Table 5. Purposes and Frequency of Computer Use at Home by Persons 18 Years and Over: October 1984

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	All persons	Persons using computers at home	Uses reported[1]													Median number of uses reported	Median days per week used
			Video games	Percent	School		House-hold records	Percent	Job related	Percent	Word process-ing	Percent	Learning to use	Percent	Other		
					Enrolled	Not enrolled											
Total, 18 years old and over	169,786	7,757	3,526	45.5	731	508	3,117	40.2	2,860	36.9	2,549	32.9	4,575	59.0	1,481	1.8	2.6
18 to 21 years	15,387	744	463	62.2	284	20	98	13.2	78	10.5	178	23.9	399	53.6	117	1.5	2.6
22 to 24 years	12,644	496	264	53.2	102	27	196	39.5	147	29.6	147	29.6	284	57.3	96	1.8	2.9
25 to 34 years	40,227	2,621	1,266	48.3	231	194	1,141	43.5	1,005	38.3	852	32.5	1,590	60.7	517	1.9	2.7
35 to 44 years	30,623	2,508	1,129	45.0	96	194	1,017	40.6	1,018	40.6	866	34.5	1,489	59.4	483	1.8	2.4
45 to 54 years	22,246	880	272	30.9	11	57	414	47.0	422	48.0	337	38.3	512	58.2	162	1.8	2.6
55 to 64 years	22,052	401	112	27.9	8	13	198	49.4	169	42.1	146	36.4	236	58.9	70	1.7	2.7
65 years old and over	26,607	108	20	18.5	-	4	54	50.0	19	17.6	23	21.3	66	61.1	35	1.3	2.7
Race:																	
White	146,693	7,151	3,222	45.1	659	443	2,879	40.3	2,660	37.2	2,387	33.4	4,201	58.7	1,350	1.8	2.6
Black	18,403	406	216	53.2	43	52	179	44.1	128	31.5	85	20.9	248	61.1	91	1.9	2.7
Other	4,690	199	88	44.2	29	12	59	29.6	72	36.2	76	38.2	126	63.3	40	1.8	2.1
Hispanic origin:																	
Hispanic	9,362	165	71	43.0	12	16	64	38.8	48	29.1	45	27.3	102	61.8	22	1.5	2.8
Non-hispanic	160,424	7,592	3,455	45.5	719	492	3,053	40.2	2,812	37.0	2,504	33.0	4,472	58.9	1,458	1.8	2.6
Sex:																	
Male	80,240	4,748	2,289	48.2	487	271	2,044	43.0	2,034	42.8	1,560	32.9	2,793	58.8	1,002	1.9	2.8
Female	89,546	3,009	1,238	41.1	244	237	1,073	35.7	826	27.5	989	32.9	1,782	59.2	478	1.6	2.2
Marital status:																	
Married	103,110	5,432	2,479	45.6	269	363	2,336	43.0	2,025	37.3	1,739	32.0	3,230	59.5	1,015	1.8	2.5
Single	35,946	1,678	794	47.3	436	78	478	28.5	544	32.4	560	33.4	931	55.5	333	1.8	2.9
Divorced, widowed, or separated	30,730	648	253	39.0	27	66	303	46.8	291	44.9	250	38.6	414	63.9	132	2.1	3.0
Uses computer at work	24,172	3,440	1,319	38.3	263	261	1,632	47.4	2,050	59.6	1,503	43.7	1,855	53.9	774	2.2	2.9
Household type:																	
Married couple	116,980	6,185	2,927	47.3	580	369	2,400	38.8	2,135	34.5	1,928	31.2	3,619	58.5	1,144	1.7	2.5
Female household, no spouse present	34,080	641	279	43.5	56	82	232	36.2	235	36.7	196	30.6	400	62.4	124	1.8	2.7
Male household, no spouse present	18,726	931	320	34.4	94	57	485	52.1	490	52.6	425	45.6	556	59.7	213	2.2	3.1
Region:																	
Northeast	36,867	1,726	801	46.4	162	101	599	34.7	617	35.7	459	26.6	966	56.0	333	1.6	2.6
Midwest	42,063	1,952	957	49.0	198	111	754	38.6	643	32.9	599	30.7	1,239	63.5	391	1.8	2.4
South	57,531	2,198	1,026	46.7	194	141	906	41.2	773	35.2	659	30.0	1,266	57.6	413	1.7	2.6
West	33,325	1,880	743	39.5	177	155	858	45.6	827	44.0	832	44.3	1,104	58.7	342	2.1	2.8
Educational attainment:																	
Elementary: 0 to 8 years	20,655	40	18	45.0	2	2	8	20.0	8	20.0	10	25.0	22	55.0	5	1.4	4.5
High school: 1 to 3 years	21,888	252	156	61.9	39	11	66	26.2	20	7.9	39	15.5	129	51.2	29	1.2	2.8
High school: 4 years	67,440	2,157	1,202	55.7	127	114	748	34.7	442	20.5	456	21.1	1,371	63.6	339	1.5	2.5
College: 1 to 3 years	30,952	2,225	1,074	48.3	337	130	951	42.7	707	31.8	678	30.5	1,373	61.7	473	1.9	2.6
College: 4 years or more	28,851	3,084	1,076	34.9	225	251	1,345	43.6	1,683	54.6	1,365	44.3	1,679	54.4	636	2.0	2.7
Employment status:																	
Employed	103,980	6,288	2,863	45.5	473	403	2,626	41.8	2,702	43.0	2,157	34.3	3,676	58.5	1,213	1.9	2.6
Full-time	85,457	5,355	2,425	45.3	253	375	2,364	44.1	2,429	45.4	1,860	34.7	3,106	58.0	1,072	1.9	2.7
Part-time	18,523	933	438	46.9	219	28	262	28.1	274	29.4	297	31.8	570	61.1	141	1.7	2.5
Unemployed	7,463	254	124	48.8	26	36	88	34.6	42	16.5	68	26.8	163	64.2	47	1.6	2.9
Not in labor force	58,343	1,215	540	44.4	233	70	404	33.3	115	9.5	323	26.6	736	60.6	221	1.5	2.4

