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How many of the children under the age of 18 are your biological children but not your spouse/partner’s?
jspouse

How many of the children under the age of 18 are your spouse/partner’s biological children but not yours?

88.4%  
5.98%  
2.79%  
1.99%  
0.398%  
0.398%  

0 Children  
1 Child  
2 Children  
3 Children  
4 Children  
5 Children
jspouse
"For the children in your household, does a parent who is not the primary guardian care for children under 11 years old on a regular basis?"
"For the children in your household, does an older sibling or cousin under age 18 care for children under 11 years old on a regular basis?"

86.4% Yes
13.6% No
"For the children in your household, does a grandparent or other adult family member who is not the primary guardian care for children under 11 years old on a regular basis?"

63.6% Yes
36.4% No
"For the children in your household, does a friend care for children under 11 years old on a regular basis?"

93.9%
6.07%
"For the children in your household, does a childcare provider working out of their home care for children under 11 years old on a regular basis?"

96.7%

3.27%

No

Yes
"For the children in your household, does an afterschool program care for children under 11 years old on a regular basis?"

- No: 84.6%
- Yes: 15.4%
"For the children in your household, does a church sponsored childcare program care for children under 11 years old on a regular basis?"

96.7%
3.27%
“For the children in your household, does a non-church sponsored childcare center care for children under 11 years old on a regular basis?”

- No: 97.7%
- Yes: 2.34%
"For the children in your household, do only primary guardians care for children under 11 years old on a regular basis?"
”For the children in your household, is there any other who cares for children under 11 years old on a regular basis?”

89.3%

10.7%

N/A

Other
"How close to your house is the nearest outdoor children’s play area?"

- **34.0%** Backyard
- **31.1%** Nearest area w/n safe 10 minute walk w/o adult
- **23.4%** Nearest area w/n 10 minute walk with adult
- **4.31%** More than a 10 minute walk
- **2.39%** I don’t know
- **4.78%** I don’t let my child outside to play
"You can count on adults in this neighborhood to watch out that children are safe and don’t get in trouble."
"Children around here have no place to play but the street."
"The equipment and buildings in the park or playground that is closest to where I live are well kept."
”The park or playground closest to where I live is safe during the day.”
"The park or playground closest to where I live is safe at night."
"As a method of discipline, do you take away a privilege or pocket money?"

- Disagree Completely; this should never be used: 6.70%
- It's o.k. once in a while, but should not be used often: 9.82%
- Neither Agree or Disagree: 9.38%
- In most cases this is acceptable: 30.4%
- Agree Completely; preferred method of discipline: 43.8%
"As a method of discipline, do you send the child out of the room or to time out?"

- Disagree Completely: this should never be used
- It's o.k. once in a while, but should not be used often
- Neither Agree or Disagree
- In most cases this is acceptable
- Agree Completely: preferred method of discipline

5.86% 9.01% 13.1% 32.9% 39.2%
"As a method of discipline, do you yell or scold?"

- Disagree Completely; this should never be used: 31.4%
- It's o.k. once in a while, but should not be used often: 24.1%
- Neither Agree or Disagree: 21.8%
- In most cases this is acceptable: 15.5%
- Agree Completely; preferred method of discipline: 7.27%
"As a method of discipline, do you calmly discuss what happened?"

- Disagree Completely; this should never be used: 3.60%
- It's o.k. once in a while, but should not be used often: 4.50%
- Neither Agree or Disagree: 7.21%
- In most cases this is acceptable: 28.8%
- Agree Completely; preferred method of discipline: 55.9%
"As a method of discipline, do you ignore it or not pay attention to it?"

- Disagree Completely; this should never be used: 76.4%
- It's o.k. once in a while, but should not be used often: 4.63%
- Neither Agree or Disagree: 12.5%
- In most cases this is acceptable: 4.17%
- Agree Completely; preferred method of discipline: 2.31%
"As a method of discipline, do you spank the child?"

- **Disagree Completely**: 16.3%
- **It's o.k. once in a while, but should not be used often**: 27.6%
- **Neither Agree or Disagree**: 17.2%
- **In most cases this is acceptable**: 23.5%
- **Agree Completely; preferred method of discipline**: 15.4%
“As a method of discipline, do you slap or hit the child?”

