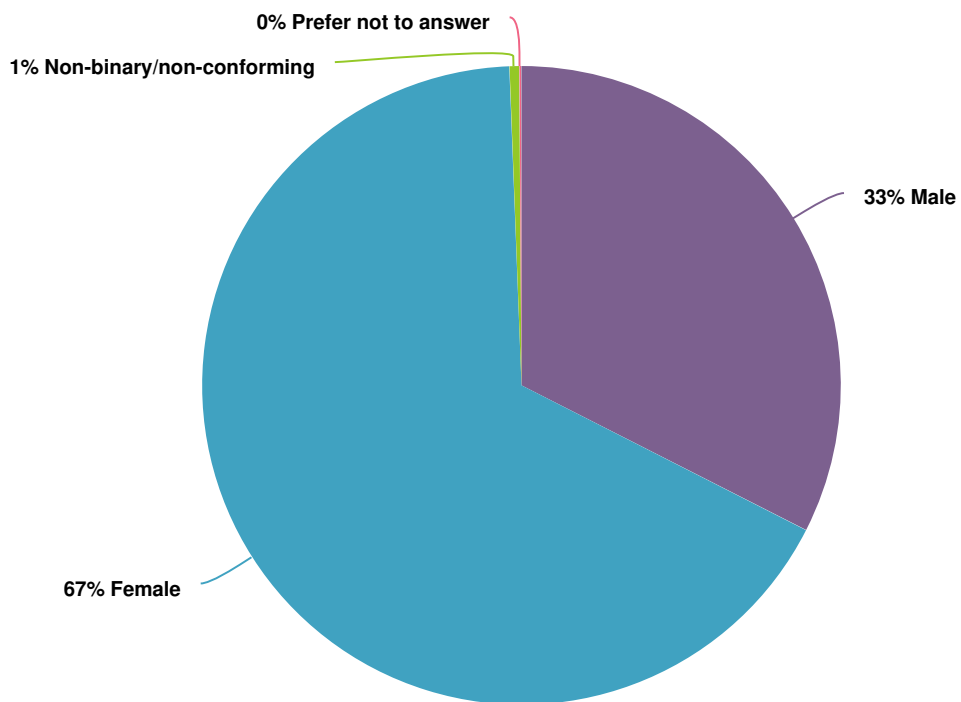


Parents' Perspectives: Kids' Cell Phone Ownership

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Parent Demographics

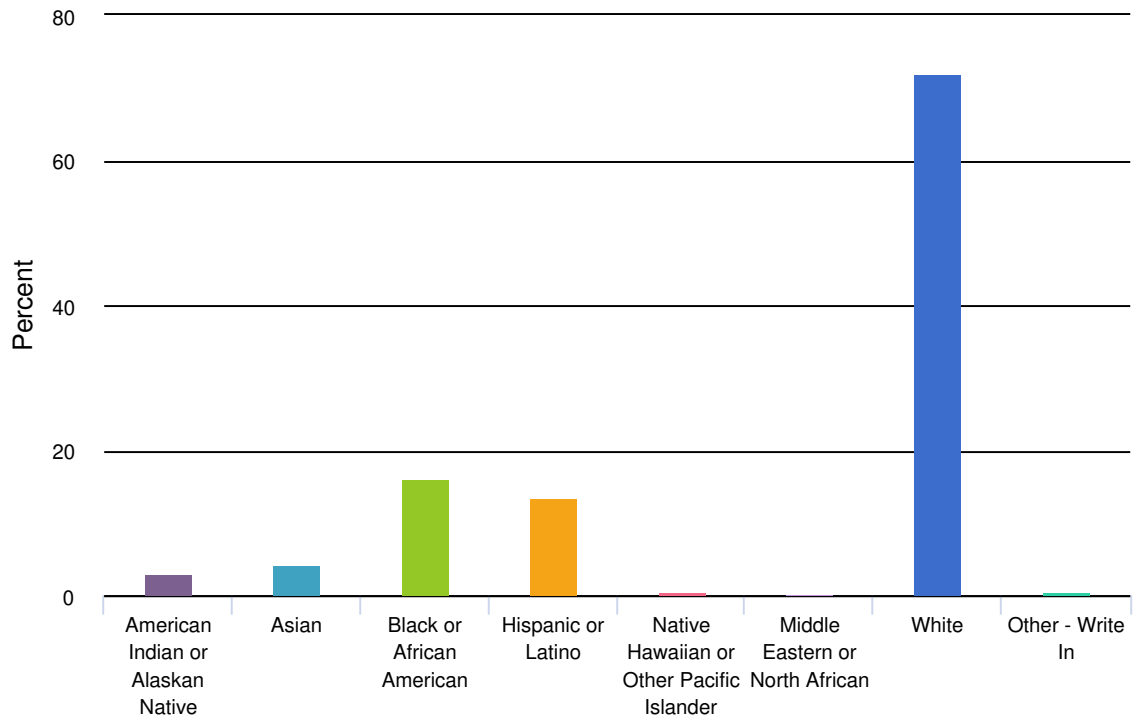
1. What is your gender identity?



Value	Percent	Responses
Male	32.5%	469
Female	66.9%	966
Non-binary/non-conforming	0.5%	7
Prefer not to answer	0.1%	2

Totals: 1,444

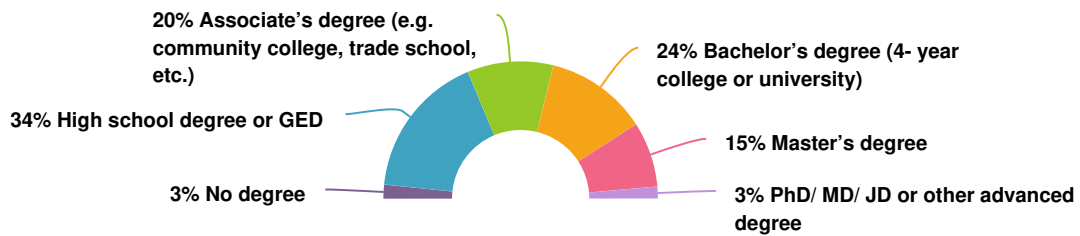
2. What is your race/ethnicity? (check all that apply)



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- American Indian or Alaskan Native= 2.8%
- Asian= 4.1%
- Black/non-Hispanic= 12.8%
- Hispanic or Latino= 13.2%
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander= 0.3%
- Middle Eastern or North African= 0.3%
- White/non-Hispanic= 64.6%
- Mixed race= 1.1%
- Other= 0.6%

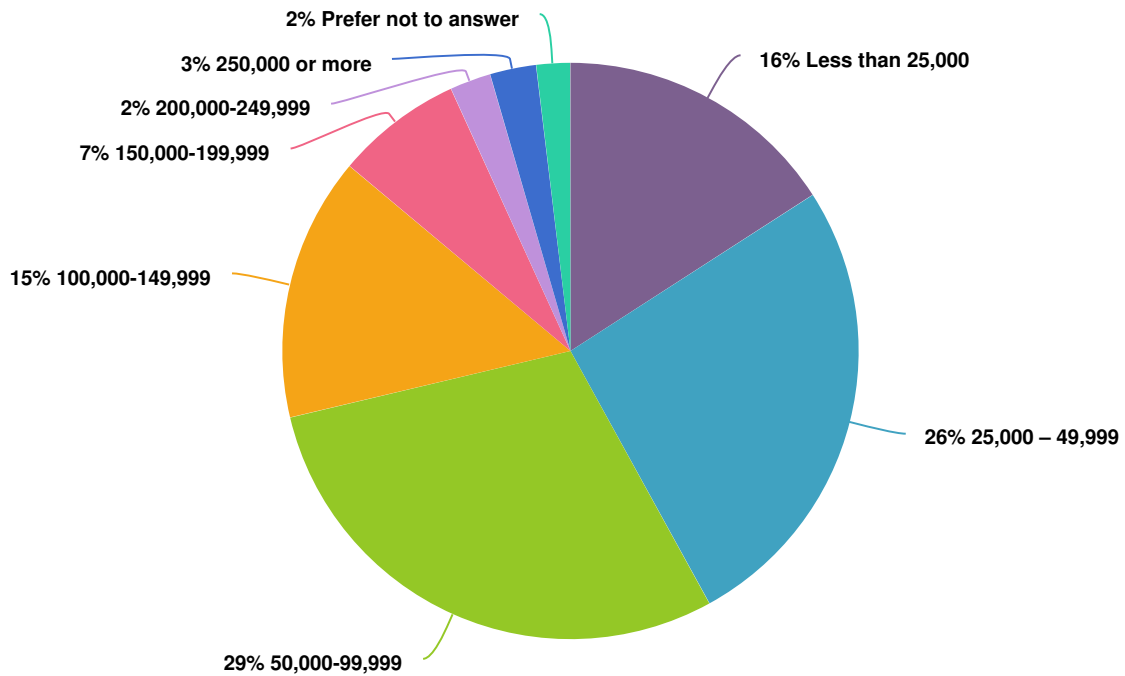
3. What is the highest degree of education you have obtained?



