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Families and Generations Survey 2018: initial findings

Birth of first child: 70% of women fear negative consequences for their career

The number of children desired by young adults is strongly characterised by the two-child model. However, there is a clear gap between wish and reality in terms of the number of children. Women with a tertiary diploma in particular often fear that having a child will have a negative impact on their career prospects. Over two thirds of families regularly use extra-family childcare. Parents most often rely on their entourage, especially grandparents. In French-speaking Switzerland, almost half use a crèche or out-of-school daycare provision. These are some of the initial findings from the Families and Generations Survey 2018 from the Federal Statistical Office (FSO).

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