80.7% Disagree Completely; this should never be used
5.83% It's o.k. once in a while, but should not be used often
9.87% Neither Agree or Disagree
1.35% In most cases this is acceptable
2.24% Agree Completely; preferred method of discipline
”As a method of discipline, do you tell the child to get out or lock him/her out of the house for a while?”

- **88.4%** Disagree Completely; this should never be used
- **2.23%** It's o.k. once in a while, but should not be used often
- **7.14%** Neither Agree or Disagree
- **1.34%** In most cases this is acceptable
- **0.893%** Agree Completely; preferred method of discipline
Is your child male or female?

48.1% Male
51.9% Female
What is the age of your child?
What grade is your child in?

- Pre-K/Kindergarten: 21.4%
- 1st/2nd: 26.7%
- 3rd/4th: 25.9%
- 5th/6th: 15.2%
- 7th/8th: 5.76%
- 9th/10th: 2.88%
- 11th/12th: 2.06%
What is your child’s race?
Is your child hispanic?

16.7%

83.3%
What language(s) does your child speak?

- 91.5% English
- 0.769% Spanish
- 6.92% Both
- 0.769% Other
On school days, is the child ever left at home w/o a parent or guardian present for more than 10-15 minutes?

- Yes: 7.75%
- No: 92.3%
How many days each week does each child spend at least 20 minutes playing outside?
Does your child participate in sports?

- Yes: 58.8%
- No: 41.2%
Does your child take music lessons or perform?

65.0%  
35.0%  

65.0% Yes  
35.0% No
child1dance

Does your child take dance?

73.0%
27.0%

No
Yes
Does your child participate in church activities?

- No: 44.9%
- Yes: 55.1%
Does your child participate in tutoring or mentoring programs?

61.2% Yes
38.8% No
child1martialarts

Does your child participate in martial arts or boxing?

- No: 91.3%
- Yes: 8.75%
Does you child have a job or activity for which they are paid?
My child does not participate in any activities.

79.8% 
20.2%

50
100
150
200

No
Yes
gochild1parent
Does a parent or guardian drives child to school.

- No: 36.6%
- Yes: 63.4%
Does a friend drive the child to school.

- Yes: 12.5%
- No: 87.5%
Does the child walk to school?

- Yes: 36.6%
- No: 63.4%
Does the child ride a bike to school?

98.5%
1.51%
Does the child ride a school bus to school?

- **No**: 91.3%
- **Yes**: 8.68%
Does the child ride a DART bus to school?

95.5% No
4.53% Yes
Does the child ride the DART rail to school?

- Yes: 1.13%
- No: 98.9%
Does the child use another method of transportation to get to school?

- Yes: 7.55%
- No: 92.5%
"How much time does child spend with parent or guardian on a typical school day?"
"How much time does child spend with parent or guardian on a typical Saturday?"
"How much time does child spend with parent or guardian playing or reading on a typical school day?"

- 15.2% spend less than 1 hour
- 25.1% spend 1-2 hours
- 23.6% spend 2-4 hours
- 18.6% spend 4-8 hours
- 11.8% spend more than 8 hours
- 5.70% don't know
"How much time does child spend with parent or guardian playing or reading on a typical Saturday?"
"When your child has done something you approve of, how often do you not say anything about it, or ignore it?"

- Almost Never: 62.8%
- Once in a While: 8.76%
- Sometimes: 9.85%
- Often: 4.01%
- Almost Always: 14.6%
"When your child has done something you approve of, how often do you give the child a wink or smile?"

Almost Never: 4.38%
Once in a While: 7.30%
Sometimes: 12.0%
Often: 22.6%
Almost Always: 54.4%
When your child has done something you approve of, how often do you say something nice about it?
"When your child has done something you approve of, how often do you give the child a hug, pat on the back, or a kiss for it?"

- Almost Never: 0.719%
- Once in a While: 5.76%
- Sometimes: 7.19%
- Often: 20.9%
- Almost Always: 65.5%
"When your child has done something you approve of, how often do you give the child a reward for it?"

- 2.19% Almost Never
- 9.12% Once in a While
- 21.9% Sometimes
- 16.8% Often
- 50.0% Almost Always
"When your child has done something you approve of, how often do you give the child a special privilege?"

- Almost Never: 5.11%
- Once in a While: 9.85%
- Sometimes: 26.6%
- Often: 16.4%
- Almost Always: 42.0%
"When your child has done something you approve of, how often do you do something special together?"

