



AARP 2018 National Survey on Grandparenting

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2,654 adults age 38+, 95% confidence level*

Q1. [Hidden] Methodology

	General Population
Online	93
In-Person Intercept	7
N=	2,654

Q2. (QNR #6) [State/Country] In what state do you live?

	General Population
Northeast	18
Midwest	22
South	37
West	23
N=	2,654

Q3. (QNR #7) [Urban vs. Rural] Which best describes the community where you live?

	General Population
Urban near mix of offices, apartments, and shops [Urban]	14
Urban and mostly residential [Urban]	17
Suburban with a mix of offices, apartments, and shops	18
Suburban and mostly residential [Suburban]	37
Small town [Rural]	7
Rural area [Rural]	7
N=	2,654

Q4. (QNR #8) [Age] In what year were you born?

	General Population
Generation X = 38-53	17
Baby Boomers = 54-72	50
Silent / Greatest Generation 73+	33
N=	2,654

Q5. (QNR #9) [Gender] What is your gender?

	General Population
Male	42
Female	58
Other	<0.5
N=	2,654

Q6. (QNR #10) [Parent/Grandparent] Do you have any grandchildren, (including step-grandchildren and/or adopted grandchildren) and/or great grandchildren?

	General Population
Yes, I have grandchildren	97
Yes, I have great grandchildren [monitor]	15
N=	2,654

Q7. (QNR #11) [Hispanic] Are you of Spanish, Hispanic or Latino background?

	General Population
Yes	18
No	82
Don't know/not sure	<0.5
N=	2,654

Q8. (QNR #12) [Race] Which of the following best describes your race?

	General Population
American Indian or Alaska Native	<0.5
Asian (e.g. Chinese, Japanese, Filipino, Vietnamese, Korean, Asian Indian, Asian Pacific Islander OR some other Asian heritage)	6
Black or African American	14
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	<0.5
White	68
Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	10
Multi-racial	1
Some other race	<0.5
Don't know / not sure	<0.5
N=	2,654

Q9. (QNR #13B) [Race] Which of the following best describes your race?

Online & English & Asian American

	General Population
Chinese	68
Japanese	7
Filipino	7
Vietnamese	3
Korean	2
Asian Indian	11
Asian Pacific Islander	1
Another Asian race	2
N=	155

Q10. (QNR #14) [Military/Veteran] Have you ever served on active duty in the US Armed Forces, Military Reserves or National Guard? Please select one.

	General Population
Yes, currently serving on active duty [veteran]	1
Yes, served on active duty in the past, but not now [veteran]	18
No	80
N=	2,654

Q11. (QNR #15) [LGBT] Do you identify yourself as...

	General Population
Heterosexual	95
Gay / Lesbian [LGBT]	1
Bisexual [LGBT]	1
Transgender / Transsexual [LGBT]	-
Other	1
Prefer not to answer	3
N=	2,654

Q12. (QNR #16) [Internet at home] Do you have internet in your household?

	General Population
Yes	98
No	2
N=	2,654

Q13. (QNR #61) [Importance of grandparenting] Overall, how important of a role do you think you play in your grandchild/children's lives? Would you say you play a very, somewhat, little, or not at all important role in the lives of your grandchildren?

	General Population
Very important	53
Somewhat important	28
A little important	14
Not at all important	5

N=

2,654

Q14. (QNR #62) [Grandparenting performance] Overall, how would you rate yourself on the job you are doing as a grandparent? Would you say...

	General Population
Excellent	37
Above average	36
Average	23
Below average	3
Poor	2

N=

2,654

Q15. (QNR #17) [Age of becoming grandparent] How old were you when your first grandchild was born?

	General Population
Mean	49.8

N=

2,654

Q16. (QNR #18) [No. of Grandchildren] How many grandchildren do you have? Please include step-grandchildren and/or adopted grandchildren and/or great grandchildren.

	General Population
Grandchildren	94
Great Grandchildren	16
Step-Grandchildren	18
Adopted Grandchildren	4
Mean number of grandchildren	4.5

N=

2,654

Q17. (QNR #19) [Grandchildren Gender] Of your [pipe in Total from 18.1 to 18.4] grandchild(ren), how many granddaughters and grandsons do you have? Please type in the number of granddaughters and grandsons you have.

