

ERRATA SHEET

Homeschooling in the United States: 2012 (NCES 2016-096)

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In the original release of the report, there were errors found with two tables (Table 2 and Table A-12) and one figure (Figure 4). Below outlines these errors. A corrected version of the report is available at: https://nces.ed.gov/pubs2016/2016096_rev.pdf.

In Table 2 of the report, the statistically adjusted percentage distribution and homeschooling rate were reported incorrectly. This error was due to revisions made to the analytic weights after this table was created and the estimates were mistakenly not updated. The original and correct estimates are presented in the table below. The corrections do not affect the text of the report.

Table 2. Original and corrected estimates for the statistically adjusted percentage distribution of homeschooled students ages 5 through 17 with a grade equivalent of kindergarten through grade 12 and homeschooling rate, by selected characteristics: 2012

Characteristic	Statistically Adjusted		Statistically Adjusted	
	Percentage distribution	Homeschooling rate	Percentage distribution	Homeschooling rate
	Original		Corrected	
Locale of student's household¹				
City	28	3.2	28	3.3
Suburban	34	3.1	34	3.1
Town	7	2.7	7	2.6
Rural	31	4.5	31	4.5
Student's sex				
Male	49	3.3	49	3.3
Female	51	3.6	51	3.6
Student's race/ethnicity				
White, non-Hispanic	68	4.5	68	4.5
Black, non-Hispanic	8	1.9	8	2.0
Hispanic	15	2.3	15	2.3
Asian or Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic	4	2.6	4	2.6
Other, non-Hispanic ²	5	3.2	5	3.2

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Characteristic	Statistically Adjusted		Statistically Adjusted	
	Percentage distribution	Homeschooling rate	Percentage distribution	Homeschooling rate
	Original		Corrected	
Student's grade equivalent				
Kindergarten–2nd grade	23	3.1	24	3.1
3rd–5th grade	23	3.4	23	3.3
6th–8th grade	24	3.5	24	3.5
9th–12th grade	29	3.7	29	3.8
Parents' highest education level				
Less than high school	11	3.4	12	3.4
High school graduate or equivalent	20	3.4	20	3.4
Vocational/technical or some college	30	3.4	30	3.4
Bachelor's degree	25	3.7	24	3.7
Graduate or professional school	14	3.3	14	3.3
Poverty status³				
Poor	20	3.5	20	3.5
Nonpoor	80	3.4	80	3.4

¹Locale of student's household classifies the residential ZIP code into a set of four major locale categories: city, suburban, town, rural.

²"Other, non-Hispanic" includes children who were multiracial and not of Hispanic ethnicity, or who were American Indian or Alaska Native, or who were not Hispanic, White, Black, Asian, or Pacific Islander. The different groups mentioned here are not shown separately because the sample sizes do not support stable estimates.

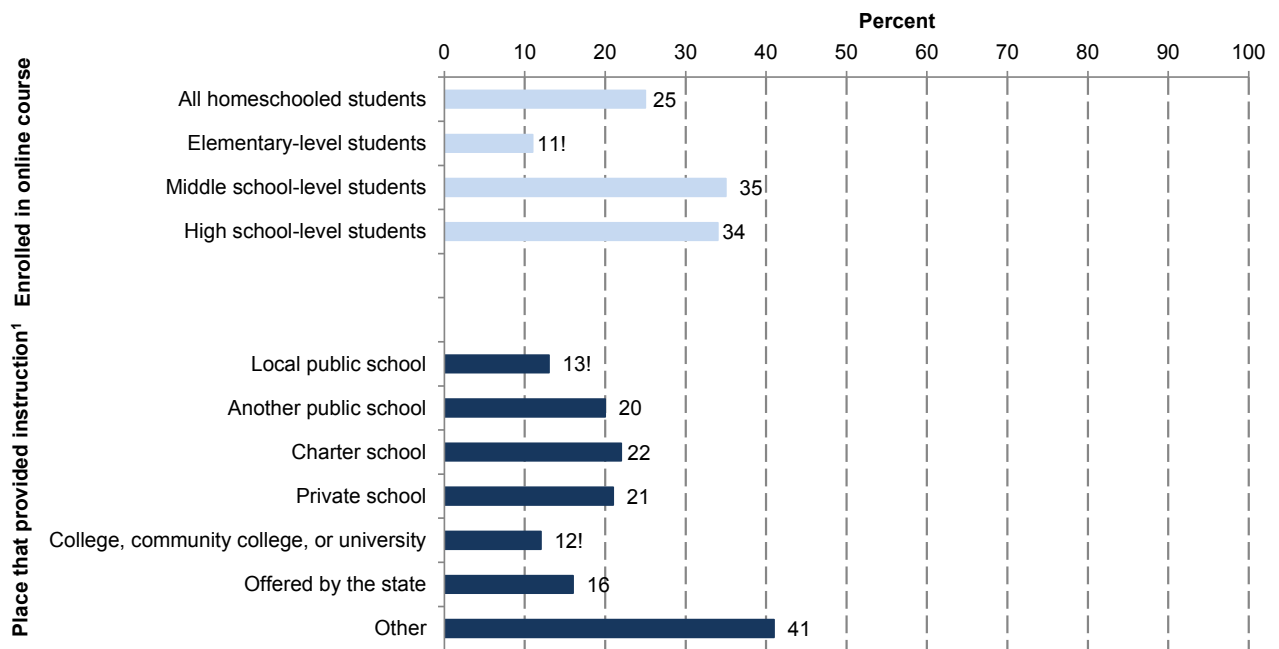
³Students are considered poor if they were living in households with incomes below the poverty threshold. Income is collected in categories in the survey, rather than as an exact amount, and therefore the poverty measures used in this report are approximations of poverty.

