

Nearly 2.7 million grandparents report being responsible for their grandchildren;
36 percent have had this responsibility for five years or more.

Grandparents Raising Their Grandchildren, 2009 Selected Characteristics

	Total number who report being responsible	Grandparents raising children without parent present		Number in labor force	Poor		Percent responsible for five years or more
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent	
Alabama	64,874	26,581	41.0%	35,102	17,334	26.7%	40.6%
Alaska	7,535	1,954	25.9	4,433	778	10.3	24.3
Arizona	64,725	18,549	28.7	38,719	15,168	23.4	37.1
Arkansas	37,866	14,735	38.9	21,789	9,724	25.7	30.2
California	298,557	70,097	23.5	181,206	47,485	15.9	36.7
Colorado	33,112	12,434	37.6	21,245	6,249	18.9	34.6
Connecticut	23,974	9,497	39.6	15,275	3,826	16.0	34.8
Delaware	8,102	2,927	36.1	5,597	911	11.2	37.3
District of Columbia	4,061	1,452	35.8	1,330	1,533	37.7	59.2
Florida	160,821	56,249	35.0	98,934	34,356	21.4	34.6
Georgia	110,881	41,232	37.2	65,451	28,692	25.9	35.9
Hawaii	10,918	2,784	25.5	5,911	1,691	15.5	47.3
Idaho	11,827	3,782	32.0	7,814	2,064	17.5	30.2
Illinois	101,647	29,184	28.7	66,996	21,091	20.7	36.2
Indiana	66,164	22,257	33.6	41,620	15,279	23.1	31.6
Iowa	13,435	4,519	33.6	9,754	1,945	14.5	26.8
Kansas	20,648	7,771	37.6	14,440	3,015	14.6	31.6
Kentucky	59,763	26,597	44.5	31,543	14,668	24.5	37.0
Louisiana	64,835	25,112	38.7	33,962	18,411	28.4	40.1
Maine	6,199	2,903	46.8	3,760	760	12.3	31.8
Maryland	47,117	13,371	28.4	31,264	6,886	14.6	35.2
Massachusetts	33,678	9,357	27.8	22,072	4,176	12.4	33.3
Michigan	69,712	21,693	31.1	40,863	12,793	18.4	30.0
Minnesota	22,399	6,967	31.1	15,269	5,168	23.1	36.3
Mississippi	49,366	18,076	36.6	28,795	14,033	28.4	39.5
Missouri	50,101	19,660	39.2	31,311	8,993	17.9	33.9
Montana	7,098	2,954	41.6	4,471	1,641	23.1	44.8
Nebraska	10,590	4,358	41.2	7,433	1,613	15.2	32.9
Nevada	26,461	7,328	27.7	16,319	2,641	10.0	32.6
New Hampshire	6,257	2,268	36.2	4,706	600	9.6	32.1
New Jersey	50,138	14,541	29.0	31,900	6,133	12.2	40.4
New Mexico	27,418	9,040	33.0	17,920	5,613	20.5	30.5
New York	141,157	37,400	26.5	79,560	30,569	21.7	41.6
North Carolina	98,493	42,419	43.1	62,191	23,470	23.8	36.0
North Dakota	2,663	1,115	41.9	1,724	540	20.3	50.1
Ohio	93,158	35,856	38.5	57,562	20,220	21.7	34.7
Oklahoma	40,367	16,787	41.6	24,826	9,328	23.1	41.7
Oregon	25,210	9,336	37.0	16,060	3,438	13.6	35.8
Pennsylvania	85,303	33,175	38.9	50,576	14,940	17.5	39.2
Rhode Island	5,856	1,771	30.2	3,982	743	12.7	20.9
South Carolina	52,462	20,815	39.7	31,615	12,127	23.1	41.1
South Dakota	7,306	3,450	47.2	4,740	1,850	25.3	35.5
Tennessee	77,238	30,648	39.7	44,461	18,479	23.9	33.6
Texas	314,383	96,032	30.5	198,281	70,029	22.3	34.6
Utah	19,549	4,943	25.3	13,320	1,987	10.2	33.4
Vermont	2,406	1,294	53.8	1,439	567	23.6	23.5
Virginia	62,153	21,580	34.7	40,467	8,793	14.1	38.8
Washington	44,105	16,749	38.0	28,527	6,542	14.8	35.7
West Virginia	21,773	9,658	44.4	10,578	4,059	18.6	41.5
Wisconsin	27,904	9,075	32.5	18,014	6,367	22.8	33.2
Wyoming	4,288	2,156	50.3	2,931	156	3.6	19.5
United States	2,696,053	904,488	33.5	1,648,058	549,474	20.4	36.1

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 2009 American Community Survey, Tables B10050 and B10051.
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