

Table 46.—Children of prekindergarten through second grade age, by enrollment status, maternal characteristics, and household income: 1991, 1995, and 1999

Maternal characteristics and household income	3- to 5-year-olds, not enrolled in school ¹			Enrolled in nursery school or prekindergarten			Enrolled in kindergarten			Enrolled in 1st grade			Enrolled in 2nd grade		
	1991	1995	1999	1991	1995	1999	1991	1995	1999	1991	1995	1999	1991	1995	1999
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Total children, in thousands	4,853	4,595	4,066	3,571	4,655	4,549	4,022	4,149	3,976	4,001	4,025	4,515	3,724	3,777	4,007
	Percent distribution														
Mother's highest education ²	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Less than high school	18	22	22	8	10	11	16	17	16	16	16	17	16	20	19
High school diploma ³	43	35	30	32	28	23	40	33	26	38	31	26	38	31	25
Some postsecondary	23	21	23	29	23	23	24	22	24	24	24	23	26	21	23
Associate degree	4	7	7	5	9	10	4	7	9	4	7	9	4	8	10
Bachelor's degree	9	10	13	17	19	22	11	14	15	12	14	16	10	13	16
Graduate/professional school	4	5	6	10	12	12	5	8	11	7	8	9	6	8	7
Mother's employment status ²	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	101	100	100	100
Working 35 hours/week or more	34	33	36	34	38	43	35	36	43	38	39	44	39	41	44
Working less than 35 hours/week	21	18	21	27	24	22	22	21	22	24	21	23	22	21	22
Looking for work	7	7	6	5	6	5	6	6	5	6	5	5	7	5	4
Not in labor force	39	42	37	34	32	30	37	38	30	32	36	29	32	33	31
Household income	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
\$10,000 or less	20	23	15	15	16	11	18	19	14	19	17	16	18	19	15
\$10,001 to \$20,000	19	16	20	14	10	13	17	13	13	17	13	14	17	12	15
\$20,001 to \$30,000	23	19	17	17	13	14	21	16	15	20	17	15	19	16	16
\$30,001 to \$40,000	16	16	14	16	12	11	15	15	14	15	14	12	15	16	11
\$40,001 to \$50,000	10	11	9	12	12	9	11	12	10	11	11	10	12	11	10
\$50,001 to \$75,000	8	11	13	16	19	19	12	14	15	11	16	15	12	15	15
More than \$75,000	3	5	12	11	17	23	7	11	19	7	12	18	7	10	18

¹ Includes a very small number of older children of first and second grade age.

² Excludes data for households with no mother present.

³ Includes equivalency certificates.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *National Household Education Survey (NHES)*, 1991, 1995, and 1999. (This table was prepared October 2000.)

NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.