

**Table 253. Computer and Internet Use by Children and Adolescents: 2003**

[For persons 5 to 17 years old (53,561 represents 53,561,000). As of September. Based on the Current Population Survey; see source and Appendix III for details]

User characteristic	Number of children (1,000)	Percent using computers at school	Percent using computers at home <sup>1</sup>	Home use activity (percent)				
				Word processing	Connect to the Internet	E-mail	Complete school assignments	Play games
<b>Total</b> . . . . .	<b>53,561</b>	<b>84.5</b>	<b>68.6</b>	<b>33.4</b>	<b>46.6</b>	<b>32.9</b>	<b>49.2</b>	<b>56.9</b>
Age: 5 to 7 years old . . . . .	11,785	72.2	59.3	9.6	23.3	7.7	16.6	51.7
8 to 10 years old . . . . .	11,849	86.3	66.1	23.5	38.2	19.5	42.7	58.0
11 to 14 years old . . . . .	17,173	89.0	72.0	42.7	54.8	40.9	61.8	61.0
15 to 17 years old . . . . .	12,753	87.9	75.0	51.9	64.7	57.7	68.1	55.4
Sex: Male . . . . .	27,422	84.2	68.0	31.2	45.5	30.2	47.5	57.8
Female . . . . .	26,139	84.7	69.3	35.6	47.7	35.7	50.9	56.0
Race/ethnicity:								
White alone, non-Hispanic . . . . .	32,279	86.6	79.6	40.1	56.9	41.1	56.6	67.3
Black alone, non-Hispanic . . . . .	8,048	82.6	47.2	20.5	28.0	18.6	35.9	39.1
Hispanic . . . . .	9,503	79.7	48.3	20.2	27.2	17.1	34.4	37.8
Other . . . . .	3,731	82.1	71.4	35.9	46.4	32.6	50.8	54.7
Parent educational attainment:								
Less than high school credential . . . . .	10,001	77.9	43.7	17.7	24.2	16.3	29.5	34.6
High school credential . . . . .	15,270	84.1	61.4	26.9	39.9	28.2	43.7	50.6
Some college . . . . .	14,384	86.8	75.4	35.5	51.9	35.7	54.1	63.4
Bachelor's degree . . . . .	9,410	86.9	86.5	47.4	62.9	45.2	63.2	73.0
Graduate education . . . . .	4,495	87.6	89.5	53.8	67.9	50.5	66.0	73.6
Household language:								
Spanish-only . . . . .	2,680	75.3	33.6	12.7	14.3	9.0	24.1	26.7
Not Spanish-only . . . . .	50,881	84.9	70.5	34.4	48.3	34.1	50.5	58.5
Family income:								
Under \$20,000 . . . . .	16,459	81.3	51.7	23.1	30.7	21.7	36.2	41.2
20,000 to 34,999 . . . . .	8,615	81.9	55.7	22.9	33.3	23.2	38.2	45.4
35,000 to 49,999 . . . . .	6,993	85.9	72.2	33.2	46.7	32.3	50.5	60.5
50,000 to 74,999 . . . . .	9,053	86.0	80.5	38.6	56.7	39.2	57.6	67.1
75,000 or more . . . . .	12,441	88.5	89.3	50.5	69.3	50.1	67.0	76.4

<sup>1</sup> Includes other home activities, not shown separately.

Source: U.S. National Center for Education Statistics, CPS October (Education) Supplement, October 2003, special tabulation.