	General Population
Granddaughters	84
Grandsons	81
Mean number of granddaughters	2.28
Mean number of grandsons	2.19
N=	2,654

Q18. (QNR #20) [Grandchildren Age] Of your [pipe in Total from 18] grandchildren, how many are within each of the following age groups? Please type in the # of grandchildren you have in each age group.

	General Population
Infant (0 to 11 months)	15
1 to 4 years old	45
5 to 9 years old	47
10 to 12 years old	35
13 to 17 years old	38
18 to 34 years old	39
35 to 44 years old	6
45 years old or more	1
N=	2,654

Q19. (QNR #21) [Children raised] How many children have you raised in your lifetime? This can include your own children, grandchildren, other family members, children of your friends or within the community.

	General Population
Mean	3.0
N=	2,654

Q20. (QNR #22) [Grandchildren in household] Do any of your grandchildren live in your household?

	General Population
Yes	11
No	89
N=	2,654

Q21. (QNR #23) [Maternal/Paternal] Now, thinking about all your grandchildren, do you have grandchildren from your son(s), daughter(s) or both? Select one.

	General Population
From my son(s)	34
From my daughter(s)	35
Both	31
N=	2,654

Q22. (QNR #24) [Maternal/Paternal Grandchildren Closeness] Do you have a closer relationship with your son's children or your daughter's children?

Grandparents with grandchildren from both son(s) and daughter(s)

	General Population
Son	6
Daughter	21
I am equally close to both / all	73
N=	824

Q23. (QNR #25) [Why Closer Relationship?] Why do you say you have a closer relationship with your [Q24.1: son's 24.2: daughter's]'s children? Please select all that apply

Grandparents with grandchildren from only son(s) or only daughter(s)

	General Population
They live closer to me	51
They live with me	75
I see them more often	62
I have a closer relationship with my [son / daughter]	38
[Son / Daughter] is my biological child	12
My [son / daughter]'s children are older	8
My [son / daughter]'s children are younger	11
I don't get along with my [son / daughter]'s partner	8
Other	3
N=	269

Q24. (QNR #26) [Proximity] How close (in proximity) do you live to your grandchild(ren)?

Grandparents with one or more grandchildren

	General Population
Grandchild that is closest (proximity) to you	
10 miles or less	35
11 – 50 miles	18
51 – 100 miles	6
101 – 150 miles	2
151 – 200 miles	2
More than 200 miles	19
Only have grandchild(ren) who live with me	18

N=

2,585

Q25. (QNR #26) [Proximity] How close (in proximity) do you live to your grandchild(ren)?

Grandparents with one or more grandchildren

	General Population
Grandchild that is furthest (proximity) to you	
10 miles or less	14
11 – 50 miles	18
51 – 100 miles	10
101 – 150 miles	3
151 – 200 miles	3
More than 200 miles	52
Only have grandchild(ren) who live with me	-

N=

2,104

Q26. (QNR #26a) [Relocation] Have you ever relocated in order to be closer to your grandchild(ren)?

	General Population
Yes	12
No	88

N=

2,654

Q27. [Frequency of Seeing GC] How often do you see your grandchild(ren)? Please do not include grandchildren who live with you.

Grandparents who do not live with their grandchildren

	General Population
Grandchild that is closest (proximity) to you	
Every day or almost every day	12
At least once a week	18
Once every couple of weeks	13
About once a month	10
Once every few months	16
About once a year	7
Less than once a year	4
Never	2
Only have grandchildren who live in household	18

N=

2,585

Q28. (QNR #27) [Frequency of Seeing GC] How often do you see your grandchild(ren)? Please do not include grandchildren who live with you.

Grandparents who do not live with their grandchildren

	General Population
Grandchild that is furthest (proximity) to you	
Every day or almost every day	5
At least once a week	12
Once every couple of weeks	11
About once a month	9
Once every few months	28
About once a year	19
Less than once a year	12
Never	4
Only have grandchildren who live in household	-

N=

2,104

Q29. (QNR #28) [See enough of grandchildren] In general, do you feel you see your grandchild(ren)?

Grandparents who do not live with their grandchildren

	General Population
Grandchild that is closest (proximity) to you	
Not often enough	37
About the right amount of time	42
Too often	3
Only have grandchildren who live in household	18
N=	2,585

Q30. (QNR #28) [See enough of grandchildren] In general, do you feel you see your grandchild(ren)?