Value	Percent	Responses
No degree	3.3%	48
High school degree or GED	34.1%	493
Associate's degree (e.g. community college, trade school, etc.)	20.2%	293
Bachelor's degree (4- year college or university)	24.1%	349
Master's degree	15.4%	223
PhD/ MD/ JD or other advanced degree	2.8%	41

Totals: 1,447

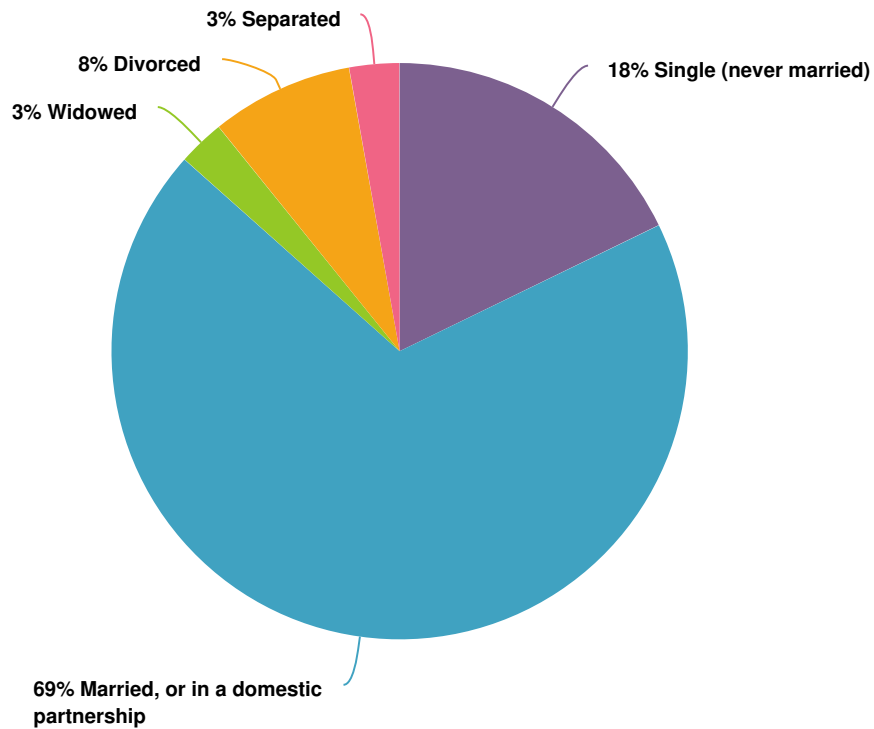
4. What is your current household yearly income?



Value	Percent	Responses
Less than 25,000	15.9%	230
25,000 – 49,999	26.1%	378
50,000-99,999	29.3%	424
100,000-149,999	14.8%	214
150,000-199,999	7.1%	102
200,000-249,999	2.3%	33
250,000 or more	2.6%	37
Prefer not to answer	1.9%	28

Totals: 1,446

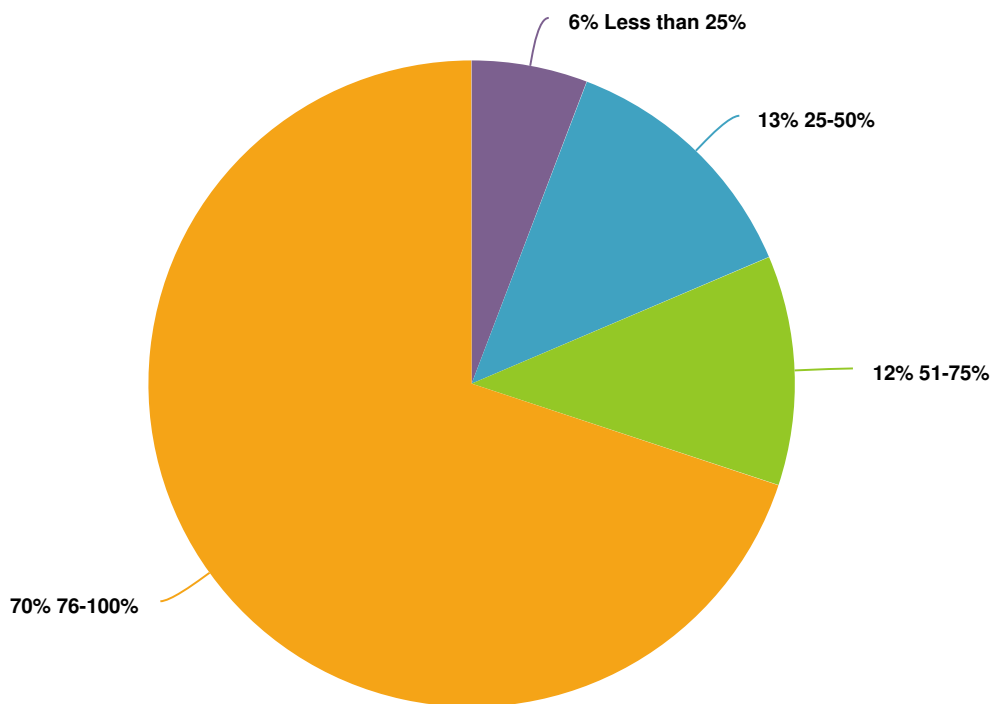
5. What is your marital status?



Value	Percent	Responses
Single (never married)	17.8%	257
Married, or in a domestic partnership	68.8%	993
Widowed	2.6%	37
Divorced	8.0%	115
Separated	2.8%	41

Totals: 1,443

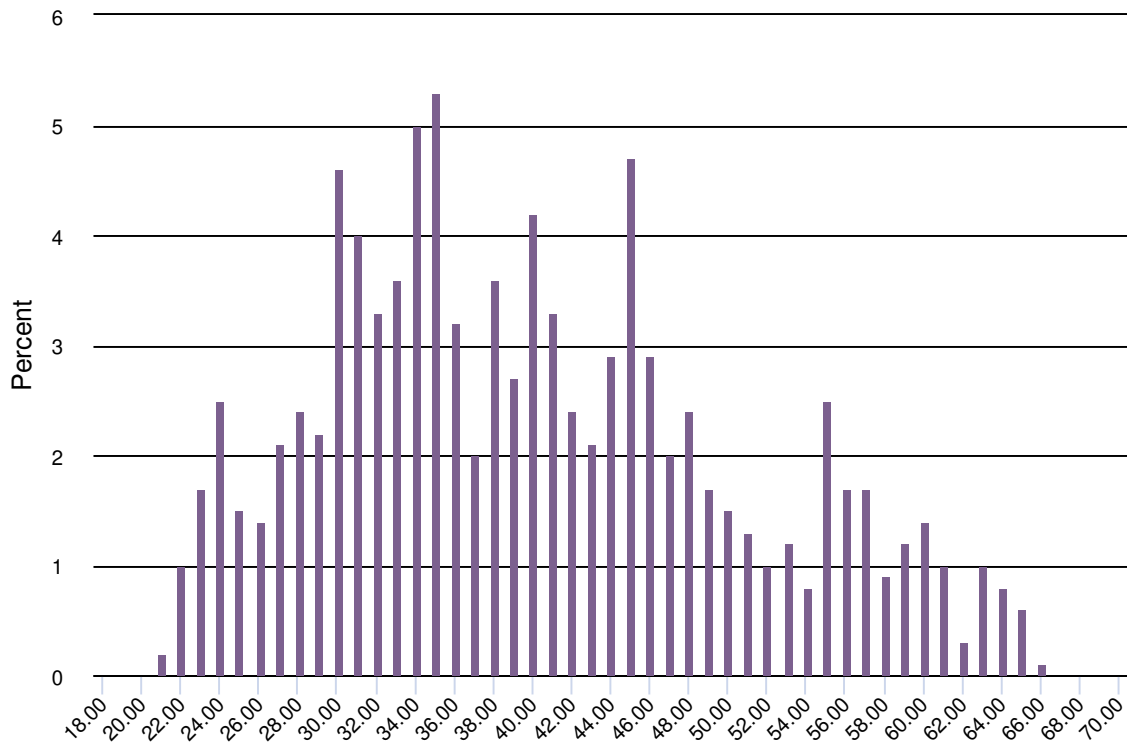
6. If divorced or separated, what percentage of the time does your child live with you?



Value	Percent	Responses
Less than 25%	5.8%	9
25-50%	12.8%	20
51-75%	11.5%	18
76-100%	69.9%	109

Totals: 156

7. Please enter YOUR age in years.



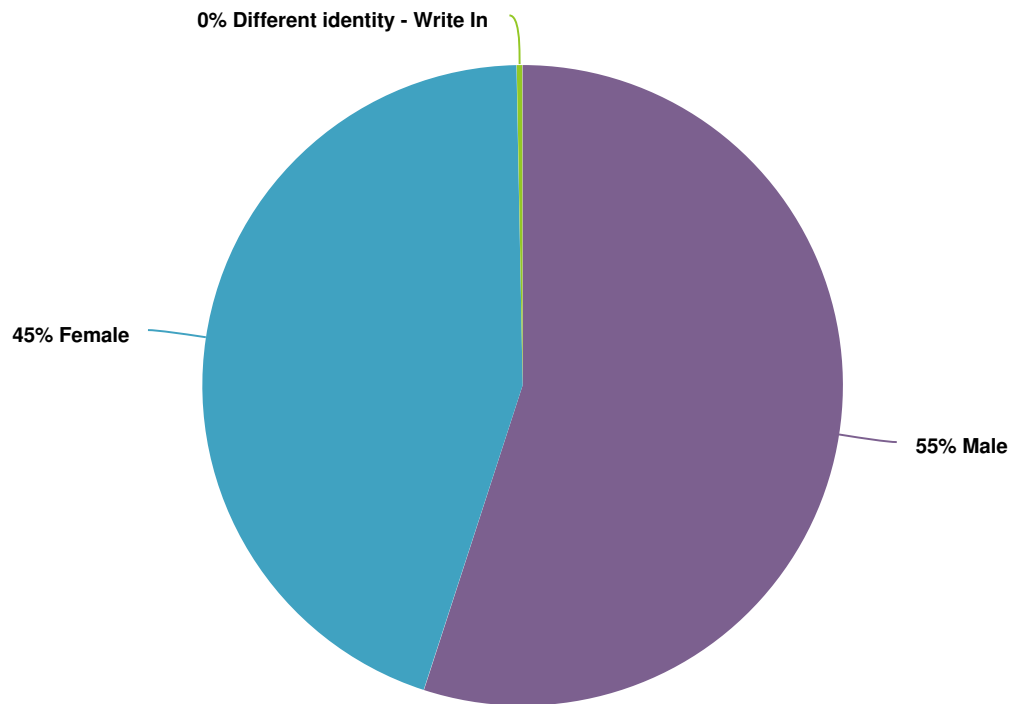
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Child Demographics

