

**Table 143.—Percent 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
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>8,579</b>	<b>8,525</b>	<b>78 (0.6)</b>	<b>82 (0.7)</b>	<b>43 (0.9)</b>	<b>50 (1.0)</b>	<b>58 (0.8)</b>	<b>64 (0.9)</b>	<b>34 (0.8)</b>	<b>39 (1.0)</b>	<b>38 (1.0)</b>	<b>37 (0.9)</b>
<b>Age</b>												
3 years old .....	3,889	3,814	79 (1.0)	82 (1.1)	46 (1.3)	53 (1.5)	57 (1.3)	66 (1.4)	34 (1.3)	41 (1.5)	34 (1.3)	33 (1.4)
4 years old .....	3,713	3,705	78 (1.0)	82 (1.1)	41 (1.5)	48 (1.5)	58 (1.1)	63 (1.4)	33 (1.1)	38 (1.4)	41 (1.5)	39 (1.4)
5 years old .....	976	1,006	76 (2.1)	79 (2.4)	36 (2.7)	45 (2.9)	58 (2.8)	65 (2.7)	33 (2.3)	35 (2.7)	38 (2.7)	42 (2.9)
<b>Sex</b>												
Male .....	4,453	4,364	77 (1.0)	81 (1.0)	43 (1.2)	50 (1.4)	58 (1.0)	64 (1.3)	31 (1.0)	38 (1.3)	38 (1.5)	35 (1.3)
Female .....	4,126	4,162	79 (1.0)	82 (1.1)	43 (1.2)	50 (1.4)	58 (1.3)	65 (1.4)	36 (1.2)	40 (1.4)	38 (1.1)	38 (1.4)
<b>Race/ethnicity</b>												
White, non-Hispanic .....	5,902	5,389	85 (0.7)	89 (0.8)	44 (1.0)	53 (1.3)	58 (0.9)	65 (1.2)	36 (1.0)	44 (1.2)	42 (1.3)	40 (1.2)
Black, non-Hispanic .....	1,271	1,214	66 (2.3)	72 (2.4)	39 (2.7)	44 (2.7)	63 (2.7)	67 (2.6)	28 (2.4)	27 (2.3)	29 (2.6)	34 (2.5)
Hispanic .....	1,026	1,376	58 (2.4)	62 (2.1)	38 (2.2)	40 (2.1)	54 (1.9)	57 (2.2)	25 (2.1)	32 (2.0)	26 (1.6)	24 (1.8)
Other .....	381	547	73 (3.8)	82 (3.0)	50 (5.3)	54 (4.0)	59 (3.9)	68 (3.8)	32 (3.2)	33 (3.9)	43 (4.5)	43 (4.0)
<b>Mother's highest education<sup>2</sup></b>												
Less than high school ..	1,036	1,083	60 (2.7)	64 (2.6)	37 (3.2)	37 (2.8)	56 (2.7)	56 (2.9)	25 (2.2)	27 (2.5)	22 (2.7)	17 (2.1)
High school diploma or equivalent .....	3,268	2,360	76 (1.3)	77 (1.6)	41 (1.3)	49 (1.9)	56 (1.3)	66 (1.9)	30 (1.2)	39 (1.9)	31 (1.8)	31 (1.8)
Vocational/technical or some college .....	2,624	2,596	83 (1.4)	85 (1.2)	45 (1.7)	52 (1.7)	60 (1.5)	67 (1.6)	38 (1.6)	40 (1.7)	44 (2.0)	40 (1.7)
College degree .....	912	1,485	90 (1.6)	92 (1.2)	48 (2.4)	55 (2.2)	56 (2.2)	66 (2.1)	37 (2.3)	43 (2.2)	55 (2.2)	51 (2.2)
Graduate/professional training or degree .....	569	727	90 (2.1)	93 (1.5)	50 (3.1)	52 (3.2)	60 (2.7)	61 (3.1)	42 (3.0)	48 (3.2)	59 (3.4)	49 (3.2)
<b>Mother's employment status<sup>2</sup></b>												
Employed .....	4,486	5,097	79 (1.0)	82 (1.0)	44 (1.0)	50 (1.3)	57 (1.2)	65 (1.2)	33 (1.1)	37 (1.2)	39 (1.2)	36 (1.2)
Unemployed .....	594	443	71 (3.4)	73 (3.5)	43 (2.9)	49 (4.3)	66 (3.6)	64 (4.1)	34 (3.9)	40 (4.2)	37 (3.7)	31 (3.9)
Not in labor force .....	3,328	2,712	79 (1.3)	84 (1.3)	43 (1.4)	50 (1.8)	58 (1.5)	65 (1.7)	34 (1.4)	43 (1.7)	37 (1.4)	41 (1.7)
<b>Family composition of household</b>												
Two parents .....	6,226	6,058	81 (0.7)	85 (0.8)	44 (0.9)	52 (1.1)	57 (0.9)	64 (1.1)	35 (0.9)	42 (1.1)	41 (1.2)	40 (1.1)
None or one parent .....	2,353	2,467	71 (1.7)	74 (1.7)	41 (2.0)	44 (1.9)	59 (2.1)	65 (1.9)	30 (1.9)	33 (1.8)	30 (1.7)	29 (1.8)
<b>Poverty status</b>												
Above poverty threshold .....	6,323	6,683	82 (0.7)	85 (0.7)	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	1,842	68 (1.6)	70 (2.2)	39 (1.8)	42 (2.5)	59 (2.0)	59 (2.5)	27 (1.9)	34 (2.4)	28 (2.0)	24 (2.1)

<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.

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 June 2001.)

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