Grandparents who do not live with their grandchildren

	General Population
Grandchild that is furthest (proximity) to you	
Not often enough	63
About the right amount of time	36
Too often	2
N=	2,104

Q31. (QNR #28a) [Generational change] Compared with how often you saw/see your grandparents, how much more or less often do you see your own grandchild(ren)?

	General Population
A lot more often	34
A little more often	14
Approximately the same amount	19
A little less often	9
A lot less often	20
Don't know/cannot remember	4
N=	2,654

Q32. (QNR #29) [Barriers to Seeing Grandchildren] There are many things that might prevent you from spending as much time with your grandchild(ren) as you would like. Which of the following reasons prevent you from seeing your grandchild(ren) more often? Select all that apply.

Grandparents who feel they see their grandchildren not often enough OR about the right amount of time

	General Population
Lack of money	12
Your busy schedule	18
Your grandchild(ren)'s busy schedule	31
Grandchild(ren)'s parents' busy schedules	31
Lack of energy	3
Your health problems	9
Living too far away	68
You have mobility issues (i.e. it is hard for you to get around)	7
Divorce OR separation of your child from partner / spouse	7
Difficult relationship with your grandchild's parent/parents	13
Difficult relationship with your grandchild(ren)	2
Other	4

N=

1,659

Q33. [Grandparent spend items] Which of the following, if any, do you spend your money on for your grandchild(ren)? Please select all that apply

	General Population
Gifts	86
School/college tuition	21
A Weekly/monthly/yearly allowance	8
Your grandchild(ren)'s day-to-day expenses (e.g. meals, groceries, etc.)	14
Your grandchild(ren)'s major expenses (e.g. rent or mortgage, help with a home purchase, medical costs, etc.)	5
Vacations	26
Other	5
None of the above	6

N=

2,654

Q34. (QNR #31) [Grandparent spend] In a given year, how much do you think you spend on you grandchild(ren)? What is your best estimate?

Grandparents who did not select none of the above for money spent on grandchildren

	General Population
Gifts	804.88
School/college tuition	4075.29
A Weekly/monthly/yearly allowance	1086.05
Your grandchild(ren)'s day-to-day expenses (e.g. meals, groceries, etc.)	1491.09
Your grandchild(ren)'s major expenses (e.g. rent or mortgage, help with a home purchase, medical costs, etc.)	4032.66
Vacations	1746.38
Other	1272.7

N=

2,504

Q35. (QNR #32) [Roles] Below is a list of roles that grandparents may (or may not) play in grandchildren's lives. Please select all roles that you identify with, as a grandparent. Select all that apply.

Half of total respondents asked

	General Population
Teacher	39
Watch dog	14
Mediator	14
Stress buffer	16
Roots (family heritage, culture, history)	49
Valued elder	49
Mentor	35
Source of Wisdom	52
Conveyer of family legacy	33
Surrogate parent	10
Taxi service	17
Storyteller	40
Discipliner	19
Financial supporter	21
Friend	44
Babysitter / Daycare	38
Anchor	20
None of these	8

N=

1,333

Q36. (QNR #33) [Names] What do(es) your grandchild(ren) call you? Select all that apply.

Grandmothers

	General Population
Grandmother	7
Grandma	50
Granny	9
Gran	3
Nana	10
Nanny	1
Yaya	<0.5
Lola	1
By my name	5
Other	32

N=

833

Q37. (QNR #33) [Names] What do(es) your grandchild(ren) call you? Select all that apply.

Grandfathers

	General Population
Grandfather	4
Grandpa	48
Grandad	6
Gramps	3
GranDude	1
Pappap	3
Papa	21
Lolo	2
By my name	5
Other	24

N=

506

Q38. (QNR #34) [Activities] Have you done any of the following activities with your grandchild(ren) in the past 12 months? Please select all that apply

	General Population
Physical activities	32
Family celebration	68
Go to the library, read to OR with them	27
Go on outings (e.g. movies, museums, sporting event, amusement parks)	44
Attend a school event in which your grandchild was participating	37
Attend religious services	26
Go shopping	46
Watch TV or videos at home	55
Play games on a computer OR gaming system	16
Cook or bake	35
Go hunting / fishing	7
Volunteering	6
Trips / travel / vacation	40
Going out to eat	72
Making crafts	20
Online video chat (e.g. Skype, Facetime, Facebook video)	25
Play games remotely on a mobile device	10
Other	3
None of the above	8

N=

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Q39. (QNR #35) [Multi-gen trip] Have you taken a multi-generational trip in the past 12 months? A multi-generational trip is a family trip that includes three generations or more, such as kids, parents, aunts/uncles, and grandparents, etc. all traveling to one destination to vacation together.

