## FAMILY

## WHAT KAZAKHSTANIS THINK ABOUT FAMILY AND CHILDREN

On June 1, International Children's Day and World Parents' Day, the Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan presents answers from Kazakhstanis about family and children.

June 1 is International Children's Day. This is one of the oldest international holidays, it is celebrated around the world since 1950. And nine years ago in September 2012 at the 66th session of the UN General Assembly it was decided to establish the World Parents' Day. The purpose of the holiday is to remind about the role of the family and parents in the upbringing of children.
Perhaps it is natural that on the same day, the public around the world pays close attention to both Children and Parents! Because parents and children are a unified whole, and only happy parents can make a child happy!
According to the results of the sociological survey of Kazakhstan citizens aged 18 years and older, $\mathbf{8 2 . 3 \%}$ of respondents are family people, i.e. live or previously lived with a spouse. Accordingly, the proportion of unmarried and single respondents was $17.7 \%$.
Parents in our country are $76.6 \%$ of the respondents, with $58.7 \%$ having underage children and $17.9 \%$ of the respondents having children already grown up. Most often there are 2 underage children in the family ( $36.9 \%$ ). Approximately every fourth family has either one child under 16 years old or three such children. $12.8 \%$ of respondents have a large family with 4 or more children.


Figure 1. How many underage children do you have?
In a sociological survey, Kazakhstanis were asked: «Have you succeeded in life to create a happy family and raise good children?». The vast majority of respondents gave positive answers to this question.
91.8\% of respondents answered in the affirmative about having a happy family. At the same time, $67.7 \%$ of them have already created their own happy family, and $24.1 \%$ of the respondents are confident that they can create one.
$\mathbf{9 2 . 7 \%}$ of respondents were positive about raising good children. According to $61.0 \%$ of respondents, they have already managed to bring up good children. Another $31.7 \%$ are confident that they will be able to raise their children to be good people.


Figure 2. Have you succeeded in life to create a happy family and raise good children?