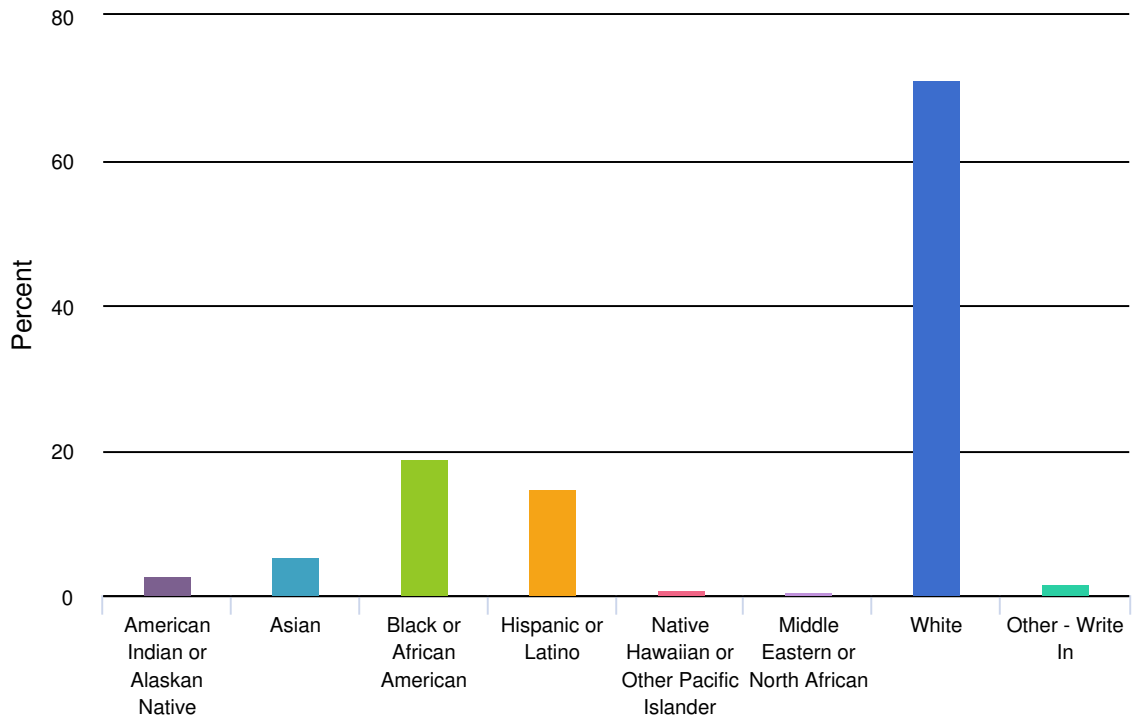
8. Is your child:



Value		Percent	Responses
Male		55.0%	794
Female		44.7%	645
Different identity - Write In		0.3%	4

Totals: 1,443

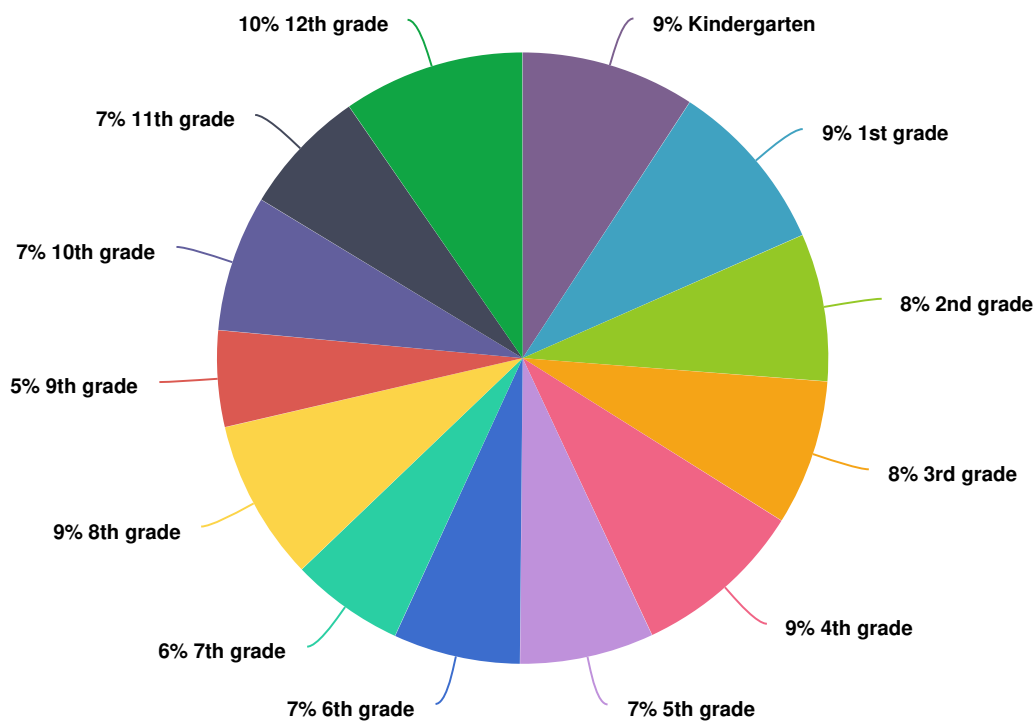
9. What is your child's race/ethnicity? (check all that apply)



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- American Indian or Alaskan Native= 2.4%
- Asian= 5.0%
- Black/non-Hispanic= 12.3%
- Hispanic or Latino= 14.7%
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander= 0.4%
- Middle Eastern or North African= 0.3%
- White/non-Hispanic= 60.0%
- Mixed race= 3.0%
- Other= 1.7%

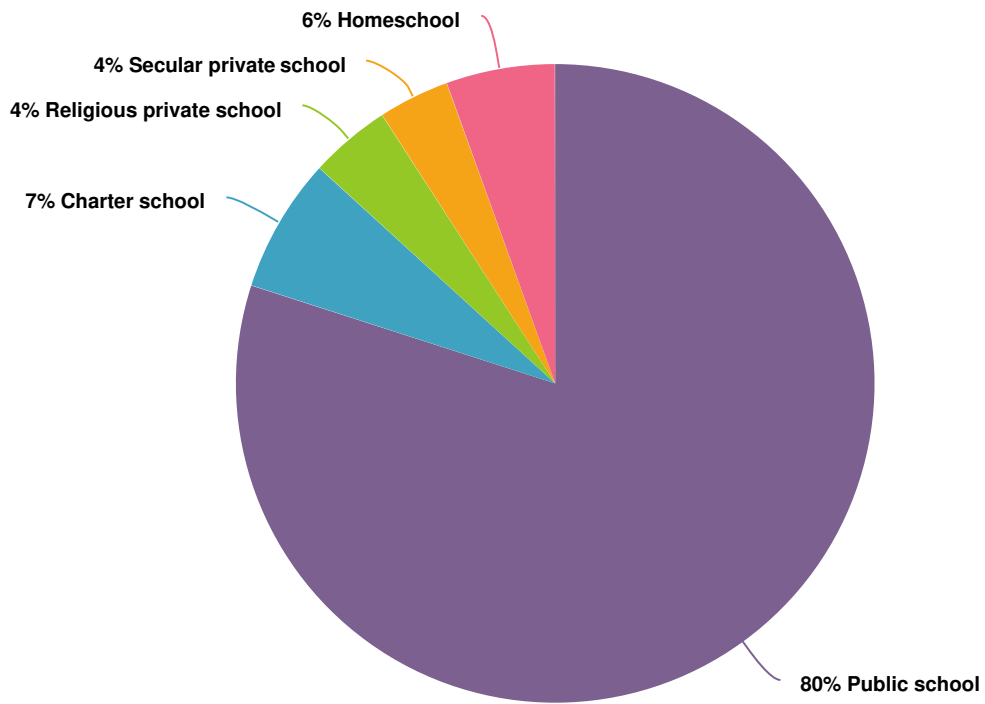
10. What grade is your child in?








Value		Percent	Responses
Kindergarten		9.2%	132
1st grade		9.2%	132
2nd grade		7.8%	113
3rd grade		7.7%	111
4th grade		9.1%	131
5th grade		7.1%	103
6th grade		6.7%	97
7th grade		6.0%	86
8th grade		8.5%	123
9th grade		5.1%	74
10th grade		7.2%	104
11th grade		6.7%	96
12th grade		9.6%	139

Totals: 1,441

11. What kind of school does your child attend?

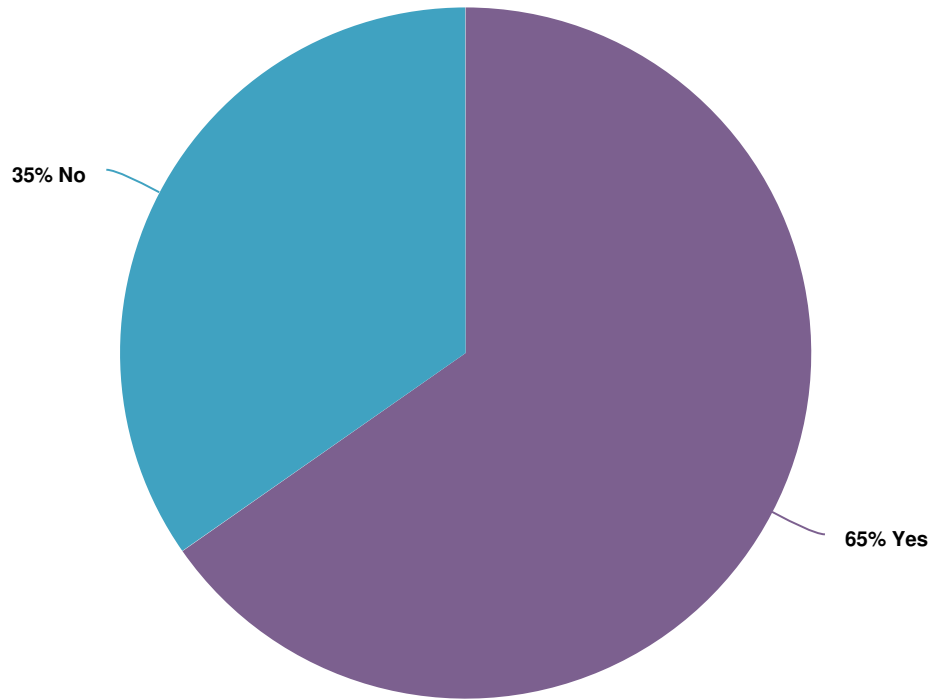




Value		Percent	Responses
Public school		79.9%	1,041
Charter school		6.8%	89
Religious private school		4.1%	54
Secular private school		3.6%	47
Homeschool		5.5%	72

Totals: 1,303

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12. Does your child have their own phone?

