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The relationship of Hungarians with their mother is intimate

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The majority of Hungarians treat their mother with great respect, love and attention. Most Hungarians (91%) say they have a particularly good and close relationship with their mother, four-fifths talk to her almost every day and the majority (96%) honors her on the first Sunday in May - according to the Mother's Day survey by the Mária Kopp Institute for Demography and Families (KINCS). According to 79 percent of Hungarians, mothers are being recognized in Hungary.

“Women’s non-transferable vocation is to bring children into the world and create a secure mother-child relationship. Women thus play an inalienable social role.”(Mária Kopp)

In its representative survey of 1,000 people conducted between April 14-16, 2021, KINCS examined, among other things, the relationship between adult Hungarians and their mothers. 56 percent of the respondents to the research still have their mother alive, with 91 percent saying they have a good or very good relationship with her (79 percent of respondents value also the relationship with their father as good or very good)

Nearly one-fifth (18%) of all respondents had a closer relationship evolved with their mother during the epidemic, with an even larger proportion of women reporting this (25%). The vast majority of Hungarians (81 percent) talk to their mother every day or almost every day, 84 percent regularly share their joys with her, and 63 percent of them also share with her their sorrows. Women tend to have a closer relationship with their mothers, as compared to men, there are about 10 percent more among them who are very strongly attached to their mothers

On Mother's Day (celebrated in Hungary on the first Sunday of May), the vast majority of Hungarians (96%) honor their mother (93% always, 3% often, 1% rarely, and 3% never).

When asked whether mothers are being recognized in Hungary, almost four-fifths (78%) of the respondents answered yes. Eighty-two percent of men and 76 percent of women shared the opinion that mothers in Hungary have respect and esteem, with students mostly agreeing with this statement (88%).

The Mária Kopp Institute's survey on the occasion of Mother's Day reveals that mothers play a very important role in the lives of Hungarians: their relationship with them is good and close, and the coronavirus epidemic has not changed this or has even improved it. With few exceptions, all Hungarians honor their mothers on Mother's Day and believe that mothers in Hungary receive a great deal of recognition, be they expecting mothers, mothers raising children, grandmothers or great-grandmothers.



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Methodology: The national representative survey was conducted by telephone survey of 1,000 people among the adult population between April 14-16, 2021.

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