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 12th 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

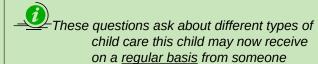
 the box that best represents your answer.
- ◆ Please use a black or blue pen, if available, to complete this survey.
- ◆ If this questionnaire has been sent to the wrong household or the child/youth listed above does not live here, please call to let us know.
- Our toll-free number is 1-888-880-3033.

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.

This survey is estimated to take an average of 20 minutes, including time for reviewing instructions and completing and reviewing the collection of information. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. 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.

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



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?

other than his/her parents or

No -	GO TO
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 \boxtimes ONE only.

- Grandmother/Grandfather
- Aunt /Uncle
- Brother /Sister
- Another relative

4.	How old is the relative who provides the most care to this child?		
	age		
5.	Is this care provided in your home or another home?		
	Own home		
	Other home		
	Both		
6.	How many <u>days</u> each <u>week</u> does this child		
-	receive care from this relative?		
	days each week		
7.	How many <u>hours</u> each <u>week</u> does this child receive care from this relative?		
	hours each week		
8.	How old was this child in years and months		
	when this particular regular care arrangement with this relative began?		
	years 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 Yes ▼	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?
a. Sick but does not have a fever?	Write '0' if your household does not pay this relative for care.
b. Sick and has a fever?	_ \$.00
	Is that amount per
11. Is there any charge or fee for the care this child receives from this relative, paid either	Hour
by you or some other person or agency?	Day
No —— GO TO	Week
Yes	Month
↓ 12. Do any of the following people, programs, or	Year
organizations help pay for this relative to care	Every 2 weeks
for this child? Mark ONE box for each item below.	Other Specify:
No Yes ▼ ▼	14. How many children from your household is this amount for, <u>including</u> this child?
a. A relative of this child outside	This child only
your household who provides money <u>specifically</u> for that	2 children
care, not including general child support	3 children
	4 children
b. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or TANF	5 or more children
c. Another social service, welfare, or child care agency	15. Does this child have any other care arrangements with a relative on a <u>regular</u> <u>basis</u> ?
d. An employer, not including a tax-free spending account for	No GO TO
child care	Yes
e. Someone else	♦
	16. How many total <u>hours</u> each <u>week</u> does this child spend in those other care arrangements with relatives?
	hours each week

Care Your Child Receives from Non- relatives	
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	 22. How many hours each week does this child receive care from this person? hours each week 23. How old was this child in years and months when this particular regular care
17. Is this child now receiving care in your home or another home on a <u>regular basis</u> from someone who is <u>not</u> related to him/her?	arrangement with this person began? years months
No GO TO	24. Was this care provider someone you already knew?
Yes	No
18. Are any of these care arrangements	Yes
regularly scheduled at least once a week? No GO TO	25. Is this child's care provider age 18 or older?
Yes	Yes
19. These next questions are about the care that this child receives from someone who is <u>not</u> related to him/her who provides the most care.	26. What language does this care provider speak most when caring for this child?
Is this care provided in your own home or in another home?	English Spanish
Own home	A language other than English or Spanish
Other home	English and Spanish equally
Both	English and another language equally
20. Does this person who cares for this child live in your household?	27. Will this care provider care for this child when this child is
No	Yes ▼
Yes	a. Sick but does not have a fever?
21. How many <u>days</u> each <u>week</u> does this child receive care from this person?	b. Sick and has a fever?
days each week	

 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 	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.
agency?	.00
No → GO TO	Is that amount per
Yes	Hour
▼ 30. Do any of the following people, programs, or	Day
organizations help pay for this person to care for this child?	Week
Mark ONE box for each item below.	Month
No Yes	Year
▼ ▼	Every 2 weeks
a. A relative of this child outside your household who provides money specifically for that care, not including general child support	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. No GO TO
	Yes 34. How many total hours each week does this child spend in those other care arrangements with non-relatives? hours each week

