Preschool Learning Activities: Fall 2023 Findings from a National Survey

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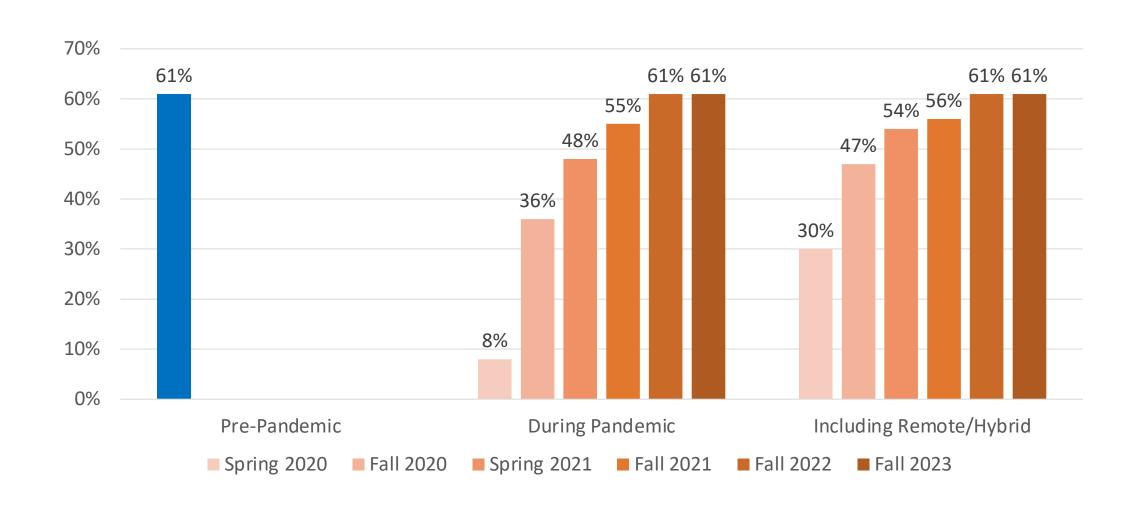
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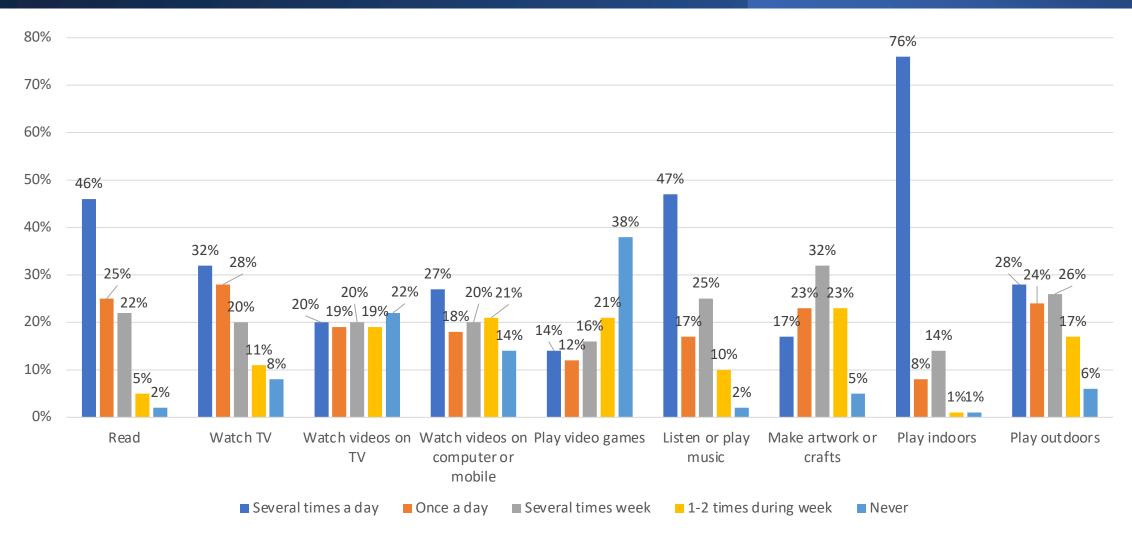
PLA Survey Methodology Description

