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(Numbers in thousands)

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			Video games	Percent	School	Percent	Household records/ job related[2]	Word processing[2]	Learning to use	Percent	Other	Percent		
Total, 3 to 17 years old	51,482	5,679	4,423	77.9	1,977	34.8	104	370	4,057	71.4	1,048	18.5	1.5	2.8
3 to 5 years	10,611	573	409	71.4	62	10.8	-	-	355	62.0	117	20.4	1.1	2.1
6 years	3,275	287	210	73.2	67	23.3	-	-	199	69.3	42	14.6	1.3	2.4
7 years	3,254	331	263	79.5	77	23.3	-	-	212	64.0	64	19.3	1.3	2.6
8 years	3,179	395	327	82.8	95	24.1	-	-	287	72.7	85	21.5	1.5	2.8
9 years	3,198	387	317	81.9	109	28.2	-	-	301	77.8	79	20.4	1.6	3.0
10 years	3,160	400	304	76.0	126	31.5	-	-	311	77.8	91	22.8	1.6	2.7
11 years	3,236	484	402	83.1	187	38.6	-	-	384	79.3	98	20.2	1.6	3.0
12 years	3,356	486	394	81.1	177	36.4	-	-	377	77.6	93	19.1	1.6	3.1
13 years	3,648	555	457	82.3	212	38.2	-	-	438	78.9	116	20.9	1.6	3.1
14 years	3,851	528	412	78.0	229	43.4	24	92	354	67.0	88	16.7	1.7	3.0
15 years	3,539	512	399	77.9	233	45.5	30	113	351	68.6	74	14.5	1.7	3.0
16 years	3,554	386	278	72.0	194	50.3	20	92	254	65.8	63	16.3	1.8	2.9
17 years	3,619	355	251	70.7	208	58.6	30	74	234	65.9	39	11.0	1.7	2.8
Race:														
White	41,915	5,186	4,066	78.4	1,774	34.2	89	338	3,684	71.0	984	19.0	1.5	2.8
Black	7,721	350	254	72.6	152	43.4	7	21	263	75.1	45	12.9	1.5	3.8
Other	1,846	143	103	72.0	51	35.7	8	11	110	76.9	20	14.0	1.5	3.0
Hispanic origin:														
Hispanic	4,266	128	110	85.9	49	38.3	1	10	81	63.3	8	6.3	1.4	2.6
Non-Hispanic	47,216	5,552	4,312	77.7	1,928	34.7	103	360	3,976	71.6	1,040	18.7	1.5	2.8
Sex:														
Male	26,285	3,453	2,794	80.9	1,276	37.0	89	260	2,465	71.4	651	18.9	1.6	3.1
Female	25,197	2,226	1,629	73.2	701	31.5	15	110	1,592	71.5	397	17.8	1.4	2.4
Uses computer at school	12,284	2,476	1,910	77.1	1,158	46.8	50	181	1,919	77.5	518	20.9	1.7	3.1
Household type:														
Married couple	39,010	5,027	3,911	77.8	1,718	34.2	84	327	3,570	71.0	930	18.5	1.5	2.8
Female householder, no spouse present	10,516	540	432	80.0	222	41.1	14	33	394	73.0	92	17.0	1.6	3.0
Male householder, no spouse present	1,956	113	79	69.9	36	31.9	6	11	92	81.4	26	23.0	1.6	3.8
Region:														
Northeast	9,970	1,408	1,066	75.7	505	35.9	18	96	995	70.7	243	17.3	1.5	2.8
Midwest	13,288	1,545	1,215	78.6	515	33.3	24	81	1,089	70.5	326	21.1	1.5	2.9
South	17,930	1,558	1,188	76.3	530	34.0	26	83	1,117	71.7	274	17.6	1.5	2.7
West	10,294	1,169	954	81.6	426	36.4	35	111	854	73.1	205	17.5	1.6	2.9
Educational attainment of householder:														
Elementary: 0 to 8 year	5,680	121	87	71.9	42	34.7	9	16	102	84.3	14	11.6	1.6	3.3
High school: 1 to 3 years	6,807	244	191	78.3	88	36.1	7	19	159	65.2	34	13.9	1.4	3.4
High school: 4 years	19,516	1,674	1,304	77.9	567	33.9	42	90	1,168	69.8	249	14.9	1.5	3.0
College: 1 to 3 years	9,367	1,387	1,075	77.5	487	35.1	18	70	1,037	74.8	274	19.8	1.6	2.6
College: 4 years or more	10,112	2,254	1,764	78.3	793	35.2	28	175	1,590	70.5	477	21.2	1.6	2.7
Employment status of householder:														
Employed	42,224	5,256	4,118	78.3	1,820	34.6	85	346	3,774	71.8	993	18.9	1.5	2.8
Full-time	39,609	5,079	3,967	78.1	1,775	34.9	83	343	3,642	71.7	954	18.8	1.5	2.8
Part-time	2,616	178	151	84.8	45	25.3	2	4	133	74.7	39	21.9	1.6	3.0
Unemployed	2,852	133	96	72.2	56	42.1	4	9	83	62.4	13	9.8	1.4	3.2
Not in labor force	6,406	290	208	71.7	101	34.8	15	16	200	69.0	41	14.1	1.4	3.2

