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A Child's Day: At a Glance

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What does a child's day look like? Statistics from the U.S. Census Bureau's Survey of Income and Program Participation look at children's participation in extracurricular activities and academic programs as well as their interaction with their parents and nonrelative caregivers.

Academic Experiences

27% of children ages 12 to 17 enrolled in gifted classes

12% of children ages 6 to 11 enrolled in gifted classes

Extracurricular Activities

Boys ages 6 to 17

40% Sports

26% Lessons

26% Clubs

Girls ages 6 to 17

30% Sports

33% Lessons

31% Clubs

Meals

56% of children under 6 years old ate breakfast with a parent every day in a typical week.

79% ate dinner with a parent every day in a typical week.

Reading

7 times Average times children 3 to 5 years old were read to in the past week.

Child Care

29 hours Average number of hours per week children 3 years old and under spend in child care with a nonrelative.

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