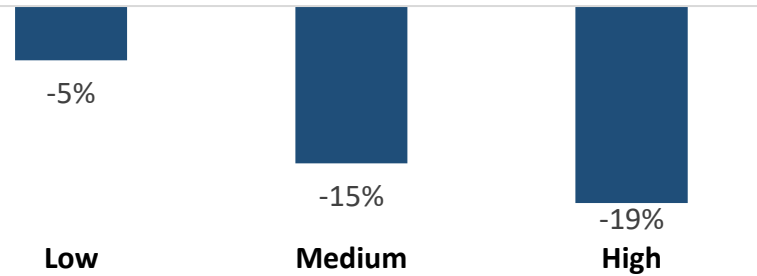
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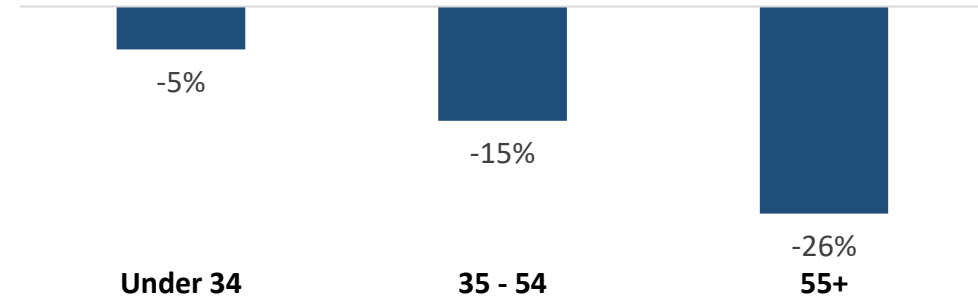
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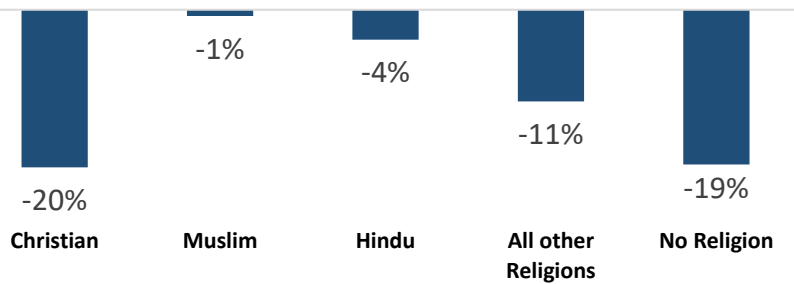
#### 2. EDUCATION



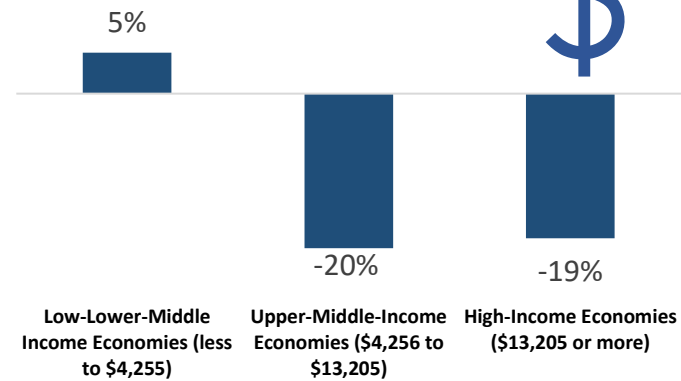
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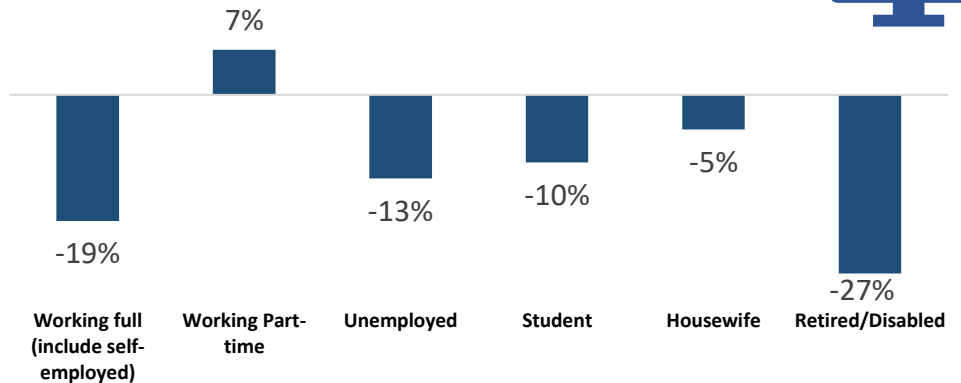
#### 4. RELIGION



