

# BROWARD-by-the-NUMBERS

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## The School-Aged Population

*School enrollment increased significantly during the past decade, due to population growth.  
The school-aged population grew by 58 percent between 1990 and 2000.*

### Population aged 5-17

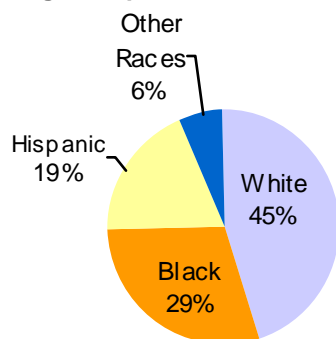
In April 2000, 17 percent of Broward County's population was of aged 5 to 17 years. Census 2000 showed that there were 279,888 school-age persons living in Broward County.

The school-aged population has a higher proportion of Black and Hispanic persons than the population as a whole.

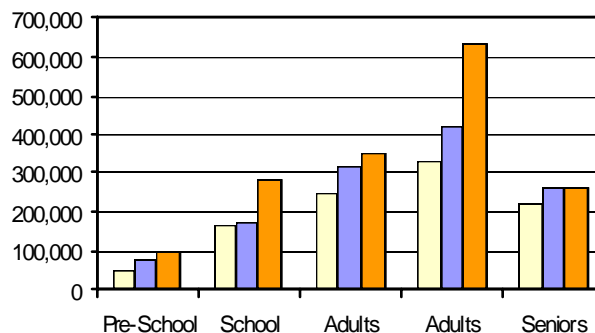
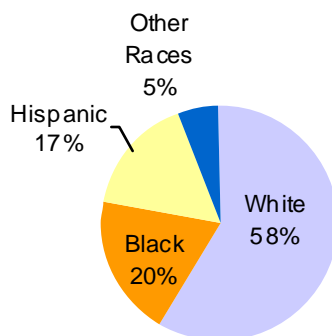
Between 1990 and 2000, the school-aged population grew by 58 percent (102,250 persons). This growth rate was almost twice that of the population as a whole (29 percent). Average growth among the school aged population from 1990 to 2000 was seven times greater than between 1980 and 1990.

Although net migration is the predominant source of population

### School Aged Population



### County Population



Population Growth 1990-2000		
Pre-School	24,061	30.5%
School Aged	102,250	57.6%
Adults (18-34yrs)	30,962	9.8%
Adults (35-64yrs)	209,888	49.9%
Seniors (65+ yrs)	369	0.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>367,530</b>	<b>29.3%</b>

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census

growth countywide, natural increase (excess births over deaths) is the predominant source of population growth among the school-aged population. Net migration typically results in the addition of 5,000 school-aged children each year, whereas, there are more than 20,000 births annually in Broward County. In 2000, the "baby boomers" (born between 1946 and 1964) were aged 36 to 54 years, while many of their children were of school age, creating a "baby boomlet."

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, 2000

### Population Growth

**Analysis of School Enrollment**

Currently, there are almost 291,000 students in kindergarten through 12th grade in Broward County. Enrollment in public<sup>(1)</sup>, charter and private schools continues to increase annually, however the distribution remains relatively stable.

The majority of school-aged children are enrolled in public

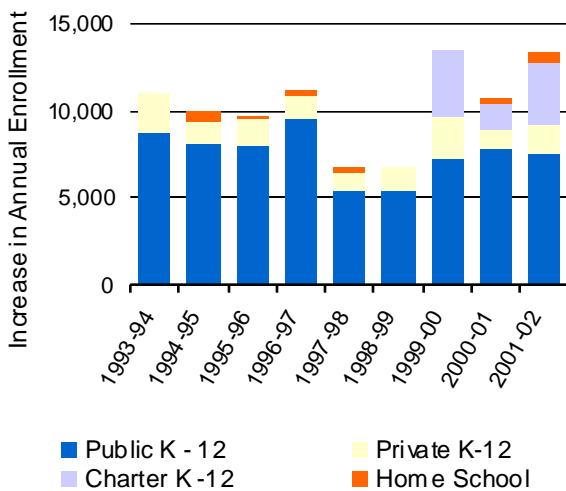
School Year	2001/02		2002/03
Public K-12	242,138	83.2%	245,341
Charter K-12	8680	3.0%	11,378
Private K-12	36913	12.7%	n/a
Home School	3,211	1.1%	n/a
Total Students	290,942		n/a

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schools. In 2001/02, 242,138 students (83 percent) attended Broward County public schools. Private schools accounted for 13 percent of enrollment, charter schools 3 percent, and home education 1 percent.

Reflecting the significant growth in school-aged population, enrollment in all types of schools has increased every year during the past decade. 2001/02 saw an increase of 13,265 students (4.8 percent) over the previous year. Assuming an average class size of 30 students, this increase is equivalent to adding 420 classes countywide in one year. Growth occurred in every grade level (K through 12).

