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## *Enrollment Size of Florida's Public Schools*

### State and National Comparisons—Elementary, Middle, and High Schools

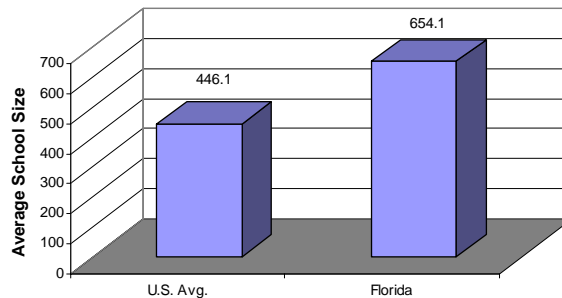
According to data published by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Florida public elementary schools have the highest average enrollment in the nation.<sup>1</sup> For the 2006-07 school year, Florida averaged 654.1 students per elementary school, slightly higher than the second ranked state, Georgia, which averaged 624.3 students per elementary school. By comparison, Nevada averaged 593.0 students per elementary school, Texas averaged 544.9, and California averaged 535.1. The state with the lowest average enrollment is Montana, at 159.1. The national average is 446.1. (Figure 1)

Average enrollment for Florida's middle schools is the second highest in the nation at 933.0 students per school behind Nevada with 995.9 students. California follows with 854.9, then Hawaii with 808.2 and Georgia with 799.1. The state with the lowest average was Montana with 125.4 students per middle school. The national average was 592.6. (Figure 2)

At 1,716.6 students per school, average enrollment for Florida's public high schools was nearly twice the national average, which was 875.7. (Figure 3) North Dakota has the smallest average high school enrollment with 204.0 students.

Nationally, as well as in Florida, high schools tend to be larger than both middle and elementary schools, though the difference is more significant in Florida. (Figure 4)

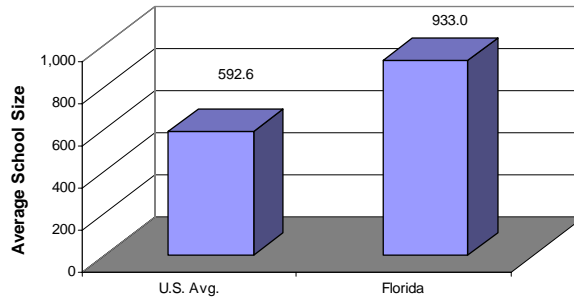
**Figure 1: Elementary Schools, 2006-07 Average Enrollment Size**



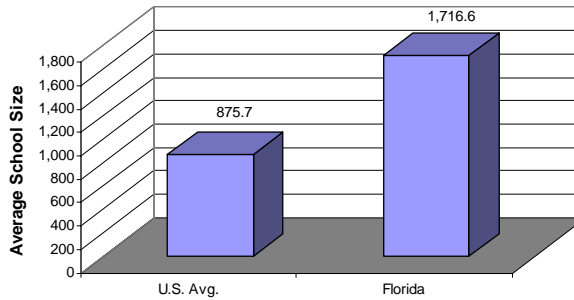
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<sup>1</sup> Source: U.S. Department of Education, NCES, Institute of Education Sciences: "Numbers and Types of Public Elementary and Secondary Schools From the Common Core of Data: School Year 2006-07." NCES 2009-304rev. <http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2009/2009304.pdf>.

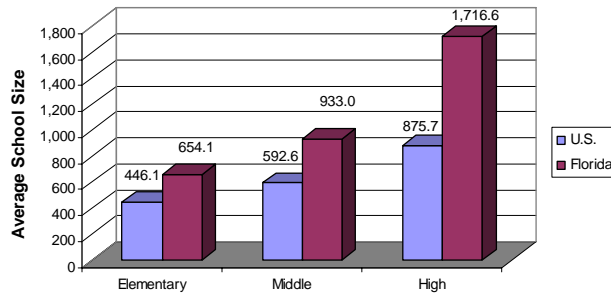
**Figure 2: Middle Schools, 2006-07 Average Enrollment Size**



