

Parent educational attainment

- In 2006, 15% of Hispanic school-age children (ages 5-17) had parents who had completed a bachelor's degree or higher. In comparison, that year, 44% of white and 21% of black school-age children had parents who had completed a bachelor's degree or higher. [The Condition of Education, 2008, Indicator 6]

Parent attitudes

- Hispanic parents value higher education. In a national survey, 86% of Hispanic parents agreed students were better off going to college, compared to 54% of all other parents. [A Matter of Trust: Ten Key Insights from Recent Public Opinion Research on Attitudes about Education among Hispanic Parents, Students, and Young Adults, Public Agenda, 2008]
- Hispanic parents are more confident than other parents that their children's teachers are knowledgeable and have high standards for all students. Over half of Hispanic parents surveyed believe teachers know a lot about the subject they teach and treat students with respect, compared to about 40% of all other parents. [A Matter of Trust: Ten Key Insights from Recent Public Opinion Research on Attitudes about Education among Hispanic Parents, Students, and Young Adults, Public Agenda, 2008]
- Hispanic parents are concerned about college opportunities. Over two-thirds (67%) of Hispanic parents believe that many qualified and motivated students do not have the opportunity to go to college. [A Matter of Trust: Ten Key Insights from Recent Public Opinion Research on Attitudes about Education among Hispanic Parents, Students, and Young Adults, Public Agenda, 2008]

Parent involvement

- In 2003, Hispanic parents were as likely to attend a parent/teacher conference at school as all parents (78%). However, Hispanic parents were less likely to attend class events (70% vs. 61%) or volunteer at school (42 vs. 28%) than all parents. [Digest of Education Statistics, 2007, NCES, 2008, Table 23]
- Hispanic parents have increased their involvement in school activities. In 2003, 83% of Hispanic parents had attended a general school meeting, up from 73% in 1991, and 78% had attended a parent/teacher conference, up from 71% in 1999. [Digest of Education Statistics, 2007, NCES, 2008, Table 23]
- Hispanic parents reported helping their children with homework more often than other parents. In 2003, 42% of Hispanic parents reported helping with homework three or more days a week, compared to 37% of all parents. [Digest of Education Statistics, 2007, NCES, 2008, Table 23]
- In 2003, 50% of Hispanic parents reported that in the past month, they had attended an event sponsored by a community, religious, or ethnic group, compared to over 60% of all other groups. [Digest of Education Statistics, 2007, NCES, 2008, Table 24]
- In 2003, Hispanic parents were about as likely as all parents to have taken their children to visit a library in the past month (50% vs. 48%). Hispanics were less likely than all parents to have taken their children to a play, concert or live show (28% vs. 36%), but more likely than all parents to have taken their children to a zoo or aquarium (24% vs. 7%). [Digest of Education Statistics, 2007, NCES, 2008, Table 24]