

Table 44. Average hours in center-based programs, by child and family characteristics and percentage distribution of preschool children under 6 years old, by type of primary nonparental care arrangement: 1995

Child and family characteristics	Number of children, age 0 to 5, in thousands	Percent in center-based programs	Average hours per week in non-parental care ¹	Percentage distribution, by type of primary care arrangement					
				Head Start	Other center-based	Parental care only	Family child care	Sitter	Relative
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Total preschool children²	21,414	26 (0.5)	30 (0.3)	3 (0.2)	23 (0.5)	41 (0.9)	13 (0.6)	3 (0.2)	17 (0.5)
Age									
Under 1 year	4,158	6 (0.9)	31 (0.9)	—	6 (0.9)	56 (1.6)	14 (1.0)	3 (0.5)	21 (1.2)
1 year old	4,027	10 (0.8)	32 (0.7)	—	10 (0.8)	51 (1.7)	15 (1.0)	3 (0.5)	20 (1.2)
2 years old	4,007	17 (0.8)	30 (0.6)	—	17 (0.8)	47 (1.6)	15 (1.2)	4 (0.6)	17 (1.0)
3 years old	4,123	35 (1.4)	29 (0.5)	4 (0.5)	31 (1.3)	33 (1.9)	13 (1.1)	3 (0.6)	17 (1.2)
4 years old	4,061	55 (1.4)	28 (0.5)	10 (0.8)	44 (1.5)	23 (1.3)	9 (0.9)	2 (0.4)	11 (0.8)
5 years old	1,038	64 (2.6)	28 (1.1)	12 (2.1)	52 (2.4)	16 (1.8)	9 (1.5)	2 (0.6)	8 (1.7)
Race/ethnicity									
White, non-Hispanic	13,996	28 (0.7)	28 (0.4)	2 (0.2)	26 (0.7)	39 (1.1)	15 (0.8)	4 (0.4)	14 (0.6)
Black non-Hispanic	3,338	29 (1.8)	36 (0.8)	8 (0.8)	21 (1.6)	35 (2.1)	9 (1.0)	1 (0.3)	25 (1.6)
Hispanic	2,838	15 (0.9)	31 (0.7)	4 (0.6)	11 (0.9)	54 (1.7)	8 (0.8)	2 (0.4)	20 (1.2)
Other	1,243	25 (2.5)	33 (1.2)	4 (1.4)	20 (2.5)	43 (3.0)	9 (1.6)	2 (0.8)	21 (2.6)
Mother's employment status³									
Currently employed	11,002	30 (0.7)	33 (0.4)	2 (0.2)	28 (0.7)	18 (0.8)	22 (0.9)	4 (0.4)	26 (0.8)
35 or more hours/week	7,018	32 (0.8)	38 (0.4)	3 (0.3)	29 (0.9)	13 (0.8)	24 (1.1)	4 (0.4)	27 (1.0)
Less than 35 hours/week	3,983	28 (1.4)	23 (0.5)	2 (0.4)	26 (1.3)	27 (1.6)	18 (1.3)	4 (0.7)	23 (1.5)
Looking for work	1,615	24 (2.9)	26 (1.1)	6 (1.1)	18 (2.7)	58 (3.1)	3 (0.7)	0 (0.2)	14 (1.8)
Not in labor force	8,150	21 (0.8)	18 (0.6)	3 (0.4)	18 (0.7)	69 (1.1)	3 (0.4)	2 (0.3)	6 (0.5)
Mother's highest education³									
Less than high school	3,767	16 (1.4)	31 (0.7)	6 (0.7)	10 (1.3)	59 (1.9)	6 (1.0)	1 (0.4)	18 (1.3)
High school	7,182	22 (0.9)	29 (0.5)	4 (0.4)	19 (0.9)	44 (1.3)	13 (0.9)	2 (0.3)	19 (1.0)
Some postsecondary	5,106	30 (1.0)	30 (0.5)	2 (0.4)	27 (0.9)	34 (1.7)	15 (1.2)	1 (0.4)	19 (1.0)
Bachelor's or higher degree	4,711	36 (1.4)	29 (0.5)	1 (0.2)	36 (1.4)	29 (1.4)	17 (0.9)	7 (0.9)	11 (0.9)
Mother in household									
No	648	30 (3.3)	37 (1.8)	9 (2.1)	21 (3.1)	39 (4.3)	10 (2.1)	5 (1.8)	16 (2.4)
Yes	20,766	26 (0.6)	30 (0.3)	3 (0.2)	23 (0.6)	41 (0.9)	13 (0.6)	3 (0.3)	17 (0.5)
Household structure⁴									
Two parents	15,732	26 (0.6)	27 (0.4)	2 (0.2)	24 (0.6)	43 (1.0)	14 (0.7)	3 (0.3)	14 (0.5)
