

Table 5. Purpose of Computer Use at Home by People 3 to 17 Years: October 1997

(Numbers in thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population.)

Characteristic	Total 3 to 17 years	Word Processing	E-Mail	Games	Graphi cs/ Design	School Assignments	Educational Programs/1	Learning to Use computer	Internet	Log-in to School	Other Reasons
Total using computer at home	24,550	38.9	14.7	83.0	18.0	56.2	93.3	24.6	19.9	1.7	2.0
AGE											
3 to 5 years old	2,947	4.2	0.8	87.1	9.8	4.7	95.3	28.3	2.0	0.4	1.3
6 to 11 years old	9,992	26.4	9.0	89.8	16.3	45.4	92.8	27.7	13.5	0.9	1.8
12 to 17 years old	11,610	58.4	23.1	76.1	21.5	78.6	93.3	20.9	30.0	2.7	2.4
GENDER											
Male	12,635	36.0	14.4	86.5	17.2	55.4	93.7	24.4	20.5	1.9	1.8
Female	11,915	42.0	15.0	79.4	18.8	57.1	92.9	24.7	19.3	1.4	2.3
RACE											
White not Hispanic	19,929	40.3	16.0	84.0	19.1	56.4	93.7	24.7	21.0	1.7	1.9
Black not Hispanic	1,734	28.7	6.5	80.7	11.3	53.6	87.7	24.7	12.2	1.1	3.1
Other not Hispanic	1,383	35.8	13.8	82.1	14.5	60.9	94.3	22.6	18.2	1.6	2.5
Hispanic	1,503	34.9	7.4	73.7	13.6	52.5	94.6	24.8	15.6	2.4	1.5
FAMILY INCOME											
Under \$25,000	2,708	30.6	8.8	80.7	14.2	49.8	88.5	25.2	11.4	0.9	3.0
\$25,000 to \$49,999	7,090	33.7	11.3	83.6	17.8	53.8	91.3	24.2	15.2	1.8	2.0
\$50,000 to \$74,999	6,290	41.4	15.8	83.6	18.7	57.5	95.5	23.9	22.2	1.7	2.0
\$75,000+	6,737	45.7	20.3	83.9	19.4	60.0	96.1	26.2	26.5	1.8	1.7
Not reported	1,725	37.4	12.0	78.9	16.4	56.9	90.3	21.4	18.8	1.8	2.1

1/includes only people 3 to 14 years.

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