- Online survey of parents, internet access provided
- Weighted for response rates based on national population
- About 1000 parents of children ages 3-5 not yet in kindergarten in each survey
- 6 Surveys conducted from Spring 2020 to Fall (December) 2023
- Pre-pandemic comparison data from the National Household Education Survey (NHES) 2019

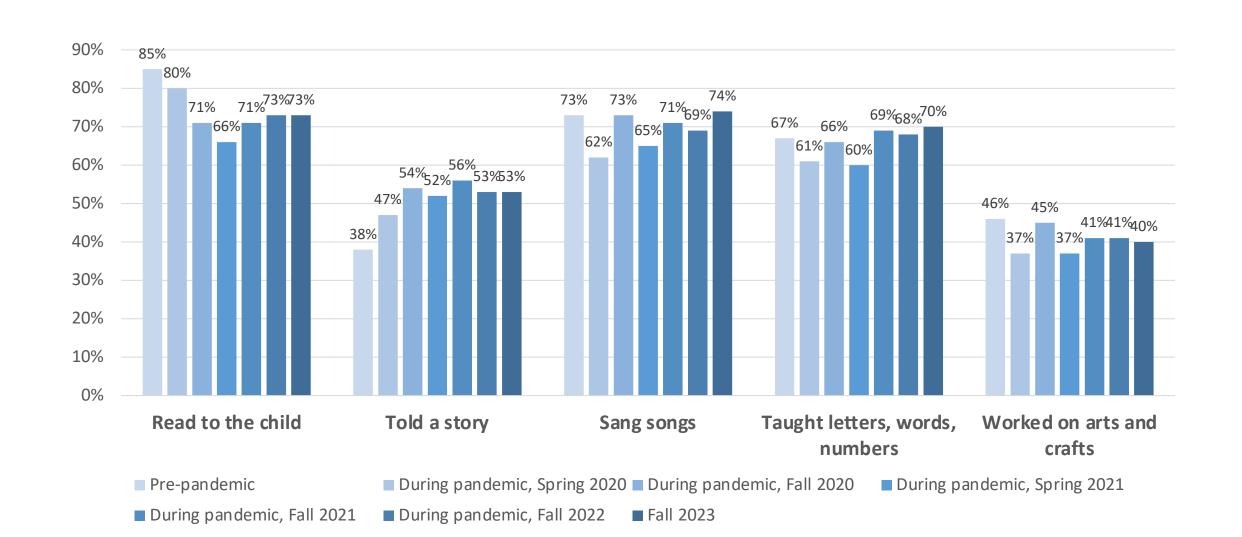
Preschool Participation Before and During the Pandemic



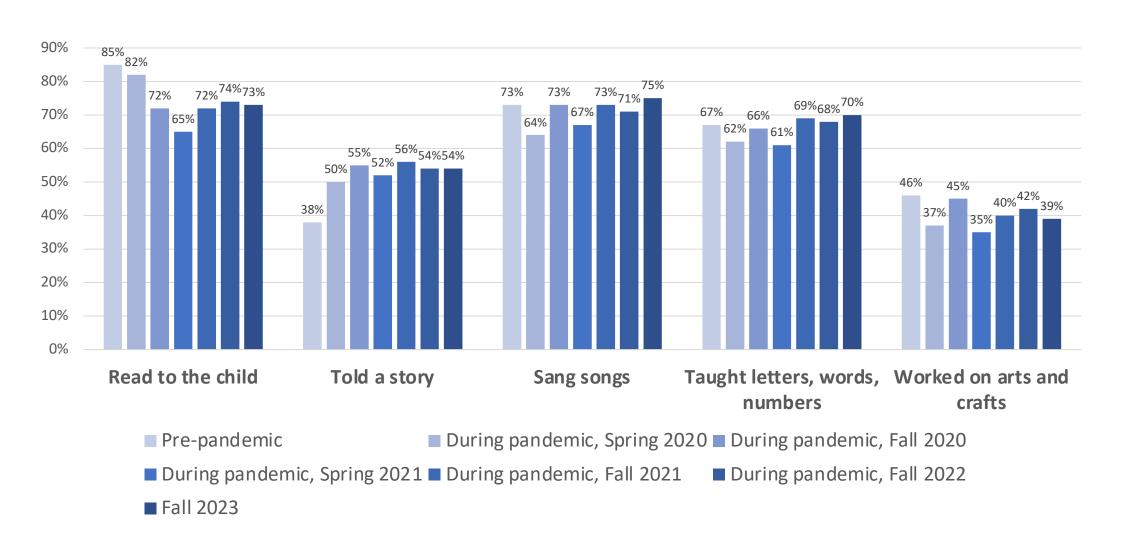
Child's Activity Fall 2023: Frequency in the Last Week 49% Played Outdoors Less Than Once a Day



