

	1977	1982	1986	1990	1992	1994	1996	1999	
-- Total --	94 ( 0.6)c	95 ( 0.7)c	96 ( 0.3)	97 ( 0.3)	97 ( 0.3)	97 ( 0.4)	97 ( 0.4)	97 ( 0.3)	Lq
Gender									
Male	94 ( 0.5)c	95 ( 1.0)	97 ( 0.5)	97 ( 0.5)	98 ( 0.3)	97 ( 0.4)	97 ( 0.5)	97 ( 0.5)	Lq
Female	93 ( 0.7)c	95 ( 1.2)	96 ( 0.6)	97 ( 0.4)	97 ( 0.5)	97 ( 0.5)	97 ( 0.6)	97 ( 0.5)	Lq
Race/Ethnicity									
White	98 ( 0.3)c	98 ( 0.4)c	98 ( 0.3)c	99 ( 0.2)	99 ( 0.1)	99 ( 0.3)	99 ( 0.3)	99 ( 0.2)	L
Black	72 ( 1.8)c	82 ( 3.0)	89 ( 1.4)	88 ( 1.3)	91 ( 1.8)	91 ( 1.5)	91 ( 1.6)	89 ( 1.6)	Lq
Hispanic	85 ( 1.8)c	85 ( 3.1)c	90 ( 2.4)	94 ( 1.5)	92 ( 1.7)	91 ( 2.3)	93 ( 1.9)	94 ( 1.8)	L
Other	95 ( 2.4)	**** (****)	96 ( 1.8)	96 (****)	96 ( 1.8)	94 ( 1.7)	95 ( 2.0)	99 (****)	
Grade									
Below modal grade	86 ( 1.1)c	89 ( 1.9)c	92 ( 0.8)c	93 ( 0.9)	94 ( 0.7)	94 ( 0.9)	94 ( 0.8)	94 ( 0.7)	Lq
At modal grade	96 ( 0.6)c	98 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.3)	99 ( 0.3)	99 ( 0.2)	99 ( 0.3)	98 ( 0.3)	99 ( 0.3)	Lq
Above modal grade	96 ( 2.2)	**** (****)	**** (****)	**** (****)	**** (****)	**** (****)	**** (****)	**** (****)	
Region									
Northeast	95 ( 0.7)c	95 ( 1.4)	97 ( 0.9)	97 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.9)	98 ( 0.5)	97 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.7)	L
Southeast	88 ( 1.8)c	93 ( 1.6)	95 ( 1.2)	95 ( 0.9)	96 ( 0.5)	97 ( 0.8)	96 ( 1.0)	95 ( 1.1)	Lq
Central	95 ( 0.8)c	97 ( 1.1)	97 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.7)	99 ( 0.5)	98 ( 0.7)	97 ( 0.8)	98 ( 0.5)	Lq
West	95 ( 1.1)	95 ( 1.3)	96 ( 0.7)	98 ( 0.7)	97 ( 0.5)	96 ( 0.8)	97 ( 0.8)	97 ( 0.7)	
Type of location									
Central city	----- (-----)	----- (-----)	----- (-----)	----- (-----)	----- (-----)	95 ( 0.9)	96 ( 0.7)	95 ( 0.7)	NA
Urban fringe/lrg town	----- (-----)	----- (-----)	----- (-----)	----- (-----)	----- (-----)	98 ( 0.4)	98 ( 0.4)	98 ( 0.5)	NA
Rural/small town	----- (-----)	----- (-----)	----- (-----)	----- (-----)	----- (-----)	98 ( 0.9)	97 ( 1.0)	97 ( 0.9)	NA
Parents' Education Level									
Less than H.S.	86 ( 1.7)c	85 ( 3.5)	90 ( 3.4)	93 ( 2.3)	96 ( 1.5)	93 ( 1.9)	92 ( 1.8)	93 ( 2.4)	L
Graduated H.S.	95 ( 0.5)	96 ( 1.0)	96 ( 0.6)	97 ( 0.8)	95 ( 0.7)	97 ( 0.8)	96 ( 1.1)	94 ( 1.2)	