Grandparents who have gone on trips with their grandchildren in the past 12 months

	General Population
Yes	73
No	27

N=

1,072

Q40. (QNR #37) [[Likelihood of multi-gen trip] How likely, if at all, are you to take a multi-generational trip in the next 12 months? A multi-generational trip is a family trip that includes three generations or more, such as kids, parents, aunts/uncles, and grandparents, etc. all traveling to one destination to vacation together.

	General Population
Very likely	28
Somewhat likely	21
Neither likely nor unlikely	16
Somewhat unlikely	13
Very unlikely	22

N=

2,654

Q41. (QNR #38) [Skip-Gen] Have you ever paid for and taken a trip with your grandchildren without their parents (i.e. their mom and dad stay at home).

	General Population
Yes	32
No	68

N=

2,654

Q42. (QNR #39) [Communication] In general, how often do you communicate with your grandchildren using the following...?

Grandparents who see their grandchildren once a year or more

	General Population							
	Child too young	Never	Less than once a yr.	About once a yr.	Once every few	About once a month	Once every couple of weeks	At least once a week
Telephone	8	9	4	4	16	13	18	28
Mail	14	39	6	16	16	3	3	2
Email	21	37	5	4	11	7	8	7
Texting	19	31	3	1	9	8	12	17
Video Chat (Skype, FaceTime, DUO, WhatsApp)	8	47	4	3	7	8	11	13
Facebook	20	49	2	2	4	5	8	10

N=

2,585

Q43. (QNR #40) [Communication – Topics] Which of the following topic areas are you comfortable giving advice or talking to your grandchild(ren) about ...?

	General Population
Dating/Sex/Sexuality	
Dating, sex, and/or sexuality	23
Education	
School, college or career plans	49
Safety	
Internet safety	32
Bullying / peers	
Bullying, peer pressure, problems with friends	38
Drugs / alcohol	
Drinking / alcohol use	33
Smoking cigarettes	33
Use of illegal drugs OR illegal use of prescription drugs	30
Use of cannabis or marijuana	24
Parents	
Issues with their parent(s)	31
Religion	
Religion or spirituality	33
Morals or values	53
Health	
Overall Health	38
Mental health and wellbeing	26
Stress	24
Food and nutrition	46
News / Events	
News and current events	36
Gender equality / women's rights	23
Politics	23
Media education / literacy	23
Racism or racial relations	29
Social	
Sports	36
Movies or TV	43
Household issues (e.g. cooking, laundry, grocery shopping, cleaning etc.)	39
Managing finances & savings	32
Social etiquette and behavior	43
Associations / organizations to join	16
Career advice	33
Using social media	27
None of the above	16

N=

2,654

Q44. (QNR #41) [Advice to grandchildren] Has your grandchild(ren) ever asked for your advice to help them deal with a particular issue?

	General Population
Yes	40
No	60
N=	2,654

Q45. (QNR #42) [Grandparent advice importance] How important, if at all, do you feel the advice you provided was in helping you grandchild(ren) with their issue(s)?

Grandparents who have been asked to give advice to their grandchildren

	General Population
Very important	59
Somewhat important	37
A little important	3
Not at all important	<0.5
Don't know	1
N=	995

Q46. (QNR #43) [Advice from grandchildren] Have you ever asked your grandchild(ren) for their advice to help with a particular issue?

	General Population
Yes	27
No	73
N=	2,654

Q47. (QNR #45) [Modern Parenting Attitudes] Below is a list of modern parenting topics (you may OR may not be aware of). Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each point?

	General Population				
	Not applicable	Disagree strongly	Disagree	Agree	Agree strongly
Child discipline today is better than in my generation	2	35	44	13	5
New moms should feel free to breast-feed in public	4	5	19	46	25
Immunization / vaccinations is essential for children's	1	1	4	31	63
Parents today are too over-protective of their children	3	10	37	37	12
Parents today are too lax with their children	2	2	18	50	27
Spanking is an effective form of discipline	5	13	29	43	11
Parents today share too much (about their children) on social media	5	1	13	50	31
Boys and girls should be raised the same	2	8	28	43	19
Gender is non-binary (boys can identify as girls; girls can identify as boys)	9	25	29	28	9
In general, parenting today is better than it was in my generation	2	27	46	20	5
If my grandchild came out as LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexuals or transgender), I would accept him/her	4	3	5	46	42
It is important to raise girls to become strong / independent women	2	0	3	46	49
Religion / spirituality play too small a role in children's lives today	6	6	16	44	27
Technology has a negative impact on children today	3	8	31	43	15
Technology has brought me closer to my grandchildren	7	9	30	41	13
It is important for my grandchildren to get a higher education	1	1	3	34	62
The opioid epidemic is a major issue facing youth today	4	1	7	44	45
Parents place more trust in the internet as a resource for child rearing than their family	5	9	30	43	12

