U.S. Department of Education National Center for Education Statistics



National Household Education Survey



The National Center for Education Statistics is authorized to conduct this survey under Section 9543, 20 US Code. Your participation is voluntary. Your answers may be used only for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law (Section 9573, 20 US Code). The information you provide will be combined with information from other participants to produce statistical summaries and reports.





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Start Here

- This survey should be filled out by an adult household member living at this address.
- Please use blue or black pen if available.
- These first questions are about your opinions on the role of the federal government.
- 1. What do you feel should be the main focus of federal government over the next 12 months?

Mark X ONE only.

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- Health Care
- Education
- Defense/Security
- Energy
- Something else
- Specify:
- 2. Do you think that the federal government is spending too much money on education, about the right amount of money, or too little money on education?
 - Too much

About	the	right	amount

- Too little
- 3. Do you think the federal government should play a major role, a minor role, or no role at all in making policy decisions for schools?

Major role

Minor role

No role at all

- Next we're interested in courses or training that any adult in this household may have taken in the past 12 months.
- 4. In the past 12 months, has any adult in this household taken any courses or training to find a <u>new</u> job?

Yes
No

5. In the past 12 months, has any adult in this household taken any courses or training for a <u>current</u> job?

🗌 No

6. In the past 12 months, has any adult in this household taken courses or training on the following topics?

Yes

No

		▼	▼
a.	Computer skills	🗖	
b.	Stress management		
c.	Health or fitness	🗖	
d.	Foreign language	🗖	
e.	English as a second language	🗖	
f.	Hobbies	🗖	
g.	Some other topic	🗖	

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•	These next questions are about your opinions on schools nationally and in your community.	Next we would like to know about where you get reading materials, such as books or magazines.
7.	How would you rate the quality of public schools nationally?	11. Where do people in this household look for information about current events?
	Excellent	Mark 🔀 all that apply.
	Good	
	🗌 Fair	Radio
	Poor	☐ Newspapers
	Very poor	Magazines
0	How would you note the quality of your	
δ.	How would you rate the quality of your community's public schools?	☐ Some other source
	Excellent	
	Good	12. Are there 10 or more books in your home right now?
	🗖 Fair	Tes Yes
	Poor	🗌 No
	Very poor	
		13. Are there a variety of magazines and other reading materials in your home?
9.	Do you agree or disagree with the following statements about schools in your community?	Yes
	Don't	 □ No
	Agree Disagree know	_
	a. They are safe places during the school day	14. In a typical week, how many hours do <u>you</u> spend reading a book, magazine, or newspaper?
	 b. They are safe places during the evening 	hours per week
	c. They maintain good	15. How often does anyone in this household visit
	discipline among students	a bookstore or library?
	d. They maintain good relationships with	
	the community	Monthly
10	Overall, do you think the nation's public	☐ Once or twice a year
	schools are teaching students the skills they	Never
	will need to be competitive in the workplace?	16. How many computers are in this household
	☐ Yes	that can access the internet?
	No	number of computers



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 These next questions are about your home or residence. 	22. What is the best phone number to reach you if we have more education questions about someone in your household?
17. How many years have you lived at this address? Write "0" if less than 1 year. years at this address	()
 18. Is this house Mark X ONE only. Owned or being bought by someone in this household, 	 Think about everyone who lives in this household. Then answer the following questions for all the female and male household members. 23. How many females live in this household?
 Rented by someone in this household, or Occupied by some other arrangement? 	number of females
 Please answer the following questions about the adults who live in this household. 	24. How many males live in this household?
 19. Are there any adults in this household who do not speak English at home? □ No → GO TO question 21. 	 25. Of everyone in this household, how many are age 20 or younger?
20. What language do they speak at home?	Do not include those living in college housing.
☐ Spanish	
Another language Specify: 21. What is the highest grade or level of school	If anyone age 20 or <u>younger</u> usually lives in this household, then fill in the rest of this survey. If no one in this household is age 20 or <u>younger</u> return this survey in the postage paid envelope that came with the survey.
completed among the adults in this household? Mark XONE only.	paid envelope that came with the survey.
\square 8th grade or less	
Some high school, but did not graduate	
High school graduate or GED	
Some college or associate's degree	
Four year college degree (BA or BS)	
Some graduate or professional education but no degree	
Graduate or professional degree beyond a bachelor's degree	

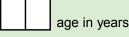
YOUTH / CHILD 1

- Start with the youngest youth or child who is age 20 or younger.
- 1. What is his or her first name, initials, or nickname?



- First name/initials/nickname
- 2. How old is this child in years?

Mark for babies less than 1 year old



- 3. What is this child's sex?
 - Male
 - Female
- 4. Is this child currently in...

Mark X ONE only.

- Public or private school, or preschool,
- Homeschool <u>instead</u> of school for some or all classes, or
- □ Not in school? → GO TO A AT BOTTOM.
- 5. What is this child's current grade or equivalent?
 - Preschool
 Kindergarten
 write grade 1 through 12
 College or vocational school
 None of these
- A. Continue with youth or child 2. If no one else age 20 or younger lives here return this form in the postage paid envelope provided.

YOUTH / CHILD 2

- Continue with the next youngest youth or child who is age 20 or younger.
- 1. What is his or her first name, initials, or nickname?

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- First name/initials/nickname
- 2. How old is this child in years?

Mark for babies less than 1 year old

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3. What is this child's sex?