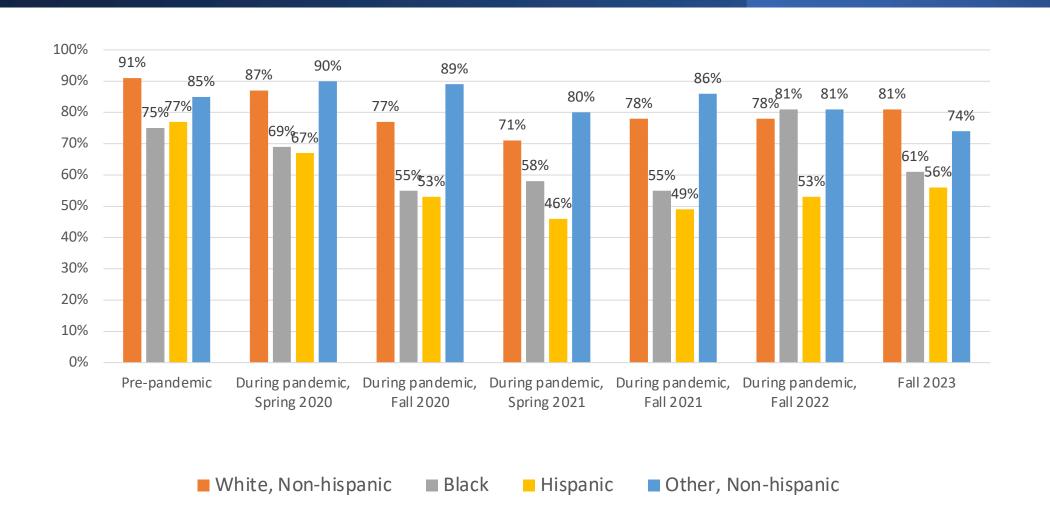
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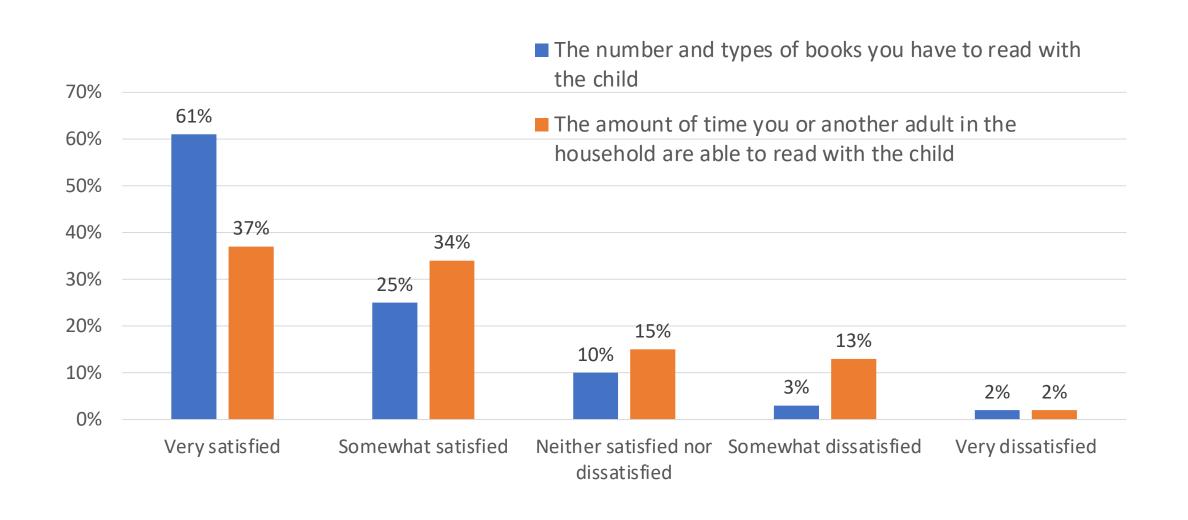
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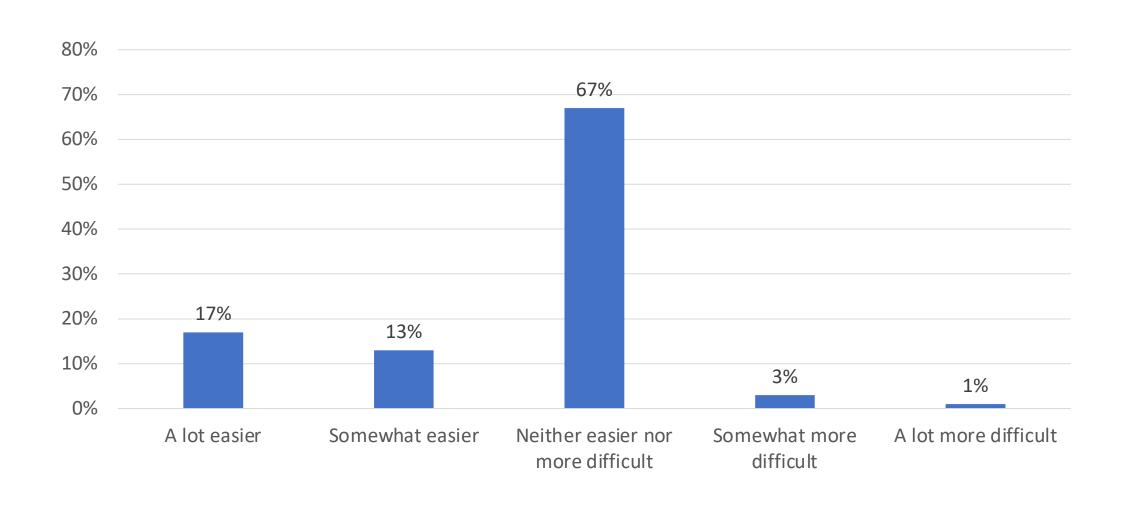
Read to the Child: Pre-Pandemic 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021-2023 by Race/Ethnicity