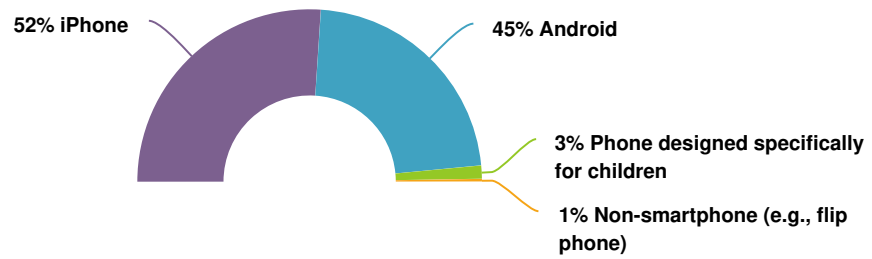


Value		Percent	Responses
Yes		65.3%	937
No		34.7%	497

Totals: 1,434

If your child has their own phone:

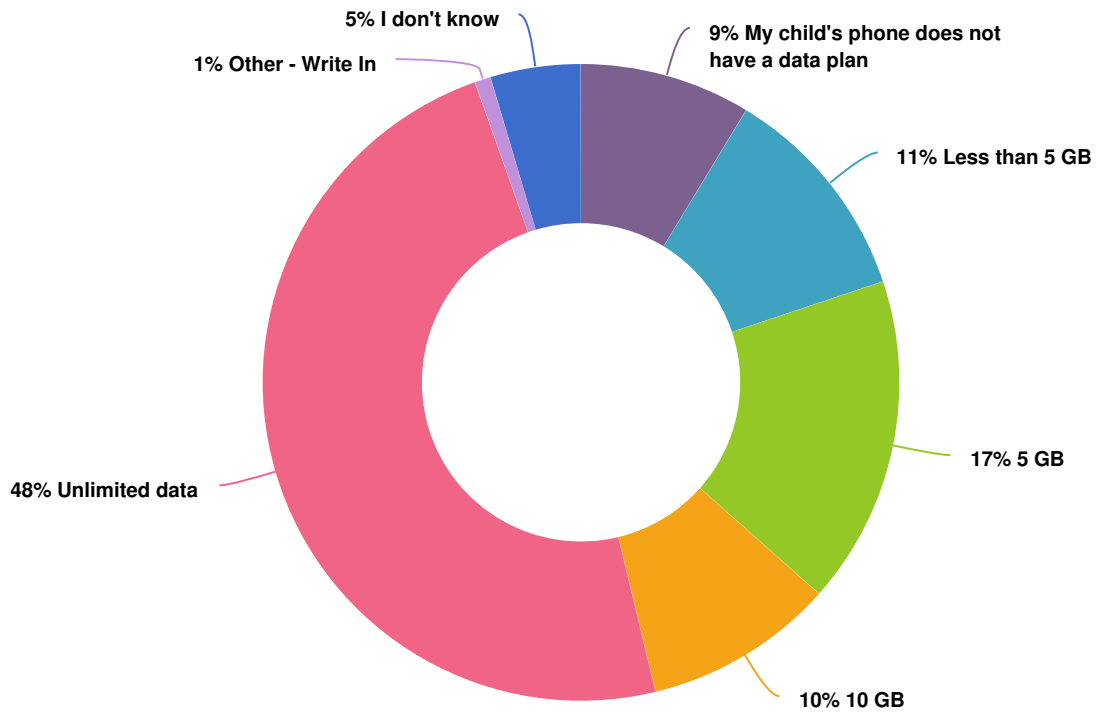
13. What type of phone is it?



Value		Percent	Responses
iPhone		52.1%	458
Android		44.9%	395
Phone designed specifically for children		2.5%	22
Non-smartphone (e.g., flip phone)		0.5%	4

Totals: 879

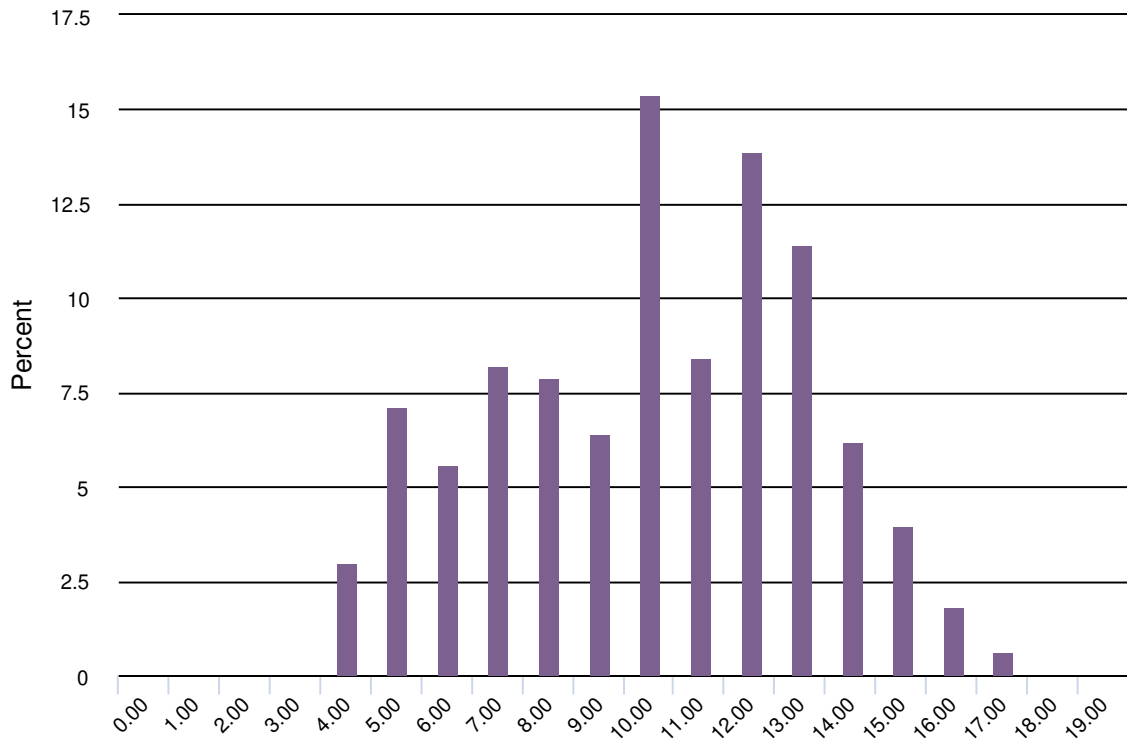
14. How much data does your child's phone have?



Value	Percent	Responses
My child's phone does not have a data plan	8.7%	80
Less than 5 GB	11.2%	103
5 GB	16.7%	154
10 GB	9.7%	89
Unlimited data	48.4%	445
Other - Write In	0.8%	7
I don't know	4.6%	42

Totals: 920

15. How old was your child when they got their phone?

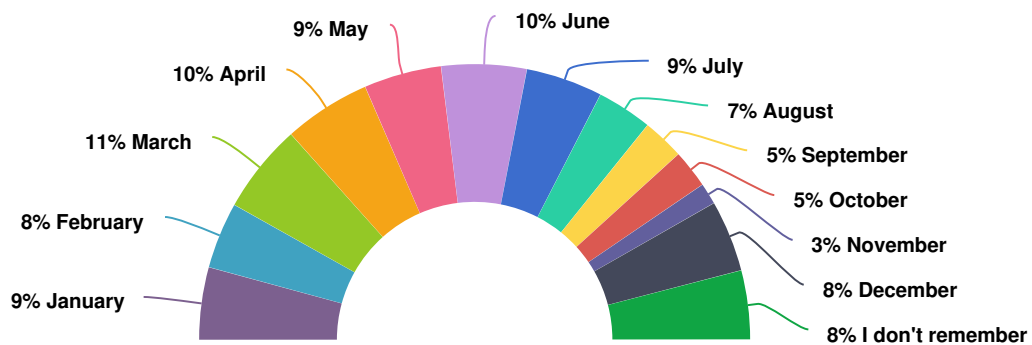



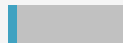










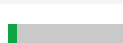
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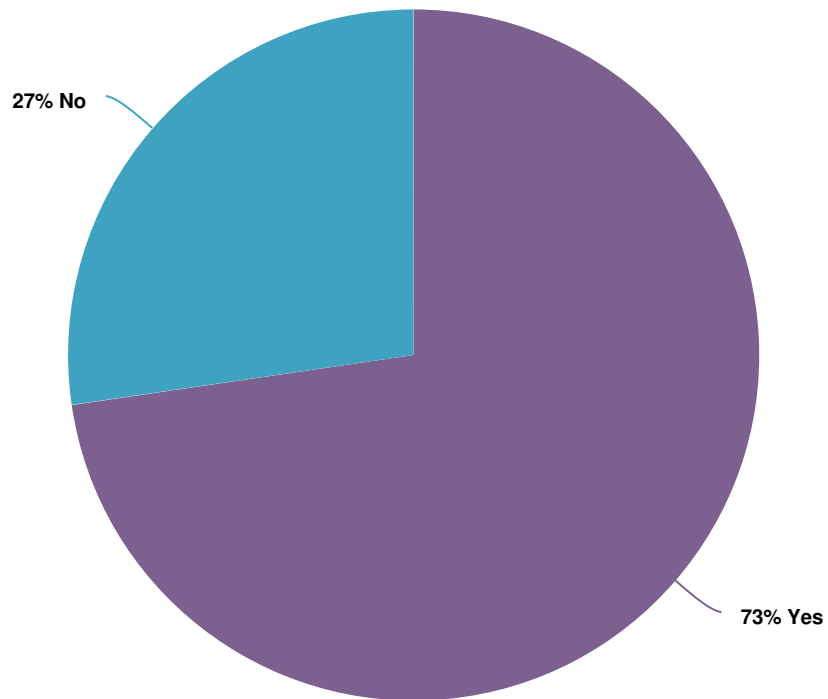
16. What month did your child get their phone?



