Preferences for the family model

Regardless of how they live, Poles most often consider it best to live in a nuclear family consisting of parents and children. Over half of adults (55%) indicated such a model. Almost a third (32%) prefer life in a large, multi-generational family. Other models were rarely chosen as optimal.

**Regardless of how you yourself live, what style of life would you consider the best for you?**

- Nuclear family consisting of parents and children: 55%
- Large multi-generational family (grandparents, parents, children): 32%
- Single: 3%
- In a marriage without children: 3%
- In a partnership with a person of a different sex: 3%
- In a partnership with a person of the same sex: 1%
- As a single parent: 0%
- Different: 1%
- Don't know: 2%

Almost all adult Poles declare that, regardless of the actual situation, they would like to have children. As in previous years, most people (47%) think that having two children is optimal. More than a fourth (28%) would like to have three children, and one-ninth (11%) would like...
four or more. One child would be sufficient for 6% of respondents. From a longer perspective, it can be seen that over the years there are more people who would like to have three children, while fewer people declare the desire to have only one child.

Regardless of your marital status, how old are you, and whether or not you have children, how many children would you like to have in your life?

More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Preferred and Actual Family Models", March 2019. Fieldwork for national sample: January 2019, N=928. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.