

Florida's Single-Year Dropout Rates

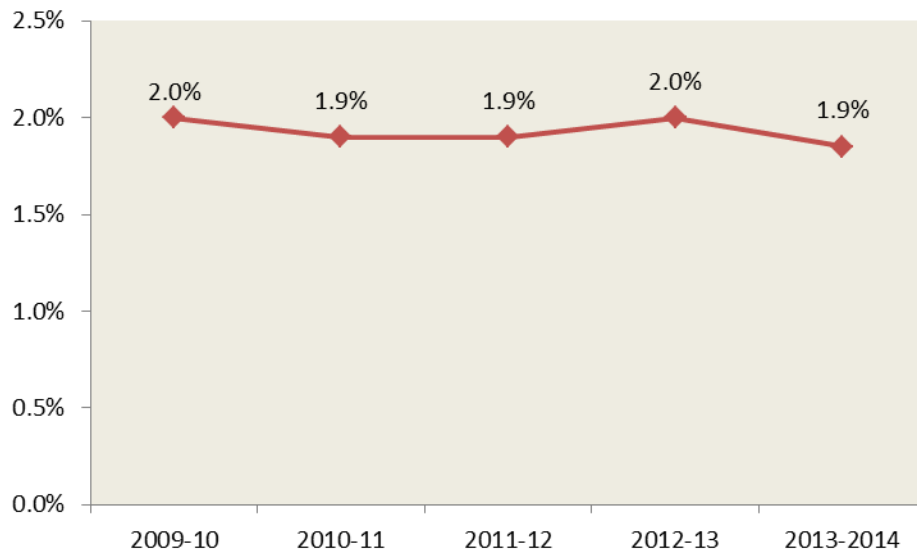
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Florida's single-year dropout rate is the percentage of high school students that dropout in any one year. More specifically, it is the percentage of ninth- through twelfth-grade dropouts compared to the ninth- through twelfth-grade total, year-long student membership. A dropout is defined as a student who withdraws from school for any of several reasons without transferring to another school, home education program or adult education program. The definitions for a dropout are listed below in Exhibit 2.

Florida's ninth- through twelfth-grade, single-year dropout rate has fluctuated slightly over the past five years from a high of 2.0 percent in 2009-10 and 2012-13 to a low of 1.9 percent in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2013-14. District-level, single-year dropout rates are provided in Exhibits 5 and 6. For school-level dropout rates, please visit <http://fldoe.org/accountability/data-sys/edu-info-accountability-services/pk-12-public-school-data-pubs-reports/index.stml>.

Exhibit 1: 9th-12th Grade Single-Year Dropout Rates, 2009-10 through 2013-14



Graduation Rate versus Dropout Rate

Florida's single-year dropout rate sometimes causes confusion when attempting to compare the graduation rate to the single-year dropout rate. These rates are not inverses of each other. The differences are as follows:

The rates apply to different periods of time.

- Graduation rate is a four-year, cohort-based indicator.
- Single-year dropout rate is a one-year indicator.

The rates apply to different populations.

- Graduation rate tracks the progress of a group of students who entered the same grade at the same time over a four-year period.
- Single-year dropout rate identifies **all** ninth- through twelfth-grade students in **one** year.

Exhibit 2: Dropout Withdrawal Codes and Definitions

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| DNE - Any PK-12 student who was expected to attend a school but did not enter as expected for unknown reasons |
| W05 - Any student age 16 or older who leaves school voluntarily with no intention of returning |
| W13 - Any PK-12 student withdrawn from school due to court action |
| W15 - Any PK-12 student who is withdrawn from school due to nonattendance |
| W18 - Any PK-12 student who withdraws from school due to medical reasons |
| W21 - Any PK-12 student who is withdrawn from school due to being expelled |
| W22 - Any PK-12 student whose whereabouts is unknown |
| W23 - Any PK-12 student who withdraws from school for any reason other than W01 - W22 or W24 - W27 |