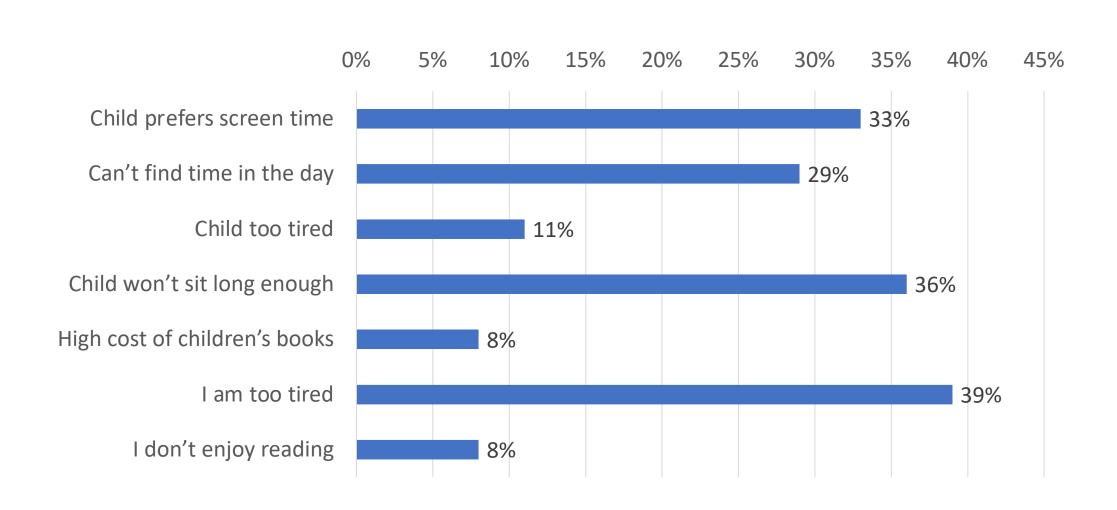
How Satisfied Are You With:



In the last year, to what extent has it become easier or more difficult for you to buy or borrow books to read with the child?

