

## Gransnet favourite grandchild data

A survey of 1,111 Gransnet users who had at least one grandchild - January and December 2017. The data is not weighted.

<b>Q1 Hand on heart time: do you have a favourite grandchild - one you secretly prefer to the other/ the others?</b>	
	<b>Total</b>
Yes	42 %
No	49 %
Not sure	9 %
<b>Q2 If yes, please say whether the following are true in your case or not</b>	
	<b>Total</b>
Yes	42 %
No	49 %
Not sure	9 %
<b>Q3 If yes, please say whether the following are true in your case or not</b>	
	<b>Total</b>
<b>My favourite grandchild is my youngest</b>	
True	27 %
False	65 %
Don't know/ N/A/ No Answer	8 %
<b>My favourite grandchild is my oldest (PFB)</b>	
True	39 %
False	51 %
Don't know/ N/A/ No Answer	10 %
<b>My favourite grandchild is my only girl</b>	
True	16 %
False	66 %
Don't know/ N/A/ No Answer	18 %
<b>My favourite grandchild is my only boy</b>	
True	10 %
False	72 %
Don't know/ N/A/ No Answer	18 %
<b>My favourite grandchild reminds me of me</b>	
True	18 %
False	66 %
Don't know/ N/A/ No Answer	16 %

<b>My favourite grandchild reminds me of my son/daughter when they were that age</b>	
True	33 %
False	57 %
Don't know/ N/A/ No Answer	10 %
<b>My favourite grandchild reminds me of my spouse or another loved one</b>	
True	11 %
False	77 %
Don't know/ N/A/ No Answer	12 %
<b>My favourite grandchild makes me laugh more than my other children</b>	
True	58 %
False	35 %
Don't know/ N/A/ No Answer	7 %
<b>My favourite grandchild is my best-looking (in my opinion)</b>	
True	24 %
False	62 %
Don't know/ N/A/ No Answer	15 %
<b>My favourite grandchild has personality traits that I look for in friends</b>	
True	45 %
False	41 %
Don't know/ N/A/ No Answer	14 %
<b>My favourite grandchild is the 'easy' one - my other grandchild/grandchildren are more tricky or demanding</b>	
True	41 %
False	50 %
Don't know/ N/A/ No Answer	10 %
<b>My favourite grandchild was born after heartache for my son/daughter - miscarriage/other bereavement/struggle to conceive/IVF</b>	
True	15 %
False	73 %
Don't know/ N/A/ No Answer	13 %
<b>My favourite grandchild is very unconditional in their love for me/very affectionate</b>	
True	67 %
False	23 %
Don't know/ N/A/ No Answer	9 %

<b>I do have a favourite grandchild - but which one it is changes over time</b>	
True	15 %
False	70 %
Don't know/ N/A/ No Answer	15 %
<b>My favourite grandchild is my favourite child's child</b>	
True	18 %
False	66 %
Don't know/ N/A/ No Answer	16 %
<b>I'm ashamed of having a favourite</b>	
True	34 %
False	49 %
Don't know/ N/A/ No Answer	17 %
<b>I'm not ashamed of having a favourite</b>	
True	51 %
False	31 %
Don't know/ N/A/ No Answer	18 %
<b>Q4 And if you have a favourite, please say how far the following statements are true for your family:</b>	
	<b>Total</b>
<b>My favourite knows they are my favourite</b>	
Definitely	8 %
Probably	20 %
Probably not	27 %
Definitely not	42 %
Don't know	3 %
<b>My spouse/partner knows which grandchild is my favourite</b>	
Definitely	33 %
Probably	29 %
Probably not	15 %
Definitely not	20 %
Don't know	2 %
<b>My spouse/partner has a favourite and I know which one it is</b>	
Definitely	35 %
Probably	19 %
Probably not	13 %
Definitely not	15 %
Don't know	17 %
<b>My favourite grandchild's siblings know which grandchild is my favourite</b>	

Definitely	2 %
Probably	8 %
Probably not	18 %
Definitely not	66 %
Don't know	6 %

**My son/daughter (the child's parent) knows which grandchild is my favourite**

Definitely	15 %
Probably	24 %
Probably not	18 %
Definitely not	38 %
Don't know	5 %

**Other family members know which grandchild is my favourite**

Definitely	10 %
Probably	20 %
Probably not	20 %
Definitely not	45 %
Don't know	6 %

**Q5 Have you ever admitted your favouritism to anyone else?**

	<b>Total</b>
Yes	22 %
Yes, but only anonymously, on a site like Gransnet	18 %
No	60 %

**Q6 Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:**

	<b>Total</b>
<b>I think having a 'favourite' is an awful thing to do</b>	
Agree	50 %
Disagree	30 %
Don't know / No Answer	20 %

**I think grandchildren are aware if their grandparents have favourites and non-favourites**

Agree	60 %
Disagree	20 %
Don't know / No Answer	20 %

**I was/am my grandparents' favourite**

Agree	18 %
Disagree	43 %
Don't know / No Answer	39 %

**I was the sibling of my grandparents' favourite**

Agree	10 %
Disagree	53 %
Don't know / No Answer	37 %
<b>Having a favourite grandchild is damaging for the favourite grandchild</b>	
Agree	34 %
Disagree	37 %
Don't know / No Answer	29 %
<b>Having a favourite grandchild is damaging for their sibling(s)</b>	
Agree	56 %
Disagree	24 %
Don't know / No Answer	20 %
<b>Having a favourite grandchild is damaging for their cousin(s)</b>	
Agree	44 %
Disagree	27 %
Don't know / No Answer	29 %