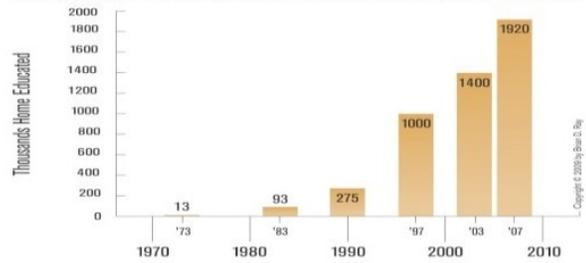


Value of Homeschooling

GROWTH OF HOMESCHOOLING IN THE UNITED STATES



The strength of a family depends on the quality of the time they spend together. HOME seeks to strengthen family ties, by encouraging and supporting families in their God-given and constitutional right to homeschool their children.

By nature, students that are homeschooled are more engaged civically. They are more active in their churches, more family oriented and known for being critical thinkers.

The amount of support homeschool families receive from state and local organizations and support groups, as well as their local churches, greatly increases the likelihood that they will be able to finish strong in their homeschool journey. Successful homeschool families raise students that become engaged, civic-minded adults that are actively involved in their communities and churches.

Why Parents Choose to Homeschool Their Children

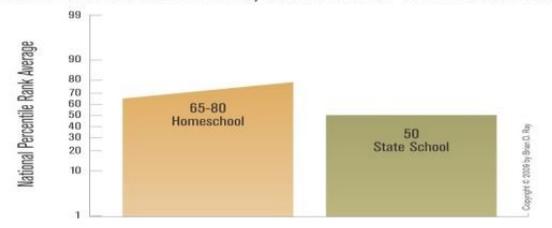
Reasons for homeschooling vary from one family to the next.

Common Reasons Include:

1. Individualized Instruction
2. Flexibility
3. Greater Academic Accomplishment
4. Strong Family
5. Guided Social Interaction
6. Safety: Physical, Drugs, Alcohol, Sexual, Psychological
7. Instilling Values, Beliefs, Worldview
8. Extended Travel

Good parents want what's best for their children when it comes to health, education and well-being. For many families, homeschooling is the answer to providing what's best.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT OF HOMESCHOOL AND STATE-SCHOOL STUDENTS, SUMMARY OF MANY STUDIES



Homeschool Statistics

- The home-educated are doing well (typically above average) on measures of social, emotional, and psychological development. Research measures include peer interaction, self-concept, leadership skills, family cohesion, participation in community service, and self-esteem.
- Homeschool students are regularly engaged in social and educational activities outside their homes and with people other than their nuclear-family members. They are commonly involved in activities such as field trips, scouting, 4-H, political drives, church ministry, sports teams, and community volunteer work.

The research based on adults who were home-educated is growing; thus far, it indicates that they:

- participate in local community service more frequently than does the general population
- vote and attend public meetings more frequently than the general population
- go to and succeed at college at an equal or higher rate than the general population
- by adulthood, internalize the values and beliefs of their parents at a high rate

Churches and HOME Partnering for Strong Families

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How can we as a church support the work of HOME?

1. Pray for the ministry of HOME.
2. Make homeschool information and resources available to families considering homeschooling.
3. Invite HOME to speak at your church.
4. Take up a special one-time collection and donate to HOME.
5. Consider adding us to your monthly missions support.
6. Let interested families know about HOME.

How can HOME support the work of the church?

1. Offer support to homeschool families in your congregation.
2. Offer homeschooling as an option when public school isn't meeting the need.
3. Provide information and materials to help families get started in homeschooling.
4. Answer questions and concerns regarding homeschooling in Maine.
5. Work together with your church to build strong families and values!



Working together to strengthen the family!