# The National Household Education Survey 

Our Children's Future: A Survey of Young Children's Care and Education



Thank you for helping us with this survey. Based on the information we received from your household in your last survey, we're asking you to complete this final step.

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## Instructions

- In response to the survey you answered earlier, we recorded that the child/youth listed below has not yet started kindergarten. If this child is attending public or private school or is homeschooled for kindergarten through $12^{\text {th }}$ grade or equivalent, please call us at the toll-free number below so we can be sure you received the correct survey.
- These questions should be filled in by a parent or guardian who knows about:

Please answer all the survey questions thinking about this child or youth.

- To answer a question, simply mark $\mathbb{X}$ the box that best represents your answer.
- Please use a black or blue pen, if available, to complete this survey.
- If this questionnaire has been sent to the wrong household or the child/youth listed above does not live here, please call to let us know.
- Our toll-free number is 1-888-880-3033.

We are authorized to collect this information by Section 9543, 20 US Code. You do not have to provide the information requested. However, the information you provide will help the Department of Education's ongoing efforts to learn more about the educational experiences of children and families. There are no penalties should you choose not to participate in this study. 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). Your responses will be combined with those from other participants to produce summary statistics and reports.

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## 1. Childhood Care and Programs

- Thank you for your help with the previous survey your household completed.
- Answer all the survey questions thinking about the child listed below:
- Care Your Child Receives from Relatives

These questions ask about different types of child care this child may now receive on a regular basis from someone other than his/her parents or

1. Is this child now receiving care from a relative other than a parent or guardian on a regular basis, for example, from grandparents, brothers or sisters, or any other relatives?

$\downarrow$
Yes
2. Are any of these care arrangements regularly scheduled at least once a week?

No
GO TO
Yes
3. These next questions are about the care that this child receives from the relative who provides the most care. How is that relative related to this child?
Mark X one only.
Grandmother/Grandfather

- Aunt/Uncle

Brother /Sister
Another relative
4. How old is the relative who provides the most care to this child?

5. Is this care provided in your home or another home?

Own home
Other home
Both
6. How many days each week does this child receive care from this relative?
$\square$ days each week
7. How many hours each week does this child receive care from this relative?
$\square$ hours each week
8. How old was this child in years and months when this particular regular care arrangement with this relative began?
$\square$ years $\square$ months
9. What language does this relative speak most when caring for this child?
English
Spanish
A language other than English or Spanish
English and Spanish equally
English and another language equally
10. Will this relative care for this child when the child is...

11. Is there any charge or fee for the care this child receives from this relative, paid either by you or some other person or agency?

12. Do any of the following people, programs, or organizations help pay for this relative to care for this child?

Mark $\qquad$ ONE box for each item below.
a. A relative of this child outside your household who provides money specifically for that care, not including general child support $\qquad$

b. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or TANF $\qquad$
c. Another social service, welfare, or child care agency $\qquad$
d. An employer, not including a tax-free spending account for child care $\qquad$

e. Someone else $\qquad$
13. How much does your household pay for this relative to care for this child, not counting any money that may be received from others to help pay for care?

Write '0' if your household does not pay this relative for care.

## - \$

$\square$
Is that amount per...
Hour
Day
Week
Month
Year
Every 2 weeks
Other $\longrightarrow$ Specify: $\qquad$
14. How many children from your household is this amount for, including this child?

This child only
2 children
3 children
4 children
5 or more children
15. Does this child have any other care arrangements with a relative on a regular basis?

## $\mathrm{No} \longrightarrow$ GO TO

## - Yes

16. How many total hours each week does this child spend in those other care arrangements with relatives?
$\square$ hours each week

- Care Your Child Receives from Nonrelatives

The next questions ask about any care this child receives from someone not related to him/her, either in your home or someone else's home. This includes home child care providers or neighbors, but not day
17. Is this child now receiving care in your home or another home on a regular basis from someone who is not related to him/her?

$\nabla$
18. Are any of these care arrangements regularly scheduled at least once a week?

19. These next questions are about the care that this child receives from someone who is not related to him/her who provides the most care.
Is this care provided in your own home or in another home?

- Own home

Other home
Both
20. Does this person who cares for this child live in your household?


