

New Hampshire Economic Conditions

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Multigenerational Households in New Hampshire

According to the 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-year estimates, there were 518,245 households in New Hampshire, and of those, 346,150 were family households. About 2.5 percent of family households, roughly 12,840 households, were multigenerational, meaning that more than three generations lived in the same household.¹

Grandparents Living with Grandchildren

As of 2013, roughly 19,800 grandparents (age 30 and older) in New Hampshire lived with their

own grandchildren age 18 and under.² Some grandparents who lived with their grandchildren under age 18 were also responsible for providing most of their basic care. About 7,000 grandparents were the primary caregivers for their young grandchildren. Among grandparents who were responsible for their grandchildren, 4,200 (60 percent) were female, and 5,100 (73 percent) were married. Of the grandparents who were responsible for the care of their grandchildren, the largest number, 4,820, were between the ages of 30 and 59 years, and 2,190 were 60 years and over. About 12,790

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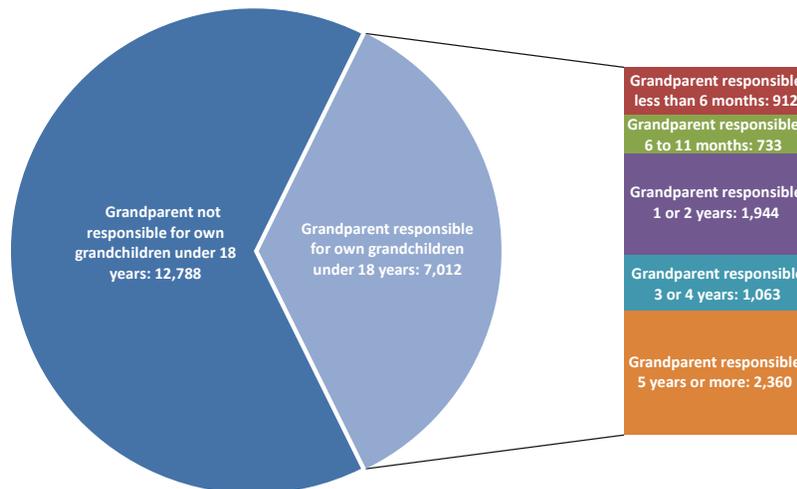
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grandparents were not the primary responsible person for the under age 18 grandchildren living with them.³

¹. Table B11017: Multigenerational Households: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2013 5-Year American Community Survey
². U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2013 5-Year American Community Survey. In 2013, 64 percent of New Hampshire's population was over age 30 years. Universe: Population 30 years and over.
³. Table DP02: Selected Social Characteristics in the United States. U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2013 5-Year American Community Survey

New Hampshire Grandparents Living with own Grandchildren under 18 years



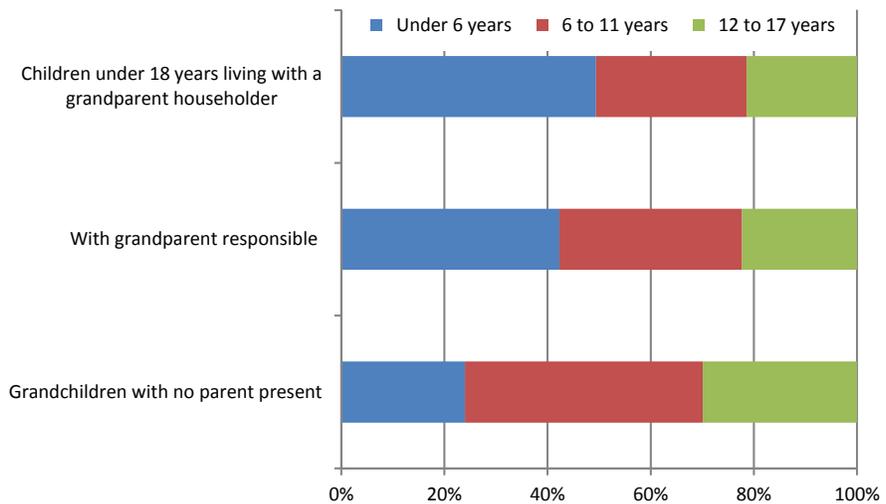
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2013 5-Year American Community Survey. Table B20050: Grandparents Living with Own Grandchildren under 18 Years by Responsibility for Own Grandchildren by Length Responsible for Own Grandchildren for the Population 30 Years and Over.

