



Alaska Family Survey

Understanding Factors Impacting
Family Planning Decisions in Alaska

survey conducted by



METHODOLOGY

- Field Dates: September 13-23, 2023
- Sample:
 - N=467 Alaska Residents; Age 19-42
- Interview Method:
 - Online interviews among a panel of Alaska Residents

GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION

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

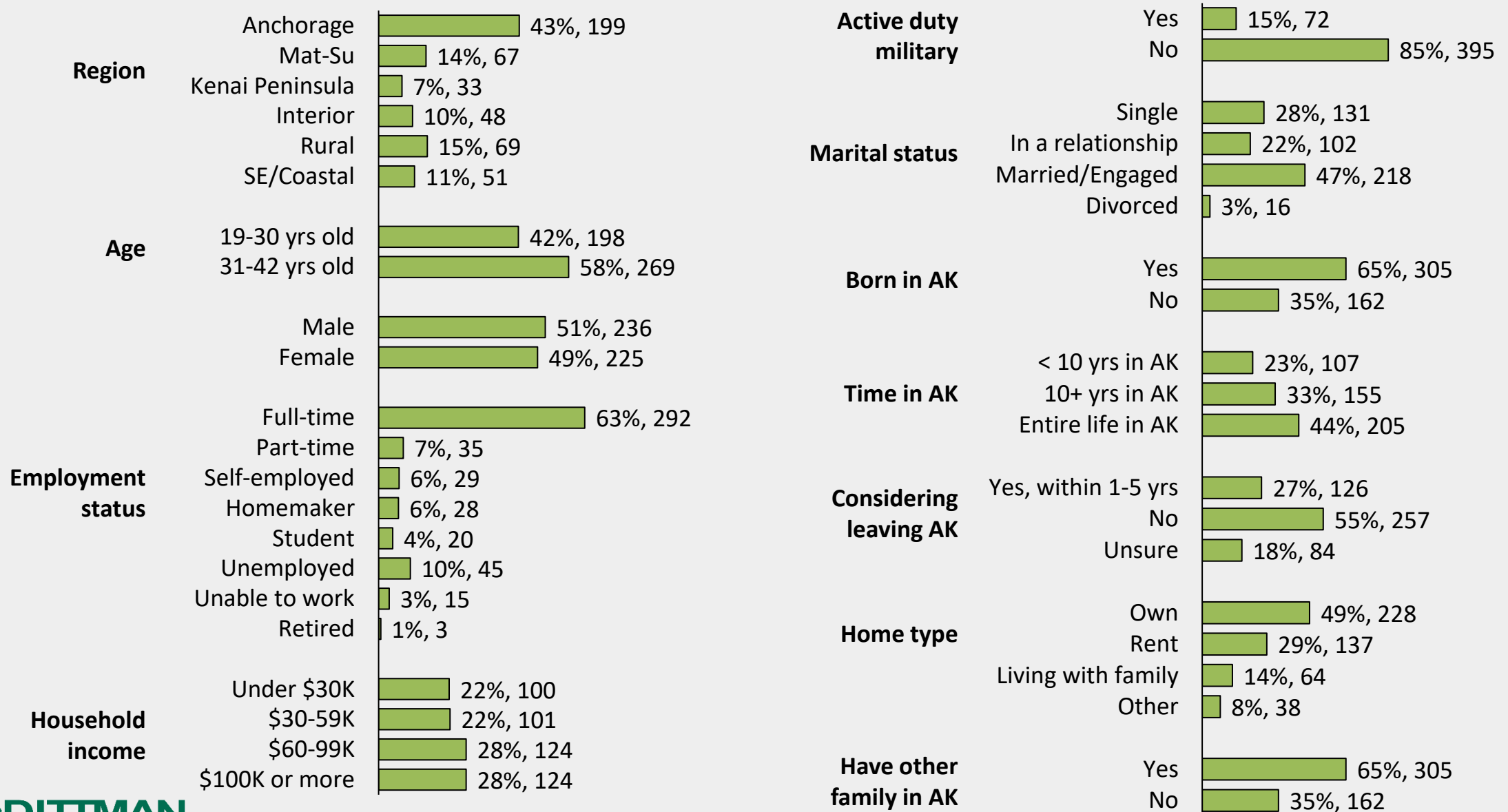


Demographics

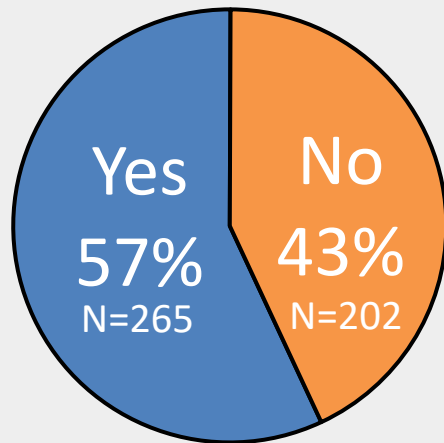
ALASKA FAMILY SURVEY

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE – ALASKANS AGE 19-42

(Percentage, Sample Size)



DO YOU HAVE A CHILD OR CHILDREN?



Region	Yes	No
Anchorage	55%	45%
Mat-Su	51%	49%
Kenai Pen.	52%	48%
Interior	58%	42%
Rural	71%	29%
SE/Coastal	55%	45%

Age	Yes	No
19-30 yrs old	36%	64%
31-42 yrs old	72%	28%

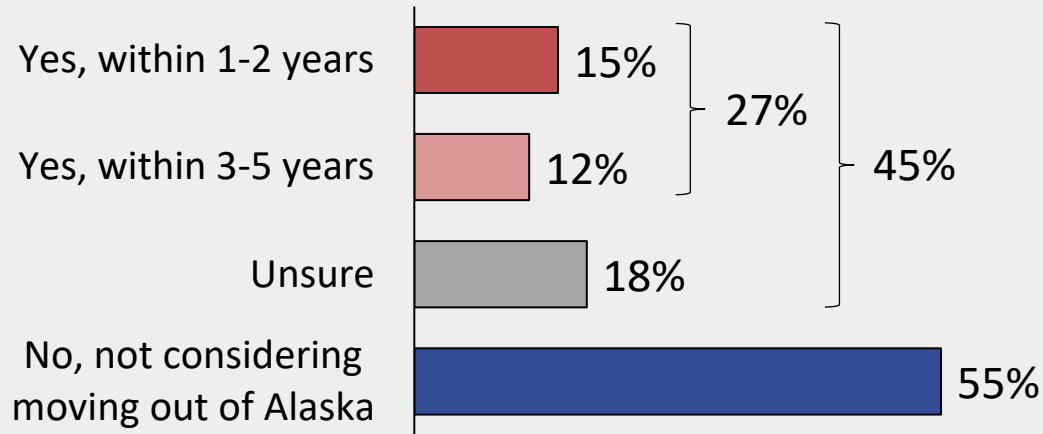
Marital status	Yes	No
Single	19%	81%
In a relationship	44%	56%
Married/Engaged	83%	17%
Divorced	88%	13%

Home	Yes	No
Own	64%	36%
Rent	56%	44%
Living with family	39%	61%

Employment	Yes	No
Full-time	59%	41%
Part-time	37%	63%
Self-employed	59%	41%
Homemaker	96%	4%
Student	25%	75%
Unemployed	47%	53%

HH income	Yes	No
Under \$30K	48%	52%
\$30-59K	46%	54%
\$60-99K	60%	40%
\$100K or more	72%	28%

ARE YOU CONSIDERING MOVING OUT OF ALASKA?



Region	Yes	Unsure	No
Anchorage	27%	21%	52%
Mat-Su	24%	16%	60%
Kenai Pen.	12%	33%	55%
Interior	36%	12%	52%
Rural	29%	7%	64%
SE/Coastal	32%	15%	53%

Age	Yes	Unsure	No
19-30 yrs old	33%	19%	48%
31-42 yrs old	22%	18%	60%

Gender	Yes	Unsure	No
Male	26%	15%	59%
Female	27%	21%	52%

Employment	Yes	Unsure	No
Full-time	25%	17%	58%
Part-time	37%	23%	40%
Self-employed	17%	14%	69%
Homemaker	25%	18%	57%
Student	50%	20%	30%
Unemployed	33%	23%	44%

Born in AK	Yes	Unsure	No
Yes	20%	21%	59%
No	38%	15%	47%

HH income	Yes	Unsure	No
Under \$30K	30%	20%	50%
\$30-59K	27%	24%	49%
\$60-99K	31%	17%	52%
\$100K or more	21%	8%	71%

Marital status	Yes	Unsure	No
Single	28%	19%	53%
In a relationship	28%	28%	44%
Married/Engaged	26%	12%	62%

Home	Yes	Unsure	No
Own	19%	13%	68%
Rent	38%	19%	43%
Living with family	30%	26%	44%

Have kids	Yes	Unsure	No
Yes	25%	17%	58%
No	29%	20%	51%

Want more kids	Yes	Unsure	No
Yes	32%	16%	52%
Undecided	18%	28%	54%
No	23%	13%	64%

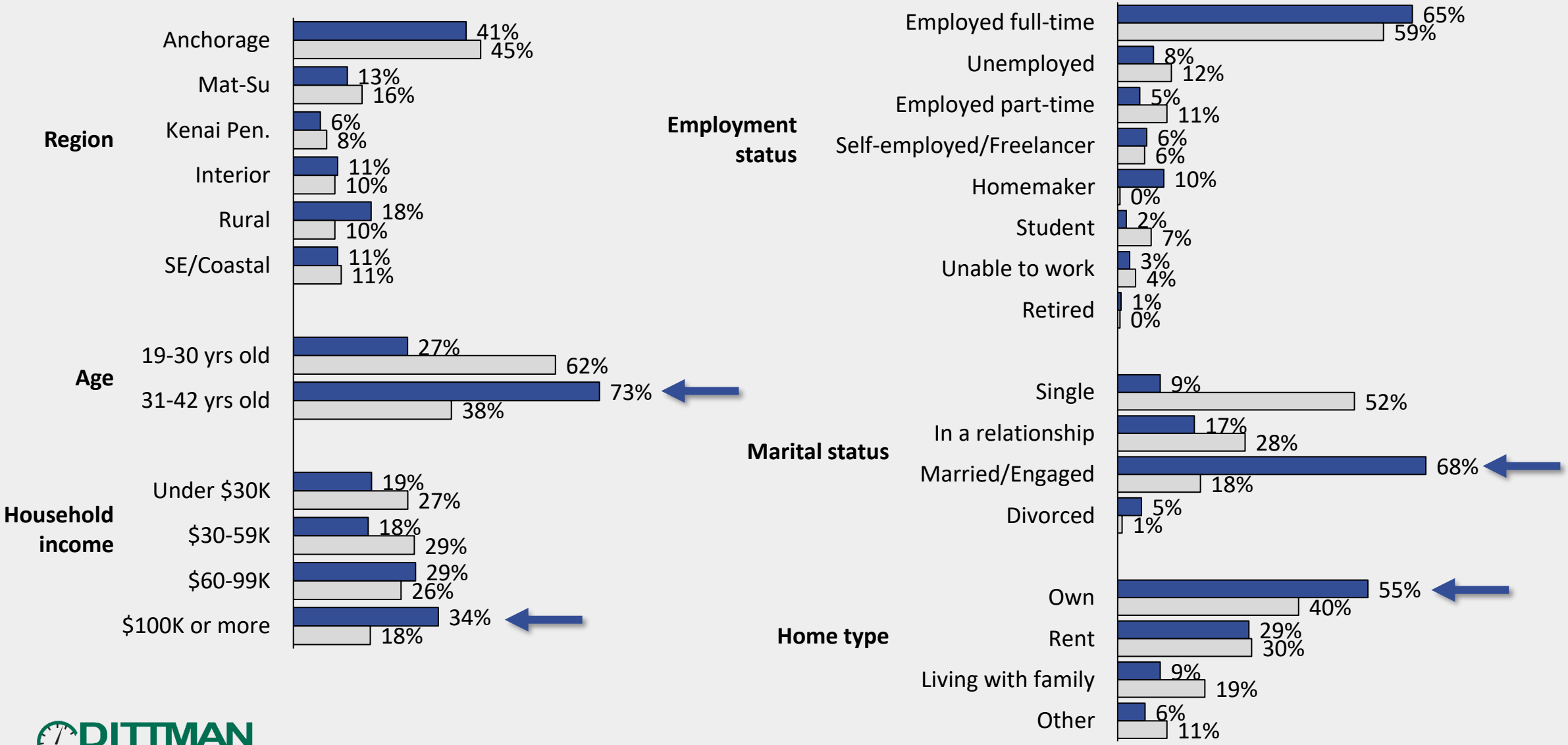
Active duty military	Yes	Unsure	No
Yes	60%	16%	24%
No	21%	18%	61%

Alaskans With Children

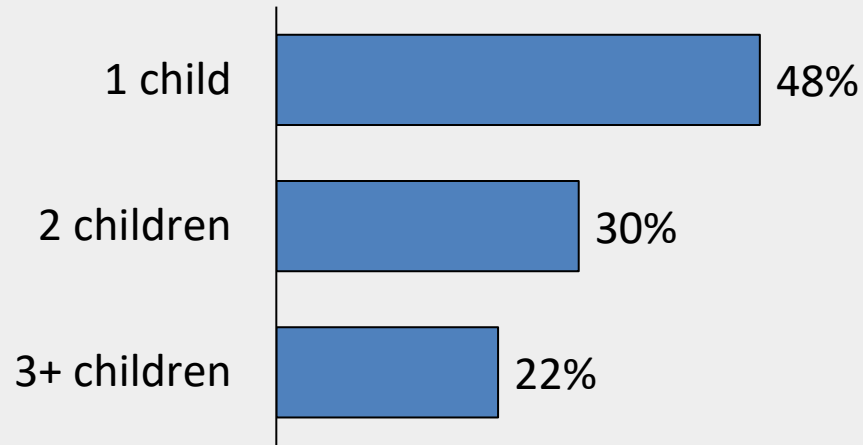
ALASKA FAMILY SURVEY

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE: ALASKANS WITH CHILDREN

■ Alaskans With Kids (57%)
■ Alaskans Without Kids (43%)



HOW MANY CHILDREN DO YOU HAVE?



