

Who Are Kinship Families?

Kinship Children

- 2,832,000 kinship care children (Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics, 2019)
- 2,733,000 children living with kin and non-relatives (Federal General Accounting Office (GAO) Report 2020)
- 133,405 children in kinship foster care, 33% of all foster care children (Federal Adoption and Foster Care Reporting System 2019)

According to an Annie E. Casey 2012 report:

- One in ten of all children will live with a grandparent or other relative caregiver during their childhood
- One in five of all Black children will live with a grandparent or other relative caregiver during their childhood
- Despite challenges, kinship children do as well or better on many well-being measures in comparison to foster children

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According to the Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics, 2019):

- 1.7 million grandparent caregivers
- 651,000 live with other relatives
- 481,000 live with nonrelatives who are not foster parent children

Kinship Caregivers

According to the federal General Accounting Office Report 2020:

- 1,697,193 grandparent caregivers
 - 677,784 relative caregivers
 - 358,023(non-relative caregivers)
 - Kinship caregivers are more likely to be:
 - poor
 - single
 - older
 - less educated
 - unemployed
- (Annie E. Casey, 2012; Rubin et al, 2017; Generations United, 2017)
- close to 40% of caregivers have clinically high levels of stress (Lee et al, 2016)

Kinship Caregivers Who Are Grandparents

- 2.7 million grandparents are primary caregivers for children living in their homes (U.S. 2010 Census)

- About one third of grandparents are raising children in homes without a parent present (Ellis & Simmons, 2014)
- Grandparent caregivers are more likely to be women than men (GAO, 2020)
- Grandparents make up approximately 63% of all non-parent caregivers of children (Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics, 2019; GAO 2020)

Also See pages National Statistics Table and Bibliography for additional information and references.