Value		Percent	Responses
January		8.5%	78
February		7.8%	71
March		10.5%	96
April		10.2%	93
May		9.1%	83
June		10.0%	91
July		9.0%	82
August		6.5%	59
September		4.9%	45
October		4.5%	41
November		2.5%	23
December		8.4%	77
I don't remember		8.1%	74

Totals: 913

17. Did your child ask for a phone?



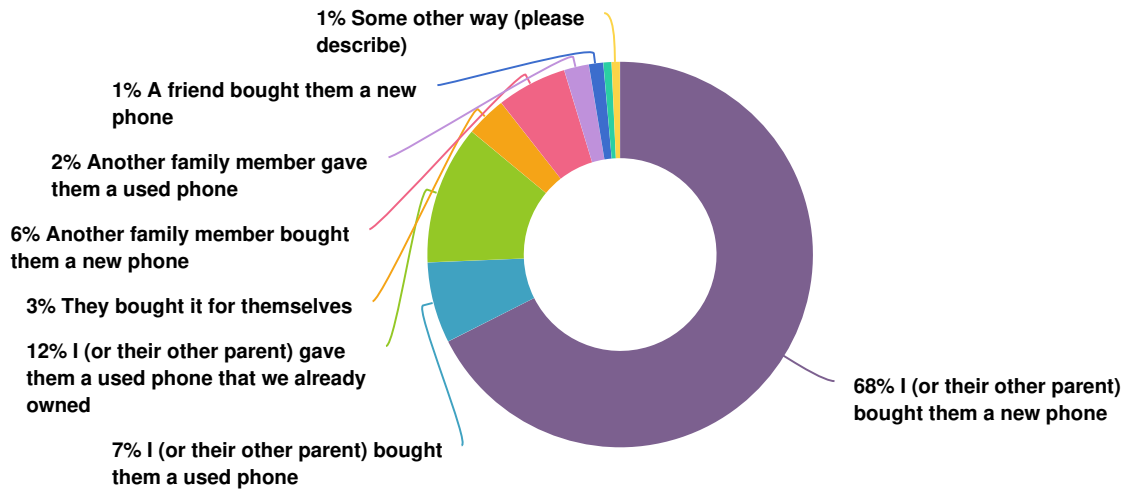
Value		Percent	Responses
Yes		72.7%	667
No		27.3%	250

Totals: 917

18. What was your child's main reason for wanting a phone?



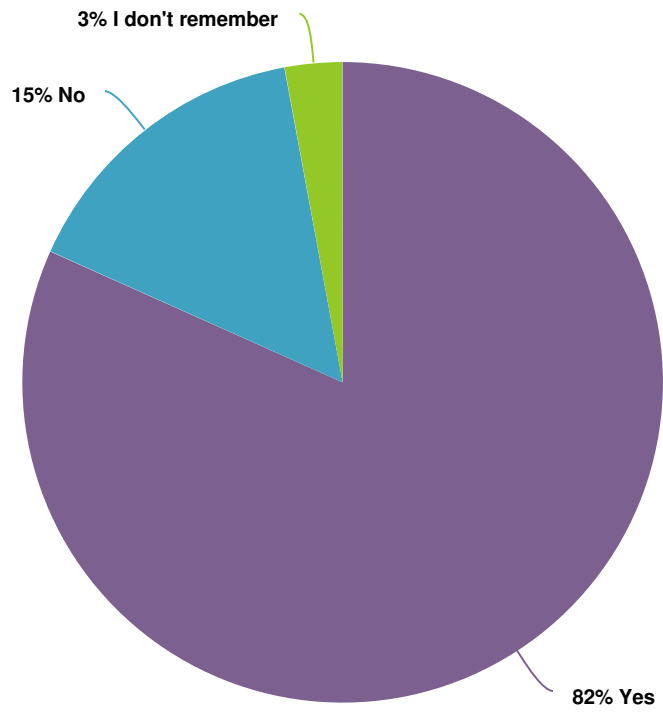
19. How did they get it?



Value	Percent	Responses
I (or their other parent) bought them a new phone	67.7%	624
I (or their other parent) bought them a used phone	6.8%	63
I (or their other parent) gave them a used phone that we already owned	11.7%	108
They bought it for themselves	3.4%	31
Another family member bought them a new phone	5.9%	54
Another family member gave them a used phone	2.1%	19
A friend bought them a new phone	1.2%	11
A friend gave them a used phone	0.7%	6
Some other way (please describe)	0.7%	6

Totals: 922

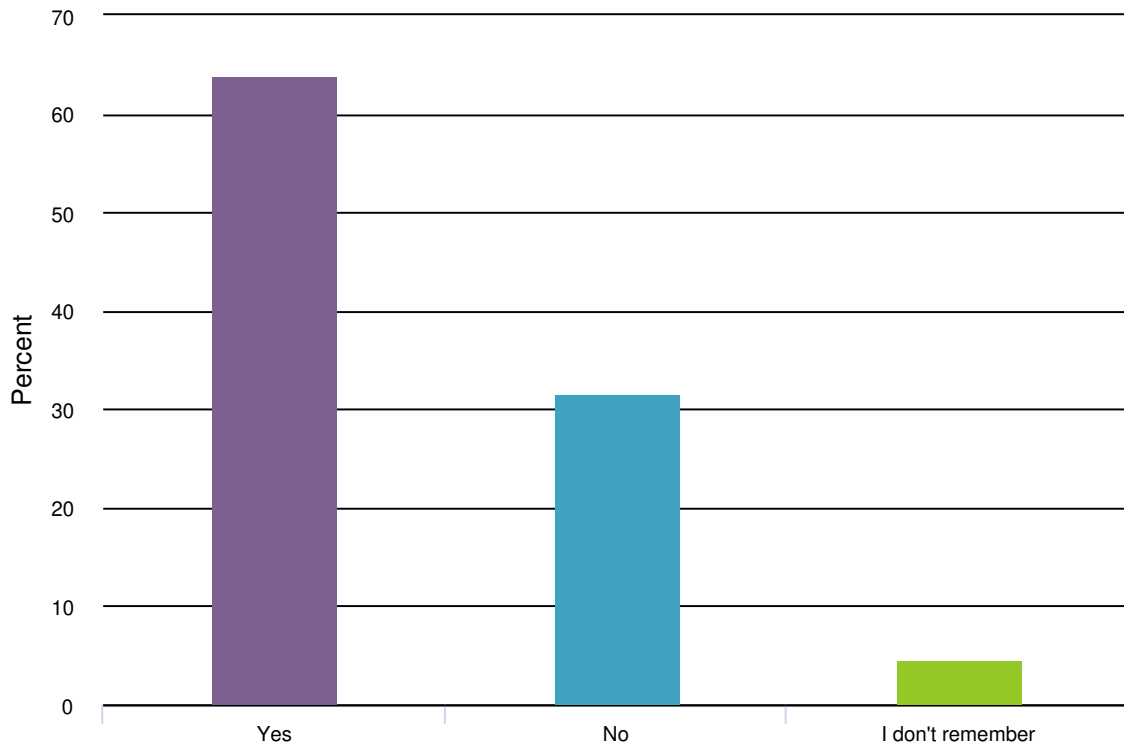
20. When your child got their phone, did you help them set it up?






Value	Percent	Responses
Yes	81.7%	752
No	15.4%	142
I don't remember	2.9%	27

Totals: 921

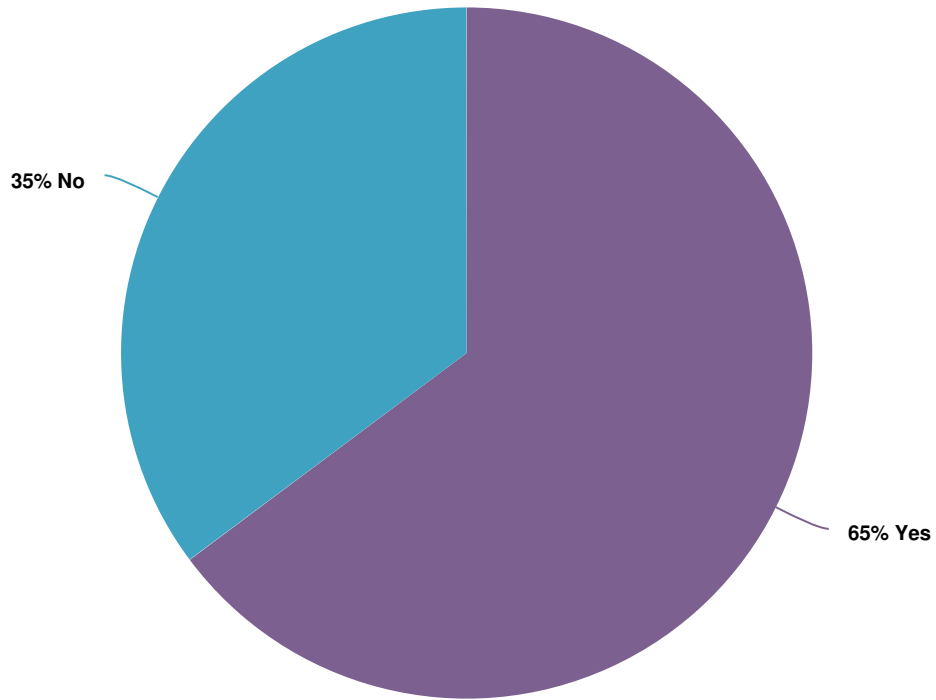
21. When your child got their phone, did you turn on or install any parental controls?