Gender	1 child	2 children	3+ children
Male	60%	25%	15%
Female	35%	35%	30%

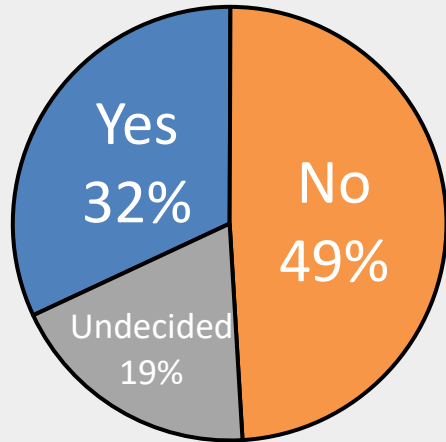
Age	1 child	2 children	3+ children
19-30 yrs old	68%	24%	8%
31-42 yrs old	41%	32%	27%

HH income	1 child	2 children	3+ children
Under \$30K	29%	27%	44%
\$30-59K	30%	37%	33%
\$60-99K	45%	32%	23%
\$100K or more	69%	25%	6%

Marital status	1 child	2 children	3+ children
Single	44%	44%	12%
In a relationship	22%	38%	40%
Married/Engaged	58%	25%	17%

Want more kids	1 child	2 children	3+ children
Yes	65%	21%	14%
Undecided	40%	48%	12%
No	39%	29%	32%

DO YOU INTEND TO HAVE MORE CHILDREN?



Gender	Yes	Undecided	No
Male	43%	12%	45%
Female	22%	25%	53%

Age	Yes	Undecided	No
19-30 yrs old	53%	22%	25%
31-42 yrs old	25%	17%	58%

HH income	Yes	Undecided	No
Under \$30K	19%	29%	52%
\$30-59K	24%	28%	48%
\$60-99K	33%	16%	51%
\$100K or more	46%	10%	44%

Marital status	Yes	Undecided	No
Single	16%	32%	52%
In a relationship	31%	31%	38%
Married/Engaged	38%	14%	48%

Current number of children	Yes	Undecided	No
1 child	44%	16%	40%
2 children	23%	30%	47%
3+ children	20%	11%	69%

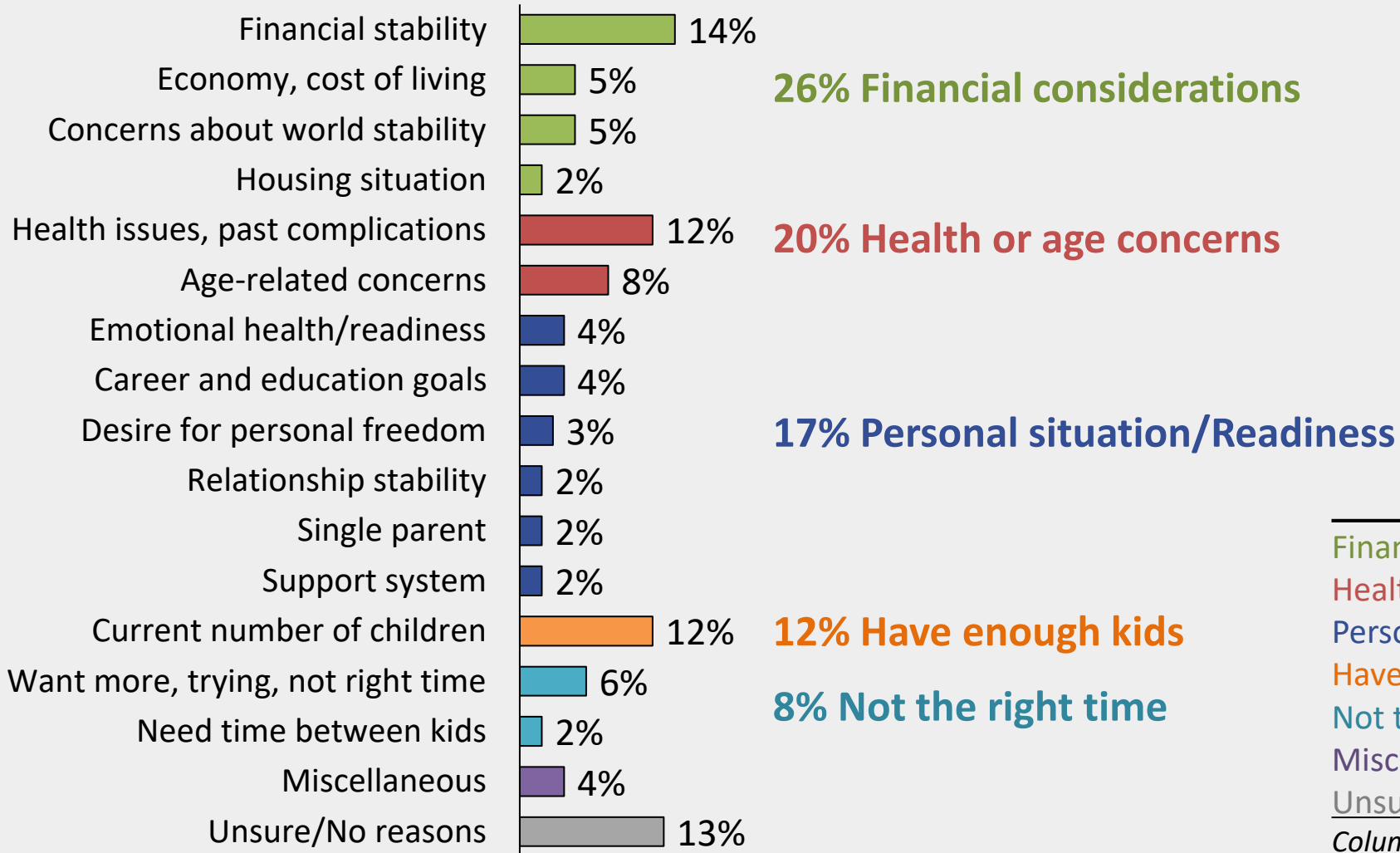
Current child ages	Yes	Undecided	No
Kids age 0-5	37%	24%	39%
Kids age 6-19	33%	12%	55%
Both	24%	26%	50%

Home	Yes	Undecided	No
Own	37%	15%	48%
Rent	32%	17%	51%
Living with family	12%	44%	44%

Considering leaving AK	Yes	Undecided	No
Yes, within 1-5 yrs	42%	13%	45%
No	29%	18%	53%
Unsure	30%	31%	39%

COMMENTS: WHY NO MORE KIDS AT THIS TIME

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.

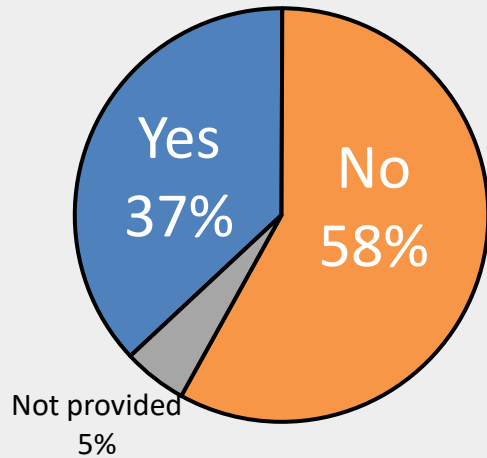


Do you intend to have more children?

	Yes	No	Undecided
Financial considerations	24%	24%	28%
Health or age concerns	8%	29%	18%
Personal situation	15%	17%	18%
Have enough kids	4%	19%	10%
Not the right time	22%	1%	4%
Miscellaneous	5%	5%	0%
Unsure/No reasons	22%	5%	22%
Column total	100%	100%	100%

DO YOU USE CHILD CARE OUTSIDE OF YOUR HOME?

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



Age	Yes	No
19-30 yrs old	40%	50%
31-42 yrs old	36%	61%

Employment	Yes	No
Employed full-time	46%	50%
Other	21%	74%

HH income	Yes	No
Under \$30K	19%	70%
\$30-59K	38%	60%
\$60-99K	43%	55%
\$100K or more	43%	51%

Marital status	Yes	No
Single	35%	60%
In a relationship	37%	56%
Married/Engaged	38%	58%

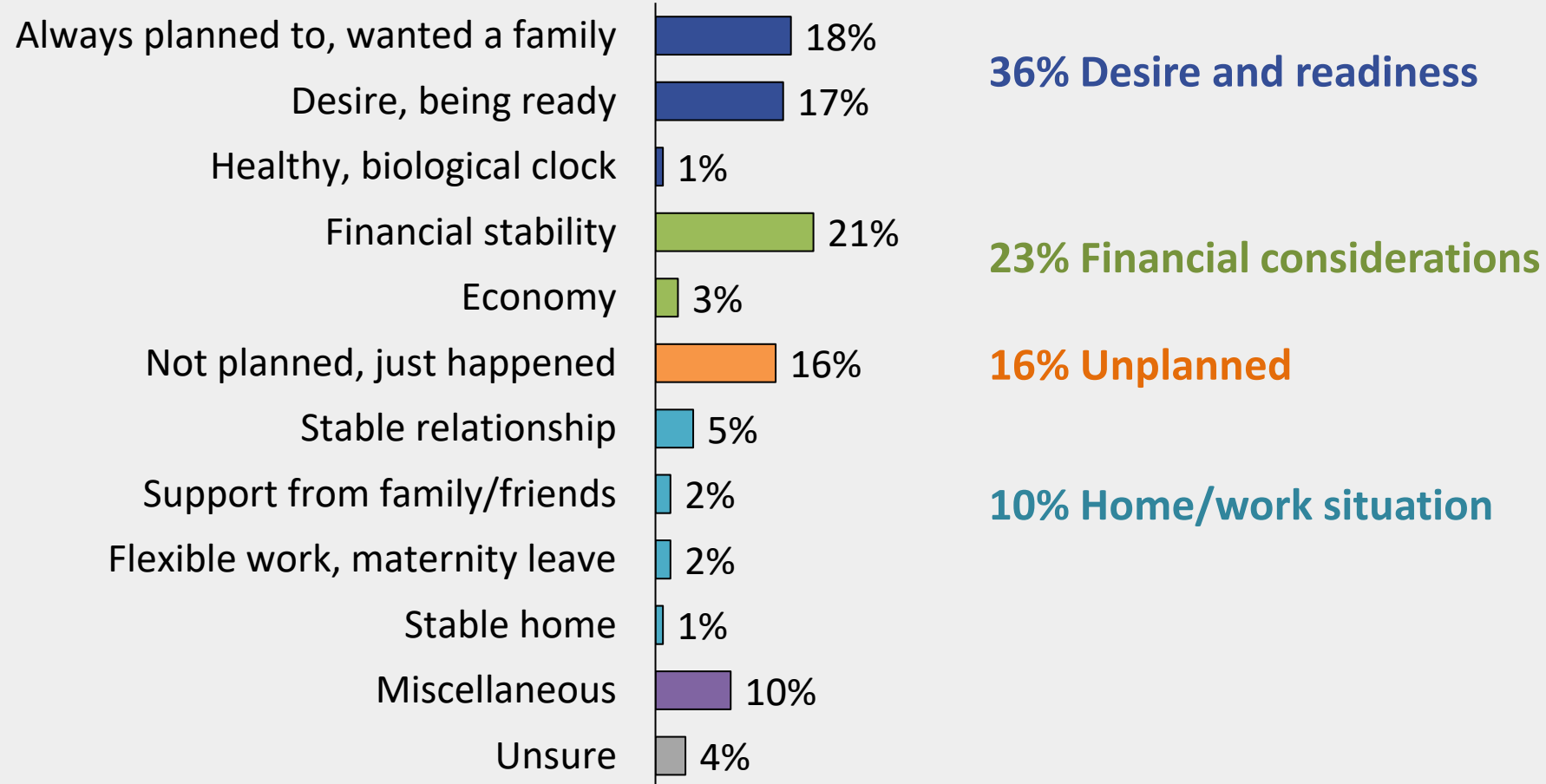
Current child ages	Yes	No
Kids age 0-5	40%	52%
Kids age 6-12	40%	56%
Both	28%	72%

Active duty military	Yes	No
Yes	50%	47%
No	35%	60%

COMMENTS: IMPORTANT FACTORS IN YOUR DECISION TO HAVE KIDS

What factors or circumstances were most important in your or your family's decision to have a child?

