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# **Florida's Private Schools**

## **2019-20 School Year Annual Report**

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## **Highlights of the 2019-20 Annual Report**

The 2019-20 annual report contains information on students and staff for Florida private schools that completed the online annual survey between September 3, 2019 and July 1, 2020. Enrollment data for Florida public school students are based on the 2019-20 Survey 2 (October Survey) final data. The following observations are drawn from the results of the data analysis:

- Of the 3,274,012 statewide total PK-12 student enrollment in the 2019-20 school year, 397,970 (12.2%) were private school students, and 2,876,042 (87.8%) were public school students.
- Compared with the 2018-19 school year, the total number of private schools in 2019-20 increased by 132 schools and the total PK-12 enrollment increased by 17,675 students.
- Of the 397,970 students enrolled in Florida private schools in 2019-20, 11.3% were enrolled in prekindergarten, 7.5% in kindergarten, 34.1% in grades 1-5, 21.5% in grades 6-8, and 25.6% in grades 9-12.
- Twenty-five (25) school districts had 10% or more of their total PK-12 students enrolled in private schools in 2019-20.
- Eighty-one percent (81%) of personnel employed in private schools were classroom teachers and 19% were school administrators.

\* Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding.





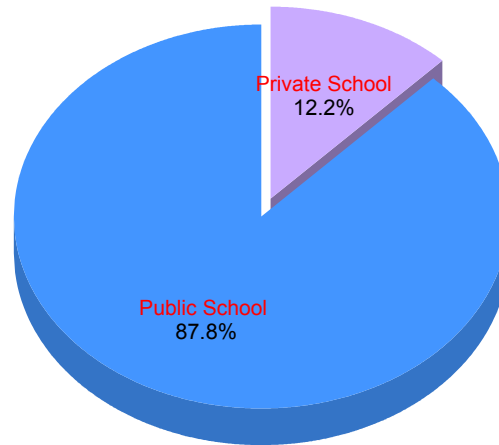
**PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENT ENROLLMENT BY GRADE LEVEL  
2019-20**

