

# American Community Survey

## Population: Question on Grandparents as Caregivers

Question as it appears in the questionnaire.

**25** a. Does this person have any of his/her own grandchildren under the age of 18 living in this house or apartment?

Yes

No → SKIP to question 26

b. Is this grandparent currently responsible for most of the basic needs of any grandchild(ren) under the age of 18 who live(s) in this house or apartment?

Yes

No → SKIP to question 26

c. How long has this grandparent been responsible for the(se) grandchild(ren)?  
*If the grandparent is financially responsible for more than one grandchild, answer the question for the grandchild for whom the grandparent has been responsible for the longest period of time.*

Less than 6 months

6 to 11 months

1 or 2 years

3 or 4 years

5 or more years

Source: ACS-1(2009)KFI

## MEETING FEDERAL NEEDS

This question was added to the American Community Survey in 1999 to comply with legislation passed in the 104th Congress requiring that the decennial census program obtain information about grandparents who have primary responsibility for the care of their grandchildren. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services uses these data to distinguish households in which a grandparent has primary responsibility for a child or children and also uses these data for the High Performance Bonus Awards Program under the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Program.

## COMMUNITY BENEFITS

### Business

Daycare centers and other businesses use these data to develop new products and services for their communities.

### Government

State and local governments, faith-based and other nonprofit organizations, and businesses use these data to plan, budget, and pay benefits.

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