Coded Verbatim Comments



COMMENTS: IMPORTANT FACTORS IN YOUR DECISION TO HAVE KIDS

DEMOGRAPHIC RESULTS -- Broad Coded Categories

	Desire & Readiness	Financial Considerations	Unplanned	Home/Work Situation
Overall	36%	23%	16%	10%
HH income				
Under \$30K	38%	19%	38%	2%
\$30-59K	33%	26%	26%	2%
\$60-99K	41%	24%	8%	9%
\$100K or more	34%	26%	2%	16%
Marital status				
Single	16%	28%	40%	0%
In a relationship	32%	18%	43%	2%
Married/Engaged	39%	26%	5%	12%
Want more kids				
Yes	31%	32%	5%	11%
Undecided	30%	26%	26%	6%
No	41%	19%	19%	9%
Home				
Own	36%	22%	8%	13%
Rent	32%	33%	22%	3%
Living with family	40%	16%	28%	4%

Among 57% With Children

IMPORTANT FACTOR SUMMARY (SEE APPENDIX FOR FULL RESULTS)

Please rate each of the following factors in terms of its importance in your or your family's decision to have children.

Significant factor/Not significant factor; Net difference

Having a comfortable & suitable living space for a family (81%/17% Net: +64%)
Living in a safe community (79%/21% Net: +58%)
Ability to provide for the child's needs (78%/20% Net: +58%)
A strong desire to become a parent & raise a family (78%/21% Net: +57%)
Having a strong & stable relationship (78%/21% Net: +57%)
Wanting to experience parenthood together as a couple (75%/24% Net: +51%)
Feeling emotionally prepared for the responsibilities of parenthood (75%/24% Net: +51%)
Access to quality education for children (74%/25% Net: +49%)
Being in good health & physically ready for parenthood (73%/26% Net: +47%)
Being able to afford maternal care & child birth (72%/26% Net: +46%)
Financial stability & readiness (72%/27% Net: +45%)
A work-life balance that allows for family time (68%/31% Net: +37%)
Having health insurance (67%/31% Net: +36%)
Job security (66%/32% Net: +34%)
Access to child care (66%/33% Net: +33%)
Alaska's economic stability (63%/34% Net: +29%)
Support from extended family for child care (63%/36% Net: +27%)
Feeling the right age to start a family (62%/37% Net: +25%)
Cost of child care (61%/38% Net: +23%)
Biological clock & desire to have children while biologically feasible (60%/39% Net: +21%)
Having flexible work hours (59%/39% Net: +20%)
Availability of paid parental leave (54%/43% Net: +11%)
Pursuing higher ed. or career advancement b4 starting family (54%/44% Net: +10%)
Length of paid parental leave (52%/45% Net: +7%)

Broad Categories

Financial Stability and Job Factors
Community, Education and Child Care
Health and Personal Readiness

Reflecting back on their decision to start a family, those with children are most likely to cite their *home and a safe community* as the most important factors.

Being able to provide for their child is also at the top of the list, followed by a number of *personal readiness* factors.

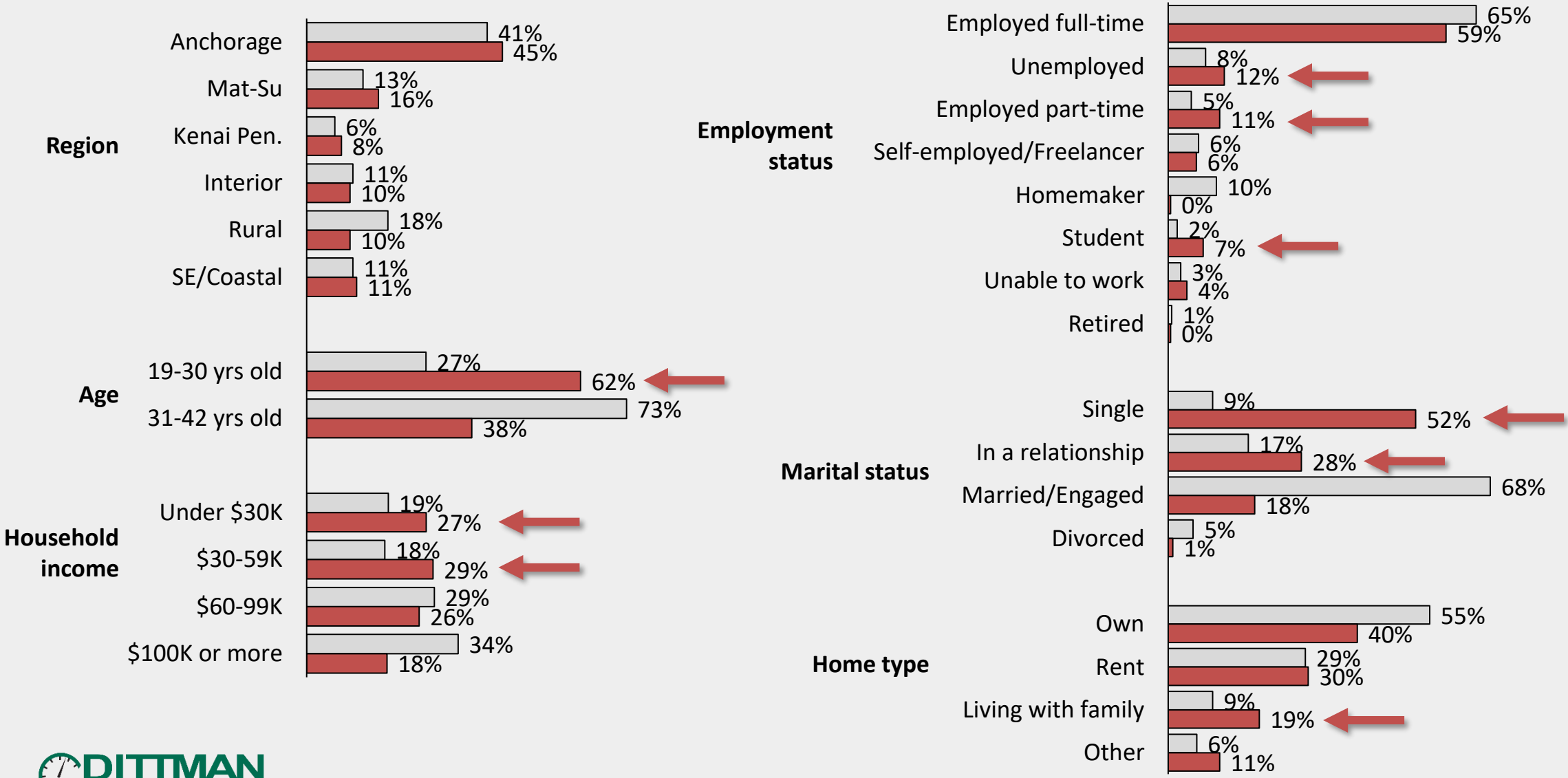
Financial factors tend to be found further down the list in terms of importance, though many are still seen as significant by wide margins.

Alaskans Without Children

ALASKA FAMILY SURVEY

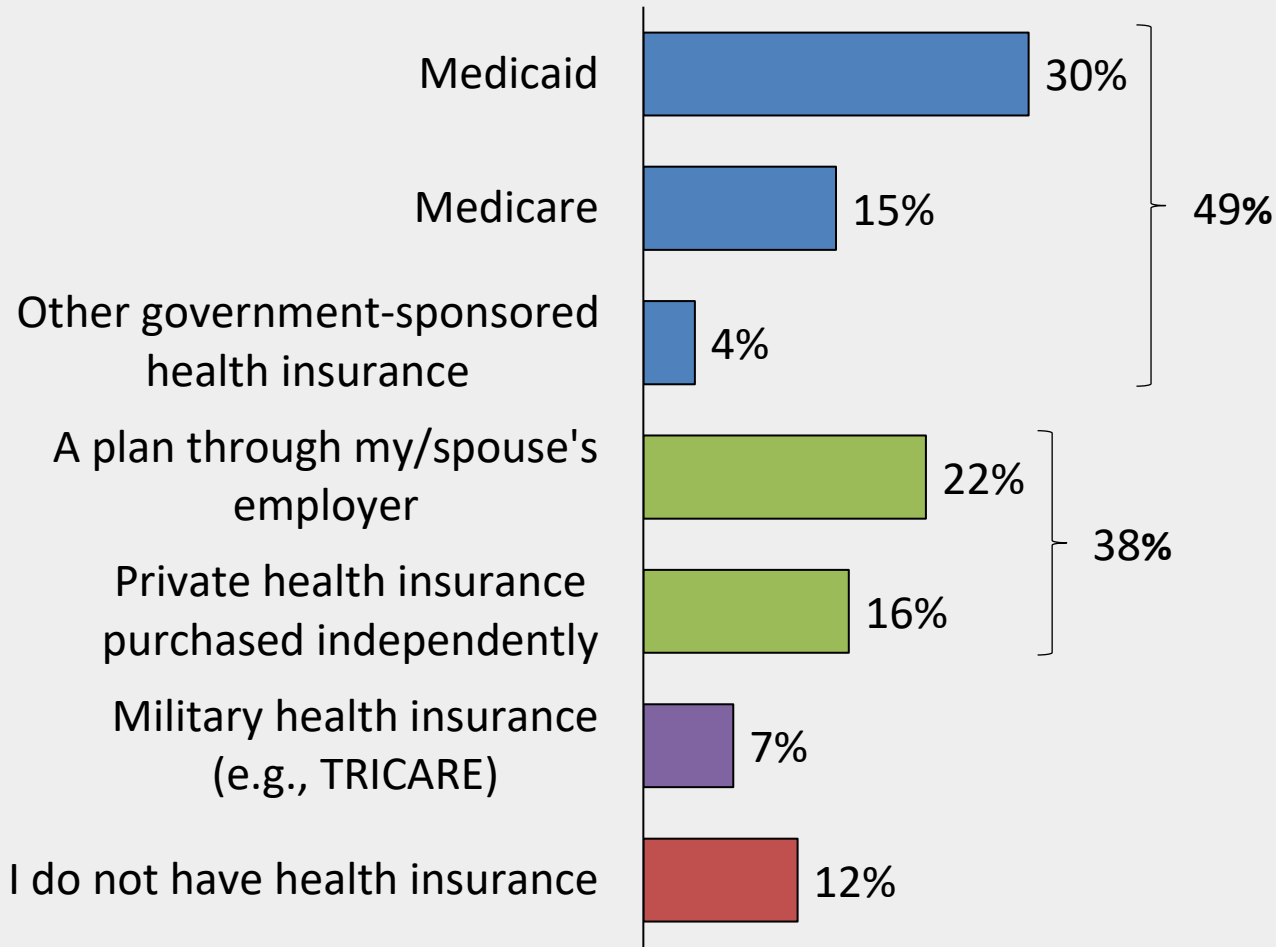
DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE: ALASKANS WITHOUT CHILDREN

■ Alaskans With Kids (57%)
■ Alaskans Without Kids (43%)



WHAT TYPE OF HEALTH INSURANCE DO YOU HAVE?