Exhibit 3: 9th-12th Grade Single-Year Dropouts by Gender within Race/Ethnicity, 2009-10 to 2013-14

| School Year | White | | | Black or African | | | Hispanic/Latino | | | Asian | | |
|-------------|-------|------|-------|------------------|------|-------|-----------------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| | F | M | Total | F | M | Total | F | M | Total | F | M | Total |
| 2009-10 | 1.2% | 1.6% | 1.4% | 2.6% | 3.5% | 2.9% | 2.1% | 3.0% | 2.5% | 0.7% | 0.8% | 0.8% |
| 2010-11 | 1.1% | 1.6% | 1.4% | 2.5% | 3.4% | 3.0% | 1.7% | 2.5% | 2.1% | 0.5% | 0.8% | 0.6% |
| 2011-12 | 1.2% | 1.7% | 1.4% | 2.6% | 3.6% | 3.1% | 1.6% | 2.2% | 1.9% | 0.6% | 0.6% | 0.6% |
| 2012-13 | 1.2% | 1.8% | 1.5% | 2.8% | 3.9% | 3.4% | 1.5% | 2.3% | 1.9% | 0.4% | 0.8% | 0.6% |
| 2013-14 | 1.0% | 1.6% | 1.3% | 2.4% | 3.4% | 3.0% | 1.6% | 2.3% | 2.0% | 0.4% | 0.5% | 0.5% |

Exhibit 4: Grades 9-12 Single-Year Dropouts by Gender within Race/Ethnicity, 2009-10 to 2013-14 (continued)

| School Year | American Indian/Alaska | | | Two or More Races | | | Pacific Islander | | | Female Total | Male Total | Total |
|-------------|------------------------|------|-------|-------------------|------|-------|------------------|------|-------|--------------|------------|-------|
| | F | M | Total | F | M | Total | F | M | Total | | | |
| 2009-10 | 2.1% | 2.4% | 2.2% | 1.1% | 1.7% | 1.4% | | | | 1.7% | 2.3% | 2.0% |
| 2010-11 | 1.0% | 2.0% | 1.5% | 1.1% | 1.5% | 1.3% | 0.5% | 2.8% | 1.7% | 1.6% | 2.3% | 1.9% |
| 2011-12 | 2.1% | 2.7% | 2.4% | 1.1% | 1.6% | 1.3% | 1.8% | 2.5% | 2.2% | 1.6% | 2.2% | 1.9% |
| 2012-13 | 1.8% | 3.0% | 2.4% | 1.4% | 2.0% | 1.7% | 1.6% | 1.8% | 1.7% | 1.7% | 2.4% | 2.0% |
| 2013-14 | 1.2% | 2.3% | 1.7% | 1.0% | 1.6% | 1.3% | 0.6% | 1.8% | 1.2% | 1.5% | 2.2% | 1.9% |