District	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
ALACHUA	580	389	371	384	403	352	348	364	311	299	234	229	209	196	4,669
BAKER	0	1	4	3	10	8	9	14	11	17	9	13	8	7	114
BAY	89	67	79	68	84	71	79	80	91	67	42	40	28	33	918
BRADFORD	84	40	35	40	31	40	41	37	45	43	33	41	25	36	571
BREVARD	1,274	692	602	614	603	614	618	647	744	670	517	497	459	455	9,006
BROWARD	5,029	3,147	2,839	2,696	2,713	2,616	2,712	3,236	3,207	3,210	3,759	3,760	3,756	3,841	46,521
CHARLOTTE	94	99	121	101	103	101	100	124	130	101	43	56	28	30	1,231
CITRUS	208	131	104	98	104	83	104	117	97	78	60	53	52	38	1,327
CLAY	122	123	116	130	148	164	166	191	207	203	180	128	163	146	2,187
COLLIER	700	289	293	274	297	300	305	361	338	332	313	301	315	330	4,748
COLUMBIA	31	82	82	80	102	90	95	110	108	96	91	75	65	51	1,158
DADE	11,432	6,576	5,489	5,340	5,228	4,907	4,810	4,786	4,420	4,232	4,955	4,919	4,399	4,805	76,298
DESOTO	105	19	4	4	10	10	11	15	13	6	3	8	4	4	216
DIXIE	0	4	7	3	6	8	7	8	18	11	16	8	11	19	126
DUVAL	2,217	1,779	1,660	1,785	1,665	1,764	1,775	2,130	2,059	1,951	1,855	1,691	1,670	1,625	25,626
ESCAMBIA	725	739	745	720	732	713	663	757	692	638	532	505	444	409	9,014
FLAGLER	281	101	84	101	94	105	90	87	94	91	35	23	15	81	1,282
FRANKLIN	18	7	5	5	2	6	3	1	4	2	0	1	3	2	59
GADSDEN	37	25	31	34	40	33	45	55	56	41	43	48	38	32	558
GILCHRIST	19	26	22	17	22	31	29	34	40	18	14	21	11	12	316
GLADES	0	1	5	5	2	2	6	3	1	0	11	3	0	2	41
GULF	17	6	6	16	13	9	10	12	3	4	5	5	1	1	108
HAMILTON	0	25	23	19	22	13	26	19	22	19	12	20	16	11	247
HARDEE	12	10	8	6	4	4	8	4	4	2	1	2	1	4	70
HENDRY	31	42	36	31	41	42	44	51	52	40	39	37	13	11	510
HERNANDO	189	196	182	175	194	181	190	188	170	168	122	102	82	82	2,221
HIGHLANDS	127	124	107	103	111	103	115	117	108	106	51	37	29	17	1,255
HILLSBOROUGH	2,941	1,892	1,784	1,812	1,733	1,734	1,862	1,984	1,995	1,878	1,651	1,688	1,580	1,550	26,084
HOLMES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	9	15	15	7	5	55
INDIAN RIVER	88	148	126	113	133	126	129	127	132	140	64	72	74	78	1,550
JACKSON	63	31	20	31	15	25	15	13	15	12	14	14	6	1	275
JEFFERSON	33	26	21	22	24	19	19	30	27	24	27	21	34	24	351
LAFAYETTE	12	12	1	8	6	9	12	9	9	10	7	3	7	2	107
LAKE	761	427	383	394	392	374	359	415	438	496	418	426	429	495	6,207
LEE	1,266	487	411	385	392	413	371	437	452	421	407	353	360	366	6,521
LEON	656	420	322	350	361	362	398	413	393	421	407	323	323	263	5,412
LEVY	2	18	20	15	18	21	25	29	30	30	20	17	17	11	273
LIBERTY	1	0	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	13
MADISON	0	9	4	4	2	5	2	7	5	2	0	5	1	1	47
MANATEE	327	206	218	226	239	285	253	325	296	298	310	296	321	311	3,911
MARION	515	431	417	403	459	415	400	428	426	399	344	318	252	238	5,445
MARTIN	213	635	639	870	939	916	919	614	627	588	556	535	531	528	9,110
MONROE	187	61	45	39	36	27	35	35	28	30	1	2	1	0	527
NASSAU	233	88	85	99	93	121	120	167	168	200	226	172	183	146	2,101
OKALOOSA	322	244	195	212	220	228	166	200	143	138	111	80	68	67	2,394
OKEECHOBEE	194	52	35	32	34	31	35	33	31	19	16	12	6	6	536
ORANGE	3,068	2,495	2,373	2,327	2,394	2,345	2,283	2,565	2,377	2,510	2,132	2,016	1,964	2,046	32,895
OSCEOLA	759	661	634	598	641	659	673	693	672	643	609	540	522	570	8,874
PALM BEACH	2,977	1,703	1,559	1,594	1,606	1,595	1,688	1,880	1,970	1,930	2,297	2,208	2,193	2,476	27,676
PASCO	397	341	302	301	323	278	321	345	310	314	351	288	269	243	4,383
PINELLAS	1,681	1,215	1,182	1,163	1,236	1,198	1,268	1,479	1,466	1,388	1,121	1,154	1,012	1,059	17,622
POLK	775	764	681	679	764	750	756	881	844	811	606	565	562	518	9,956
PUTNAM	73	63	49	46	60	52	64	54	44	45	40	30	27	26	673
SANTA ROSA	459	181	166	138	136	139	148	115	118	110	94	90	53	57	2,004
SARASOTA	426	337	304	328	350	360	405	379	391	431	365	410	376	411	5,273
SEMINOLE	1,413	819	699	780	692	758	762	846	743	781	532	450	458	434	10,167
ST. JOHNS	401	285	257	224	256	209	232	197	211	177	95	99	90	90	2,823
ST. LUCIE	324	380	341	366	379	329	324	319	337	276	410	363	327	345	4,820
SUMTER	0	7	1	3	2	7	3	8	6	3	6	6	5	2	59
SUWANNEE	20	41	30	55	58	42	45	65	45	45	40	48	48	149	731
TAYLOR	0	25	24	36	28	29	27	26	25	22	22	24	13	15	316
VOLUSIA	845	648	534	541	502	513	565	559	549	534	343	310	289	273	7,005
WAKULLA	37	11	14	12	13	11	13	19	15	15	24	22	9	14	229
WALTON	197	84	56	68	54	60	45	60	41	53	28	31	20	21	818
WASHINGTON	62	31	26	26	34	32	20	27	19	22	8	12	7	4	330
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>45,149</b>	<b>30,018</b>	<b>27,020</b>	<b>27,154</b>	<b>27,409</b>	<b>26,848</b>	<b>27,172</b>	<b>29,332</b>	<b>28,447</b>	<b>27,672</b>	<b>26,693</b>	<b>25,641</b>	<b>24,290</b>	<b>25,125</b>	<b>397,970</b>

