



Long Term Trend: Mathematics Student Background Questionnaire

2012
Age 17

SECTION 4

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In this section, please tell us about yourself and your family. The section has 23 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet.

1. Are you Hispanic or Latino? Fill in **one** or **more ovals**.

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- Ⓐ No, I am not Hispanic or Latino.
- Ⓑ Yes, I am Mexican, Mexican American, or Chicano.
- Ⓒ Yes, I am Puerto Rican or Puerto Rican American.
- Ⓓ Yes, I am Cuban or Cuban American.
- Ⓔ Yes, I am from some other Hispanic or Latino background.

2. Which of the following best describes you? Fill in **one or more ovals**.

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- Ⓐ White
- Ⓑ Black or African American
- Ⓒ Asian
- Ⓓ American Indian or Alaska Native
- Ⓔ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

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For the rest of the questions in this section, fill in only **one** oval for each question.

3. Does your family get a newspaper at least four times a week? VB331333
- ☐ (A) Yes
- ☐ (B) No
- ☐ (C) I don't know.
4. Does your family get any magazines regularly? VB331334
- ☐ (A) Yes
- ☐ (B) No
- ☐ (C) I don't know.
5. About how many books are there in your home? VB331335
- ☐ (A) Few (0–10)
- ☐ (B) Enough to fill one shelf (11–25)
- ☐ (C) Enough to fill one bookcase (26–100)
- ☐ (D) Enough to fill several bookcases (more than 100)
6. Is there a computer at home that you use? VB331336
- ☐ (A) Yes
- ☐ (B) No
7. Is there an encyclopedia in your home? It could be a set of books, or it could be on the computer. VB331337
- ☐ (A) Yes
- ☐ (B) No
- ☐ (C) I don't know.
8. About how many pages a day do you have to read in school and for homework? TB001101
- ☐ (A) 5 or fewer
- ☐ (B) 6–10
- ☐ (C) 11–15
- ☐ (D) 16–20
- ☐ (E) More than 20
9. How much time did you spend on homework yesterday? B001200
- ☐ (A) No homework was assigned.
- ☐ (B) I had homework but didn't do it.
- ☐ (C) Less than 1 hour
- ☐ (D) 1 to 2 hours
- ☐ (E) More than 2 hours

10. How often do you talk about things you have studied in school with someone in your family?

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- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ Once every few weeks
- Ⓒ About once a week
- Ⓓ Two or three times a week
- Ⓔ Every day

11. How many days were you absent from school in the last month?

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- Ⓐ None
- Ⓑ 1 or 2 days
- Ⓒ 3 or 4 days
- Ⓓ 5 to 10 days
- Ⓔ More than 10 days

12. How much television do you usually watch each day?

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- Ⓐ None
- Ⓑ 1 hour or less
- Ⓒ 2 hours
- Ⓓ 3 hours
- Ⓔ 4 hours
- Ⓕ 5 hours
- Ⓖ 6 hours or more

13. How far in school did your mother go?

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- Ⓐ She did not finish high school.
- Ⓑ She graduated from high school.
- Ⓒ She had some education after high school.
- Ⓓ She graduated from college.
- Ⓔ I don't know.

14. How far in school did your father go?

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- Ⓐ He did not finish high school.
- Ⓑ He graduated from high school.
- Ⓒ He had some education after high school.
- Ⓓ He graduated from college.
- Ⓔ I don't know.

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15. How often do people in your home talk to each other in a language other than English?

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- ☐ Ⓐ Never
- ☐ Ⓑ Once in a while
- ☐ Ⓒ About half of the time
- ☐ Ⓓ All or most of the time

16. Which of the following best describes your high school program?

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- ☐ Ⓐ General
- ☐ Ⓑ Academic or college preparatory
- ☐ Ⓒ Vocational or technical

Questions 17–23. Counting what you are taking now, have you ever taken any of the following mathematics courses? Fill in only one oval on each line.

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	Have taken	Have not taken
17. General, business, or consumer mathematics	☐ Ⓐ	☐ Ⓑ
18. Pre-algebra or introduction to algebra	☐ Ⓐ	☐ Ⓑ
19. First-year algebra	☐ Ⓐ	☐ Ⓑ
20. Second-year algebra	☐ Ⓐ	☐ Ⓑ
21. Geometry	☐ Ⓐ	☐ Ⓑ
22. Trigonometry	☐ Ⓐ	☐ Ⓑ
23. Pre-calculus or calculus	☐ Ⓐ	☐ Ⓑ