**Figure 3: High Schools, 2006-07 Average Enrollment Size**



**Figure 4: School Type Comparisons, 2006-07**



**Comparison of Averages among Selected States**

Schools tend to be smaller in predominantly rural states, such as South Dakota, Montana, and Nebraska, and larger in states with larger urban populations, such as Florida and California.<sup>1</sup>

**Table 1: Elementary Schools, 2006-07<sup>2</sup>**

State	Largest	State	Smallest
Florida	654.1	Montana	159.1
Georgia	624.3	South Dakota	168.2
Nevada	593.0	North Dakota	162.6
Texas	544.9	Wyoming	198.9
California	535.1	Nebraska	206.8

**Table 2: Middle Schools, 2006-07<sup>3</sup>**

State	Largest	State	Smallest
Nevada	995.9	Montana	125.4
Florida	933.0	South Dakota	153.6
California	854.9	Wyoming	264.4
Hawaii	808.2	Vermont	324.1
Georgia	799.1	D.C.	327.3

**Table 3: High Schools, 2006-07<sup>4</sup>**

State	Largest	State	Smallest
Florida	1,716.6	North Dakota	204.0
California	1,460.6	South Dakota	227.9
Nevada	1,356.4	Montana	279.5
Maryland	1,348.6	Oklahoma	347.4
Hawaii	1,329.4	Nebraska	349.5

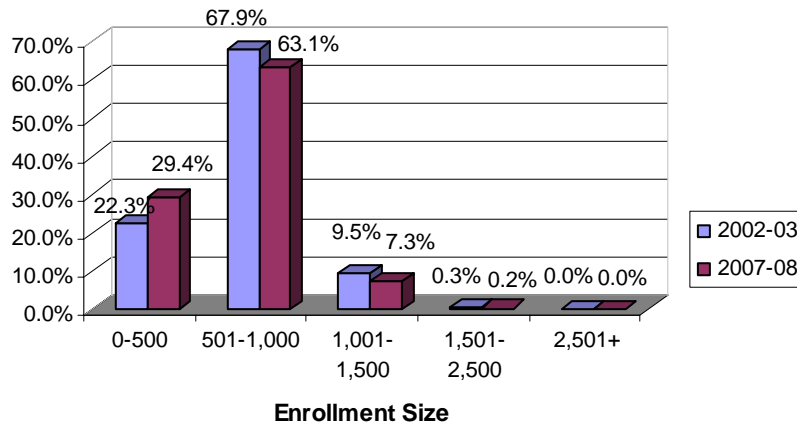
**Florida’s Schools – Distribution by Enrollment**

The following charts compare the percentage distribution of Florida public schools by size of enrollment between 2002-03 and 2007-08. The percentage of smaller schools (500 students or fewer) has increased since 2002-03. The percentage of small elementary schools increased from 22.3 in 2002-03 to 29.4 in 2007-08; the percentage of small middle schools increased from 8.7 to 15.6; and the percentage of small high schools increased from 19.2 to 52.3. However, the percentage of small combination schools decreased from 79.2 in 2002-03 to 68.5 to 2007-08. Conversely, the percentage of larger schools (more than 1,000 students) has decreased over the same period. The percentage of large elementary schools decreased from 9.8 in 2002-03 to 7.5 in 2007-08; the percentage of large middle schools decreased from 59.3 to 42.0; and the percentage of large high schools decreased from 73.2 to 40.7. Large combination schools increased from 4.3 percent in 2002-03 to 16.6 percent in 2007-08.

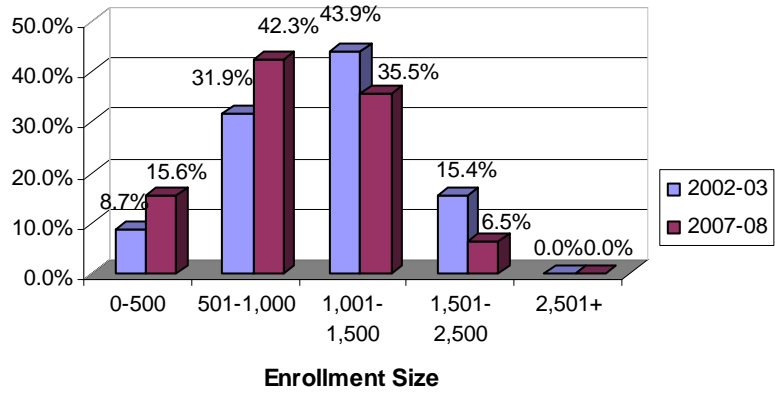
These charts are followed by tables that show, by district, the distribution of elementary, middle, high, and combination schools by enrollment. Please note that, unlike previous editions of this report, this issue contains separate tables and charts for combination schools as a result of an alteration in the reporting of school types in the Florida School Indicators Report. Therefore, school totals for enrollment size in this report will not be comparable with previous issues.

