

Table 43.—Enrollment of 3-, 4-, and 5-year-old children in preprimary programs, by level and control of program and by attendance status: October 1965 to October 2000
[In thousands]

Year and age	Total population, 3 to 5 years old	Enrollment by level and control						Enrollment by attendance		
		Total	Percent enrolled	Nursery school		Kindergarten		Full-day	Part-day	Percent full-day
				Public	Private	Public	Private			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Total, 3 to 5 years old										
1965	12,549	3,407 (87)	27.1 (0.7)	127	393	2,291	596	—	—	—
1970	10,949	4,104 (71)	37.5 (0.7)	332	762	2,498	511	698 (36)	3,405	17.0
1975	10,185	4,955 (71)	48.7 (0.7)	570	1,174	2,682	528	1,295 (47)	3,659	26.1
1980	9,284	4,878 (69)	52.5 (0.7)	628	1,353	2,438	459	1,551 (51)	3,327	31.8
1984	10,612	5,480 (77)	51.6 (0.7)	742	1,593	2,668	476	1,929 (60)	3,550	35.2
1985	10,733	5,865 (78)	54.6 (0.7)	846	1,631	2,847	541	2,144 (62)	3,722	36.6
1986	10,866	5,971 (78)	55.0 (0.7)	829	1,715	2,859	567	2,241 (63)	3,730	37.5
1987	10,872	5,931 (78)	54.6 (0.7)	819	1,736	2,842	534	2,090 (62)	3,841	35.2
1988	10,993	5,978 (87)	54.4 (0.8)	851	1,770	2,875	481	2,044 (68)	3,935	34.2
1989	11,039	6,026 (87)	54.6 (0.8)	930	1,894	2,704	497	2,238 (70)	3,789	37.1
1990	11,207	6,659 (82)	59.4 (0.7)	1,199	2,180	2,772	509	2,577 (71)	4,082	38.7
1991	11,370	6,334 (84)	55.7 (0.7)	996	1,828	2,967	543	2,408 (69)	3,926	38.0
1992	11,545	6,402 (85)	55.5 (0.7)	1,073	1,783	2,995	550	2,410 (69)	3,992	37.6
1993	11,954	6,581 (86)	55.1 (0.7)	1,205	1,779	3,020	577	2,642 (72)	3,939	40.1
1994 ¹	12,328	7,514 (86)	61.0 (0.7)	1,848	2,314	2,819	534	3,468 (80)	4,046	46.2
1995 ¹	12,518	7,739 (87)	61.8 (0.7)	1,950	2,381	2,800	608	3,689 (81)	4,051	47.7
1996 ¹	12,378	7,580 (90)	61.2 (0.7)	1,830	2,317	2,853	580	3,562 (83)	4,019	47.0
1997 ¹	12,121	7,860 (87)	64.9 (0.7)	2,207	2,231	2,847	575	3,922 (85)	3,939	49.9
1998 ¹	12,078	7,788 (87)	64.5 (0.7)	2,213	2,299	2,674	602	3,959 (85)	3,829	50.8
1999 ¹	11,920	7,844 (86)	65.8 (0.7)	2,209	2,298	2,777	560	4,154 (86)	3,690	53.0
2000 ¹	11,858	7,592 (86)	64.0 (0.7)	2,146	2,180	2,701	565	4,008 (85)	3,584	52.8
3 years old										
1965	4,149	203 (24)	4.9 (0.6)	41	153	5	4	—	—	—
1970	3,516	454 (28)	12.9 (0.8)	110	322	12	10	142 (16)	312	31.3
1975	3,177	683 (33)	21.5 (1.0)	179	474	11	18	259 (22)	423	37.9
1980	3,143	857 (36)	27.3 (1.1)	221	604	16	17	321 (24)	536	37.5
1984	3,609	1,004 (41)	27.8 (1.1)	295	658	30	22	401 (28)	603	39.9