Exhibit 5: 9th-12th Grade Single-Year Dropout Rates by Race/Ethnicity, 2013-14*

| District | White | Black or African American | Hispanic/Latino | Asian | American Indian/ Alaska Native | Two or More Races | Pacific Islander |
|-------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 00 FLORIDA | 1.3% | 3.0% | 2.0% | 0.5% | 1.7% | 1.3% | 1.2% |
| 01 ALACHUA | 1.1% | 4.7% | 2.5% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 1.4% | 0.0% |
| 02 BAKER | 0.4% | 0.6% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | |
| 03 BAY | 1.5% | 1.2% | 0.2% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3.9% | 0.0% |
| 04 BRADFORD | 1.2% | 1.9% | 8.3% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| 05 BREVARD | 0.5% | 1.3% | 0.4% | 0.0% | 2.0% | 1.1% | 0.0% |
| 06 BROWARD | 1.2% | 2.8% | 1.5% | 0.6% | 1.4% | 1.2% | 1.6% |
| 07 CALHOUN | 1.8% | 2.6% | 3.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3.4% | |
| 08 CHARLOTTE | 2.4% | 2.9% | 2.4% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 1.3% | 0.0% |
| 09 CITRUS | 1.3% | 1.8% | 0.6% | 0.0% | 3.4% | 1.9% | 0.0% |
| 10 CLAY | 1.0% | 1.3% | 0.8% | 0.6% | 0.0% | 0.8% | 0.0% |
| 11 COLLIER | 1.0% | 2.1% | 2.2% | 0.0% | 1.5% | 0.3% | 0.0% |
| 12 COLUMBIA | 0.5% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| 13 MIAMI-DADE | 2.1% | 4.1% | 2.3% | 0.8% | 0.9% | 2.6% | 5.0% |
| 14 DESOTO | 4.3% | 1.7% | 5.6% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 6.9% | 0.0% |
| 15 DIXIE | 0.7% | 0.0% | 4.3% | | 0.0% | 0.0% | |
| 16 DUVAL | 2.5% | 3.5% | 2.5% | 1.1% | 0.0% | 2.3% | 3.9% |
| 17 ESCAMBIA | 0.7% | 1.4% | 1.3% | 0.3% | 0.8% | 1.0% | 0.0% |
| 18 FLAGLER | 1.0% | 0.7% | 1.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.5% | 0.0% |
| 19 FRANKLIN | 3.9% | 0.0% | 0.0% | | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| 20 GADSDEN | 5.5% | 4.7% | 6.3% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| 21 GILCHRIST | 0.4% | 3.6% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | |
| 22 GLADES | 1.9% | 0.0% | 0.0% | | 0.0% | 0.0% | |
| 23 GULF | 0.4% | 1.3% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| 24 HAMILTON | 1.6% | 2.8% | 0.0% | | 0.0% | 0.0% | |
| 25 HARDEE | 4.2% | 3.8% | 4.8% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| 26 HENDRY | 2.1% | 3.6% | 3.1% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | |
| 27 HERNANDO | 2.4% | 4.3% | 2.5% | 0.8% | 3.0% | 1.7% | 0.0% |
| 28 HIGHLANDS | 1.3% | 5.1% | 3.6% | 2.0% | 5.6% | 1.0% | 0.0% |
| 29 HILLSBOROUGH | 0.6% | 0.8% | 0.8% | 0.2% | 1.0% | 0.5% | 0.0% |
| 30 HOLMES | 1.7% | 5.9% | 3.4% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| 31 INDIAN RIVER | 0.3% | 0.3% | 1.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| 32 JACKSON | 0.7% | 1.8% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 2.6% | |
| 33 JEFFERSON | 2.6% | 0.0% | 0.0% | | | 0.0% | |
| 34 LAFAYETTE | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3.4% | | | 0.0% | |
| 35 LAKE | 2.2% | 3.3% | 2.2% | 0.0% | 3.0% | 1.8% | 0.0% |
| 36 LEE | 1.7% | 1.8% | 1.9% | 0.2% | 1.6% | 1.2% | 0.0% |
| 37 LEON | 0.1% | 1.3% | 0.2% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| 38 LEVY | 1.3% | 2.7% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 2.1% | 0.0% |
| 39 LIBERTY | 0.3% | 1.2% | 0.0% | | 0.0% | 0.0% | |
| 40 MADISON | 0.3% | 1.3% | 0.0% | 100.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| 41 MANATEE | 2.3% | 4.8% | 5.4% | 0.9% | 3.2% | 2.1% | 16.7% |
| 42 MARION | 1.4% | 1.7% | 1.4% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 1.0% | 0.0% |
| 43 MARTIN | 0.5% | 1.4% | 1.3% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.7% | 0.0% |
| 44 MONROE | 1.7% | 2.2% | 2.3% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3.7% | 0.0% |
| 45 NASSAU | 0.3% | 0.4% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.8% | 0.0% |
| 46 OKALOOSA | 1.1% | 1.9% | 1.6% | 0.4% | 0.0% | 0.9% | 0.0% |
| 47 OKEECHOBEE | 3.1% | 2.8% | 0.6% | 0.0% | 4.8% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| 48 ORANGE | 0.5% | 1.8% | 0.7% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.5% | 0.0% |
| 49 OSCEOLA | 0.4% | 0.3% | 0.4% | 0.2% | 0.0% | 0.2% | 0.0% |
| 50 PALM BEACH | 2.8% | 7.2% | 5.0% | 1.4% | 4.9% | 3.7% | 5.9% |
| 51 PASCO | 0.8% | 1.4% | 0.7% | 0.4% | 4.3% | 0.7% | 0.0% |
| 52 PINELLAS | 0.9% | 2.5% | 1.3% | 0.2% | 0.7% | 1.3% | 0.0% |
| 53 POLK | 3.3% | 4.0% | 3.4% | 1.0% | 2.4% | 2.3% | 5.4% |
| 54 PUTNAM | 2.9% | 4.4% | 5.3% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 5.2% | 0.0% |

