

Homeschooling on the Rise Both in the U.S. and Elsewhere

Earlier this year, *Breitbart* news [announced](#) a startling figure: the number of homeschooled children in the U.S. rose 61.8% in the last decade.

But according to a [recent BBC report](#), the U.S. is not the only country seeing such a dramatic rise in homeschooling. In the last six years, the U.K. has experienced a **65% increase** in the number of homeschool students.

Interestingly, the British resolve to home educate is [quite similar](#) to that of American parents, often stemming from a dissatisfaction with local schools or a desire to pass on a different value system to children. The *BBC* reports:

“Top of the list is a difference of philosophy or lifestyle at 13.4%. ...

This is followed by a dissatisfaction with the local school or a conflict, accounting for 9.3% of families. ...

Cultural or religious reasons are cited in 6.2% of cases, with bullying at 4.8% and special needs or medical problems at 4.3%.

With growing pressure on school places due to rising pupil numbers, 3.4% of home-educating parents say they could not get their child into a preferred school.”

Over the years, American homeschool students have defied naysayers by consistently demonstrating [exceptional results](#) in both academic and social measurements. By contrast, accounts of poor [discipline](#), [test scores](#), and [curriculum](#) in the public

school increasingly show a system in disarray and unsuitable for learning. Given these results, would more parents be better off joining the growing ranks of homeschoolers who are taking control of their children's education?

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