

**Table 228. Preprimary School Enrollment—Summary: 1970 to 2006**

[As of October. Civilian noninstitutional population (10,949 represents 10,949,000). Includes public and nonpublic nursery school and kindergarten programs. Excludes 5-year-olds enrolled in elementary school. Based on Current Population Survey; see text, Section 1, and Appendix III]

Item	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2006
<b>NUMBER OF CHILDREN (1,000)</b>									
<b>Population, 3 to 5 years old . . . . .</b>	<b>10,949</b>	<b>10,183</b>	<b>9,284</b>	<b>10,733</b>	<b>11,207</b>	<b>12,518</b>	<b>11,858</b>	<b>12,134</b>	<b>12,187</b>
<b>Total enrolled <sup>1</sup> . . . . .</b>	<b>4,104</b>	<b>4,954</b>	<b>4,878</b>	<b>5,865</b>	<b>6,659</b>	<b>7,739</b>	<b>7,592</b>	<b>7,801</b>	<b>8,009</b>
Nursery . . . . .	1,094	1,745	1,981	2,477	3,378	4,331	4,326	4,529	4,636
Public . . . . .	332	570	628	846	1,202	1,950	2,146	2,409	2,481
Private . . . . .	762	1,174	1,353	1,631	2,177	2,381	2,180	2,120	2,156
Kindergarten . . . . .	3,010	3,211	2,897	3,388	3,281	3,408	3,266	3,272	3,373
Public . . . . .	2,498	2,682	2,438	2,847	2,767	2,799	2,701	2,804	2,960
Private . . . . .	511	528	459	541	513	608	565	468	413
White <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	3,443	4,105	3,994	4,757	5,389	6,144	5,861	6,025	6,145
Black <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	586	731	725	919	964	1,236	1,265	1,148	1,225
Hispanic <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	(NA)	(NA)	370	496	642	1,040	1,155	1,494	1,624
3 years old . . . . .	454	683	857	1,035	1,205	1,489	1,540	1,715	1,716
4 years old . . . . .	1,007	1,418	1,423	1,765	2,086	2,553	2,556	2,668	2,817
5 years old . . . . .	2,643	2,852	2,598	3,065	3,367	3,697	3,496	3,418	3,476
<b>ENROLLMENT RATE</b>									
<b>Total enrolled <sup>1</sup> . . . . .</b>	<b>37.5</b>	<b>48.6</b>	<b>52.5</b>	<b>54.6</b>	<b>59.4</b>	<b>61.8</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>64.3</b>	<b>65.7</b>
White <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	37.8	48.6	52.7	54.7	59.7	63.0	63.2	65.1	66.0
Black <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	34.9	48.1	51.8	55.8	57.8	58.9	68.5	62.0	66.7
Hispanic <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	(NA)	(NA)	43.3	43.3	49.0	51.1	52.6	56.1	59.8
3 years old . . . . .	12.9	21.5	27.3	28.8	32.6	35.9	39.2	41.3	42.4
4 years old . . . . .	27.8	40.5	46.3	49.1	56.0	61.6	64.9	66.2	68.8
5 years old . . . . .	69.3	81.3	84.7	86.5	88.8	87.5	87.6	86.4	85.8

NA Not available. <sup>1</sup> Includes races not shown separately. <sup>2</sup> Beginning 2003, for persons who selected this race group only. See footnote 2, Table 221. <sup>3</sup> Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. The method of identifying Hispanic children was changed in 1980 from allocation based on status of mother to status reported for each child. The number of Hispanic children using the new method is larger.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Reports, PPL-148; and earlier PPL and P-20 reports; and data published on the Internet. See Internet site <<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/school.html>>.