| District | White | Black or African American | Hispanic/Latino | Asian | American Indian/ Alaska Native | Two or More Races | Pacific Islander | |
|----------|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------|
| 55 | ST. JOHNS | 0.7% | 1.3% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 1.3% | 0.0% |
| 56 | ST. LUCIE | 1.4% | 1.7% | 1.2% | 0.4% | 3.8% | 0.3% | 0.0% |
| 57 | SANTA ROSA | 0.8% | 1.3% | 0.6% | 0.0% | 1.8% | 1.4% | 0.0% |
| 58 | SARASOTA | 0.9% | 2.1% | 1.2% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 1.7% | 0.0% |
| 59 | SEMINOLE | 0.2% | 0.6% | 0.2% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.5% | 0.0% |
| 60 | SUMTER | 2.1% | 4.1% | 1.8% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| 61 | SUWANNEE | 0.8% | 1.3% | 0.9% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| 62 | TAYLOR | 4.7% | 2.5% | 5.6% | 0.0% | 16.7% | 0.0% | |
| 63 | UNION | 0.8% | 2.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| 64 | VOLUSIA | 0.7% | 0.4% | 1.0% | 0.3% | 0.0% | 0.3% | 0.0% |
| 65 | WAKULLA | 0.9% | 0.8% | 2.9% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| 66 | WALTON | 3.2% | 6.2% | 6.1% | 0.0% | 20.0% | 3.2% | 0.0% |
| 67 | WASHINGTON | 1.4% | 2.6% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| 68 | DEAF/BLIND | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| 69 | WASH. SPECIAL | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | | | 0.0% | |
| 71 | FL VIRTUAL | 1.6% | 1.0% | 3.7% | 5.6% | 0.0% | 1.0% | 0.0% |
| 72 | FAU LAB SCH | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| 73 | FSU CHTR SCH | 0.4% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | |
| 74 | FAMU LAB SCH | 0.0% | 0.6% | 0.0% | | | 0.0% | |
| 75 | UF LAB SCH | 0.4% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |

*Source: 2013-14 Florida Department of Education (FDOE) dropout data as of 2/27/15. A blank cell indicates no students in the subgroup population.

Exhibit 6: 9th-12th Grade Single-Year Dropout Rates by District, 2009-010 through 2013-14

| District | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2011-12 | 2012-13 | 2013-14* | |
|----------|--------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|------|
| 00 | FLORIDA | 2.0% | 1.9% | 1.9% | 2.0% | 1.9% |
| 01 | ALACHUA | 2.2% | 2.4% | 2.8% | 3.5% | 2.4% |
| 02 | BAKER | 3.8% | 2.5% | 1.9% | 1.1% | 0.4% |
| 03 | BAY | 1.4% | 1.1% | 1.2% | 1.3% | 1.4% |
| 04 | BRADFORD | 5.1% | 4.0% | 3.3% | 2.7% | 1.5% |
| 05 | BREVARD | 0.5% | 0.7% | 0.6% | 0.7% | 0.6% |
| 06 | BROWARD | 1.6% | 1.3% | 2.0% | 2.1% | 1.9% |
| 07 | CALHOUN | 2.2% | 3.3% | 2.1% | 1.5% | 2.0% |
| 08 | CHARLOTTE | 3.1% | 2.4% | 2.9% | 2.9% | 2.4% |
| 09 | CITRUS | 1.2% | 1.2% | 1.4% | 1.7% | 1.3% |
| 10 | CLAY | 1.3% | 1.0% | 1.2% | 1.0% | 1.0% |
| 11 | COLLIER | 2.0% | 1.9% | 2.2% | 2.0% | 1.6% |
| 12 | COLUMBIA | 0.6% | 0.6% | 0.5% | 0.3% | 0.3% |
| 13 | MIAMI-DADE | 4.0% | 3.5% | 2.7% | 2.6% | 2.7% |
| 14 | DESOTO | 5.2% | 2.2% | 4.7% | 1.9% | 4.4% |
| 15 | DIXIE | 4.2% | 1.6% | 0.9% | 0.9% | 0.8% |
| 16 | DUVAL | 2.2% | 2.3% | 2.9% | 4.1% | 2.9% |
| 17 | ESCAMBIA | 1.6% | 2.5% | 1.4% | 1.2% | 1.0% |
| 18 | FLAGLER | 1.8% | 1.7% | 1.8% | 1.3% | 0.9% |
| 19 | FRANKLIN | 0.3% | 0.8% | 4.1% | 4.3% | 3.2% |
| 20 | GADSDEN | 1.6% | 2.7% | 3.7% | 2.9% | 4.9% |
| 21 | GILCHRIST | 0.2% | 0.2% | 1.1% | 0.7% | 0.5% |
| 22 | GLADES | 1.4% | 2.4% | 2.2% | 3.4% | 0.9% |
| 23 | GULF | 0.3% | 0.2% | 0.5% | 0.5% | 0.5% |
| 24 | HAMILTON | 4.4% | 2.7% | 3.1% | 4.2% | 1.9% |
| 25 | HARDEE | 3.3% | 2.5% | 4.4% | 5.2% | 4.4% |
| 26 | HENDRY | 3.5% | 3.0% | 2.6% | 3.6% | 2.9% |
| 27 | HERNANDO | 2.6% | 3.1% | 2.7% | 2.4% | 2.5% |
| 28 | HIGHLANDS | 3.2% | 7.2% | 3.7% | 4.1% | 2.7% |
| 29 | HILLSBOROUGH | 0.7% | 0.8% | 0.9% | 1.0% | 0.7% |
| 30 | HOLMES | 2.2% | 2.8% | 2.4% | 3.0% | 1.9% |
| 31 | INDIAN RIVER | 1.7% | 0.3% | 0.4% | 0.6% | 0.4% |