N=

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Q48. (QNR #46) [Modern Parenting Attitudes] Below is a list of new ideas for grandparenting that you may OR may not have heard of. For each, please indicate if you like OR dislike each idea, by selecting the thumbs up for “like”, thumbs sideways for “neutral” and thumbs down for “dislike”.

	General Population		
	Thumbs Down “Dislike”	Thumbs Sideways “Neutral”	Thumbs Up “Like”
Grandparents traveling with their grandchildren, but without the grandchildren’s parents present	11	28	61
Grandma showers (like a baby shower, but for grandmothers)	52	30	18
Grandchildren calling grandparents by their first names	68	21	11
Online video chatting with grandchildren	10	23	67
Volunteering / giving back with your grandchildren	3	20	77
Group text messaging/ chatting with grandchildren	20	33	47
Online social media engagement/ connecting with grandchildren	22	37	42

N=

2,654

Q49. (QNR #47) [Challenges] Which of the following challenges, as a grandparent, do you face? Please select all that apply

	General Population
Keeping up with grandchildren (physically)	37
Keeping up with new technology is difficult	38
Keeping up with what’s current or “cool”	34
Lack of recognition for the work I do as a grandparent	10
Long distance	49
Knowing my boundaries (knowing when / when not to be involved)	24
Not enough one-on-one time	30
My son-in-law OR daughter-in-law does not ask for my advice/input	13
I cannot afford to travel to see my grandchildren [Financial limitations]	11
The financial cost of being a grandparent can be too much	8
My grandchild(ren)’s parents cannot afford to travel to visit me	8
Taken on debt to support my grandkids [Financial limitations]	5
Other	1
None of these	11

N=

2,654

Q50. (QNR #48) [Resources] Which of the following topics would you like more information on as it relates to your role as a grandparent? Select all that apply.

	General Population
The importance of grandparents to a child's well-being	20
How to speak to your grandchildren's parents about issues	17
Fun things to do with grandchildren of all ages	29
Resources/information for grandparents raising grandchildren	6
Grandparent's legal rights	11
Grandparenting in a blended family	7
Grandparenting in a multicultural family	6
Keeping in touch long distance	20
Gifts for grandchildren	18
Children's development stages	10
How to connect with your grandchildren	17
How to speak to your grandchildren about issues in their lives	20
What the latest issues are that your grandchildren may be facing	20
Setting the right boundaries as a grandparent (with children, grandchildren)	15
The latest slang, colloquialisms, or memes	12
Information on the use of technology to keep in touch with	16
Grandparent's legal rights	10
How to cope with the stress of raising children	5
How to pay for college	8
Other	<0.5
I do not need any information	39

N=

2,654

Q51. (QNR #49) [Information Medium] What is your preferred method of receiving information (on grandparenting)? Select all that apply.

Grandparents who need/want information on their role as a grandparent

	General Population
Email	43
Browsing the internet / Google search	46
In-person workshops or seminars (in your hometown)	16
Books	30
Magazines or newspaper articles	35
Newsletters or brochures (sent via mail)	15
DVDs	5
Advice from friends	27
Social Media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	11
Radio	5
Mobile app	5
Podcasts	4
Other	3

N=

1,584

Q52. (QNR #50) [Diversity] Are any of your grandchildren... Select all that apply.

	General Population
Bi-racial OR mixed race [mixed]	20
A race different than yours [mixed]	6
An ethnicity (i.e. Latino/Hispanic) different than yours [mixed]	8
The identical race/ethnicity as yours	77
Other	1
N=	2,654

Q53. (QNR #51) How strong is your connection to your own cultural, racial or ethnic heritage or roots? Please use a scale of 1 to 10 (where “1” means not strong at all and “10” means extremely strong).

