

Homeschooling in the United States

In 2012

Who's Homeschooled?

About **1.8 million students** were homeschooled in the United States—more than twice as many as in 1999.¹



83%

The majority were white.



They were most likely to live in rural and suburban areas.

4/10

had parents with at least a bachelor's degree.



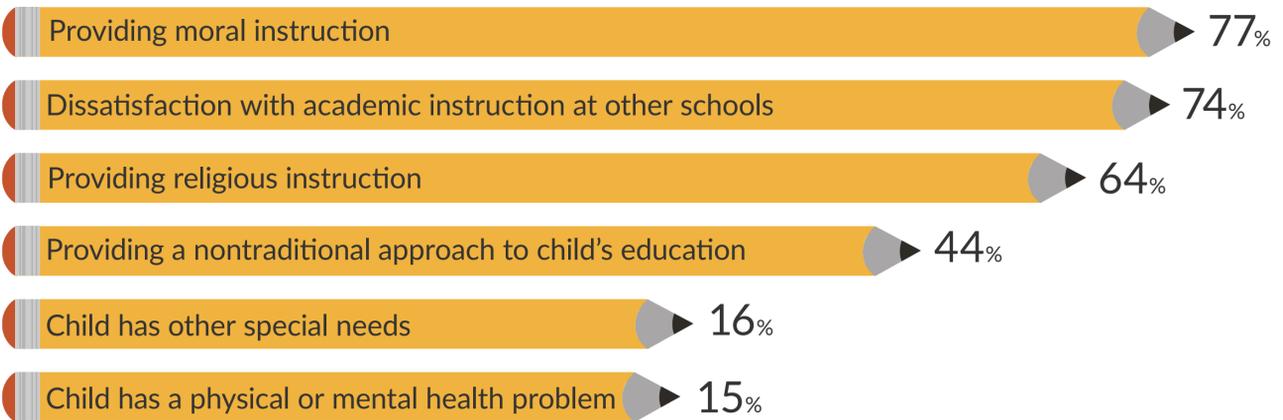
89%

lived in households with incomes above the poverty line.

Why Are Parents Homeschooling Their Children?

9/10 parents reported concerns about schools' environments—such as **safety, drugs, or negative peer pressure**—as important reasons to homeschool their children.

Other important reasons for homeschooling include:

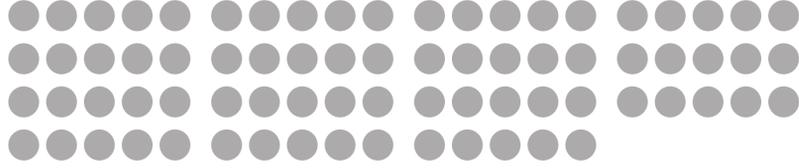


How Do Parents Prepare for Homeschooling Their Children?

25% of parents prepared by taking a course.

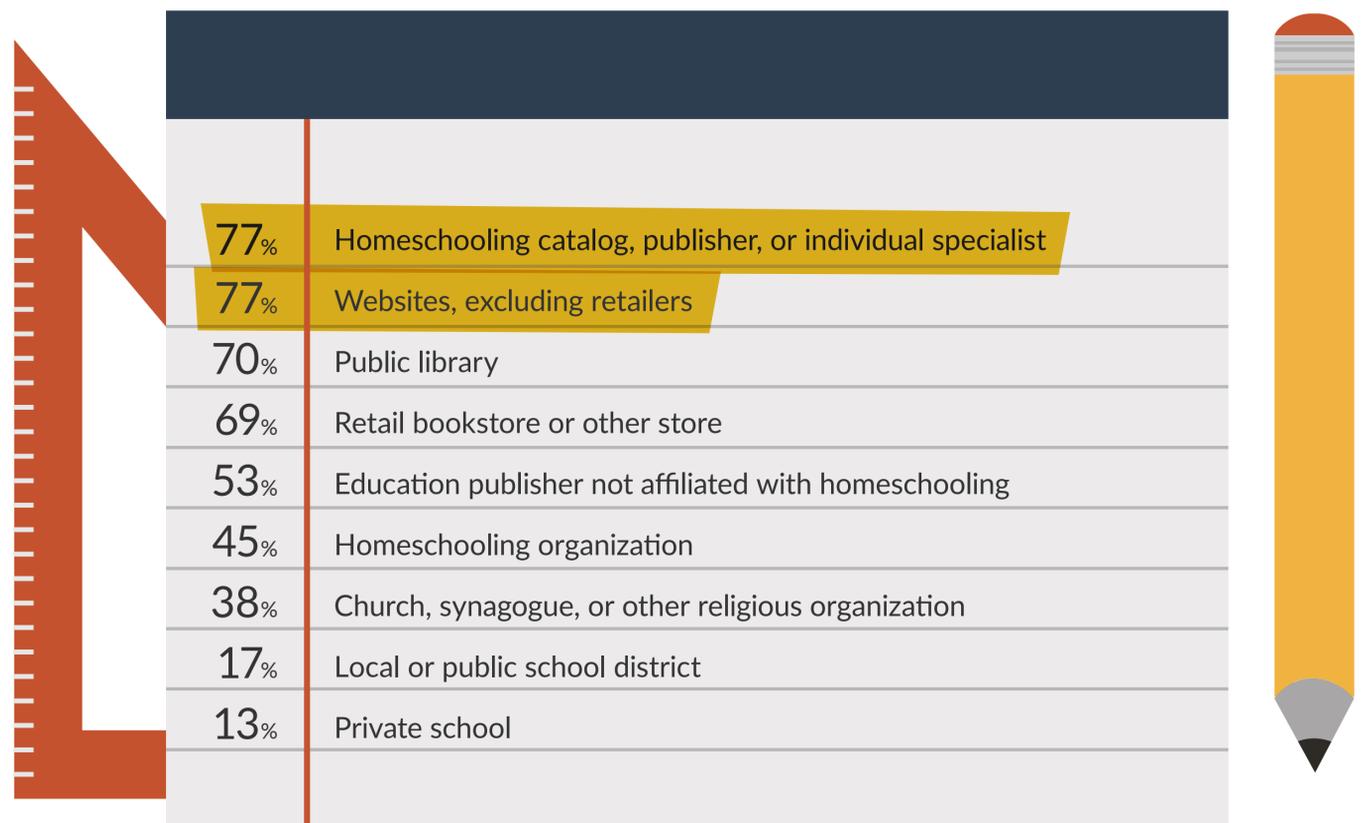


75% did not take a course



What Sources Do Parents Use for Curriculum?

Most parents used curriculum materials from a homeschooling catalog, publisher, individual specialist, or from websites.



¹ Homeschooled students are children age 5-17 (with a grade equivalent of K-12) who receive instruction at home instead of at a public or private school all or most of the time. This excludes students who were enrolled in public or private school more than 25 hours a week and students who were homeschooled because of temporary illness.

SOURCE: The National Household Education Survey (NHES), sponsored by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES).