

**Table 49. 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, by selected characteristics: Fall 1998**

Characteristic	Total (in thousands)	Percentage distribution of total	Percentage distribution of first-time kindergartners, by number of children's books in child's home				Percentage distribution of first-time kindergartners, by number of times each week family members read books to child			
			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
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>3,678</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>26 (1.0)</b>	<b>28 (0.5)</b>	<b>29 (0.6)</b>	<b>17 (0.6)</b>	<b>1 (0.1)</b>	<b>19 (0.6)</b>	<b>35 (0.5)</b>	<b>45 (0.6)</b>
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 education <sup>1</sup>										
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)

# Rounds to zero.

<sup>1</sup> 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, unpublished tabulations. (This table was prepared October 2002.)