Grandparents who have grandchildren who are bi-racial or mixed race, a race different than their own or an ethnicity different than their own

	General Population
1 (Not strong at all)	3
2	1
3	3
4	1
5	11
6	9
7	13
8	20
9	14
10 (Extremely strong)	25
N=	641

Q54. (QNR #45) [Modern Parenting Attitudes] Below is a list of modern parenting topics (you may OR may not be aware of). Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each point.

Grandparents who have grandchildren who are bi-racial or mixed race, a race different than their own or an ethnicity different than their own

	General Population				
	Not applicable	Disagree strongly	Disagree	Agree	Agree strongly
It is important that all my grandchildren know about the heritage and roots we share	2	1	6	54	37
Having different racial/ethnicity identities makes it difficult to relate to my grandchildren	4	44	34	11	6
I have a good relationship with my grandchild's parent who is a different race/ethnicity as I am	11	5	8	41	35
I can relate better with my grandchildren who are the identical race/ethnicity as I am	14	23	39	16	9
I have a good relationship with my mixed-race grandchildren's other set of grandparents	15	6	11	40	28
Grandparents who have grandchildren from a different race/ethnicity have more challenges than grandparents who do not have grandchildren from different races	3	19	37	4	9
Children who are of different races/ethnicities than their grandparents have more challenges than children who are not	2	14	44	30	10
I make an effort to help my grandchild(ren) who are a different race/ethnicity than I am, learn about their own heritage and roots	12	4	15	48	22

N=

641

Q55. (QNR #53) [LGBT grandchildren] Do any of your grandchildren identify as LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender)?

	General Population
Yes	4
No	87
Don't know	7
Prefer not to say	1

N=

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Q56. (QNR #54) [LGBT grandchildren] Do any of your grandchildren identify as LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender)?

Grandparents who identify as gay / lesbian or bisexual or transgender / transsexual

	General Population				
	Not applicable	Disagree strongly	Disagree	Agree	Agree strongly
It is important that my grandchildren know I am a proud member of the LGBT community	9	17	20	32	22
My grandchildren are supportive about me being LGBT	30	11	8	39	12
LGBT grandparents face more challenges than other grandparents	2	7	29	47	15

N=

50

Q57. (QNR #55) [No. of grandchildren in HH] How many grandchildren live with you?

Grandparents who live with grandchildren

	General Population
1	73
2	18
3	2
4	6
5 or more	1

N=

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Q58. (QNR #56) [Parents] Thinking about the grandchildren who live with you, do any of their parents live with you as well?

Grandparents who live with grandchildren

	General Population
Yes	71
No	29

N=

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Q59. (QNR #57) [Situation] Thinking about the grandchild(ren) who live(s) with you, what is the relationship status of their parents?

Grandparents who live with grandchildren's parents

	General Population
Together	48
Separated (either married OR never married)	41
Divorced	8
Deceased	<0.5
Institutionalized (i.e. incarcerated, rehabilitation, etc.)	<0.5
Other parent unknown/never in child's life	2
Other	1
N=	189

Q60. (QNR #58) [Paternal / Maternal] Are these/this grandchild(ren) your son's child(ren) OR your daughter's child(ren)?

Grandparents who live with grandchildren and who have grandchildren from both son(s) and daughter(s)

	General Population
Son / grandson	31
Daughter / granddaughter	53
Both	16
N=	32

Q61. (QNR #59) [Primary care giver] How many of the grandchildren living with you are you the primary caregiver-meaning you are either the legal guardian of the grandchild or solely responsible for the grandchildren's care?

Grandparents who live with grandchildren's parents

	General Population
None	54
1	38
2	6
3	<0.5
4	<0.5
5 or more	1
N=	189

Q62. (QNR #63) [Overall Health] How would you rate your overall health at the present time?

	General Population
Excellent	21
Very good	50
Good	19
Fair	7
Poor	4
N=	2,654

Q63. (QNR #64) [Personal Fulfillment] How would you rate your sense of personal fulfillment at the present time?

	General Population
Excellent	24
Very good	44
Good	23
Fair	8
Poor	1
N=	2,654

Q64. (QNR #65) [The following statements describe how people sometimes feel. For each statement, please indicate how often you feel the way described.]

