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Headline: [The Experiences of U.S. Adults Who Don't Have Children](#)

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Summary: The share of U.S. adults younger than 50 without children who say they are unlikely to ever have kids rose 10 percentage points between 2018 and 2023 (from 37% to 47%). About four-in-ten of those in the older [50+] group (38%) say there was a time when they wanted to have children. A smaller but sizable share (32%) say they never wanted children, and 25% say they weren't sure one way or the other. Few say they frequently felt pressure to have children from family, friends or society in general. Reasons for not having children – or being unlikely to ever have them – differ between the older and younger groups. The top response for those ages 50 and older is that it just didn't happen, while those in the younger group are most likely to say they just don't want to have kids. Women younger than 50 are especially likely to say they just don't want to have children (64% vs. 50% of men in this group).

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