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



1st mention shown for demographic findings

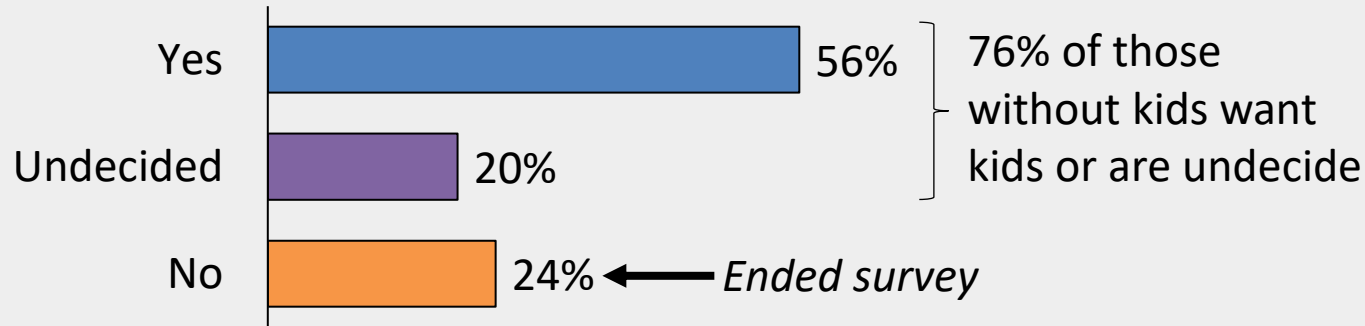
Region	Public health	Employer/Individual	No insurance
Anchorage	40%	33%	10%
Mat-Su	42%	21%	21%
Kenai Pen.	38%	31%	25%
Interior	30%	35%	0%
Rural	50%	45%	5%
SE/Coastal	22%	43%	17%
Age			
19-30 yrs old	35%	34%	12%
31-42 yrs old	43%	33%	13%
Gender			
Male	32%	33%	16%
Female	45%	34%	8%
HH income			
Under \$30K	46%	15%	19%
\$30-59K	49%	25%	7%
\$60-99K	29%	47%	14%
\$100K or more	23%	63%	6%
Marital status			
Single	37%	34%	14%
In a relationship	53%	25%	5%
Married/Engaged	19%	49%	16%

Among 43% Without Children

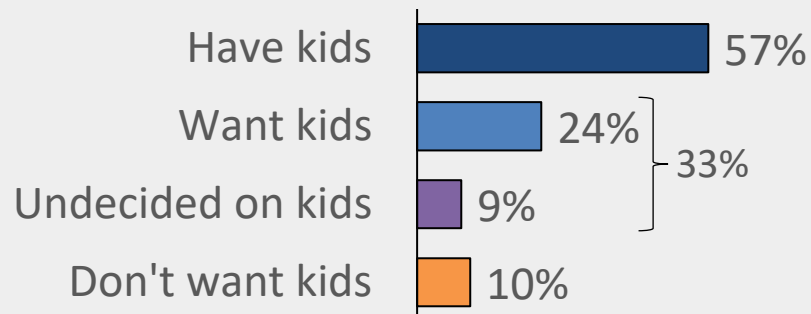
DO YOU HOPE TO HAVE CHILDREN SOMEDAY?

Demographics among 43% Without Children

Among 43% Without Children



As a % of Total Population Age 19-42



Age	Yes	Undecided	No
19-30 yrs old	60%	19%	21%
31-42 yrs old	49%	21%	30%

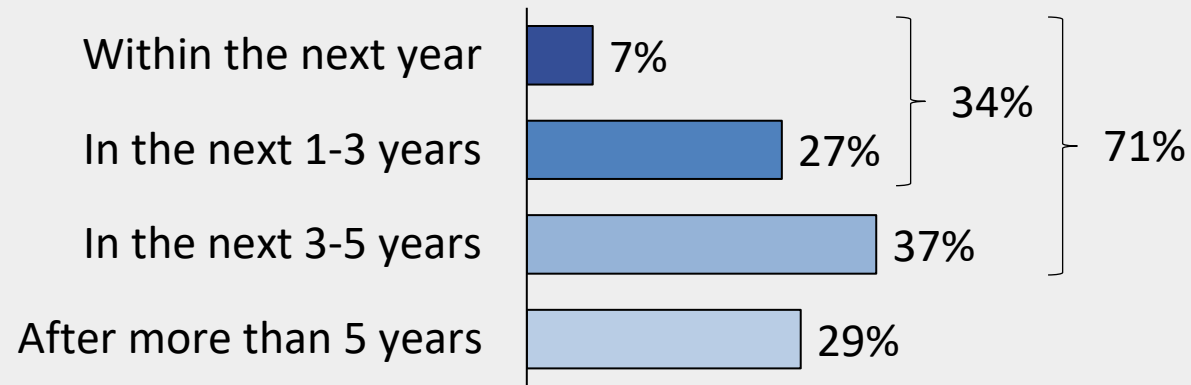
Gender	Yes	Undecided	No
Male	56%	19%	25%
Female	58%	21%	21%

HH income	Yes	Undecided	No
Under \$30K	58%	19%	23%
\$30-59K	58%	22%	20%
\$60-99K	49%	24%	27%
\$100K or more	60%	6%	34%

Health insurance	Yes	Undecided	No
Employer/Individual	59%	19%	22%
Public health plan	60%	17%	23%
No health insurance	40%	20%	40%

Marital status	Yes	Undecided	No
Single	49%	26%	25%
In a relationship	67%	17%	16%
Married/Engaged	54%	11%	35%

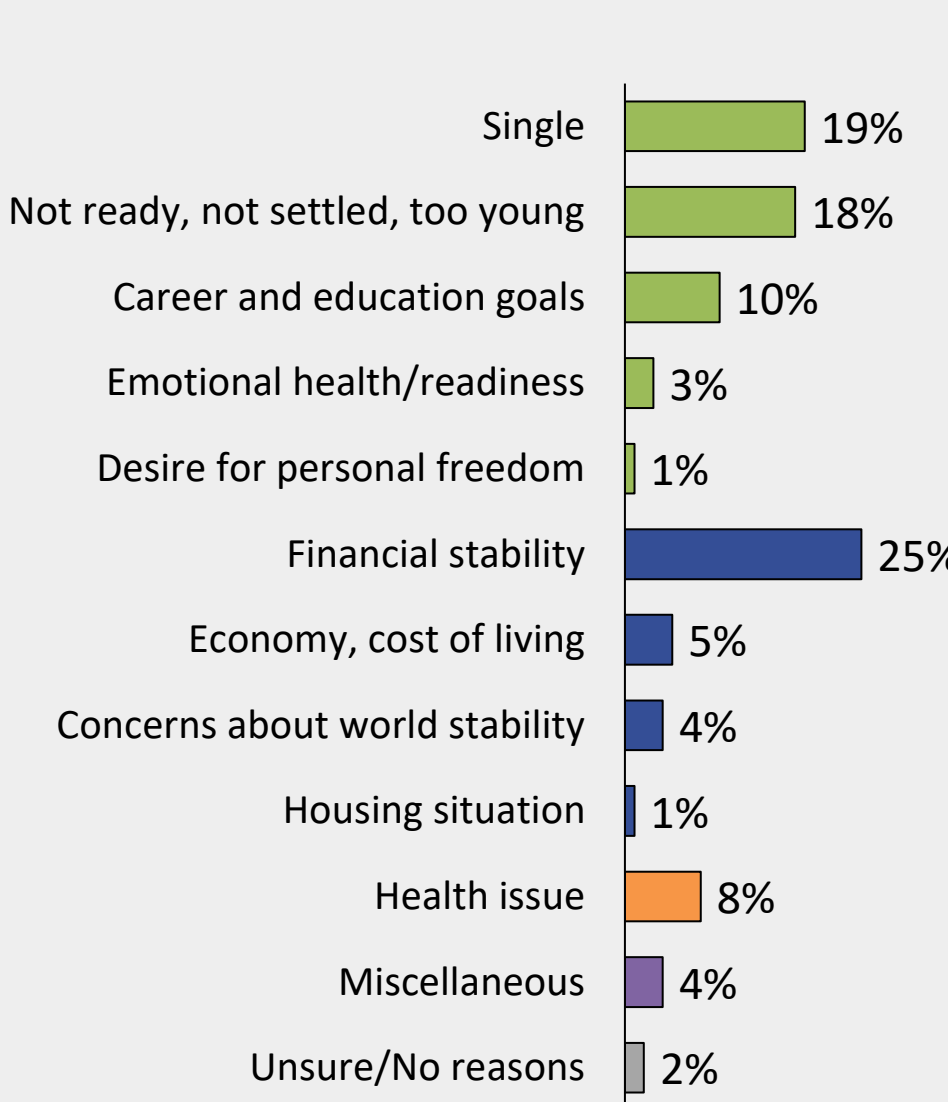
WHEN DO YOU ANTICIPATE HAVING CHILDREN?



Age	<1 yr	1-3 yrs	3-5 yrs	5+ yrs
19-30 yrs old (n100)	4%	24%	40%	32%
31-42 yrs old (n53)	13%	32%	32%	23%
Marital status				
Single (n79)	1%	18%	39%	42%
In a relationship (n48)	8%	35%	42%	15%
Married/Engaged (n24)	21%	42%	21%	16%
Want kids				
Yes (n112)	10%	29%	41%	20%
Undecided (n41)	0%	20%	27%	53%

COMMENTS: FACTORS INFLUENCING DECISION NOT TO HAVE CHILDREN NOW

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



Coded Verbatim Comments

51% Personal situation/Readiness

35% Financial considerations

8% Health

	Personal/Readiness	Finances	Health
Age			
19-30 yrs old (n97)	53%	37%	6%
31-42 yrs old (n49)	51%	31%	10%
Gender			
Male (n74)	55%	31%	8%
Female (n71)	48%	39%	7%
HH income			
Under \$30K (n37)	51%	43%	5%
\$30-59K (n42)	52%	36%	10%
\$60-99K (n34)	56%	24%	9%
\$100K or more (n23)	48%	35%	9%
Marital status			
Single (n75)	61%	32%	1%
In a relationship (n45)	47%	47%	7%
Married/Engaged (n24)	33%	21%	29%
Considering leaving AK			
Yes (n42)	40%	43%	5%
Unsure (n32)	47%	50%	0%
No (n72)	61%	24%	13%
Want kids			
Yes (n105)	50%	35%	9%
Undecided (n41)	56%	34%	5%

Among 33% Without Children but Interested

IMPORTANT FACTOR SUMMARY (SEE APPENDIX FOR FULL RESULTS)

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.

Significant factor/Not significant factor; Net difference

Financial stability & readiness (74%/22% Net: +52%)
Cost of raising a child (73%/24% Net: +49%)
Feeling emotionally prepared for responsibilities of parenthood (68%/29% Net: +39%)
Cost of child care (60%/35% Net: +25%)
Concern about the cost of maternal care & child birth (59%/37% Net: +22%)
Alaska's economic stability (57%/37% Net: +20%)
Job security (57%/38% Net: +19%)
Demanding work schedule or long hours (53%/42% Net: +11%)
Concerns about balancing family life with personal interests (54%/43% Net: +11%)
Availability of paid parental leave (51%/42% Net: +9%)
Difficulty balancing work & family responsibilities (52%/44% Net: +8%)
Length of paid parental leave (49%/43% Net: +6%)
Concern about the cost of healthcare for larger family (50%/45% Net: +5%)
Biological clock & fertility concerns (50%/46% Net: +4%)
Unstable or inadequate housing (49%/47% Net: +2%)
Lack of available housing in my community (48%/48% Net: 0%)
Feeling too young or too old to become a parent (48%/49% Net: -1%)
Concerns about pregnancy-related health risks (47%/49% Net: -2%)
Pursuing higher ed. or career advancement b4 starting family (45%/51% Net: -6%)
Single or not in a committed relationship (45%/52% Net: -7%)
Lack of support from extended family for child care (44%/52% Net: -8%)
Access to child care (42%/52% Net: -10%)
Access to quality education for children (43%/54% Net: -11%)
Partner's reluctance to have children (37%/58% Net: -21%)
Concerns about crime & safety in my community (31%/64% Net: -33%)

Broad Categories

Financial Stability and Job Factors
Community, Education and Child Care
Health and Personal Readiness

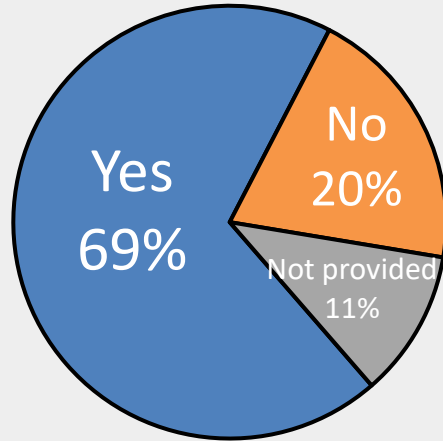
Perceived barriers to have children largely revolve around *finances* – 7 of the top 10 barriers relate to *finances*.

