



Home Education in Florida

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Established by the Florida Legislature as a school choice option in 1985, home education is defined in Section 1002.01, Florida Statutes (F.S.), as “the sequentially progressive instruction of a student directed by his or her parent.” Section 1002.41, F.S., requires parents to notify the district school superintendent in the county of residence of their intent to establish and maintain a home education program and to provide the name, address, and birth date of each participating student.

Florida law does not require a particular educational background for parents of home-educated students. Parents who home educate their children are able to customize the curriculum to the needs of each child. However, a portfolio of activities, records and materials showing student work must be maintained for two years and made available to the school district if requested in writing. Additionally, Section 1002.41, F.S. requires that students in home education programs annually undergo one of five academic evaluation options, the results of which must be submitted to the school district by the parent.

Each year, the Department of Education surveys all school districts to collect data on the number of students and families who have registered their intent to establish home education programs. For the 2018-19 school year, the numbers provided by the districts indicate that 67,104 families and 97,261 students participated in home education programs. In the last five years, the total number of students in home education has increased by 13,165 or 16% over the 84,096 students reported in 2014-15, with a five-year average of 88,399 students.

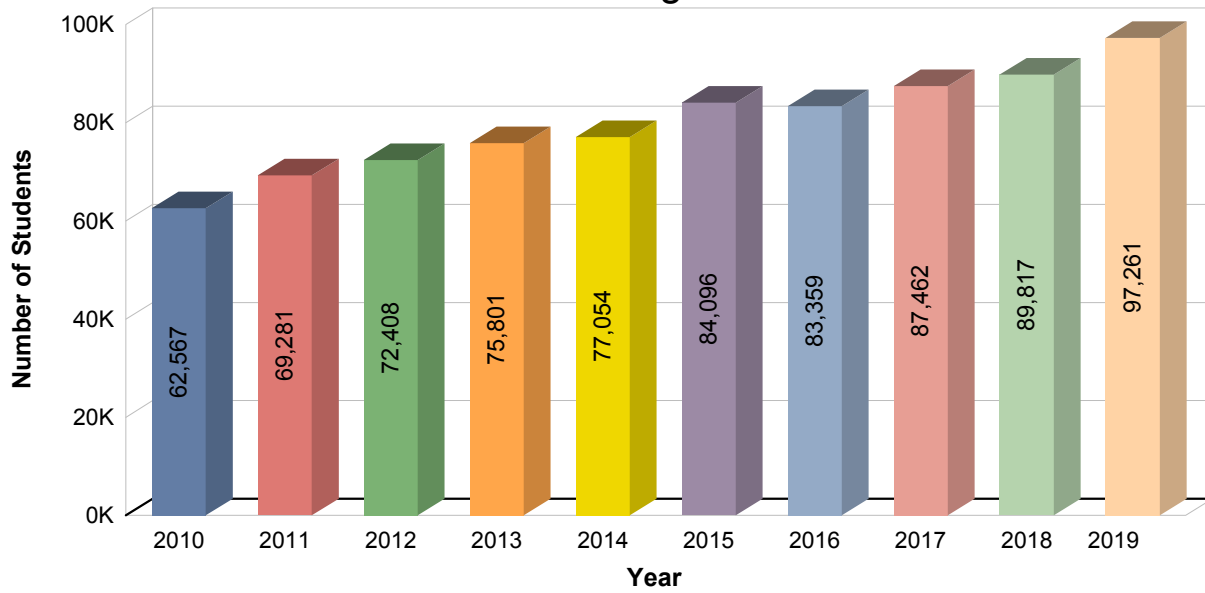


For more information on home education in Florida, please visit the Web site of the Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice at: <http://www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/other-school-choice-options/home-edu/>.

