

Table 427. Percent of home computer users using specific applications, by selected characteristics: October 1997 and September 2001

Selected characteristic	Number of home computer users, 1997, in thousands	Percent of persons using computers at home, 1997	Number of home computer users, 2001, in thousands	Percent of persons using computers at home, 2001	Percent of computer users using specific applications, 2001 ¹							
					Word processing	Connect to internet	E-mail	Spread-sheets/ data-bases ²	Graphics/ design ²	School assignments	Household records/ finances ²	Games
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Total, age 3 and over	81,013 (600)	31.7 (0.2)	138,915 (873)	52.4 (0.2)	55.0 (0.2)	83.2 (0.2)	74.2 (0.2)	— (—)	— (—)	25.7 (0.2)	— (—)	65.6 (0.2)
Total, age 15 and over	62,239 (505)	30.0 (0.2)	109,901 (739)	50.8 (0.2)	59.2 (0.3)	89.3 (0.2)	83.3 (0.2)	31.8 (0.2)	25.5 (0.2)	17.9 (0.2)	28.5 (0.2)	58.2 (0.3)
Sex												
Male	41,260 (413)	33.1 (0.2)	68,255 (585)	52.8 (0.2)	50.9 (0.3)	83.6 (0.2)	72.9 (0.3)	26.8 (0.3)	20.2 (0.3)	25.1 (0.3)	23.4 (0.3)	68.9 (0.3)
Female	39,753 (385)	30.3 (0.2)	70,660 (573)	51.9 (0.2)	58.9 (0.3)	82.8 (0.2)	75.5 (0.3)	23.5 (0.3)	20.2 (0.2)	26.2 (0.3)	21.7 (0.2)	62.4 (0.3)
Race/ethnicity												
White, non-Hispanic	68,026 (544)	36.9 (0.2)	110,314 (757)	59.1 (0.2)	55.5 (0.3)	84.7 (0.2)	76.3 (0.2)	25.7 (0.2)	20.4 (0.2)	23.8 (0.2)	23.6 (0.2)	65.1 (0.2)
Black, non-Hispanic	4,943 (136)	15.6 (0.4)	11,288 (227)	33.9 (0.5)	54.7 (0.8)	78.0 (0.7)	66.2 (0.8)	24.3 (0.7)	20.7 (0.7)	33.1 (0.8)	18.9 (0.7)	71.0 (0.8)
Hispanic	4,081 (139)	14.5 (0.4)	9,830 (241)	30.6 (0.5)	48.1 (1.0)	72.1 (0.9)	59.4 (1.0)	18.9 (0.8)	17.2 (0.8)	33.4 (0.9)	16.2 (0.7)	68.5 (0.9)
Asian/Pacific Islander	3,469 (126)	37.6 (1.0)	6,519 (185)	61.1 (0.9)	57.5 (1.2)	86.1 (0.8)	77.1 (1.0)	27.1 (1.1)	20.3 (1.0)	32.8 (1.1)	20.8 (1.0)	58.3 (1.2)
American Indian/Alaska Native	493 (44)	23.0 (1.8)	964 (63)	42.6 (2.1)	47.8 (3.2)	72.3 (2.8)	59.8 (3.1)	19.2 (2.5)	18.2 (2.5)	29.1 (2.9)	16.3 (2.3)	77.2 (2.7)
Age												
3 to 14	18,774 (250)	39.1 (0.4)	29,014 (319)	59.4 (0.4)	39.0 (0.5)	60.2 (0.5)	39.9 (0.5)	— (—)	— (—)	54.9 (0.5)	— (—)	93.6 (0.2)
15 to 19	8,395 (162)	43.1 (0.6)	13,624 (210)	67.4 (0.6)	70.1 (0.7)	87.9 (0.5)	80.8 (0.6)	25.1 (0.6)	32.3 (0.7)	81.0 (0.6)	5.2 (0.3)	81.1 (0.6)
