

**Table 222. Children's Involvement in Home Literacy Activities: 1993 and 2005**

[In percent, except number of children (8,579 represents 8,579,000). For children 3 to 5 years old not yet enrolled in kindergarten who participated in activities with a family member. Based on the School Readiness Early Childhood Program Participation Surveys of the National Household Education Surveys Program; see source and Appendix III. See also Tables 225]

Characteristic	Children (1,000)		Read to <sup>1</sup>		Told a story <sup>1</sup>		Taught letters, words, or numbers <sup>1</sup>		Visited a library <sup>2</sup>	
	1993	2005	1993	2005	1993	2005	1993	2005	1993	2005
<b>Total</b> . . . . .	<b>8,579</b>	<b>9,066</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>42</b>
Age:										
3 years old . . . . .	3,889	4,070	79	86	46	54	57	75	34	40
4 years old . . . . .	3,713	3,873	78	85	41	53	58	77	41	44
5 years old . . . . .	976	1,123	76	86	36	55	58	80	38	46
Race/ethnicity:										
White, non-Hispanic . . . . .	5,902	5,177	85	92	44	53	58	76	42	45
Black, non-Hispanic . . . . .	1,271	1,233	66	78	39	54	63	81	29	44
Hispanic . . . . .	1,026	1,822	58	72	38	50	54	74	26	32
Other . . . . .	381	834	73	88	50	64	59	82	43	48
Mother's home language: <sup>3</sup>										
English . . . . .	7,805	7,618	81	89	44	55	58	78	39	45
Not English . . . . .	603	1,245	42	66	36	45	52	69	26	29
Mother's highest education: <sup>3</sup>										
Less than high school . . . . .	1,036	886	60	64	37	39	56	70	22	23
High school . . . . .	3,268	2,687	76	82	41	51	56	78	31	33
Vocational ed or some college . . . . .	2,624	2,461	83	88	45	57	60	79	44	45
College degree . . . . .	912	1,832	90	92	48	56	56	75	55	52
Graduate/professional training or degree . . . . .	569	997	90	94	50	64	60	76	59	60

<sup>1</sup> Three or more times in the past week. <sup>2</sup> At least once in the past month. <sup>3</sup> Excludes children with no mother in the household and no female guardian.

Source: U.S. National Center for Education Statistics, Statistical Brief, NCES 2000-026, November 1999; and the Early Childhood Program Participation Survey, National Household Education Surveys Program, 2005, unpublished data. See Internet site <<http://nces.ed.gov/nhes>>.