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FP-18-05 Grandparenthood in the U.S.: Residence Status of Grandchildren

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In 2014, there were nearly 68 million grandparents aged 40 and over in the United States, according to the 2014 Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP). This figure represents 46% of adults aged 40 and older. The SIPP is a nationally representative household-based survey and is designed to provide comprehensive family and social information on individuals and families. Because the SIPP covers all households, it is one of the few surveys that identifies non-resident grandparents. Using data from the 2014 Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), this profile updates FP-14-12 to examine grandparents’ age composition, race/ethnicity, and educational attainment by resident status of grandchildren. This is the final profile in our series on grandparents in the U.S.

### Race/Ethnicity of Grandparents by Resident Status of Grandchildren

A larger share of grandparents with resident grandchildren belonged to a racial/ethnic minority group (52%) compared to nonresident grandparents (25%).

Among non-Whites, Hispanics constituted the largest share of resident grandparents (27% of all resident grandparents). However, among nonresident grandparents, only one in ten were Hispanic.

A higher percentage of resident grandparents were Black than nonresident grandparents (18% and 12%, respectively).

Although few grandparents were Asian, twice as many resident grandparents than nonresident grandparents were Asian (6% versus 3%).

### Educational Attainment of Grandparents by Resident Status of Grandchildren

Resident grandparents had lower levels of educational attainment than nonresident grandparents.

Thirty percent of resident grandparents had less than a high school education compared to 16% of nonresident grandparents.

One in ten (11%) resident grandparents were college graduates, whereas two in ten (21%) nonresident grandparents were college graduates.

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