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# 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 2019-20 school year, the numbers provided by the districts indicate that 75,347 families and 106,115 students participated in home education programs. In the last five years, the total number of students in home education has increased by 22,756 or 27% over the 83,359 students reported in 2015-16, with a five-year average of 92,803 students.

For more information on home education in Florida, please visit the Web site of the Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice at:

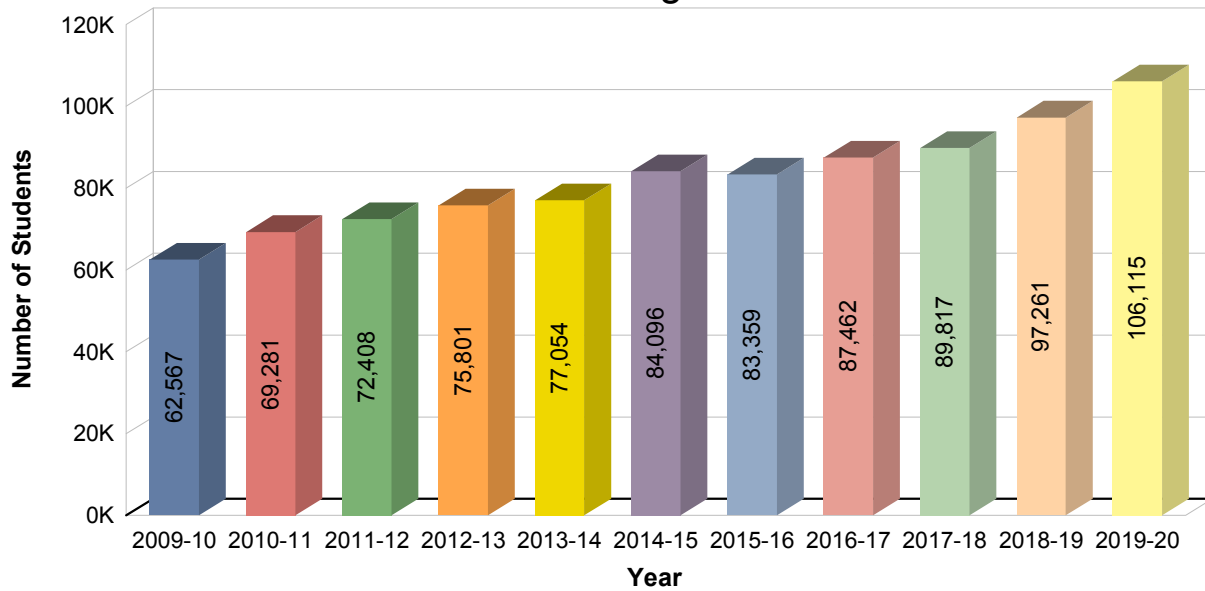
<http://www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/other-school-choice-options/home-edu/>.



## HOME EDUCATION STATISTICS BY DISTRICT, 2019-2020

<u>DISTRICT ID</u>	<u>DISTRICT NAME</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>	<u>STUDENTS%</u>	<u>FAMILIES</u>	<u>FAMILIES%</u>
1	Alachua	1,276	1.20%	980	1.30%
2	Baker	374	0.35%	269	0.36%
3	Bay	1,266	1.19%	929	1.23%
4	Bradford	334	0.31%	261	0.35%
5	Brevard	4,622	4.36%	3,381	4.49%
6	Broward	6,782	6.39%	4,947	6.57%
7	Calhoun	147	0.14%	119	0.16%
8	Charlotte	737	0.69%	571	0.76%
9	Citrus	1,146	1.08%	857	1.14%
10	Clay	1,604	1.51%	800	1.06%
11	Collier	1,737	1.64%	1,285	1.71%
12	Columbia	688	0.65%	517	0.69%
13	Dade	3,566	3.36%	1,000	1.33%
14	DeSoto	263	0.25%	176	0.23%
15	Dixie	131	0.12%	98	0.13%
16	Duval	7,459	7.03%	6,235	8.28%
17	Escambia	1,300	1.23%	865	1.15%
18	Flagler	806	0.76%	593	0.79%
19	Franklin	16	0.02%	14	0.02%
20	Gadsden	234	0.22%	121	0.16%
21	Gilchrist	210	0.20%	149	0.20%
22	Glades	46	0.04%	41	0.05%
23	Gulf	115	0.11%	82	0.11%
24	Hamilton	111	0.10%	76	0.10%
25	Hardee	198	0.19%	138	0.18%
26	Hendry	174	0.16%	139	0.18%
27	Hernando	1,674	1.58%	1,387	1.84%
28	Highlands	541	0.51%	352	0.47%
29	Hillsborough	6,837	6.44%	5,383	7.14%
30	Holmes	193	0.18%	170	0.23%
31	Indian River	894	0.84%	661	0.88%
32	Jackson	327	0.31%	228	0.30%
33	Jefferson	237	0.22%	138	0.18%
34	Lafayette	75	0.07%	53	0.07%
35	Lake	3,775	3.56%	2,780	3.69%
36	Lee	2,166	2.04%	1,489	1.98%
37	Leon	1,650	1.55%	1,204	1.60%
38	Levy	546	0.51%	428	0.57%
39	Liberty	55	0.05%	43	0.06%
40	Madison	241	0.23%	220	0.29%
41	Manatee	1,614	1.52%	1,176	1.56%
42	Marion	3,246	3.06%	2,572	3.41%
43	Martin	982	0.93%	842	1.12%
44	Monroe	197	0.19%	136	0.18%
45	Nassau	982	0.93%	215	0.29%
46	Okaloosa	1,886	1.78%	1,218	1.62%
47	Okeechobee	474	0.45%	351	0.47%
48	Orange	6,759	6.37%	4,967	6.59%
49	Osceola	1,853	1.75%	1,306	1.73%
50	Palm Beach	7,300	6.88%	5,146	6.83%
51	Pasco	3,499	3.30%	2,409	3.20%
52	Pinellas	3,296	3.11%	2,337	3.10%
53	Polk	3,688	3.48%	2,688	3.57%
54	Putnam	504	0.47%	351	0.47%
55	St. Johns	2,224	2.10%	1,599	2.12%
56	St. Lucie	2,657	2.50%	1,420	1.88%
57	Santa Rosa	1,300	1.23%	520	0.69%
58	Sarasota	1,602	1.51%	1,267	1.68%
59	Seminole	2,242	2.11%	1,657	2.20%
60	Sumter	546	0.51%	387	0.51%
61	Suwannee	334	0.31%	287	0.38%
62	Taylor	286	0.27%	205	0.27%
63	Union	193	0.18%	134	0.18%
64	Volusia	2,727	2.57%	2,157	2.86%
65	Wakulla	266	0.25%	198	0.26%
66	Walton	726	0.68%	501	0.66%
67	Washington	179	0.17%	122	0.16%
	<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>106,115</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>75,347</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