Some educ after H.S.	97 ( 0.9)	97 ( 1.8)	98 ( 1.1)	98 ( 1.2)	98 ( 1.0)	98 ( 1.0)	98 ( 0.4)	97 ( 1.2)	
Graduated college	97 ( 0.6)c	97 ( 0.7)	98 ( 0.4)	98 ( 0.4)	99 ( 0.5)	98 ( 0.3)	98 ( 0.3)	98 ( 0.3)	L
Unknown	91 ( 0.8)c	94 ( 1.9)	95 ( 0.6)c	96 ( 0.6)	97 ( 0.5)	96 ( 0.8)	95 ( 0.8)	97 ( 0.6)	Lq
Type of School									
Public	93 ( 0.7)c	95 ( 0.8)c	96 ( 0.4)	97 ( 0.4)	97 ( 0.4)	97 ( 0.4)	97 ( 0.5)	97 ( 0.4)	Lq
Nonpublic	98 ( 0.6)	99 (****)	98 ( 0.7)	99 (****)	99 (****)	99 ( 0.4)	97 ( 1.2)	99 ( 0.5)	
Quartiles									
Upper	100 (****)	100 (****)	100 (****)	100 (****)	100 (****)	100 (****)	100 (****)	100 (****)	
Middle two	99 ( 0.1)	100 (****)	100 ( 0.1)	100 (****)	100 (****)	100 (****)	100 (****)	100 (****)	
Lower	75 ( 1.4)c	81 ( 2.5)c	85 ( 1.1)	88 ( 1.2)	90 ( 1.3)	89 ( 1.3)	87 ( 1.5)	88 ( 1.2)	Lq

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	1977	1982	1986	1990	1992	1994	1996	1999
<b>Television Watched Each Day</b>								
0-2 hours	-----	-----	96 ( 0.6)	97 ( 0.5)	98 ( 0.4)	98 ( 0.6)	97 ( 0.5)	98 ( 0.5)
3-5 hours	-----	-----	98 ( 0.4)	98 ( 0.5)	98 ( 0.5)	98 ( 0.4)	98 ( 0.5)	98 ( 0.5)
6 hours or more	-----	-----	94 ( 0.7)	95 ( 0.9)	95 ( 0.8)	95 ( 0.9)	95 ( 1.5)	95 ( 1.0)
<b>Rules Concerning Television Viewing</b>								
Have rules	-----	-----	96 ( 0.6)	97 ( 0.7)	97 ( 0.3)	97 ( 0.5)	97 ( 0.5)	97 ( 0.7)
Do not have rules	-----	-----	97 ( 0.4)	97 ( 0.4)	98 ( 0.5)	97 ( 0.4)	97 ( 0.4)	97 ( 0.4)
<b>Mother's Education</b>								
Less than H.S.	-----	87 ( 2.9)	92 ( 3.0)	95 ( 2.1)	95 ( 1.5)	93 ( 2.1)	94 ( 1.6)	93 ( 2.9)
Graduated H.S.	-----	96 ( 1.3)	96 ( 0.6)	97 ( 0.7)	96 ( 0.5)	97 ( 0.6)	97 ( 0.8)	95 ( 1.0)
Some educ after H.S.	-----	97 (****)	99 (****)	98 ( 1.1)	98 ( 0.9)	98 ( 1.2)	98 ( 0.9)	98 ( 1.0)
Graduated college	-----	98 ( 0.7)	98 ( 0.4)	98 ( 0.5)	99 ( 0.5)	98 ( 0.4)	98 ( 0.3)	98 ( 0.3)
Unknown	-----	94 ( 1.5)	95 ( 0.7)c	96 ( 0.5)	97 ( 0.4)	97 ( 0.7)	95 ( 0.7)	97 ( 0.5) L
<b>Father's Education</b>								
Less than H.S.	-----	89 ( 2.4)	94 ( 2.0)	95 ( 2.1)	96 ( 1.3)	94 ( 2.2)	94 ( 1.7)	94 ( 1.6)
Graduated H.S.	-----	97 ( 0.6)	96 ( 0.6)	97 ( 1.0)	96 ( 0.9)	97 ( 0.6)	97 ( 0.9)	95 ( 1.0)