- Yes

21. How many days each week does this child receive care from this person?
$\square$ days each week
22. How many hours each week does this child receive care from this person?
$\square$ hours each week
23. How old was this child in years and months when this particular regular care arrangement with this person began?

24. Was this care provider someone you already knew?

No
Yes
25. Is this child's care provider age 18 or older?

No
Yes
26. What language does this care provider speak most when caring for this child?

English
Spanish
A language other than English or Spanish
English and Spanish equally
English and another language equally
27. Will this care provider care for this child when this child is...

28. Would you recommend this care provider to another parent?

No
Yes
29. Is there any charge or fee for the care this child receives from this care provider, paid either by you or some other person or agency?

30. Do any of the following people, programs, or organizations help pay for this person to care for this child?
Mark $\square$ ONE box for each item below.
No Yes
a. A relative of this child outside your household who provides money specifically for that care, not including general child support. $\qquad$

b. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or TANF. $\qquad$

c. Another social service, welfare, or child care agency.

d. An employer, not including a tax-free spending account for child care. $\qquad$$\square \quad \square$
e. Someone else. $\qquad$ $\square$ $\square$
31. How much does your household pay for this person to care for this child, not counting any money that may be received from others to help pay for care?

Write '0' if your household does not pay this non-relative for care.
$\square$ .00

Is that amount per...
Hour
Day
Week
Month
Year
Every 2 weeks
Other $\longrightarrow$ Specify: $\qquad$
32. How many children from your household is this amount for, including this child?

This child only
2 children
3 children
4 children
5 or more children
33. Does this child have any other home-based care arrangements on a regular basis with someone who is not a relative? Do not include arrangements at day care centers or preschools.

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\mathrm{No} \longrightarrow G O T O
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Yes
34. How many total hours each week does this child spend in those other care arrangements with non-relatives?
$\square$ hours each week

## - Day Care Centers and Preschool

 Programs Your Child AttendsThe next questions ask about any day care centers and early childhood programs that this child attends. This does not include care provided in a private home.
35. Is this child now attending a day care center, preschool, or prekindergarten not in a private home?

$\nabla$
Yes
36. Does this child go to a day care center, preschool, or prekindergarten, at least once each week?
No $\longrightarrow$ GO TO
Yes
37. The next questions ask about the program where this child spends the most time.

Is this child's current program a day care program, a preschool program, or a prekindergarten program?

- Day care

Preschool

- Prekindergarten

38. Is this program a Head Start or Early Head Start program?

Head Start and Early Head Start are federally sponsored preschool programs primarily for children

No

- Yes

Don't know
39. Where is this program located?

Mark $\square$ ONE only.
In a church, synagogue, or other place of worship

In a public elementary or secondary school
In a private elementary or secondary school
At a college or university
At a community center
At a public library
In its own building, office space, or storefront
Some other place
Specify: $\square$
40. Is this program run by a church, synagogue, or other religious group?

## No

Yes
41. Is this program located at your workplace or this child's other parent's workplace?

No
Yes
42. How many days each week does this child go to this program?
$\square$ days each week
43. How many hours each week does this child go to this program?
$\square$ hours each week
44. How old was this child in years and months when he/she started going to this particular program?
$\square$ years $\square$ months
45. What language does this child's main care provider or teacher at this program speak most when caring for this child?

English
Spanish
A language other than English or Spanish
English and Spanish equally
English and another language equally
46. Would you recommend this program to another parent?

No
Yes
47. Does this program provide any of the following services to this child or your family?

Mark $\qquad$ ONE box for each item below.

|  | No | Yes |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| a. | Hearing, speech, or vision | $\square$ |
| testing............................... |  |  |
| a | $\square$ |  |
| b. Physical examinations......... | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| c. Dental examinations............ | $\square$ | $\square$ |

d. Formal testing for developmental or learning problems
e. Sick child care when this child is sick but does not have a fever $\qquad$

f. Sick child care when this child is sick and has a fever.

48. Is there any charge or fee for this program, paid either by you or some other person or agency?


Yes
49. Do any of the following people, programs, or organizations help pay for this child to go to this program?
Mark $\qquad$ ONE box for each item below.