**NUMBER OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS BY DISTRICT  
2019-20**

<b>DISTRICT ID</b>	<b>DISTRICT NAME</b>	<b>SCHOOLS</b>
1	ALACHUA	28
2	BAKER	3
3	BAY	12
4	BRADFORD	5
5	BREVARD	86
6	BROWARD	272
8	CHARLOTTE	9
9	CITRUS	9
10	CLAY	25
11	COLLIER	26
12	COLUMBIA	13
13	DADE	645
14	DESOTO	2
15	DIXIE	2
16	DUVAL	160
17	ESCAMBIA	34
18	FLAGLER	11
19	FRANKLIN	1
20	GADSDEN	3
21	GILCHRIST	4
22	GLADES	1
23	GULF	2
24	HAMILTON	5
25	HARDEE	2
26	HENDRY	3
27	HERNANDO	23
28	HIGHLANDS	10
29	HILLSBOROUGH	147
30	HOLMES	1
31	INDIAN RIVER	11
32	JACKSON	4
33	JEFFERSON	3
34	LAFAYETTE	1
35	LAKE	50
36	LEE	46
37	LEON	40
38	LEVY	4
39	LIBERTY	1
40	MADISON	4
41	MANATEE	31
42	MARION	41
43	MARTIN	14
44	MONROE	6
45	NASSAU	11
46	OKALOOSA	19
47	OKEECHOBEE	7
48	ORANGE	239
49	OSCEOLA	74
50	PALM BEACH	136
51	PASCO	48
52	PINELLAS	108
53	POLK	82
54	PUTNAM	7
55	ST. JOHNS	21
56	ST. LUCIE	40
57	SANTA ROSA	15
58	SARASOTA	48
59	SEMINOLE	70
60	SUMTER	3
61	SUWANNEE	9
62	TAYLOR	2
64	VOLUSIA	62
65	WAKULLA	2
66	WALTON	15
67	WASHINGTON	3
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>2,821</b>

## PK-12 Public and Private School Enrollment 2019-20



SCHOOL TYPE	PK-12 STUDENT ENROLLMENT	PERCENTAGE
Private School	397,970	12.2%
Public School	2,876,042	87.8%
<b>Total Public and Private</b>	<b>3,274,012</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### Districts with 13% or more of Total PK-12 Students Enrolled in Private Schools

DISTRICT	PUBLIC SCHOOL	% PUBLIC	PRIVATE SCHOOL	% PRIVATE	TOTAL PK-12
MARTIN	19,082	67.7%	9,110	32.3%	28,192
JEFFERSON	767	68.6%	351	31.4%	1,118
ESCAMBIA	40,141	81.7%	9,014	18.3%	49,155
MIAMI-DADE	350,606	82.1%	76,298	17.9%	426,904
DUVAL	131,506	83.7%	25,626	16.3%	157,132
BRADFORD	3,114	84.5%	571	15.5%	3,685
PINELLAS	100,439	85.1%	17,622	14.9%	118,061
BROWARD	271,027	85.3%	46,521	14.7%	317,548
NASSAU	12,299	85.4%	2,101	14.6%	14,400
LEON	34,012	86.3%	5,412	13.7%	39,424
ALACHUA	29,920	86.5%	4,669	13.5%	34,589
ORANGE	211,630	86.5%	32,895	13.5%	244,525
HAMILTON	1,658	87.0%	247	13.0%	1,905

