

**Demographics**

**1. Please enter the zip code in the area where you live.**

Anchorage.....	43%
Rural.....	15%
Mat-Su .....	14%
Southeast/Coastal .....	11%
Fairbanks.....	10%
Kenai Peninsula.....	7%

**2. Please select your age group.**

19-22 years .....	12%
23-26 years .....	13%
27-30 years .....	17%
31-34 years .....	22%
35-38 years .....	21%
39-42 years .....	15%

**3. Please select your gender.**

Male .....	51%
Female .....	48%
Prefer to self-describe .....	1%

**4. What is your current marital or relationship status?**

Married/Engaged.....	47%
Single.....	28%
In a relationship .....	22%
Divorced/Separated.....	3%

**5. Do you have a child or children?**

Yes.....	57%
No (skipped to 6) .....	43%

**5.1. How many children do you have?**

*5.1-5.3 follow-up question results among 57% with child(ren)*

1 child.....	48%
2 children .....	30%
3+ children .....	22%

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### 5.2. What are the ages of your child(ren)?

*(Multiple responses allowed -- Shown as % selected -- does not total 100%)*

Infants (0-2 years) .....	21%
Toddlers (3-5 years) .....	35%
Children (6-12 years).....	55%
Teens (13-19 years).....	29%
Adults (20+ years) .....	6%

### 5.3. Do you intend to have more children?

Yes.....	32%
No.....	49%
Undecided.....	19%

### 6. Were you born in Alaska?

Yes.....	65%
No .....	35%

### 7. How long have you lived in Alaska?

< 10 yrs in AK .....	23%
10+ yrs in AK .....	33%
Entire life in AK .....	44%

### 8. Are you considering moving out of Alaska?

Yes, within 1-2 years.....	15%	} 27%
Yes, within 3-5 years.....	12%	
No, not considering moving out of Alaska (skipped to 9) .....	55%	
Unsure (skipped to 9) .....	18%	

#### 8.1. Please briefly explain why you are considering leaving Alaska.

*Coded verbatim comments among 27% considering moving out of Alaska*

Climate/Too cold.....	23%
Job/Opportunities.....	17%
Closer to family/friends .....	14%
Change of scenery, grew up here, boring.....	13%
Military.....	9%
Just don't like it here.....	6%
Cost of living.....	4%
School.....	3%
Housing .....	2%
Isolated .....	2%
Safety .....	2%
Miscellaneous .....	5%

### 9. Which of the following best describes your current living situation?

Own a home .....	49%
Rent a home or apartment.....	29%
Living with family or relatives.....	14%
Other.....	8%

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10. Do you have family living in Alaska outside of your own household?

Yes.....	65%
No .....	35%

11. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

Employed full-time .....	63%
Employed part-time.....	7%
Self-employed/Freelancer .....	6%
Homemaker .....	6%
Student .....	4%
Unemployed .....	10%
Unable to work .....	3%
Retired .....	1%

12. Which of the following ranges does your annual household income fall into?

Under \$30,000 .....	21%
\$30,000 to \$59,999.....	22%
\$60,000 to \$99,999.....	27%
Over \$100,000 .....	27%
Prefer not to answer.....	3%

13. Is anyone in your household currently serving on active duty in the military?

Yes.....	15%
No .....	85%

**Questions 14 to 17 among 57% with child(ren)**

14. What factors or circumstances were most important in your or your family’s decision to have a child? Please take a moment to reflect and describe your thoughts in detail.

*Coded verbatim comments*

Financial stability .....	21%
Always planned to, wanted a family.....	18%
Desire, being ready .....	17%
Not planned, just happened .....	16%
Stable relationship .....	5%
Economy .....	3%
Flexible work, maternity leave .....	2%
Support from family/friends.....	2%
Suitable home.....	1%
Healthy, biological clock .....	1%
Miscellaneous .....	10%
Unsure .....	4%

Questions 14 to 17 among 57% with child(ren)

15. Please rate each of the following factors in terms of its importance in your or your family’s decision to have children. *Factors were randomized for respondents – shown sorted by “Very significant factor”*

