

**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 <sup>1</sup>			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
<b>Total children, in thousands</b> .....	<b>4,853</b>	<b>4,595</b>	<b>4,037 (58)</b>	<b>3,571</b>	<b>4,655</b>	<b>4,510 (52)</b>	<b>4,022</b>	<b>4,149</b>	<b>3,948 (65)</b>	<b>4,001</b>	<b>4,025</b>	<b>4,540 (154)</b>	<b>3,724</b>	<b>3,777</b>	<b>4,083 (78)</b>
	Percent distribution														
Mother's highest education <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.0 —	100.0	100.0	100.0 —	100.0	100.0	100.0 —	100.0	100.0	100.0 —	100.0	100.0	100.0 —
Less than high school .....	18.2	22.1	20.6 (1.2)	8.2	9.8	10.4 (0.8)	15.8	16.9	16.1 (1.3)	15.6	15.9	17.1 (1.3)	15.5	19.6	18.2 (1.4)
High school diploma <sup>3</sup> .....	42.8	35.3	33.6 (1.5)	32.2	27.8	26.3 (1.2)	39.6	33.0	31.1 (1.5)	38.4	31.2	30.6 (1.6)	37.7	31.0	29.8 (1.6)
Some postsecondary .....	22.5	21.3	20.1 (1.2)	28.7	22.8	19.6 (1.0)	24.1	21.7	18.5 (1.3)	24.0	23.6	19.8 (1.2)	26.1	20.6	18.9 (1.4)
Associate degree .....	3.6	7.0	7.0 (0.8)	4.5	8.6	9.6 (0.7)	4.0	7.0	8.3 (0.9)	3.5	7.3	7.9 (0.9)	4.3	7.6	10.3 (0.9)
Bachelor's degree .....	9.2	9.6	13.3 (1.0)	16.5	18.9	22.1 (1.1)	11.4	13.5	15.4 (1.1)	11.7	13.7	15.8 (1.1)	10.0	12.9	15.2 (1.2)
Graduate/professional school .....	3.7	4.7	5.5 (0.6)	9.9	12.1	11.9 (0.9)	5.0	7.9	10.6 (1.0)	6.7	8.3	8.8 (0.8)	6.4	8.3	7.6 (0.8)
Mother's employment status <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.0 —	100.0	100.0	100.0 —	100.0	100.0	100.0 —	100.0	100.0	100.0 —	100.0	100.0	100.0 —
Working 35 hours/week or more ...	33.8	33.4	36.1 (1.5)	34.0	38.4	42.7 (1.3)	35.3	35.9	43.6 (1.6)	38.2	38.5	43.4 (1.6)	38.9	40.5	44.5 (1.7)
Working less than 35 hours/week	20.6	17.8	21.0 (1.3)	26.7	23.7	23.3 (1.1)	21.5	20.8	22.2 (1.4)	23.9	20.8	23.4 (1.4)	22.3	21.4	22.1 (1.5)
Looking for work .....	7.0	6.8	5.9 (0.7)	5.2	5.9	4.9 (0.6)	6.5	5.6	5.3 (0.7)	6.1	5.0	4.4 (0.7)	6.6	5.4	4.0 (0.7)
Not in labor force .....	38.6	42.0	36.9 (1.5)	34.1	32.0	29.2 (1.2)	36.7	37.7	28.9 (1.5)	31.7	35.6	28.8 (1.5)	32.1	32.7	29.5 (1.6)
Household income .....	100.0	100.0	100.0 —	100.0	100.0	100.0 —	100.0	100.0	100.0 —	100.0	100.0	100.0 —	100.0	100.0	100.0 —
\$10,000 or less .....	19.6	22.7	14.5 (1.3)	15.2	16.2	10.8 (0.9)	17.9	19.4	13.4 (1.2)	18.7	17.4	15.6 (1.4)	18.2	19.5	14.7 (1.5)
\$10,001 to \$20,000 .....	19.3	15.7	19.5 (1.3)	14.0	10.4	12.6 (0.9)	16.5	12.6	13.2 (1.1)	16.9	13.2	13.8 (1.1)	16.9	11.6	15.3 (1.2)
\$20,001 to \$30,000 .....	23.0	19.1	17.3 (1.1)	16.6	13.0	14.1 (0.9)	20.8	15.8	15.3 (1.1)	20.2	16.6	15.2 (1.2)	18.9	16.5	16.2 (1.3)
\$30,001 to \$40,000 .....	15.9	16.2	14.6 (1.0)	15.6	12.3	11.4 (0.7)	14.8	15.1	14.6 (1.1)	15.1	14.1	12.8 (1.0)	15.4	16.1	11.3 (1.0)
\$40,001 to \$50,000 .....	10.4	11.0	9.9 (0.8)	12.1	11.5	9.9 (0.7)	11.5	11.7	9.8 (0.9)	10.8	11.1	10.2 (0.9)	12.0	11.3	10.4 (0.9)
\$50,001 to \$75,000 .....	8.5	10.5	12.9 (0.9)	15.7	19.3	19.4 (1.0)	11.7	14.4	15.9 (1.1)	11.1	15.6	16.1 (1.1)	11.8	15.0	15.2 (1.1)
More than \$75,000 .....	3.3	4.7	11.3 (0.9)	10.9	17.1	21.9 (1.1)	6.8	11.1	17.8 (1.2)	7.2	12.1	16.4 (1.1)	6.9	10.1	16.9 (1.2)

—Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Includes a very small number of older children of first and second grade age.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes data for households with no mother present.

<sup>3</sup> Includes equivalency certificates.

NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Some data have been revised from previously published figures. Standard errors appear in parentheses.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Household Education Survey (NHES), 1991, 1995, and 1999. (This table was prepared September 2001.)