



Home Education in Florida

2023-24 School Year Annual Report

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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 2023-24 school year, the numbers provided by the districts indicate that 114,239 families and 155,532 students participated in home education programs. In the last five years, the total number of students in home education has increased by 49,417 or 46.6% over the 106,115 students reported in 2019-20, with a five-year average of 142,295 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/>.

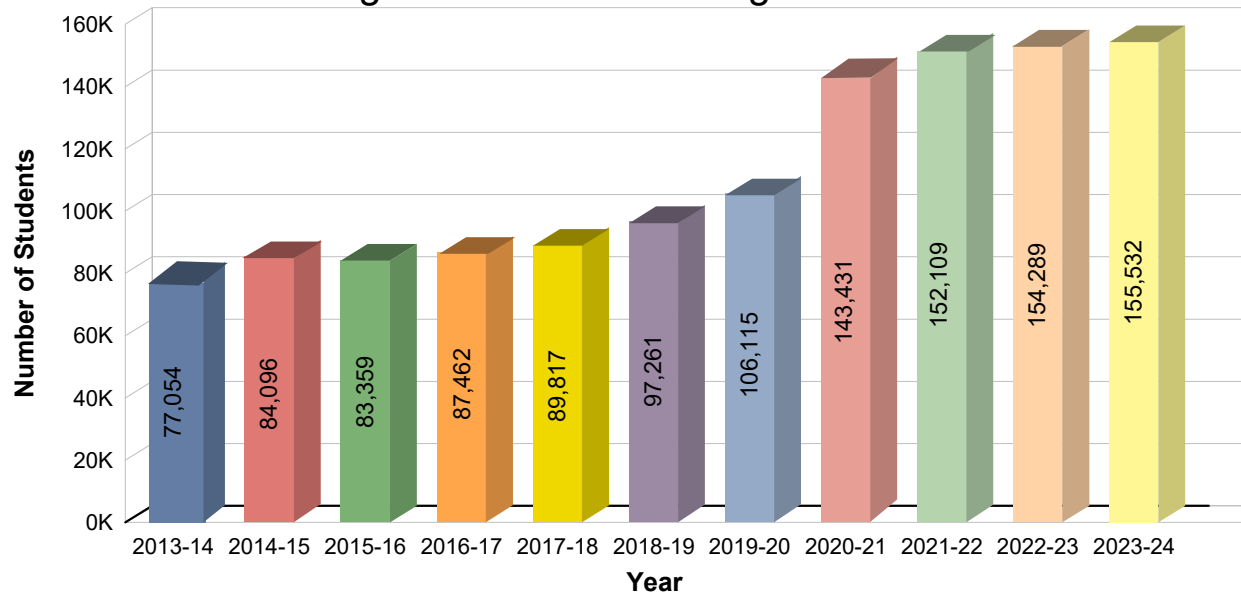


HOME EDUCATION STATISTICS BY DISTRICT, 2023-2024

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>DISTRICT NAME</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>	<u>STUDENTS%</u>	<u>FAMILIES</u>	<u>FAMILIES%</u>
1	Alachua	1,888	1.21	600	0.53
2	Baker	434	0.28	311	0.27
3	Bay	1,743	1.12	1,254	1.10
4	Bradford	440	0.28	331	0.29
5	Brevard	6,632	4.26	4,759	4.17
6	Broward	6,553	4.21	5,045	4.42
7	Calhoun	242	0.16	173	0.15
8	Charlotte	1,219	0.78	523	0.46
9	Citrus	2,652	1.71	2,040	1.79
10	Clay	2,342	1.51	2,149	1.88
11	Collier	2,693	1.73	1,945	1.70
12	Columbia	1,199	0.77	1,001	0.88
13	Dade	7,031	4.52	5,421	4.75
14	DeSoto	404	0.26	60	0.05
15	Dixie	245	0.16	189	0.17
16	Duval	10,439	6.71	8,397	7.35
17	Escambia	2,220	1.43	1,670	1.46
18	Flagler	1,254	0.81	860	0.75
19	Franklin	85	0.05	58	0.05
20	Gadsden	344	0.22	229	0.20
21	Gilchrist	314	0.20	203	0.18
22	Glades	100	0.06	58	0.05
23	Gulf	226	0.15	168	0.15
24	Hamilton	169	0.11	126	0.11
25	Hardee	360	0.23	246	0.22
26	Hendry	255	0.16	169	0.15
27	Hernando	2,574	1.65	521	0.46
28	Highlands	789	0.51	579	0.51
29	Hillsborough	10,514	6.76	8,089	7.08
30	Holmes	301	0.19	203	0.18
31	Indian River	1,304	0.84	970	0.85
32	Jackson	504	0.32	368	0.32
33	Jefferson	214	0.14	136	0.12
34	Lafayette	104	0.07	85	0.07
35	Lake	5,176	3.33	3,754	3.29
36	Lee	4,089	2.63	3,030	2.65
37	Leon	1,619	1.04	1,241	1.09
38	Levy	720	0.46	502	0.44
39	Liberty	102	0.07	82	0.07
40	Madison	254	0.16	174	0.15
41	Manatee	2,674	1.72	1,907	1.67
42	Marion	5,351	3.44	4,032	3.53
43	Martin	1,144	0.74	837	0.73
44	Monroe	257	0.17	185	0.16
45	Nassau	1,366	0.88	964	0.84
46	Okaloosa	2,303	1.48	2,297	2.01
47	Okeechobee	676	0.43	508	0.44
48	Orange	9,497	6.11	9,487	8.30
49	Osceola	2,413	1.55	1,743	1.53
50	Palm Beach	9,375	6.03	6,964	6.10
51	Pasco	5,862	3.77	4,803	4.20
52	Pinellas	3,654	2.35	2,640	2.31
53	Polk	6,151	3.95	1,961	1.72
54	Putnam	934	0.60	751	0.66
55	St. Johns	3,479	2.24	2,206	1.93
56	St. Lucie	2,975	1.91	2,435	2.13
57	Santa Rosa	1,935	1.24	645	0.56
58	Sarasota	2,746	1.77	2,162	1.89
59	Seminole	4,453	2.86	3,515	3.08
60	Sumter	1,191	0.77	868	0.76
61	Suwannee	515	0.33	355	0.31
62	Taylor	580	0.37	480	0.42
63	Union	221	0.14	174	0.15
64	Volusia	4,048	2.60	3,135	2.74
65	Wakulla	448	0.29	416	0.36
66	Walton	1,221	0.79	822	0.72
67	Washington	316	0.20	228	0.20
STATE TOTAL		155,532	100.00	114,239	100.00

