

Table 427.—Student use of computers, by level of instruction and selected characteristics: 1984 to 1997

Student and school characteristics	October, 1984 total	October 1989, total	October 1993						October 1997					
			Total	Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten	Grades 1 to 8	Grades 9 to 12	1st to 4th year of college	5th or later year of college	Total	Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten	Grades 1 to 8	Grades 9 to 12	1st to 4th year of college	5th or later year of college
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Percent of students using computers at school														
Total	27.3	42.7	59.0	26.2	68.9	58.2	55.2	52.1	68.8	36.5	79.3 (0.4)	70.5 (0.6)	64.7	55.5
Sex														
Male	29.0	43.5	59.4	25.9	69.5	56.5	57.5	56.7	70.1	37.1	79.5 (0.5)	71.3 (0.8)	67.8	59.9
Female	25.5	41.9	58.7	26.5	68.4	60.0	53.3	47.8	67.6	35.7	79.0 (0.5)	69.6 (0.8)	62.2	52.1
Race/ethnicity														
White, non-Hispanic	30.0	45.7	61.6	29.4	73.7	59.9	54.9	49.8	71.1	38.7	84.0 (0.4)	71.9 (0.7)	64.3	53.8
Black, non-Hispanic	16.8	32.6	51.5	16.5	56.5	54.5	56.9	57.9	66.3	33.5	71.6 (0.9)	72.9 (1.4)	69.2	55.8
Hispanic	18.6	34.9	52.3	19.2	58.4	54.1	51.9	53.7	61.5	31.0	68.3 (0.9)	63.1 (1.8)	63.3	54.7
Other	28.6	42.7	59.0	23.5	65.7	57.3	60.9	69.4	65.3	32.7	74.9 (1.3)	63.6 (2.9)	63.1	68.9
Household income														
Less than \$5,000	18.7	36.7	51.2	19.6	55.0	50.6	61.7	66.7	62.1	25.4	69.6 (1.9)	67.9 (2.9)	61.1	74.1
\$5,000 to \$9,999	21.0	36.1	53.3	24.4	60.3	51.9	53.9	56.2	63.5	35.1	70.1 (1.6)	61.6 (2.4)	69.8	74.8
\$10,000 to \$14,999	22.4	38.4	56.4	20.1	64.7	56.7	50.7	76.1	66.2	33.3	74.1 (1.4)	68.2 (2.1)	64.1	70.5
\$15,000 to \$19,999	25.9	41.5	58.1	23.8	67.5	57.4	51.2	58.5	65.9	33.0	74.9 (1.6)	66.7 (2.4)	62.1	69.4
\$20,000 to \$24,999	26.7	42.4	56.4	23.7	64.3	53.0	57.4	52.4	66.9	34.2	74.9 (1.5)	69.2 (2.0)	64.0	65.8
\$25,000 to \$29,999	30.5	46.1	60.0	28.0	70.1	60.3	51.5	58.0	68.5	38.9	77.7 (1.5)	72.0 (2.2)	63.1	53.7
\$30,000 to \$34,999	30.5	44.2	59.1	23.7	69.6	59.7	51.7	45.3	67.6	34.6	79.9 (1.3)	70.4 (2.1)	55.2	47.7
\$35,000 to \$39,999	32.3	45.2	60.7	27.1	72.1	61.7	49.2	47.9	69.0	34.6	79.9 (1.4)	70.1 (2.2)	61.5	55.2
\$40,000 to \$49,999	32.8	44.7	59.3	28.5	70.3	57.2	53.9	48.6	70.5	34.7	81.6 (1.1)	74.1 (1.6)	63.3	52.0
\$50,000 to \$74,999	35.5	47.0	62.6	28.6	75.6	61.5	57.4	44.2	71.7	39.3	84.0 (0.8)	72.8 (1.2)	67.2	48.5
