## CHILDHOOD USE OF MOBILE DEVICES: INFLUENCE OF MOTHERS' SOCIO-EDUCATIONAL LEVEL

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## INTRODUCTION



Widespread use of technology; higher level in the use and consumption of screens.



Influence of the socioeducational level of families on the consumption of digital screens.

## **OBJECTIVE AND METHODOLOGY**

The main objective of this study is to find out the impact that the level of education and professional profile of mothers and fathers has on the use and type of consumption of digital devices by children aged 5 to 9

#### Questionnaire

792 primary school students from 15 schools The consumption of television, smartphones, tablets, computers and videogames was analyzed



### RESULTS

| Table 2. Comparison of media consumption of children analyzed according to their father's educational level and professional category |       |                                 |        |       |  |        |       |  |
|---|-------|---------------------------------|--------|-------|--|--------|-------|--|
|   |       | Educational level of the father |        |       | Professional category of the father  |        |       |  |
| Device  | Total | High                            | Medium | Low   | High   | Medium | Low   |  |
| Television  | 69.8% | 66.9%                           | 69.3%  | 71.8% | 68.8%  | 67.9%  | 70.1% |  |
| Tablet  | 50.9% | 47.0%                           | 55.7%  | 51.3% | 47.8%  | 52.7%  | 49.4% |  |
| Videogames  | 33.8% | 30.3%                           | 35.5%  | 38.5% | 28.6%  | 34.5%  | 42.5% |  |
| Mobile phone  | 30.3% | 21.1%                           | 34.2%  | 59.0% | 21.4%  | 31.4%  | 49.4% |  |
| The results indicate that television<br>continues to be the most consumed<br>medium among children in the                             |       |                                 |        |       | By analyzing the level of maternal<br>education, it was observed that,<br>the more education, the less use of th |        |       |  |

computer by the minors.

# CONCLUSIONS

The research data reveal the importance of considering the socio-educational level of parents:



sample analyzed.

For a better understanding of the consumption of digital screens



As an opportunity for designing family strategies that encourage critical thinking and digital media education



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