Male

Female

4. Is this child currently in...

Mark X ONE only.

Public or private school, or preschool,

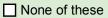
Homeschool <u>instead</u> of school for some or all classes, or

- □ Not in school? → GO TO A AT BOTTOM.
- 5. What is this child's current grade or equivalent?
 - Preschool

Kindergarten

write grade 1 through 12

College or vocational school



A. Continue with youth or child 3. If no one else age 20 or younger lives here return this form in the postage paid envelope provided.

Youth/child 3 through 6 continue on the next pages.



YOUTH / CHILD 3

1. What is his or her first name, initials, or nickname?

First name/initials/nickname

2. How old is this child in years?

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3. What is this child's sex?

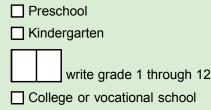
Male

Female

4. Is this child currently in...

Mark X ONE only.

- Public or private school, or preschool,
- Homeschool <u>instead</u> of school for some or all classes, or
- □ Not in school? → GO TO A AT BOTTOM.
- 5. What is this child's current grade or equivalent?



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A. Continue with youth or child 4. If no one else age 20 or younger lives here return this

form in the postage paid envelope provided.

YOUTH / CHILD 4

1. What is his or her first name, initials, or nickname?

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First name/initials/nickname

2. How old is this child in years?

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3. What is this child's sex?

Male
Female

4. Is this child currently in...

Mark XONE only.

Public or private school, or preschool,

Homeschool <u>instead</u> of school for some or all classes, or

- □ Not in school? → GO TO A AT BOTTOM.
- 5. What is this child's current grade or equivalent?
 - Preschool

Kindergarten

write grade 1 through 12

College or vocational school

None of these

A. Continue with youth or child 5. If no one else age 20 or younger lives here return this form in the postage paid envelope provided.



YOUTH / CHILD 5

1. What is his or her first name, initials, or nickname?

First name/initials/nickname

2. How old is this child in years?

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3. What is this child's sex?

Male

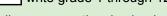
Female

4. Is this child currently in...

Mark X ONE only.

- Public or private school, or preschool,
- Homeschool <u>instead</u> of school for some or all classes, or
- □ Not in school? → GO TO A AT BOTTOM.
- 5. What is this child's current grade or equivalent?
 - Preschool
 Kindergarten

write grade 1 through 12



- College or vocational school
- A. Continue with youth or child 6. If no one else age 20 or younger lives here return this form in the postage paid envelope provided.

YOUTH / CHILD 6

1. What is his or her first name, initials, or nickname?

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First name/initials/nickname

2. How old is this child in years?

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3. What is this child's sex?

Male
Female

4. Is this child currently in...

Mark XONE only.

Public or private school, or preschool,

Homeschool <u>instead</u> of school for some or all classes, or

- □ Not in school? → GO TO A AT BOTTOM.
- 5. What is this child's current grade or equivalent?
 - Preschool

Kindergarten

write grade 1 through 12

- College or vocational school
- None of these
- A. Thank you. Please return this form in the postage paid envelope provided or mail it to:

National Household Education Survey Westat 1600 Research Blvd. Room TB146F Rockville, MD 20850-9973

Toll-free number for questions: 1-888-880-3033



Commonly Asked Questions

Q: How did you get my address?

A: Your address was randomly selected from among all of the home addresses in the nation. It was selected using scientific sampling methods to represent other households in the U.S.

Q: If there are no children or anyone currently in school in my household, should I respond?

A: Yes, you should respond to the short survey that was sent to your address. Once you return the questionnaire, the study will be able to see if anyone in your household is eligible for the next and final survey. If no one is eligible you will not receive another survey.

Q: Why don't you ask more questions about education in this questionnaire?

A: The purpose of this questionnaire is to find out if anyone in your household is eligible for the next stage of the survey. If so we will send a second questionnaire that will ask about educational experiences of a member of your household.

Q: Why should I take part in this study? Do I have to do this?

A: You represent thousands of other households like yours, and you cannot be replaced. Your answers and opinions are very important to the success of this study. Your participation is voluntary. You may choose not to answer any or all questions in this survey. There are no penalties should you choose <u>not</u> to participate in this study. In order for the survey to be representative it is important that you complete and return this questionnaire.

Q: How will the information I provide be used?

A: Your responses will be combined with those of others to produce statistical summaries and reports. Your individual data will not be reported. Your answers may be used only for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law (Section 9573, 20 US Code).

Q: How much time will it take?

A: On average, it should take 8 minutes for you to respond, including the time for reviewing instructions, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: Andrew Zukerberg National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street NW, Room 9036, Washington, DC 20006-5650. Do not return the completed form to this address.

Q: Who is sponsoring the study? Is this study conducted by the Federal Government?

A: The National Center for Education Statistics, within the Department of Education is authorized to conduct this study (Section 9543, 20 US Code). Westat has been contracted to conduct this study. This study has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget, the office that reviews all federally sponsored surveys. The approval number assigned to this study is 1850-0768. You may send any comments about this survey, including its length, to the Federal Government. Write to Andrew Zukerberg, National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street NW, Room 9036, Washington, DC 20006-5650. You may send e-mail to info@nhessurvey.org.

Q: Who is Westat?

A: Westat is a research company located in Rockville, Maryland. Westat is conducting this survey under contract to the U.S. Department of Education. If you have any questions about the study contact Westat toll-free at 1-888-880-3033.