\$75,000 or more	36.0	51.2	64.6	33.5	78.7	62.5	60.9	47.7	72.1	43.2	85.7 (0.8)	71.6 (1.3)	68.1	50.1
Control of school														
Public	27.4	43.3	60.2	30.1	68.6	58.1	53.9	54.1	70.2	40.1	79.0 (0.4)	70.5 (0.6)	63.4	56.7
Private	26.5	38.9	52.1	18.7	72.5	60.7	60.7	48.0	60.7	29.6	82.1 (1.1)	69.6 (2.1)	70.4	53.0
Percent of students using computers at home														
Total	11.5	18.8	27.0	15.6	24.7	28.7	32.8	52.6	45.1	29.6	43.4 (0.5)	48.8 (0.6)	49.8	67.2
Sex														
Male	14.0	20.7	27.4	15.1	24.8	28.2	36.6	56.1	45.2	30.3	43.6 (0.6)	49.3 (0.9)	51.3	64.1
Female	9.0	17.0	26.6	16.1	24.6	29.2	29.7	49.5	44.9	28.8	43.3 (0.7)	48.1 (0.9)	48.6	69.6
Race/ethnicity														
White, non-Hispanic	13.7	22.7	32.8	19.4	31.4	35.9	36.0	53.6	54.9	38.4	54.4 (0.6)	60.9 (0.7)	55.1	70.3
Black, non-Hispanic	4.9	7.3	10.9	4.2	9.0	10.4	19.4	48.1	21.1	9.8	20.6 (0.8)	21.0 (1.3)	25.6	56.3
Hispanic	3.6	7.5	10.4	5.7	7.5	9.8	22.0	52.2	21.1	11.2	18.6 (0.7)	21.6 (1.6)	37.3	56.1
Other	9.0	18.8	28.7	17.0	23.2	37.0	33.0	47.1	49.1	34.1	46.9 (1.5)	51.8 (3.0)	55.2	59.1
Household income														
Less than \$5,000	2.9	8.4	9.7	1.1	4.1	6.8	25.6	45.2	22.6	4.7	17.4 (1.6)	17.3 (2.3)	40.8	57.1
\$5,000 to \$9,999	3.2	5.4	8.0	0.9	4.5	5.3	21.3	45.6	15.8	7.6	9.9 (1.0)	9.1 (1.4)	41.0	55.4
\$10,000 to \$14,999	5.0	7.2	11.4	4.6	6.4	8.7	29.8	50.0	18.4	9.4	12.8 (1.1)	18.1 (1.8)	34.9	64.2
\$15,000 to \$19,999	7.5	11.3	15.1	6.9	10.9	14.1	28.9	43.0	20.7	9.4	16.4 (1.4)	20.6 (2.1)	35.1	74.8
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9.9	12.9	16.8	7.4	13.1	17.9	27.7	49.6	30.5	14.5	26.1 (1.5)	31.7 (2.0)	44.1	61.3
\$25,000 to \$29,999	12.8	17.0	21.1	12.3	19.3	22.0	26.1	47.0	34.6	20.9	32.2 (1.6)	37.9 (2.3)	42.8	53.4
\$30,000 to \$34,999	15.8	17.7	24.1	18.7	20.5	29.1	26.4	44.4	38.7	22.7	36.4 (1.6)	42.3 (2.3)	45.8	65.4
\$35,000 to \$39,999	19.4	21.4	27.1	13.0	26.3	28.1	32.7	52.7	44.1	28.1	44.5 (1.7)	45.9 (2.4)	47.0	67.4
\$40,000 to \$49,999	20.4	25.7	32.2	21.6	32.9	33.9	32.5	45.9	50.6	37.3	51.0 (1.4)	56.2 (1.9)	51.1	54.1
\$50,000 to \$74,999	24.2	31.6	43.0	25.5	45.3	46.4	40.1	58.2	61.7	44.3	64.2 (1.0)	67.3 (1.3)	56.3	73.2
\$75,000 or more	22.1	43.8	56.1	38.2	62.3	61.0	47.0	64.7	74.2	58.5	80.3 (0.9)	80.7 (1.1)	62.8	76.1
Control of school														
Public	11.2	17.9	25.3	12.1	23.0	27.2	31.9	50.0	43.2	24.0	41.2 (0.5)	46.9 (0.6)	49.7	66.1
Private	13.8	24.4	37.4	22.4	41.5	47.2	36.9	57.7	56.1	40.2	65.0 (1.4)	72.8 (2.0)	50.3	69.5