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|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| 32 JACKSON | 1.8% | 1.2% | 1.5% | 1.4% | 1.1% |
| 33 JEFFERSON | 7.8% | 3.2% | 6.0% | 0.4% | 0.5% |
| 34 LAFAYETTE | 0.3% | 1.6% | 1.2% | 0.3% | 0.6% |
| 35 LAKE | 3.0% | 2.3% | 2.0% | 2.1% | 2.3% |
| 36 LEE | 1.3% | 1.9% | 1.3% | 1.1% | 1.7% |
| 37 LEON | 0.8% | 2.7% | 0.9% | 0.7% | 0.6% |
| 38 LEVY | 5.5% | 2.3% | 1.1% | 1.4% | 1.4% |
| 39 LIBERTY | 1.8% | 0.5% | 0.7% | 0.6% | 0.4% |
| 40 MADISON | 3.1% | 1.2% | 0.4% | 0.2% | 1.0% |
| 41 MANATEE | 4.3% | 3.1% | 1.8% | 1.6% | 3.4% |
| 42 MARION | 0.5% | 0.9% | 2.0% | 1.7% | 1.4% |
| 43 MARTIN | 0.6% | 0.6% | 0.6% | 0.5% | 0.7% |
| 44 MONROE | 1.1% | 2.0% | 1.7% | 1.4% | 1.9% |
| 45 NASSAU | 1.3% | 0.4% | 0.2% | 0.3% | 0.3% |
| 46 OKALOOSA | 0.4% | 0.2% | 1.5% | 1.2% | 1.2% |
| 47 OKEECHOBEE | 4.6% | 5.3% | 4.5% | 5.4% | 2.3% |
| 48 ORANGE | 0.7% | 1.2% | 1.8% | 1.3% | 0.9% |
| 49 OSCEOLA | 1.4% | 1.6% | 1.1% | 0.8% | 0.4% |
| 50 PALM BEACH | 2.8% | 2.6% | 2.5% | 3.3% | 4.7% |
| 51 PASCO | 1.1% | 1.0% | 1.0% | 0.9% | 0.8% |
| 52 PINELLAS | 2.4% | 1.8% | 1.3% | 2.6% | 1.2% |
| 53 POLK | 4.1% | 4.2% | 5.3% | 5.9% | 3.4% |
| 54 PUTNAM | 3.9% | 2.7% | 4.0% | 5.0% | 3.6% |
| 55 ST. JOHNS | 0.9% | 0.8% | 0.8% | 1.1% | 0.7% |
| 56 ST. LUCIE | 2.3% | 2.2% | 2.1% | 1.9% | 1.4% |
| 57 SANTA ROSA | 0.9% | 1.0% | 1.7% | 1.1% | 0.8% |
| 58 SARASOTA | 2.0% | 1.9% | 2.2% | 1.5% | 1.0% |
| 59 SEMINOLE | 0.4% | 0.4% | 0.4% | 0.3% | 0.3% |
| 60 SUMTER | 2.0% | 2.2% | 2.3% | 2.7% | 2.3% |
| 61 SUWANNEE | 2.7% | 1.3% | 1.3% | 0.6% | 0.8% |
| 62 TAYLOR | 3.5% | 4.3% | 3.4% | 3.0% | 4.2% |
| 63 UNION | 1.5% | 2.0% | 0.7% | 1.3% | 0.9% |
| 64 VOLUSIA | 1.1% | 1.2% | 0.9% | 0.9% | 0.7% |
| 65 WAKULLA | 3.4% | 1.9% | 1.8% | 0.9% | 0.9% |
| 66 WALTON | 1.3% | 2.2% | 3.6% | 2.2% | 3.7% |
| 67 WASHINGTON | 1.6% | 2.5% | 2.8% | 2.7% | 1.5% |
| 68 DEAF/BLIND | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.3% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| 69 WASH. SPECIAL | 0.0% | 0.3% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| 71 FL VIRTUAL | | | 3.9% | 2.8% | 2.0% |
| 72 FAU | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| 73 FSU | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.2% |
| 74 FAMU | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.6% |
| 75 UF | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.8% | 0.2% |

*Source: 2013-14 Florida Department of Education (FDOE) Automatic Student Database as of 2/27/15.



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