

Table 26. Percent of elementary and middle school children whose parents were involved in education-related activities, by selected child, parent, and school characteristics: 1996 and 1999

Characteristics of children, parents, and schools	Percent of children in 1996 whose parents reported that they did the following things with their children in the past month—				Percent of children in 1999 whose parents reported that they did the following things with their children in the past month—							Percent of children in 1999 whose parents reported that they involved their children in the following activities during the past week—		
	Visited a library	Went to a play, concert, or other live show	Visited an art gallery, museum, or historical site	Visited a zoo or aquarium	Visited a library	Went to a play, concert, or other live show	Visited an art gallery, museum, or historical site	Visited a zoo or aquarium	Talked about family history	Attended an event sponsored by a community, religious, or ethnic group	Told a story	Worked on arts or crafts	Worked on household chores	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
Total	49.4	32.3	20.8	15.0	48.6 (0.7)	32.1 (0.6)	22.2 (0.6)	14.1 (0.4)	54.9 (0.7)	52.8 (0.7)	69.4 (0.6)	67.9 (0.6)	93.7 (0.3)	
Sex of child														
Male	49.0	30.6	19.9	14.3	47.2 (0.9)	30.5 (0.9)	22.3 (0.8)	13.9 (0.6)	53.3 (0.9)	50.8 (0.9)	69.0 (0.9)	64.2 (0.9)	92.9 (0.5)	
Female	49.9	34.1	21.7	15.7	50.1 (1.0)	33.7 (0.9)	22.2 (0.8)	14.3 (0.6)	56.6 (1.0)	54.9 (1.0)	69.7 (0.9)	71.9 (0.9)	94.6 (0.5)	
Race/ethnicity of child														
White, non-Hispanic	52.1	32.1	20.5	12.3	48.9 (0.9)	33.9 (0.8)	22.3 (0.7)	12.0 (0.5)	52.7 (0.9)	54.6 (0.9)	70.9 (0.8)	72.4 (0.8)	96.1 (0.4)	
Black, non-Hispanic	45.3	38.0	21.6	21.6	47.8 (1.8)	31.2 (1.6)	20.9 (1.4)	15.8 (1.2)	60.1 (1.9)	52.9 (1.9)	64.9 (1.8)	58.6 (1.8)	93.9 (0.8)	
Hispanic	40.1	26.0	19.9	19.0	43.9 (1.5)	24.3 (1.2)	20.7 (1.2)	19.6 (1.1)	53.5 (1.5)	45.7 (1.5)	66.5 (1.4)	59.3 (1.5)	84.5 (1.1)	
Other non-Hispanic	53.5	32.3	24.2	17.4	61.4 (2.9)	34.8 (2.9)	29.8 (2.9)	18.1 (2.0)	70.4 (2.7)	51.6 (3.0)	73.8 (2.7)	69.0 (2.6)	91.8 (1.6)	
Highest education level of parents														
Less than high school	31.3	25.8	16.5	19.3	34.3 (2.3)	17.4 (1.7)	12.1 (1.5)	15.1 (1.6)	44.9 (2.5)	36.6 (2.3)	61.6 (2.4)	54.1 (2.5)	81.4 (1.8)	
High school graduate	41.1	28.0	15.1	14.1	40.3 (1.4)	25.9 (1.2)	16.0 (1.0)	12.9 (0.8)	47.6 (1.4)	42.6 (1.4)	66.5 (1.3)	64.3 (1.3)	92.8 (0.7)	
Some postsecondary	50.9	32.9	19.7	14.1	48.2 (1.2)	31.8 (1.1)	20.9 (0.9)	12.6 (0.7)	57.4 (1.2)	53.6 (1.2)	70.1 (1.1)	69.4 (1.1)	95.8 (0.5)	
