WHERE IS THE BEST PLACE TO BECOME A PARENT? RANKING OF EUROPIAN COUNTRIES FAVORABLE TO PARENTHOOD

A frequently discussed topic in Poland recently is the issue of low population growth. Changes in the attitudes and life priorities of young people have contributed to the postponement of starting a family. Moreover, government efforts aimed at increasing population growth have not solved this problem. Many people are questioning whether they want to become parents in the future. An additional dilemma is the decision about where to live, with young people often considering moving abroad.

The aim of the study is to create a ranking of selected countries around the world where it is best to become a parent. The study also attempts to address what improvements are needed in Poland to combat the declining birth rate.

The research was based on data from 2019-2023 concerning various factors related to parenthood. Special attention was paid to data regarding equal rights for fathers and mothers, as well as pay equality between women and men. Additionally, healthcare, the education system, and environmental conditions in each country were also considered.

# Introduction