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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 2022-23 school year, the numbers provided by the districts indicate that 114,258 families and 154,289 students participated in home education programs. In the last five years, the total number of students in home education has increased by 57,028 or 58.6% over the 97,261 students reported in 2018-19, with a five-year average of 130,641 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/>.

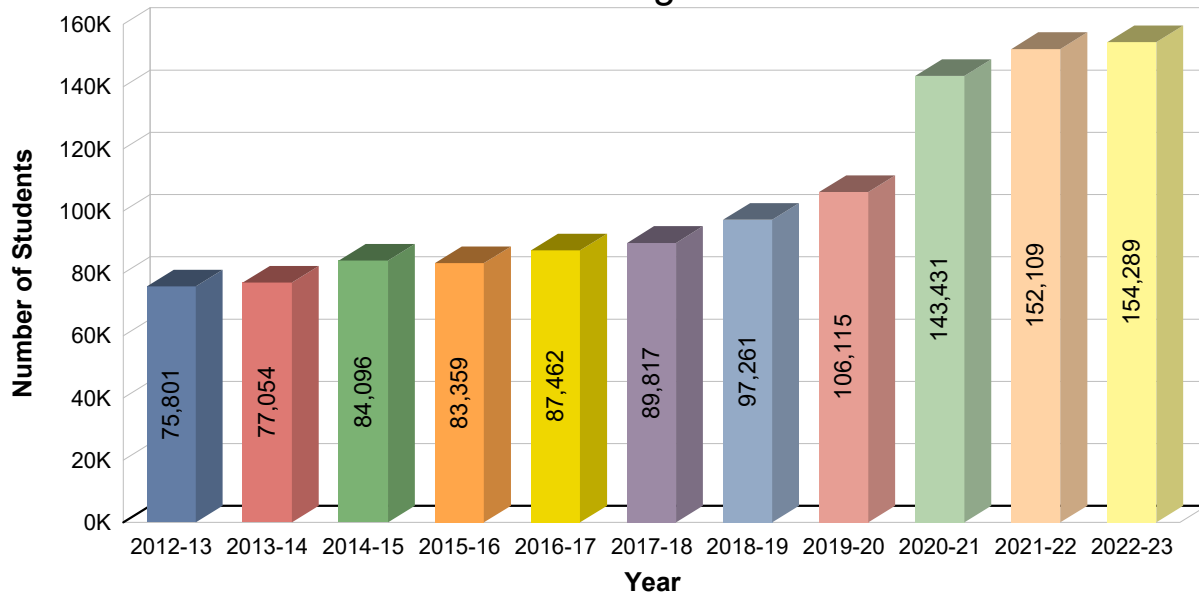


HOME EDUCATION STATISTICS BY DISTRICT, 2022-2023

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>DISTRICT NAME</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>	<u>STUDENTS%</u>	<u>FAMILIES</u>	<u>FAMILIES%</u>
1	Alachua	2,473	1.60	1,646	1.44
2	Baker	541	0.35	374	0.33
3	Bay	1,818	1.18	1,090	0.95
4	Bradford	368	0.24	273	0.24
5	Brevard	6,182	4.01	4,559	3.99
6	Broward	9,811	6.36	7,570	6.63
7	Calhoun	205	0.13	148	0.13
8	Charlotte	1,061	0.69	672	0.59
9	Citrus	2,382	1.54	1,821	1.59
10	Clay	2,392	1.55	1,561	1.37
11	Collier	2,502	1.62	1,806	1.58
12	Columbia	1,091	0.71	857	0.75
13	Dade	6,520	4.23	4,969	4.35
14	DeSoto	406	0.26	278	0.24
15	Dixie	235	0.15	174	0.15
16	Duval	9,924	6.43	9,591	8.39
17	Escambia	2,380	1.54	1,120	0.98
18	Flagler	1,223	0.79	802	0.70
19	Franklin	72	0.05	48	0.04
20	Gadsden	406	0.26	261	0.23
21	Gilchrist	349	0.23	247	0.22
22	Glades	110	0.07	65	0.06
23	Gulf	190	0.12	137	0.12
24	Hamilton	118	0.08	90	0.08
25	Hardee	311	0.20	231	0.20
26	Hendry	218	0.14	139	0.12
27	Hernando	2,357	1.53	436	0.38
28	Highlands	781	0.51	551	0.48
29	Hillsborough	10,680	6.92	8,400	7.35
30	Holmes	276	0.18	180	0.16
31	Indian River	1,227	0.80	913	0.80
32	Jackson	466	0.30	298	0.26
33	Jefferson	202	0.13	113	0.10
34	Lafayette	128	0.08	63	0.06
35	Lake	4,772	3.09	3,397	2.97
36	Lee	3,760	2.44	2,789	2.44
37	Leon	1,909	1.24	1,376	1.20
38	Levy	613	0.40	433	0.38
39	Liberty	94	0.06	67	0.06
40	Madison	248	0.16	174	0.15
41	Manatee	2,612	1.69	1,787	1.56
42	Marion	5,363	3.48	3,914	3.43
43	Martin	1,206	0.78	808	0.71
44	Monroe	251	0.16	178	0.16
45	Nassau	1,473	0.95	974	0.85
46	Okaloosa	2,461	1.60	1,584	1.39
47	Okeechobee	719	0.47	443	0.39
48	Orange	9,431	6.11	8,952	7.83
49	Osceola	2,416	1.57	1,827	1.60
50	Palm Beach	8,653	5.61	6,395	5.60
51	Pasco	5,545	3.59	3,871	3.39
52	Pinellas	3,680	2.39	2,550	2.23
53	Polk	5,561	3.60	4,060	3.55
54	Putnam	899	0.58	718	0.63
55	St. Johns	3,256	2.11	2,169	1.90
56	St. Lucie	2,883	1.87	2,092	1.83
57	Santa Rosa	1,945	1.26	1,004	0.88
58	Sarasota	2,810	1.82	2,088	1.83
59	Seminole	4,202	2.72	3,167	2.77
60	Sumter	1,069	0.69	760	0.67
61	Suwannee	523	0.34	390	0.34
62	Taylor	496	0.32	416	0.36
63	Union	278	0.18	228	0.20
64	Volusia	3,957	2.56	2,894	2.53
65	Wakulla	401	0.26	322	0.28
66	Walton	1,122	0.73	743	0.65
67	Washington	276	0.18	205	0.18
STATE TOTAL		154,289	100.00	114,258	100.00