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**A. Public School Enrollment <sup>(1)</sup>**

In 2001/02, public schools enrolled 84.5 percent of elementary-, 84.9 percent of middle-, and 83.1 percent of high-school students. Total enrollment grew by 40 percent in a decade, with the addition of 70,650 students between 1992/93 and 2002/03. The highest growth has occurred in middle and high school grades. Elementary school enrollment grew by 27.1 percent (from 92,087 to 117,005); middle school enrollment grew by 55.1 percent (from 39,081 to 60,623); and high school enrollment grew by 55.6 percent (from 43,423 to 67,713.)

**B. Charter School Enrollment**

The first charter schools opened in Broward County in 1999/00 school year. A total of 27 charters have been approved in Broward County, with 20 schools currently open in 2002/03, and 11,378 students enrolled countywide. Since charter schools opened, private school enrollment has remained stable (at 12.7 percent of all students), whereas public school enrollment has changed from 84.0 percent to 83.2 percent, indicating that charter schools have absorbed students that might otherwise have attended public schools.

**C. Private School Enrollment**

There are 152 private schools in Broward County. Over the past decade private school enrollment has grown by 63 percent (from 22,536 in 1992/93 to 36,913 students in 2001/02.) However, the proportion of students attending nonpublic schools has remained stable at about 12.7 percent of total enrollment. By grade, the highest enrollment is Kindergarten students, reflecting the existence of Kindergarten education programs in Pre-School/Daycare institutions.

**D. Home Education**

Countywide, fewer than 3,250 students are educated at home. Despite significant growth (172 percent since 1992/93) home schooling accounts for only 1.1 percent of all students in Broward County.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

“Projecting Future School Enrollment in Broward County” is available on line on our web site at [www.gis.broward.org](http://www.gis.broward.org)



1. For the purpose of this report the term “public schools” applies to schools in the Broward County public school system that provide education for kindergarten through 12th grade and that are not administered as charter schools.

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**TABLE 1 – Population by Age, 1980 to 2000**

Age Group	County Population			Population Growth			
	1980	1990	2000	1980/1990		1990/2000	
<b>Pre-School</b>	49,856	78,980	103,041	29,124	58.4%	24,061	30.5%
<b>School Aged</b>	164,374	177,638	279,888	13,264	8.1%	102,250	57.6%
<b>Adults (18 to 34)</b>	250,044	317,283	348,245	67,239	26.9%	30,962	9.8%
<b>Adults (35 to 64)</b>	330,244	420,847	630,735	90,603	27.4%	209,888	49.9%
<b>Seniors (65+)</b>	223,682	260,740	261,109	37,058	16.6%	369	0.1%
<b>Total</b>	1,018,200	1,255,488	1,623,018	237,288	23.3%	367,530	29.3%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census

**TABLE 2 - Growth in Population Aged Under 18 years, by Age Group, 1990-2000**

Age Group (as tabulated in Census )	Grade Level	1990	2000	1990-2000 Growth	Growth Rate
<b>Under 5 years:</b>					
Under 1 year		13,341	20,198	6,857	51.4%
1 and 2 years		34,084	40,547	6,463	19.0%
3 and 4 years		31,555	42,296	10,741	34.0%
<b>Preschool</b>	<b>PK</b>	<b>78,980</b>	<b>103,041</b>	<b>24,061</b>	<b>30.5%</b>
<b>School-Aged:</b>					
5 years	K	15,236	21,353	6,117	40.1%
6 years	1	14,855	21,964	7,109	47.9%
7 to 9 years	2-4	42,787	66,825	24,038	56.2%
10 years	5	13,408 <sup>(1)</sup>	23,322	9,915	73.9%
<b>Elementary School</b>	<b>K-5</b>	<b>86,286</b>	<b>133,464</b>	<b>47,179</b>	<b>54.7%</b>
11 years	6	13,408 <sup>(1)</sup>	22,064	8,657	64.6%
12 and 13 years	7-8	25,939	42,770	16,831	64.9%
<b>Middle School</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>39,347</b>	<b>64,834</b>	<b>25,488</b>	<b>64.8%</b>
14 years	9	12,343	20,976	8,633	69.9%
15 years	10	13,176	20,620	7,444	56.5%
16 years	11	13,115	20,142	7,027	53.6%
17 years	12	13,372	19,852	6,480	48.5%
<b>High School</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>52,006</b>	<b>81,590</b>	<b>29,584</b>	<b>56.9%</b>
<b>Total K-12</b>	<b>K-12</b>	<b>177,638</b>	<b>279,888</b>	<b>102,250</b>	<b>57.6%</b>
Broward County Population		1.25 M	1.62 M	0.37 M	29.3%
Proportion School-Aged	K-12	14.2%	17.2%		

(1) Average of 10-11 year old cohort reported in 1990 Census

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, 1990 and 2000

**TABLE 3 - Population by Race and Ethnicity, 2000**

	<b>White Non-Hispanic</b>	<b>Black Non-Hispanic <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>Other Races Non-Hispanic <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>
Total Population	940,692	322,516	271,523	88,287	1,623,018
	58.0%	19.9%	16.7%	5.4%	
School Aged (5 to 17 years)	125,434	81,985	54,171	17,696	279,286
	44.9%	29.4%	19.4%	6.3%	