Personal readiness factors continue to be reported among the biggest factors.

Community factors like *housing, education* and *public safety* are not seen as significant factors by most of those without children.

QUALITY MEDICAL CARE

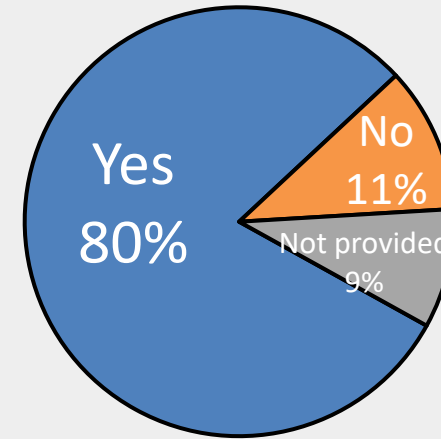
Do you believe you have quality and effective medical care near where you live?



Region	Yes	No
Anchorage (n69)	77%	16%
Mat-Su (n26)	65%	15%
Kenai Pen. (n10)	80%	20%
Fairbanks (n18)	72%	22%
Rural (n14)	93%	7%
SE/Coastal (n16)	56%	25%

SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD

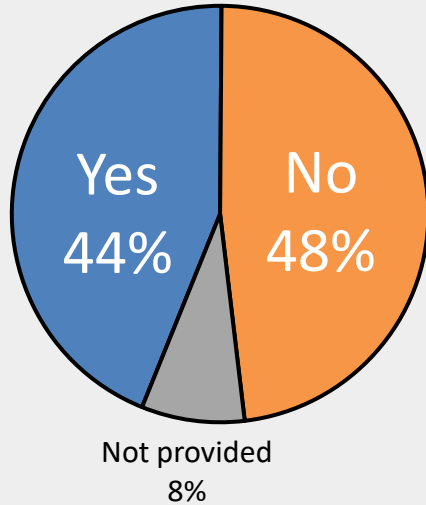
Do you feel like your neighborhood is safe for children?



Region	Yes	No
Anchorage (n69)	78%	12%
Mat-Su (n26)	81%	8%
Kenai Pen. (n10)	80%	10%
Interior (n18)	78%	11%
Rural (n14)	86%	14%
SE/Coastal (n16)	88%	6%

SUFFICIENT INCOME FOR KIDS

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



Region	Yes	No
Anchorage (n69)	41%	52%
Mat-Su (n26)	31%	54%
Kenai Pen. (n10)	40%	60%
Interior (n18)	44%	39%
Rural (n14)	64%	36%
SE/Coastal (n16)	63%	38%

Age	Yes	No
19-30 yrs old (n100)	45%	46%
31-42 yrs old (n53)	42%	53%

Employment	Yes	No
Full-time (n90)	59%	36%
Part-time (n20)	25%	70%
Unemployed (n19)	21%	68%

HH income	Yes	No
Under \$30K (n40)	23%	75%
\$30-59K (n44)	43%	48%
\$60-99K (n36)	56%	36%
\$100K or more (n23)	83%	17%

Want kids	Yes	No
Yes (n112)	47%	48%
Undecided (n41)	34%	49%

Health insurance	Yes	No
Employer/Individual (n53)	60%	38%
Public health plan (n59)	42%	56%
No health insurance (n15)	27%	60%

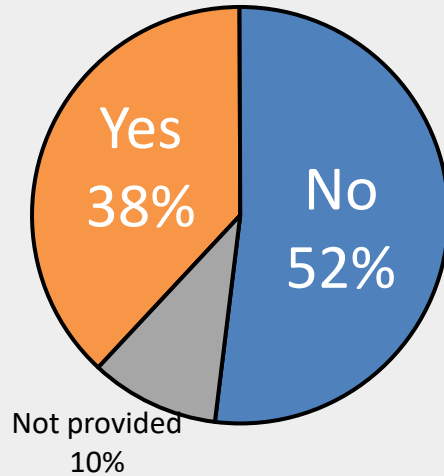
Marital status	Yes	No
Single (n79)	42%	51%
In a relationship (n48)	42%	48%
Married/Engaged (n24)	58%	38%

Home	Yes	No
Own (n56)	71%	23%
Rent (n43)	30%	63%
Living with family (n35)	31%	57%

Among 33% Without Children but Interested

EMPLOYMENT STABILITY PREVENTING CHILDREN

Is concern about losing employment preventing you from having children?



Region	Yes	No
Anchorage (n69)	42%	48%
Mat-Su (n26)	27%	62%
Kenai Pen. (n10)	50%	50%
Interior (n18)	50%	44%
Rural (n14)	29%	57%
SE/Coastal (n16)	25%	56%

Age	Yes	No
19-30 yrs old (n100)	43%	48%
31-42 yrs old (n53)	28%	58%

Employment	Yes	No
Full-time (n90)	37%	52%
Part-time (n20)	45%	50%

HH income	Yes	No
Under \$30K (n40)	43%	48%
\$30-59K (n44)	48%	48%
\$60-99K (n36)	28%	58%
\$100K or more (n23)	39%	57%

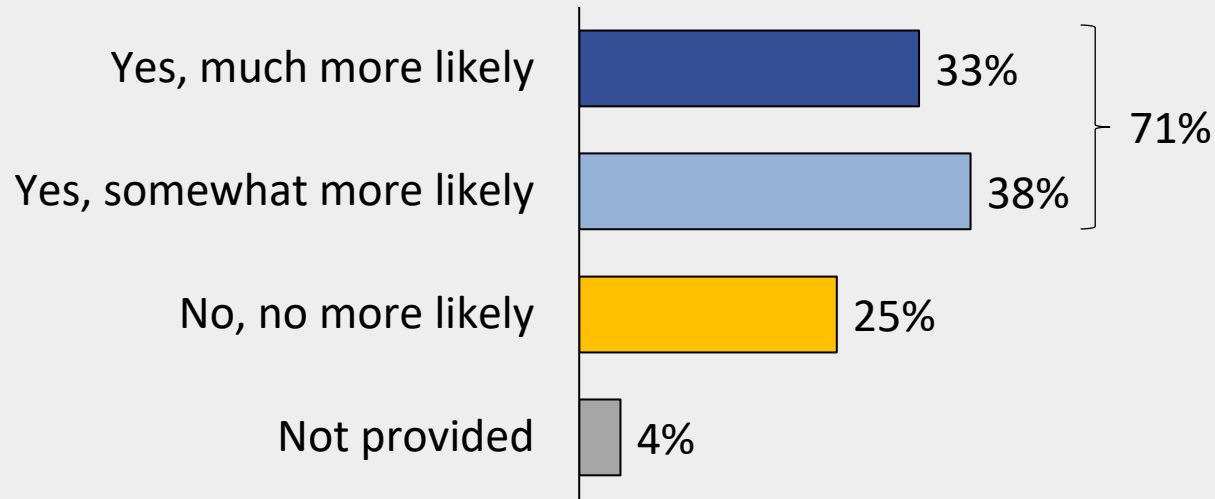
Want kids	Yes	No
Yes (n112)	41%	54%
Undecided (n41)	29%	46%

Health insurance	Yes	No
Employer/Individual (n53)	30%	58%
Public health plan (n59)	44%	49%
No health insurance (n15)	53%	47%

Marital status	Yes	No
Single (n79)	37%	51%
In a relationship (n48)	38%	50%
Married/Engaged (n24)	38%	63%

FREE QUALITY CHILD CARE

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

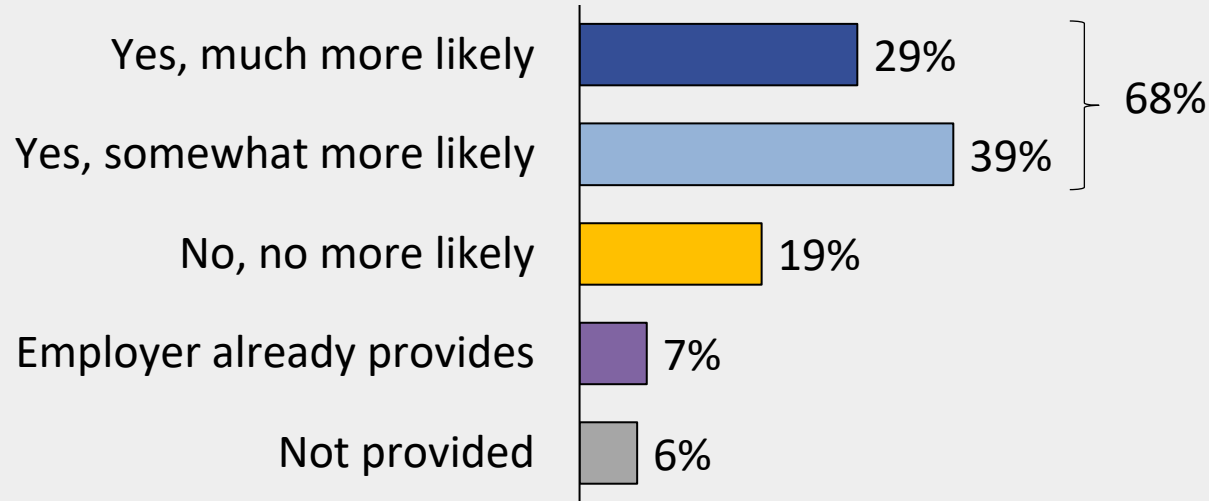


Region	Total More Likely	Much More	Somewhat More	No More
Anchorage (n69)	66%	30%	36%	30%
Mat-Su (n26)	73%	35%	38%	19%
Kenai Pen. (n10)	60%	30%	30%	30%
Interior (n18)	72%	33%	39%	28%
Rural (n14)	79%	36%	43%	14%
SE/Coastal (n16)	82%	38%	44%	13%

	Total More Likely	Much More	Somewhat More	No More
Gender				
Male (n77)	66%	31%	35%	29%
Female (n75)	75%	35%	40%	21%
Age				
19-30 yrs old (n100)	75%	35%	40%	20%
31-42 yrs old (n53)	62%	28%	34%	34%
HH income				
Under \$30K (n40)	68%	38%	30%	28%
\$30-59K (n44)	68%	43%	25%	30%
\$60-99K (n36)	86%	19%	67%	14%
\$100K or more (n23)	69%	30%	39%	26%
Want kids				
Yes (n112)	75%	37%	38%	22%
Undecided (n41)	59%	22%	37%	32%

PAID PARENTAL LEAVE

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

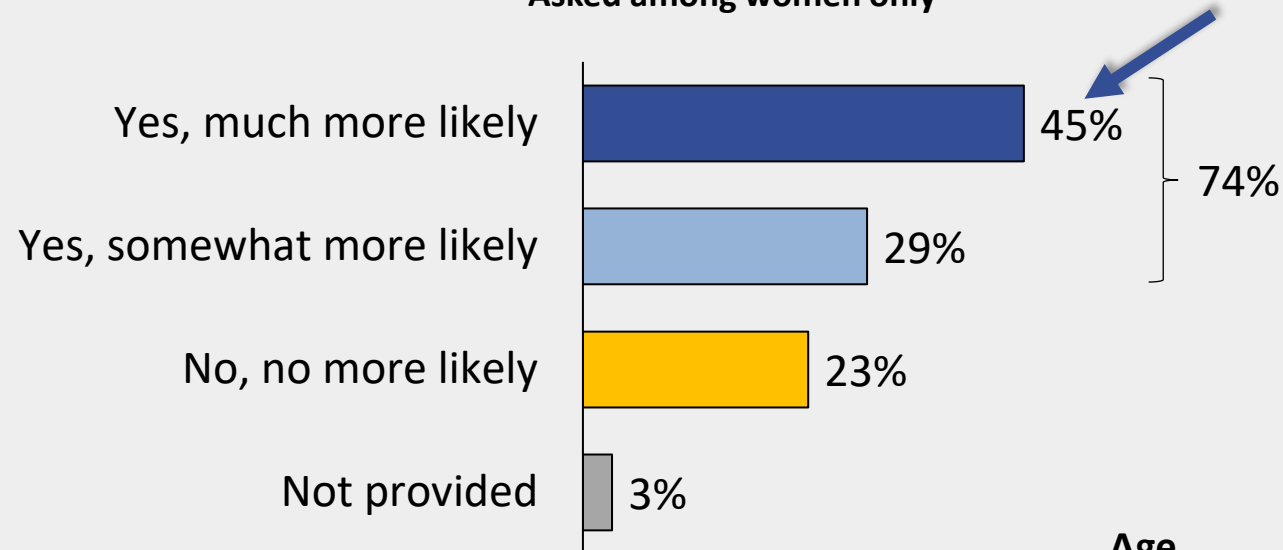


Region	Total More Likely	Much More	Somewhat More	No More	Already have	HH income				
						Total More Likely	Much More	Somewhat More	No More	Already have
Anchorage (n69)	68%	33%	35%	20%	6%	71%	33%	38%	18%	3%
Mat-Su (n26)	54%	27%	27%	31%	4%	66%	36%	30%	27%	5%
Kenai Pen. (n10)	80%	20%	60%	20%	0%	75%	22%	53%	14%	11%
Fairbanks (n18)	56%	39%	17%	11%	28%	69%	26%	43%	17%	13%
Rural (n14)	86%	7%	79%	7%	0%					
SE/Coastal (n16)	75%	25%	50%	13%	6%					
Want kids										
Yes (n112)						74%	31%	43%	17%	4%
Undecided (n41)						49%	22%	27%	24%	15%

