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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 2021-22 school year, the numbers provided by the districts indicate that 104,961 families and 152,109 students participated in home education programs. In the last five years, the total number of students in home education has increased by 62,292 or 69% over the 89,817 students reported in 2017-18, with a five-year average of 117,746 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/>.

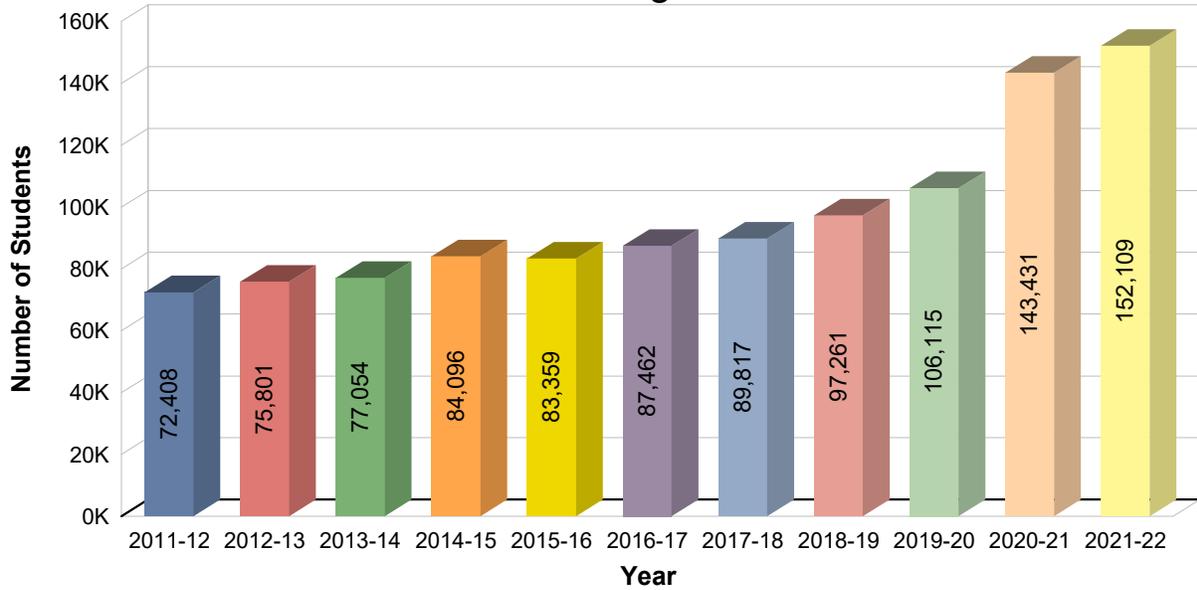


## HOME EDUCATION STATISTICS BY DISTRICT, 2021-2022

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>DISTRICT NAME</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>	<u>STUDENTS%</u>	<u>FAMILIES</u>	<u>FAMILIES%</u>
1	Alachua	1,975	1.30	1,320	1.26
2	Baker	473	0.31	329	0.31
3	Bay	1,674	1.10	980	0.93
4	Bradford	367	0.24	290	0.28
5	Brevard	6,671	4.39	4,955	4.72
6	Broward	10,412	6.85	7,212	6.87
7	Calhoun	148	0.10	109	0.10
8	Charlotte	1,033	0.68	627	0.60
9	Citrus	1,861	1.22	1,390	1.32
10	Clay	2,541	1.67	1,616	1.54
11	Collier	2,264	1.49	1,670	1.59
12	Columbia	876	0.58	616	0.59
13	Dade	5,859	3.85	3,185	3.03
14	DeSoto	357	0.23	235	0.22
15	Dixie	193	0.13	144	0.14
16	Duval	8,686	5.71	7,400	7.05
17	Escambia	2,433	1.60	1,117	1.06
18	Flagler	1,201	0.79	836	0.80
19	Franklin	43	0.03	29	0.03
20	Gadsden	356	0.23	226	0.22
21	Gilchrist	322	0.21	205	0.20
22	Glades	66	0.04	42	0.04
23	Gulf	184	0.12	129	0.12
24	Hamilton	82	0.05	58	0.06
25	Hardee	290	0.19	199	0.19
26	Hendry	165	0.11	109	0.10
27	Hernando	1,930	1.27	355	0.34
28	Highlands	645	0.42	423	0.40
29	Hillsborough	13,641	8.97	10,535	10.04
30	Holmes	220	0.14	155	0.15
31	Indian River	1,443	0.95	1,061	1.01
32	Jackson	455	0.30	341	0.32
33	Jefferson	250	0.16	130	0.12
34	Lafayette	119	0.08	81	0.08
35	Lake	4,781	3.14	3,422	3.26
36	Lee	3,698	2.43	2,513	2.39
37	Leon	2,184	1.44	1,596	1.52
38	Levy	566	0.37	397	0.38
39	Liberty	95	0.06	71	0.07
40	Madison	258	0.17	169	0.16
41	Manatee	2,384	1.57	1,612	1.54
42	Marion	5,568	3.66	3,923	3.74
43	Martin	1,253	0.82	872	0.83
44	Monroe	243	0.16	178	0.17
45	Nassau	1,456	0.96	942	0.90
46	Okaloosa	2,401	1.58	1,457	1.39
47	Okeechobee	412	0.27	321	0.31
48	Orange	9,206	6.05	6,515	6.21
49	Osceola	3,101	2.04	2,847	2.71
50	Palm Beach	9,687	6.37	6,464	6.16
51	Pasco	4,840	3.18	3,481	3.32
52	Pinellas	4,021	2.64	2,822	2.69
53	Polk	3,634	2.39	1,479	1.41
54	Putnam	752	0.49	597	0.57
55	St. Johns	3,034	1.99	2,105	2.01
56	St. Lucie	3,761	2.47	1,913	0.82
57	Santa Rosa	1,917	1.26	948	0.90
58	Sarasota	2,671	1.76	1,989	1.89
59	Seminole	3,826	2.52	2,902	2.76
60	Sumter	1,123	0.74	811	0.77
61	Suwannee	616	0.40	461	0.44
62	Taylor	463	0.30	360	0.34
63	Union	274	0.18	201	0.19
64	Volusia	2,980	1.96	2,366	2.25
65	Wakulla	367	0.24	256	0.24
66	Walton	1,051	0.69	687	0.65
67	Washington	251	0.17	175	0.17
STATE TOTAL		152,109	100.00%	104,961	100.00%

