

## Grand Families Count in Idaho

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**Table 1: Recent increases in grandparent households raising grandchildren**

	2000	2006	Change
Idaho	8110	9792	+20.7%
U.S.	2,426,730	2,455,102	+1.2%

Source: U.S. Census 2000 and American Community Survey, 2006

**Table 2: Length of time grandparents have been raising their grandchildren**

	ID	US
Less than 1 year	24.6%	22.5%
1-2 years	25.7%	24.0%
3-4 years	17.4%	16.1%
5+ years	32.3%	37.4%

Source: American Community Survey, 2006

**Table 3: Statistical profile: Grandparents raising grandchildren**

		ID	US
Age	30-59 years	67.9%	67.7%
	60+ years	32.1%	32.3%
Race/Ethnicity	White – not Hispanic	86.7%	51.0%
	Hispanic	8.1%	17.9%
	African American	**	25.0%
	Other	5.2%	13.2%
Gender	Male	39.9%	36.5%
	Female	60.1%	63.5%
Marital Status	Married	76.0%	70.1%
	Not married	24.0%	29.9%
Labor status	Employed	64.7%	58.8%
	Not Employed	35.3%	41.2%
Citizenship	U.S.	96.7%	84.5%
	Foreign	3.3%	15.5%
Disability	Yes	23.8%	29.8%
	No	76.2%	70.2%
Income	At/above poverty level	92.1%	80.6%
	Below poverty level	7.9%	19.4%
Housing	Own	83.0%	72.5%
	Rent	17.0%	27.5%

\*\* Due to small numbers, African Americans are included in "Other" for Idaho data, Source: American Community Survey, 2006