

Table 48.—Percentage distribution of first-time kindergartners by number of children's books in the home and number of times each week family members read books to them: Fall 1998

Characteristic	Total (in thousands)	Percent	Number of children's books in child's home				Number of times each week family members read books to them			
			Less than 26	26–50	51–100	101 or more	None	1–2	3–6	Every day
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Total	3,678	100.0	26 (1.0)	28 (0.5)	29 (0.6)	17 (0.6)	1 (0.1)	19 (0.6)	35 (0.5)	45 (0.6)
Sex										
Male	1,868	50.8	27 (1.1)	28 (0.6)	28 (0.6)	16 (0.7)	1 (0.2)	21 (0.8)	35 (0.6)	43 (0.8)
Female	1,811	49.2	25 (1.0)	28 (0.6)	29 (0.8)	17 (0.7)	1 (0.1)	17 (0.6)	35 (0.6)	47 (0.7)
Race/ethnicity										
White, non-Hispanic	2,118	57.6	9 (0.4)	28 (0.6)	38 (0.6)	25 (0.8)	1 (0.1)	13 (0.5)	37 (0.5)	49 (0.7)
Black, non-Hispanic	570	15.5	50 (1.8)	31 (1.2)	15 (1.0)	4 (0.4)	2 (0.4)	31 (1.2)	33 (1.3)	35 (1.2)
Asian	108	2.9	46 (2.7)	26 (1.6)	20 (1.9)	8 (1.2)	1 (0.3)	23 (1.9)	29 (1.8)	47 (2.4)
Hispanic	704	19.1	52 (1.5)	27 (0.9)	16 (0.8)	6 (0.5)	3 (0.3)	27 (1.0)	31 (0.9)	39 (0.9)
Hawaii Native/Pacific Islander	21	0.6	34 (3.1)	41 (3.8)	16 (2.3)	9 (3.1)	# #	19 (2.5)	35 (3.0)	45 (2.9)
American Indian/Alaska Native	64	1.7	51 (7.8)	22 (2.4)	16 (3.0)	11 (3.3)	3 (0.6)	33 (3.0)	25 (2.7)	40 (2.1)
Other	88	2.4	20 (2.4)	36 (3.0)	28 (2.4)	16 (1.7)	# #	15 (1.8)	42 (2.9)	43 (2.7)
Mother's highest level of education¹										
Less than high school	519	14.1	62 (1.7)	24 (1.2)	10 (0.8)	4 (0.5)	4 (0.5)	34 (1.1)	27 (1.1)	36 (1.1)
High school or equivalent	1,116	30.3	31 (1.4)	32 (0.9)	26 (0.9)	11 (0.5)	1 (0.2)	24 (0.9)	36 (0.8)	39 (0.7)
Some college, including vocational	1,153	31.3	17 (0.9)	31 (0.7)	33 (0.8)	19 (0.8)	# (0.1)	15 (0.7)	40 (0.8)	45 (0.8)
Bachelor's degree or higher	798	21.7	7 (0.6)	22 (1.0)	40 (0.9)	31 (1.0)	# (0.1)	7 (0.6)	34 (0.9)	59 (1.0)

Less than 0.5 percent or too few cases.

¹ Excludes children with no mother present in household.

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, Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, *Kindergarten Class of 1998–99 (ECLS-K)*, Fall 1998. (This table was prepared October 2002.)