One parent	5,276	28 (1.4)	36 (0.5)	6 (0.7)	21 (1.4)	34 (1.5)	11 (0.9)	2 (0.4)	26 (1.4)
Household income									
\$15,000 or less	6,016	22 (1.2)	31 (0.5)	7 (0.6)	15 (1.2)	50 (1.7)	8 (0.9)	1 (0.3)	20 (1.2)
\$15,001 to \$25,000	2,991	21 (1.3)	31 (1.1)	4 (0.7)	17 (1.2)	50 (1.9)	10 (1.1)	2 (0.4)	17 (1.3)
\$25,001 to \$35,000	3,235	23 (1.3)	30 (0.6)	3 (0.6)	20 (1.3)	42 (2.0)	14 (1.2)	2 (0.4)	19 (1.3)
\$35,001 to \$50,000	3,899	26 (1.2)	28 (0.8)	1 (0.4)	24 (1.3)	39 (1.5)	16 (1.4)	3 (0.7)	16 (1.0)
More than \$50,000	5,274	37 (1.2)	29 (0.5)	1 (0.1)	37 (1.2)	26 (1.4)	18 (1.1)	7 (0.7)	13 (0.9)
In poverty⁵									
Yes	5,737	21 (1.3)	30 (0.5)	7 (0.6)	14 (1.2)	52 (1.9)	7 (0.9)	1 (0.3)	19 (1.3)
No	15,677	28 (0.5)	30 (0.4)	2 (0.2)	26 (0.5)	37 (0.8)	15 (0.6)	4 (0.3)	16 (0.5)
Household size									
2 or 3 persons	6,176	28 (0.9)	33 (0.5)	4 (0.4)	24 (1.0)	34 (1.0)	17 (0.9)	2 (0.2)	19 (0.9)
4 persons	8,016	29 (1.1)	29 (0.5)	3 (0.3)	26 (1.0)	38 (1.2)	14 (0.9)	3 (0.4)	15 (0.7)
5 persons	4,046	26 (1.4)	26 (0.7)	3 (0.5)	23 (1.4)	46 (1.7)	9 (1.0)	4 (0.7)	15 (1.2)
6 or more persons	3,177	18 (1.4)	31 (1.1)	4 (0.6)	14 (1.3)	54 (3.0)	6 (1.0)	3 (0.8)	18 (1.9)
Home language³									
English	18,813	28 (0.6)	30 (0.3)	3 (0.2)	25 (0.6)	39 (1.0)	14 (0.7)	3 (0.3)	17 (0.5)
Non-English	1,954	14 (1.1)	30 (1.0)	4 (0.7)	11 (1.0)	62 (2.2)	7 (1.1)	2 (0.4)	16 (1.4)
Mother's age at first birth³									
Less than 18	2,554	21 (2.1)	34 (1.1)	7 (1.3)	14 (1.8)	46 (2.5)	9 (1.3)	2 (0.7)	23 (2.0)
18 or 19	3,066	20 (1.6)	30 (0.9)	5 (0.8)	15 (1.5)	49 (1.9)	9 (1.0)	2 (0.5)	21 (1.4)
20 or older	15,147	29 (0.6)	29 (0.4)	2 (0.2)	26 (0.6)	38 (1.0)	14 (0.7)	3 (0.3)	15 (0.5)
Urbanicity									
Nonmetropolitan	5,015	26 (1.3)	30 (0.6)	3 (0.5)	22 (1.2)	39 (2.0)	15 (1.1)	2 (0.5)	18 (1.3)
Metropolitan	16,400	27 (0.6)	30 (0.3)	3 (0.2)	23 (0.5)	41 (0.8)	12 (0.5)	3 (0.3)	17 (0.6)

—Not available.

¹ Mean hours per week in nonparental care among preschool children enrolled in nonparental care arrangements.² Excludes children who have entered kindergarten.³ Excludes data for households with no mother present in household.⁴ Excludes children living apart from their parents.⁵ Poverty level determined by household income and number of persons in household.

NOTE: A child's "primary arrangement" was defined as the regular nonparental care arrangement or early childhood education program in which the child spent the most time per week. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Standard errors appear in parentheses.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Household Education Survey (NHES), *Characteristics of Children's Early Care and Education Programs: Data from the 1995 National Household Education Survey*. (This table was prepared November 2000.)