FREE HEALTHCARE DURING/AFTER PREGNANCY

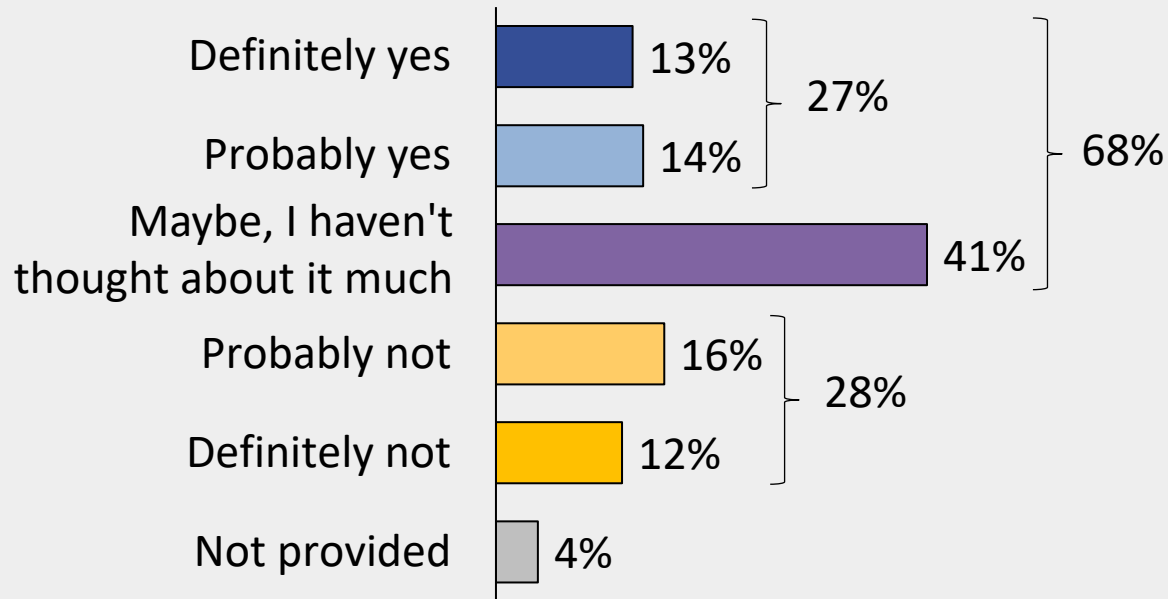
Would you be more likely to have children if you had free healthcare during pregnancy and 12 months postpartum?

Asked among women only



	Total More Likely	Much More	Somewhat More	No More
Age				
19-30 yrs old (n56)	77%	45%	32%	21%
31-42 yrs old (n19)	68%	47%	21%	26%
Want kids				
Yes (n55)	80%	51%	29%	18%
Undecided (n20)	60%	30%	30%	35%

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ADOPTING A CHILD?



Age	Yes	Maybe	No
19-30 yrs old (n100)	32%	39%	26%
31-42 yrs old (n53)	19%	43%	34%

Gender	Yes	Maybe	No
Male (n77)	22%	30%	43%
Female (n75)	32%	52%	15%

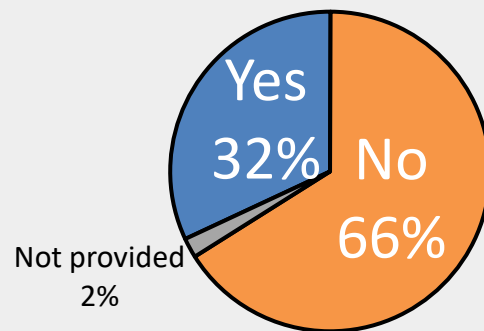
HH income	Yes	Maybe	No
Under \$30K (n40)	23%	38%	38%
\$30-59K (n44)	25%	43%	30%
\$60-99K (n36)	36%	44%	20%
\$100K or more (n23)	35%	35%	26%

Marital status	Yes	Maybe	No
Single (n79)	26%	42%	28%
In a relationship (n48)	27%	44%	29%
Married/Engaged (n24)	38%	29%	29%

Want kids	Yes	Maybe	No
Yes (n112)	30%	40%	27%
Undecided (n41)	20%	41%	32%

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO ADOPT A CHILD?

Among 68% who may be interested in adopting



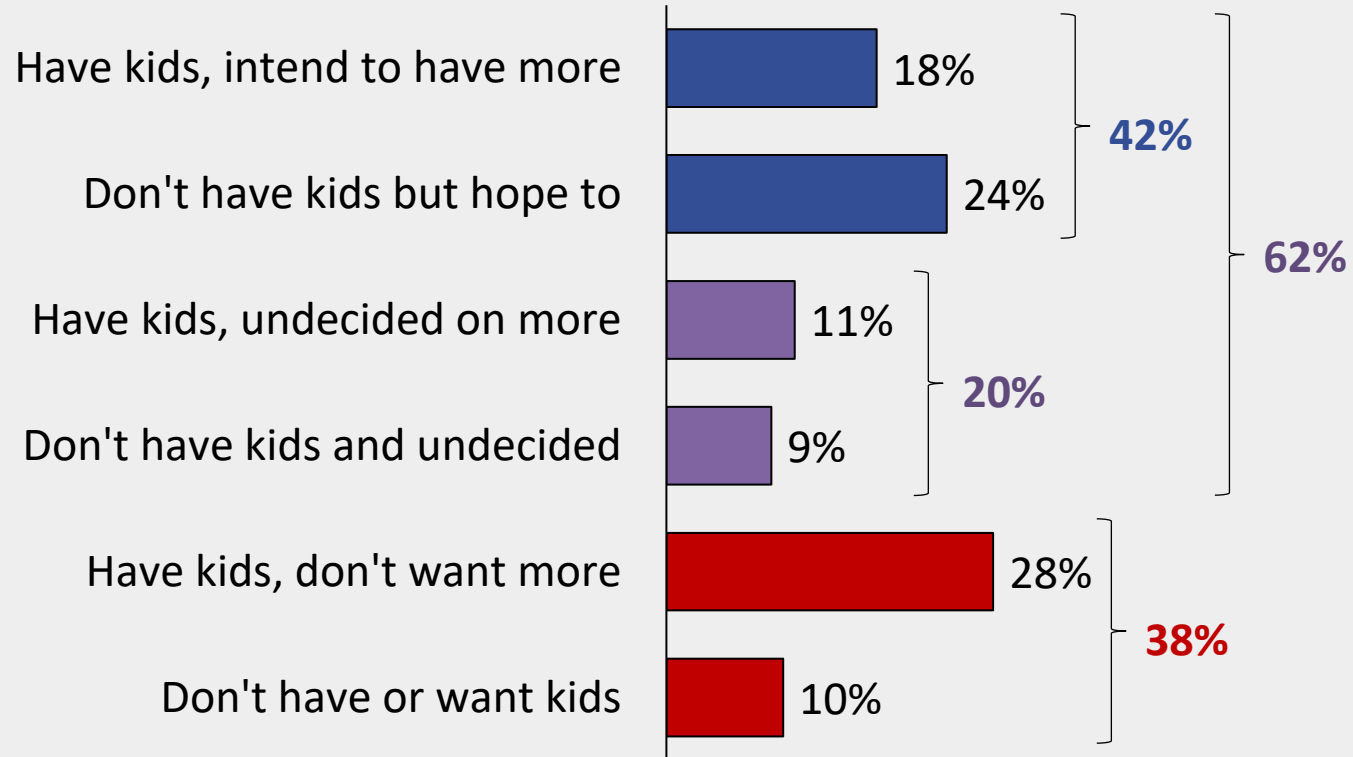
Among 33% Without Children but Interested

Wrap-up

ALASKA FAMILY SURVEY

HAVE OR HOPE TO HAVE KIDS

Results as a % of All Alaskans Age 19-42



IMPORTANT FACTOR COMPARISON

Most important factors when having a child – Among those with children

Having a comfortable & suitable living space for a family (81%/17% Net: +64%)
Living in a safe community (79%/21% Net: +58%)
Ability to provide for the child's needs (78%/20% Net: +58%)
A strong desire to become a parent & raise a family (78%/21% Net: +57%)
Having a strong & stable relationship (78%/21% Net: +57%)
Wanting to experience parenthood together as a couple (75%/24% Net: +51%)
Feeling emotionally prepared for the responsibilities of parenthood (75%/24% Net: +51%)
Access to quality education for children (74%/25% Net: +49%)
Being in good health & physically ready for parenthood (73%/26% Net: +47%)
Being able to afford maternal care & child birth (72%/26% Net: +46%)
Financial stability & readiness (72%/27% Net: +45%)
A work-life balance that allows for family time (68%/31% Net: +37%)
Having health insurance (67%/31% Net: +36%)
Job security (66%/32% Net: +34%)
Access to child care (66%/33% Net: +33%)
Alaska's economic stability (63%/34% Net: +29%)
Support from extended family for child care (63%/36% Net: +27%)
Feeling the right age to start a family (62%/37% Net: +25%)
Cost of child care (61%/38% Net: +23%)
Biological clock & desire to have children while biologically feasible (60%/39% Net: +21%)
Having flexible work hours (59%/39% Net: +20%)
Availability of paid parental leave (54%/43% Net: +11%)
Pursuing higher ed. or career advancement b4 starting family (54%/44% Net: +10%)
Length of paid parental leave (52%/45% Net: +7%)

Broad Categories

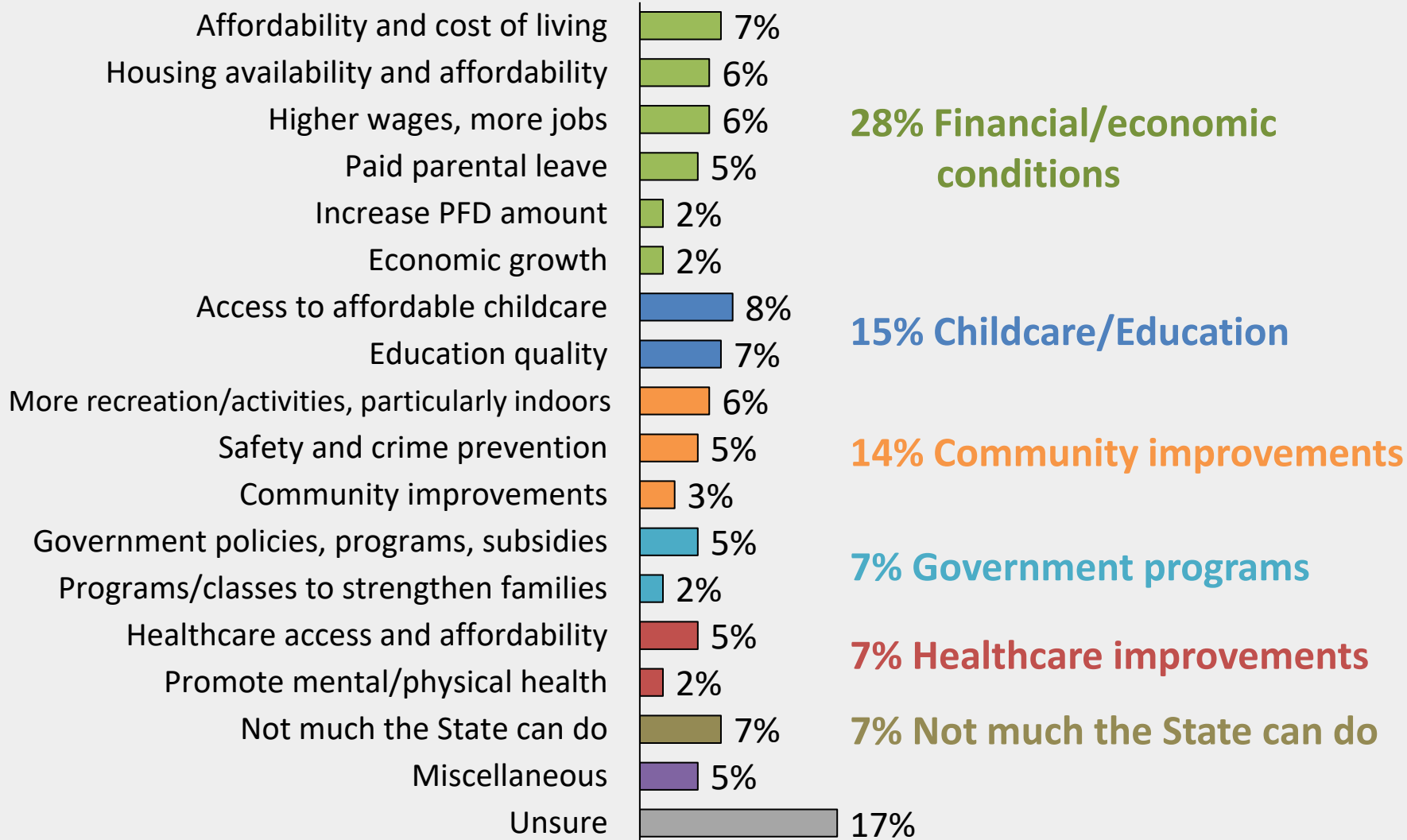
Financial Stability and Job Factors
Community, Education and Child Care
Health and Personal Readiness

