

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 ¹ | Home use activity (percent) | | | | |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| | | | | Word processing | Connect to the Internet | E-mail | Complete school assignments | Play games |
| Total | 53,561 | 84.5 | 68.6 | 33.4 | 46.6 | 32.9 | 49.2 | 56.9 |
| 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 |

¹ Includes other home activities not shown separately.

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