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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 2017-18 school year, the numbers provided by the districts indicate that 64,515 families and 89,817 students participated in home education programs. In the last five years, the total number of students in home education has increased by 12,763 or 16% over the 77,054 students reported in 2013-14, with a five-year average of 84,358 students.

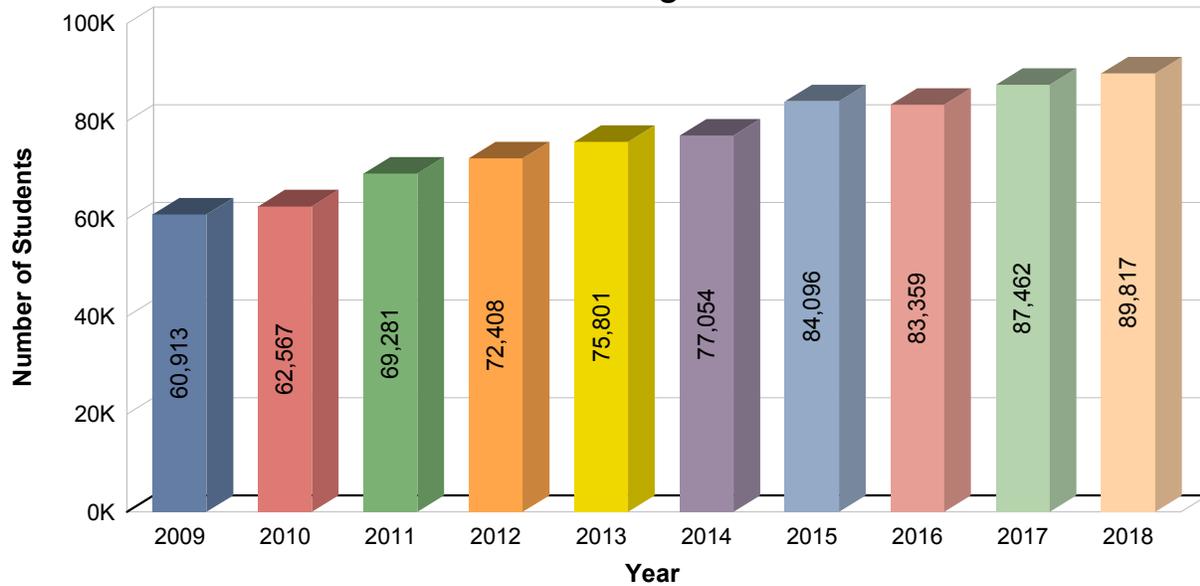


For more information on home education in Florida, please visit the Web site of the Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice at:  
<http://www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/other-school-choice-options/home-edu/>.

## HOME EDUCATION STATISTICS BY DISTRICT, 2017-18

DISTRICT ID	DISTRICT NAME	STUDENTS	FAMILIES
1	Alachua	1,227	535
2	Baker	263	183
3	Bay	1,279	740
4	Bradford	228	174
5	Brevard	3,708	2,614
6	Broward	4,146	3,342
7	Calhoun	89	56
8	Charlotte	571	502
9	Citrus	713	552
10	Clay	1,443	1,350
11	Collier	1,548	1,075
12	Columbia	609	459
13	Dade	3,336	3,247
14	DeSoto	194	128
15	Dixie	145	111
16	Duval	6,859	5,723
17	Escambia	1,438	1,029
18	Flagler	744	505
19	Franklin	15	
20	Gadsden	110	78
21	Gilchrest	219	154
22	Glades	65	50
23	Gulf	117	86
24	Hamilton	75	48
25	Hardee	193	141
26	Hendry	140	99
27	Hernando	1,378	1,112
28	Highlands	512	402
29	Hillsborough	6,150	2,903
30	Holmes	56	49
31	Indian River	919	754
32	Jackson	311	206
33	Jefferson	183	113
34	Lafayette	65	42
35	Lake	3,310	2,325
36	Lee	1,850	1,321
37	Leon	2,026	1,141
38	Levy	420	322
39	Liberty	55	47
40	Madison	112	82
41	Manatee	1,720	1,329
42	Marion	2,559	1,972
43	Martin	900	651
44	Monroe	153	130
45	Nassau	732	497
46	Okaloosa	1,140	778
47	Okeechobee	448	329
48	Orange	5,662	4,872
49	Osceola	1,707	1,211
50	Palm Beach	5,428	3,988
51	Pasco	3,264	2,259
52	Pinellas	3,063	2,182
53	Polk	3,330	1,969
54	Putnam	402	276
55	St. Johns	1,745	840
56	St. Lucie	1,414	1,027
57	Santa Rosa	1,138	500
58	Sarasota	1,485	985
59	Seminole	1,906	1,414
60	Sumter	393	278
61	Suwannee	311	235
62	Taylor	205	163
63	Union	132	118
64	Volusia	2,921	2,000
65	Wakulla	171	117
66	Walton	488	448
67	Washington	179	147
<b>STATE TOTAL:</b>		<b>89,817</b>	<b>64,515</b>

