

## New Hampshire Grandparents Who Have Grandchildren Living with Them

According to the 2017 American Community Survey, there were 528,700 households in New Hampshire. Of those, 25,368 households were headed by a grandparent living with their own grandchildren under 18 years of age. That represented about 4.8 percent of New Hampshire households, compared to 4.6 percent in New England and 6.0 percent for the nation. About 18,670 children were living in grandparent-led households in New Hampshire. As head of household, the grandparent is the person, or one of

the people, in whose name the home is owned, being bought, or rented.<sup>1</sup>

### Grandchildren Living with Grandparents

The number of grandchildren living in a grandparent-led household was roughly 7.2 percent of New Hampshire children under 18 years of age. The largest share of grandchildren living with their grandparents, 44.0 percent, was under six years of age, 31.0 percent were between six and 11 years, and the remaining 25.0 percent were between 12 and 17 years old.

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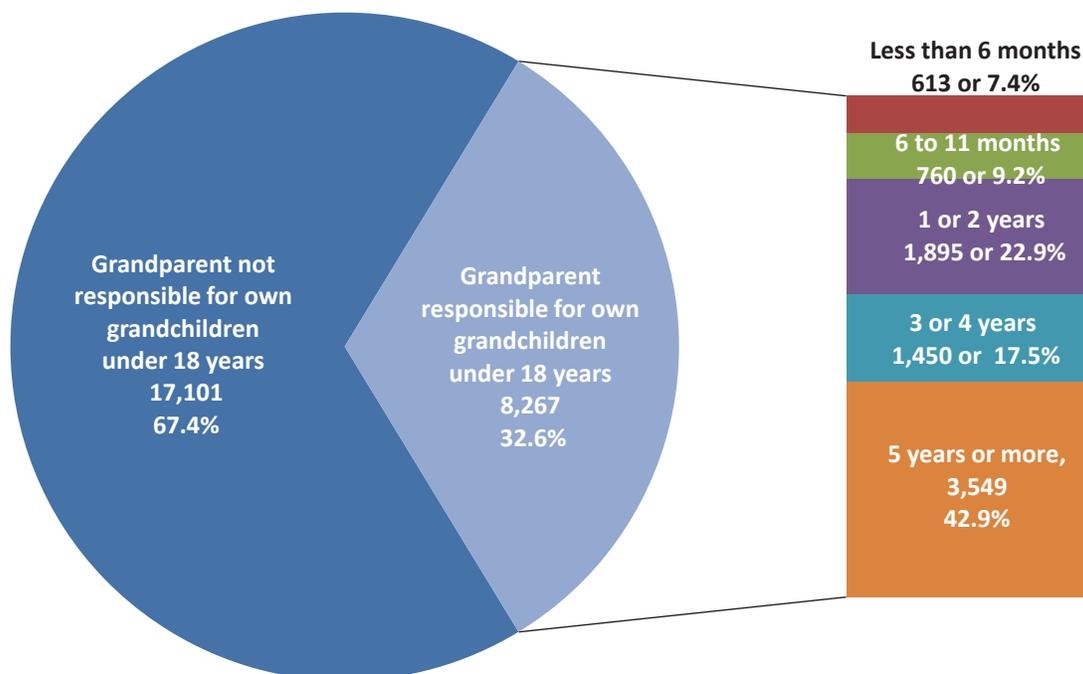
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**Length of Time New Hampshire Grandparent-Led Households Lived with Their Grandchildren, 2017**



Source: 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Census Bureau. 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. Table B10001. American Community Survey counts grandparents based on population age 30 year and older.

Almost 58 percent of grandchildren living in their grandparent’s household were not the primary responsibility of the grandparent. However, around 42 percent of grandchildren, 7,881 children, were the responsibility of the grandparent in whose home they lived. Roughly four of every nine grandchildren who were the responsibility of the grandparent did not have a parent also living with them.

### Grandparent Householders Living with Grandchildren

Slightly more than two of every five grandparent-led households living with their own grandchildren were responsible for the grandchildren in their home. Of the grandparent households responsible for the grandchildren living with them, 42.9 percent had been doing so for five years or more, 22.9 percent had held the responsibility for one to two years, 17.5 percent had been responsible for three to four years, 9.2 percent had been responsible for between six and eleven months, and 7.4 percent were less than six months.

Among grandparent householders living with their own grandchildren, the largest portion, 56.1 percent, was age 60 years or older, compared to 43.9 percent who were between the ages of 30 and 59 years. That share differed

among grandparent householders who were responsible for the grandchildren living with them. Among responsible grandparent householders, 63.3 percent were between 30 and 59 years of age and 36.7 percent were age 60 years or older. The age breakout of grandparent householders not responsible for the grandchildren living with them was the opposite, with 34.5 percent of householders age 30 to 59 years and 65.5 percent of householders age 60 years or older.

Two of every three grandparent heads of household living with their grandchildren were married (including separated and spouse absent). Among households where grandparents were responsible for their grandchildren, 77.6 percent were currently married.

Overall, 51.0 percent of grandparent householders living with their grandchildren were in the labor force. The breakout of labor force participation of grandparents who were not responsible for their grandchildren closely resembled that of the total, with 53.7 percent in the labor force and 46.3 percent not in the labor force. Among grandparent-led households with responsibility for their grandchildren living with them, 65.2 percent were in the labor force; 45.6 percent were between 30 and 59 years of age and the remaining 19.7 percent were 60 years and older.