College graduate	61.7	36.3	27.0	15.2	57.4 (1.5)	40.3 (1.5)	29.0 (1.4)	15.1 (1.0)	60.2 (1.5)	64.5 (1.4)	74.1 (1.3)	73.8 (1.3)	96.0 (0.6)	
Graduate/professional	65.7	41.8	33.1	15.4	62.4 (1.6)	42.4 (1.6)	34.2 (1.6)	17.5 (1.3)	62.8 (1.6)	65.3 (1.6)	72.0 (1.5)	72.7 (1.5)	95.4 (0.7)	
Family income														
Less than \$5,000	41.8	37.5	18.9	18.4	42.7 (4.3)	24.9 (3.1)	16.5 (2.7)	16.6 (2.6)	54.5 (4.1)	37.3 (3.9)	67.5 (4.1)	55.9 (4.2)	90.9 (2.0)	
\$5,001 to \$10,000	36.4	27.2	15.3	16.9	43.8 (2.9)	21.0 (2.3)	17.7 (2.1)	14.5 (1.9)	49.8 (2.9)	38.8 (2.8)	69.5 (2.7)	58.4 (2.9)	89.9 (1.7)	
\$10,001 to 15,000	37.7	29.4	18.5	16.2	44.8 (2.7)	24.5 (2.2)	18.2 (2.1)	15.3 (2.0)	54.7 (2.7)	45.5 (2.7)	66.7 (2.5)	61.2 (2.6)	91.9 (1.4)	
\$15,001 to 20,000	42.6	25.0	12.4	15.6	43.1 (2.7)	25.8 (2.3)	13.3 (1.6)	13.8 (1.7)	49.2 (2.7)	47.2 (2.7)	62.4 (2.6)	64.1 (2.5)	91.4 (1.4)	
\$20,001 to 25,000	43.7	31.3	20.7	15.2	38.6 (2.3)	26.1 (2.1)	18.6 (1.8)	14.6 (1.5)	53.0 (2.5)	47.4 (2.5)	67.6 (2.4)	63.4 (2.3)	89.8 (1.4)	
\$25,001 to 30,000	44.1	25.4	17.8	15.5	45.3 (2.4)	30.4 (2.3)	20.7 (2.0)	14.4 (1.6)	53.3 (2.4)	50.1 (2.4)	70.6 (2.2)	68.7 (2.2)	94.6 (0.9)	
\$30,001 to 35,000	51.0	29.9	20.7	14.5	49.3 (2.5)	31.1 (2.3)	21.6 (2.1)	11.9 (1.5)	54.7 (2.5)	53.8 (2.4)	69.3 (2.2)	66.2 (2.3)	93.1 (1.5)	
\$35,001 to 40,000	57.1	33.7	18.3	13.0	52.0 (2.4)	34.5 (2.2)	23.5 (2.0)	13.1 (1.4)	57.0 (2.4)	59.2 (2.3)	72.5 (2.1)	71.4 (2.1)	96.2 (0.8)	
\$40,001 to 50,000	55.7	32.5	19.8	12.0	52.1 (2.0)	32.5 (1.8)	22.5 (1.6)	13.1 (1.3)	55.8 (1.9)	58.4 (1.9)	68.9 (1.8)	72.2 (1.7)	95.6 (0.7)	
\$50,001 to 75,000	56.9	33.9	25.1	12.0	51.5 (1.5)	34.6 (1.5)	23.1 (1.3)	12.2 (0.9)	53.8 (1.5)	57.5 (1.5)	70.9 (1.4)	72.5 (1.4)	96.2 (0.6)	
Over \$75,000	60.5	42.1	31.2	17.7	55.5 (1.5)	44.4 (1.5)	31.7 (1.4)	15.8 (1.0)	60.8 (1.5)	62.0 (1.4)	71.4 (1.4)	74.4 (1.3)	95.4 (0.7)	
Child attending public schools	48.3	31.7	19.9	14.7	47.5 (0.7)	30.4 (0.7)	21.0 (0.6)	13.7 (0.5)	54.4 (0.7)	51.1 (0.7)	68.7 (0.7)	67.4 (0.7)	93.6 (0.4)	
Child attending private schools	58.2	37.2	27.8	16.9	56.6 (1.8)	44.2 (1.8)	31.2 (1.6)	17.0 (1.3)	58.5 (1.7)	64.9 (1.7)	73.9 (1.6)	71.6 (1.5)	94.6 (0.8)	

NOTE: The respondent was the parent most knowledgeable about the child's education. The responding parent reported on their own and their spouse's, or other household adults' activities. Includes children enrolled in kindergarten through grade 8. Excludes nursery school and home-schooled children. Standard errors appear in parentheses.

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