Some educ after H.S.	-----	96 ( 2.1)	98 ( 1.0)	98 ( 1.1)	98 ( 1.0)	98 ( 1.0)	99 ( 0.5)	97 ( 1.2)
Graduated college	-----	97 ( 0.8)	98 ( 0.5)	98 ( 0.5)	98 ( 0.5)	98 ( 0.3)	98 ( 0.3)	98 ( 0.4)
Unknown	-----	94 ( 1.8)	95 ( 0.5)c	96 ( 0.6)	97 ( 0.4)	97 ( 0.6)	96 ( 0.7)	97 ( 0.6)
<b>Time Spent on Homework</b>								
None	-----	-----	95 ( 1.5)	97 ( 1.7)	96 ( 1.4)	96 ( 2.6)	91 ( 4.9)	96 ( 2.6)
15 minutes or less	-----	-----	95 ( 0.6)	96 ( 0.9)	96 ( 0.5)	96 ( 0.6)	96 ( 0.9)	96 ( 0.7)
1/2 hour	-----	-----	98 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.5)	98 ( 0.5)	98 ( 0.4)	98 ( 0.5)	98 ( 0.2)
1 hour	-----	-----	96 ( 0.7)	97 ( 0.4)	98 ( 0.7)	97 ( 0.9)	97 ( 0.7)	97 ( 0.5)
More than 1 hour	-----	-----	96 ( 0.8)	97 ( 0.8)	97 ( 0.6)	97 ( 0.9)	96 ( 0.8)	95 ( 1.0)
<b>Computer Usage</b>								
Have used	-----	-----	97 ( 0.3)	98 ( 0.3)	98 ( 0.3)	98 ( 0.3)	98 ( 0.4)	98 ( 0.3)
Have not used	-----	-----	93 ( 0.8)	94 ( 1.0)	95 ( 1.1)	95 ( 1.0)	93 ( 1.5)	95 ( 1.0)
<b>Family Owns a Computer</b>								
Yes	-----	-----	97 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.4)	99 ( 0.4)	98 ( 0.4)	98 ( 0.2)
No	-----	-----	96 ( 0.4)	97 ( 0.4)	97 ( 0.5)	96 ( 0.4)	95 ( 0.7)	95 ( 0.7) q
<b>Mother/Stepmother Employment</b>								
Has a job	-----	-----	97 ( 0.4)	97 ( 0.4)	98 ( 0.3)	97 ( 0.3)	97 ( 0.5)	97 ( 0.3)
Does not have a job	-----	-----	96 ( 0.7)	96 ( 0.5)	97 ( 0.7)	96 ( 0.8)	96 ( 0.6)	96 ( 0.7)
Mthr lives elsewhere	-----	-----	88 ( 4.3)	95 ( 1.9)	96 ( 1.7)	96 ( 1.8)	95 ( 3.3)	93 ( 3.0)

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<b>Father/Stepfather Employment</b>									
Has a job	-----	-----	97 ( 0.4)	97 ( 0.4)	98 ( 0.3)	98 ( 0.4)	97 ( 0.4)	98 ( 0.3)	
Does not have a job	-----	-----	91 ( 2.0)	93 ( 1.5)	95 ( 1.3)	95 ( 1.4)	93 ( 1.7)	95 ( 1.7)	
Fthr lives elsewhere	-----	-----	94 ( 1.3)	95 ( 1.0)	96 ( 1.5)	96 ( 1.4)	96 ( 1.3)	95 ( 0.9)	
<b>Science Class</b>									
Every day	-----	-----	96 ( 0.7)	97 ( 0.7)	98 ( 0.5)	97 ( 0.5)	97 ( 0.6)	97 ( 0.6)	
Several/week	-----	-----	97 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.4)	99 ( 0.3)	98 ( 0.4)	98 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.5)	
About once/week	-----	-----	96 ( 0.8)	97 ( 1.0)	97 ( 0.8)	97 ( 0.6)	96 ( 0.9)	97 ( 0.7)	