Percent of students using computers at home for school work														
Total	4.6	8.9	14.9	0.6	10.8	20.9	23.1	36.6	28.6	1.5	23.9 (0.4)	39.0 (0.6)	40.8	49.3
Sex														
Male	5.9	9.5	14.8	0.9	10.1	20.5	26.3	40.3	28.3	1.7	23.8 (0.5)	38.8 (0.8)	42.4	47.2
Female	3.3	8.3	15.0	0.4	11.5	21.4	20.5	33.2	28.9	1.4	24.0 (0.6)	39.1 (0.9)	39.6	50.9
Race														
White, non-Hispanic	5.4	10.7	18.2	0.8	13.8	26.5	25.7	37.8	35.0	1.7	30.2 (0.5)	49.0 (0.8)	45.9	51.3
Black, non-Hispanic	2.3	3.4	5.7	—	4.0	6.9	11.5	30.1	12.5	1.5	10.3 (0.6)	15.6 (1.2)	19.2	39.8
Hispanic	1.4	3.6	5.6	—	2.9	6.7	15.9	36.8	12.5	0.7	9.5 (0.5)	15.8 (1.4)	27.6	46.2
Other	3.8	9.1	16.0	1.1	9.3	27.0	23.7	29.2	33.6	1.9	28.2 (1.4)	44.9 (3.0)	45.2	45.8
Household income														
Less than \$5,000	1.0	5.0	6.7	—	2.5	4.0	18.7	36.0	15.1	—	8.8 (1.2)	11.7 (2.0)	31.6	53.7
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1.5	3.2	4.8	—	1.1	3.6	16.1	35.5	10.4	1.1	3.9 (0.7)	7.3 (1.3)	35.3	44.8
\$10,000 to \$14,999	1.9	3.5	7.3	—	2.6	5.6	25.9	34.6	11.4	0.8	5.3 (0.7)	13.5 (1.6)	28.9	50.1
\$15,000 to \$19,999	3.0	4.5	8.6	0.4	4.7	10.8	18.7	31.0	13.2	1.0	8.4 (1.0)	13.2 (1.7)	31.0	63.3
\$20,000 to \$24,999	3.1	5.7	9.8	0.7	5.1	12.6	22.9	35.0	19.4	1.7	12.5 (1.2)	25.4 (1.9)	35.2	44.6
\$25,000 to \$29,999	5.1	6.4	10.4	1.1	6.3	13.4	19.5	34.9	21.9	2.1	18.6 (1.4)	27.5 (2.2)	34.4	40.8
\$30,000 to \$34,999	4.9	8.0	13.0	0.8	8.1	21.9	18.0	35.1	24.4	0.8	19.0 (1.3)	33.2 (2.2)	38.7	48.9
\$35,000 to \$39,999	7.1	10.5	15.4	0.8	12.4	21.0	22.6	37.2	26.5	0.4	22.3 (1.4)	35.5 (2.3)	38.7	55.7
\$40,000 to \$49,999	9.2	11.9	17.1	1.1	14.0	24.2	22.2	32.1	30.1	2.9	26.7 (1.2)	45.5 (1.9)	38.9	36.8
\$50,000 to \$74,999	11.5	15.2	23.2	1.0	19.7	35.0	27.0	38.2	39.3	1.2	36.1 (1.0)	54.9 (1.4)	46.9	53.1
\$75,000 or more	9.8	22.0	30.4	0.8	29.4	45.2	30.6	41.5	48.3	2.8	48.5 (1.2)	66.4 (1.4)	51.5	50.4
Control of school														
Public	4.5	8.5	14.2	0.5	10.1	19.8	22.7	34.7	27.9	1.5	22.5 (0.4)	37.1 (0.6)	40.6	48.7
Private	5.4	11.4	18.8	1.0	17.8	35.4	24.8	40.1	32.6	1.6	37.7 (1.4)	62.0 (2.3)	42.0	50.6

—Not available.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Survey, October 1984, 1989, 1993, and 1997, unpublished data. (This table was prepared September 1998.)

NOTE: Data are based on a sample survey of households and are subject to sampling and nonsampling error. Standard errors appear in parentheses.