1985	3,594	1,035 (41)	28.8 (1.1)	278	679	52	26	350 (27)	685	33.8
1986	3,607	1,041 (41)	28.9 (1.1)	257	737	26	21	399 (28)	642	38.3
1987	3,569	1,022 (41)	28.6 (1.1)	264	703	24	31	378 (28)	644	37.0
1988	3,719	1,027 (45)	27.6 (1.2)	298	678	24	26	369 (30)	658	35.9
1989	3,713	1,005 (45)	27.1 (1.2)	277	707	3	18	390 (31)	615	38.8
1990	3,692	1,205 (45)	32.6 (1.2)	347	840	11	7	447 (31)	758	37.1
1991	3,811	1,074 (44)	28.2 (1.2)	313	702	38	22	388 (30)	687	36.1
1992	3,905	1,081 (44)	27.7 (1.1)	336	685	26	34	371 (29)	711	34.3
1993	4,053	1,097 (45)	27.1 (1.1)	369	687	20	20	426 (31)	670	38.9
1994 ¹	4,081	1,385 (48)	33.9 (1.2)	469	887	19	9	670 (38)	715	48.4
1995 ¹	4,148	1,489 (49)	35.9 (1.2)	511	947	15	17	754 (40)	736	50.6
1996 ¹	4,045	1,506 (51)	37.2 (1.3)	511	947	22	26	657 (39)	848	43.7
1997 ¹	3,947	1,528 (51)	38.7 (1.3)	643	843	25	18	754 (41)	774	49.4
1998 ¹	3,989	1,498 (51)	37.6 (1.3)	587	869	27	14	735 (40)	763	49.1
1999 ¹	3,862	1,505 (50)	39.0 (1.3)	621	859	13	12	773 (41)	732	51.3
2000 ¹	3,929	1,541 (51)	39.2 (1.3)	644	854	27	16	761 (41)	779	49.4
4 years old										
1965	4,238	683 (42)	16.1 (1.0)	68	213	284	118	—	—	—
1970	3,620	1,007 (38)	27.8 (1.1)	176	395	318	117	230 (21)	776	22.8
1975	3,499	1,418 (41)	40.5 (1.2)	332	644	313	129	411 (27)	1,008	29.0
1980	3,072	1,423 (40)	46.3 (1.3)	363	701	239	120	467 (28)	956	32.8
1984	3,579	1,603 (45)	44.8 (1.3)	376	860	257	110	521 (32)	1,082	32.5
1985	3,598	1,766 (45)	49.1 (1.3)	496	859	276	135	643 (35)	1,123	36.4
1986	3,616	1,772 (45)	49.0 (1.3)	498	903	257	115	622 (34)	1,150	35.1
1987	3,597	1,717 (45)	47.7 (1.3)	431	881	280	125	548 (32)	1,169	31.9
1988	3,598	1,768 (50)	49.1 (1.4)	481	922	261	104	519 (35)	1,249	29.4
1989	3,692	1,882 (51)	51.0 (1.4)	524	1,055	202	100	592 (37)	1,290	31.4
1990	3,723	2,087 (48)	56.1 (1.3)	695	1,144	157	91	716 (38)	1,371	34.3
1991	3,763	1,994 (48)	53.0 (1.3)	584	982	287	140	667 (37)	1,326	33.5
1992	3,807	1,982 (49)	52.1 (1.3)	602	971	282	126	632 (36)	1,350	31.9
1993	4,044	2,178 (50)	53.9 (1.2)	719	957	349	154	765 (39)	1,413	35.1
1994 ¹	4,202	2,532 (51)	60.3 (1.2)	1,020	1,232	198	82	1,095 (45)	1,438	43.2
1995 ¹	4,145	2,553 (50)	61.6 (1.2)	1,054	1,208	207	84	1,104 (45)	1,449	43.3
1996 ¹	4,148	2,454 (52)	59.2 (1.3)	1,029	1,168	180	77	1,034 (46)	1,420	42.1
1997 ¹	4,033	2,665 (50)	66.1 (1.2)	1,197	1,169	207	92	1,161 (47)	1,505	43.5
1998 ¹	4,002	2,666 (49)	66.6 (1.2)	1,183	1,219	210	53	1,179 (48)	1,487	44.2