< once/week	-----	-----	96 ( 1.1)	94 ( 1.9)	96 ( 1.6)	95 ( 2.0)	95 ( 2.2)	96 ( 1.1)	
Hardly ever or none	-----	-----	94 ( 0.9)	94 ( 1.6)	95 ( 1.4)	95 ( 1.3)	95 ( 0.8)	95 ( 0.6)	
<b>Shadow Experiments</b>									
Have done	93 ( 1.6)c	95 ( 1.0)	96 ( 1.0)	98 ( 0.6)	97 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.8)	97 ( 0.9)	97 ( 0.8)	Lq
Have not done	94 ( 1.1)c	96 ( 0.9)	97 ( 0.8)	98 ( 0.7)	98 ( 0.8)	98 ( 0.8)	98 ( 0.5)	98 ( 0.6)	L
Not certain	74 ( 8.6)c	91 ( 4.3)	88 ( 4.3)	92 ( 2.8)	92 ( 4.3)	93 ( 3.4)	89 ( 4.3)	93 ( 3.1)	L
<b>Living Plants Experiments</b>									
Have done	93 ( 1.1)c	96 ( 0.7)	96 ( 0.8)	98 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.7)	98 ( 0.6)	Lq
Have not done	93 ( 1.7)c	95 ( 1.5)	96 ( 1.0)	97 ( 0.9)	97 ( 0.8)	97 ( 1.1)	96 ( 1.1)	97 ( 1.0)	L
Not certain	80 ( 7.3)	91 (****)	90 ( 4.2)	94 ( 4.1)	94 ( 3.0)	95 ( 2.7)	91 ( 5.7)	94 ( 4.2)	
<b>Living Animal Experiments</b>									
Have done	91 ( 1.3)c	95 ( 0.9)	95 ( 1.2)	97 ( 0.8)	96 ( 0.8)	97 ( 1.1)	96 ( 0.9)	97 ( 0.8)	L
Have not done	96 ( 1.1)	96 ( 0.8)c	97 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.8)	98 ( 0.7)	98 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.7)	98 ( 0.6)	L
Not certain	75 (11.6)	90 (****)	89 ( 4.1)	97 (****)	93 ( 4.4)	96 ( 2.5)	93 ( 3.1)	95 ( 2.8)	
<b>Batteries &amp; Bulbs Experiments</b>									
Have done	95 ( 1.1)c	96 ( 1.0)	97 ( 1.1)	98 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.8)	98 ( 0.7)	98 ( 0.7)	98 ( 0.6)	L
Have not done	93 ( 1.4)c	95 ( 0.9)	96 ( 0.8)	97 ( 0.7)	98 ( 0.7)	98 ( 0.7)	96 ( 1.3)	97 ( 0.8)	L
Not certain	78 ( 4.6)c	92 ( 3.4)	86 ( 4.1)	96 ( 2.5)	92 ( 3.3)	93 ( 3.3)	94 ( 2.6)	95 ( 3.3)	L
<b>Dissolving in Water Experiments</b>									
Have done	94 ( 1.2)c	96 ( 0.7)	97 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.8)	98 ( 0.4)	98 ( 0.5)	L
Have not done	92 ( 1.4)c	95 ( 1.1)c	95 ( 1.2)	97 ( 1.0)	97 ( 1.2)	97 ( 0.9)	96 ( 1.4)	98 ( 0.9)	L
Not certain	81 ( 5.8)c	90 ( 5.5)	91 ( 3.4)	95 ( 2.5)	97 ( 1.5)	94 ( 3.0)	90 ( 3.1)	95 ( 2.2)	L
<b>Meter Stick Usage</b>									
Have used	95 ( 1.2)	97 ( 0.8)	98 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.5)	98 ( 0.7)	98 ( 0.5)	L