**PK-12 STUDENT ENROLLMENT IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS  
2019-20**

<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>Public School Enrollment</b>	<b>Public School % of Total PK-12</b>	<b>Private School Enrollment</b>	<b>Private School % of Total PK-12</b>	<b>Total PK-12</b>
ALACHUA	29,920	86.5%	4,669	13.5%	34,589
BAKER	5,055	97.8%	114	2.2%	5,169
BAY	25,146	96.5%	918	3.5%	26,064
BRADFORD	3,114	84.5%	571	15.5%	3,685
BREVARD	74,395	89.2%	9,006	10.8%	83,401
BROWARD	271,027	85.3%	46,521	14.7%	317,548
CALHOUN	2,134	100.0%	0	0.0%	2,134
CHARLOTTE	16,109	92.9%	1,231	7.1%	17,340
CITRUS	15,720	92.2%	1,327	7.8%	17,047
CLAY	38,764	94.7%	2,187	5.3%	40,951
COLLIER	47,954	91.0%	4,748	9.0%	52,702
COLUMBIA	10,282	89.9%	1,158	10.1%	11,440
MIAMI-DADE	350,606	82.1%	76,298	17.9%	426,904
DESOTO	4,970	95.8%	216	4.2%	5,186
DIXIE	2,248	94.7%	126	5.3%	2,374
DUVAL	131,506	83.7%	25,626	16.3%	157,132
ESCAMBIA	40,141	81.7%	9,014	18.3%	49,155
FLAGLER	12,992	91.0%	1,282	9.0%	14,274
FRANKLIN	1,316	95.7%	59	4.3%	1,375
GADSDEN	5,233	90.4%	558	9.6%	5,791
GILCHRIST	2,868	90.1%	316	9.9%	3,184
GLADES	1,779	97.7%	41	2.3%	1,820
GULF	1,890	94.6%	108	5.4%	1,998
HAMILTON	1,658	87.0%	247	13.0%	1,905
HARDEE	5,073	98.6%	70	1.4%	5,143
HENDRY	8,954	94.6%	510	5.4%	9,464
HERNANDO	23,087	91.2%	2,221	8.8%	25,308
HIGHLANDS	12,177	90.7%	1,255	9.3%	13,432
HILLSBOROUGH	224,380	89.6%	26,084	10.4%	250,464
HOLMES	3,254	98.3%	55	1.7%	3,309
INDIAN RIVER	17,924	92.0%	1,550	8.0%	19,474
JACKSON	6,415	95.9%	275	4.1%	6,690
JEFFERSON	767	68.6%	351	31.4%	1,118
LAFAYETTE	1,232	92.0%	107	8.0%	1,339
LAKE	45,064	87.9%	6,207	12.1%	51,271
LEE	95,871	93.6%	6,521	6.4%	102,392
LEON	34,012	86.3%	5,412	13.7%	39,424
LEVY	5,535	95.3%	273	4.7%	5,808
LIBERTY	1,306	99.0%	13	1.0%	1,319
MADISON	2,556	98.2%	47	1.8%	2,603
MANATEE	50,264	92.8%	3,911	7.2%	54,175
MARION	43,596	88.9%	5,445	11.1%	49,041
MARTIN	19,082	67.7%	9,110	32.3%	28,192
MONROE	8,840	94.4%	527	5.6%	9,367
NASSAU	12,299	85.4%	2,101	14.6%	14,400
OKALOOSA	32,556	93.2%	2,394	6.8%	34,950
OKEECHOBEE	6,653	92.5%	536	7.5%	7,189
ORANGE	211,630	86.5%	32,895	13.5%	244,525
OSCEOLA	70,515	88.8%	8,874	11.2%	79,389
PALM BEACH	196,986	87.7%	27,676	12.3%	224,662
PASCO	76,907	94.6%	4,383	5.4%	81,290
PINELLAS	100,439	85.1%	17,622	14.9%	118,061
POLK	108,330	91.6%	9,956	8.4%	118,286
PUTNAM	10,933	94.2%	673	5.8%	11,606
ST. JOHNS	43,720	93.9%	2,823	6.1%	46,543
ST. LUCIE	42,188	89.7%	4,820	10.3%	47,008
SANTA ROSA	29,128	93.6%	2,004	6.4%	31,132
SARASOTA	43,674	89.2%	5,273	10.8%	48,947
SEMINOLE	68,371	87.1%	10,167	12.9%	78,538
SUMTER	8,986	99.3%	59	0.7%	9,045
SUWANNEE	5,992	89.1%	731	10.9%	6,723
TAYLOR	2,838	90.0%	316	10.0%	3,154
UNION	2,411	100.0%	0	0.0%	2,411
VOLUSIA	63,602	90.1%	7,005	9.9%	70,607
WAKULLA	5,101	95.7%	229	4.3%	5,330
WALTON	10,461	92.7%	818	7.3%	11,279
WASHINGTON	3,494	91.4%	330	8.6%	3,824
OTHERS	12,612	100.0%	0	0.0%	12,612
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>2,876,042</b>	<b>87.8%</b>	<b>397,970</b>	<b>12.2%</b>	<b>3,274,012</b>