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Family income:														
Less than $10,000	10,733	252	203	80.6	73	29.0	10	20	169	67.1	43	17.1	1.5	3.5
$10,000 to $14,999	6,373	278	199	71.6	93	33.5	4	14	209	75.2	40	14.4	1.4	2.8
$15,000 to $19,999	5,880	408	297	72.8	152	37.3	8	5	293	71.8	41	10.0	1.4	2.9
$20,000 to $24,999	5,715	554	423	76.4	137	24.7	9	30	372	67.1	89	16.1	1.4	2.7
$25,000 to $34,999	9,473	1,337	1,041	77.9	427	31.9	23	49	1,009	75.5	243	18.2	1.5	2.7
$35,000 to $ 49,999	6,831	1,426	1,142	80.1	529	37.1	26	106	1,066	74.8	301	21.1	1.7	2.8
$50,000 or more	4,345	1,167	909	77.9	467	40.0	21	124	767	65.7	222	19.0	1.6	2.8
Income not reported	2,133	257	209	81.3	98	38.1	4	23	172	66.9	69	26.8	1.7	2.9
Household size:														
1 to 3 persons	10,396	979	763	77.9	362	37.0	31	64	754	77.0	203	20.7	1.6	2.8
4 and 5 persons	30,413	3,760	2,926	77.8	1,306	34.7	56	254	2,700	71.8	724	19.3	1.5	2.8
6 and 7 persons	8,244	774	609	78.7	242	31.3	12	44	492	63.6	112	14.5	1.4	2.8
8 persons or more	2,429	166	125	75.3	66	39.8	5	8	110	66.3	9	5.4	1.4	3.2
Occupation of householder:														
Managerial and professional	10,862	2,336	1,826	78.2	845	36.2	24	182	1,672	71.6	466	19.9	1.6	2.7
Technical, sales, and administrative support	9,099	1,203	953	79.2	449	37.3	34	92	865	71.9	236	19.6	1.6	2.8
Service	4,133	191	168	88.0	53	27.7	2	7	135	70.7	24	12.6	1.5	3.0
Precision production, craft, and repair	9,445	952	694	72.9	305	32.0	18	44	692	72.7	163	17.1	1.4	2.8
Operative, laborers, and fabricators	10,063	668	538	80.5	203	30.4	12	25	464	69.5	98	14.7	1.5	3.0
Farming, forestry, and fishing	1,974	80	67	83.8	31	38.8	-	3	57	71.3	22	27.5	1.7	2.8
Never worked/ not in labor force/Armed Forces	5,905	250	176	70.4	92	36.8	13	16	172	68.8	39	15.6	1.4	3.2
Industry of householder:														
Agriculture	1,795	86	74	86.0	33	38.4	-	4	65	75.6	21	24.4	1.7	2.8
Mining	779	74	53	71.6	14	18.9	1	2	60	81.1	12	16.2	1.4	2.8
Construction	4,714	374	282	75.4	109	29.1	16	16	258	69.0	58	15.5	1.4	3.0
Manufacturing	11,873	1,551	1,235	79.6	545	35.1	19	90	1,092	70.4	306	19.7	1.5	2.7
Transportation, communication and other public utilities	4,663	553	421	76.1	178	32.2	15	33	436	78.8	108	19.5	1.6	3.1
Wholesale, and retail trade	7,221	768	599	78.0	294	38.3	17	60	541	70.4	131	17.1	1.6	3.0
Finance, insurance, and real estate	2,099	312	240	76.9	111	35.6	7	26	224	71.8	64	20.5	1.6	2.7
Service	9,768	1,323	1,035	78.2	482	36.4	13	95	917	69.3	240	18.1	1.5	2.7
Forestry and fisheries	91	8	3	(B)	-	(B)	-	6	-	(B)	5	(B)	1.4	2.5
Public administration	2,573	381	304	79.8	120	31.5	3	29	286	75.1	63	16.5	1.6	2.8
Never worked/ not in labor force/Armed Forces	5,905	250	176	70.4	92	36.8	13	16	172	68.8	39	15.6	1.4	3.2

B Base is less than 200,000 persons.
[1]Multiple uses allowed by respondents.
[2]This category of use not offered to persons 3-13 years old.