#### 5. AVERAGE NATIONAL INCOME



#### 6. EMPLOYMENT STATUS



## **Question covered in this edition:**

- **What is the ideal number of children for a family to have?**

## **SECTION 2 : SURVEY DEMOGRAPHICS**

# Survey Demographics for Current Report



**Sample Size and Number of countries covered:**

**N= 60,474 in 61 countries**

**Education Profile of Global Sample**



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High: 43%

**Employment Profile of Global Sample**



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Student: 6%  
Housewife: 10%  
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**Religious Profile of Global Sample**



Christian: 50%  
Muslim: 19%  
Hindu: 2%  
All other religions: 7%  
No religion: 17%

**Income Classification of Global Sample**



Low-Lower-Middle Income: 16%  
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High-Income : 50%

**Age Profile of Global Sample**



Under 34 years: 33%

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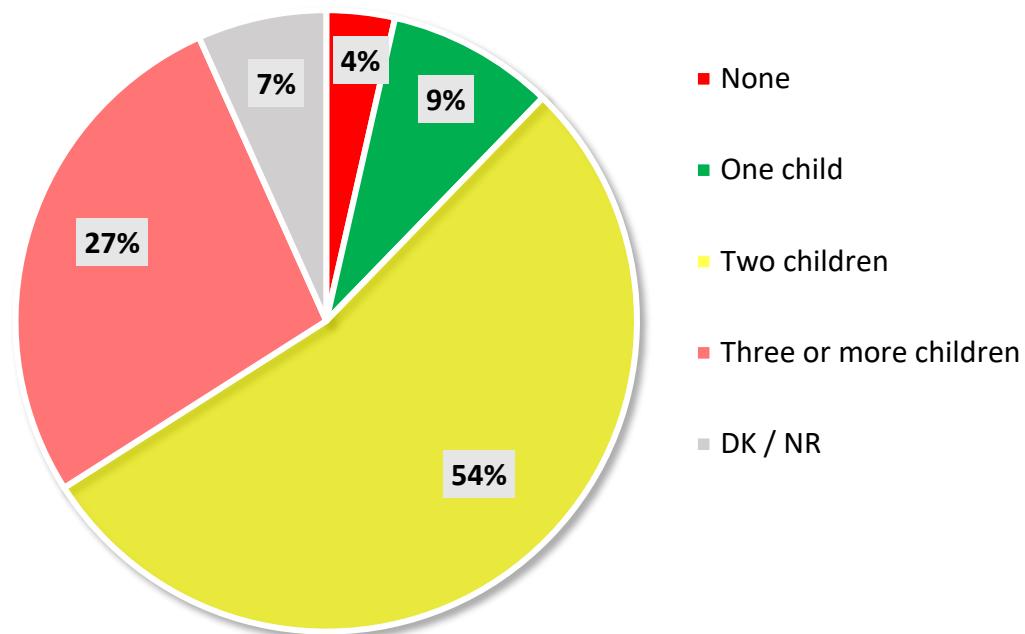
## **SECTION 2:**