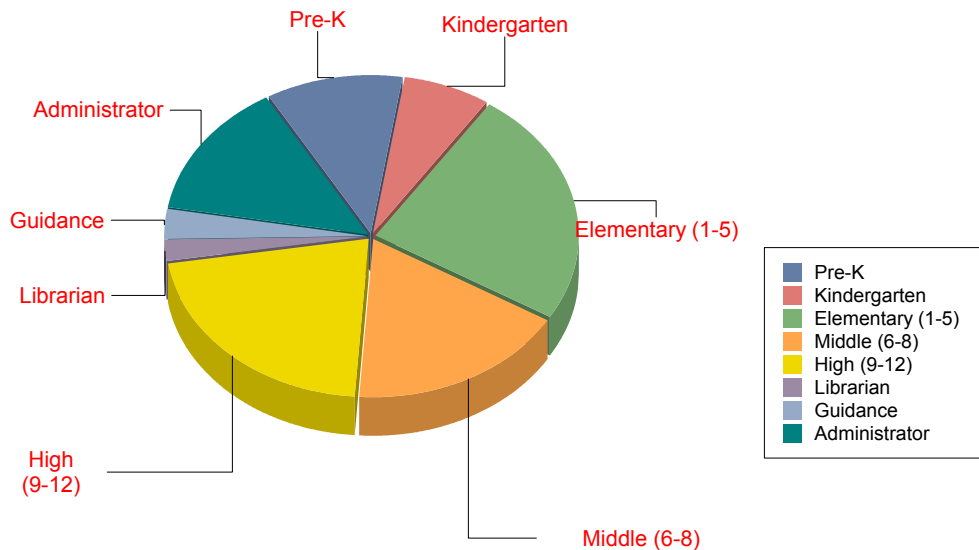
\* "OTHERS" include students enrolled in lab, deaf/blind, virtual, and Department of Juvenile Justice schools.



## Private School Instructional and Administrative Personnel 2019-20

The reported personnel data are based on the online Private School Annual Survey and include eight personnel types: pre-k teacher, kindergarten teacher, elementary school teacher (1-5), middle school teacher (6-8), high school teacher (9-12), librarian and media specialist, guidance personnel, and administrator. Support personnel such as secretaries, aides, paraprofessionals, and volunteers are not included. Statistics for personnel in the named areas reflect actual numbers of such individuals but do not indicate the full range of duties they may perform. Reporting instructions requested that full-time employees who have responsibilities in more than one area be reported in the category where they spend the majority of their time.

### Private School Instructional and Administrative Personnel by Type



<u>PERSONNEL TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
Pre-K	4,987	10.8%
Kindergarten	3,167	6.9%
Elementary (1-5)	11,124	24.2%
Middle (6-8)	8,051	17.5%
High (9-12)	9,836	21.4%
Librarian	1,034	2.2%
Guidance	1,398	3.0%
Administrator	6,441	14.0%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>46,038</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**PRIVATE SCHOOL INSTRUCTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL  
2019-20**

