

Table 232. Preprimary School Enrollment—Summary: 1970 to 2007

[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	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2006	2007
NUMBER OF CHILDREN (1,000)									
Population, 3 to 5 years old	10,949	9,284	10,733	11,207	12,518	11,858	12,134	12,187	12,325
Total enrolled ¹	4,104	4,878	5,865	6,659	7,739	7,592	7,801	8,009	8,056
Nursery	1,094	1,981	2,477	3,378	4,331	4,326	4,529	4,636	4,569
Public	332	628	846	1,202	1,950	2,146	2,409	2,481	2,532
Private	762	1,353	1,631	2,177	2,381	2,180	2,120	2,156	2,037
Kindergarten	3,010	2,897	3,388	3,281	3,408	3,266	3,272	3,373	3,487
Public	2,498	2,438	2,847	2,767	2,799	2,701	2,804	2,960	3,087
Private	511	459	541	513	608	565	468	413	400
White ²	3,443	3,994	4,757	5,389	6,144	5,861	6,025	6,145	6,191
Black ²	586	725	919	964	1,236	1,265	1,148	1,225	1,213
Hispanic ³	(NA)	370	496	642	1,040	1,155	1,494	1,624	1,751
3 years old	454	857	1,035	1,205	1,489	1,540	1,715	1,716	1,717
4 years old	1,007	1,423	1,765	2,086	2,553	2,556	2,668	2,817	2,774
5 years old	2,643	2,598	3,065	3,367	3,697	3,496	3,418	3,476	3,565
ENROLLMENT RATE									
Total enrolled ¹	37.5	52.5	54.6	59.4	61.8	64.0	64.3	65.7	65.4
White ²	37.8	52.7	54.7	59.7	63.0	63.2	65.1	66.0	68.7
Black ²	34.9	51.8	55.8	57.8	58.9	68.5	62.0	66.7	69.7
Hispanic ³	(NA)	43.3	43.3	49.0	51.1	52.6	56.1	59.8	63.0
3 years old	12.9	27.3	28.8	32.6	35.9	39.2	41.3	42.4	41.5
4 years old	27.8	46.3	49.1	56.0	61.6	64.9	66.2	68.8	67.8
5 years old	69.3	84.7	86.5	88.8	87.5	87.6	86.4	85.8	87.1

NA Not available. ¹ Includes races not shown separately. ² Beginning 2003, for persons who selected this race group only. See footnote 2, Table 224. ³ Persons of Hispanic origin may be 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; <<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/school.html>>.