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Bar chart showing the distribution of responses.
"When your child has done something you approve of, how often do you mention it to someone else?"

- Almost Never: 5.11%
- Once in a While: 4.74%
- Sometimes: 14.6%
- Often: 17.5%
- Almost Always: 58.0%
When your child has done something you approve of, how often do you ask why he/she is not always good like this?

- Almost Never: 32.5%
- Once in a While: 11.1%
- Sometimes: 18.8%
- Often: 11.1%
- Almost Always: 26.6%
"How often do you call your child’s teacher?"

- Never: 37.6%
- Once or twice a year: 22.2%
- Almost every month: 21.8%
- Almost every week: 12.0%
- More than once per week: 6.39%
"How often does your child’s teacher call you?"

- 39.2% never
- 32.1% once or twice a year
- 14.3% almost every month
- 9.06% almost every week
- 5.28% more than once per week
"How often do you write to your child’s teacher?"

- Never: 59.4%
- Once or twice a year: 23.3%
- Almost every month: 7.89%
- Almost every week: 4.14%
- More than once per week: 5.26%
"How often does your child’s teacher write to you?"

- 48.7% never
- 23.4% once or twice a year
- 13.0% almost every month
- 7.28% almost every week
- 7.66% more than once per week
"How often have you stopped by to talk to your child’s teacher?"
"How often have you been invited to your child’s school for a special event?"

- Never: 14.8%
- Once or twice a year: 26.9%
- Almost every month: 33.0%
- Almost every week: 9.47%
- More than once per week: 15.9%
"How often have you visited your child’s school for a special event?"

- 17.3% Never
- 34.2% Once or twice a year
- 26.2% Almost every month
- 7.69% Almost every week
- 14.6% More than once per week
“How often have you been invited to attend a parent-teacher conference?”
"How often have you attended a parent-teacher conference?"
"How often have you attended PTA?"

- 27.3% Never
- 25.8% Once or twice a year
- 32.2% Almost every month
- 5.68% Almost every week
- 9.09% More than once per week
"To what degree do you feel welcome to visit your child's school?"

- Not at all: 3.76%
- A little: 4.51%
- Some: 10.9%
- A lot: 27.8%
- A great deal: 53.0%
"To what degree do you enjoy talking with your child’s teacher?"

- Not at all: 4.51%
- A little: 6.02%
- Some: 15.4%
- A lot: 28.9%
- A great deal: 45.1%
"To what degree do you feel your child’s teacher cares about your child?"

- 4.53% Not at all
- 6.04% A little
- 12.1% Some
- 28.7% A lot
- 48.7% A great deal
"To what degree do you think child’s teacher is interested in getting to know you?"
"To what degree do you feel comfortable talking with your child’s teacher about your child?"

4.58%
5.34%
14.9%
26.3%
48.9%

Not at all
A little
Some
A lot
A great deal
“To what degree do you feel your child’s teacher pays attention to your suggestions?”

- Not at all: 5.75%
- A little: 8.81%
- Some: 17.6%
- A lot: 26.4%
- A great deal: 41.4%
"How often do you ask your child’s teacher questions or make suggestions about your child?"
"How often do you send things to your child’s class like story books and other things?"

- Not at all: 29.1%
- A little: 14.2%
- Some: 21.5%
- A lot: 14.2%
- A great deal: 21.1%
"How often do you read to your child?"

- Not at all: 6.56%
- A little: 13.5%
- Some: 23.6%
- A lot: 23.2%
- A great deal: 33.2%
"How often do you take your child to the library?"

- Not at all: 17.9%
- A little: 13.3%
- Some: 30.4%
- A lot: 12.5%
- A great deal: 25.9%
"How often do you play games at home with your child to teach him/her new things?"

- Not at all: 3.04%
- A little: 6.84%
- Some: 27.4%
- A lot: 25.9%
- A great deal: 36.9%
"How often do you volunteer at your child’s school?"

- Not at all: 35.7%
- A little: 13.7%
- Some: 16.0%
- A lot: 11.0%
- A great deal: 23.6%
"To what degree do you agree that your child’s school is a good place for you child to be?"
"To what degree do you agree that the staff at your child’s school is doing good things for your child?"
"To what degree do you agree that you have confidence in the people at your child’s school?"

