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(Numbers in thousands)

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Total, 3 to 17 years	51,482	7,697	15.3	5,679	74.2	1,974	1,012	45,588	12,284	28.0	31,548	15,542	30.2
3 to 5 years	10,611	1,128	10.8	573	50.8	554	207	5,711	354	6.4	5,187	893	8.4
6 years	3,275	405	12.6	287	70.9	118	58	3,229	532	16.9	2,614	730	22.3
7 years	3,254	448	14.0	331	73.9	117	57	3,231	757	24.0	2,400	935	28.7
8 years	3,179	492	15.7	395	80.3	97	41	3,143	922	30.1	2,144	1,141	35.9
9 years	3,198	506	16.2	387	76.5	119	66	3,166	1,120	36.4	1,961	1,298	40.6
10 years	3,160	506	16.4	400	78.9	107	70	3,134	1,207	39.7	1,831	1,383	43.8
11 years	3,236	596	18.8	484	81.3	111	64	3,220	1,237	39.5	1,898	1,429	44.2
12 years	3,356	587	17.8	486	82.8	101	58	3,338	1,189	36.4	2,077	1,429	42.6
13 years	3,648	681	19.0	555	81.6	125	72	3,623	1,270	36.0	2,254	1,548	42.4
14 years	3,851	671	17.7	528	80.1	131	67	3,778	905	25.7	2,616	1,249	32.4
15 years	3,539	646	18.5	512	81.1	119	56	3,451	823	25.5	2,402	1,130	31.9
16 years	3,554	533	15.3	386	73.2	141	72	3,374	919	29.1	2,241	1,142	32.1
17 years	3,619	498	14.2	355	72.7	133	124	3,190	1,049	35.3	1,922	1,234	34.1
Race:													
White	41,915	7,048	17.1	5,186	74.0	1,818	770	37,124	10,827	30.3	24,964	13,782	32.9
Black	7,721	461	6.1	350	75.9	111	165	6,838	1,032	15.9	5,476	1,254	16.2
Other	1,846	188	10.6	143	76.1	45	77	1,626	426	27.8	1,108	505	27.4
Hispanic origin:													
Hispanic	4,266	191	4.6	128	67.4	62	109	3,638	634	18.2	2,846	717	16.8
Non-Hispanic	47,216	7,506	16.2	5,552	74.4	1,913	903	41,950	11,650	28.9	28,701	14,825	31.4
Sex:													
Male	26,285	4,334	16.8	3,453	80.3	848	477	23,225	6,485	29.0	15,900	8,384	31.9
Female	25,197	3,363	13.6	2,226	66.4	1,126	535	22,363	5,799	27.0	15,648	7,157	28.4
Uses computer at school	12,284	2,887	23.5	2,476	86.1	400	23	12,284	12,284	100.0	-	12,284	100.0
Uses computer at home[1]	5,679	5,679	100.0	5,679	100.0	-	-	5,519	2,476	45.1	3,012	5,679	100.0
For video games	4,423	4,423	100.0	4,423	100.0	-	-	4,302	1,910	44.6	2,371	4,423	100.0
For school assignment	1,977	1,977	100.0	1,977	100.0	-	-	1,973	1,158	59.0	806	1,977	100.0
To learn computers	4,057	4,057	100.0	4,057	100.0	-	-	3,981	1,919	48.5	2,038	4,057	100.0
Other use	1,048	1,048	100.0	1,048	100.0	-	-	1,012	518	51.5	487	1,048	100.0
Household type:													
Married couple	39,010	6,786	17.8	5,027	74.5	1,718	785	34,625	9,924	29.8	23,398	12,784	32.8
Female householder, no spouse present	10,516	743	7.2	540	72.9	201	173	9,313	1,952	21.8	6,997	2,270	21.6
Male householder, no spouse present	1,956	169	8.9	113	67.3	55	54	1,650	409	26.2	1,153	488	24.9
Region:													
Northeast	9,970	1,877	19.3	1,408	75.6	455	241	8,967	2,641	30.8	5,920	3,383	33.9
Midwest	13,288	2,069	15.9	1,545	75.3	506	250	11,788	3,845	33.9	7,484	4,684	35.2
South	17,930	2,166	12.3	1,558	72.2	601	263	15,840	3,258	21.3	12,059	4,270	23.8
West	10,294	1,584	15.8	1,169	73.9	412	258	8,993	2,539	29.4	6,085	3,204	31.1
Educational attainment of householder:													
Elementary: 0 to 8 years	5,680	196	3.5	121	62.1	74	113	4,860	842	18.2	3,789	908	16.0
High school: 1 to 3 years	6,807	331	4.9	244	73.9	86	119	5,818	1,194	21.5	4,359	1,348	19.8
High school: 4 years	19,516	2,291	12.0	1,674	73.6	600	377	17,169	4,432	26.7	12,142	5,431	27.8
College: 1 to 3 years	9,367	1,886	20.5	1,387	73.6	497	178	8,419	2,529	31.1	5,600	3,327	35.5
College: 4 years or more	10,112	2,993	30.4	2,254	75.9	717	255	9,323	3,286	36.7	5,657	4,527	44.8