	Very Significant Factor	Significant Factor	Moderate Factor	Slight Factor	Not a Factor	Unsure
<b>Financial Stability and Job Factors</b>						
a) Ability to provide for the child's needs .....	46%	32%	14%	1%	5%	2%
b) Being able to afford maternal care and child birth ....	45%	27%	14%	2%	10%	2%
c) Financial stability and readiness.....	44%	28%	17%	3%	7%	1%
d) A work-life balance that allows for family time .....	41%	27%	18%	6%	7%	1%
e) Job security.....	40%	26%	21%	5%	6%	2%
f) Having health insurance.....	38%	29%	18%	3%	10%	2%
g) Having flexible work hours.....	36%	23%	20%	8%	11%	2%
h) Alaska's economic stability.....	34%	29%	17%	5%	12%	3%
i) Availability of paid parental leave .....	29%	25%	19%	8%	16%	3%
j) Pursuing higher education or career advancement before starting a family .....	29%	25%	20%	9%	15%	2%
k) Length of paid parental leave.....	25%	27%	18%	9%	18%	3%
<b>Health and Personal Readiness</b>						
l) A strong desire to become a parent and raise a family .....	51%	27%	13%	2%	6%	1%
m) Wanting to experience parenthood together as a couple.....	48%	27%	15%	1%	8%	1%
n) Having a strong and stable relationship.....	46%	32%	12%	3%	6%	1%
o) Being in good health and physically ready for parenthood .....	46%	27%	16%	2%	8%	1%
p) Feeling emotionally prepared for the responsibilities of parenthood .....	45%	30%	15%	2%	7%	1%
q) Feeling the right age to start a family .....	35%	27%	22%	3%	12%	1%
r) Biological clock and the desire to have children while biologically feasible.....	32%	28%	19%	6%	14%	1%
<b>Community, Education and Child Care</b>						
s) Having a comfortable and suitable living space for a family .....	50%	31%	11%	1%	5%	2%
t) Living in a safe community .....	50%	29%	14%	1%	6%	0%
u) Access to quality education for children .....	45%	29%	15%	3%	7%	1%
v) Access to child care .....	40%	26%	15%	4%	14%	1%
w) Support from extended family for child care .....	35%	28%	16%	6%	14%	1%
x) Cost of child care .....	35%	26%	18%	6%	14%	1%

Questions 14 to 17 among 57% with child(ren)

**16.** Do you use child care outside of your home?

*Among 50% (of total) who have child(ren) under age 13*

Yes.....37%  
No (skipped to 17) .....58%  
Prefer not to answer.....5%

**16.1.** Do you receive a child care subsidy from any of the following?

*Among 19% (of total) who have child(ren) under age 13 & use child care*

	Yes	No	Prefer not to answer
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State of Alaska .....	55%	42%	3%
Employer .....	35%	60%	5%
Tribe .....	31%	65%	4%

**17.** Earlier you mentioned that you (intend to have/do not intend to have/are undecided about having) more children. If there are any significant factors or circumstance influencing your decision not to have more children (at this time), please explain below.

*Verbatim comments to be provided*

**Questions 18 to 22 among 43% without child(ren)**

**18. What type of health insurance do you have?**

*(Multiple responses allowed -- Shown as % selected -- does not total 100%)*

Medicaid .....	30%
A plan through my/spouse's employer .....	22%
Private health insurance purchased independently .....	16%
Medicare .....	15%
Military health insurance (e.g., TRICARE) .....	7%
Other government-sponsored health insurance .....	4%
I do not have health insurance .....	12%
Prefer not to answer .....	11%

**19. Do you believe you have quality and effective medical care near where you live?**

Yes .....	69%
No .....	20%
Prefer not to answer .....	11%

**20. Do you receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits?**

Yes .....	28%
No .....	66%
Prefer not to answer .....	6%

**21. Do you have a housing voucher or housing subsidy?**

Yes .....	17%
No .....	73%
Prefer not to answer .....	10%

**22. Do you hope to have children someday?**

Yes (continued with remainder of survey) .....	56%	} 76%
Undecided (continued with remainder of survey) .....	20%	
No (asked 22.2 then ended survey) .....	24%	

**22.1. When do you anticipate having children?**

Within the next year .....	7%
In the next 1-3 years .....	27%
In the next 3-5 years .....	37%
After more than 5 years .....	29%

**22.2. What is the most significant factor or circumstance influencing your decision not to have children at this time?**

*Verbatim comments to be provided*

**Questions 23 to 32 among 33% without child(ren) but interested in/undecided on having them**

23. The next series of questions presents a range of factors that some might consider to be barriers to having children. Please rate each of the following in terms of how much of a factor it is in your or your family’s decision-making process regarding having children.