District	Pre-K	KG	Elementary	Middle	High	Librarian	Guidance	Admin	Total
ALACHUA	60	48	165	87	85	12	9	70	536
BAKER	0	1	3	3	5	0	0	3	15
BAY	13	13	43	35	19	3	1	19	146
BRADFORD	11	4	19	15	18	1	4	9	81
BREVARD	134	72	265	236	257	35	38	180	1,217
BROWARD	540	311	1,082	829	1,244	113	179	680	4,978
CHARLOTTE	8	10	38	26	12	1	3	12	110
CITRUS	16	11	34	26	23	4	4	22	140
CLAY	13	17	75	62	82	9	14	55	327
COLLIER	90	40	177	130	186	9	10	97	739
COLUMBIA	4	10	37	33	31	1	4	19	139
DADE	1,355	709	2,158	1,199	1,528	185	302	1,258	8,694
DESOTO	10	2	2	2	1	2	2	4	25
DIXIE	0	1	4	5	5	0	1	2	18
DUVAL	223	176	626	522	630	75	94	431	2,777
ESCAMBIA	60	41	174	129	157	21	20	88	690
FLAGLER	28	8	34	17	12	2	3	23	127
FRANKLIN	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	1	7
GADSDEN	2	2	12	14	19	1	1	7	58
GILCHRIST	4	3	12	10	9	1	1	7	47
GLADES	0	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	7
GULF	4	1	5	3	2	0	0	3	18
HAMILTON	0	4	10	8	6	1	2	7	38
HARDEE	1	1	4	2	1	0	0	3	12
HENDRY	4	4	17	12	12	1	2	5	57
HERNANDO	18	16	58	42	44	4	4	35	221
HIGHLANDS	16	11	40	27	17	4	0	21	136
HILLSBOROUGH	349	208	713	571	678	75	92	398	3,084
HOLMES	0	0	0	2	3	1	0	1	7
INDIAN RIVER	16	16	56	43	48	5	5	28	217
JACKSON	9	5	9	5	5	1	2	6	42
JEFFERSON	2	3	6	9	9	1	1	4	35
LAFAYETTE	2	1	3	2	1	2	0	1	12
LAKE	74	47	158	121	166	8	27	95	696
LEE	155	51	159	127	146	14	21	98	771
LEON	74	49	161	126	122	13	13	102	660
LEVY	0	4	11	7	7	2	1	8	40
LIBERTY	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	3
MADISON	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	3	9
MANATEE	39	26	114	104	195	9	17	67	571
MARION	73	46	155	123	151	18	18	93	677
MARTIN	16	12	50	37	28	6	4	23	176
MONROE	21	10	13	12	2	2	2	12	74
NASSAU	18	9	30	26	21	4	5	22	135
OKALOOSA	38	36	99	54	43	4	4	31	309
OKEECHOBEE	24	5	11	9	5	4	0	8	66
ORANGE	315	293	1,227	877	1,000	86	113	607	4,518
OSCEOLA	89	79	276	166	185	35	50	189	1,069
PALM BEACH	321	201	743	615	959	79	108	441	3,467
PASCO	42	48	131	101	130	13	14	78	557
PINELLAS	164	124	547	454	504	54	52	297	2,196
POLK	68	68	272	218	238	29	35	161	1,089
PUTNAM	9	8	27	18	12	4	3	11	92
SANTA ROSA	50	14	46	28	22	4	4	24	192
SARASOTA	43	38	148	135	153	15	23	97	652
SEMINOLE	149	83	300	206	227	26	29	173	1,193
ST. JOHNS	28	26	106	54	35	8	6	49	312
ST. LUCIE	40	36	138	91	122	8	16	80	531
SUMTER	0	2	3	4	4	1	0	5	19
SUWANNEE	3	7	21	15	21	0	2	11	80
TAYLOR	0	3	8	9	6	1	1	3	31
VOLUSIA	106	67	211	156	132	12	26	126	836
WAKULLA	4	1	5	5	8	1	2	3	29
WALTON	25	19	52	39	34	3	3	21	196
WASHINGTON	6	2	14	5	4	0	1	3	35
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>4,987</b>	<b>3,167</b>	<b>11,124</b>	<b>8,051</b>	<b>9,836</b>	<b>1,034</b>	<b>1,398</b>	<b>6,441</b>	<b>46,038</b>