



# **Home Education in Florida**

## **2024-25 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 2024-25 school year, the numbers provided by the districts indicate that 114,370 families and 152,871 students participated in home education programs. In the last five years, the total number of students in home education has increased by 9,440 or 6.6% over the 143,431 students reported in 2020-21, with a five-year average of 151,646 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/>.

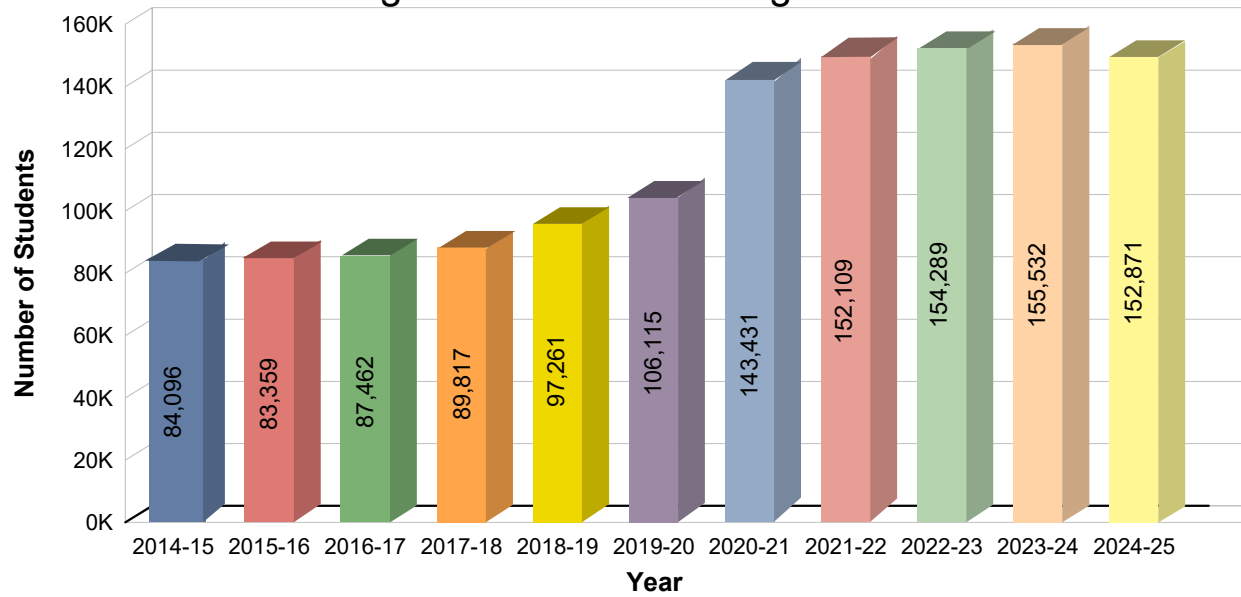


## HOME EDUCATION STATISTICS BY DISTRICT, 2024-2025

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>DISTRICT NAME</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>	<u>STUDENTS%</u>	<u>FAMILIES</u>	<u>FAMILIES%</u>
1	Alachua	1,969	1.29	1,287	1.13
2	Baker	310	0.20	248	0.22
3	Bay	1,725	1.13	1,429	1.25
4	Bradford	500	0.33	423	0.37
5	Brevard	6,978	4.56	5,955	5.21
6	Broward	6,058	3.96	5,011	4.38
7	Calhoun	253	0.17	97	0.08
8	Charlotte	1,170	0.77	511	0.45
9	Citrus	2,389	1.56	1,827	1.60
10	Clay	2,194	1.44	1,515	1.32
11	Collier	2,660	1.74	1,964	1.72
12	Columbia	1,178	0.77	858	0.75
13	Dade	6,842	4.48	5,357	4.68
14	DeSoto	472	0.31	358	0.31
15	Dixie	220	0.14	165	0.14
16	Duval	11,067	7.24	8,930	7.81
17	Escambia	2,102	1.38	1,576	1.38
18	Flagler	1,259	0.82	911	0.80
19	Franklin	113	0.07	81	0.07
20	Gadsden	370	0.24	245	0.21
21	Gilchrist	386	0.25	271	0.24
22	Glades	88	0.06	51	0.04
23	Gulf	168	0.11	128	0.11
24	Hamilton	217	0.14	158	0.14
25	Hardee	317	0.21	226	0.20
26	Hendry	267	0.17	189	0.17
27	Hernando	2,792	1.83	1,372	1.20
28	Highlands	737	0.48	648	0.57
29	Hillsborough	12,175	7.96	8,196	7.17
30	Holmes	327	0.21	220	0.19
31	Indian River	1,168	0.76	890	0.78
32	Jackson	532	0.35	403	0.35
33	Jefferson	146	0.10	101	0.09
34	Lafayette	62	0.04	43	0.04
35	Lake	5,303	3.47	4,029	3.52
36	Lee	4,270	2.79	3,116	2.72
37	Leon	1,517	0.99	1,169	1.02
38	Levy	746	0.49	533	0.47
39	Liberty	67	0.04	47	0.04
40	Madison	288	0.19	204	0.18
41	Manatee	2,522	1.65	1,853	1.62
42	Marion	5,211	3.41	4,021	3.52
43	Martin	936	0.61	781	0.68
44	Monroe	211	0.14	157	0.14
45	Nassau	1,409	0.92	1,052	0.92
46	Okaloosa	2,247	1.47	1,551	1.36
47	Okeechobee	692	0.45	576	0.50
48	Orange	9,280	6.07	9,279	8.11
49	Osceola	2,494	1.63	1,869	1.63
50	Palm Beach	8,183	5.35	6,420	5.61
51	Pasco	5,403	3.53	4,547	3.98
52	Pinellas	3,863	2.53	2,487	2.17
53	Polk	5,903	3.86	1,485	1.30
54	Putnam	1,006	0.66	769	0.67
55	St. Johns	2,870	1.88	2,099	1.84
56	St. Lucie	2,906	1.90	2,203	1.93
57	Santa Rosa	1,776	1.16	1,287	1.13
58	Sarasota	2,296	1.50	1,701	1.49
59	Seminole	4,314	2.82	3,543	3.10
60	Sumter	1,328	0.87	957	0.84
61	Suwannee	426	0.28	348	0.30
62	Taylor	445	0.29	373	0.33
63	Union	205	0.13	144	0.13
64	Volusia	3,639	2.38	2,780	2.43
65	Wakulla	413	0.27	309	0.27
66	Walton	1,183	0.77	805	0.70
67	Washington	308	0.20	232	0.20
STATE TOTAL		152,871	100.00	114,370	100.00

