

**Table 136. Distribution of elementary and secondary school children, by average grades, by selected child, and school characteristics: 1996 and 1999**

Selected characteristic of children and schools	Distribution of children, by parental reports of average grades in all subjects							
	1996				1999			
	Mostly A's	Mostly B's	Mostly C's	Mostly D's or F's	Mostly A's	Mostly B's	Mostly C's	Mostly D's or F's
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>39.5</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>40.3 (0.5)</b>	<b>37.7 (0.5)</b>	<b>17.8 (0.4)</b>	<b>4.3 (0.2)</b>
Sex of child								
Male .....	32.5	38.3	23.5	5.7	33.7 (0.7)	38.3 (0.7)	21.9 (0.6)	6.2 (0.4)
Female .....	46.9	37.2	13.2	2.7	47.0 (0.8)	37.1 (0.8)	13.5 (0.5)	2.4 (0.2)
Race/ethnicity of child								
White, non-Hispanic .....	43.7	36.1	16.5	3.7	44.6 (0.7)	36.1 (0.7)	15.8 (0.5)	3.4 (0.3)
Black, non-Hispanic .....	27.0	41.0	26.2	5.8	27.5 (1.2)	40.3 (1.4)	26.4 (1.2)	5.8 (0.7)
Hispanic .....	31.9	43.6	19.6	4.9	33.3 (1.2)	42.7 (1.3)	17.4 (1.0)	6.5 (0.7)
Other non-Hispanic .....	44.7	33.7	17.1	4.5	45.8 (2.4)	35.8 (2.4)	14.2 (2.0)	4.2 (1.2)
Highest education level of parents								
Less than high school .....	29.0	39.0	23.9	8.1	26.3 (1.6)	40.8 (1.8)	22.3 (1.6)	10.5 (1.3)
High school graduate .....	30.5	40.5	23.1	5.9	31.6 (1.0)	39.5 (1.1)	23.3 (0.9)	5.6 (0.5)
Some postsecondary .....	36.9	40.1	19.1	3.9	38.9 (0.9)	39.0 (0.9)	18.3 (0.7)	3.8 (0.4)
College graduate .....	52.5	32.9	12.7	1.9	51.1 (1.3)	34.9 (1.2)	12.1 (0.9)	1.8 (0.3)
Graduate/professional .....	58.2	30.9	9.8	1.1	54.8 (1.3)	33.0 (1.2)	10.3 (0.8)	1.9 (0.4)
Family income								
\$5,000 or less .....	28.9	38.8	23.3	8.9	25.0 (2.6)	42.9 (3.5)	24.4 (2.8)	7.7 (1.8)
\$5,001 to \$10,000 .....	26.6	41.9	24.6	6.9	32.1 (2.4)	36.5 (2.4)	24.0 (2.1)	7.4 (1.3)
\$10,001 to 15,000 .....	28.0	39.8	26.0	6.2	30.3 (2.0)	38.9 (2.2)	23.7 (1.9)	7.1 (1.2)
\$15,001 to 20,000 .....	32.7	38.4	21.6	7.3	32.0 (2.0)	40.0 (2.1)	22.3 (1.9)	5.7 (0.9)
\$20,001 to 25,000 .....	34.4	40.8	20.6	4.2	32.8 (1.8)	38.9 (1.9)	21.6 (1.6)	6.7 (1.1)
\$25,001 to 30,000 .....	33.0	42.0	19.8	5.2	37.4 (1.9)	37.4 (1.9)	19.7 (1.5)	5.4 (0.9)
\$30,001 to 35,000 .....	40.0	38.0	18.1	3.9	38.2 (1.9)	38.8 (2.0)	19.2 (1.5)	3.8 (0.8)
\$35,001 to 40,000 .....	40.4	37.3	19.4	2.8	37.5 (1.8)	42.1 (1.9)	17.4 (1.4)	3.0 (0.6)
\$40,001 to 50,000 .....	43.2	36.0	16.8	4.0	45.0 (1.5)	35.1 (1.4)	16.6 (1.1)	3.3 (0.5)
\$50,001 to 75,000 .....	50.2	32.7	14.9	2.2	45.8 (1.2)	36.8 (1.2)	14.5 (0.8)	2.9 (0.4)
Over \$75,000 .....	51.0	36.8	10.9	1.3	51.9 (1.2)	35.4 (1.1)	10.9 (0.7)	1.8 (0.3)
Child attending public schools .....	38.2	37.9	19.3	4.6	39.0 (0.6)	37.8 (0.6)	18.5 (0.4)	4.7 (0.3)
Elementary (kindergarten to grade 8) .....	43.2	36.6	16.3	3.9	43.5 (0.7)	36.6 (0.7)	15.9 (0.5)	4.1 (0.3)
Secondary (grades 9 to 12) .....	29.6	40.2	24.5	5.7	31.8 (0.9)	39.9 (0.9)	22.7 (0.8)	5.6 (0.5)
Child attending private schools .....	50.8	36.1	11.8	1.3	51.9 (1.6)	36.1 (1.5)	11.0 (1.1)	1.0 (0.3)
Elementary (kindergarten to grade 8) .....	55.7	35.3	7.5	1.4	56.2 (1.9)	34.4 (1.8)	9.0 (1.2)	0.5 (0.2)
Secondary (grades 9 to 12) .....	40.9	37.7	20.4	1.0	41.2 (3.1)	40.6 (3.0)	15.9 (2.3)	2.2 (0.8)

NOTE: Includes children enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12. Excludes children whose programs have no classes with lettered grades. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Standard errors appear in parentheses.

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