

Historical Table. Primary Child Care Arrangements Used by Employed Mothers of Preschoolers: 1985 to 1999

(Numbers in thousands)

Type of arrangement	Winter 1985	Fall 1988	Fall 1990	Fall 1991	Fall 1993	Fall 1995	Spring 1997	Spring 1999
Total children under 5 years	8,168	9,483	9,629	9,854	9,937	10,047	10,116	10,587
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION								
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Parents	23.8	22.7	22.9	28.7	22.1	22.0	22.3	21.5
Mother while working	8.1	7.6	6.4	8.7	6.2	5.4	3.3	3.1
Father	15.7	15.1	16.5	20.0	15.9	16.6	19.0	18.5
Relatives	24.1	21.1	23.1	23.5	26.0	21.4	25.7	28.8
Grandparent	15.9	13.9	14.3	15.8	17.0	15.9	18.3	20.8
Sibling and other relative	8.2	7.2	8.8	7.7	9.0	5.5	7.4	8.0
Organized facility	23.1	25.8	27.5	23.1	29.9	25.1	21.6	22.1
Day care center	14.0	16.6	20.6	15.8	18.3	17.7	16.5	17.9
Nursery/preschool	9.1	9.2	6.9	7.3	11.6	5.9	4.2	3.8
Federal Head Start program	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.5	0.9	0.4
Other nonrelative care	28.2	28.9	25.1	23.3	21.6	28.5	22.5	20.3
In child's home	5.9	5.3	5.0	5.4	5.0	4.9	4.0	3.3
In provider's home	22.3	23.6	20.1	17.9	16.6	23.6	18.5	16.9
Family day care	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	15.7	10.6	10.9
Other nonrelative	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	7.9	7.9	6.0
Other	0.8	1.6	1.3	1.6	1.1	2.9	8.1	7.3
Self care	-	0.1	0.1	-	-	0.1	0.1	0.0
Other arrangement ^{1/}	0.8	1.5	1.2	1.6	1.1	0.6	2.0	2.7
No regular arrangement	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2.2	6.0	4.6

- Represents or rounds to zero. NA Not available.

^{1/}Includes children in kindergarten/ grade school or in a school-based activity.

Note: To make the 1995, 1997, and 1999 data consistent with prior surveys, their distributions were proportionately redistributed to account for tied responses for the primary arrangement (including responses of no regular arrangement) to make the percentages total to 100 percent.

Source: Tabulations derived from Current Population Reports, Series P-70-9 table 1; P-70-30 table 1; P-70-36 table 1; P-70-53 table 2; P-70-70 table 1; P-70-86 table 3, and this table, U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP),

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