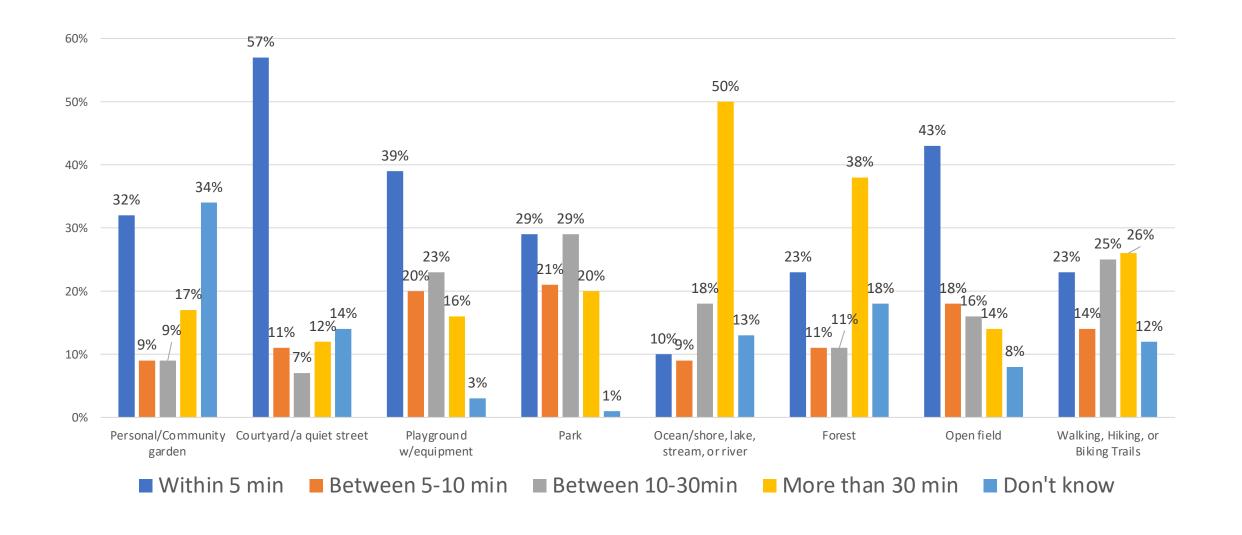


Challenges to Reading for Pleasure with Children

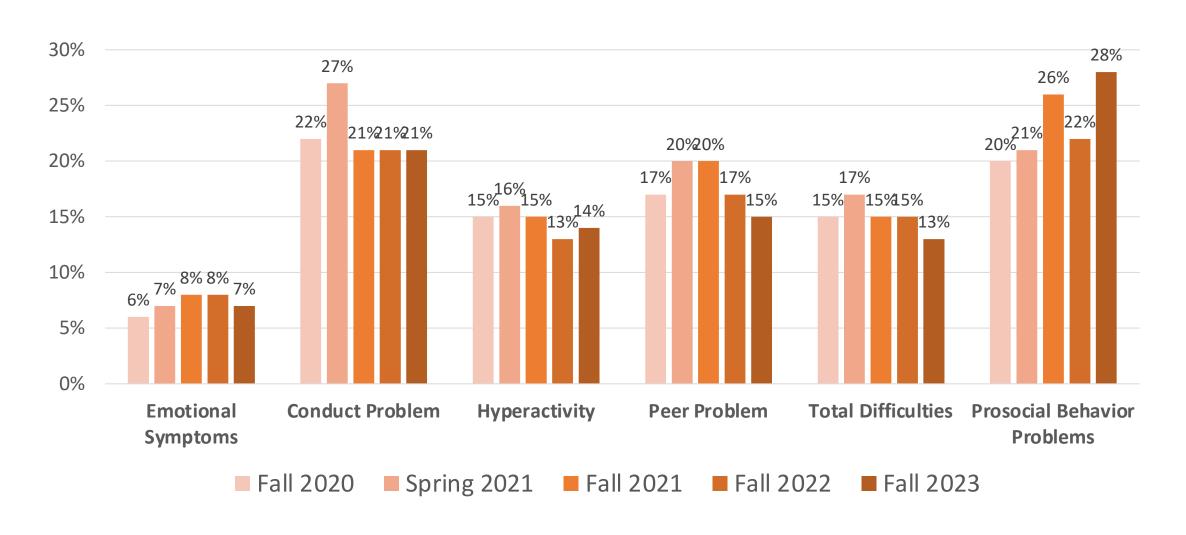


Walking Distance Between Your Home and Outdoor Play Spaces, Fall 2023

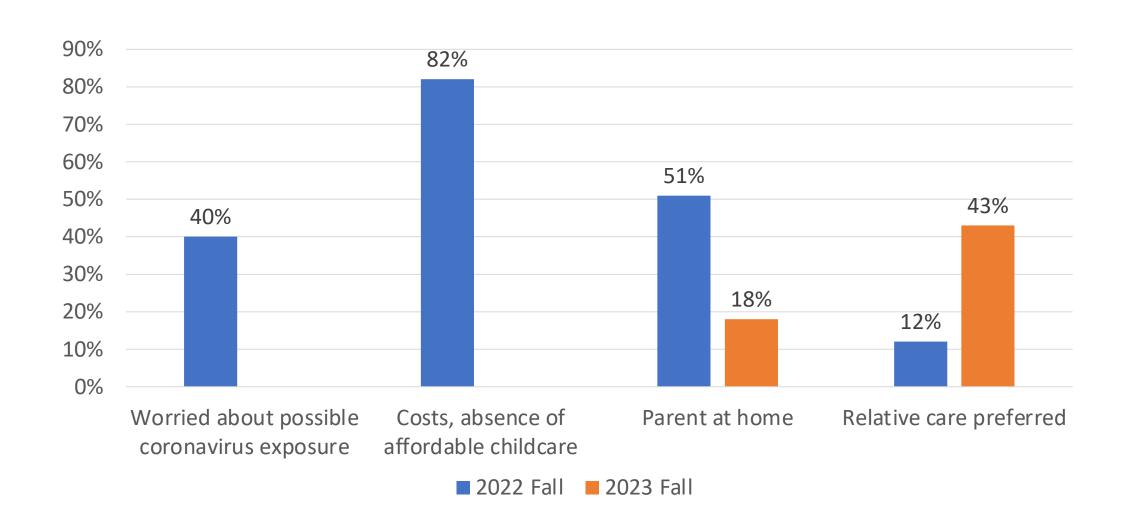