* 2022-23 Home Education Programs final data as reported by the districts. Percentages are rounded.

Student Enrollment in Home Education Programs 2012-13 Through 2022-23

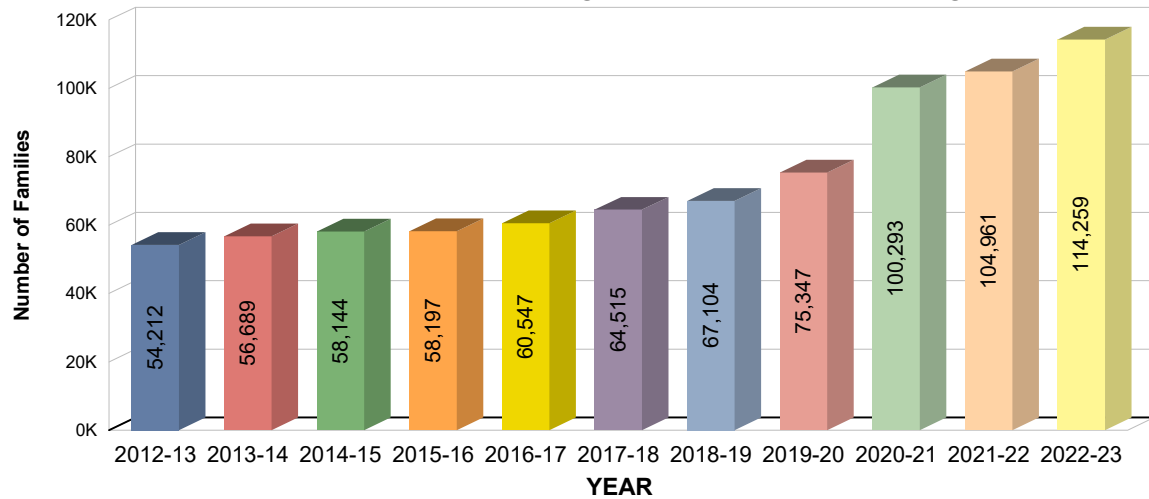


<u>School Year</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
2022-23	154,289	2,180	1.4%
2021-22	152,109	8,678	6.1%
2020-21	143,431	37,316	35.2%
2019-20	106,115	8,854	9.1%
2018-19	97,261	7,444	8.3%
2017-18	89,817	2,355	2.7%
2016-17	87,462	4,103	4.9%
2015-16	83,359	-737	-0.9%
2014-15	84,096	7,042	9.1%
2013-14	77,054	1,253	1.7%
2012-13	75,801		

Districts with the Most Home Education Students 2022-23

<u>District Name</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>%</u>
Hillsborough	10,680	6.9%	8,400	7.4%
Duval	9,924	6.4%	9,591	8.4%
Broward	9,811	6.4%	7,570	6.6%
Orange	9,431	6.1%	8,952	7.8%
Palm Beach	8,653	5.6%	6,395	5.6%
Dade	6,520	4.2%	4,969	4.3%
Brevard	6,182	4.0%	4,559	4.0%
Polk	5,561	3.6%	4,060	3.6%
Pasco	5,545	3.6%	3,871	3.4%
Marion	5,363	3.5%	3,914	3.4%

Families in Home Education Programs 2012-13 Through 2022-23



<u>School Year</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
2022-23	114,259	8.9%
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	