HOME EDUCATION STATISTICS BY DISTRICT, 2018-19

DISTRICT ID	DISTRICT NAME	STUDENTS	FAMILIES
1	Alachua	1,535	983
2	Baker	335	248
3	Bay	1,364	972
4	Bradford	282	210
5	Brevard	4,092	3,152
6	Broward	5,103	3,713
7	Calhoun	111	79
8	Charlotte	619	502
9	Citrus	765	569
10	Clay	1,465	488
11	Collier	1,659	1,204
12	Columbia	643	477
13	Dade	3,543	1,950
14	DeSoto	230	162
15	Dixie	124	94
16	Duval	7,258	5,234
17	Escambia	1,451	972
18	Flagler	787	584
19	Franklin	4	4
20	Gadsden	280	201
21	Gilchrest	181	131
22	Glades	28	22
23	Gulf	140	107
24	Hamilton	89	55
25	Hardee	222	164
26	Hendry	178	129
27	Hernando	1,588	1,153
28	Highlands	493	344
29	Hillsborough	7,117	4,657
30	Holmes	192	149
31	Indian River	1,080	844
32	Jackson	361	243
33	Jefferson	218	137
34	Lafayette	69	53
35	Lake	3,528	2,628
36	Lee	1,967	412
37	Leon	1,801	1,320
38	Levy	533	391
39	Liberty	42	32
40	Madison	126	90
41	Manatee	1,661	1,187
42	Marion	2,773	2,133
43	Martin	960	647
44	Monroe	212	130
45	Nassau	837	527
46	Okaloosa	1,223	989
47	Okeechobee	479	233
48	Orange	6,161	4,710
49	Osceola	1,870	1,314
50	Palm Beach	5,322	3,811
51	Pasco	3,410	2,276
52	Pinellas	3,173	2,282
53	Polk	3,583	2,582
54	Putnam	445	315
55	St. Johns	1,974	987
56	St. Lucie	1,766	1,289
57	Santa Rosa	1,123	487
58	Sarasota	1,621	1,200
59	Seminole	1,935	1,421
60	Sumter	410	323
61	Suwannee	507	411
62	Taylor	261	189
63	Union	170	124
64	Volusia	2,713	1,919
65	Wakulla	215	151
66	Walton	672	483
67	Washington	182	125
STATE TOTAL:		97,261	67,104

Student Enrollment in Home Education Programs 2009-10 Through 2018-19

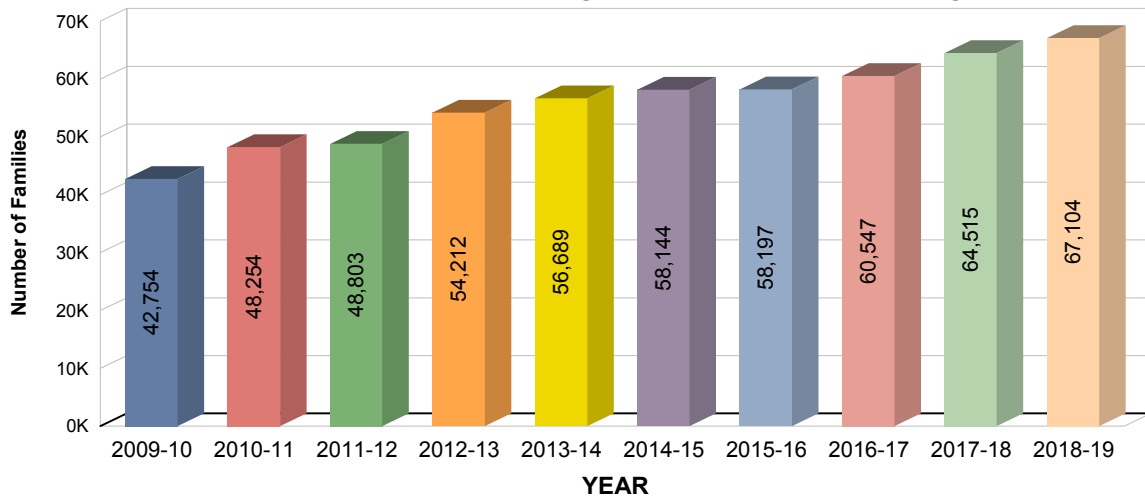


<u>School Year</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
2019	97,261	7,444	8.3%
2018	89,817	2,355	2.7%
2017	87,462	4,103	4.9%
2016	83,359	-737	-0.9%
2015	84,096	7,042	9.1%
2014	77,054	1,253	1.7%
2013	75,801	3,393	4.7%
2012	72,408	3,127	4.5%
2011	69,281	6,714	10.7%
2010	62,567		

Districts with the Most Home Education Students 2018-19

<u>District Name</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>%</u>
Duval	7,258	7.5%	5,234	7.8%
Hillsborough	7,117	7.3%	4,657	6.9%
Orange	6,161	6.3%	4,710	7.0%
Palm Beach	5,322	5.5%	3,811	5.7%
Broward	5,103	5.2%	3,713	5.5%
Brevard	4,092	4.2%	3,152	4.7%
Polk	3,583	3.7%	2,582	3.8%
Dade	3,543	3.6%	1,950	2.9%
Lake	3,528	3.6%	2,628	3.9%
Pasco	3,410	3.5%	2,276	3.4%

Families in Home Education Programs 2009-10 Through 2018-19



<u>Year</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
2018-19	67,104	4.0%
2017-18	64,515	6.6%
2016-17	60,547	4.0%
2015-16	58,197	0.1%
2014-15	58,144	2.6%
2013-14	56,689	4.6%
2012-13	54,212	11.1%
2011-12	48,803	1.1%
2010-11	48,254	12.9%
2009-10	42,754	