In 2014, there were nearly 68 million grandparents aged 40 and over in the United States, according to the 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 gathers information on all individuals who live in a surveyed household, and directly asks respondents if they are a grandparent, 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.

### Age Composition of Grandparents by Resident Status of Grandchildren

- **On average, resident grandparents were five years younger than nonresident grandparents (median age of 60 vs. 65).** Almost half of resident grandparents (48%) were under age 60, whereas one-third of nonresident grandparents were under age 60.
- **Nonresident grandparents were more often in older age groups.** The majority (67%) of nonresident grandparents were aged 60 and older.

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### 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 (23%).** 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%).**

![Figure 2. Race/Ethnicity of Grandparents by Resident Status of Grandchildren](image)

### 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.**

![Figure 3. Educational Attainment of Grandparents by Resident Status of Grandchildren](image)