Day Care Centers and Preschool Programs Your Child Attends	39. Where is this program located? Mark ONE only.
The 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.	In a church, synagogue, or other place of worship In a public elementary or secondary school In a private elementary or secondary school
35. Is this child now attending a day care center, preschool, or prekindergarten not in a private home?	At a community center
□ No → GO TO	At a public library
Yes 36. Does this child go to a day care center, preschool, or prekindergarten, at least once each week?	In its own building, office space, or storefron Some other place Specify:
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?	 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? days each week 43. How many hours each week does this child go to this program?
Head Start and Early Head Start are federally sponsored preschool programs primarily for children No Yes Don't know	go to this program? hours each week 44. How old was this child in years and months when he/she started going to this particular program? years months

45. What language does this child's main care	49. Do any of the following people, programs, or
provider or teacher at this program speak most when caring for this child?	organizations help pay for this child to go to this program?
English	Mark ONE box for each item below.
Spanish	No Yes
A language other than English or Spanish	a. A relative of this child outside
English and Spanish equally	your household who provides money specifically for that
English and another language equally	care, not including general child support
	b. Temporary Assistance for
46. Would you recommend this program to	Needy Families, or TANF
another parent? No	welfare, or child care agency
Yes	d. An employer, not including a tax-free spending account for
	child care
47. Does this program provide any of the following services to this child or your	e. Someone else
family?	50. How much does your household pay for this
Mark ONE box for each item below.	child to go to this program, not counting any money that you may receive from others
No Yes ▼ ▼	to help pay for care?
a. Hearing, speech, or vision testing	Write '0' if your household does not pay for this program.
b. Physical examinations	
c. Dental examinations	00
d. Formal testing for	Is that amount per
developmental or learning problems	Hour
e. Sick child care when this	Day
child is sick but does not have a fever	Week
f. Sick child care when this	Month
child is sick and has a fever.	Year
	Every 2 weeks
48. Is there any charge or fee for this program, paid either by you or some other person or	Other Specify:
agency?	
No GO TO	
Yes	

51. How many children from your household is this amount for, <u>including</u> this child?	2. Finding and Choosing
This child only	Care for Your Child
2 children	
3 children	54. Has this child <u>ever</u> attended a Head Start or Early Head Start program?
4 children	
5 or more children	Head Start and Early Head Start are
52. Does this child have any other care arrangements at a day care center or preschool on a <u>regular basis</u> ?	federally sponsored preschool programs primarily for children from low-income families.
No GO TO	No
Yes	Yes
▼ 53. How many total <u>hours</u> each <u>week</u> does this child spend at those day care centers or	Don't know
preschools? hours each week	55. What is the main reason your household wanted a care program for this child in the past year?
	Mark ONE box.
► Continue with section 2.	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
	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	c. The reliability of the arrangement?
live?	Not at all important
No	A little important
Yes	Somewhat important
Don't know	Very important
57. How much difficulty did you have finding the type of child care or early childhood	d. The learning activities at the arrangement?
program you wanted for this child?	Not at all important
Have not tried to find care	A little important
	Somewhat important
Did not find the child care program you wanted	Very important
A lot of difficulty	
Some difficulty	e. The child spending time with other kids his/her age?
A little difficulty	Not at all important
No difficulty	A little important
58. How important was each of these reasons	Somewhat important
when you chose the child care arrangement or program where this child spends the most	Very important
time?	f. The times during the day that this
a. The location of the arrangement?	caregiver is able to provide care?
Not at all important	Not at all important
A little important	A little important
Somewhat important	Somewhat important
Very important	Very important
b. The cost of the arrangement?	g. The number of other children in the child's care group?
Not at all important	Not at all important
A little important	A little important
Somewhat important	Somewhat important
Very 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?

	number of books
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60. How many times have you or someone in your family <u>read</u> to this child in the past week?

	Not at all	GO TO
Г	times	

61. About how many minutes on each of those times did you or someone in your family read to this child?

	minutes
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- 62. <u>In the past week</u>, 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
 - 1 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. <u>In the past month</u>, have you or someone in your family visited a bookstore with this child?

No

Yes

65. <u>In the past week</u>, 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.

years old or older?		
Under 2 years → 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

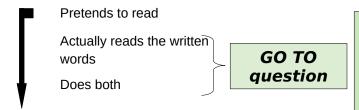
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71. Does this child ever read or pretend to read storybooks on his/her own?