50. How much does your household pay for this child to go to this program, not counting any money that you may receive from others to help pay for care?
Write '0' if your household does not pay for this program.
\$ $\square$ .00

Is that amount per...
Hour
Day
Week
Month

- Year

Every 2 weeks
$\square$ Other $\longrightarrow$ Specify: $\square$
$\square$
51. How many children from your household is this amount for, including this child?

This child only
2 children
3 children

- 4 children
- 5 or more children

52. Does this child have any other care arrangements at a day care center or preschool on a regular basis?

53. How many total hours each week does this child spend at those day care centers or preschools?
$\square$ hours each week

- Continue with section 2.


## 2. Finding and Choosing Care for Your Child

54. Has this child ever attended a Head Start or Early Head Start program?

Head Start and Early Head Start are federally sponsored preschool programs primarily for children from low-income families.

No

- Yes

Don't know
55. What is the main reason your household wanted a care program for this child in the past year?

Mark $\qquad$ ONE box.

To provide care when a parent was at work or school

To prepare child for school
To provide cultural or language learning
To make time for running errands or relaxing

- Some other reason

D Did not have care in the past year
56. Do you feel there are good choices for child care or early childhood programs where you live?

No
Yes
Don't know
57. How much difficulty did you have finding the type of child care or early childhood program you wanted for this child?

Have not tried to find care

GO TO
Did not find the child care program you wanted

A lot of difficulty
Some difficulty
A little difficulty
No difficulty
58. How important was each of these reasons when you chose the child care arrangement or program where this child spends the most time?
a. The location of the arrangement?

Not at all important
A little important
Somewhat important
Very important
b. The cost of the arrangement?

Not at all important
A little important
Somewhat important
Very important
c. The reliability of the arrangement?

Not at all important
A little important

- Somewhat important

Very important
d. The learning activities at the arrangement?
Not at all important
A little important
Somewhat important

- Very important
e. The child spending time with other kids his/her age?
Not at all important
A little important
Somewhat important
- Very important
f. The times during the day that this caregiver is able to provide care?
Not at all important
A little important
Somewhat important
- Very important
g. The number of other children in the child's care group?

Not at all important
A little important
Somewhat important
Very important

- Continue with section 3, question 59 on the next page.


## 3. Family Activities

The next questions ask about this child's activities with family members in the past week or month.
59. About how many books does this child have of his/her own, including those shared with brothers or sisters?
$\square$ number of books
60. How many times have you or someone in your family read to this child in the past week?

$\square$ times
61. About how many minutes on each of those times did you or someone in your family read to this child?
$\square$ minutes
62. In the past week, how many times has anyone in your family done the following things with this child?
a. Told this child a story? (Do not include reading to this child.)

Not at all
1 or 2 times
3 or more times
b. Taught this child letters, words, or numbers?

Not at all

- or 2 times

3 or more times

## 4. Things Your Child May be Learning

c. Sang songs with this child?

Not at all
1 or 2 times
3 or more times
d. Worked on arts and crafts with this child?

Not at all
1 or 2 times
3 or more times
63. In the past month, have you or someone in your family visited a library with this child?

No
Yes
64. In the past month, have you or someone in your family visited a bookstore with this child?

No
Yes
65. In the past week, how many days has your family eaten the evening meal together?

Write '0' if none.

days

- Continue with section 4 on the next page.

These next questions ask about things that different children do at different ages. These things may or may not be true for this child.
66. Is this child under 2 years old or is he/she 2 years old or older?
Under 2 years $\Rightarrow$ GO TO

- 2 years or older

67. Can this child identify the colors red, yellow, blue, and green by name?

No
Yes, some of them
Yes, all of them
68. Can this child recognize the letters of the alphabet?

No
Yes, some of them

- Yes, most of them

Yes, all of them
69. How high can this child count?

This child cannot count
Up to 5

- Up to 10

Up to 20
Up to 50
Up to 100 or more
70. Can this child write his/her first name, even if some of the letters are backwards?

No
Yes
71. Does this child ever read or pretend to read storybooks on his/her own?

## No $\Rightarrow$ GO TO

Yes
72. Does this child actually read the words written in the book, or does he/she look at the book and pretend to read?

|
Pretends to read
Actually reads the written words

Does both
73. When this child pretends to read a book, does it sound like a connected story, or does he/she tell what is in each picture without much connection between them?