Roughly 13 percent of all grandparents living with their grandchildren were responsible for their grandchildren with neither of the grandchild’s parents living in the household. Altogether, 35.4 percent of the grandparents who held primary responsibility for their grandchildren had neither of the child’s parents in the household. Among responsible grandparents age 30 to 59 years caring for their grandchildren, 33.4 percent did so without one of the child’s parents present, while 40.0 percent of responsible grandparents age 60 years and older were caring for their grandchildren without a parent present.⁴

Overall, 57.3 percent of grandparents living with their grandchildren were in the labor force. Among grandparents with the responsibility of caring for their grandchildren, 69 percent were in the labor force. Among younger grandparents, those age 30 to 59 years, who were responsible for their grandchildren, 77 percent were in the labor force. Slightly more than half, 51.3 percent, of grandparents age 60 years and over who were the primary caregivers for their grandchildren were in the labor force.

About six percent of all grandparents living with their grandchildren had income below the poverty level in the last 12 months.⁵ Younger grandparents who were responsible for their grandchildren, those age 30 to 59 years, were more likely to be

Age Distribution of New Hampshire Children under 18 years Living with A Grandparent Head of Household



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2013 5-Year American Community Survey, Table: S1001: GRANDCHILDREN

poor — 10.8 percent had an income below the poverty level in the last 12 months, compared to 6.7 percent of responsible grandparents age 60 years and older.

In some cases, disabled grandparents lived with their grandchildren. Among grandparents living with their grandchildren, 23.5 percent had some disability. A similar share of grandparents with responsibility for their grandchildren, 22.6 percent overall, had some disability. A slightly larger share of grandparents age 60 years and over, 27.6 percent, had some disability, compared to 20.3 percent of responsible grandparents age 30 to 59 years who were disabled.

Almost 12 percent of grandparents who lived with their grandchildren had been the primary responsible person for their grandchildren for five years or more. Among grandparents who were responsible for caring for their grandchildren, one-third had been doing so for five years or more.⁶

Grandchildren Living with a Grandparent Head of Household

In 2013, there were more than 14,400 New Hampshire children under 18 years of age living with a grandparent who was head of household. This was the living arrangement for roughly five percent of all children under 18 years of age. Almost 6,400, or 45 percent, of these children

⁴. Table S1002: Grandparents. U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2013 5-Year American Community Survey

⁵. The ACS is a continuous survey with people responding throughout the year. Income questions specify a period covering the last 12 months based date of response. Poverty thresholds vary depending on date of response and family size.

⁶. Table B10050: Grandparents Living with Own Grandchildren under 18 Years by Responsibility for Own Grandchildren by Length Responsible for Own Grandchildren for the Population 30 Years and Over. U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2013 5-Year American Community Survey

were cared for primarily by their grandparent(s), and 2,150 children being cared for by grandparents did not have a parent living with them.⁷

Overall, just over eight percent of children who lived with a grandparent were in a household with income below the poverty level during the last 12 months. Among children being cared for by a grandparent with no parent present, about 21 percent lived in a household with income below the poverty level.

Almost six percent of children living with a grandparent had some disability, and grandparents held primary responsibility for nearly half of these disabled grandchildren.

Among grandchildren living with a grandparent who was head of household, almost one-half were under six years old. About 29 percent were between 6 and 11 years of age, while about 21 percent were age 12 to 17 years.

Roughly 42 percent of children living with a grandparent head of household who was responsible for their care were under six years old, 35 percent were age 6 to 11, and 22 percent were age 12 to 17 years.

In households where a grandparent was responsible for their grandchildren and no parent was present, the largest share of children, 46 percent, were 6 to 11 years of age. Just under a quarter were under age six, while 30 percent were age 12 to 17.

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⁷ Table S1001: Grandchildren. U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2013 5-Year American Community Survey

New on the Web - Career Exploration by Holland Interest Profile

Now available on the ELMI web site is a career exploration tool to help users find information about jobs that match their interests. Vocational psychologist John L. Holland developed a theory that people can be described by one or more of six different “work personality” types which are: Realistic (R), Investigative (I), Artistic (A), Social (S), Enterprising (E) or Conventional (C).

Holland interest codes provide a system for matching personality types to occupations. An assessment can help people self-identify with at least two or three of the six different occupational interest types. The site includes links to interest profile questionnaires for users who do not already know their Holland interest type.

An interactive grid of interest types allows users to find information on occupations associated with an interest profile. This tool can be accessed at www.nhes.nh.gov/elmi/career/career-assess.htm. The employment outlook and wages within New Hampshire for those occupations are displayed.

		Primary Holland Type					
		Realistic	Investigative	Artistic	Social	Enterprising	Conventional
Secondary Type	Realistic						
	Investigative						
	Artistic						
	Social						
	Enterprising						
	Conventional						

Empty grid boxes indicate that there were no occupations with the interest combination.