

Appendix table 1-28

Among students with access, those who used computers at home or accessed Internet anywhere for specific tasks, and frequency of Internet use, by student and family characteristics: 2003

(Percent)

Student and family characteristic	Use home computer			Use Internet					Frequency of Internet use		
	Schoolwork	Playing games	E-mail	School assignments	Online course	Purchases	News/sports/weather	Radio/TV/movies	≥1 time/day	≥1 time/week, not daily	<1 time/week
Overall.....	73.6	82.7	48.7	79.6	2.1	13.6	36.9	21.6	42.4	41.1	16.5
School sector											
Public.....	73.7	82.6	48.7	79.8	2.0	13.3	36.8	21.4	42.0	41.4	16.6
Private.....	72.1	83.4	49.0	77.7	2.3	16.4	38.5	23.0	45.8	38.8	15.5
Student grade level											
Elementary (K–6).....	55.4	87.2	26.6	64.0	0.9	5.5	21.4	12.8	27.3	47.7	24.9
Secondary (7–12).....	90.7	78.5	69.7	90.6	2.8	19.4	48.0	27.8	53.1	36.4	10.5
Sex											
Male.....	72.0	84.8	45.4	78.3	2.2	15.6	40.5	21.8	41.7	41.4	17.0
Female.....	75.1	80.5	52.1	80.8	1.9	11.6	33.3	21.3	43.2	40.8	16.0
Race/ethnicity											
White.....	73.3	84.4	52.6	80.2	1.9	15.8	39.2	21.2	44.1	40.4	15.4
Black.....	77.5	82.3	40.2	79.7	2.1	6.4	31.5	24.7	35.3	43.3	21.4
Hispanic.....	72.5	78.1	36.1	75.3	2.8	8.5	30.9	21.5	40.1	42.6	17.2
Asian/Pacific Islander.....	72.4	72.7	47.1	84.0	2.9	16.7	39.6	20.9	47.3	38.7	14.0
Other.....	71.2	80.8	44.7	78.5	0.9	12.3	30.9	18.4	36.3	43.8	19.9
Family income ^a											
Low.....	69.6	80.9	34.8	75.9	2.0	7.4	27.5	18.5	33.9	45.7	20.3
Middle.....	72.4	81.8	46.4	78.3	2.1	11.7	35.0	20.5	41.4	41.2	17.3
High.....	76.6	84.8	56.4	83.1	2.0	19.2	43.5	24.4	47.0	39.3	13.7
Parental education											
No high school completion.....	69.1	77.4	32.0	75.0	3.4	4.7	26.5	17.5	36.5	44.0	19.5
High school or GED ^b	72.6	81.5	44.9	78.3	2.1	9.4	30.9	19.6	38.9	43.2	17.9
Some college.....	73.5	83.6	48.1	79.7	1.8	13.1	35.9	22.1	41.4	42.0	16.6
Bachelor's/higher degree.....	74.8	83.5	53.4	81.2	2.0	17.9	42.9	23.0	46.3	38.7	15.0

GED = General Educational Development certificate

^aLow income includes families in lowest 20% income distribution, middle income includes middle 60%, and high income includes highest 20%.^bGEDs awarded when applicants pass a set of tests and treated as equivalent to high school diplomas for most purposes.

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey 2003 (October), School Enrollment and Computer Use Supplement File.