

Table 46. Children of prekindergarten through second grade age, by enrollment status, maternal characteristics, and household income: 1991, 1995, and 1999

Maternal characteristic and household income	3- to 5-year-olds, not enrolled in school			Enrolled in nursery school or prekindergarten			Enrolled in kindergarten			Enrolled in 1st grade			Enrolled in 2nd grade		
	1991 ¹	1995	1999	1991	1995	1999	1991	1995	1999	1991	1995	1999	1991	1995	1999
1	4,853	4,586 (102)	4,037 (58)	3,571	4,642 (105)	4,510 (52)	4,022	4,022 (72)	3,948 (65)	4,001	4,025 (77)	4,540 (154)	3,724	3,777 (73)	4,083 (78)
Percentage distribution															
Mother's highest education ²	100.0	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)
Less than high school	18.2	22.1 (1.4)	20.6 (1.3)	8.2	9.8 (0.9)	10.4 (0.8)	15.8	17.0 (1.0)	16.1 (1.3)	15.6	15.9 (1.1)	17.1 (1.4)	15.5	19.6 (0.9)	18.2 (1.3)
High school diploma ³	42.8	35.3 (1.5)	30.4 (1.6)	32.2	27.7 (1.3)	23.0 (1.2)	39.6	33.1 (1.2)	26.9 (1.5)	38.4	31.2 (1.6)	26.6 (1.4)	37.7	31.0 (1.4)	25.3 (1.5)
Some postsecondary	22.5	21.3 (1.3)	23.3 (1.3)	28.7	22.7 (1.0)	22.8 (1.2)	24.1	21.5 (1.0)	22.8 (1.4)	24.0	23.6 (1.3)	23.8 (1.5)	26.1	20.6 (0.9)	23.5 (1.4)
Associate degree	3.6	7.0 (0.8)	7.0 (0.7)	4.5	8.6 (0.7)	9.6 (0.7)	4.0	7.2 (0.7)	8.3 (0.9)	3.5	7.3 (0.8)	7.9 (0.8)	4.3	7.6 (0.6)	10.3 (1.0)
Bachelor's degree	9.2	9.6 (0.8)	13.3 (1.0)	16.5	19.0 (1.0)	22.1 (1.1)	11.4	13.5 (0.9)	15.4 (1.0)	11.7	13.7 (1.0)	15.8 (1.1)	10.0	12.9 (0.8)	15.2 (1.2)
Graduate/professional school	3.7	4.7 (0.5)	5.5 (0.6)	9.9	12.1 (0.8)	11.9 (0.8)	5.0	7.7 (0.8)	10.6 (0.9)	6.7	8.3 (0.6)	8.8 (0.9)	6.4	8.3 (0.7)	7.6 (0.8)
Mother's employment status ²	100.0	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)
Working 35 hours/week or more	33.8	33.4 (1.4)	36.1 (1.6)	34.0	38.5 (1.1)	42.7 (1.5)	35.3	36.1 (1.2)	43.6 (1.6)	38.2	38.5 (1.5)	43.4 (1.6)	38.9	40.5 (1.2)	44.5 (1.6)
Working less than 35 hours/week	20.6	17.8 (1.2)	21.0 (1.2)	26.7	23.7 (1.1)	23.3 (1.1)	21.5	20.9 (1.2)	22.2 (1.2)	23.9	20.8 (1.1)	23.4 (1.5)	22.3	21.4 (1.2)	22.1 (1.3)
Looking for work	7.0	6.8 (0.8)	5.9 (0.7)	5.2	5.8 (0.7)	4.9 (0.7)	6.5	5.6 (0.7)	5.3 (0.8)	6.1	5.0 (0.7)	4.4 (0.7)	6.6	5.4 (0.7)	4.0 (0.7)
Not in labor force	38.6	42.0 (1.7)	36.9 (1.3)	34.1	32.0 (1.3)	29.2 (1.3)	36.7	37.4 (1.2)	28.9 (1.4)	31.7	35.6 (1.6)	28.8 (1.4)	32.1	32.7 (1.3)	29.5 (1.6)
Household income	100.0	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)
\$10,000 or less	19.6	22.7 (1.2)	14.5 (1.1)	15.2	16.1 (1.1)	10.8 (0.9)	17.9	19.5 (1.3)	13.4 (1.2)	18.7	17.4 (1.2)	15.6 (1.1)	18.2	19.5 (1.3)	14.7 (1.4)
\$10,001 to \$20,000	19.3	15.7 (1.1)	19.5 (1.0)	14.0	10.4 (0.8)	12.6 (0.8)	16.5	12.5 (0.9)	13.2 (1.1)	16.9	13.2 (0.9)	13.8 (1.1)	16.9	11.6 (0.8)	15.3 (1.1)
\$20,001 to \$30,000	23.0	19.1 (1.1)	17.3 (1.2)	16.6	13.1 (0.8)	14.1 (0.8)	20.8	15.6 (0.8)	15.3 (1.1)	20.2	16.6 (0.9)	15.2 (1.1)	18.9	16.5 (1.1)	16.2 (1.2)
\$30,001 to \$40,000	15.9	16.2 (1.0)	14.6 (1.2)	15.6	12.4 (0.9)	11.4 (0.7)	14.8	15.3 (1.2)	14.6 (1.2)	15.1	14.1 (0.8)	12.8 (1.1)	15.4	16.1 (0.9)	11.3 (1.0)
\$40,001 to \$50,000	10.4	11.0 (0.7)	9.9 (0.8)	12.1	11.5 (1.0)	9.9 (0.7)	11.5	11.7 (0.9)	9.8 (0.9)	10.8	11.1 (0.8)	10.2 (0.9)	12.0	11.3 (0.9)	10.4 (0.9)
\$50,001 to \$75,000	8.5	10.5 (0.7)	12.9 (0.8)	15.7	19.3 (0.9)	19.4 (1.0)	11.7	14.4 (0.8)	15.9 (1.1)	11.1	15.6 (0.8)	16.1 (0.9)	11.8	15.0 (1.0)	15.2 (1.0)
More than \$75,000	3.3	4.7 (0.7)	11.3 (0.9)	10.9	17.2 (1.1)	21.9 (1.1)	6.8	10.9 (0.6)	17.8 (1.1)	7.2	12.1 (0.7)	16.4 (1.1)	6.9	10.1 (0.8)	16.9 (1.2)

¹ Includes a very small number of older children of first and second grade age.

² Excludes data for households with no mother present.

³ Includes equivalency certificates.

NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Standard errors appear in parentheses. Some data have been revised from previously published figures.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, The Parent Survey of the National Household Education Surveys Program, (ECE:1991), (ECPP:1995), and (Parent:1999), unpublished tabulations. (This table was prepared May 2003.)