

United Kingdom

Education

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The British public is highly satisfied with the educational system, but school enrolment rates could improve

Net primary enrolment in the UK is relatively high, as is gross secondary enrolment and gross tertiary enrolment – the country places 27th, 30th, and 30th on each variable, respectively. A high 84%* of the population are satisfied with the quality of education and an above average of 86%* believe that children have the opportunity to learn and grow every day in British society. The UK's ratio of primary school students to teachers is 17-to-one, which is below the global average, but there is near gender equality in primary and secondary education. The UK ranks 31st in the Index for the average years of secondary education completed by the workforce – over two and a half years – and 24th for the average years of tertiary education completed.

The UK falls within the top 30 countries in terms of its relatively low level of refugees and internally displaced persons, group grievances based on recent or past injustices, and levels of state-sponsored violence or political terror. Human flight is very low in the UK; the country has the seventh lowest level of emigration of professionals, intellectuals and its middle class. There were no casualties from civil or ethnic violence in the UK in 2009, and there are relatively few