<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> Source: U.S. Department of Education, NCES, Institute of Education Sciences: “Numbers and Types of Public Elementary and Secondary Schools From the Common Core of Data: School Year 2006-07.” NCES 2009-304rev

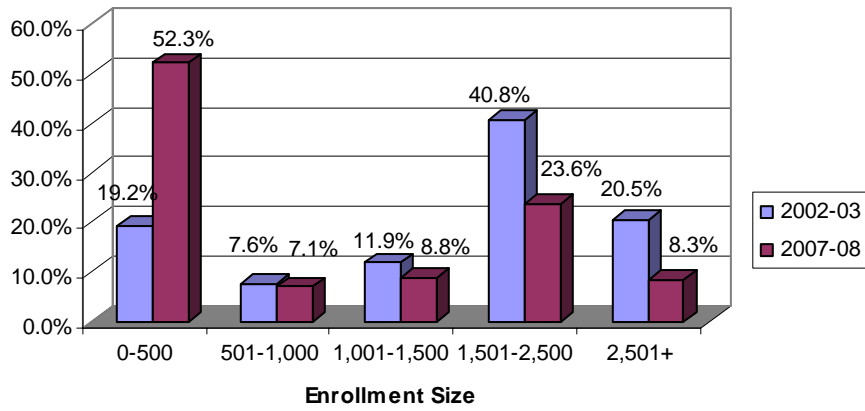
**Figure 5: Elementary Schools**



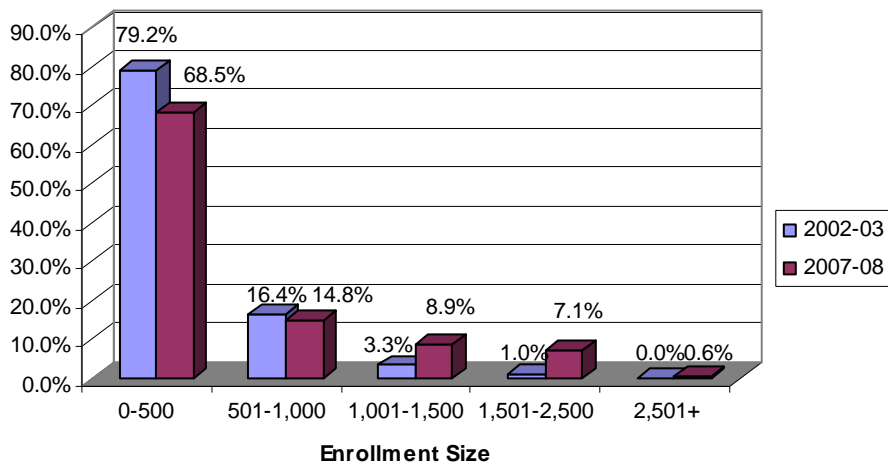
**Figure 6: Middle Schools**



**Figure 7: High Schools**



**Figure 8: Combination Schools**



Source: 2007-08 Florida School Indicators Report

**Table 4: Elementary Schools Enrollment Size, 2007-08**

District	0-500	501-1,000	1,001-1,500	1,501-2,500	2,501+	Total
Alachua	21	10				31
Baker		4				4
Bay	8	12				20
Bradford	2	2				4
Brevard	22	41	1			64
Broward	41	107	25	1		174
Calhoun		1				1
Charlotte	1	10				11
Citrus	2	7	1			10
Clay		19	4			23
Collier	3	23	2			28
Columbia	2	6				8
Dade	71	123	28	1		223
DeSoto	2	3				5
Dixie		2				2
Duval	57	40	12			109
Escambia	21	18				39
Flagler	1	2	3			6
Franklin	1					1
Gadsden	8	3				11
Gilchrist		2				2
Glades	3					3
Gulf	1	1				2
Hamilton	3					3
Hardee	4	1				5
Hendry	1	5				6
Hernando		7	2			9
Highlands	2	8				10
Hillsborough	43	103	7			153
Holmes	1	1				2
Indian River	6	11				17
Jackson	1	4				5
Jefferson	1	1				2
Lafayette		1				1
Lake	2	22	2			26
Lee	8	32	6			46
Leon	4	20				24
Levy	1	3				4
Liberty	1					1
Madison	3					3
Manatee	16	24				40
Marion	11	19	2			32
Martin	4	11				15
Monroe	6	2				8
Nassau	4	5				9
Okaloosa	6	14				20
Okeechobee	1	5				6
Orange	32	84	11			127
Osceola	1	12	8			21
Palm Beach	34	76	12			122
Pasco	5	38	2			45
Pinellas	28	59				87
Polk	26	51	3			80
Putnam	7	5				12
St. Johns	3	12	3			18
St. Lucie	1	16	2			19
Santa Rosa	4	14				18
Sarasota	8	19	1	1		29
Seminole	6	33	2			41
Sumter	2	3				5
Suwannee		4				4
Taylor	1	2				3
Union		1				1
Volusia	21	30				51
Wakulla	1	3				4
Walton	1	4				5
Washington		2				2