NOTE: Homeschooled students are school-age children who receive instruction at home instead of at a public or private school either all or most of the time. Excludes students who were enrolled in public or private school more than 25 hours per week and students who were homeschooled primarily because of temporary illness. Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding. For more information about the adjusted rate, see technical notes.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Parent and Family Involvement in Education Survey of the National Household Education Surveys Program (NHES), 2012.

Figure 4 was found to contain copyediting errors with one estimate and three estimate warnings. The estimate error was for “Another public school” that changed from 12 percent to 20 percent. The estimate warnings were missing for “Local public school” and “College, community college, or university” and should not have been included for “Another public school” in the initial report. The corrected figure should appear as follows:

Figure 4. Percentage of homeschooled students, ages 5 through 17 with a grade equivalent of kindergarten through grade 12, who had enrolled in an online course by grade-level equivalent and the providers of the online instruction: 2012



! Interpret data with caution; coefficient of variation is 30 percent or more.

¹ Respondents were instructed to mark all that apply for this item.

NOTE: Homeschooled students are school-age children who receive instruction at home instead of at a public or private school either all or most of the time. Excludes students who were enrolled in public or private school more than 25 hours per week and students who were homeschooled primarily because of temporary illness.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Parent and Family Involvement in Education Survey of the National Household Education Surveys Program (NHES), 2012.

Changes in the figure required changes in the related text. The original sentence found on page 15 was changed from, “A quarter of homeschooled students who took online courses took them through their local public school or another public school (13 and 12 percent, respectively)” to “A third of homeschooled students who took online courses took them through their local public school or another public school (13 and 20 percent, respectively).”

Table A-12, which provides standard errors for table B-3, was found to contain copyediting errors as well. The column for “Full-time homeschooled students on the PFI-Homeschool” was incorrect in the initial report on the following characteristics: locale of student’s household, student’s sex, student’s race/ethnicity, student’s grade equivalent, and parents’ highest education level. The changes made to the estimated standard errors did not impact any statistical comparisons discussed in the text of the report.

The original and correct standard errors are presented in the table below.

Table A-12. Original and corrected estimates for the standard errors for table B-3: Percentage distribution of homeschooled students on the PFI-Enrolled and PFI-Homeschool questionnaires, by selected characteristics: 2012

Characteristic	Full-time homeschooled students on the PFI-Homeschool	Full-time homeschooled students on the PFI-Homeschool
	Original	Corrected
Total	†	†
Locale of student’s household		
City	2.9	3.0
Suburban	3.0	3.8
Town	1.7	3.1
Rural	3.3	4.6
Student’s sex		
Male	2.9	4.1
Female	2.9	4.1
Student’s race/ethnicity		
White, non-Hispanic	3.0	2.4
Black, non-Hispanic	2.0	1.3
Hispanic	2.2	1.5
Asian or Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic	1.2	1.1
Other, non-Hispanic	1.0	1.1
Student’s grade equivalent		
K–2nd grade	2.9	4.3
3rd–5th grade	2.7	3.9
6th–8th grade	2.7	4.3
9th–12th grade	2.5	3.9

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Characteristic	Full-time homeschooled students on the PFI-Homeschool	Full-time homeschooled students on the PFI-Homeschool
	Original	Corrected
Parents' highest education level		
Less than high school	2.6	0.9
High school graduate or equivalent	2.7	5.0
Vocational/technical or some college	2.3	3.5
Bachelor's degree	2.6	3.9
Graduate or professional school	1.6	3.1

† Not applicable.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Parent and Family Involvement in Education Survey of the National Household Education Surveys Program (NHES), 2012.