

Table 46.—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 1998

[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 | 27.1 | 127 | 393 | 2,291 | 596 | — | — | — |
| 1970 | 10,949 | 4,104 | 37.5 | 332 | 762 | 2,498 | 511 | 698 | 3,405 | 17.0 |
| 1975 | 10,185 | 4,955 | 48.7 | 570 | 1,174 | 2,682 | 528 | 1,295 | 3,659 | 26.1 |
| 1980 | 9,284 | 4,878 | 52.5 | 628 | 1,353 | 2,438 | 459 | 1,551 | 3,327 | 31.8 |
| 1985 | 10,733 | 5,865 | 54.6 | 846 | 1,631 | 2,847 | 541 | 2,144 | 3,722 | 36.6 |
| 1986 | 10,866 | 5,971 | 55.0 | 829 | 1,715 | 2,859 | 567 | 2,241 | 3,730 | 37.5 |
| 1987 | 10,872 | 5,931 | 54.6 | 819 | 1,736 | 2,842 | 534 | 2,090 | 3,841 | 35.2 |
| 1988 | 10,993 | 5,978 | 54.4 | 851 | 1,770 | 2,875 | 481 | 2,044 | 3,935 | 34.2 |
| 1989 | 11,039 | 6,026 | 54.6 | 930 | 1,894 | 2,704 | 497 | 2,238 | 3,789 | 37.1 |
| 1990 | 11,207 | 6,659 | 59.4 | 1,199 | 2,180 | 2,772 | 509 | 2,577 | 4,082 | 38.7 |
| 1991 | 11,370 | 6,334 | 55.7 | 996 | 1,828 | 2,967 | 543 | 2,408 | 3,926 | 38.0 |
| 1992 | 11,545 | 6,402 | 55.5 | 1,073 | 1,783 | 2,995 | 550 | 2,410 | 3,992 | 37.6 |
| 1993 | 11,954 | 6,581 | 55.1 | 1,205 | 1,779 | 3,020 | 577 | 2,642 | 3,939 | 40.1 |
| 1994 ¹ | 12,328 | 7,514 | 61.0 | 1,848 | 2,314 | 2,819 | 534 | 3,468 | 4,046 | 46.2 |
| 1995 ¹ | 12,518 | 7,739 | 61.8 | 1,950 | 2,381 | 2,800 | 608 | 3,689 | 4,051 | 47.7 |
| 1996 ¹ | 12,378 | 7,580 | 61.2 | 1,830 | 2,317 | 2,853 | 580 | 3,562 | 4,019 | 47.0 |
| 1997 ¹ | 12,121 | 7,860 | 64.9 | 2,207 | 2,231 | 2,847 | 575 | 3,922 | 3,939 | 49.9 |
| 1998 ¹ | 12,078 | 7,788 | 64.5 | 2,213 | 2,299 | 2,674 | 602 | 3,959 | 3,829 | 50.8 |
| 3 years old | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1965 | 4,149 | 203 | 4.9 | 41 | 153 | 5 | 4 | — | — | — |
| 1970 | 3,516 | 454 | 12.9 | 110 | 322 | 12 | 10 | 142 | 312 | 31.3 |
| 1975 | 3,177 | 683 | 21.5 | 179 | 474 | 11 | 18 | 259 | 423 | 37.9 |
| 1980 | 3,143 | 857 | 27.3 | 221 | 604 | 16 | 17 | 321 | 536 | 37.5 |
| 1985 | 3,594 | 1,035 | 28.8 | 278 | 679 | 52 | 26 | 350 | 685 | 33.8 |
| 1986 | 3,607 | 1,041 | 28.9 | 257 | 737 | 26 | 21 | 399 | 642 | 38.3 |
| 1987 | 3,569 | 1,022 | 28.6 | 264 | 703 | 24 | 31 | 378 | 644 | 37.0 |
| 1988 | 3,719 | 1,027 | 27.6 | 298 | 678 | 24 | 26 | 369 | 658 | 35.9 |
| 1989 | 3,713 | 1,005 | 27.1 | 277 | 707 | 3 | 18 | 390 | 615 | 38.8 |
| 1990 | 3,692 | 1,205 | 32.6 | 347 | 840 | 11 | 7 | 447 | 758 | 37.1 |
| 1991 | 3,811 | 1,074 | 28.2 | 313 | 702 | 38 | 22 | 388 | 687 | 36.1 |
| 1992 | 3,905 | 1,081 | 27.7 | 336 | 685 | 26 | 34 | 371 | 711 | 34.3 |
| 1993 | 4,053 | 1,097 | 27.1 | 369 | 687 | 20 | 20 | 426 | 670 | 38.9 |
| 1994 ¹ | 4,081 | 1,385 | 33.9 | 469 | 887 | 19 | 9 | 670 | 715 | 48.4 |
| 1995 ¹ | 4,148 | 1,489 | 35.9 | 511 | 947 | 15 | 17 | 754 | 736 | 50.6 |
| 1996 ¹ | 4,045 | 1,506 | 37.2 | 511 | 947 | 22 | 26 | 657 | 848 | 43.7 |
| 1997 ¹ | 3,947 | 1,528 | 38.7 | 643 | 843 | 25 | 18 | 754 | 774 | 49.4 |
| 1998 ¹ | 3,989 | 1,498 | 37.6 | 587 | 869 | 27 | 14 | 735 | 763 | 49.1 |
| 4 years old | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1965 | 4,238 | 683 | 16.1 | 68 | 213 | 284 | 118 | — | — | — |
