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## The majority of Hungarians are optimistic about 2025

**70 percent of Hungarians are optimistic about the year ahead and expect improvements in various aspects of their lives, according to the latest survey by the Mária Kopp Institute for Demography and Families (KINCS). According to the results of the representative survey, large families, those with young children and young people are the most optimistic about the future on all issues, with many people confident that the war situation will ease.**

62% of those surveyed were positive about 2024, with the 18-29 age group (67%), large families and those with young children in particular (67%), but married people also gave an above average positive response (63%).

Looking ahead to 2025, seven out of ten Hungarians are optimistic: 55% of respondents expect a good year, and 15% think 2025 will be an exceptionally good year. The most optimistic groups are those with young children (83%), large families (82%) and young people (77%), but families with children (71%) are also more optimistic than those without (66%).

One in four Hungarians expects the war situation to improve by 2025, while one in three thinks that there will be no change. More respondents think the war will end, while only one in five doubts it. Again, young people under 30, retired people, people living in municipalities and those with children are the most optimistic. Opinions are divided on the state of the economy and families, and on changes in incomes and living standards, with a third of respondents optimistic, a third pessimistic and a third expecting no change.

Regarding their own life, half of Hungarians expect no change, 23% expect an improvement and 19% expect a deterioration. However, it is worth noting that the proportion of optimists is always higher than that of pessimists when it comes to their feelings of happiness, mood, financial situation, family relationships, standard of living, health and housing conditions. The most optimistic about their own situation are 18-29 year olds, large families and those raising young children, while families with multiple children are the ones that are most optimistic about the improvement of their happiness. Respondents consider their family relationships and their housing conditions to be the most stable, with a fifth expecting family relationships to improve and a quarter confident that their housing conditions will improve.



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The majority of Hungarians are therefore rather optimistic about the year ahead, with a number of measures coming into force from 2025 that will raise the living standards of Hungarians from young people to pensioners. The Hungarian government's 21-point package of economic protection measures includes a number of elements aimed at creating economic stability, supporting and encouraging the growth of families, and helping to raise incomes and living standards. The guarantee of a 13th month pension, the doubling of the family tax allowance, the credit for blue collar workers and new housing subsidies are also expected to make a significant contribution to increasing people's financial security and satisfaction, further improving society's optimism.

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