

*Distance Education State Almanac*

# FLORIDA



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## National setting

Student enrollment in higher education institutions has undergone fundamental changes over the last decade, a condition only exacerbated by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Between 2012 and 2019, the total number of students enrolled at U.S. degree-granting institutions dropped by almost 1.1 million. At the same time, the number of students taking at least one online course grew by 2 million, from 5.4 million to 7.4 million, representing 37.2% of all students in 2019. The net result of these two changes was far fewer students studying on campus, from 18.3 million in 2012 to 16.4 million by 2019.

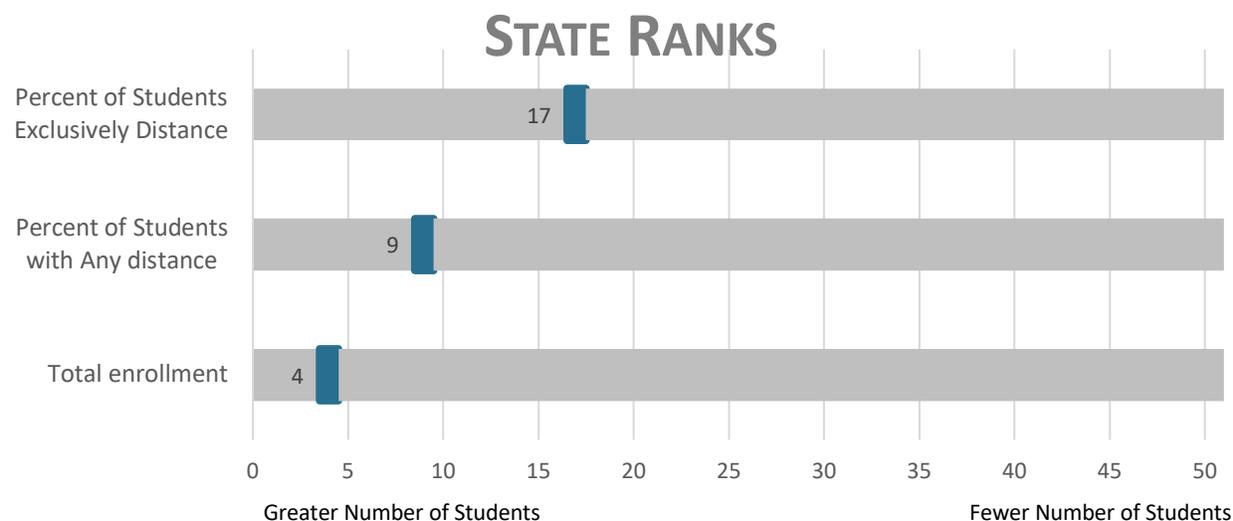
The information presented in the report represent the classifications and enrollments for Fall 2019 and were measured before the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. National totals include all 50 states, District of Columbia, American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Marshall Islands, Northern Marianas, Palau, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

## Florida

Florida has 176 degree-granting higher education institutions, representing 4.3% of all such institutions in the United States. Of these institutions, 43 are classified as public, 64 as private not-for-profit, and 69 as private for-profit. Of these 176 institutions, 128 offer four-year programs, and 48 offer two-year programs.

The state has 1,066,783 students enrolled across its institutions and ranks 4th in terms of total higher education student enrollment. Between 2012 and 2019, the total number of students enrolled nationally declined by 5.0%. For Florida, the enrollment decreased by 86,929 students, or -7.5%. Florida has 941,304 students studying at the undergraduate level, a loss of 82,830 students from 2012 (-8.1%), compared to a 6.8% national decline. There are 125,479 students studying at the graduate level, which is 4,099 fewer than in 2012; this represents a change of -3.2%, where the national data showed an increase of 5.7%.