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



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

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 76. Did you mark yes to any condition in 74. In general, how would you describe this question 75? child's health? GO TO question No **—** Excellent Yes Very good Good 77. Is this child receiving services for his/her Fair condition? Poor No = GO TO 75. Has a health, education, or early intervention Yes professional told you that this child has any of the following conditions? 78. Are these services provided by any of the Mark ONE box for each item below. following sources? Mark ONE box for each item below. No Yes a. A specific learning disability... b. An orthopedic impairment..... a. Your local school district..... c. A speech or language b. A state or local health or social impairment..... service agency..... d. A serious emotional c. A doctor, clinic, or other health disturbance..... care provider..... e. Deafness or another hearing 79. Are any of these services provided through impairment..... an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) f. Blindness or another visual or an Individualized Educational Program impairment not corrected with (IEP)? glasses..... GO TO No \blacksquare g. Intellectual disabilities..... Yes h. Autism..... i. Pervasive Developmental 80. Did any adult in your household work with Disorder (PDD)..... the service provider or school to develop or change this child's IFSP or IEP? j. Attention deficit disorder, ADD or ADHD..... No k. Developmental delays..... Yes 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......

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?	d. The service provider's or school's commitment to help your child learn?
a. The service provider's or school's	Very satisfied
communication with your family?	Somewhat satisfied
Very satisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied
Somewhat satisfied	Very dissatisfied
Somewhat dissatisfied	Does not apply
Very dissatisfied	02 to this shild surrently smalled in any ansist
Does not apply	82. Is this child currently enrolled in any special education classes or services?
b. The child's special needs teacher or	No
therapist?	Yes
Very satisfied	83. Does this child's condition interfere with
Somewhat satisfied	his/her ability to do any of the following things?
Somewhat dissatisfied	Mark ONE box for each item below.
Very dissatisfied	_
Does not apply	Child no longer has condition No Yes
	V V
c. The service provider's or school's ability to accommodate the child's special	a. Learn?
needs?	b. Participate in play with other children?
Very satisfied	c. Go on outings?
Somewhat satisfied	d. Make friends?
Somewhat dissatisfied	
Very dissatisfied	Counting with a stilling Counting Office the
Does not apply	Continue with section 6, question 84 on the next page.
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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 he/she 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		

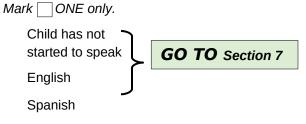
89. Since September, has this child usually lived at this address or another address (for example, because of a joint custody arrangement)?

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?



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.

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 <u>first</u> language this parent or guardian learned to speak?	
	Mark 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 <u>now</u> ?		
	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.	3. 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.	103. Which of the following best describes this
American Indian or Alaska Native	person's employment status?
Asian	Mark ONE only.
Black or African American	Employed for pay or income
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	Self-employed
White	Unemployed or out of work
101. What is the highest grade or level of school that this parent or guardian completed?	Stay at home parent
Mark ONE only.	Retired GO TO
8 th grade or less	Disabled or
High school, but no diploma	unable to work $m{J}$
High school diploma or equivalent (GED)	104. (If employed or self-employed) About how
Vocational diploma after high school	many hours <u>per week</u> does he or she <u>usually</u> work for pay or income, counting all jobs?
Some college, but no degree	→ СО ТО
Associate's degree (AA, AS)	hours
Bachelor's degree (BA, BS)	105. (If unemployed or out of work) Has this parent or guardian been actively looking
Some graduate or professional education but no degree	for work in the past 4 weeks?
Master's degree (MA, MS)	Yes
Doctorate degree (PhD, EdD)	
Professional degree beyond Bachelor's degree (MD, DDS, JD, LLB)	106. In the past 12 months, how many months (if any) has this person worked for pay or income?
102. Is he or she currently attending or enrolled in a school, college, university, or adult learning center, or receiving vocational	Months 107. How old is this person?
education or job training?	Tor. How old is this person:
No	
Yes	Age
	108. How old was this person when he or she first became a parent to <u>any</u> 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.	113. What was the <u>first</u> language this parent or guardian learned to speak? Mark ONE only.
109. Is there a second parent or guardian living	English GO TO
in this household?	Spanish
No GO TO	A language other than English or Spanish
Yes	English and Spanish equally
110. Is this person the child's	English and another language equally
Biological parent Adoptive parent	114.What language does this person speak most at home now?
Step parent	Mark ONE only.
Foster parent	English
Grandparent	Spanish
Other guardian	A language other than English or Spanish
111. Is this person male or female?	English and Spanish equally
Male	English and another language equally
Female	115. Where was this parent or guardian born?
Female	One of the 50 United States or the District
112.What is the current marital or partner status of this parent or guardian?	of Columbia
Mark ONE only.	<i>GO ТО</i>
Married	One of the U.S. territories
In a registered domestic partnership or civil union	(Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, U.S. Virgin Islands, or Mariana Islands) Another country
Living with a partner	
Separated	116. How old was this person when he or she first moved to the 50 United States or the
Divorced	District of Columbia?
Widowed	age
Never married	117. Is this person of Spanish, Hispanic, or Lati
	No
	Yes

