

P70-89. A Child's Day: 2000 (Selected Indicators of Child Well-Being)

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(Numbers in thousands)

| Characteristic | Age of child | | Family reading practices | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--|--------------|---|--------------|
| | | | Percent never read to last week | | Percent of children read to 7 or more times per week | | Average times read to child per week /1 | |
| | 1 and 2 years | 3 to 5 years | 1 and 2 years | 3 to 5 years | 1 and 2 years | 3 to 5 years | 1 and 2 years | 3 to 5 years |
| Total | 7,764 | 12,087 | 9.3 | 9.0 | 51.9 | 45.9 | 7.9 | 6.6 |
| CHILD | | | | | | | | |
| Sex | | | | | | | | |
| Female | 3,748 | 5,929 | 9.3 | 8.7 | 52.6 | 46.2 | 8.0 | 6.6 |
| Male | 4,016 | 6,160 | 9.4 | 9.3 | 51.2 | 45.7 | 7.8 | 6.6 |
| Race and Ethnicity | | | | | | | | |
| White | 6,206 | 9,563 | 8.6 | 8.4 | 54.8 | 47.5 | 8.3 | 6.8 |
| Non-Hispanic | 5,061 | 7,693 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 59.4 | 52.3 | 8.6 | 7.1 |
| Black | 1,192 | 1,967 | 12.8 | 12.5 | 38.4 | 38.2 | 5.8 | 6.0 |
| Asian and Pacific Islander | 251 | 431 | 9.8 | 7.5 | 48.4 | 46.6 | 6.1 | 6.0 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 1,234 | 2,015 | 24.1 | 21.4 | 34.7 | 28.2 | 4.6 | 5.4 |
| PARENT | | | | | | | | |
| Sex | | | | | | | | |
| Female | 7,630 | 11,909 | 9.3 | 9.0 | 52.0 | 46.0 | 7.9 | 6.6 |
| Male | 134 | 179 | 8.4 | 11.1 | 44.2 | 40.7 | 8.0 | 5.7 |
| Race and Ethnicity | | | | | | | | |
| White | 6,316 | 9,690 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 55.0 | 47.6 | 8.3 | 6.8 |
| Non-Hispanic | 5,133 | 7,709 | 4.6 | 5.4 | 60.0 | 52.7 | 8.7 | 7.1 |
| Black | 1,101 | 1,829 | 13.3 | 12.6 | 36.6 | 36.6 | 5.7 | 5.9 |
| Asian and Pacific Islander | 243 | 455 | 11.1 | 6.8 | 46.7 | 48.6 | 6.3 | 5.9 |
| Hispanic (of any race) | 1,280 | 2,132 | 24.6 | 20.3 | 32.4 | 28.6 | 6.1 | 5.4 |

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| Marital Status | | | | | | | | |
| Married /2 | 5,819 | 8,875 | 8.4 | 7.6 | 55.4 | 49.1 | 8.3 | 6.9 |
| Separated, divorced, widowed | 533 | 1,395 | 9.5 | 12.2 | 47.6 | 37.5 | 7.1 | 5.8 |
| Never married | 1,412 | 1,818 | 13.0 | 13.2 | 39.1 | 37.1 | 6.4 | 5.9 |
| Educational Attainment | | | | | | | | |
| High school or less | 3,526 | 5,882 | 14.1 | 13.8 | 42.3 | 37.0 | 6.6 | 6.0 |
| Some college | 1,464 | 2,217 | 6.9 | 5.4 | 53.0 | 48.4 | 8.0 | 6.5 |
| Vocational or associate degree | 888 | 1,527 | 7.1 | 5.8 | 55.0 | 49.1 | 8.2 | 6.9 |
| Bachelor's degree | 1,452 | 1,857 | 3.8 | 2.8 | 66.0 | 62.6 | 9.8 | 7.5 |
| Advanced degree | 435 | 604 | 2.0 | 2.8 | 73.0 | 64.9 | 9.8 | 9.2 |
| Employment Status /3 | | | | | | | | |
| Worked full-time last month | 2,769 | 4,591 | 7.2 | 7.4 | 53.3 | 45.6 | 7.6 | 6.3 |
| Worked part-time last month | 1,767 | 2,761 | 6.4 | 5.3 | 59.1 | 49.7 | 8.5 | 6.9 |
| Did not work last month | 3,228 | 4,736 | 12.7 | 12.7 | 46.8 | 44.1 | 7.7 | 6.7 |
| Occupation /4 | | | | | | | | |
| Managerial-professional | 1,345 | 1,932 | 3.1 | 4.2 | 63.8 | 55.4 | 8.9 | 7.1 |
| Technical, sales, and administrative | 1,627 | 2,609 | 6.9 | 6.7 | 53.9 | 45.7 | 8.0 | 6.4 |
| Service occupations | 650 | 1,208 | 10.7 | 6.2 | 48.7 | 41.0 | 7.1 | 6.1 |
| Other | 907 | 1,601 | 9.4 | 9.8 | 51.4 | 44.1 | 6.5 | 5.7 |

Note: Family members include either parent or any other relative.

/1 Based on children reported as being read to one or more times per week.

/2 Married includes married, spouse present and married, spouse absent (excluding separated).

/3 Full-time includes those who usually work 35 or more hours per week; part-time includes those who usually work 1-34 hours per week; those who did not work last month include individuals who are unemployed or are not in the labor force.

/4 Excludes those who work in the Armed Forces.