\* 2024-25 Home Education Programs final data as reported by the districts. Percentages are rounded.

## Student Enrollment in Home Education Programs 2014-15 Through 2024-25

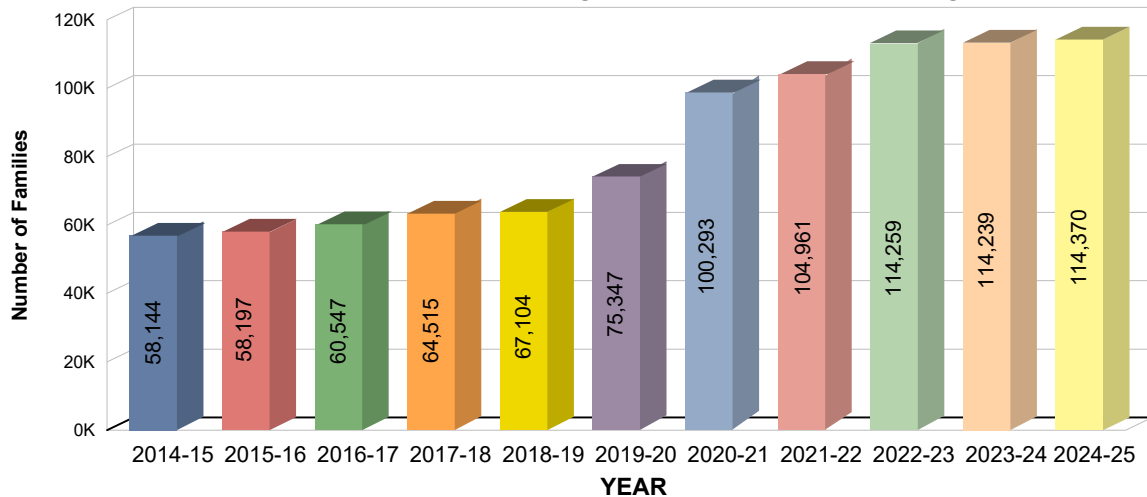


<u>School Year</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
2024-25	152,871	-2,661	-1.7%
2023-24	155,532	1,243	0.8%
2022-23	154,289	2,180	1.4%
2021-22	152,109	8,678	6.1%
2020-21	143,431	37,316	35.2%
2019-20	106,115	8,854	9.1%
2018-19	97,261	7,444	8.3%
2017-18	89,817	2,355	2.7%
2016-17	87,462	4,103	4.9%
2015-16	83,359	-737	-0.9%
2014-15	84,096		

## Districts with the Most Home Education Students 2024-25

<u>District Name</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>%</u>
Hillsborough	12,175	8.0%	8,196	7.2%
Duval	11,067	7.2%	8,930	7.8%
Orange	9,280	6.1%	9,279	8.1%
Palm Beach	8,183	5.4%	6,420	5.6%
Brevard	6,978	4.6%	5,955	5.2%
Dade	6,842	4.5%	5,357	4.7%
Broward	6,058	4.0%	5,011	4.4%
Polk	5,903	3.9%	1,485	1.3%
Pasco	5,403	3.5%	4,547	4.0%
Lake	5,303	3.5%	4,029	3.5%

## Families in Home Education Programs 2014-15 Through 2024-25



<u>School Year</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
2024-25	114,370	0.1%
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%
2016-15	60,547	4.0%
2015-16	58,197	0.1%
2014-15	58,144	