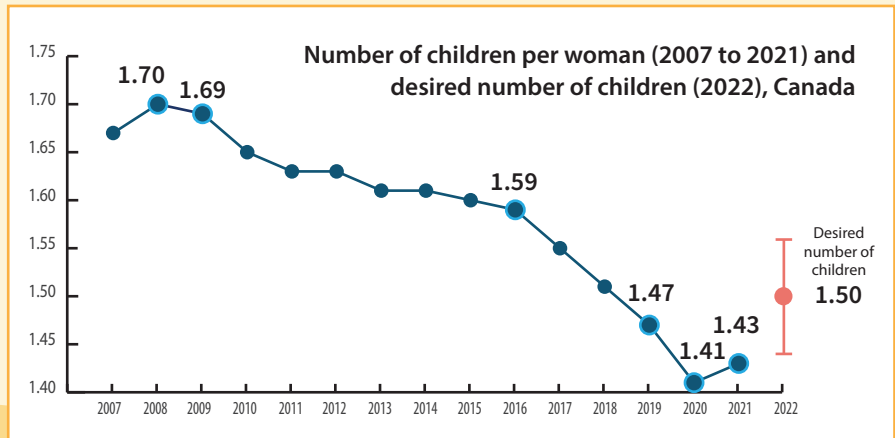




To have kids or not to have kids: That is the question!

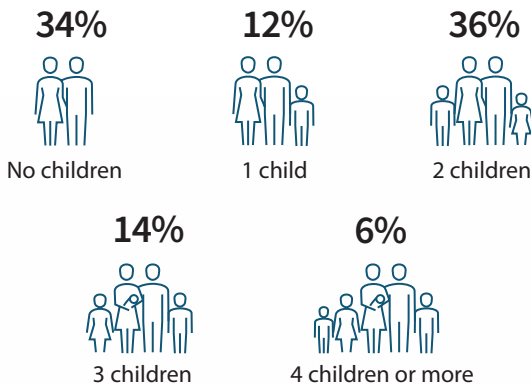


For over a decade, the **number of children per woman** in Canada has been on a **general downward trend**, falling from **1.69** in **2009** to **1.43** in **2021**.



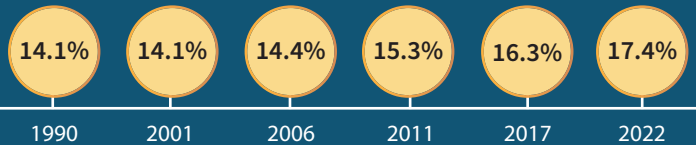
In **2022**, **more than a third** of people aged 15 to 49 wanted **two children**, while **one-third** did **not intend to have any**. Overall, the **average desired number of children** was **1.50**.¹

Percentage of people aged 15 to 49 who intended² to have...



The **average number of children desired** was **higher** among **older people**. The **differences** between age groups could be related to **generational factors** or **variations in financial security**.

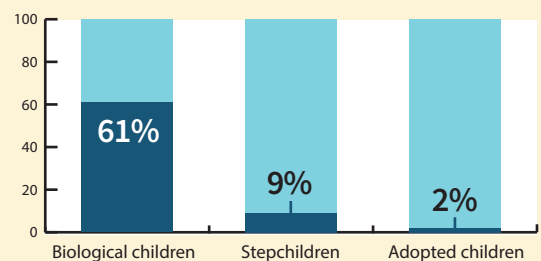
Desired number of children, by age group



The proportion of **women aged 50 and older** who have **no biological children** is on the **rise**.



Proportion of people aged 15 to 49 with one or more children



Among people **aged 15 to 49** in 2022, **614,000 (2%)** had at least one **adopted child**.

1. This number represents the weighted average of the responses. The 95% confidence intervals are 1.44 and 1.56.

2. Includes children they already had, if applicable. Percentages may not add up to 100% as a result of rounding.

Sources: Statistics Canada, Canadian Social Survey – Well-being and Family Relationships, 2022, Canadian Social Survey – COVID-19 and Well-being, 2021, General Social Survey, 1990, 2001, 2006, 2011 and 2017, table 13-10-0418-01 – Crude birth rate, age-specific fertility rates and total fertility rate (live births).