## Sounds like connected story <br> Tells what's in each picture

Does both
Does neither

- Continue with section 5 , question 74 on the next page.


## 5. This Child's Health

74. In general, how would you describe this child's health?

Excellent
Very good
Good

- Fair

Poor
75. Has a health, education, or early intervention professional told you that this child has any of the following conditions?

Mark $\square$ ONE box for each item below.
a. A specific learning disability.
b. An orthopedic impairment. $\qquad$
c. A speech or language impairment. $\qquad$
$\square$

d. A serious emotional disturbance $\qquad$
e. Deafness or another hearing impairment. $\qquad$
f. Blindness or another visual
 impairment not corrected with glasses.
g. Intellectual disabilities $\qquad$
$\square$
h. Autism. $\qquad$
i. Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD).
j. Attention deficit disorder, ADD
 or ADHD
k. Developmental delays $\qquad$
I. Traumatic brain injury
m. Infant or toddler under 3 years old is "at-risk" for substantial developmental delay
n. Another health impairment lasting 6 months or more. $\qquad$

76. Did you mark yes to any condition in question $75 ?$

## No <br> GO TO question

$\nabla$
Yes
77. Is this child receiving services for his/her condition?

$\square$ Yes
78. Are these services provided by any of the following sources?

Mark $\qquad$ ONE box for each item below.
a. Your local school district. $\qquad$

b. A state or local health or social service agency.
c. A doctor, clinic, or other health care provider. $\qquad$
$\square$
79. Are any of these services provided through an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) or an Individualized Educational Program (IEP)?


Yes
80. Did any adult in your household work with the service provider or school to develop or change this child's IFSP or IEP?

No
Yes
81. Since September, to what extent have you been satisfied or dissatisfied with the following aspects of this child's IFSP or IEP?
a. The service provider's or school's communication with your family?

## Very satisfied

Somewhat satisfied
Somewhat dissatisfied
Very dissatisfied

Does not apply
b. The child's special needs teacher or therapist?

Very satisfied
Somewhat satisfied
Somewhat dissatisfied

- Very dissatisfied

Does not apply
c. The service provider's or school's ability to accommodate the child's special needs?

- Very satisfied

Somewhat satisfied
Somewhat dissatisfied

- Very dissatisfied

Does not apply
d. The service provider's or school's commitment to help your child learn?

Very satisfied
Somewhat satisfied
Somewhat dissatisfied
Very dissatisfied

Does not apply
82. Is this child currently enrolled in any special education classes or services?

No
Yes
83. Does this child's condition interfere with his/her ability to do any of the following things?

Mark $\qquad$ ONE box for each item below.

Child no longer has condition

|  | $\stackrel{\text { No }}{ }$ | Yes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Learn? |  |  |
| b. Participate in play with other children? |  |  |
| c. Go on outings?... |  |  |
| d. Make friends?......................... |  | $\square$ |

- Continue with section 6, question 84 on the next page.


## 6. Child's Background

84. In what month and year was this child born?

month

year
85. Where was this child born?

One of the 50 United States or the District of Columbia

## GO TO

One of the U.S. territories
(Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, U.S. Virgin Islands, or Mariana Islands)

Another country
86. How old was this child when helshe first moved to the 50 United States or the District of Columbia?

age
87. Is this child of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin?

No

- Yes

88. What is this child's race? You may mark one or more races.

American Indian or Alaska Native
Asian
Black or African American
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
White
89. Since September, has this child usually lived at this address or another address (for example, because of a joint custody arrangement)?
Do not include vacation properties.
Child usually lived at this address
Child usually lived at another address
90. What language does this child speak most at home?

Mark $\square$ ONE only.
Child has not started to speak

GO TO Section 7
English
Spanish
A language other than English or Spanish
English and Spanish equally
English and another language equally
91. Is this child currently enrolled in English as a second language, bilingual education, or an English immersion program?

No
Yes

- Continue with section 7 on the next page.


## 7. Child's Family

## PARENT 1 LIVING IN HOUSEHOLD

Answer questions 92 to 108 about yourself if you are the child's parent or guardian.

