

Surrogate Demographics

(89 surrogates polled; 36 (40.5%) Responded)

Average Personal Gross Income:	\$42,750 (High: \$120,000; Low: -0- (4 homemakers))
Average Household Gross Income:	\$101,238.66 (High: \$225,000; Low: \$25,000 (1) – all the rest were over \$50,000)
Average Education Level	HS + 3.5 yrs. College (12 B.A.s, 4 M.A.s, 2 Ph.Ds, 1 J.D.)
Average Compensation Received:	\$21,900 (High: \$35,000; Low: -0-)
Was the experience positive?	YES (100%)

"Next to having my own children, my surrogacy process was the most rewarding experience of my life."

"Very rewarding to help someone create their family."

"I feel that it was an important part of my life. I carried a baby for someone and helped them create a family. I see it as one of my biggest accomplishments."

"Developed new and unique friendships with parents, special relationship developed with babies/children for myself and my family, great example for my own children of giving of yourself to help others."

"It was positive because of the total experience itself. I got to do exactly what I had set out to do, which was help a family who couldn't carry a baby on their own."

"Created lasting friendships with both sets of parents and still receive updates about all the children."

"I extended my family by becoming a surrogate. It was gratifying helping a couple become a family. It was exciting sharing the pregnancy with the intended parents. They got to experience as much of the pregnancy and birth as possible. My own children enjoyed being a part of the process as well. They love the children I have helped bring into this world, and they are proud that I was able to do that."

"It was something I've wanted to do for 15 years. This was the time in my life that it was possible. I was able to make a direct impact on a family dealing with infertility. And I got to experience pregnancy again (which was the selfish part of my motivation)."

"This was an amazing experience for me. I love being pregnant. I don't get sick. I already had my own biological and adopted children and felt that this was a way I could share with someone who didn't have that blessing. One I would do all over again."