

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
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**2011-12 Budget Estimates Hearings**

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**Question No:** 13

**Topic:** Grandparent Carers

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**Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:**

Please provide a breakdown by state territory of the approximately 18,000 grandparents raising grandchildren in both formal and informal care arrangements.

**Answer:**

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has advised that, following further interrogation of the 2006 Census, the number of possible 'grandparents raising grandchildren' families has been revised down to approximately 11,000.

The 18,000 number included all households with grandparents and resident grandchildren, and included approximately 7,000 families where the youngest grandchild was 18 years of age or older. These may be households where the grandchild is caring for the grandparent.

Updated advice from the ABS is that the 2006 Census found that there were approximately 11,000 possible households where grandparents were raising grandchildren aged 0-17 years.

Information on the state/territory breakdown will need to be sought from the Australian Bureau of Statistics.