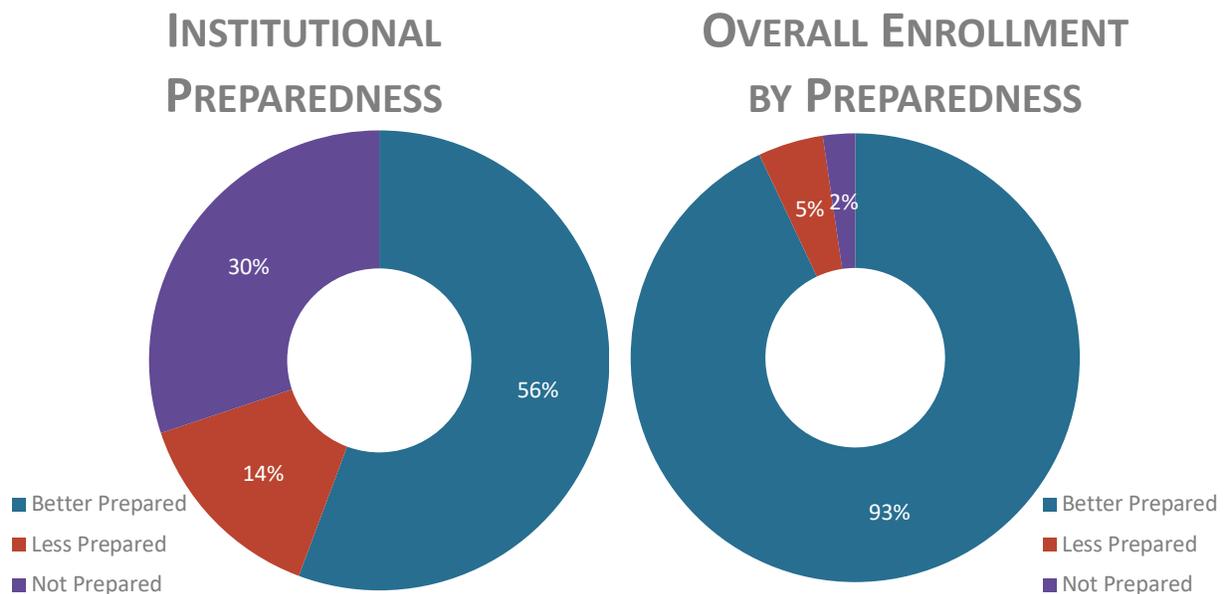
There are 516,283 students in Florida that take at least one distance course. The state is ranked 9th for the proportion of students taking at least one distance course (48.4%). In 2019, there were 221,284 students taking all of their courses at a distance, a growth of 27,531 students (14.2%) from 2012. Florida ranks 17th in the proportion of students (20.7%) taking exclusively distance courses in the nation.



## COVID-19 Distance Learning Preparedness

Not all higher education institutions were equally prepared to move courses online. Those institutions with a substantial number of students studying at a distance (1,000 or more), or a substantial percentage of their students taking at least one distance course (25% or more), can be expected to have the experience and infrastructure to better support a transition to online learning. Likewise, institutions with no distance students will have the least experience and infrastructure to support such a transition.

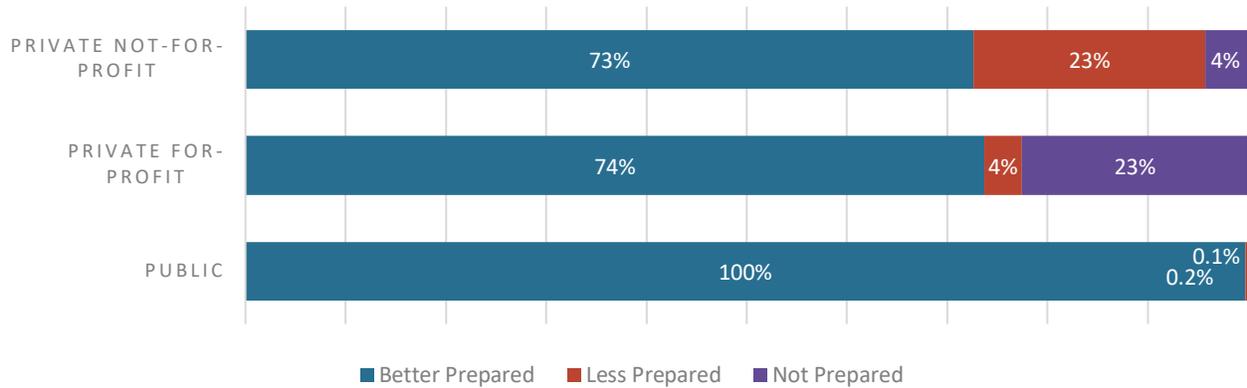
Nationally, 59.3% of all degree-granting institutions meet the criteria of having 25% or more or over 1,000 of their students taking distance courses. In Florida, 55.7% of institutions are better prepared for moving completely online. These institutions enroll 991,876 students, or 93.0% of all students in the state. There are 53 institutions in Florida with no distance students (representing 30.1% of the total in state institutions) that were likely not well prepared for a rapid transition to distance learning.