	General Population			
	Never	Sometimes	Rarely	Always
How often do you feel that you lack companionship?	36	29	29	6
How often do you feel left out?	30	33	31	5
How often do you feel isolated from others?	38	25	33	4
N=	2,654			

Q65. (QNR #66) [Disabled] Does any disability or chronic disease keep you from participating fully in work, school, household, or other activities?

	General Population
Yes	21
No	79
N=	2,654

Q66. (QNR #67) [Grandchildren impact on health] Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.

	General Population				
	Not applicable	Disagree strongly	Disagree	Agree	Agree strongly
My grandchild(ren) make me have a more physically active lifestyle	14	2	17	48	18
My grandchild(ren) make me more sociable	14	2	17	50	17
My relationship with my grandchild(ren) is good for my mental wellbeing	6	1	4	52	37
My relationship with my grandchild(ren) is good for alleviating issues with my health conditions	28	3	18	38	13

N=

2,654

Q67. (QNR #68) [Close friendships / relationships] How many of your friends OR family members would you say you have a close relationship with?

	General Population
Family members	
0	3
1	7
2	11
3	10
4	10
5	10
6	8
7	4
8	5
9	2
10+	30

N=

2,654

Q68. (QNR #68) [Close friendships / relationships] How many of your friends OR family members would you say you have a close relationship with?

	General Population
Friends	
0	9
1	9
2	15
3	11
4	11
5	9
6	7
7	2
8	3
9	1
10+	23

N=

2,654

Q69. (QNR #69) [Activities with Friends] On average, how often do you do each of the following with any of your friends?

Activities with Friends	General Population					
	Less than once a year or never	Once or twice a year	Every few months	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	3 or more times a week
Meet up (including both arranged and chance meetings)	8	7	17	28	27	13
Speak on the phone	7	5	12	23	29	25
Write OR email	22	8	17	19	18	17
Communicate by Skype, Facebook OR other social media	45	5	7	11	14	17

N=

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Q70. (QNR #69) [Activities with Friends] On average, how often do you do each of the following with any of your friends?

Activities with Family	General Population					
	Less than once a year or never	Once or twice a year	Every few months	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	3 or more times a week
Meet up (including both arranged and chance meetings)	5	10	18	25	24	17
Speak on the phone	2	3	7	16	32	40
Write OR email	19	7	13	21	21	19
Communicate by Skype, Facebook OR other social media	37	5	8	15	17	18

N=

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Q71. [Technology competency] How would rate your level of competency with technology and use of technological devices?

	General Population
Excellent	15
Above average	29
Average	44
Below average	10
Poor	2

N=

2,654

Q72. [Technology advice] How often, if at all, do you seek advice or help from your grandchildren on technology and use of technological devices?

	General Population
Very frequently	5
Frequently	10
Occasionally	24
Rarely	12
Very rarely	9
Never	26
Not applicable	14

N=

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Q73. [Membership] Which of the following associations / organizations are you currently a member of? Select all that apply.

	General Population
AARP	48
AAA	40
USAA	11
YMCA	6
Amazon Prime	37
None of the above	21

N=

2,654

Q74. [Education] What is the highest level of education you have completed?

	General Population
Less than high school education	2
High school graduate (or equivalent)	15
Post-high-school vocational or technical training	6
Some college (no degree or 2-year degree)	27
College graduate (4-year degree)	32
Graduate or professional degrees	20
Prefer not to answer	<0.5

N=

2,654

Q75. [Marital Status] What is your current marital status?

	General Population
Single	4
Married	63
Living with a partner	3
Widowed	14
Separated	1
Divorced	14

N=

2,654

Q76. [Employment] Which best describes your current employment status?

	General Population
Employed full-time	27
Employed part-time	9
Unemployed, looking for work	2
Retired from my full-time career and no longer working	48
Retired from my full-time career and working elsewhere full-time	1
Retired from my full-time career and working elsewhere part-time	4
Homemaker	6
Student	<0.5
Other	2
Prefer not to answer	1

N=

2,654

Q77. [Household Income] What is your household's total annual income for the most recent calendar year (before taxes)?

	General Population
Less than \$10,000	2
\$10,000 to under \$30,000	11
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	9
\$40,000 to under \$75,000	25
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	16
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	16
\$150,000 to under \$200,000	8
\$200,000 or more	4
I don't know / unsure	<0.5
Prefer not to answer	9

N=

2,654

Q78. (QNR #79) [Political Perspective] Do you consider yourself to be...?