Value		Percent	Responses
Yes		63.9%	587
No		31.6%	290
I don't remember		4.6%	42

Totals: 919

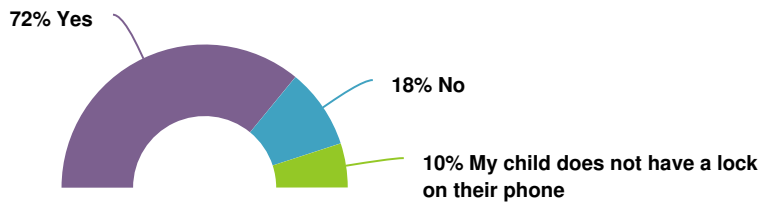
22. Do you use your phone to track where your child is?






Value		Percent	Responses
Yes		64.8%	597
No		35.2%	324

Totals: 921

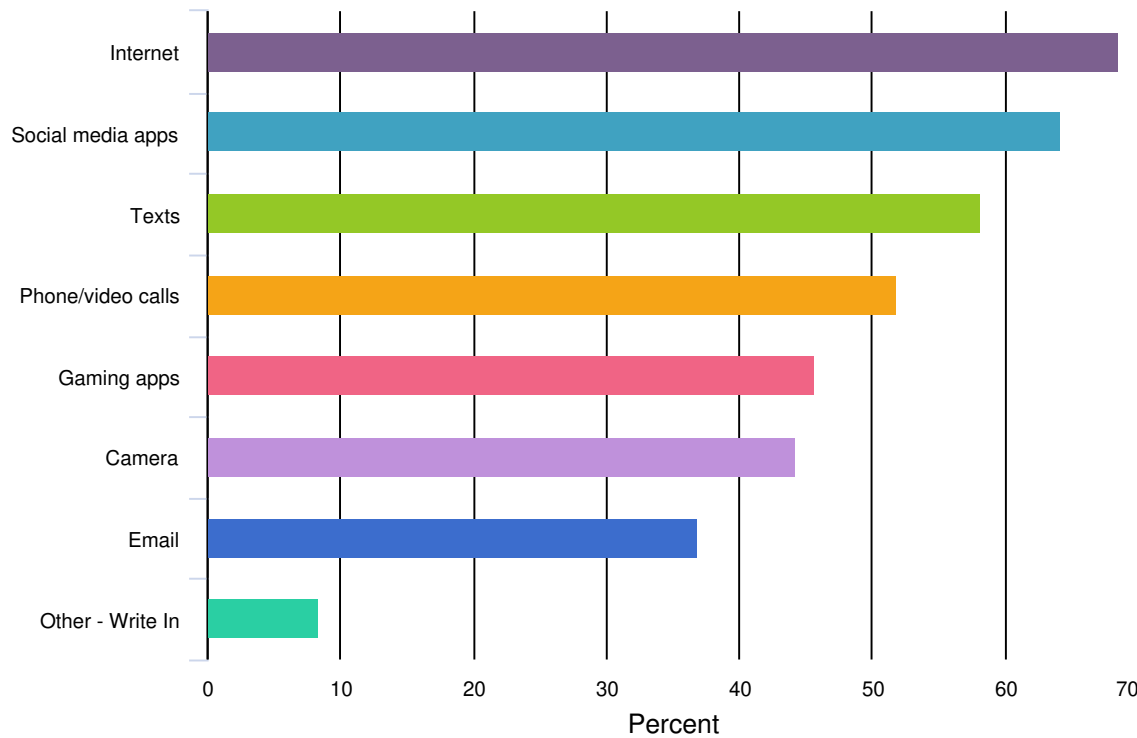
23. Do you know the code to unlock your child's phone?



Value		Percent	Responses
Yes		71.9%	661
No		18.1%	166
My child does not have a lock on their phone		10.0%	92

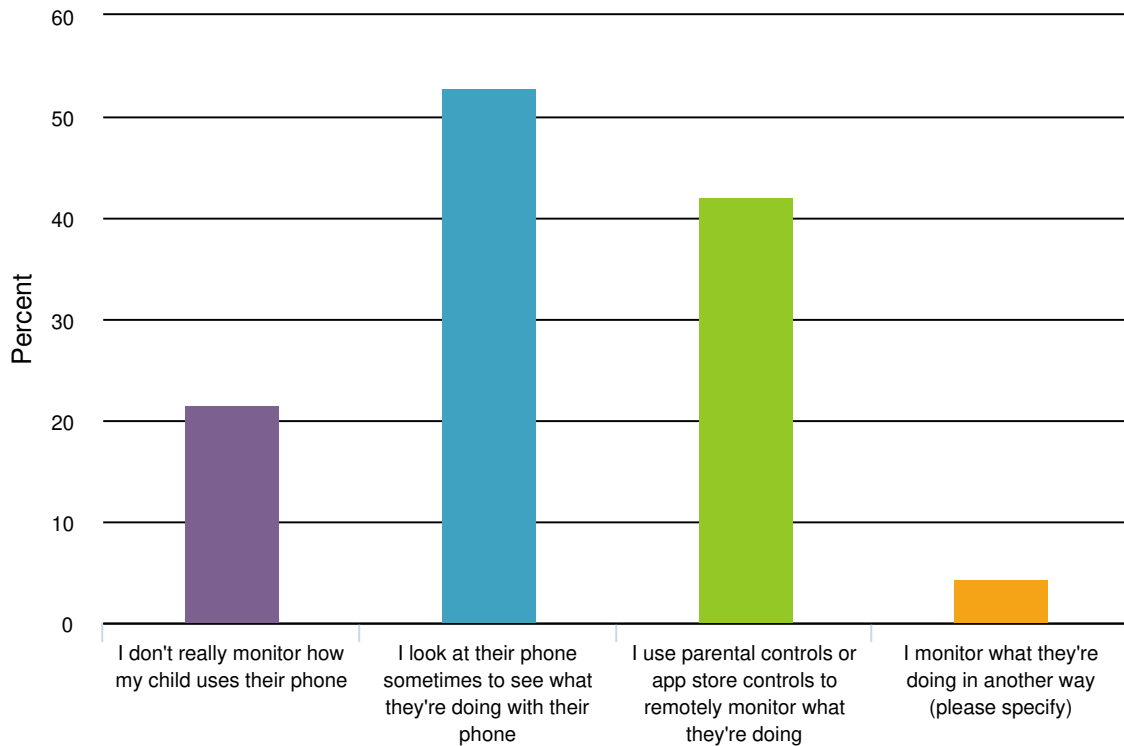
Totals: 919

24. Select any of the following functions you monitor on your child's phone (check all that apply):



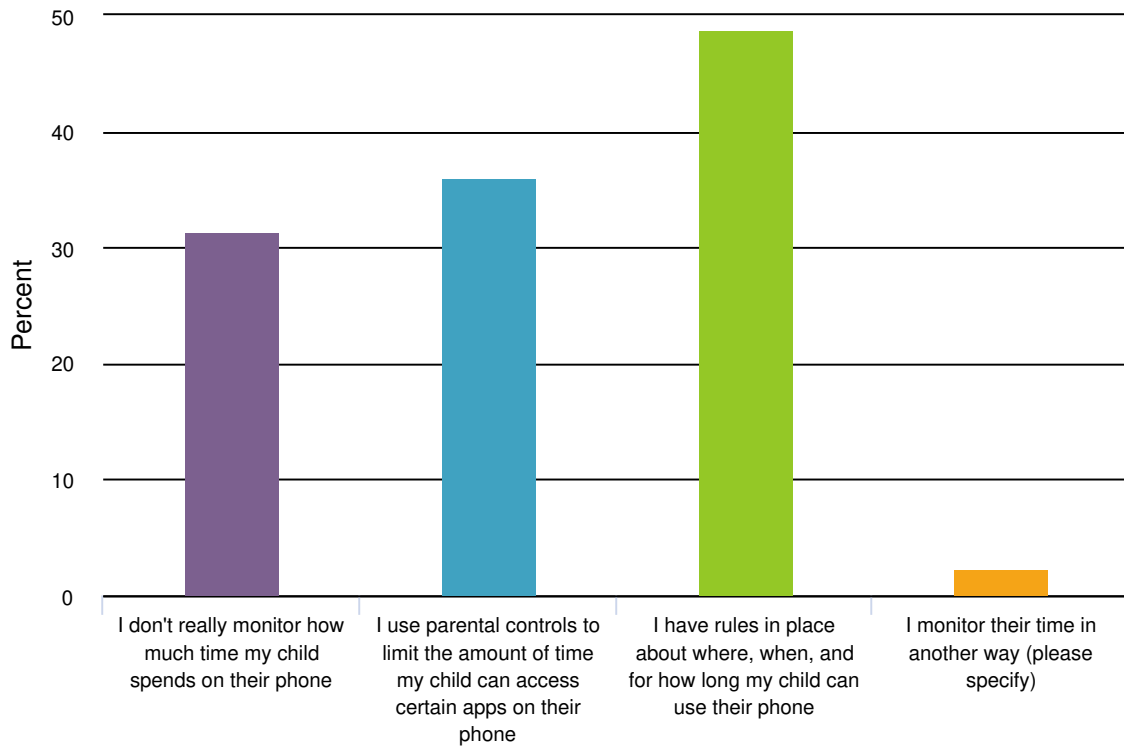
Value	Percent	Responses
Internet	68.5%	612
Social media apps	64.2%	574
Texts	58.1%	519
Phone/video calls	51.9%	464
Gaming apps	45.7%	409
Camera	44.2%	395
Email	36.9%	330
Other - Write In	8.3%	74

25. Select any of the following ways that you monitor how your child uses their phone (check all that apply):



Value	Percent	Responses
I don't really monitor how my child uses their phone	21.6%	198
I look at their phone sometimes to see what they're doing with their phone	52.8%	484
I use parental controls or app store controls to remotely monitor what they're doing	42.2%	387
I monitor what they're doing in another way (please specify)	4.5%	41

26. Select any of the following ways that you monitor how much time your child spends on their phone (check all that apply):