<b>Florida*</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>1,204</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>1,926</b>

Source: 2007-08 Florida School Indicators Report

\*State totals include Florida School for the Deaf and Blind, Dozier/Okeechobee, Florida Virtual School, four university lab schools, Florida Connections Academy, and Florida Virtual Academy.

**Table 5: Middle Schools Enrollment Size, 2007-08**

District	0-500	501-1,000	1,001-1,500	1,501-2,500	2,501+	Total
Alachua	5	5				10
Baker			1			1
Bay	1	4	2			7
Bradford		1				1
Brevard	4	8	2			14
Broward	15	10	21	11		57
Calhoun	1					1
Charlotte		3	1			4
Citrus		3	1			4
Clay		4	1			5
Collier	1	6	4			11
Columbia		1	1			2
Dade	15	20	28	7		70
DeSoto		1				1
Dixie	1					1
Duval	3	13	10	2		28
Escambia	4	4	3	1		12
Flagler	1		1	1		3
Franklin						
Gadsden	1	1				2
Gilchrist						
Glades						
Gulf	2					2
Hamilton						
Hardee			1			1
Hendry		2				2
Hernando	1	2	2			5
Highlands		4				4
Hillsborough	6	22	17	3		48
Holmes		1				1
Indian River	1		3			4
Jackson		1				1
Jefferson						
Lafayette						
Lake		5	3	1		9
Lee	2	12	4			18
Leon	3	5	2			10
Levy	2	1				3
Liberty						
Madison						
Manatee	2	10				12
Marion	1	1	7			9
Martin	1	3	1			5
Monroe		1				1
Nassau		3				3
Okaloosa		8				8
Okeechobee		2				2
Orange	1	12	19	2		34
Osceola	1	1	3	3		8
Palm Beach	2	10	22	1		35
Pasco	1	7	6	1		15
Pinellas		8	14			22
Polk	5	12	6			23
Putnam	1	3				4
St. Johns	1	4	3			8
St. Lucie		3	1			4
Santa Rosa		7				7
Sarasota	3	3	3	1		10
Seminole	1		10	2		13
Sumter	1	1				2
Suwannee		1				1
Taylor		1				1
Union		1				1
Volusia		4	6	2		12
Wakulla		2				2
Walton	3	1				4
Washington	1	1				2
<b>Florida*</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>38</b>		<b>594</b>

Source: 2007-08 Florida School Indicators Report

\*State totals include Florida School for the Deaf and Blind, Dozier/Okeechobee, Florida Virtual School, four university lab schools, Florida Connections Academy, and Florida Virtual Academy.