20 to 24	4,975 (124)	28.5 (0.6)	10,471 (182)	55.1 (0.6)	65.3 (0.8)	88.6 (0.5)	83.2 (0.6)	31.6 (0.8)	28.9 (0.8)	41.7 (0.8)	17.0 (0.6)	68.0 (0.8)
25 to 29	5,963 (136)	31.7 (0.6)	9,729 (175)	55.3 (0.6)	58.7 (0.9)	91.5 (0.5)	86.2 (0.6)	35.7 (0.8)	27.3 (0.8)	14.0 (0.6)	34.5 (0.8)	59.8 (0.9)
30 to 39	15,393 (224)	35.8 (0.4)	24,514 (290)	59.9 (0.4)	56.4 (0.5)	90.1 (0.3)	84.5 (0.4)	34.7 (0.5)	25.9 (0.5)	6.5 (0.3)	35.5 (0.5)	57.3 (0.5)
40 to 49	15,346 (224)	38.3 (0.4)	25,022 (293)	57.7 (0.4)	58.0 (0.5)	90.5 (0.3)	83.5 (0.4)	33.9 (0.5)	25.4 (0.5)	3.8 (0.2)	33.9 (0.5)	52.1 (0.5)
50 to 59	7,679 (155)	28.5 (0.5)	15,887 (228)	50.2 (0.5)	58.0 (0.7)	89.6 (0.4)	83.7 (0.5)	33.2 (0.6)	23.0 (0.6)	2.4 (0.2)	32.8 (0.6)	46.3 (0.7)
60 to 69	3,162 (98)	16.2 (0.5)	6,874 (146)	34.2 (0.6)	53.6 (1.0)	87.0 (0.7)	81.8 (0.8)	26.7 (0.9)	16.8 (0.8)	0.1 (0.1)	29.8 (1.0)	51.1 (1.0)
70 or older	1,327 (63)	5.9 (0.3)	3,780 (107)	16.1 (0.4)	44.7 (1.4)	81.2 (1.1)	76.0 (1.2)	17.8 (1.1)	11.0 (0.9)	# (#)	26.3 (1.2)	52.8 (1.4)
Family income³												
Under \$20,000	7,374 (152)	11.0 (0.2)	9,589 (174)	22.6 (0.4)	49.8 (0.9)	70.3 (0.8)	61.6 (0.9)	18.8 (0.7)	17.4 (0.7)	35.0 (0.8)	15.0 (0.6)	73.2 (0.8)
\$20,000 to \$29,999	7,819 (156)	19.9 (0.3)	10,590 (183)	35.5 (0.5)	46.1 (0.8)	75.9 (0.7)	67.1 (0.8)	17.6 (0.6)	17.8 (0.6)	25.5 (0.7)	16.1 (0.6)	71.8 (0.8)
\$30,000 to \$39,999	10,370 (181)	28.5 (0.4)	13,295 (207)	47.7 (0.5)	49.0 (0.7)	78.0 (0.6)	68.8 (0.7)	20.5 (0.6)	17.5 (0.6)	24.3 (0.6)	19.8 (0.6)	70.1 (0.7)
\$40,000 to \$49,999	9,627 (174)	36.9 (0.5)	13,222 (206)	58.9 (0.6)	52.2 (0.8)	81.9 (0.6)	72.0 (0.7)	21.0 (0.6)	18.6 (0.6)	25.8 (0.7)	20.9 (0.6)	71.2 (0.7)
\$50,000 to \$74,999	21,685 (271)	46.5 (0.4)	30,245 (327)	67.7 (0.4)	53.7 (0.5)	84.2 (0.4)	74.8 (0.4)	24.9 (0.4)	20.2 (0.4)	24.9 (0.4)	22.5 (0.4)	66.8 (0.5)
\$75,000 or more	24,138 (287)	60.3 (0.4)	44,909 (413)	79.6 (0.3)	62.6 (0.4)	88.5 (0.3)	80.2 (0.3)	31.7 (0.4)	23.1 (0.3)	25.4 (0.4)	27.5 (0.4)	59.6 (0.4)

—Not available.

Rounds to zero.

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

² Data are for persons 15 years old and over.

³ Excludes persons not reporting income.

NOTE: Excludes persons under age 3. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Standard errors appear in parentheses.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Survey, October 1997 and September 2001, unpublished data. (This table was prepared March 2003.)