## Student Enrollment in Home Education Programs 2008-09 Through 2017-18

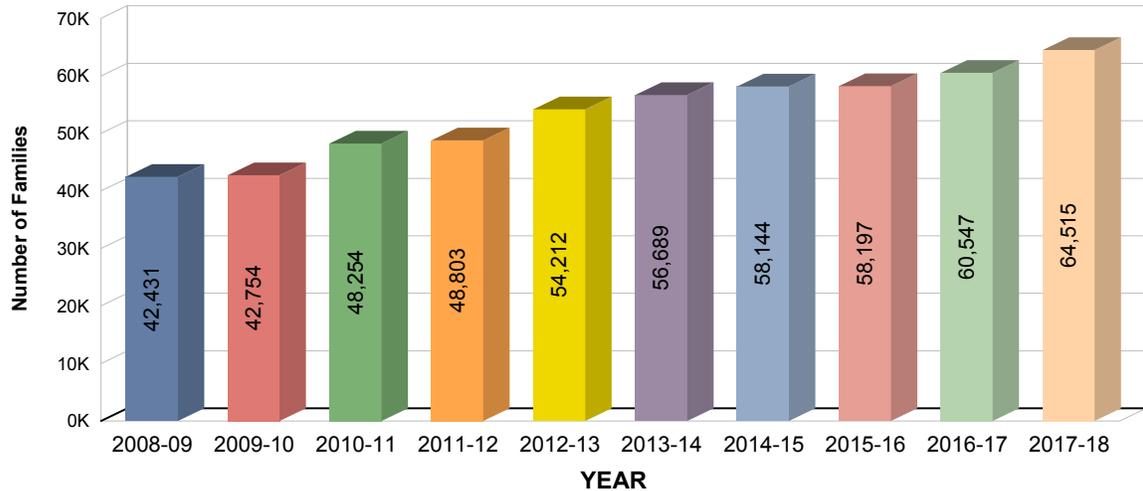


<u>School Year</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
2018	89,817	2,355	2.7%
2017	87,462	4,103	4.9%
2016	83,359	-737	-0.9%
2015	84,096	7,042	9.1%
2014	77,054	1,253	1.7%
2013	75,801	3,393	4.7%
2012	72,408	3,127	4.5%
2011	69,281	6,714	10.7%
2010	62,567	1,654	2.7%
2009	60,913		

## Districts with the Most Home Education Students 2017-18

<u>District Name</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>%</u>
Duval	6,859	7.6%	5,723	8.9%
Hillsborough	6,150	6.8%	2,903	4.5%
Orange	5,662	6.3%	4,872	7.6%
Palm Beach	5,428	6.0%	3,988	6.2%
Broward	4,146	4.6%	3,342	5.2%
Brevard	3,708	4.1%	2,614	4.1%
Dade	3,336	3.7%	3,247	5.0%
Polk	3,330	3.7%	1,969	3.1%
Lake	3,310	3.7%	2,325	3.6%
Pasco	3,264	3.6%	2,259	3.5%

## Families in Home Education Programs 2008-09 Through 2017-18



<u>Year</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
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	0.8%
2008-09	42,431	