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Facts about Grandparents

In the most recent Census Bureau statistics, 2.4 million of the nation's families are maintained by grandparents who have one or more of their grandchildren living with them--an increase of 400,000 (19 percent) since 1990.

These families comprise 7 percent of all families with children under 18. Slightly more than half (1.3 million) of these 2.4 million grandparent-maintained families contain both grandparents; 1.0 million have only a grandmother; and 150,000 have only a grandfather.

All in all, 2.3 million grandparent-maintained families contain a grandmother and 1.4 million have a grandfather. The grandfathers are more likely than the grandmothers to be employed (66 percent compared with 51 percent) and to own their home (81 percent compared with 69 percent) but less likely to be poor (12 percent and 23 percent).

Of the grandparents who maintain homes for their grandchildren, 55 percent of grandmothers and 47 percent of grandfathers are not yet age 55. Additionally, 19 percent of grand-mothers and 15 percent of grandfathers are under age 45.

About two-thirds of grandparent-maintained families include one or both of the children's parents.

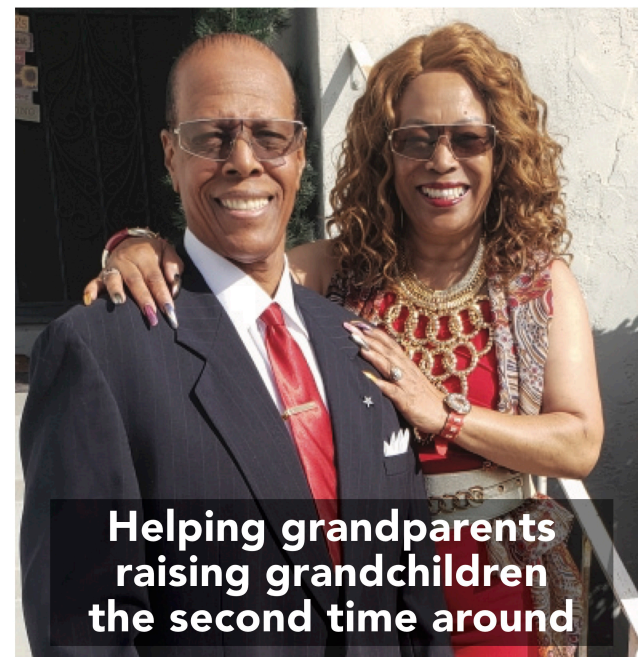
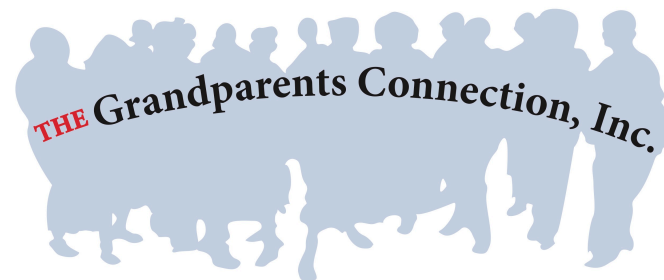
Among grandparent-maintained families, the average household income ranges from \$19,750 for those with only a grandmother present to \$61,632 for families with both grandparents and at least one of the grandchildren's parents present.

Of the Children living in a grand-parent's home, 42 percent are white, 36 percent are African American, 17 percent are Hispanic and 5 percent are Asian or Pacific Islander or American Indian.

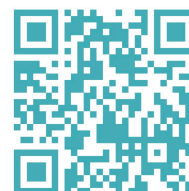
The overall poverty rate for children living in a grandparent's home is 27 percent; for children living in their parents' home it is 19 percent.

One-half of grandchildren living in a grand-parent's home are younger than six.

For further information on these Census Bureau facts go to: <http://www.census.gov>



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