1999 ¹	4,021	2,769 (48)	68.9 (1.2)	1,212	1,227	207	122	1,355 (49)	1,414	48.9
2000 ¹	3,940	2,556 (49)	64.9 (1.3)	1,144	1,121	227	65	1,182 (48)	1,374	46.2
5 years old²										
1965	4,162	2,521 (55)	60.6 (1.3)	18	27	2,002	474	—	—	—
1970	3,814	2,643 (40)	69.3 (1.1)	45	45	2,168	384	326 (24)	2,317	12.3
1975	3,509	2,854 (33)	81.3 (0.9)	59	57	2,358	381	625 (32)	2,228	21.9
1980	3,069	2,598 (29)	84.7 (0.9)	44	48	2,183	322	763 (34)	1,835	29.4
1984	3,423	2,872 (32)	83.9 (0.9)	72	76	2,381	344	1,007 (40)	1,865	35.1
1985	3,542	3,065 (31)	86.5 (0.9)	73	94	2,519	379	1,151 (42)	1,914	37.6
1986	3,643	3,157 (31)	86.7 (0.8)	75	75	2,576	432	1,220 (43)	1,937	38.6
1987	3,706	3,192 (32)	86.1 (0.9)	124	152	2,538	378	1,163 (43)	2,028	36.4
1988	3,676	3,184 (34)	86.6 (0.9)	72	170	2,590	351	1,155 (47)	2,028	36.3
1989	3,633	3,139 (34)	86.4 (0.9)	129	132	2,499	378	1,255 (48)	1,883	40.0
1990	3,792	3,367 (31)	88.8 (0.8)	157	196	2,604	411	1,414 (47)	1,953	42.0
1991	3,796	3,267 (34)	86.0 (0.9)	100	143	2,642	382	1,354 (47)	1,913	41.4
1992	3,832	3,339 (33)	87.1 (0.9)	135	127	2,688	390	1,408 (47)	1,931	42.2
1993	3,857	3,306 (34)	85.7 (0.9)	116	136	2,651	403	1,451 (48)	1,856	43.9
1994 ¹	4,044	3,597 (32)	88.9 (0.8)	359	194	2,601	442	1,704 (50)	1,893	47.4
1995 ¹	4,224	3,697 (34)	87.5 (0.8)	385	226	2,578	507	1,830 (51)	1,867	49.5
1996 ¹	4,185	3,621 (36)	86.5 (0.9)	290	202	2,652	477	1,870 (53)	1,750	51.7
1997 ¹	4,141	3,667 (34)	88.5 (0.8)	368	219	2,616	465	2,007 (53)	1,660	54.7
1998 ¹	4,087	3,624 (33)	88.7 (0.8)	442	211	2,437	436	2,044 (53)	1,579	56.4
1999 ¹	4,037	3,571 (34)	88.4 (0.8)	376	212	2,557	426	2,027 (52)	1,544	56.8
2000 ¹	3,989	3,495 (34)	87.6 (0.9)	359	206	2,447	484	2,065 (52)	1,431	59.1

—Not available.

¹Data collected using new procedures. May not be comparable with figures prior to 1994.

²Enrollment data include only those students in preprimary programs.

NOTE: Data are based on sample surveys of the civilian noninstitutional population. Although cells with fewer than 75,000 children are subject to wide sampling variation,

they are included in the table to permit various types of aggregations. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Standard errors appear in parentheses.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Preprimary Enrollment*, various years; and U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Survey, unpublished data. (This table was prepared July 2001.)