

Table 224. Preprimary School Enrollment—Summary: 1970 to 2005

[As of October. Civilian noninstitutional population (10,949 represents 10,949,000). Includes public and nonpublic nursery school and kindergarten programs. Excludes 5-year olds enrolled in elementary school. Based on Current Population Survey; see text, Section 1, and Appendix III]

Item	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2004	2005
NUMBER OF CHILDREN (1,000)									
Population, 3 to 5 years old	10,949	10,183	9,284	10,733	11,207	12,518	11,858	12,362	12,134
Total enrolled ¹	4,104	4,954	4,878	5,865	6,659	7,739	7,592	7,968	7,801
Nursery	1,094	1,745	1,981	2,477	3,378	4,331	4,326	4,672	4,529
Public	332	570	628	846	1,202	1,950	2,146	2,429	2,409
Private	762	1,174	1,353	1,631	2,177	2,381	2,180	2,244	2,120
Kindergarten	3,010	3,211	2,897	3,388	3,281	3,408	3,266	3,296	3,272
Public	2,498	2,682	2,438	2,847	2,767	2,799	2,701	2,813	2,804
Private	511	528	459	541	513	608	565	485	468
White ²	3,443	4,105	3,994	4,757	5,389	6,144	5,861	5,976	6,025
Black ²	586	731	725	919	964	1,236	1,265	1,332	1,148
Hispanic ³	(NA)	(NA)	370	496	642	1,040	1,155	1,438	1,494
3 years old	454	683	857	1,035	1,205	1,489	1,540	1,583	1,715
4 years old	1,007	1,418	1,423	1,765	2,086	2,553	2,556	2,969	2,668
5 years old	2,643	2,852	2,598	3,065	3,367	3,697	3,496	3,417	3,418
ENROLLMENT RATE									
Total enrolled ¹	37.5	48.6	52.5	54.6	59.4	61.8	64.0	64.4	64.3
White ²	37.8	48.6	52.7	54.7	59.7	63.0	63.2	63.8	65.1
Black ²	34.9	48.1	51.8	55.8	57.8	58.9	68.5	67.0	62.0
Hispanic ³	(NA)	(NA)	43.3	43.3	49.0	51.1	52.6	55.6	56.1
3 years old	12.9	21.5	27.3	28.8	32.6	35.9	39.2	38.7	41.3
4 years old	27.8	40.5	46.3	49.1	56.0	61.6	64.9	68.4	66.2
5 years old	69.3	81.3	84.7	86.5	88.8	87.5	87.6	86.9	86.4

NA Not available. ¹ Includes races not shown separately. ² Beginning 2003, for persons who selected this race group only. See footnote 2, Table 217. ³ Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. The method of identifying Hispanic children was changed in 1980 from allocation based on status of mother to status reported for each child. The number of Hispanic children using the new method is larger.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Reports, PPL-148; and earlier PPL and P-20 reports; and data published on the Internet. See Internet site <<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/school.html>>.