

**Table 429.—Percent of student home computer users using specific applications, by selected characteristics:
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Selected characteristics	Number of home computer users, in thousands	Percent of computer users using specific applications ¹										
		Home book-keeping ²	School assignments	Games	Job-related ²	Home connection to school or work	Word processing	Data bases ²	Graphics	Desktop publishing ²	Spreadsheets ²	Internet
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Total, all students	32,459 (310)	—	65.9 (0.4)	78.0	—	7.4 (0.2)	52.5	—	21.4	—	—	36.3 (0.4)
Preprimary	2,493 (83)	—	5.2 (0.7)	89.5	—	0.4 (0.2)	4.6	0.0	10.8	—	—	4.4 (0.7)
1st to 8th grade	14,056 (205)	—	58.3 (0.7)	93.0	—	1.3 (0.2)	36.1	0.0	19.2	—	—	25.1 (0.6)
White, non-Hispanic	11,340 (182)	—	55.6 (0.8)	89.1	—	1.2 (0.2)	35.7	0.0	19.5	—	—	26.4 (0.7)
Black, non-Hispanic	1,078 (50)	—	49.8 (2.3)	84.1	—	1.0 (0.5)	23.6	0.0	9.5	—	—	16.0 (1.7)
Hispanic	863 (37)	—	51.0 (2.1)	77.5	—	2.0 (0.6)	28.2	0.0	14.3	—	—	19.4 (1.7)
9th to 12th grade	7,699 (139)	2.9	84.8 (0.6)	76.0	5.2	3.1 (0.3)	65.9	6.1	22.3	7.0	6.5	42.2 (0.9)
White, non-Hispanic	6,265 (125)	2.8	80.4 (0.8)	72.5	4.2	3.1 (0.3)	64.3	6.0	22.2	7.1	6.3	43.6 (1.0)
Black, non-Hispanic	534 (38)	1.7	74.3 (3.1)	69.7	9.9	1.4 (0.8)	47.2	2.4	15.3	4.0	2.2	27.6 (3.2)
Hispanic	458 (37)	3.1	73.0 (3.6)	64.2	4.4	2.2 (1.2)	55.2	4.1	13.4	3.9	4.5	37.3 (3.9)
Undergraduate	6,179 (124)	22.5	82.0 (0.8)	54.3	17.8	20.3 (0.8)	79.7	0.0	25.4	14.3	24.6	57.9 (1.0)
Graduate	2,032 (70)	38.1	73.4 (1.5)	44.3	43.4	32.0 (1.6)	88.0	0.0	32.9	25.5	36.6	65.9 (1.6)
Males	16,213 (208)	7.2	62.5 (0.6)	79.9	7.2	7.7 (0.3)	47.0	0.0	20.3	5.4	8.9	37.3 (0.6)
Preprimary	1,308 (60)	—	5.5 (1.0)	90.3	—	0.8 (0.4)	3.8	0.0	11.2	—	—	5.9 (1.1)
1st to 8th grade	7,257 (144)	—	54.8 (1.0)	89.8	—	1.4 (0.2)	31.3	0.0	16.3	—	—	25.0 (0.8)
9th to 12th grade	3,971 (98)	3.0	78.6 (1.0)	78.8	5.5	3.4 (0.4)	58.9	0.0	21.9	6.6	6.7	44.5 (1.2)
Undergraduate	2,841 (83)	23.5	82.7 (1.1)	59.8	18.8	23.7 (1.2)	78.8	0.0	28.6	13.8	28.4	63.6 (1.4)
Graduate	834 (45)	44.2	73.7 (2.3)	50.4	48.1	39.0 (2.6)	85.9	0.0	34.5	26.0	43.0	68.8 (2.5)
Females	16,246 (208)	7.5	64.3 (0.6)	70.2	7.4	6.6 (0.3)	54.1	0.0	20.8	6.4	8.0	35.4 (0.6)
Preprimary	1,185 (57)	—	4.9 (1.0)	88.6	—	0.0 0.0	5.3	0.0	10.4	—	—	2.7 (0.8)
1st to 8th grade	6,799 (139)	—	55.4 (1.0)	85.9	—	1.1 (0.2)	37.0	0.0	20.0	—	—	25.1 (0.9)
9th to 12th grade	3,728 (95)	2.5	81.3 (1.0)	64.0	4.1	2.5 (0.4)	65.5	0.0	20.0	6.5	5.5	39.7 (1.2)
Undergraduate	3,337 (90)	21.6	81.5 (1.0)	49.5	17.0	17.4 (1.0)	80.6	0.0	22.7	14.7	21.3	53.1 (1.3)
Graduate	1,197 (54)	33.9	73.2 (2.0)	40.0	40.2	27.0 (2.0)	89.4	0.0	31.8	25.2	32.2	63.8 (2.1)

—Not available.

¹ Individuals may be counted in more than one computer activity.

² Data are for persons 15 years old and over.

NOTE: Data are based on a sample survey of households and are subject to sampling and nonsampling error. Standard errors appear in parentheses.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Survey, October 1997, unpublished data. (This table was prepared October 1998.)