# **GLOBAL OPINION ON THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN**

## GLOBAL OPINION ON THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN

### 2.1 - GLOBAL PICTURE

*What is the ideal number of children for a family to have?*



#### 5 HIGHEST RATED NATIONS

##### THREE OR MORE CHILDREN FIGURES ONLY

ARMENIA: 87%

GEORGIA: 82%

SAUDI ARABIA: 72%

PAKISTAN: 66%

KOSOVO: 62%

#### 5 LOWEST RATED NATIONS

##### THREE OR MORE CHILDREN FIGURES ONLY

BELGIUM: 6%

GERMANY: 7%

AUSTRIA: 9%

NETHERLANDS 9%

SWITZERLAND 9%

## GLOBAL OPINION ON THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN

### 2.2 - NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

*What is the ideal number of children for a family to have?*

*(Countries presented in alphabetical order)*

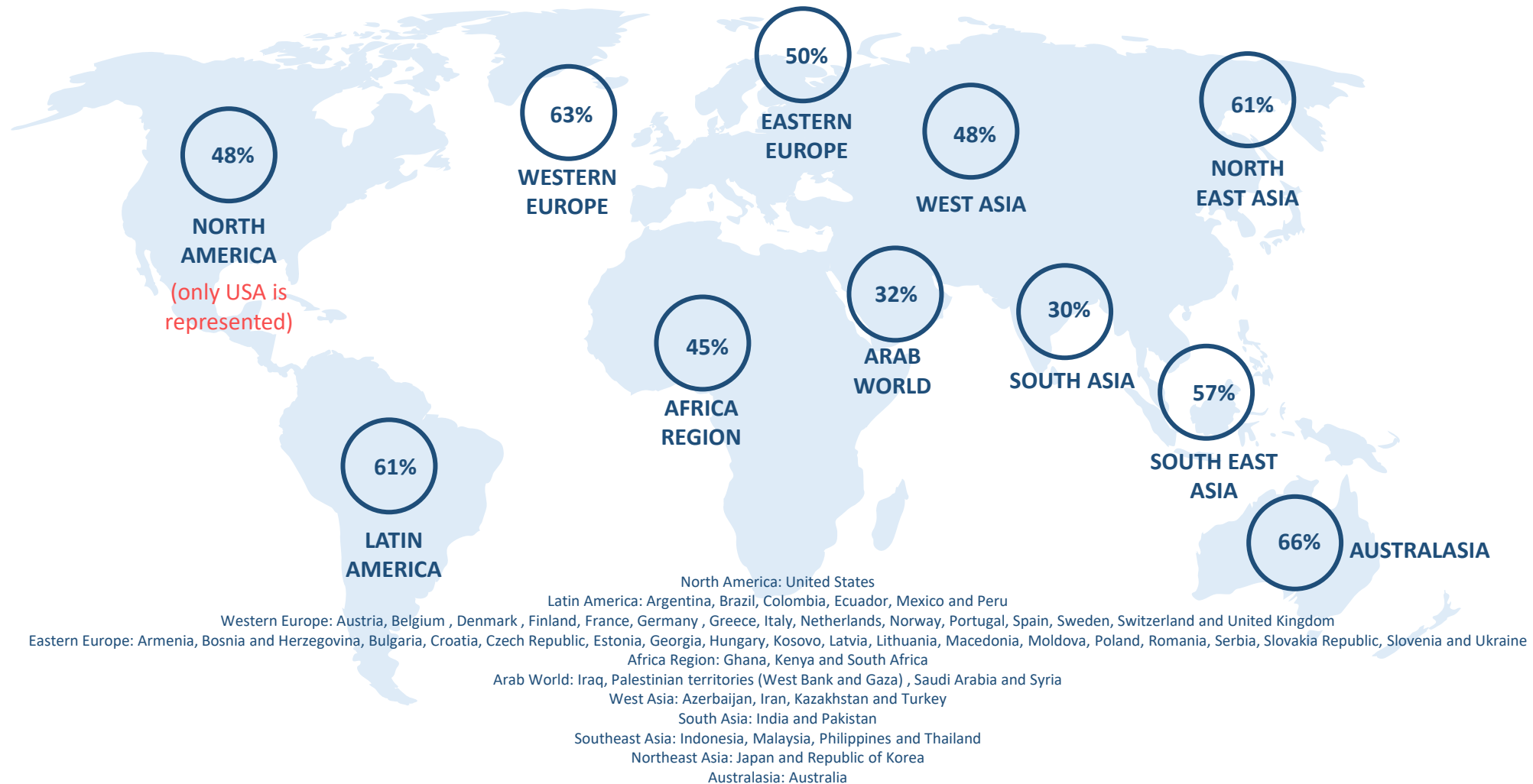
| Country                | None | One child | Two children | Three or more children | DK/NR | Country                                      | None | One child | Two children | Three or more children | DK/NR |
|------------------------|------|-----------|--------------|------------------------|-------|----------------------------------------------|------|-----------|--------------|------------------------|-------|
| Global average         | 4%   | 9%        | 54%          | 27%                    | 7%    | Kosovo                                       | 2%   | 2%        | 32%          | 62%                    | 2%    |
| Argentina              | 5%   | 9%        | 64%          | 12%                    | 10%   | Latvia                                       | 2%   | 5%        | 47%          | 38%                    | 7%    |
| Armenia                | 0%   | 1%        | 11%          | 87%                    | 1%    | Lithuania                                    | 3%   | 9%        | 61%          | 22%                    | 5%    |
| Australia              | 5%   | 7%        | 66%          | 14%                    | 8%    | Macedonia                                    | 0%   | 6%        | 51%          | 40%                    | 2%    |
| Austria                | 5%   | 7%        | 63%          | 9%                     | 17%   | Malaysia                                     | 4%   | 6%        | 55%          | 31%                    | 3%    |
| Azerbaijan             | 5%   | 14%       | 57%          | 19%                    | 5%    | Mexico                                       | 5%   | 19%       | 64%          | 10%                    | 2%    |
| Belgium                | 9%   | 14%       | 63%          | 6%                     | 9%    | Moldova                                      | 1%   | 3%        | 38%          | 56%                    | 2%    |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 1%   | 5%        | 51%          | 40%                    | 3%    | Netherlands                                  | 6%   | 7%        | 64%          | 9%                     | 14%   |
| Brazil                 | 14%  | 16%       | 46%          | 11%                    | 14%   | Norway                                       | 2%   | 3%        | 58%          | 22%                    | 15%   |
| Bulgaria               | 2%   | 11%       | 63%          | 18%                    | 5%    | Pakistan                                     | 1%   | 1%        | 26%          | 66%                    | 6%    |
| Colombia               | 5%   | 17%       | 65%          | 10%                    | 4%    | Palestinian territories (West Bank and Gaza) | 4%   | 6%        | 27%          | 62%                    | 2%    |
| Croatia                | 2%   | 6%        | 60%          | 26%                    | 5%    | Peru                                         | 2%   | 11%       | 67%          | 17%                    | 3%    |
| Czech Republic         | 4%   | 7%        | 75%          | 11%                    | 3%    | Philippines                                  | 1%   | 6%        | 41%          | 51%                    | 1%    |