(1) Assumes that within school-aged cohort, non-white Hispanics are distributed between non-white racial categories in the same proportion as in the total population of all ages.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, 2000

**TABLE 4 - Combined Enrollment in Public, Charter and Private Schools by Grade, 1992/93 to 2001/02**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>1992/93</b>	<b>1993/94</b>	<b>1994/95</b>	<b>1995/96</b>	<b>1996/97</b>	<b>1997/98</b>	<b>1998/99</b>	<b>1999/00</b>	<b>2000/01</b>	<b>2001/02</b>	<b>Growth</b>
K	18,566	19,545	20,164	20,685	20,779	20,187	20,191	21,346	22,013	22,106	19.1%
1	18,112	18,746	19,702	20,503	21,116	21,180	20,745	21,444	22,615	23,044	27.2%
2	17,842	18,295	18,691	19,918	20,791	21,008	21,248	21,613	22,112	23,229	30.2%
3	17,112	18,163	18,581	18,910	20,191	20,973	21,349	22,081	22,312	23,116	35.1%
4	16,494	17,653	18,529	18,928	19,425	20,370	21,065	22,008	23,065	23,251	41.0%
5	15,595	16,783	17,767	18,737	19,194	19,629	20,667	21,965	22,135	23,478	50.5%
6	15,393	16,685	17,730	18,864	19,920	20,423	20,756	22,188	23,105	23,838	54.9%
7	14,532	15,585	16,738	17,635	18,875	19,641	20,313	21,181	22,452	23,914	64.6%
8	13,794	14,472	15,551	16,445	17,337	18,255	19,100	20,305	21,156	22,727	64.8%
9	15,559	17,515	17,166	17,586	18,743	19,012	19,756	21,234	24,808	26,980	73.4%
10	13,659	13,550	14,887	15,160	16,029	17,055	17,545	18,938	17,446	18,012	31.9%
11	11,208	11,576	11,987	13,045	13,561	14,209	15,229	15,873	17,265	17,581	56.9%
12	8,892	9,019	9,626	10,176	11,512	12,112	12,816	14,125	14,282	15,865	78.4%
<b>Total K-12</b>	<b>196,758</b>	<b>207,587</b>	<b>217,119</b>	<b>226,592</b>	<b>237,473</b>	<b>244,054</b>	<b>250,780</b>	<b>264,301</b>	<b>274,766</b>	<b>287,141</b>	<b>45.9%</b>

Sources: (1) Broward County School Board, 20th Day enrollment (Public and Charter Schools)  
 (2) Florida Dept. of Education (Nonpublic School Enrollment by Grade) - data excludes students from whom grade level was not reported (typically less than 2% of private students) and home-educated students. Therefore totals in this table are lower than those shown in Tables 5 and 6.

**TABLE 5 - Total Enrollment<sup>(1)</sup> by School Type, 1992/93 to 2002/03**

School Year	1992/93	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03
Public K-12	174,691	183,306	191,402	199,340	208,890	214,270	219,688	226,800	234,613	242,138	245,341
Charter K-12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,873	5,356	8,680	11,378
Private K-12	22,536	24,885	26,206	27,729	29,113	30,226	31,517	34,043	35,145	36,913	n/a <sup>(2)</sup>
Home School	1,181	1,270	1,795	2,049	2,337	2,651	2,630	2,321	2,563	3,211	n/a <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>Total Students</b>	<b>198,408</b>	<b>209,461</b>	<b>219,403</b>	<b>229,118</b>	<b>240,340</b>	<b>247,147</b>	<b>253,835</b>	<b>267,037</b>	<b>277,677</b>	<b>290,942</b>	<b>n/a</b>

(1) Excludes enrollment in Pre-K and Adult Education Programs

(2) Data for the current school year, 2002/03, will be published in June 2003.

Sources:

(1) School Board of Broward County, 20th-day Membership Counts.

(2) State of Florida, Dept. of Education, Nonpublic Schools Student Enrollment by Grade.

(3) State of Florida, Dept. of Education, Statistical Brief: Florida Home Education Programs.

(4) State of Florida, Bureau of Education Information and Accountability Services (Registration on Home Education Programs).

**TABLE 6 - Net Change in Annual School Enrollment (including Home Educated Students)**

From:	1992/93	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2001/02
To:	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2002/03
Public K-12	8,615	8,096	7,938	9,550	5,380	5,418	7,112	7,813	7,525	3,203	
Charter K-12	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,873	1,483	3,324	2,698	
Private K-12	2,349	1,321	1,523	1,384	1,113	1,291	2,526	1,102	1,768	n/a	
Home School	89	525	254	288	314	-21	-309	242	648	n/a	
<b>Total Students</b>	<b>11,053</b>	<b>9,942</b>	<b>9,715</b>	<b>11,222</b>	<b>6,807</b>	<b>6,688</b>	<b>13,202</b>	<b>10,640</b>	<b>13,265</b>	<b>n/a</b>	
Total Growth	5.6%	4.7%	4.4%	4.9%	2.8%	2.7%	5.2%	4.0%	4.8%	n/a	

Sources:

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