If you are not the child's parent or guardian, answer questions 92 to 108 about one of this child's parents or guardians living in the household.
92. Is this parent or guardian the child's...

Biological parent
Adoptive parent
Step parent
Foster parent
Grandparent
Other guardian
93. Is this person male or female?

Male
Female
94. What is the current marital or partner status of this parent or guardian?
Mark ONE only.

## Married

In a registered domestic partnership or civil union

Living with a partner
Separated

- Divorced

Widowed
Never married
95. What was the first language this parent or guardian learned to speak?
Mark $\square$ ONE only.
English

## GO TO

Spanish
A language other than English or Spanish
English and Spanish equally
English and another language equally
96. What language does this person speak most at home now?

Mark ONE only.

## English

Spanish
A language other than English or Spanish
English and Spanish equally
English and another language equally
97. Where was this parent or guardian born?

One of the 50 United States or the District of Columbia

## GO TO

One of the U.S. territories
(Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, U.S. Virgin Islands, or Mariana Islands)

Another country
98. How old was this person when he or she first moved to the 50 United States or the District of Columbia?

99. Is this person of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin?

No
Yes
100. What is this person's race? You may mark one or more races.

American Indian or Alaska Native
Asian
Black or African American
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
White
101. What is the highest grade or level of school that this parent or guardian completed?
Mark $\square$ ONE only.
$8^{\text {th }}$ grade or less
High school, but no diploma
High school diploma or equivalent (GED)
Vocational diploma after high school
Some college, but no degree

- Associate's degree (AA, AS)

Bachelor's degree (BA, BS)
Some graduate or professional education but no degree

- Master's degree (MA, MS)

Doctorate degree (PhD, EdD)

- Professional degree beyond Bachelor's degree (MD, DDS, JD, LLB)

102. Is he or she currently attending or enrolled in a school, college, university, or adult learning center, or receiving vocational education or job training?
No
Yes
103. Which of the following best describes this person's employment status?
Mark $\square$ ONE only.
Employed for pay or income

104. (If employed or self-employed) About how many hours per week does he or she usually work for pay or income, counting all jobs?

105. (If unemployed or out of work) Has this parent or guardian been actively looking for work in the past 4 weeks?

No
Yes
106. In the past 12 months, how many months (if any) has this person worked for pay or income?

107. How old is this person?

108. How old was this person when he or she first became a parent to any child?


Age
Don't know

## PARENT 2 LIVING IN HOUSEHOLD

Answer questions 109 to 126 about a second parent or guardian living in the household.
109. Is there a second parent or guardian living in this household?

110. Is this person the child's...

Biological parent
Adoptive parent
Step parent
Foster parent
Grandparent
Other guardian
111. Is this person male or female?
Male
Female
112. What is the current marital or partner status of this parent or guardian?

Mark $\qquad$ ONE only.

Married
In a registered domestic partnership or civil union

Living with a partner
Separated
Divorced
Widowed
Never married
113. What was the first language this parent or guardian learned to speak?
Mark $\square$ ONE only.
English $\longrightarrow$ GO TO
Spanish
A language other than English or Spanish
English and Spanish equally
English and another language equally
114.What language does this person speak most at home now?

Mark $\square$ ONE only.

## English

Spanish
A language other than English or Spanish
English and Spanish equally
English and another language equally
115. Where was this parent or guardian born?

One of the 50 United States or the District of Columbia

GO TO
One of the U.S. territories
(Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa,
U.S. Virgin Islands, or Mariana Islands)

Another country
116. How old was this person when he or she first moved to the 50 United States or the District of Columbia?

117. Is this person of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin?

No
Yes
118. What is this person's race? You may mark one or more races.

American Indian or Alaska Native
Asian
Black or African American
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
White
119. What is the highest grade or level of school that this parent or guardian completed?

Mark [X] ONE only.
$8^{\text {th }}$ grade or less
High school, but no diploma
High school diploma or equivalent (GED)

- Vocational diploma after high school

Some college, but no degree

- Associate's degree (AA, AS)

Bachelor's degree (BA, BS)
Some graduate or professional education but no degree

Master's degree (MA, MS)
Doctorate degree (PhD, EdD)
Professional degree beyond Bachelor's degree (MD, DDS, JD, LLB)
120. Is he or she currently attending or enrolled in a school, college, university, or adult learning center, or receiving vocational education or job training?

