

**Table 229. Children With Parental Involvement in Home Literacy Activities: 1993 to 2007**

[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 Table 230]

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	2007	1993	2007	1993	2005	1993	2005	1993	2007
<b>Total</b> . . . . .	<b>8,579</b>	<b>8,686</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>36</b>
Age:										
3 years old . . . . .	3,889	3,755	79	84	46	54	57	75	34	36
4 years old . . . . .	3,713	3,738	78	83	41	53	58	77	41	35
5 years old . . . . .	976	1,193	76	83	36	55	58	80	38	39
Race/ethnicity:										
White, non-Hispanic . . . . .	5,902	4,664	85	91	44	53	58	76	42	41
Black, non-Hispanic . . . . .	1,271	1,312	66	78	39	54	63	81	29	25
Hispanic <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	1,026	1,899	58	68	38	50	54	74	26	27
Other . . . . .	381	812	73	87	50	64	59	82	43	46
Mother's home language: <sup>4</sup>										
English . . . . .	7,805	7,244	81	88	44	55	58	78	39	38
Not English . . . . .	603	1,312	42	57	36	45	52	69	26	24
Mother's highest education: <sup>4</sup>										
Less than high school . . . . .	1,036	808	60	56	37	39	56	70	22	20
High school . . . . .	3,268	2,048	76	74	41	51	56	78	31	29
Vocational ed or some college . . . . .	2,624	2,658	83	86	45	57	60	79	44	33
College degree . . . . .	912	1,849	90	95	48	56	56	75	55	43
Graduate/professional training or degree . . . . .	569	1,194	90	95	50	64	60	76	59	53

<sup>1</sup> Three or more times in the past week. <sup>2</sup> At least once in the past month. <sup>3</sup> Persons of Hispanic origin may be any race.

<sup>4</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November 1999; the Early Childhood Program Participation Survey, National Household Education Surveys Program, 2005, unpublished data; and the School Readiness Survey, 2007, unpublished data; <<http://nces.ed.gov/nhes>>.