Value	Percent	Responses
I don't really monitor how much time my child spends on their phone	31.4%	289
I use parental controls to limit the amount of time my child can access certain apps on their phone	36.0%	332
I have rules in place about where, when, and for how long my child can use their phone	48.8%	449
I monitor their time in another way (please specify)	2.4%	22

27. How important were each of the following reasons in allowing your child to get a phone?

	Extremely important	Very important	Moderately important	Slightly important	Not at all important	Responses
To connect with friends Count Row %	296 32.2%	275 29.9%	210 22.8%	79 8.6%	60 6.5%	920
To connect with family Count Row %	462 50.3%	301 32.8%	105 11.4%	40 4.4%	10 1.1%	918
To connect with me Count Row %	558 60.6%	231 25.1%	95 10.3%	23 2.5%	14 1.5%	921
To connect with their other parent Count Row %	483 52.6%	237 25.8%	98 10.7%	32 3.5%	68 7.4%	918
To connect with their school Count Row %	277 30.2%	273 29.7%	187 20.4%	77 8.4%	104 11.3%	918
To be safe when away from me Count Row %	573 62.5%	209 22.8%	97 10.6%	25 2.7%	13 1.4%	917
To play games Count Row %	186 20.3%	178 19.4%	240 26.1%	147 16.0%	167 18.2%	918
To watch videos Count Row %	183 19.9%	189 20.6%	237 25.8%	153 16.6%	157 17.1%	919

	Extremely important	Very important	Moderately important	Slightly important	Not at all important	Responses
To take pictures and videos Count Row %	212 23.1%	218 23.7%	251 27.3%	141 15.3%	97 10.6%	919
To share and post pictures and videos Count Row %	182 19.8%	164 17.9%	204 22.2%	137 14.9%	230 25.1%	917
To do school work Count Row %	313 34.1%	243 26.5%	167 18.2%	81 8.8%	114 12.4%	918
To find out information Count Row %	311 33.9%	293 31.9%	187 20.4%	68 7.4%	59 6.4%	918
Because their friends or classmates were getting them Count Row %	207 22.5%	161 17.5%	191 20.8%	97 10.6%	263 28.6%	919
Because they asked for the phone Count Row %	209 22.7%	204 22.2%	228 24.8%	118 12.8%	160 17.4%	919
Totals Total Responses						921

28. How much do you agree with the following statements?

	Do not agree	Slightly agree	Somewhat agree	Moderately agree	Completely agree	Responses
My child's phone helps keep them safe. Count Row %	112 12.1%	210 22.8%	191 20.7%	141 15.3%	268 29.1%	922
My child is better than other children at controlling their own phone use. Count Row %	131 14.2%	195 21.2%	217 23.6%	177 19.2%	201 21.8%	921
I consider my child's phone and what is on it their private property. Count Row %	217 23.5%	156 16.9%	208 22.6%	138 15.0%	203 22.0%	922
My child needs their phone to contact me for after-school and other activities. Count Row %	57 6.2%	112 12.1%	153 16.6%	187 20.3%	413 44.8%	922
My child needs their phone to stay connected to their friends. Count Row %	69 7.5%	163 17.7%	240 26.0%	213 23.1%	237 25.7%	922
Totals Total Responses						922

29. How much do you agree with each of these statements about your child's phone?

	Do not agree	Slightly agree	Somewhat agree	Moderately agree	Completely agree	Responses
They don't need it Count Row %	389 42.3%	155 16.9%	170 18.5%	90 9.8%	115 12.5%	919
It interferes with their school work Count Row %	338 36.8%	196 21.3%	165 18.0%	116 12.6%	104 11.3%	919
It gives them a creative outlet Count Row %	76 8.3%	173 18.8%	265 28.8%	201 21.8%	205 22.3%	920
It distracts them from time we spend together Count Row %	254 27.6%	204 22.2%	181 19.7%	136 14.8%	145 15.8%	920
It costs too much money Count Row %	313 34.0%	175 19.0%	171 18.6%	128 13.9%	133 14.5%	920
It helps them with their school work Count Row %	97 10.5%	191 20.7%	206 22.4%	205 22.3%	222 24.1%	921
It exposes them to cyberbullying or other negative social experiences Count Row %	200 21.7%	210 22.8%	227 24.6%	144 15.6%	140 15.2%	921

	Do not agree	Slightly agree	Somewhat agree	Moderately agree	Completely agree	Responses
It introduces them to new hobbies/interests Count Row %	60 6.5%	181 19.7%	256 27.9%	200 21.8%	222 24.2%	919
It interferes with their sleep Count Row %	252 27.5%	195 21.2%	167 18.2%	142 15.5%	162 17.6%	918
They spend too much time using it Count Row %	176 19.2%	188 20.5%	193 21.0%	178 19.4%	182 19.8%	917
They use it to access pornography Count Row %	554 60.1%	84 9.1%	103 11.2%	87 9.4%	94 10.2%	922
It allows me to track where my child is Count Row %	103 11.2%	131 14.3%	183 19.9%	150 16.3%	352 38.3%	919
I can reach them whenever I want to Count Row %	34 3.7%	86 9.4%	146 15.9%	189 20.6%	464 50.5%	919
It boosts their self-image Count Row %	134 14.6%	146 15.9%	262 28.5%	178 19.4%	198 21.6%	918

Totals

Total Responses

922

30. What has been the biggest benefit of your child having a phone?

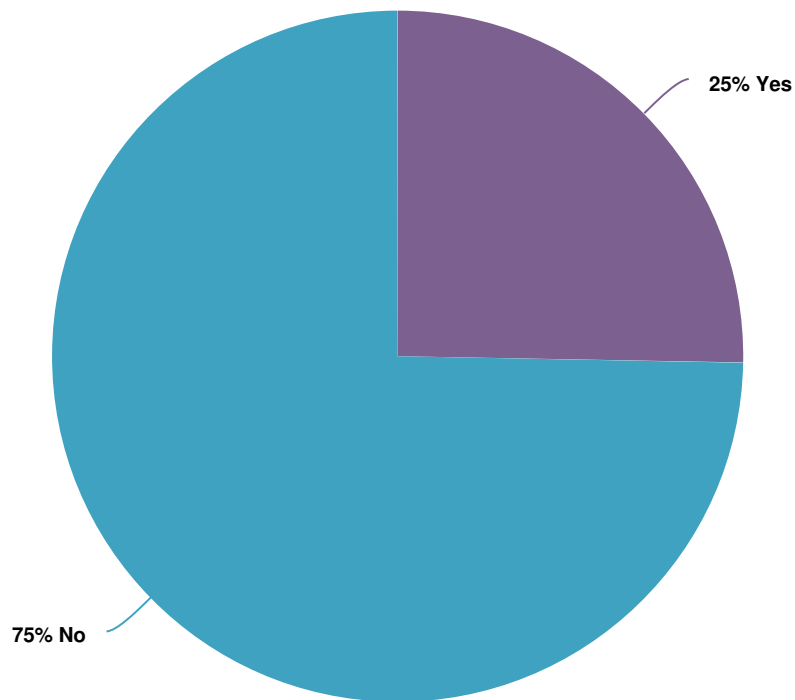


31. What has been the biggest challenge of your child having a phone?



If your child does not have their own phone:

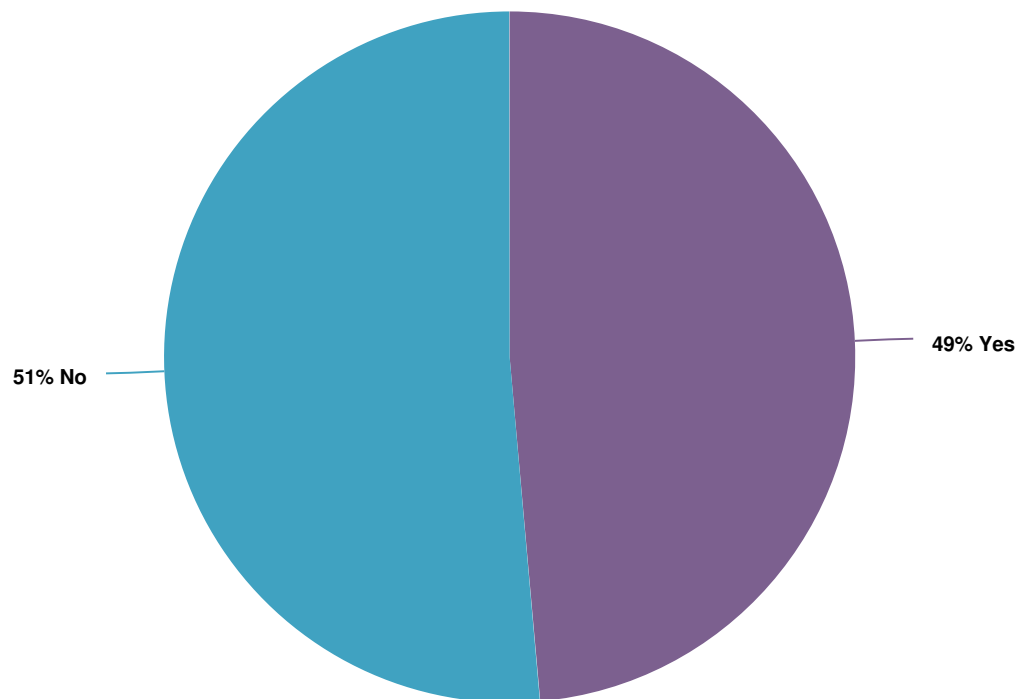
32. Does your child have a watch or other mobile device (not a tablet) that they can use to communicate with you and other people?





