

# National Center for Education Statistics

**Table 1. Percentage of children age 4 who are not yet enrolled in kindergarten whose parents reported that the child can write first name, by poverty status: 2006-07**

Child characteristics	Number of children age 4 who are not yet enrolled in kindergarten (thousands)	Can write first name <sup>1</sup>	
		Percentage	Standard Error
Total	3,738	76.4	2.15
Poverty status <sup>2</sup>			
Poor	807	60.6	6.28
Nonpoor	2,931	80.8	2.13

<sup>1</sup>Estimates indicate the percentage of children who can write their first name, even if some letters are not quite right or are backwards.

<sup>2</sup>Poor is defined to include families below the poverty threshold; nonpoor is defined to include families whose incomes are at or above the poverty threshold.

NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding.

SOURCE: U.S Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, School Readiness Survey of the National Household Education Survey (NHES), 2007.