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The objective of this research is to study the relationships between demographic and socio-economic characteristics and the need for support from children of the household heads in Bang Kachao Community. Data were derived from the project on the study of Bang Kachao Community development planning (Demographic and socio-economic information) conducted by the Social Research Institute and Institute of Population Studies, Chulalongkorn University. Subjects were 450 household heads aged under sixty years interviewed during March-April of 1989.

Results indicated that sex, marital status, occupation, working status, household heads income, family income, saving, house-land ownership and education level were correlated with the need for support from children at a statistically significant ($p < .05$) level.

Conversely age, number of living children, debtor and type of family were not statistically significant correlated with the need for support from children.

According to this study one can conclude that economic problems are important factors associated with the need for support from children of the household heads in Bang Kachao Community. The ones with a strong economic status are able to care for themselves and do not need their offspring's support; but the ones who have a low economic status must have such support in order to survive when they reach old age.