- Strongly disagree: 2.27%
- Disagree: 2.65%
- Not sure: 5.30%
- Agree: 32.6%
- Strongly agree: 57.2%
"To what degree do you agree that your child’s school is doing a good job preparing children for their futures?"
How often does your child have sudden changes in mood or feelings?

- Often True: 44.6%
- Sometimes True: 41.7%
- Not True: 13.8%
“How often does your child feel or complain that no one loves him/her?”

- Often True: 4.36%
- Sometimes True: 16.7%
- Not True: 78.9%
"How often does it seem that your child is rather high strung, tense, or nervous?"

- Often True: 5.09%
- Sometimes True: 19.6%
- Not True: 75.3%
"How often does it seem that your child cheats or tells lies?"

6.91% 36.7% 56.4%

Often True
Sometimes True
Not True
"How often does it seem that your child argues too much?"

- Often True: 10.6%
- Sometimes True: 29.7%
- Not True: 59.7%
"How often does it seem that your child has difficulty concentrating?"

- Often True: 8.03%
- Sometimes True: 29.2%
- Not True: 62.8%
"How often does it seem that your child is easily confused?"

- Often True: 5.88%
- Sometimes True: 19.9%
- Not True: 74.3%
"How often does it seem that your child bullies, or is cruel or mean to others?"

- Often True: 7.30%
- Sometimes True: 15.7%
- Not True: 77.0%
"How often does it seem that your child is disobedient at home?"

- Often True: 5.45%
- Sometimes True: 32.0%
- Not True: 62.5%
"How often does it seem that your child is disobedient at school?"

- Often True: 5.15%
- Sometimes True: 25.7%
- Not True: 69.1%
"How often does it seem that your child does not seem to feel sorry after she/he misbehaves?"

- Often True: 5.82%
- Sometimes True: 21.8%
- Not True: 72.4%
"How often does it seem that your child has trouble getting along with other children?"

- Often True: 1.46%
- Sometimes True: 20.4%
- Not True: 78.1%
"How often does it seem that your child has trouble getting along with teachers?"

- Often True: 84.6%
- Sometimes True: 12.5%
- Not True: 2.94%
"How often does it seem that your child is impulsive, or acts without thinking?"

5.82%
27.3%
66.9%

50
100
150

Often True
Sometimes True
Not True
"How often does it seem that your child feels worthless or inferior?"
"How often does it seem that your child is not liked by other children?"

- Often True: 2.20%
- Sometimes True: 12.8%
- Not True: 85.0%
"How often does it seem that your child has a lot of difficulty getting his/her mind off certain thoughts?"

- Often True: 4.41%
- Sometimes True: 17.3%
- Not True: 78.3%
"How often does it seem that your child is restless or overly active?"

- Often True: 9.45%
- Sometimes True: 23.3%
- Not True: 67.3%
"How often does it seem that your child is stubborn, sullen or irritable?"

- Often True: 6.23%
- Sometimes True: 23.8%
- Not True: 70.0%
"How often does it seem that your child has a very strong temper and loses it easily?"

- Often True: 7.69%
- Sometimes True: 22.7%
- Not True: 69.6%
"How often does it seem that your child is unhappy, sad or depressed?"

- Often True: 2.92%
- Sometimes True: 9.49%
- Not True: 87.6%
"How often does it seem that your child is withdrawn?"

- Often True: 3.64%
- Sometimes True: 13.5%
- Not True: 82.9%
"How old is your child?"

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"How often does it seem that your child breaks things on purpose?"

- Often True: 5.14%
- Sometimes True: 13.8%
- Not True: 81.0%
"How often does it seem that your child clings?"

- Often True: 15.2%
- Sometimes True: 38.1%
- Not True: 46.7%
"How often does it seem that your child cries too much?"

- Often True: 6.18%
- Sometimes True: 22.0%
- Not True: 71.8%
"How often does it seem that your child demands a lot of attention?"
"How often does it seem that your child is too dependent on others?"

- Often True: 8.08%
- Sometimes True: 13.5%
- Not True: 78.5%
"How often does it seem that your child feels others are out to get him/her?"

- Often True: 3.70%
- Sometimes True: 10.4%
- Not True: 85.9%
”How often does it seem that your child hangs around kids who get into trouble?”

- Often True: 2.96%
- Sometimes True: 9.63%
- Not True: 87.4%
"How often does it seem that your child is secretive, keeps things to himself/herself?"

- Often True: 5.93%
- Sometimes True: 17.0%
- Not True: 77.0%