

## Appendix C. Computer Ownership and Use Questions: October 1984 CPS

### Asked of persons 14 years and over.

**LEAD IN:** The next set of questions has to do with . . . 's DIRECT or "HAND'S ON" use of computers with typewriter-like keyboards. These questions do NOT refer to hand-held computers or computer games which do not have a typewriter keyboard.

**NOTE:** Ask items 44 & 45 once of first respondent in household. Transcribe directly for following respondents and begin with 46.

44. Is there a computer in this household?

- Yes  (Ask 45)  
No  (Fill 46)

45. In what year was the computer purchased?

(If more than one, answer for the most recent.)

- 1984     1981     Before 1980   
1983     1980     Don't know   
1982

46. CHECK ITEM: Entry in item 20A or 21B (Working or with a job)

- Yes  (Ask 47)      
No  (Skip to 48)

47. Does . . . directly use a computer at work?

- Yes   
No

48. CHECK ITEM: Entry of "Yes" in 30 (Enrolled in school)

- Yes  (Ask 49)  
No  (Skip to 50)

49. Does . . . directly use a computer at school?

- Yes   
No

50. CHECK ITEM: Entry of "Yes" in 44 (Computer in household)

- Yes  (Ask 51)  
No  (Fill 54)

51. Does . . . directly use a computer at home?

- Yes  (Ask 52)  
No  (Fill 54)

52. At home does . . . use the computer for: (Read categories - mark all that apply)

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|--|--|
| Video Games . . . . . <input type="radio"/>                    | Wordprocessing . . . <input type="radio"/>               |
| School assignments . . . <input type="radio"/>                 | Learning to use the computer . . . <input type="radio"/> |
| Household record keeping, taxes, etc. <input type="radio"/>    | Other uses not listed above <input type="radio"/>        |
| Job or business related activities . . . <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                      |

53. During the last month, on average how many days per week did . . . use the computer at home?

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| 7 days <input type="radio"/> | 3 days <input type="radio"/> | Less than once a week <input type="radio"/>                  |
| 6 days <input type="radio"/> | 2 days <input type="radio"/> | Has not used it in the last month. . . <input type="radio"/> |
| 5 days <input type="radio"/> | 1 day <input type="radio"/>  | Don't know . . . . . <input type="radio"/>                   |
| 4 days <input type="radio"/> |                              |  |

### Asked of persons 3 to 13 years.

The next set of questions has to do with . . . 's DIRECT or "HANDS ON" use of computers with typewriter-like keyboards. These questions do NOT refer to hand-held computers or computer games which do not have a typewriter keyboard.

59. Does . . . directly use a computer at school?

- Yes   
No

60. Does . . . directly use a computer at home?

- Yes  (Ask 61)  
No  (End questions)

61. At home does . . . use the computer for: (Read categories - Mark all that apply)

- Video games . . . . .   
School assignments . . . . .   
Learning to use the computer       
Other uses not listed above . . .

62. During the last month, on average how many days per week did . . . use the computer at home?

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|------------------------------|--|
| 7 days <input type="radio"/> | 2 days . . . . . <input type="radio"/>                       |
| 6 days <input type="radio"/> | 1 day . . . . . <input type="radio"/>                        |
| 5 days <input type="radio"/> | Less than once a week <input type="radio"/>                  |
| 4 days <input type="radio"/> | Has not used it in the last month. . . <input type="radio"/> |
| 3 days <input type="radio"/> | Don't know . . . . . <input type="radio"/>                   |

(End questions)