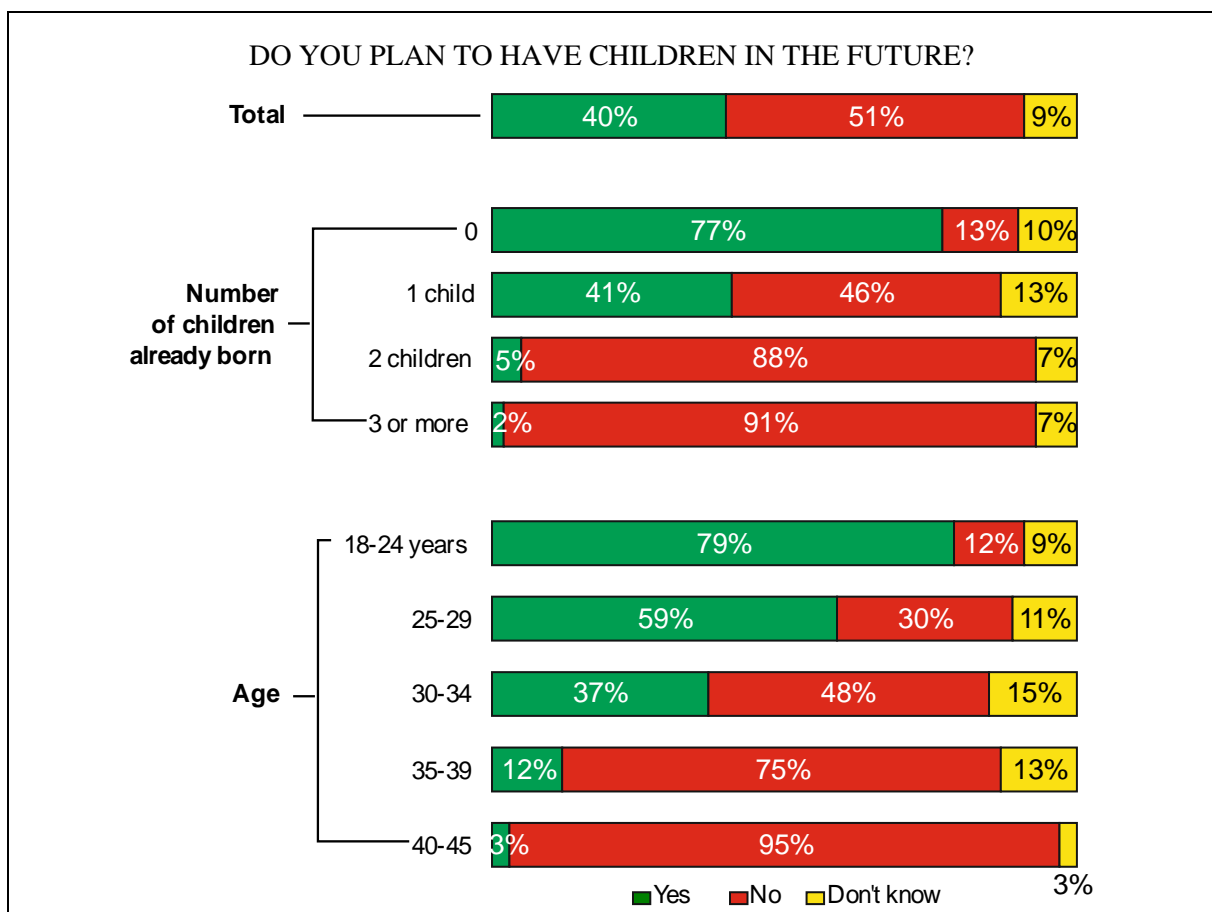
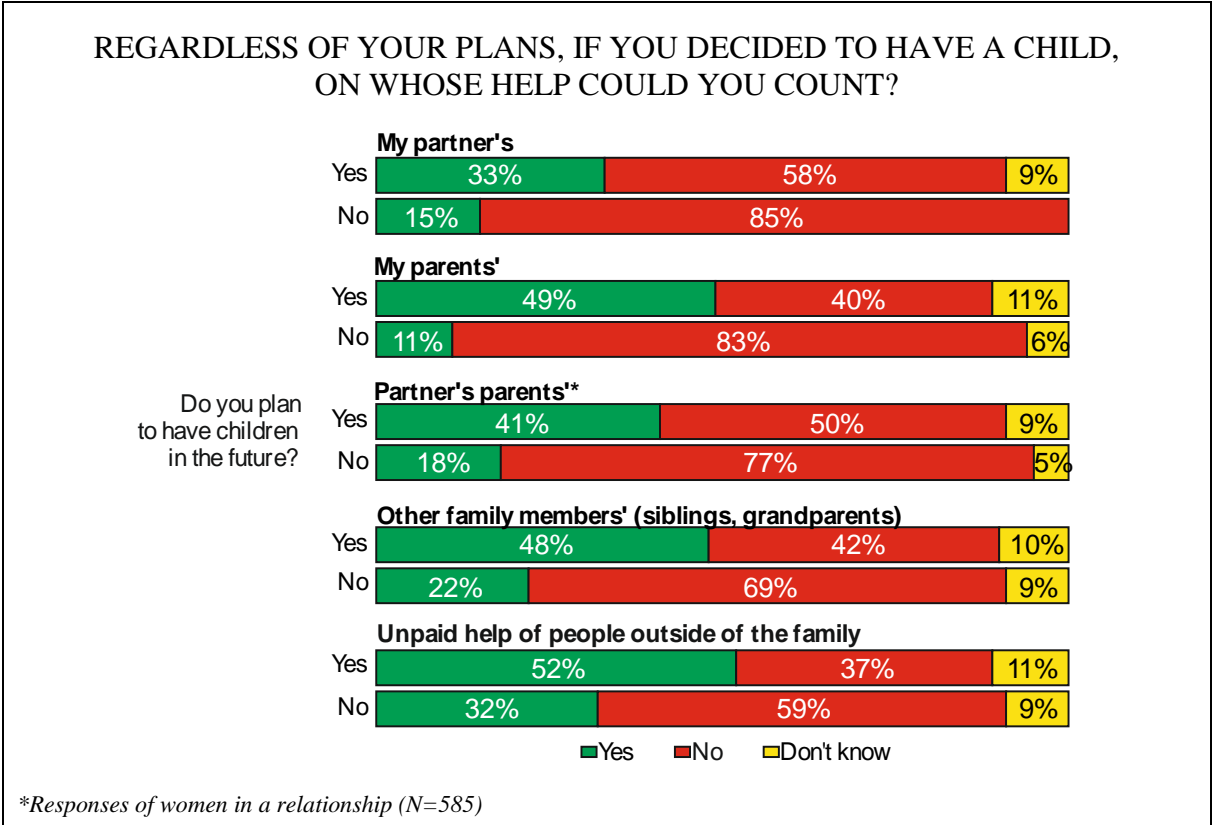