| Denmark                | 2%   | 2%        | 59%          | 17%                    | 21%   | Poland                                       | 3%   | 6%        | 55%          | 20%                    | 15%   |
| Ecuador                | 5%   | 23%       | 60%          | 11%                    | 1%    | Portugal                                     | 3%   | 12%       | 68%          | 11%                    | 6%    |
| Estonia                | 3%   | 3%        | 45%          | 39%                    | 9%    | Romania                                      | 5%   | 11%       | 65%          | 14%                    | 5%    |
| Finland                | 4%   | 5%        | 58%          | 20%                    | 12%   | Saudi Arabia                                 | 2%   | 1%        | 19%          | 72%                    | 7%    |
| France                 | 6%   | 8%        | 62%          | 13%                    | 10%   | Serbia                                       | 1%   | 7%        | 48%          | 39%                    | 5%    |
| Georgia                | 0%   | 1%        | 15%          | 82%                    | 2%    | Slovakia Republic                            | 7%   | 10%       | 67%          | 13%                    | 4%    |
| Germany                | 5%   | 9%        | 67%          | 7%                     | 13%   | Slovenia                                     | 3%   | 8%        | 67%          | 17%                    | 5%    |
| Ghana                  | 4%   | 6%        | 31%          | 40%                    | 19%   | South Africa                                 | 2%   | 8%        | 58%          | 30%                    | 2%    |
| Greece                 | 2%   | 3%        | 58%          | 32%                    | 5%    | Spain                                        | 4%   | 11%       | 63%          | 12%                    | 11%   |
| Hungary                | 4%   | 11%       | 55%          | 26%                    | 4%    | Sweden                                       | 1%   | 3%        | 70%          | 11%                    | 15%   |
| India                  | 4%   | 27%       | 35%          | 25%                    | 9%    | Switzerland                                  | 5%   | 8%        | 68%          | 9%                     | 10%   |
| Indonesia              | 2%   | 6%        | 77%          | 11%                    | 4%    | Syria                                        | 1%   | 11%       | 40%          | 47%                    | -     |
| Iran                   | 4%   | 13%       | 46%          | 36%                    | 0%    | Thailand                                     | 6%   | 28%       | 54%          | 12%                    | 0%    |
| Iraq                   | 4%   | 9%        | 39%          | 48%                    |       | Turkey                                       | 2%   | 10%       | 45%          | 36%                    | 7%    |
| Italy                  | 4%   | 13%       | 66%          | 14%                    | 4%    | Ukraine                                      | 1%   | 6%        | 53%          | 37%                    | 2%    |
| Japan                  | 4%   | 8%        | 55%          | 15%                    | 18%   | United Kingdom                               | 6%   | 8%        | 66%          | 11%                    | 10%   |
| Kazakhstan             | 1%   | 4%        | 48%          | 43%                    | 5%    | United States                                | 10%  | 9%        | 48%          | 17%                    | 15%   |
| Kenya                  | 2%   | 2%        | 50%          | 44%                    | 2%    |                                              |      |           |              |                        |       |
| Republic of Korea      | 2%   | 19%       | 66%          | 12%                    | 1%    |                                              |      |           |              |                        |       |

