

Florida has the **3RD LARGEST** Latino\* student population<sup>1</sup> in the nation.



## 1,014,967

### Hispanic students enrolled in Florida's public schools

(Spring of School Year 2021-2022).<sup>2</sup>



## 1 IN 3

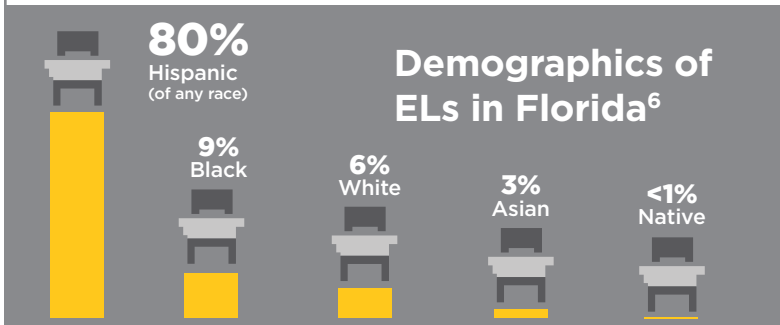
students in Florida PK-12 schools are Latino (35.8%).<sup>3</sup>

Enough to fill the Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens at full capacity fifteen times!

### ELs represent 1 of 10 Florida students.<sup>4</sup>

Florida ranks **13th highest in terms of the percentage of English Learner (EL) students.**<sup>5</sup>

There are **288,365** total ELs in Florida public schools (PK-12).



### Most Common Home Languages of ELs<sup>7</sup>



- Spanish
- Haitian Creole
- Brazilian Portuguese

## 6 out of every 10

(64%) in Florida are classified as **“economically disadvantaged.”** These students are determined to be eligible for free and reduced-price meals.<sup>8</sup>



### STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

## 13%

of ELs in Florida have been identified as students with disabilities.

## 14%

of Hispanic students in Florida have been identified as students with disabilities.<sup>9</sup>

### TOP DISTRICTS WITH HISPANIC STUDENT ENROLLMENT

by Numbers (Spring 2022)<sup>10</sup>

School District	(# of students)
Miami-Dade:	250,337
Broward:	95,931
Orange:	90,738
Hillsborough:	84,356
Palm Beach:	70,687

### TOP DISTRICTS WITH HISPANIC STUDENT ENROLLMENT

by Percentage (Spring 2022)<sup>11</sup>

School District	(% of Hispanic student enrollment)
Miami-Dade:	74%
Hardee:	63%
Osceola:	62%
Hendry:	52%
Collier:	52%

\* The terms “Hispanic” and “Latino” are used interchangeably by the U.S. Census Bureau and throughout this document to refer to persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central and South American, Dominican, Spanish, and other Hispanic descent; they may be of any race. This document may also refer to this population as “Latinx” to represent the diversity of gender identities and expressions that are present in the community.

**MORE THAN  
62,000**

**STUDENTS WERE  
IDENTIFIED AS  
HOMELESS IN  
FLORIDA (2021-2022).<sup>12</sup>**



**30%**  
**of them  
were latino.<sup>13</sup>**

### Student-to-School Psychologist Ratio

In the Top 5 school districts with the highest number of Latinx students, there is an average student-to-school psychologist ratio of

**1,663** students per school psychologist.<sup>14</sup>



This is **higher than** the national recommendation of **500 students per school psychologist** in order to provide comprehensive school psychological services.<sup>15</sup>

### ACCORDING TO THE GLSEN 2019 NATIONAL SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY,

The majority of **LGBTQ students** in secondary school **were harassed or assaulted** in the previous school year **based on their sexual orientation and/or gender expression.**<sup>18</sup>

### Student-to-Guidance Counselor Ratio<sup>6</sup>

**Not a single school district in Florida meets the American School Counselor Association’s recommendation of 250 students per school counselor.**<sup>16</sup> Overall, Florida’s average ratio is 520 students per school counselor.<sup>17</sup>



## About UnidosUS

UnidosUS is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that serves as the nation’s largest Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization. Since 1968, we have challenged the social, economic, and political barriers that affect Latinos through our unique combination of expert research, advocacy, programs, and an Affiliate Network of nearly 300 community-based organizations across the United States and Puerto Rico. We believe in an America where economic, political, and social progress is a reality for all Latinos, and we collaborate across communities to achieve it. For more information on UnidosUS, visit [www.unidosus.org](http://www.unidosus.org) or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).

## Endnotes

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