\* 2021-22 Home Education Programs final data as reported by the districts. Percentages are rounded.

## Student Enrollment in Home Education Programs 2011-12 Through 2021-22

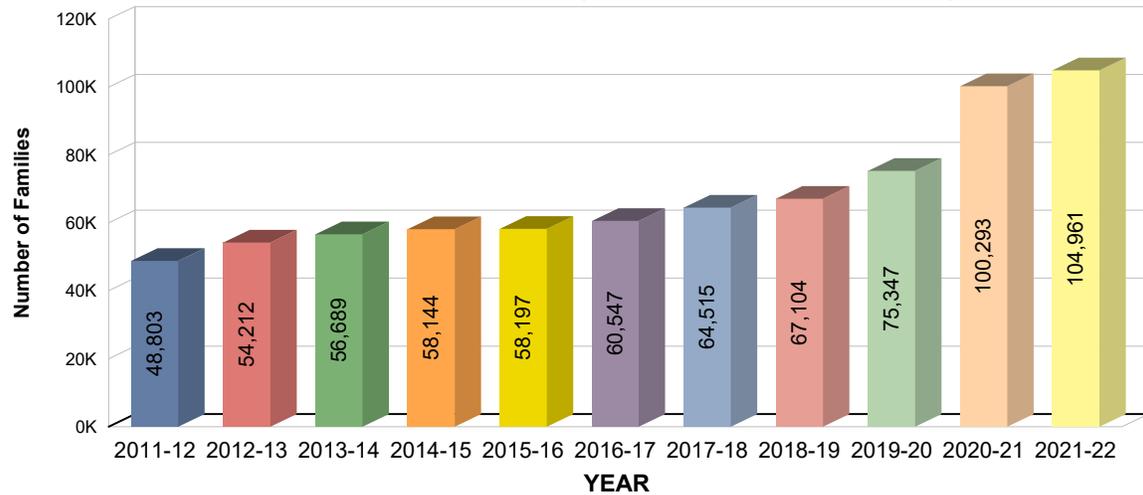


<u>School Year</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
2021-22	152,109	8,678	6.1%
2020-21	143,431	37,316	35.2%
2019-20	106,115	8,854	9.1%
2018-19	97,261	7,444	8.3%
2017-18	89,817	2,355	2.7%
2016-17	87,462	4,103	4.9%
2015-16	83,359	-737	-0.9%
2014-15	84,096	7,042	9.1%
2013-14	77,054	1,253	1.7%
2012-13	75,801	3,393	4.7%
2011-12	72,408		

## Districts with the Most Home Education Students 2021-22

<u>District Name</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>%</u>
Hillsborough	13,641	9.0%	10,535	10.0%
Broward	10,412	6.8%	7,212	6.9%
Palm Beach	9,687	6.4%	6,464	6.2%
Orange	9,206	6.1%	6,515	6.2%
Duval	8,686	5.7%	7,400	7.1%
Brevard	6,671	4.4%	4,955	4.7%
Dade	5,859	3.9%	3,185	3.0%
Marion	5,568	3.7%	3,923	3.7%
Pasco	4,840	3.2%	3,481	3.3%
Lake	4,781	3.1%	3,422	3.3%

## Families in Home Education Programs 2011-12 Through 2021-22



<u>School Year</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
2021-22	104,961	4.7%
2020-21	100,293	33.1%
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	