Have a yard or outdoor play area immediately outside of your home (91%: Yes)



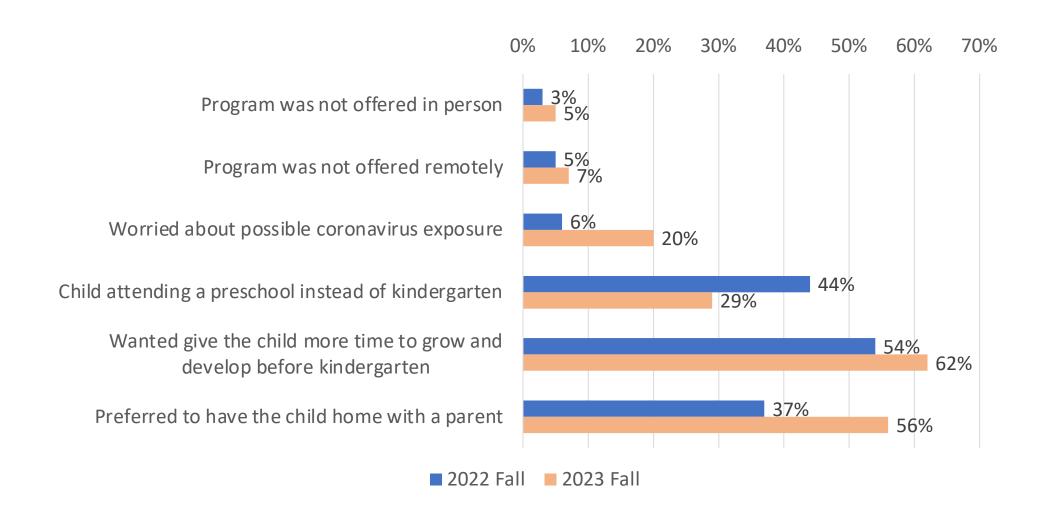
Social and Emotional Problems, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, 2022, and 2023