## Student Enrollment in Home Education Programs 2009-10 Through 2019-20

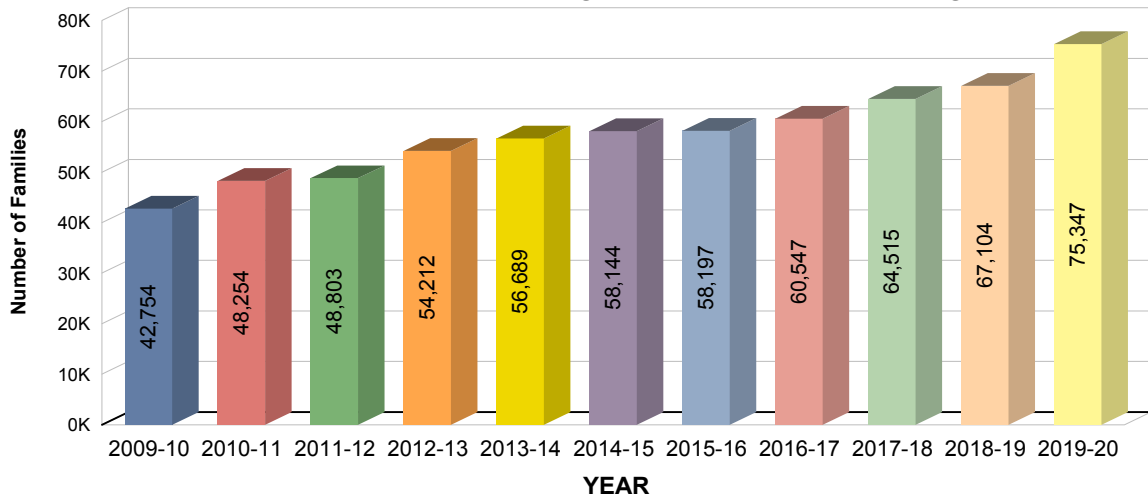


<u>School Year</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
2019-20	106,115	8,854	9.1%
2018-19	97,261	7,444	8.3%
2017-18	89,817	2,355	2.7%
2016-17	87,462	4,103	4.9%
2015-16	83,359	-737	-0.9%
2014-15	84,096	7,042	9.1%
2013-14	77,054	1,253	1.7%
2012-13	75,801	3,393	4.7%
2011-12	72,408	3,127	4.5%
2010-11	69,281	6,714	10.7%
2009-10	62,567		

## Districts with the Most Home Education Students 2019-20

<u>District Name</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>%</u>
Duval	7,459	7.0%	6,235	8.3%
Palm Beach	7,300	6.9%	5,146	6.8%
Hillsborough	6,837	6.4%	5,383	7.1%
Broward	6,782	6.4%	4,947	6.6%
Orange	6,759	6.4%	4,967	6.6%
Brevard	4,622	4.4%	3,381	4.5%
Lake	3,775	3.6%	2,780	3.7%
Polk	3,688	3.5%	2,688	3.6%
Dade	3,566	3.4%	1,000	1.3%
Pasco	3,499	3.3%	2,409	3.2%

## Families in Home Education Programs 2009-10 Through 2019-20



<u>Year</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
2019-20	75,347	12.3%
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	