Value		Percent	Responses
Yes		25.3%	118
No		74.7%	349

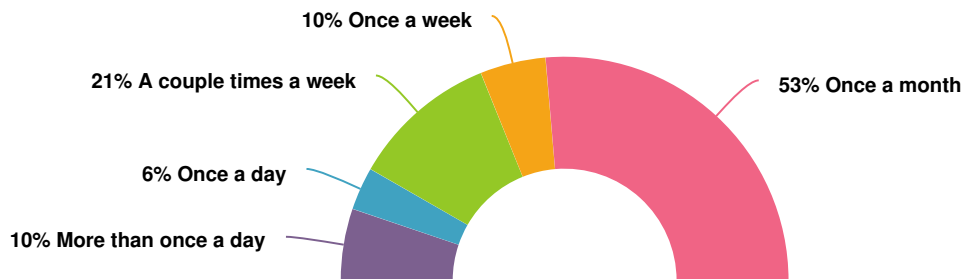
Totals: 467

33. Has your child asked you to get them a phone?



Value		Percent	Responses
Yes		48.6%	241
No		51.4%	255
			Totals: 496

34. How frequently does your child ask for a phone?



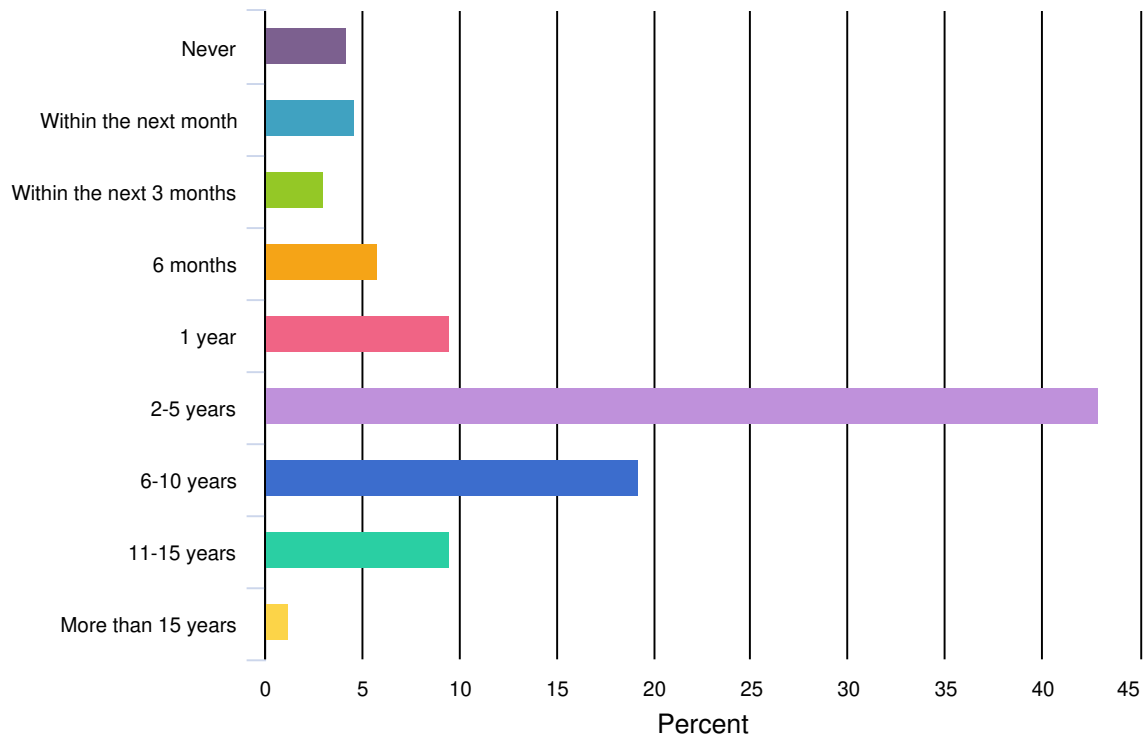
Value	Percent	Responses
More than once a day	10.4%	25
Once a day	6.2%	15
A couple times a week	21.2%	51
Once a week	9.5%	23
Once a month	52.7%	127

Totals: 241

35. What is your child's main reason for wanting a phone?



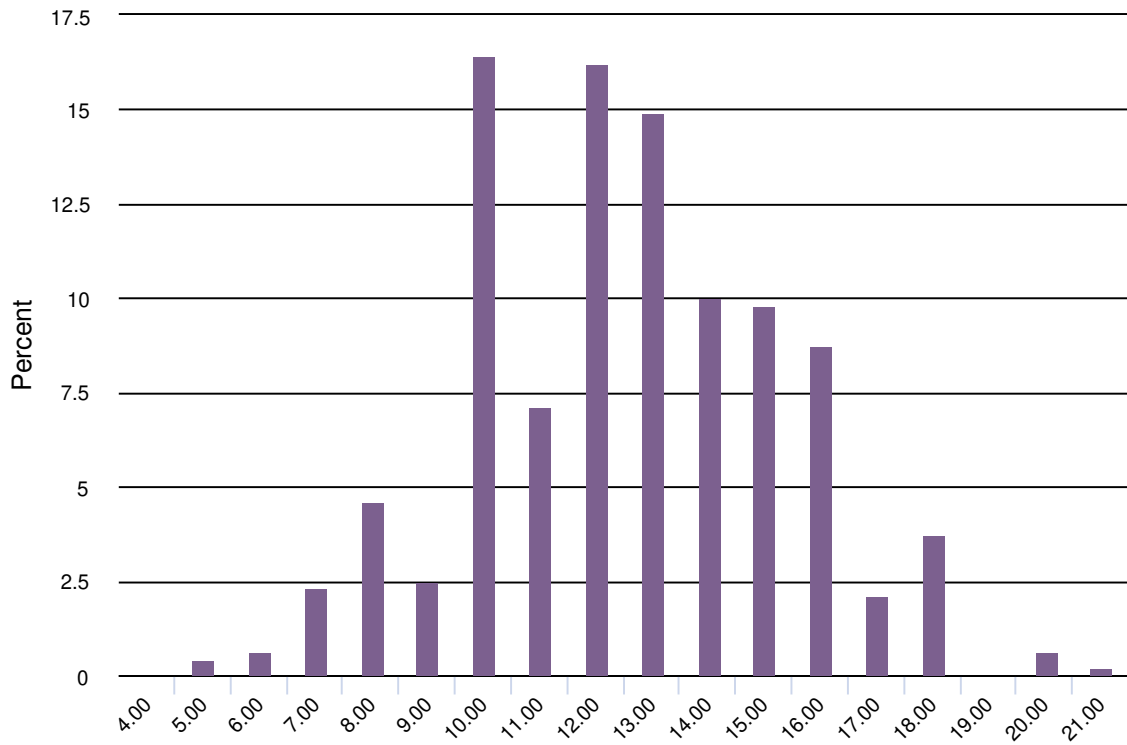
36. When are you most likely to get your child a phone?



Value	Percent	Responses
Never	4.2%	21
Within the next month	4.6%	23
Within the next 3 months	3.0%	15
6 months	5.8%	29
1 year	9.5%	47
2-5 years	42.9%	213
6-10 years	19.2%	95
11-15 years	9.5%	47
More than 15 years	1.2%	6

Totals: 496

37. What age do you think they will be when you get them a phone?



Statistics

Average

12.5

38. How much do you agree with each of these statements about why you have not given your child a phone?

	Do not agree	Slightly agree	Somewhat agree	Moderately agree	Completely agree	Responses
They don't need one Count Row %	39 7.9%	55 11.1%	83 16.7%	70 14.1%	249 50.2%	496
I am worried it would interfere with their school work Count Row %	56 11.3%	56 11.3%	96 19.4%	89 18.0%	198 40.0%	495
I am worried it would distract them from time we spend together Count Row %	81 16.3%	46 9.3%	117 23.5%	83 16.7%	170 34.2%	497
It costs too much money Count Row %	110 22.2%	71 14.3%	110 22.2%	72 14.5%	132 26.7%	495
I am worried it would expose them to cyberbullying or other negative social experiences Count Row %	64 12.9%	59 11.9%	101 20.4%	95 19.2%	176 35.6%	495
I am worried it would interfere with their sleep Count Row %	61 12.3%	53 10.7%	96 19.4%	98 19.8%	187 37.8%	495

	Do not agree	Slightly agree	Somewhat agree	Moderately agree	Completely agree	Responses
I am worried that they would spend too much time using it Count Row %	42 8.5%	35 7.0%	83 16.7%	101 20.3%	236 47.5%	497
I am worried they would use it to access pornography Count Row %	189 38.1%	53 10.7%	82 16.5%	63 12.7%	109 22.0%	496
Totals Total Responses						497

39. How much do you agree with the following statements?

	Do not agree	Slightly agree	Somewhat agree	Moderately agree	Completely agree	Responses
A phone would help keep my child safe. Count Row %	74 14.9%	105 21.2%	154 31.1%	75 15.2%	87 17.6%	495
My child would be better than other children at controlling their own phone use. Count Row %	168 33.9%	89 18.0%	118 23.8%	71 14.3%	49 9.9%	495
I would consider my child's phone and what is on it their private property. Count Row %	202 40.9%	82 16.6%	92 18.6%	54 10.9%	64 13.0%	494
My child needs a phone to contact me for after-school and other activities. Count Row %	132 26.7%	96 19.4%	103 20.8%	77 15.6%	87 17.6%	495
My child needs a phone to stay connected to their friends. Count Row %	197 39.8%	102 20.6%	99 20.0%	49 9.9%	48 9.7%	495

	Do not agree	Slightly agree	Somewhat agree	Moderately agree	Completely agree	Responses
A phone would help them with their school work Count Row %	246 49.7%	79 16.0%	93 18.8%	39 7.9%	38 7.7%	495
A phone would help me track where my child is Count Row %	62 12.6%	97 19.6%	108 21.9%	88 17.8%	139 28.1%	494
Totals Total Responses						495

40. What is the main reason you have not gotten your child a phone?

A word cloud visualization of responses to the question. The word 'young' is the largest and most prominent, centered in blue. Other words are smaller and scattered around it, including 'phones', 'work', 'children', 'dont', 'school', '3', 'ready', 'cost', 'child', 'money', '1', 'responsible', '4', '2', 'age', 'phone', 'years', 'feel', '0', 'or', 'time', 'needed', 'responsibility', and 'expensive'. The words are in various colors like green, orange, purple, and blue.

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