Table 5. Purposes and Frequency of Computer Use at Home by Persons 18 Years and Over: October 1984—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	All persons	Persons using computers at home	Uses reported[1]													Median number of uses reported	Median days per week used
			Video games	Percent	School		Household records	Percent	Job related	Percent	Word processing	Percent	Learning to use	Percent	Other		
					Enrolled	Not enrolled											
Family income:																	
Less than $10,000	35,358	344	175	50.9	73	28	124	36.0	86	25.0	99	28.8	242	70.3	58	1.8	3.2
$10,000 to $14,999	23,105	389	188	48.3	36	24	172	44.2	149	38.3	115	29.6	262	67.4	78	1.9	2.9
$15,000 to $19,999	19,208	546	258	47.3	36	30	213	39.0	166	30.4	127	23.3	365	66.8	88	1.7	2.9
$20,000 to $24,999	17,393	704	381	54.1	58	47	277	39.3	212	30.1	184	26.1	436	61.9	133	1.8	2.6
$25,000 to $34,999	27,906	1,689	846	50.1	117	122	682	40.4	531	31.4	456	27.0	1,008	59.7	349	1.7	2.6
$35,000 to $49,999	21,432	1,854	843	45.5	177	121	723	39.0	751	40.5	665	35.9	1,120	60.4	368	1.9	2.6
$50,000 or more	15,831	1,881	684	36.4	209	99	798	42.4	832	44.2	785	41.7	936	49.8	350	1.8	2.5
Income not reported	9,553	351	151	43.0	26	37	130	37.0	133	37.9	119	33.9	206	58.7	56	1.7	2.3
Household size:																	
1 to 3 persons	108,407	3,884	1,538	39.6	353	251	1,832	47.2	1,628	41.9	1,443	37.2	2,372	61.1	764	2.0	2.8
4 and 5 persons	49,270	3,328	1,665	50.0	288	221	1,122	33.7	1,087	32.7	969	29.1	1,923	57.8	627	1.7	2.4
6 and 7 persons	9,589	471	276	58.6	72	34	135	28.7	132	28.0	119	25.3	239	50.7	79	1.5	2.5
8 persons or more	2,519	74	47	63.5	18	1	29	39.2	12	16.2	18	24.3	41	55.4	11	1.8	2.3
Occupation:																	
Managerial and professional	26,594	2,930	1,101	37.6	196	248	1,317	44.9	1,652	56.4	1,278	43.6	1,633	55.7	620	2.1	2.7
Technical, sales, and administrative support	35,031	2,097	954	45.5	196	107	832	39.7	748	35.7	642	30.6	1,188	56.7	375	1.7	2.6
Service	15,746	362	214	59.1	54	15	113	31.2	57	15.7	78	21.5	237	65.5	53	1.5	2.5
Precision production, craft, and repair	14,420	635	364	57.3	28	31	275	43.3	202	31.8	140	22.0	422	66.5	119	1.8	2.4
Operators, laborers, and fabricators	19,741	569	356	62.6	57	41	196	34.4	78	13.7	112	19.7	395	69.4	109	1.6	2.7
Farming, forestry, and fishing	3,896	84	40	47.6	9	2	30	35.7	34	40.5	17	20.2	54	64.3	7	1.5	2.8
Never worked/not in labor force/Armed Forces	54,358	1,079	496	46.0	192	63	354	32.8	89	8.2	282	26.1	646	59.9	197	1.5	2.4
Industry:																	
Agriculture	3,576	75	28	37.3	6	3	31	41.3	40	53.3	20	26.7	46	61.3	5	1.6	2.9
Mining	1,061	71	44	62.0	3	5	34	47.9	26	36.6	27	38.0	42	59.2	15	2.1	2.6
Construction	7,897	335	182	54.3	18	15	150	44.8	146	43.6	93	27.8	229	68.4	51	2.0	2.5
Manufacturing	23,522	1,483	705	47.5	96	78	684	46.1	621	41.9	466	31.4	842	56.8	338	1.9	2.6
Transportation, communication, and other public utilities	8,031	472	236	50.0	31	27	242	51.3	144	30.5	133	28.2	323	68.4	81	1.9	2.7
Wholesale and retail trade	23,730	1,166	591	50.7	125	62	398	34.1	348	29.8	306	26.2	663	56.9	206	1.6	2.6
Finance, insurance, and real estate	7,096	423	164	38.8	29	19	192	45.4	179	42.3	151	35.7	229	54.1	91	1.9	2.5
Service	35,184	2,336	920	39.4	212	213	892	38.2	1,177	50.4	974	41.7	1,364	58.4	442	1.9	2.7
Forestry and fisheries	165	4	-	(B)	-	-	2	(B)	3	(B)	3	(B)	3	(B)	1	(B)	(B)
Public administration	5,167	313	159	50.8	18	23	139	44.4	86	27.5	93	29.7	188	60.1	54	1.7	2.5
Never worked/not in labor force/Armed Forces	54,358	1,079	496	46.0	192	63	354	32.8	89	8.2	282	26.1	646	59.9	197	1.5	2.4

B Base is less than 200,000 persons.
[1]Multiple uses allowed by respondents.
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