| 1970 | 3,620 | 1,007 | 27.8 | 176 | 395 | 318 | 117 | 230 | 776 | 22.8 |
| 1975 | 3,499 | 1,418 | 40.5 | 332 | 644 | 313 | 129 | 411 | 1,008 | 29.0 |
| 1980 | 3,072 | 1,423 | 46.3 | 363 | 701 | 239 | 120 | 467 | 956 | 32.8 |
| 1985 | 3,598 | 1,766 | 49.1 | 496 | 859 | 276 | 135 | 643 | 1,123 | 36.4 |
| 1986 | 3,616 | 1,772 | 49.0 | 498 | 903 | 257 | 115 | 622 | 1,150 | 35.1 |
| 1987 | 3,597 | 1,717 | 47.7 | 431 | 881 | 280 | 125 | 548 | 1,169 | 31.9 |
| 1988 | 3,598 | 1,768 | 49.1 | 481 | 922 | 261 | 104 | 519 | 1,249 | 29.4 |
| 1989 | 3,692 | 1,882 | 51.0 | 524 | 1,055 | 202 | 100 | 592 | 1,290 | 31.4 |
| 1990 | 3,723 | 2,087 | 56.1 | 695 | 1,144 | 157 | 91 | 716 | 1,371 | 34.3 |
| 1991 | 3,763 | 1,994 | 53.0 | 584 | 982 | 287 | 140 | 667 | 1,326 | 33.5 |
| 1992 | 3,807 | 1,982 | 52.1 | 602 | 971 | 282 | 126 | 632 | 1,350 | 31.9 |
| 1993 | 4,044 | 2,178 | 53.9 | 719 | 957 | 349 | 154 | 765 | 1,413 | 35.1 |
| 1994 ¹ | 4,202 | 2,532 | 60.3 | 1,020 | 1,232 | 198 | 82 | 1,095 | 1,438 | 43.2 |
| 1995 ¹ | 4,145 | 2,553 | 61.6 | 1,054 | 1,208 | 207 | 84 | 1,104 | 1,449 | 43.3 |
| 1996 ¹ | 4,148 | 2,454 | 59.2 | 1,029 | 1,168 | 180 | 77 | 1,034 | 1,420 | 42.1 |
| 1997 ¹ | 4,033 | 2,665 | 66.1 | 1,197 | 1,169 | 207 | 92 | 1,161 | 1,505 | 43.5 |
| 1998 ¹ | 4,002 | 2,666 | 66.6 | 1,183 | 1,219 | 210 | 53 | 1,179 | 1,487 | 44.2 |
| 5 years old | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1965 | 4,162 | 2,521 | 60.6 | 18 | 27 | 2,002 | 474 | — | — | — |
| 1970 | 3,814 | 2,643 | 69.3 | 45 | 45 | 2,168 | 384 | 326 | 2,317 | 12.3 |
| 1975 | 3,509 | 2,854 | 81.3 | 59 | 57 | 2,358 | 381 | 625 | 2,228 | 21.9 |
| 1980 | 3,069 | 2,598 | 84.7 | 44 | 48 | 2,183 | 322 | 763 | 1,835 | 29.4 |
| 1985 | 3,542 | 3,065 | 86.5 | 73 | 94 | 2,519 | 379 | 1,151 | 1,914 | 37.6 |
| 1986 | 3,643 | 3,157 | 86.7 | 75 | 75 | 2,576 | 432 | 1,220 | 1,937 | 38.6 |
| 1987 | 3,706 | 3,192 | 86.1 | 124 | 152 | 2,538 | 378 | 1,163 | 2,028 | 36.4 |
| 1988 | 3,676 | 3,184 | 86.6 | 72 | 170 | 2,590 | 351 | 1,155 | 2,028 | 36.3 |
| 1989 | 3,633 | 3,139 | 86.4 | 129 | 132 | 2,499 | 378 | 1,255 | 1,883 | 40.0 |
| 1990 | 3,792 | 3,367 | 88.8 | 157 | 196 | 2,604 | 411 | 1,414 | 1,953 | 42.0 |
| 1991 | 3,796 | 3,267 | 86.0 | 100 | 143 | 2,642 | 382 | 1,354 | 1,913 | 41.4 |
| 1992 | 3,832 | 3,339 | 87.1 | 135 | 127 | 2,688 | 390 | 1,408 | 1,931 | 42.2 |
| 1993 | 3,857 | 3,306 | 85.7 | 116 | 136 | 2,651 | 403 | 1,451 | 1,856 | 43.9 |
| 1994 ¹ | 4,044 | 3,597 | 88.9 | 359 | 194 | 2,601 | 442 | 1,704 | 1,893 | 47.4 |
| 1995 ¹ | 4,224 | 3,697 | 87.5 | 385 | 226 | 2,578 | 507 | 1,830 | 1,867 | 49.5 |
| 1996 ¹ | 4,185 | 3,621 | 86.5 | 290 | 202 | 2,652 | 477 | 1,870 | 1,750 | 51.7 |
| 1997 ¹ | 4,141 | 3,667 | 88.5 | 368 | 219 | 2,616 | 465 | 2,007 | 1,660 | 54.7 |
| 1998 ¹ | 4,087 | 3,624 | 88.7 | 442 | 211 | 2,437 | 535 | 2,044 | 1,579 | 56.4 |

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

—Data not available.

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. Enrollment data

for 5-year-olds include only those students in preprimary programs. Because of rounding, details may not add to totals.

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 August 1999.)