No
Yes
121. Which of the following best describes this person's employment status?
Mark $\square$ ONE only.

Employed for pay or income

- Self-employed
- Unemployed or out of work GO TO
- Stay at home parent
- Retired

Disabled or unable to work
122. (If employed or self-employed) About how many hours per week does he or she usually work for pay or income, counting all jobs?

123. (If unemployed or out of work) Has this parent or guardian been actively looking for work in the past 4 weeks?

No
Yes
124. In the past 12 months, how many months (if any) has this person worked for pay or income?

125. How old is this person?

126. How old was this person when he or she first became a parent to any child?


Don't know

## 8. Your Household

127. Including yourself, how many total people live in this household?
$\square$ people
128. Other than the parents or guardians already reported, how many of the following people live in the household with this child?

Example: Brother(s)2

Write '0' if none.
This child's....
Brother(s)


Uncle(s)
Grandmother(s)

## Number

Grandfather(s) $\quad \square$

Cousin(s)


Parent's girlfriend/ boyfriend/ partner


Other relative(s)
Other non-relative(s)
129. How are you related to this child?

Mark $\square$ ONE only.
Mother
(birth, adoptive, step, or foster)
Father
(birth, adoptive, step, or foster)
Aunt
Uncle
Grandmother
Grandfather
Parent's girlfriend/ boyfriend/ partner
Other relationship - Specify:

130. What language(s) are spoken at home by the adults in this household?

Mark $\square$ all that apply.

## English

Spanish or Spanish Creole
French (including Patois, Creole, Cajun)
Chinese
Other languages - Specify:


- Continue with question 131 on the next page.

131. In the past 12 months did your family ever receive benefits from any of the following programs?
Mark ONE box for each item below.

a. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or TANF. $\qquad$

b. Your state welfare or family assistance program. $\qquad$
c. Women, Infants, and Children, or WIC. $\qquad$

d. Food Stamps. $\qquad$

f. Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP). $\qquad$
g. Section 8 Housing assistance.
132. Which category best fits the total income of all persons in your household over the past 12 months?

Include your own income.
Include money from jobs or other earnings, pensions, interest, rent, Social Security payments, and so on.
\$0 to \$10,000\$10,001 to \$20,000$\$ 20,001$ to $\$ 30,000$$\$ 30,001$ to $\$ 40,000$$\$ 40,001$ to $\$ 50,000$$\$ 50,001$ to $\$ 60,000$$\$ 60,001$ to $\$ 75,000$
\$75,001 to \$100,000
\$100,001 to \$150,000
$\$ 150,001$ or more
133. How ma addres

Write ‘0
$\square$
134. Is this

Mark

## Thank you.

Please return this questionnaire in the postage-paid envelope provided. If you have lost the envelope, mail the completed questionnaire to:

National Household Education Survey
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1600 Research Blvd. Room RC B16
Rockville, MD 20850-9973
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135. Other t
househ
address including P.O. Boxes?
No
Yes
136. Do you have access to the internet at this address?

No
Yes
137. Is there at least one telephone inside this home that is currently working and not a cell phone?

No
Yes
138. Do you have a working cell phone?

No
Yes
139. Of all the telephone calls that you receive are...
all or almost all calls received on cell
phones,
some received on cell phones and some on
regular phones, or
all or almost all calls received on regular phones?

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## 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: 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. You may choose not to answer any or all questions in this survey. 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 U.S. Code).

## Q: I have more than one child in my household. Will I receive additional surveys for the other children in my household?

A: No, each household will receive a survey for only one child, even if there are multiple children living in the household. In households with multiple children, one child was randomly selected to be included in the study.

## Q: How will my response help the Department of Education?

A: The Department of Education wants to understand the care and early education of children. This survey is the only way that the Department of Education can learn about the types of care and early learning activities children receive. Your responses will be combined with those from other households to inform educators, policy makers, schools and universities about changes in the condition of education in the United States. Reports from past surveys can be found at www.nces.ed.gov/nhes.

## 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 U.S. 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 $\mathrm{XXXX}-\mathrm{XXXX}$. 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 NHES@westat.com.

## 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.