Have not used	93 ( 1.1)c	93 ( 1.2)	96 ( 1.2)	96 ( 0.9)	97 ( 0.7)	95 ( 1.6)	96 ( 1.3)	96 ( 1.2)	L
Not certain	91 ( 2.7)	91 ( 5.9)	94 ( 3.6)	93 ( 3.0)	96 ( 2.1)	97 ( 1.6)	93 ( 2.4)	93 ( 2.1)	

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<b>Scale Usage</b>									
Have used	94 ( 1.0)c	96 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.5)	97 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.4)	98 ( 0.4)	98 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.4)	Lq
Have not used	88 ( 3.6)	91 ( 2.8)	94 ( 2.9)	94 ( 2.5)	95 ( 2.3)	93 ( 2.5)	94 ( 2.1)	94 ( 2.0)	
Not certain	**** (****)	**** (****)	**** (****)	**** (****)	**** (****)	**** (****)	**** (****)	**** (****)	
<b>Magnifying Glass Usage</b>									
Have used	95 ( 0.8)c	96 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.5)	98 ( 0.4)	98 ( 0.4)	98 ( 0.5)	98 ( 0.4)	Lq
Have not used	86 ( 4.4)	92 ( 1.9)	93 ( 2.6)	94 ( 2.3)	92 ( 3.5)	92 ( 2.7)	88 ( 4.2)	90 ( 3.0)	
Not certain	**** (****)	**** (****)	**** (****)	**** (****)	**** (****)	**** (****)	**** (****)	**** (****)	
<b>Telescope Usage</b>									
Have used	95 ( 1.0)c	95 ( 1.2)	98 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.5)	98 ( 0.5)	97 ( 0.6)	97 ( 0.9)	97 ( 0.6)	Lq
Have not used	94 ( 1.3)	96 ( 0.7)	96 ( 1.2)	96 ( 0.9)	97 ( 0.8)	97 ( 1.0)	97 ( 1.0)	96 ( 0.9)	L
Not certain	85 ( 6.2)	86 ( 5.2)	**** (****)	**** (****)	92 ( 5.6)	**** (****)	**** (****)	**** (****)	
<b>Thermometer Usage</b>									
Have used	95 ( 0.9)c	96 ( 0.7)	98 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.5)	98 ( 0.4)	98 ( 0.5)	97 ( 0.5)	98 ( 0.5)	Lq
Have not used	87 ( 2.5)	92 ( 1.9)	93 ( 2.4)	90 ( 2.8)	93 ( 1.8)	94 ( 2.2)	90 ( 3.8)	92 ( 2.6)	
Not certain	**** (****)	**** (****)	**** (****)	**** (****)	**** (****)	**** (****)	**** (****)	**** (****)	
<b>Microscope Usage</b>									
Have used	95 ( 1.0)c	95 ( 0.9)c	98 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.4)	98 ( 0.5)	98 ( 0.7)	98 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.6)	Lq
Have not used	93 ( 1.7)	95 ( 0.8)	96 ( 1.2)	96 ( 0.9)	97 ( 0.9)	97 ( 0.8)	96 ( 1.0)	96 ( 0.8)	
Not certain	86 ( 4.9)	95 (****)	96 ( 2.6)	92 ( 2.5)	95 (****)	94 ( 3.1)	91 ( 4.1)	96 ( 1.9)	