Barriers to children – Among those without children

Financial stability & readiness (74%/22% Net: +52%)
Cost of raising a child (73%/24% Net: +49%)
Feeling emotionally prepared for responsibilities of parenthood (68%/29% Net: +39%)
Cost of child care (60%/35% Net: +25%)
Concern about the cost of maternal care & child birth (59%/37% Net: +22%)
Alaska's economic stability (57%/37% Net: +20%)
Job security (57%/38% Net: +19%)
Demanding work schedule or long hours (53%/42% Net: +11%)
Concerns about balancing family life with personal interests (54%/43% Net: +11%)
Availability of paid parental leave (51%/42% Net: +9%)
Difficulty balancing work & family responsibilities (52%/44% Net: +8%)
Length of paid parental leave (49%/43% Net: +6%)
Concern about the cost of healthcare for larger family (50%/45% Net: +5%)
Biological clock & fertility concerns (50%/46% Net: +4%)
Unstable or inadequate housing (49%/47% Net: +2%)
Lack of available housing in my community (48%/48% Net: 0%)
Feeling too young or too old to become a parent (48%/49% Net: -1%)
Concerns about pregnancy-related health risks (47%/49% Net: -2%)
Pursuing higher ed. or career advancement b4 starting family (45%/51% Net: -6%)
Single or not in a committed relationship (45%/52% Net: -7%)
Lack of support from extended family for child care (44%/52% Net: -8%)
Access to child care (42%/52% Net: -10%)
Access to quality education for children (43%/54% Net: -11%)
Partner's reluctance to have children (37%/58% Net: -21%)
Concerns about crime & safety in my community (31%/64% Net: -33%)

COMMENTS: WHAT CAN STATE DO TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS FOR FAMILIES

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?



Do you have child(ren)?

	Yes	No
Financial/economic	30%	22%
Childcare/Education	17%	11%
Community improve.	16%	13%
Government programs	8%	8%
Healthcare improve.	6%	9%
Not much State can do	5%	10%
Miscellaneous	6%	4%
Unsure	12%	23%
Column total	100%	100%

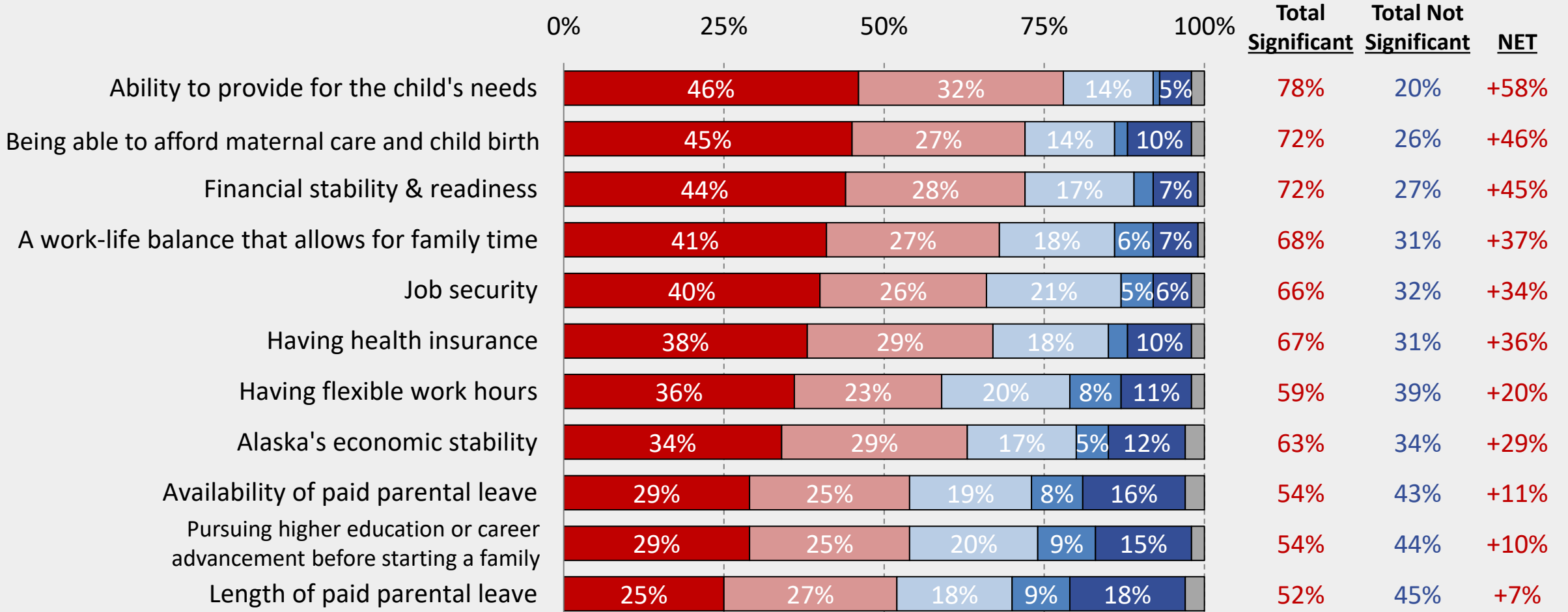
Appendix

ALASKA FAMILY SURVEY

FINANCIAL STABILITY AND JOB FACTORS

Please rate each of the following factors in terms of its importance in your or your family's decision to have children.

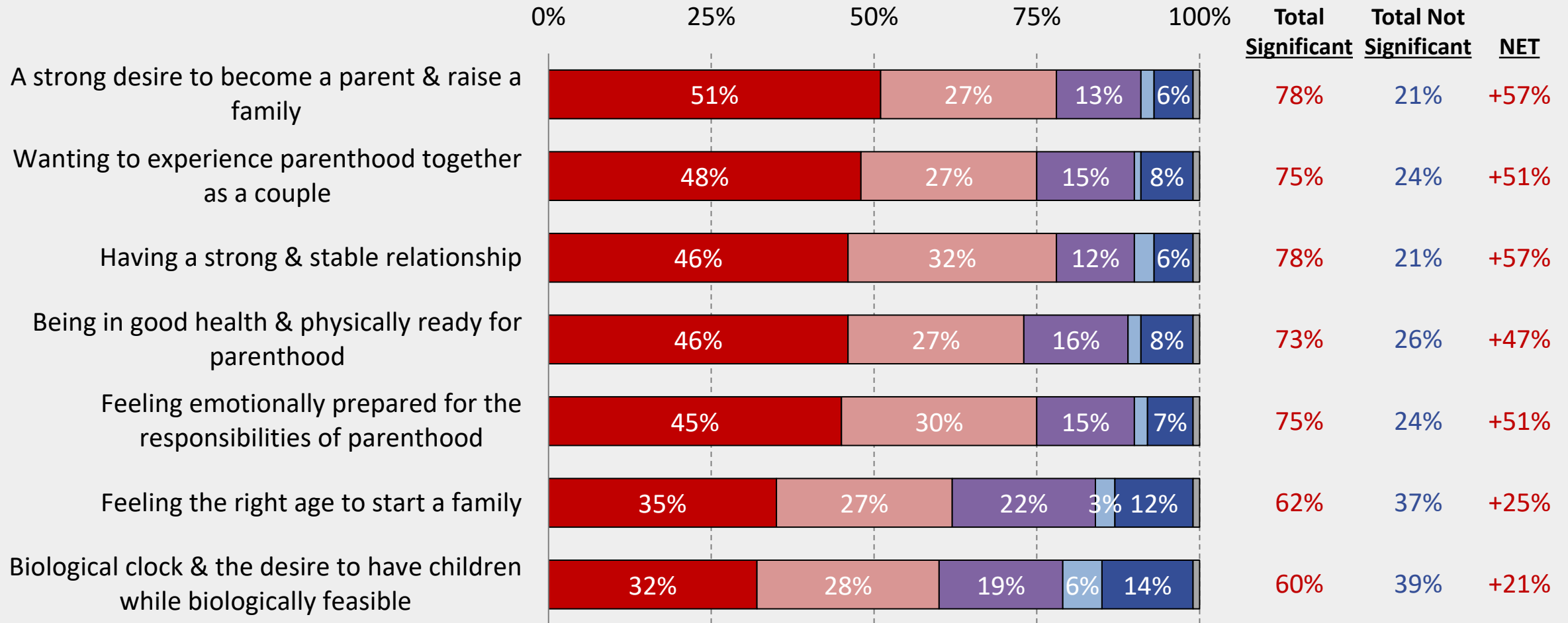
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HEALTH AND PERSONAL READINESS

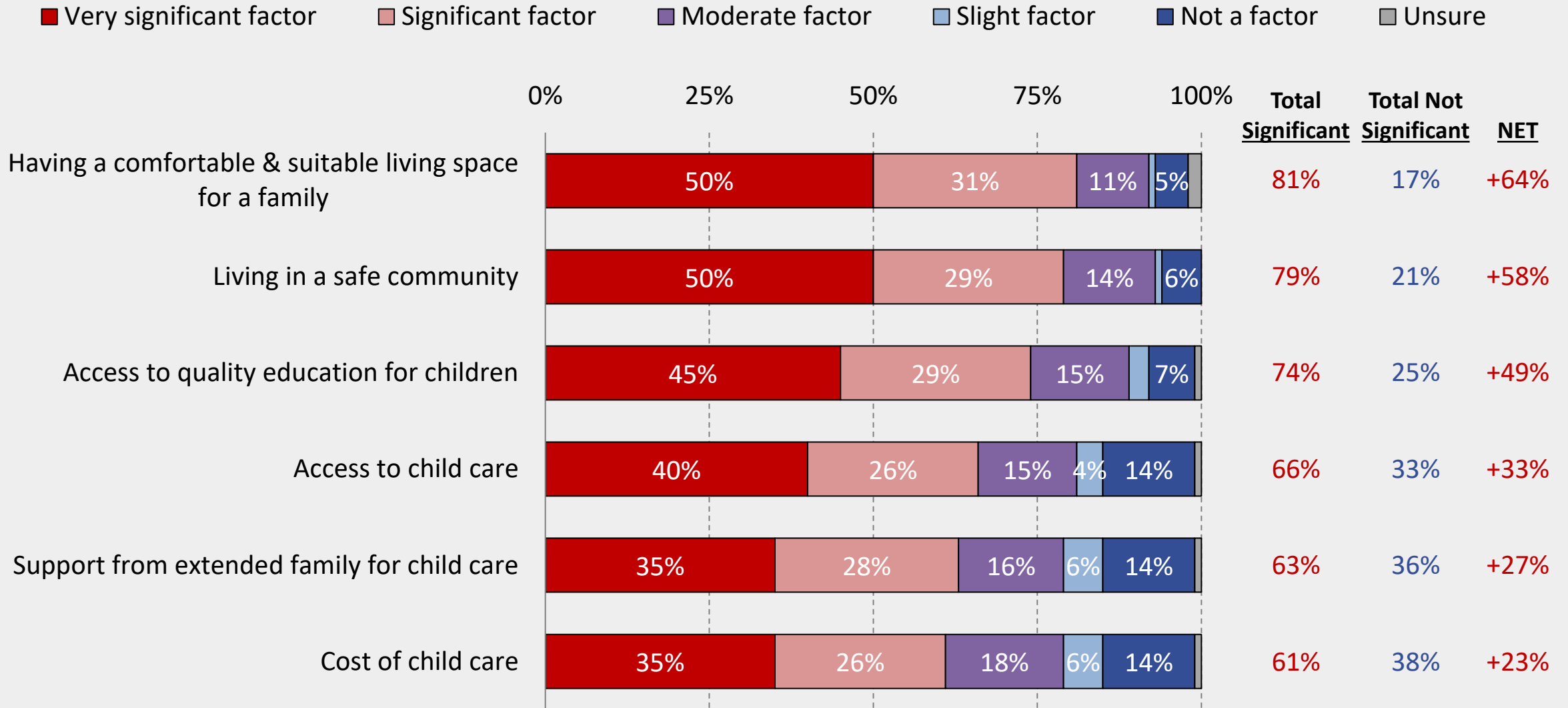
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COMMUNITY, EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Please rate each of the following factors in terms of its importance in your or your family's decision to have children.



