

Table 253. Computer and Internet Use by Children and Adolescents: 2003

[For persons 5 to 17 years old (53,561 represents 53,561,000). As of September. Based on the Current Population Survey; see source and Appendix III for details]

User characteristic	Number of children (1,000)	Percent using computers at school	Percent using computers at home ¹	Home use activity (percent)				
				Word processing	Connect to the Internet	E-mail	Complete school assignments	Play games
Total	53,561	84.5	68.6	33.4	46.6	32.9	49.2	56.9
Age: 5 to 7 years old	11,785	72.2	59.3	9.6	23.3	7.7	16.6	51.7
8 to 10 years old	11,849	86.3	66.1	23.5	38.2	19.5	42.7	58.0
11 to 14 years old	17,173	89.0	72.0	42.7	54.8	40.9	61.8	61.0
15 to 17 years old	12,753	87.9	75.0	51.9	64.7	57.7	68.1	55.4
Sex: Male	27,422	84.2	68.0	31.2	45.5	30.2	47.5	57.8
Female	26,139	84.7	69.3	35.6	47.7	35.7	50.9	56.0
Race/ethnicity:								
White alone, non-Hispanic	32,279	86.6	79.6	40.1	56.9	41.1	56.6	67.3
Black alone, non-Hispanic	8,048	82.6	47.2	20.5	28.0	18.6	35.9	39.1
Hispanic	9,503	79.7	48.3	20.2	27.2	17.1	34.4	37.8
Other	3,731	82.1	71.4	35.9	46.4	32.6	50.8	54.7
Parent educational attainment:								
Less than high school credential	10,001	77.9	43.7	17.7	24.2	16.3	29.5	34.6
High school credential	15,270	84.1	61.4	26.9	39.9	28.2	43.7	50.6
Some college	14,384	86.8	75.4	35.5	51.9	35.7	54.1	63.4
Bachelor's degree	9,410	86.9	86.5	47.4	62.9	45.2	63.2	73.0
Graduate education	4,495	87.6	89.5	53.8	67.9	50.5	66.0	73.6
Household language:								
Spanish-only	2,680	75.3	33.6	12.7	14.3	9.0	24.1	26.7
Not Spanish-only	50,881	84.9	70.5	34.4	48.3	34.1	50.5	58.5
Family income:								
Under \$20,000	16,459	81.3	51.7	23.1	30.7	21.7	36.2	41.2
\$20,000 to \$34,999	8,615	81.9	55.7	22.9	33.3	23.2	38.2	45.4
\$35,000 to \$49,999	6,993	85.9	72.2	33.2	46.7	32.3	50.5	60.5
\$50,000 to \$74,999	9,053	86.0	80.5	38.6	56.7	39.2	57.6	67.1
\$75,000 or more	12,441	88.5	89.3	50.5	69.3	50.1	67.0	76.4

¹ Includes other home activities not shown separately.

Source: U.S. National Center for Education Statistics, CPS October (Education) Supplement, October 2003, special tabulation.