<b>Directional Compass Usage</b>									
Have used	95 ( 1.0)c	96 ( 0.9)	98 ( 0.4)	98 ( 0.5)	98 ( 0.5)	98 ( 0.4)	98 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.4)	Lq
Have not used	93 ( 1.6)	95 ( 0.9)	96 ( 1.5)	96 ( 1.2)	95 ( 1.2)	95 ( 1.3)	95 ( 1.7)	96 ( 1.3)	
Not certain	84 ( 3.5)	89 ( 5.5)	89 ( 4.7)	89 ( 4.4)	95 ( 2.9)	91 (****)	88 ( 4.2)	90 ( 5.9)	
<b>Stopwatch Usage</b>									
Have used	95 ( 1.0)c	97 ( 0.7)	98 ( 0.6)	97 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.5)	98 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.5)	98 ( 0.5)	L
Have not used	93 ( 1.6)	95 ( 1.2)	96 ( 1.0)	97 ( 1.2)	95 ( 1.2)	96 ( 1.3)	94 ( 1.7)	94 ( 1.1)	
Not certain	88 ( 3.6)	89 ( 5.0)	90 ( 4.9)	92 ( 4.1)	98 (****)	91 ( 3.8)	87 ( 6.1)	95 ( 3.3)	
<b>Yardstick Usage</b>									
Have used	95 ( 0.9)c	96 ( 0.6)	97 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.7)	98 ( 0.5)	98 ( 0.4)	98 ( 0.6)	98 ( 0.5)	L
Have not used	86 ( 3.9)c	91 ( 3.2)	96 ( 1.4)	96 ( 1.5)	96 ( 1.1)	97 ( 1.8)	96 ( 1.2)	96 ( 1.0)	Lq
Not certain	**** (****)	**** (****)	94 ( 4.2)	94 ( 2.8)	95 ( 2.9)	92 ( 3.3)	89 ( 5.2)	92 ( 3.1)	
<b>Calculator Usage</b>									
Have used	95 ( 0.9)c	96 ( 0.7)	97 ( 0.6)	97 ( 0.5)	98 ( 0.4)	97 ( 0.5)	97 ( 0.6)	97 ( 0.4)	L
Have not used	85 ( 4.0)	87 ( 6.4)	92 (****)	**** (****)	**** (****)	**** (****)	**** (****)	**** (****)	
Not certain	**** (****)	**** (****)	**** (****)	**** (****)	**** (****)	**** (****)	**** (****)	**** (****)	

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<b>Balance Usage</b>									
Have used	93 ( 1.5)c	94 ( 0.9)c	98 ( 0.9)	97 ( 0.7)	97 ( 0.7)	97 ( 0.8)	97 ( 0.8)	97 ( 0.7)	Lq
Have not used	94 ( 1.4)	96 ( 1.1)	97 ( 0.9)	97 ( 0.8)	97 ( 0.5)	97 ( 0.7)	97 ( 1.2)	97 ( 0.9)	L
Not certain	95 ( 1.6)	95 ( 1.6)	97 ( 1.3)	97 ( 1.1)	98 ( 1.0)	98 ( 1.1)	97 ( 1.1)	97 ( 1.1)	
<b>Between-Group Differences</b>									
White-Black	25 ( 1.8)c	16 ( 3.0)	10 ( 1.5)	11 ( 1.4)	9 ( 1.8)	8 ( 1.6)	8 ( 1.6)	10 ( 1.6)	lQ
White-Hispanic	13 ( 1.9)c	13 ( 3.2)c	9 ( 2.4)	6 ( 1.5)	7 ( 1.7)	8 ( 2.3)	6 ( 2.0)	5 ( 1.8)	l
Male-Female	2 ( 0.9)	0 ( 1.5)	1 ( 0.8)	0 ( 0.6)	1 ( 0.6)	0 ( 0.6)	0 ( 0.8)	0 ( 0.7)	

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