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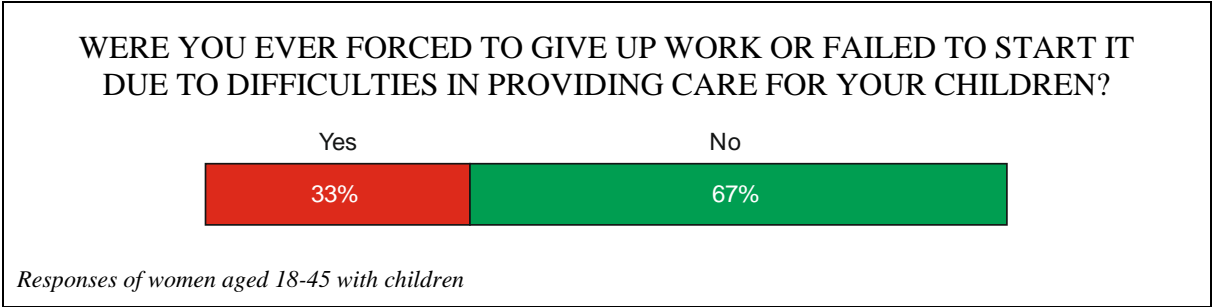
Overall, two-fifths (40%) of women aged 18-45 plan to have children in the future. The planned childbearing naturally depends on the number of children a woman has already born and thus on the degree to which her plans have been fulfilled.



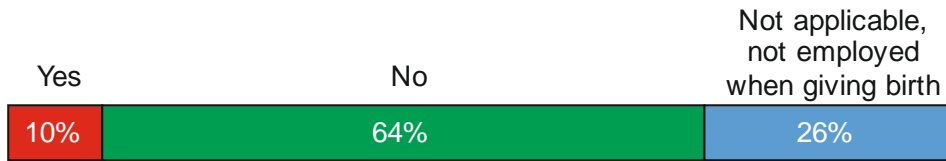
One of the crucial factors differentiating attitudes to childbearing is the expected support in taking care of the child. Respondents who can count on such help are far more likely to plan children. In particular, active engagement of parents is helpful: women who can count on receiving help from their parents are over four times more likely to plan children than those who would not receive such support. The engagement of other family members and people outside of the family is less important.



Childbearing plans may be hampered by a tension between professional and family roles. One-third of women aged 18-45 who have children were either forced to give up work or failed to start it due to difficulties in providing care for their children. One in ten in this group was made redundant after returning from maternity leave.



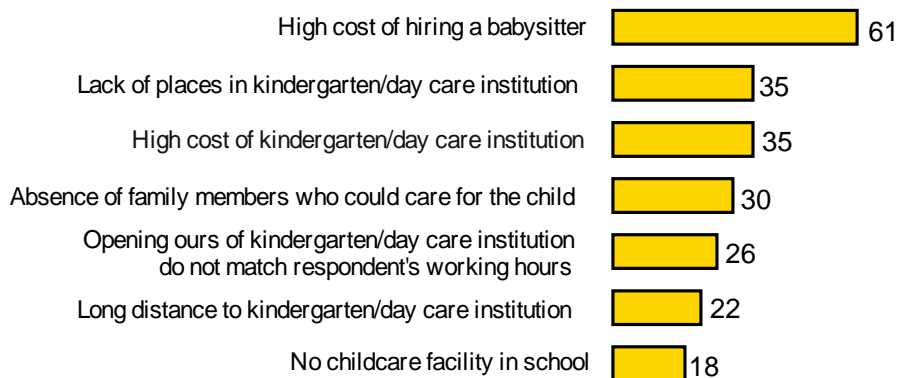
WERE YOU MADE REDUNDANT AFTER RETURNING FROM MATERNITY LEAVE?



Responses of women aged 18-45 with children

Talking about problems with providing childcare, respondents usually mentioned high costs of hiring a babysitter (61%). About one-third of mothers mentioned lack of places in kindergartens or day care institutions (35%), excessive costs of institutional childcare (35%), or absence of family members who could provide childcare (30%). Less frequently, respondents reported problems with matching opening times of kindergartens or day care institutions to their working hours (26%), long distance from nearest kindergarten (22%), lack of childcare facility in school (18%).

HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PROBLEMS IN PROVIDING CARE FOR YOUR CHILD?



Affirmative responses of women aged 18-45 with children

More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Attitudes to childbearing of Polish women", March 2013. Aggregated data from three consecutive surveys conducted from November 2012 to January 2013. Total number of women aged 18-45 N=816.