

A high proportion of Nunavimmiut (84%) agreed that having a baby would give them a reason to stay away from trouble like excessive parties, drinking, drugs, etc. Most (77%) agreed that having a baby would make their relationship with the other parent stronger, with more men than women agreeing with this statement (83% vs. 69% for women). Married or common law Nunavimmiut also tended to agree more with this statement (69%) than single individuals (86%; Table N, Appendix B).

The vast majority (95%) agreed that being a mother or a father is both special and a blessing. Nunavimmiut aged 21 to 30 years old (98%) agreed more with this statement than younger ones (89%). Sixty-two percent (62%) agreed that having a baby would make them feel like they fit in with other people their age. Most of those who agreed with the statement were aged 21 to 30 years old (70% vs. 49% for those aged 16 to 20 years old) and were married or in a common law relationship (70% vs. 56% for single people, Table N, Appendix B).

Seventy-one percent (71%) of Nunavimmiut agreed that having a baby would help them get a house. Three out of four Nunavimmiut (76%) agreed that having a baby would give them a purpose in life or a role in society. Youth aged 21 to 30 years old concurred with the latter statement more than those aged 16 to 20.

Based on these eight items, a cumulative score was calculated by summing the responses, creating a score ranging from 0 to 32. A higher score represents a more positive view of parenthood. Nunavimmiut aged 21 to 30 years old had a more positive overall view in this regard (25.2) compared to those aged 16 to 20 years old (22.7).

Table 9 Views of parenthood (%) by age group, population aged 16 to 30 years old, Nunavik, 2017

Strongly agree or agree with the following statements.	Sex		Age group		Total
	Men	Women	16-20	21-30	
Having a baby [gives]/[would give] me someone to love or [means]/[would mean] somebody will love me	77.1	83.1	73.5	84.3 ¹	80.1
Having a baby [makes]/[would make] me feel important	83.2	85.4	77.4	88.9 ¹	84.4
Having a baby [gives]/[would give] me more of a reason to stay away from trouble (excessive parties, drinking, drugs, etc.)	81.2	87.4	79.4	87.5	84.4
Having a baby [makes]/[would make] my relationship with the other parent stronger	83.3 ¹	69.1	74.2	77.5	76.2
Being a [mother]/[father] [is]/[would] be special; a baby is a blessing	94.1	95.5	89.0	98.4 ¹	94.8
Having a baby [makes]/[would make] me feel like I fit in with other [women]/[men] of my age	59.2	64.3	48.6	70.0 ¹	61.8
Having a baby [helps]/[would help] me get a house	72.2	69.3	68.6	72.1	70.8
Having a baby [gives]/[would give] me a purpose of life or a role in the society.	76.5	76.4	69.1	81.0 ¹	76.4
Total score (mean score)	23.9	24.5	22.7	25.2¹	24.2

NOTES

1. Statistically significant difference observed using the 5% threshold compared to the other group.