Minor deviations due to rounding are possible

## GLOBAL OPINION ON THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN 2.3 - REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE

*What is the ideal number of children for a family to have?*

*(REGIONAL BREAKDOWN DATA – TWO CHILDREN FIGURES ONLY )*



## GLOBAL OPINION ON THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN

### 2.4 - GLOBAL DEMOGRAPHICS

*What is the ideal number of children for a family to have?*

*(DEMOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN DATA – TWO CHILDREN FIGURES ONLY )*

#### 1. GENDER



Females: 54%



Males: 53%

#### 2. EDUCATION



46%

56%

54%

Low

Medium

High

#### 3. AGE



57%

51%

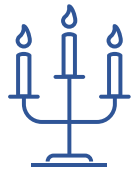
53%

Under 34

35 - 54

55+

#### 4. RELIGION



57%

41%

40%

56%

60%

Christian

Muslim

Hindu

All other  
Religions

No Religion

#### 5. AVERAGE NATIONAL INCOME



43%

49%

60%

Low-Lower-Middle  
Income Economies (less  
to \$4,255)

Upper-Middle-Income  
Economies (\$4,256 to  
\$13,205)

High-Income  
Economies (\$13,205 or  
more)

#### 6. EMPLOYMENT STATUS



55%

55%

44%

54%

48%

57%

Working full  
(include self-  
employed)