Among 57% With Children

IMPORTANT FACTOR – BY CHILD AGES

Please rate each of the following factors in terms of its importance in your or your family's decision to have children.

Sorted by % Net Significant Factor

Broad Categories

Financial Stability and Job Factors
Community, Education and Child Care
Health and Personal Readiness

Have Kids Age 0-5

Having a comfortable & suitable living space for a family (+76%)
Having a strong & stable relationship (+71%)
Wanting to experience parenthood together as a couple (+66%)
Living in a safe community (+63%)
Ability to provide for the child's needs (+63%)
Feeling emotionally prepared for the responsibilities of parenthood (+61%)
Financial stability & readiness (+60%)
Being in good health & physically ready for parenthood (+55%)
A strong desire to become a parent & raise a family (+54%)
Access to quality education for children (+53%)
A work-life balance that allows for family time (+53%)
Being able to afford maternal care & child birth (+51%)
Support from extended family for child care (+51%)
Having health insurance (+47%)
Access to child care (+46%)
Feeling the right age to start a family (+43%)
Alaska's economic stability (+37%)
Cost of child care (+34%)
Job security (+31%)
Pursuing higher ed. or career advancement before starting a family (+30%)
Availability of paid parental leave (+29%)
Biological clock & the desire to have children while biologically feasible (+29%)
Having flexible work hours (+27%)
Length of paid parental leave (+18%)

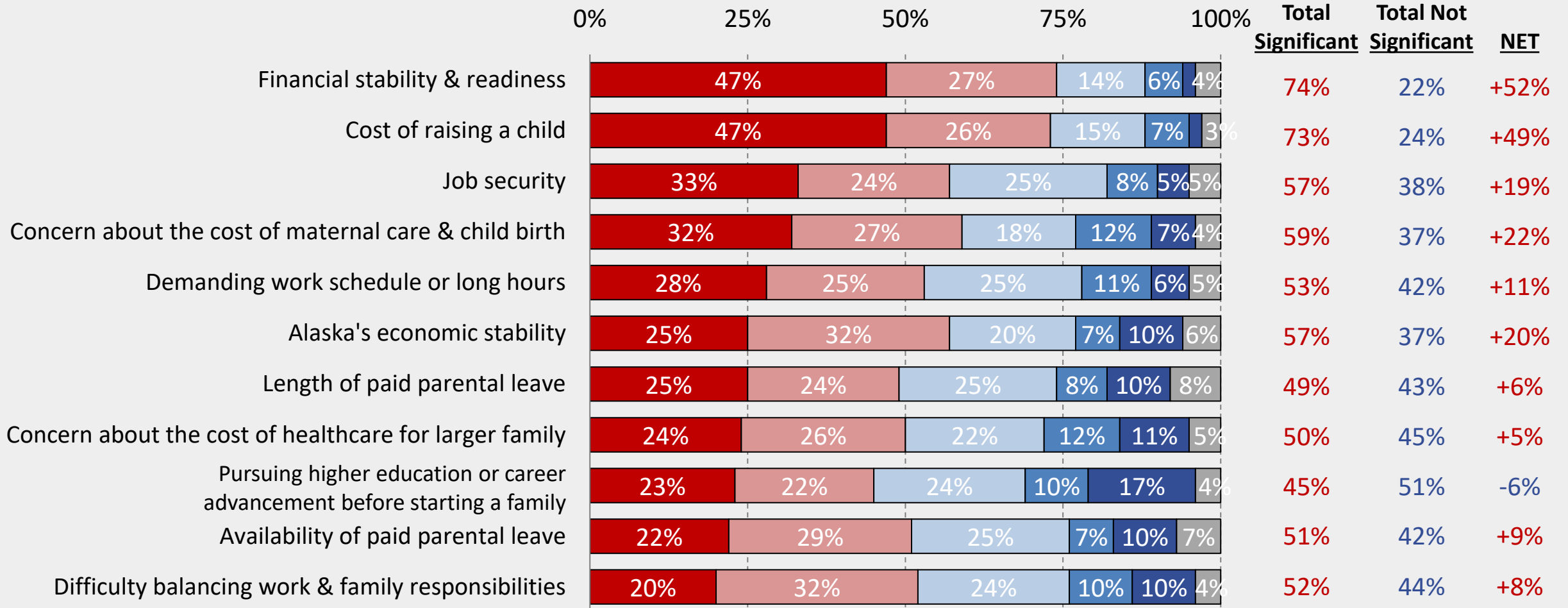
Have Kids Age 6-19

Having a comfortable & suitable living space for a family (+60%)
A strong desire to become a parent & raise a family (+53%)
Access to quality education for children (+50%)
Ability to provide for the child's needs (+50%)
Living in a safe community (+49%)
Feeling emotionally prepared for the responsibilities of parenthood (+47%)
Being able to afford maternal care & child birth (+47%)
Having a strong & stable relationship (+43%)
Being in good health & physically ready for parenthood (+41%)
Job security (+41%)
Financial stability & readiness (+40%)
Having health insurance (+38%)
Alaska's economic stability (+37%)
Wanting to experience parenthood together as a couple (+37%)
A work-life balance that allows for family time (+30%)
Access to child care (+29%)
Cost of child care (+26%)
Having flexible work hours (+25%)
Support from extended family for child care (+21%)
Feeling the right age to start a family (+20%)
Biological clock & the desire to have children while biologically feasible (+17%)
Pursuing higher ed. or career advancement before starting a family (+14%)
Availability of paid parental leave (+12%)
Length of paid parental leave (+8%)

FINANCIAL STABILITY AND JOB FACTORS

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.

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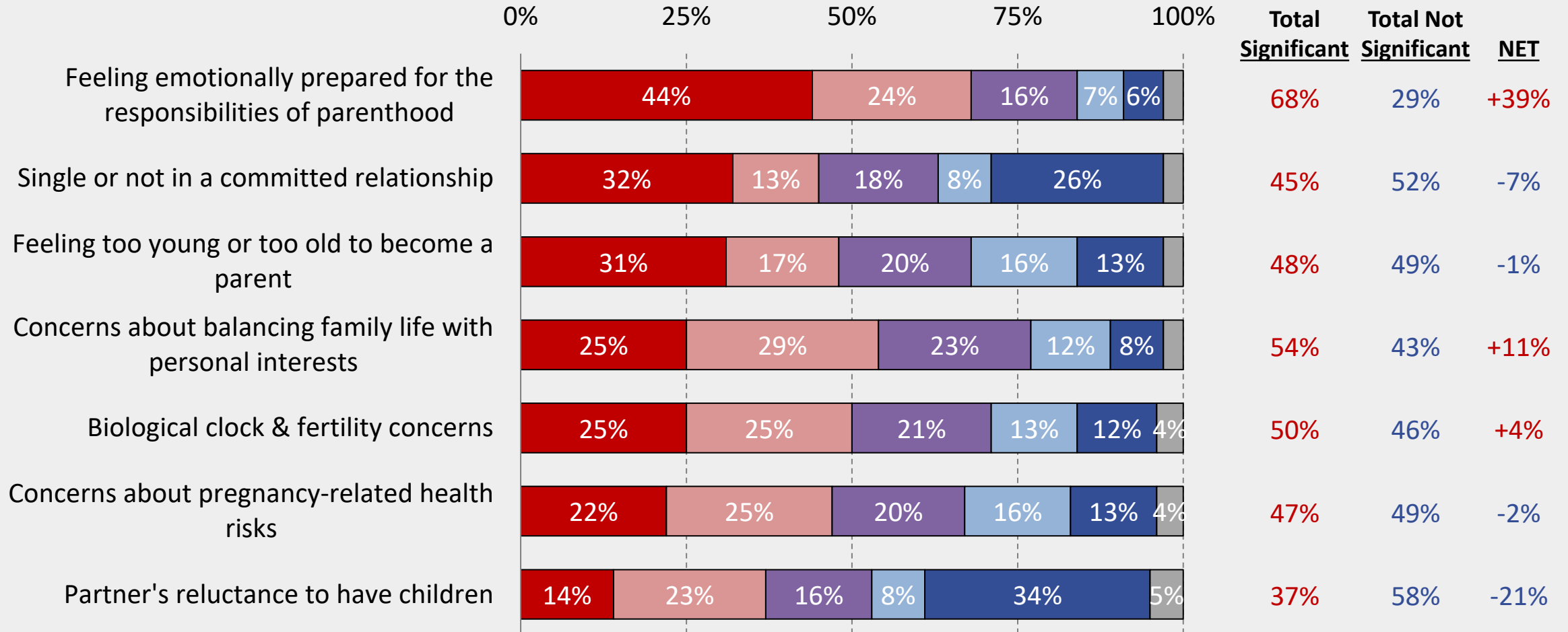


Among 33% Without Children but Interested

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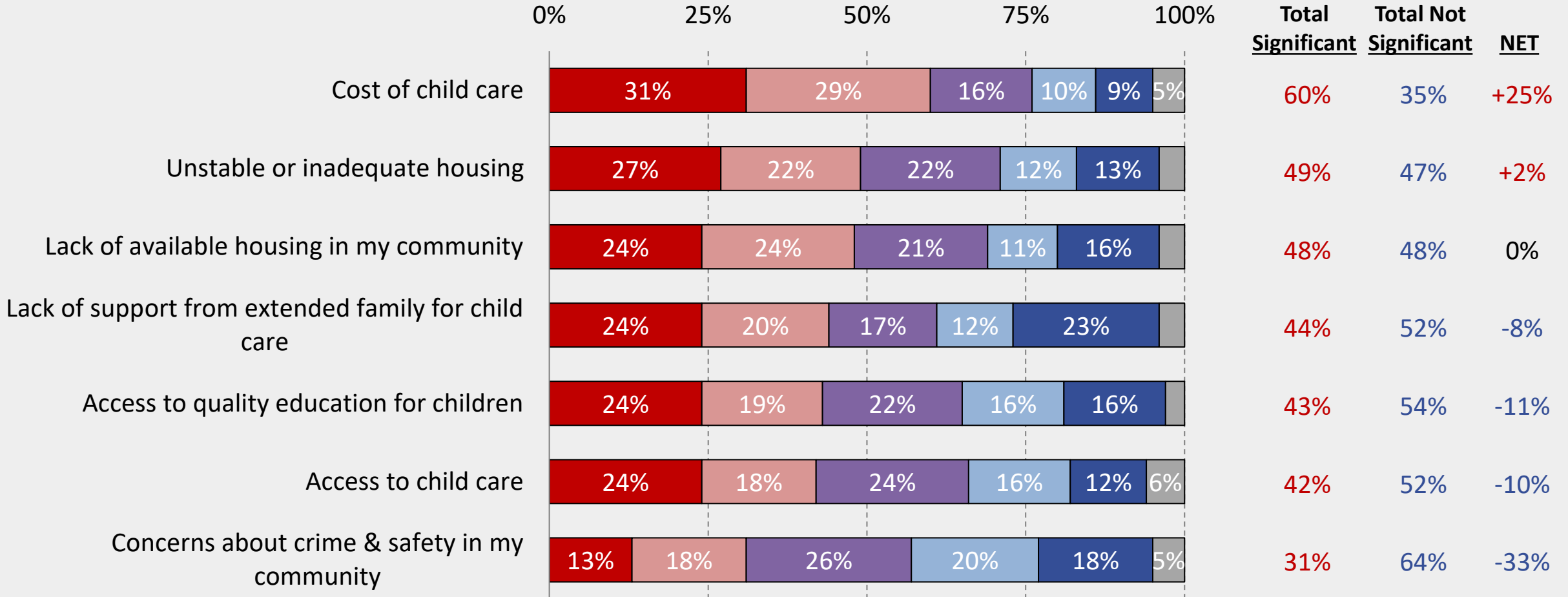


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