**Table 6: High Schools Enrollment Size, 2007-08**

District	0-500	501-1,000	1,001-1,500	1,501-2,500	2,501+	Total
Alachua	10	1	1	3		15
Baker			1			1
Bay	6		2	2		10
Bradford			1			1
Brevard	7	2	6	5	2	22
Broward	13	5	2	19	8	47
Calhoun	1					1
Charlotte	1			3		4
Citrus	5		1	2		8
Clay	1		2	3	1	7
Collier	8		1	4		13
Columbia	2		1	1		4
Dade	66	6	4	8	23	107
DeSoto	4		1			5
Dixie		1				1
Duval	14	2	6	10	2	34
Escambia	11	1	1	5		18
Flagler	3		1	1		5
Franklin	1					1
Gadsden	4	1	1			6
Gilchrist		2				2
Glades	2					2
Gulf	2					2
Hamilton	1	1				2
Hardee	2		1			3
Hendry	3		2			5
Hernando			2	2		4
Highlands	1	1	1	1		4
Hillsborough	21		3	18	4	46
Holmes	3					3
Indian River	1	1		1	1	4
Jackson	5	1				6
Jefferson	2					2
Lafayette		1				1
Lake	6	2	2	2	1	13
Lee	15	2	2	9		28
Leon	10		2	3		15
Levy	2	3				5
Liberty	4					4
Madison	2	1				3
Manatee	10		2	5		17
Marion	9		1	6		16
Martin	4			3		7
Monroe	7	2	1			10
Nassau	3	3	1			7
Okaloosa	13			4		17
Okeechobee	4	1	1			6
Orange	19	1	1	4	12	37
Osceola	10	2		2		14
Palm Beach	32	3	5	13	5	58
Pasco	10		3	7	1	21
Pinellas	22			16		38
Polk	20	1	4	9	1	35
Putnam	1	2		1		4
St. Johns	8		1	2	1	12
St. Lucie	6		1	5		12
Santa Rosa	7			4		11
Sarasota	4	1		3	2	10
Seminole	9	1		4	2	16
Sumter	4		1			5
Suwannee	2	1	1			4
Taylor	1	1				2
Union	2	1				3
Volusia	17	1	1	4	2	25
Wakulla	2		1			3
Walton	5	2				7
Washington	1	1				2
<b>Florida*</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>870</b>

Source: 2007-08 Florida School Indicators Report

\*State totals include Florida School for the Deaf and Blind, Dozier/Okeechobee, Florida Virtual School, four university lab schools, Florida Connections Academy, and Florida Virtual Academy.

**Table 7: Combination Schools Enrollment Size, 2007-08**

District	0-500	501-1,000	1,001-1,500	1,501-2,500	2,501+	Total
Alachua	6	1				7
Baker						
Bay	3	1	1			5
Bradford	3					3
Brevard	8	2				10
Broward	12	2		1		15
Calhoun	1	1				2
Charlotte	1					1
Citrus	1					1
Clay	1			1		2
Collier	8		1	1		10
Columbia						
Dade	19	8	14	4		45
DeSoto	2					2
Dixie						
Duval	5	1				6
Escambia	7					7
Flagler						
Franklin	3					3
Gadsden	2					2
Gilchrist						
Glades	1					1
Gulf						
Hamilton	1					1
Hardee						
Hendry	1					1
Hernando	1		1	1		3
Highlands						
Hillsborough	16	2				18
Holmes	1	1				2
Indian River	1					1
Jackson	4	2				6
Jefferson	2					2
Lafayette						
Lake	6					6
Lee	6	4	2	2		14
Leon	7	1				8
Levy	4					4
Liberty	2	1				3
Madison	1		1			2
Manatee	5	1				6
Marion	3		1			4
Martin	3					3
Monroe		3				3
Nassau						
Okaloosa	7	1	1			9
Okeechobee	1					1
Orange	13	2	1			16
Osceola	2	5	2	6		15
Palm Beach	10	2				12
Pasco	4					4
Pinellas	14					14
Polk	8	4				12
Putnam	1					1
St. Johns	1	1				2
St. Lucie	5		3	4		12
Santa Rosa	1					1
Sarasota	7		1	1		9
Seminole	5			1	1	7
Sumter				1		1
Suwannee						
Taylor	1					1
Union						
Volusia	6				1	7
Wakulla	1					1
Walton		1				1
Washington						
<b>Florida*</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>341</b>

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