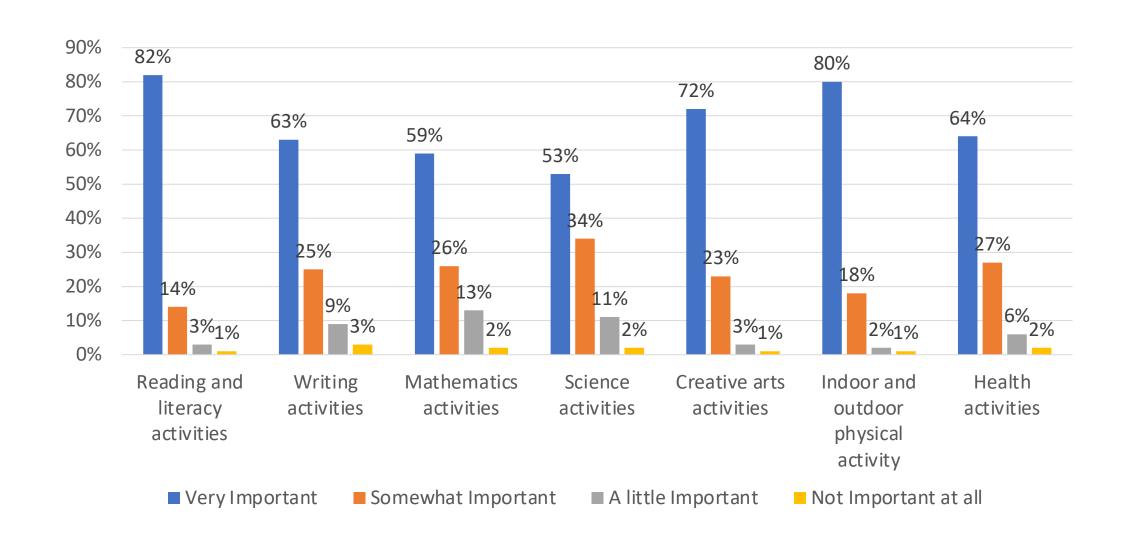
Reasons contributed to the household decision against sending the child to some type of program (2022 N = 394; 2023 N = 401)



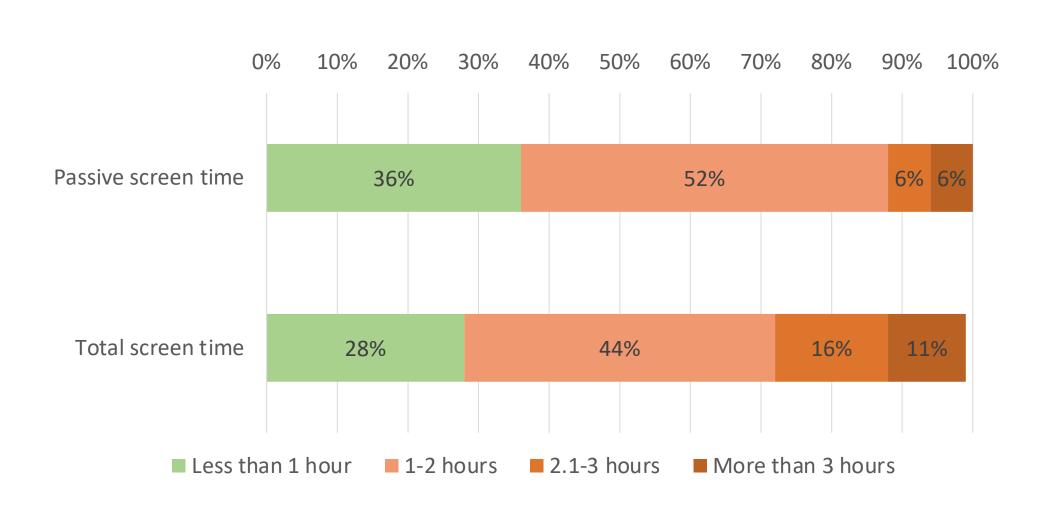
Reasons contributed to the household decision against sending the child to Kindergarten (N = 79)