* 2023-24 Home Education Programs final data as reported by the districts. Percentages are rounded.

Student Enrollment in Home Education Programs 2013-14 Through 2023-24

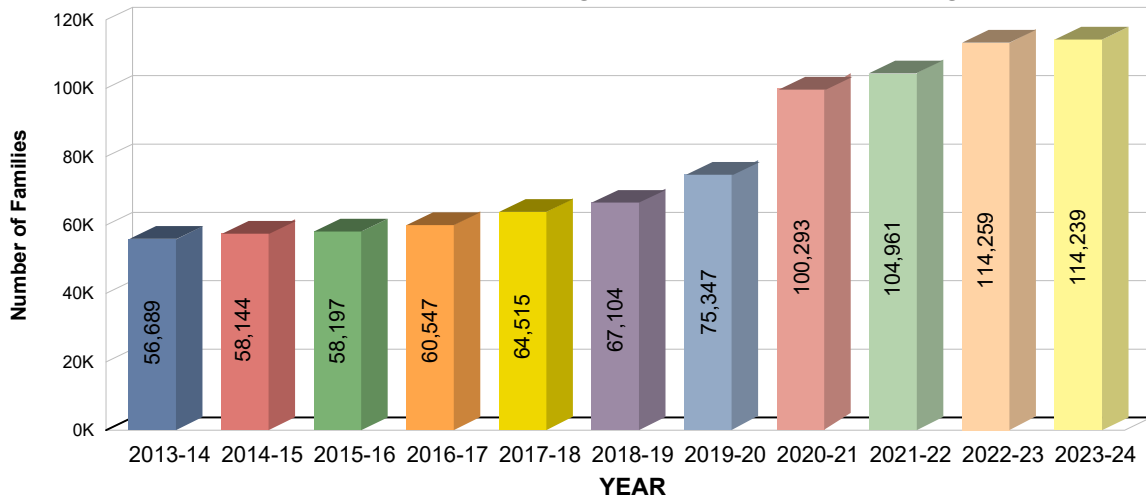


<u>School Year</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
2023-24	155,532	1,243	0.8%
2022-23	154,289	2,180	1.4%
2021-22	152,109	8,678	6.1%
2020-21	143,431	37,316	35.2%
2019-20	106,115	8,854	9.1%
2018-19	97,261	7,444	8.3%
2017-18	89,817	2,355	2.7%
2016-17	87,462	4,103	4.9%
2015-16	83,359	-737	-0.9%
2014-15	84,096	7,042	9.1%
2013-14	77,054		

Districts with the Most Home Education Students 2023-24

<u>District Name</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>%</u>
Hillsborough	10,514	6.8%	8,089	7.1%
Duval	10,439	6.7%	8,397	7.4%
Orange	9,497	6.1%	9,487	8.3%
Palm Beach	9,375	6.0%	6,964	6.1%
Dade	7,031	4.5%	5,421	4.7%
Brevard	6,632	4.3%	4,759	4.2%
Broward	6,553	4.2%	5,045	4.4%
Polk	6,151	4.0%	1,961	1.7%
Pasco	5,862	3.8%	4,803	4.2%
Marion	5,351	3.4%	4,032	3.5%

Families in Home Education Programs 2013-14 Through 2023-24



<u>School Year</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
2023-24	114,239	-0.01%
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	