

**Table 145.—Percentage of 3- to 5-year-olds not yet enrolled in kindergarten, who have participated in home literacy activities with a family member, by selected child and family characteristics: 1993 and 1999**

Child and family characteristics	Children, in thousands		Percent participating 3 or more times in the past week								Visited a library <sup>1</sup>	
	1993	1999	Read to		Told a story		Taught letters, words, or numbers		Did arts and crafts		1993	1999
			1993	1999	1993	1999	1993	1999	1993	1999		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Total .....	8,579	8,549	78 (0.6)	81 (0.7)	43 (0.9)	50 (1.1)	58 (0.8)	64 (0.9)	34 (0.8)	39 (0.9)	38 (1.0)	36 (0.9)
Age												
3 years old .....	3,889	3,827	79 (1.0)	81 (1.2)	46 (1.3)	52 (1.6)	57 (1.3)	65 (1.3)	34 (1.3)	41 (1.8)	34 (1.3)	33 (1.3)
4 years old .....	3,713	3,722	78 (1.0)	81 (1.2)	41 (1.5)	49 (1.7)	58 (1.1)	63 (1.5)	33 (1.1)	38 (1.3)	41 (1.5)	39 (1.4)
5 years old .....	976	1,001	76 (2.1)	79 (2.5)	36 (2.7)	44 (3.1)	58 (2.8)	64 (2.9)	33 (2.3)	35 (2.6)	38 (2.7)	41 (2.9)
Sex												
Male .....	4,453	4,363	77 (1.0)	80 (1.1)	43 (1.2)	49 (1.4)	58 (1.0)	64 (1.4)	31 (1.0)	38 (1.3)	38 (1.5)	35 (1.2)
Female .....	4,126	4,187	79 (1.0)	82 (1.2)	43 (1.2)	50 (1.5)	58 (1.3)	65 (1.3)	36 (1.2)	40 (1.3)	38 (1.1)	38 (1.3)
Race/ethnicity												
White, non-Hispanic .....	5,902	5,296	85 (0.7)	89 (0.7)	44 (1.0)	53 (1.2)	58 (0.9)	65 (1.1)	36 (1.0)	44 (1.1)	42 (1.3)	39 (1.0)
Black, non-Hispanic .....	1,271	1,258	66 (2.3)	71 (2.7)	39 (2.7)	45 (2.7)	63 (2.7)	68 (2.6)	28 (2.4)	28 (2.8)	29 (2.6)	35 (2.9)
Hispanic .....	1,026	1,421	58 (2.4)	61 (2.1)	38 (2.2)	40 (2.3)	54 (1.9)	55 (2.2)	25 (2.1)	32 (2.0)	26 (1.6)	25 (1.8)
Other .....	381	574	73 (3.8)	81 (3.7)	50 (5.3)	53 (4.1)	59 (3.9)	69 (4.5)	32 (3.2)	35 (3.4)	43 (4.5)	43 (3.7)
Mother's highest education <sup>2</sup>												
Less than high school .....	1,036	952	60 (2.7)	61 (3.3)	37 (3.2)	36 (3.0)	56 (2.7)	60 (3.3)	25 (2.2)	29 (3.1)	22 (2.7)	18 (2.3)
High school diploma or equivalent .....	3,268	2,556	76 (1.3)	76 (1.9)	41 (1.3)	48 (2.1)	56 (1.3)	63 (1.7)	30 (1.2)	38 (1.8)	31 (1.8)	30 (1.8)
Vocational/technical or some college .....	2,624	2,586	83 (1.4)	85 (1.2)	45 (1.7)	52 (1.5)	60 (1.5)	67 (1.4)	38 (1.6)	40 (1.7)	44 (2.0)	40 (1.8)
College degree .....	912	1,455	90 (1.6)	91 (1.4)	48 (2.4)	55 (2.5)	56 (2.2)	65 (2.2)	37 (2.3)	43 (1.9)	55 (2.2)	50 (2.3)
Graduate/professional training or degree .....	569	734	90 (2.1)	93 (1.8)	50 (3.1)	54 (3.2)	60 (2.7)	62 (3.3)	42 (3.0)	47 (3.4)	59 (3.4)	48 (2.9)
Mother's employment status <sup>2</sup>												
Employed .....	4,486	5,058	79 (1.0)	81 (1.0)	44 (1.0)	50 (1.5)	57 (1.2)	65 (1.2)	33 (1.1)	37 (1.2)	39 (1.2)	36 (1.0)
Unemployed .....	594	452	71 (3.4)	70 (3.7)	43 (2.9)	47 (4.4)	66 (3.6)	63 (4.1)	34 (3.9)	39 (4.5)	37 (3.7)	29 (3.8)
Not in labor force .....	3,328	2,773	79 (1.3)	84 (1.3)	43 (1.4)	50 (1.5)	58 (1.5)	64 (1.9)	34 (1.4)	43 (1.5)	37 (1.4)	40 (1.6)
Family composition of household												
Two parents .....	6,226	5,997	81 (0.7)	85 (0.7)	44 (0.9)	52 (1.3)	57 (0.9)	64 (1.0)	35 (0.9)	41 (1.1)	41 (1.2)	40 (1.0)
None or one parent .....	2,353	2,553	71 (1.7)	72 (1.8)	41 (2.0)	44 (2.1)	59 (2.1)	65 (1.8)	30 (1.9)	34 (1.7)	30 (1.7)	29 (1.8)
Poverty status												
Above poverty threshold .....	6,323	6,575	82 (0.7)	85 (0.6)	44 (0.9)	52 (1.0)	57 (0.8)	66 (1.0)	36 (0.9)	41 (1.0)	41 (1.2)	40 (1.0)
At or below poverty threshold .....	2,256	1,975	68 (1.6)	69 (2.4)	39 (1.8)	42 (2.8)	59 (2.0)	58 (2.4)	27 (1.9)	34 (2.5)	28 (2.0)	24 (2.0)

<sup>1</sup> Refers to visiting a library at least once in the past month.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes children who did not have a mother (birth, adoptive, step, or foster) residing in their household and also did not have a female respondent on the telephone.

NOTE: Standard errors appear in parentheses. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Household Education Survey, *Home Literacy Activities and Signs of Children's Emerging Literacy*, 1993 and 1999. (This table was prepared November 2000.)