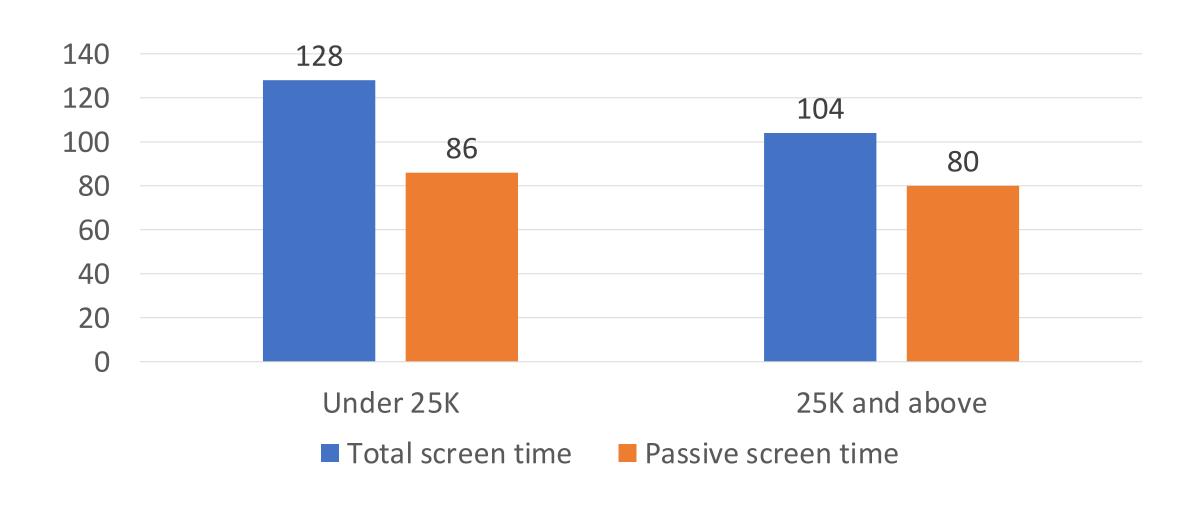
The Importance of Providing the Following Activities in the Child's Program



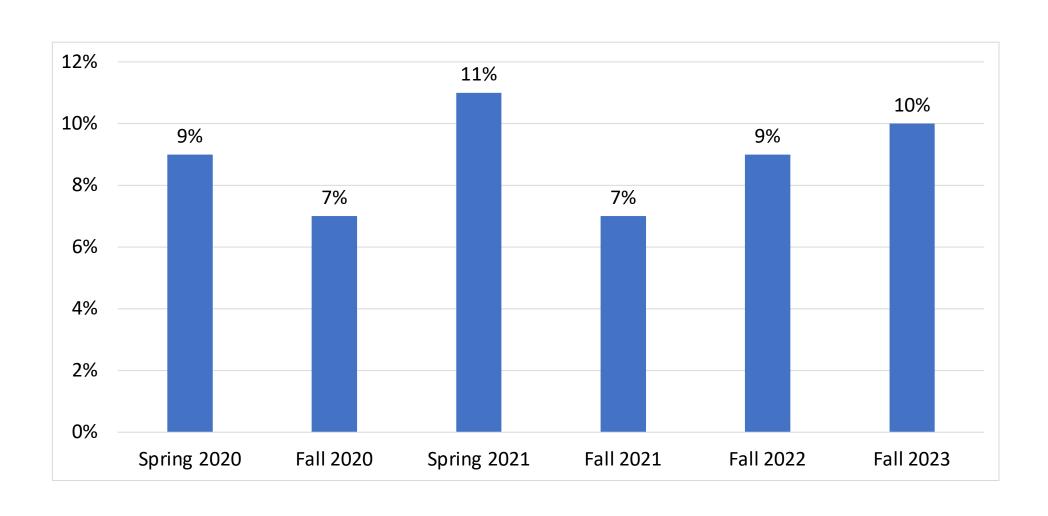
Screen Time Per Day: Fall 2023



Screen Time Per Day by Income: Fall 2023



Percent with IEP Spring and Fall 2020, Spring, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023



Services to Children with Special Needs, Spring and Fall 2020, Spring and Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023