Working Part-  
time

Unemployed

Student

Housewife

Retired/Disabled

## GLOBAL OPINION ON THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN

### 2.5 - TREND DATA [COUNTRIES Presented IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER]

*What is the ideal number of children for a family to have?*

COMMON COUNTRIES PARTICATED IN BOTH YEARS

| Country |               | 1980 |           |              |                        |       | 2025 |           |              |                        |       |
|---------|---------------|------|-----------|--------------|------------------------|-------|------|-----------|--------------|------------------------|-------|
|         |               | None | One child | Two children | Three or more children | DK/NR | None | One child | Two children | Three or more children | DK/NR |
| 1       | Australia     | 2%   | 2%        | 46%          | 42%                    | 8%    | 5%   | 7%        | 66%          | 14%                    | 8%    |
| 2       | Austria       | 1%   | 6%        | 50%          | 37%                    | 5%    | 5%   | 7%        | 63%          | 9%                     | 17%   |
| 3       | Belgium       | 6%   | 7%        | 59%          | 28%                    | -     | 9%   | 14%       | 63%          | 6%                     | 9%    |
| 4       | Brazil        | 3%   | 6%        | 40%          | 46%                    | 5%    | 14%  | 16%       | 46%          | 11%                    | 14%   |
| 5       | Denmark       | 3%   | 3%        | 60%          | 34%                    | -     | 2%   | 2%        | 59%          | 17%                    | 21%   |
| 6       | Finland       | 2%   | 4%        | 46%          | 45%                    | 3%    | 4%   | 5%        | 58%          | 20%                    | 12%   |
| 7       | France        | 3%   | 3%        | 44%          | 50%                    | -     | 6%   | 8%        | 62%          | 13%                    | 10%   |
| 8       | Germany       | 2%   | 10%       | 53%          | 35%                    | 0%    | 5%   | 9%        | 67%          | 7%                     | 13%   |
| 9       | India         | 1%   | 7%        | 61%          | 31%                    | 1%    | 4%   | 27%       | 35%          | 25%                    | 9%    |
| 10      | Italy         | 3%   | 11%       | 63%          | 23%                    | -     | 4%   | 13%       | 66%          | 14%                    | 4%    |
| 11      | Japan         | 0%   | 1%        | 32%          | 60%                    | 6%    | 4%   | 8%        | 55%          | 15%                    | 18%   |
| 12      | Mexico        | -    | 14%       | 25%          | 51%                    | 10%   | 5%   | 19%       | 64%          | 10%                    | 2%    |
| 13      | Netherlands   | 5%   | 3%        | 52%          | 32%                    | 8%    | 6%   | 7%        | 64%          | 9%                     | 14%   |
| 14      | Norway        | 1%   | 2%        | 46%          | 47%                    | 3%    | 2%   | 3%        | 58%          | 22%                    | 15%   |
| 15      | Peru          | 1%   | 4%        | 51%          | 44%                    | -     | 2%   | 11%       | 67%          | 17%                    | 3%    |
| 16      | Philippines   | 1%   | 2%        | 30%          | 65%                    | 1%    | 1%   | 6%        | 41%          | 51%                    | 1%    |
| 17      | Portugal      | 3%   | 10%       | 54%          | 17%                    | 16%   | 3%   | 12%       | 68%          | 11%                    | 6%    |
| 18      | South Africa  | 2%   | 2%        | 55%          | 40%                    | 2%    | 2%   | 8%        | 58%          | 30%                    | 2%    |
| 19      | Sweden        | 1%   | 2%        | 56%          | 34%                    | 6%    | 1%   | 3%        | 70%          | 11%                    | 15%   |
| 20      | Switzerland   | 1%   | 3%        | 57%          | 35%                    | 4%    | 5%   | 8%        | 68%          | 9%                     | 10%   |
| 21      | United States | 3%   | 2%        | 55%          | 31%                    | 9%    | 10%  | 9%        | 48%          | 17%                    | 15%   |



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