*Factors were randomized for respondents – shown sorted by “Very significant factor”*

	Very Significant Factor	Significant Factor	Moderate Factor	Slight Factor	Not a Factor	Unsure
<b>Financial Stability and Job Factors</b>						
a) Financial stability and readiness.....	47%	27%	14%	6%	2%	4%
b) Cost of raising a child.....	47%	26%	15%	7%	2%	3%
c) Job security.....	33%	24%	25%	8%	5%	5%
d) Concern about the cost of maternal care and child birth .....	32%	27%	18%	12%	7%	4%
e) Demanding work schedule or long hours .....	28%	25%	25%	11%	6%	5%
f) Alaska's economic stability.....	25%	32%	20%	7%	10%	6%
g) Length of paid parental leave.....	25%	24%	25%	8%	10%	8%
h) Concern about the cost of healthcare for larger family.....	24%	26%	22%	12%	11%	5%
i) Pursuing higher education or career advancement before starting a family .....	23%	22%	24%	10%	17%	4%
j) Availability of paid parental leave .....	22%	29%	25%	7%	10%	7%
k) Difficulty balancing work & family responsibilities .....	20%	32%	24%	10%	10%	4%
<b>Health and Personal Readiness</b>						
l) Feeling emotionally prepared for the responsibilities of parenthood .....	44%	24%	16%	7%	6%	3%
m) Single or not in a committed relationship.....	32%	13%	18%	8%	26%	3%
n) Feeling too young or too old to become a parent .....	31%	17%	20%	16%	13%	3%
o) Concerns about balancing family life with personal interests.....	25%	29%	23%	12%	8%	3%
p) Biological clock and fertility concerns .....	25%	25%	21%	13%	12%	4%
q) Concerns about pregnancy-related health risks .....	22%	25%	20%	16%	13%	4%
r) Partner's reluctance to have children .....	14%	23%	16%	8%	34%	5%
<b>Community, Education and Child Care</b>						
s) Cost of child care .....	31%	29%	16%	10%	9%	5%
t) Unstable or inadequate housing .....	27%	22%	22%	12%	13%	4%
u) Lack of available housing in my community.....	24%	24%	21%	11%	16%	4%
v) Lack of support from extended family for child care .....	24%	20%	17%	12%	23%	4%
w) Access to quality education for children .....	24%	19%	22%	16%	16%	3%
x) Access to child care .....	24%	18%	24%	16%	12%	6%
y) Concerns about crime & safety in my community .....	13%	18%	26%	20%	18%	5%

Questions 23 to 32 among 33% without child(ren) but interested in/undecided on having them

24. Do you feel like your neighborhood is safe for children?

Yes.....80%  
 No .....11%  
 Prefer not to answer.....9%

25. Do you feel like your household income is sufficient to support having children?

Yes.....44%  
 No .....48%  
 Prefer not to answer.....8%

26. Is concern about losing employment preventing you from having children?

Yes.....38%  
 No .....52%  
 Prefer not to answer.....10%

27. Are you waiting to get married before having children?

*Among 27% (of total) who are in a relationship/single without a child*

Yes.....57%  
 No .....32%  
 Prefer not to answer.....11%

28. Would you be more likely to have children if free, quality child care was available?

Yes, much more likely .....33% }  
 Yes, somewhat more likely .....38% } 71%  
 No, no more likely.....25%  
 Prefer not to answer.....4%

29. Would you be more likely to have children if your employer provided paid parental leave?

Yes, much more likely .....29% }  
 Yes, somewhat more likely .....39% } 68%  
 No, no more likely.....19%  
 My employer already provides paid parental leave .....7%  
 Prefer not to answer.....6%

30. Are you interested in adopting a child?

Definitely yes .....13% }  
 Probably yes.....14% } 27% }  
 Maybe, I haven't thought about it much.....41% } 68%  
 Probably not .....16% }  
 Definitely not .....12% } 28%  
 Prefer not to answer.....4%

30.1. Do you know how to adopt a child?

*Among 22% (of total) who are without a child and are interested/may be interested in adopting*

Yes .....32%  
 No.....66%  
 Prefer not to answer .....2%



Questions 23 to 32 among 33% without child(ren) but interested in/undecided on having them

**31.** If you had a child, would you want to be a stay-at-home dad?

*Among 16% (of total) who are men without children*

Yes.....	35%
No .....	51%
Prefer not to answer.....	14%

**32.** Would you be more likely to have children if you had free healthcare during pregnancy and 12 months postpartum?

*Among 16% (of total) who are women without children*

Yes, much more likely .....	45%	} 74%
Yes, somewhat more likely .....	29%	
No, no more likely.....	23%	
Prefer not to answer.....	3%	

**33.** Finally, what actions, policies, or strategies do you believe the State of Alaska could employ to make Alaska a more desirable place for families with children or those considering starting a family here?

*Verbatim comments to be provided*