	General Population
Democrat	33
Republican	29
Independent	25
Other	1
None	5
Prefer not to answer	7

N=

2,654

Q79. (QNR #80) [Political Perspective] Do you consider yourself to be...?

	General Population
Conservative	34
Liberal	18
Moderate	39
Other	2
Prefer not to say	8
N=	2,654

Q80. (QNR #81) [Volunteerism] In the past 12 months, have you volunteered, that is given your time or skills, for a non-profit organization, a charity, school, hospital, religious organization, neighborhood association, civic or any other group?

	General Population
Yes	46
No	54
N=	2,654

Q81. (QNR #82) [Religious services] About how often would you say you attend religious services?

	General Population
Weekly or more often	31
A few times a month	13
A few times a year	18
Less often than once a year	32
Prefer not to answer	6
N=	2,654

Q82. (QNR #83) [Birth Country] In what country/region were you born?

	General Population
USA	85
Canada	1
Latin America (Mexico, Caribbean, South America, Central America)	7
Europe	2
Africa	<0.5
Middle East (excluding North Africa)	<0.5
East / Southeast Asia	3
South Asia	1
Australia, New Zealand & the Pacific	<0.5
Other	<0.5
Prefer not to answer	1

N=

2,654

Q83. (QNR #84) [Language at home] What is the most common language you speak at home?

	General Population
English	91
Spanish	6
Mandarin	1
Other	2
Prefer not to say	<0.5

N=

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Q84. (QNR #85) [Social Media] Which of the following social platforms / sites do you currently use?

	General Population
Facebook	65
Instagram	17
Twitter	12
Pinterest	16
Snapchat	6
LinkedIn	18
Tumblr	1
WhatsApp	11
WeChat	2
YouTube	27
Do not use social media	26

N=

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Q85. (QNR #86) [Hobbies/Activities] Which of the following activities do you enjoy doing? (Select all that apply)

	General Population
Playing sports	14
Gardening	35
Crafting	20
Going to the gym	23
Video games	13
Cinema / film / Movies	46
Cooking / Baking	44
Eating out	72
Spending time with family	75
Physical Activities (e.g. Hiking, Running, Bike Riding, Swimming, etc.)	33
Camping	13
Traveling	65
Supporting the Arts (museums, art galleries, theatre, plays, etc.)	27
Writing (e.g. blogs, journaling, etc.)	8
Shopping	44
Going to concerts	36
Photography	16
Other	6
None of the above	2

N=

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Q86. (QNR #87) [Device Owned] Which, if any of the following devices do you own? Select all that apply.

	General Population
Regular cellular phone (i.e. not a smart phone, etc.)	23
Smart Phone (e.g. iPhone, Samsung Galaxy, Blackberry, etc.)	73
Tablet (e.g. iPad, Samsung Galaxy Tab, Blackberry Playbook, etc.)	49
eReader (e.g. Kobo, Kindle, etc.)	22
Laptop computer	64
Desktop computer	58
Gaming console (e.g. Playstation, Xbox, Nintendo, etc.)	16
Portable gaming console (e.g. PSP, Nintendo 3DS, etc.)	6
Digital camera	50
Internet connected television (e.g. Apple TV, Samsung Smart TV, etc.)	42
Voice-controlled system (e.g. Google Home, Alexa, Apple	14
Health Monitoring Device (e.g. Fitbit)	14
Smart Watch (e.g. Apple Watch)	8
Home Monitoring System	15
Virtual Reality Headset / Glasses	3
None of the above	1

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Q78. (QNR #88) [Device Owned] Which device you use most often to communicate with your grandchild(ren)? Please use the device you use the most.

Grandparents who do not own regular cellphone, smart phone, tablet, laptop computer, desktop computer, gaming console, portable gaming console, voice controlled system

	General Population
Regular cellular phone (i.e. not a smart phone, etc.)	12
Smart Phone (e.g. iPhone, Samsung Galaxy, Blackberry, etc.)	54
Tablet (e.g. iPad, Samsung Galaxy Tab, Blackberry Playbook, etc.)	7
Laptop computer	11
Desktop computer	14
Gaming console (e.g. Playstation, Xbox, Nintendo, etc.)	1
Portable gaming console (e.g. PSP, Nintendo 3DS, etc.)	<0.5
Voice-controlled system (e.g. Google Home, Alexa, Apple HomePod, etc.)	<0.5
Smart Watch (e.g. Apple Watch)	<0.5
N=	2,654