118. What is this person's race? You may mark one or more races.	121. Which of the following best describes this
American Indian or Alaska Native	person's employment status?
Asian	Mark ONE only. Employed for pay or income
Black or African American	
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	Self-employed
White	Unemployed or out of work GO TO
119. What is the highest grade or level of school that this parent or guardian completed?	Stay at home parent
Mark [X] ONE only.	Retired GO TO
8 th grade or less	Disabled or
High school, but no diploma	unable to work 🕽
High school diploma or equivalent (GED)	122. (If employed or self-employed) About how many hours <u>per week</u> does he or she <u>usually</u>
Vocational diploma after high school	work for pay or income, counting all jobs?
Some college, but no degree	hours GO TO
Associate's degree (AA, AS)	
Bachelor's degree (BA, BS)	123. (If unemployed or out of work) Has this parent or guardian been actively looking for
Some graduate or professional education	work in the past 4 weeks?
but no degree	No
Master's degree (MA, MS)	Yes
Doctorate degree (PhD, EdD)	124. In the past 12 months, how many months (if
Professional degree beyond Bachelor's degree (MD, DDS, JD, LLB)	any) has this person worked for pay or income?
120. Is he or she currently attending or enrolled in a school, college, university, or adult learning center, or receiving vocational	months 125. How old is this person?
education or job training?	123. How old is this person:
No	
Yes	Age
	126. How old was this person when he or she first became a parent to <u>any</u> child?
	Age
	Don't know

8. Your Household 127. Including yourself, how many total people live in this household? 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)	129. How are you related to this child? Mark ONE only. Mother (birth, adoptive, step, or foster) Father (birth, adoptive, step, or foster) Aunt Uncle
Write '0' if none.	Grandmother
This child's Number	Grandfather Parent's girlfriend/ boyfriend/ partner
Brother(s)	
Sister(s)	Other relationship – Specify:
Aunt(s)	130. What language(s) are spoken at home by the
Uncle(s)	adults in this household?
Grandmother(s)	Mark all that apply. English
Grandfather(s)	Spanish or Spanish Creole
Cousin(s)	French (including Patois, Creole, Cajun)
Parent's girlfriend/	Chinese
boyfriend/ partner	Other languages – Specify:
Other relative(s)	
Other pen relative(s)	

► Continue with question 131 on the next page.

a. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or TANF	Vhich ory its the ncome ns in ehold the 12 ns?
\$30,001 to \$40,000 \$40,001 to \$50,000 \$50,001 to \$60,000 \$60,001 to \$75,000	

133.	How ma	Thank you.
	address Write '0	Please return this questionnaire in the postage-paid envelope provided. If you have lost the envelope, mail the completed questionnaire to:
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134.	Is this I	1600 Research Blvd. Room RC B16
	Mark	Rockville, MD 20850-9973
	Owr hou	
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135.	Other to househ	•
	address	s including P.O. Boxes?
	No	
	Yes	
136.	136. Do you have access to the internet at this address?	
	No	
	Yes	
137.	.37. 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 th are	e telephone calls that you receive
	all o phor	r almost all calls received on cell nes,
		e received on cell phones and some on ılar phones, or
		r almost all calls received on regular nes?

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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 XXXX-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.