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Employment status of householder:													
Employed	42,224	7,121	17.2	5,256	74.2	1,823	797	37,644	10,840	29.9	25,453	13,831	32.8
Full-time	39,609	6,873	17.7	5,079	74.3	1,753	766	35,390	10,276	30.1	23,835	13,171	33.3
Part-time	2,616	249	9.6	178	71.8	70	31	2,254	564	25.8	1,618	661	25.3
Unemployed	2,852	186	6.6	133	71.9	52	47	2,433	478	20.4	1,866	567	19.9
Not in labor force	6,406	390	6.3	290	74.6	99	168	5,510	966	18.6	4,229	1,143	17.8
Family income:													
Less than $10,000	10,733	360	3.4	252	70.2	107	200	8,927	1,581	18.5	6,982	1,751	16.3
$10,000 to $14,999	6,373	431	6.9	278	64.5	153	90	5,419	1,200	23.0	4,018	1,352	21.2
$15,000 to $19,999	5,880	535	9.3	408	76.8	123	112	5,107	1,304	26.4	3,627	1,558	26.5
$20,000 to $24,999	5,715	729	13.0	554	76.8	167	107	5,046	1,373	28.2	3,489	1,712	30.0
$25,000 to $34,999	9,473	1,818	19.4	1,337	73.9	472	110	8,540	2,640	31.8	5,653	3,414	36.0
$35,000 to $49,999	6,831	1,884	27.8	1,426	76.3	444	50	6,426	2,152	34.4	4,111	2,933	42.9
$50,000 or more	4,345	1,571	37.0	1,167	74.6	397	101	4,147	1,521	38.4	2,445	2,168	49.9
Income not reported	2,133	368	19.5	257	69.6	112	241	1,977	512	29.5	1,223	654	30.7
Household size:													
1 to 3 persons	10,396	1,283	12.6	979	76.7	297	180	9,062	2,268	26.0	6,456	2,858	27.5
4 and 5 persons	30,413	5,042	16.9	3,760	75.0	1,252	576	27,112	7,848	30.0	18,274	9,963	32.8
6 and 7 persons	8,244	1,101	13.7	774	70.7	321	191	7,323	1,746	25.0	5,244	2,201	26.7
8 persons or more	2,429	271	11.5	166	61.5	104	66	2,091	423	21.2	1,574	520	21.4
Occupation of householder:													
Managerial and professional	10,862	3,100	29.2	2,336	75.9	741	258	10,034	3,322	34.4	6,340	4,629	42.6
Technical, sales, and administrative support	9,099	1,670	18.6	1,203	72.3	462	137	8,258	2,476	31.1	5,492	3,174	34.9
Service	4,133	270	6.7	191	71.3	77	84	3,634	780	22.4	2,696	898	21.7
Precision production, craft, and repair	9,445	1,290	14.0	952	74.4	328	200	8,318	2,175	27.1	5,842	2,732	28.9
Operators, laborers, and fabricators	10,063	918	9.3	668	73.2	245	146	8,630	2,186	26.2	6,145	2,573	25.6
Farming, forestry, and fishing	1,974	117	6.0	80	68.4	37	26	1,663	472	29.2	1,147	512	25.9
Never worked/not in labor force/Armed Forces	5,905	334	5.8	250	75.1	83	160	5,051	873	18.3	3,886	1,023	17.3
Industry of householder:													
Agriculture	1,795	118	6.7	86	73.5	31	27	1,519	450	30.4	1,030	492	27.4
Mining	779	118	15.3	74	63.2	43	6	679	191	28.9	470	241	30.9
Construction	4,714	510	11.0	374	74.4	129	88	4,117	1,094	27.7	2,862	1,291	27.4
Manufacturing	11,873	2,077	17.8	1,551	75.0	516	227	10,493	2,855	28.2	7,257	3,736	31.5
Transportation, communication and other public utilities	4,663	703	15.3	553	79.7	141	65	4,221	1,222	29.9	2,869	1,553	33.3
Wholesale and retail trade	7,221	1,064	15.0	768	72.4	293	138	6,342	1,770	29.1	4,313	2,211	30.6
Finance, insurance, and real estate	2,099	436	21.1	312	71.9	122	28	1,920	616	33.1	1,247	805	38.4
Services	9,768	1,810	19.0	1,323	73.4	480	221	8,797	2,507	29.6	5,976	3,255	33.3
Forestry and fisheries	91	14	(B)	8	(B)	5	-	81	28	(B)	49	31	(B)
Public administration	2,573	514	20.4	381	74.4	131	52	2,367	679	29.9	1,589	904	35.1
Never worked/not in labor force/Armed Forces	5,905	334	5.8	250	75.1	83	160	5,051	873	18.3	3,886	1,023	17.3

B Base is less than 200,000 persons.
[1]Multiple uses allowed by respondents.
[2]Nonrespondents not included in base.