

Table 25.—Percent of elementary and secondary school children whose parents are involved in school activities and distribution of children by average grades, by selected child, parent, and school characteristics: 1996

Characteristics of children, parents, and schools	Percent of children whose parents ¹ report that they—				Distribution of children, by parental reports of number of times spent helping with homework per week ²				Distribution of children, by parental reports of average grades in all subjects ^{2,3}			
	At- tended a gen- eral school meet- ing	At- tended parent- teacher con- ference	At- tended a class event	Volun- teered at school	Less than once per week	1 or 2 times per week	3 or 4 times per week	5 or more times per week	Mostly A's	Mostly B's	Mostly C's	Mostly D's or F's
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Total	76.4	70.6	66.1	39.6	26.7	35.1	25.8	12.3	39.5	37.7	18.5	4.2
Sex of child												
Male	75.6	71.9	64.5	38.7	27.4	33.5	26.2	12.9	32.5	38.3	23.5	5.7
Female	77.3	69.3	67.8	40.6	25.9	36.9	25.4	11.8	46.9	37.2	13.2	2.7
Race/ethnicity of child												
White, non-Hispanic	78.5	71.2	70.9	44.5	28.2	37.0	24.8	10.1	43.7	36.1	16.5	3.7
Black, non-Hispanic	71.9	68.0	56.0	29.5	21.9	30.0	28.6	19.5	27.0	41.0	26.2	5.8
Hispanic	72.7	70.7	54.8	27.7	25.4	31.1	27.9	15.6	31.9	43.6	19.6	4.9
Other, non-Hispanic	72.6	71.4	63.4	36.2	24.3	37.5	26.1	12.0	44.7	33.7	17.1	4.5
Highest education level of parents												
Less than high school	57.6	62.5	42.4	18.3	28.7	30.0	24.5	16.7	29.0	39.0	23.9	8.1
High school graduate	71.1	68.2	59.5	31.1	26.4	34.2	25.7	13.6	30.5	40.5	23.1	5.9
Some postsecondary	77.4	71.1	68.4	40.2	26.4	35.8	26.1	11.6	36.9	40.1	19.1	3.9
College graduate	86.1	75.1	75.5	52.2	25.4	38.8	25.3	10.5	52.5	32.9	12.7	1.9
Graduate/professional	87.6	75.1	81.0	56.8	27.9	35.1	26.8	10.2	58.2	30.9	9.8	1.1
Family Income												
Less than \$5,000	67.0	68.3	49.8	27.0	23.7	28.3	27.7	20.4	28.9	38.8	23.3	8.9
\$5,001 to \$10,000	63.8	67.4	49.6	24.4	26.7	32.1	27.6	13.7	26.6	41.9	24.6	6.9
\$10,001 to 15,000	67.4	66.9	60.3	29.9	26.8	36.0	22.7	14.6	28.0	39.8	26.0	6.2
\$15,001 to 20,000	69.1	67.4	55.8	26.8	27.7	33.3	23.4	15.6	32.7	38.4	21.6	7.3
\$20,001 to 25,000	69.0	68.7	58.5	29.2	25.9	34.9	26.5	12.7	34.4	40.8	20.6	4.2
\$25,001 to 30,000	72.0	69.2	61.7	33.0	28.1	34.8	27.3	9.8	33.0	42.0	19.8	5.2
\$30,001 to 35,000	79.0	69.1	68.8	41.6	27.9	35.6	24.8	11.6	40.0	38.0	18.1	3.9
\$35,001 to 40,000	78.9	72.8	69.6	41.7	24.9	37.3	27.0	10.7	40.4	37.3	19.4	2.8
\$40,001 to 50,000	80.7	73.9	72.8	45.3	27.1	35.3	25.3	12.4	43.2	36.0	16.8	4.0
\$50,001 to 75,000	83.9	72.2	75.0	49.1	25.9	37.0	26.3	10.8	50.2	32.7	14.9	2.2
Over \$75,000	88.2	73.8	79.1	57.3	28.3	36.6	25.1	9.9	51.0	36.8	10.9	1.3
Child attending public schools⁴	75.3	70.6	64.8	35.4	26.6	35.9	25.4	12.1	38.2	37.9	19.3	4.6
Elementary (kindergarten to grade 8) ⁴	80.2	79.8	67.8	39.4	15.5	35.1	33.2	16.2	43.2	36.6	16.3	3.9
Secondary (grades 9 to 12) ⁴ ...	63.2	47.7	57.5	25.5	52.0	37.7	7.7	2.5	29.6	40.2	24.5	5.7
Child attending private schools⁴	90.2	82.3	82.8	66.4	27.2	28.7	29.2	14.9	50.8	36.1	11.8	1.3
Elementary (kindergarten to grade 8) ⁴	92.2	87.8	86.1	70.8	14.5	28.5	37.0	19.9	55.7	35.3	7.5	1.4
Secondary (grades 9 to 12) ⁴ ...	85.0	67.4	73.7	54.4	57.4	29.0	10.8	2.8	40.9	37.7	20.4	1.0

¹ The respondent was the parent most knowledgeable about the child's education. The responding parent reported on their own and their spouse's or other household adults' activities. Except where noted, includes children enrolled in nursery school through grade 12.

² Includes children enrolled in grades 1 through 12.

³ Excludes children whose programs have no classes with lettered grades.

⁴ Excludes home-schooled children.

NOTE.—Because of rounding, details may not add to totals.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Household Education Survey, 1996, unpublished data. (This table was prepared December 1998.)