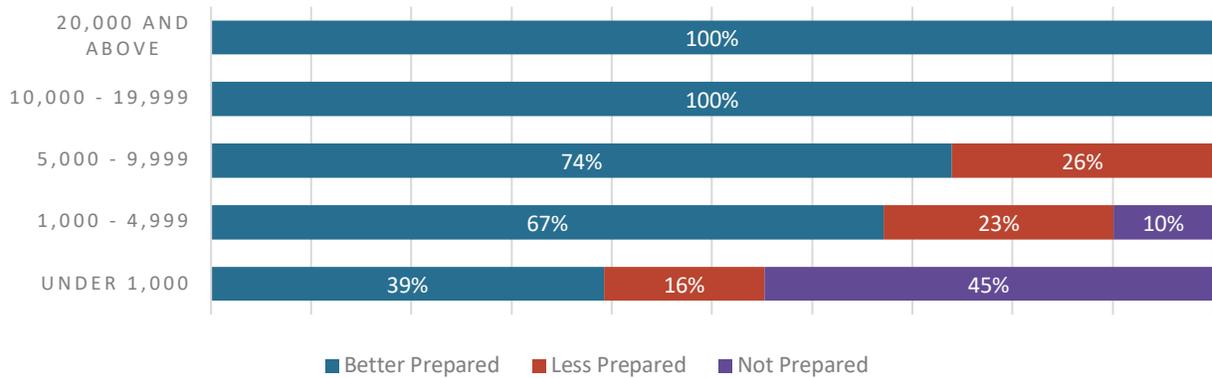
### Preparedness Definitions:

- BETTER PREPARED:** Schools with more than 1,000 online students (thus extensive support staff) or having 25 percent or more of their students online
- LESS PREPARED:** Large schools with less than 1,000 online students (thus some support staff) or having less than 25 percent of their students online
- NOT PREPARED:** Schools with no distance enrollment

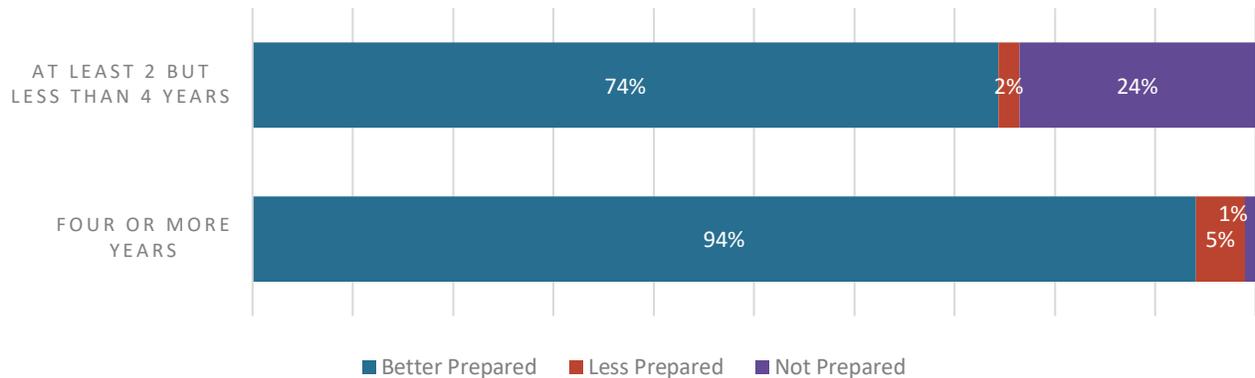
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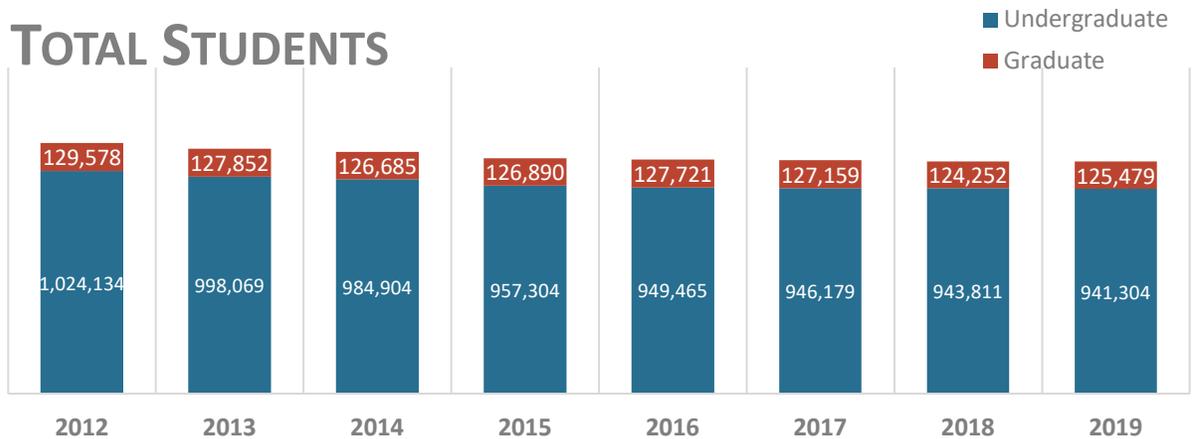
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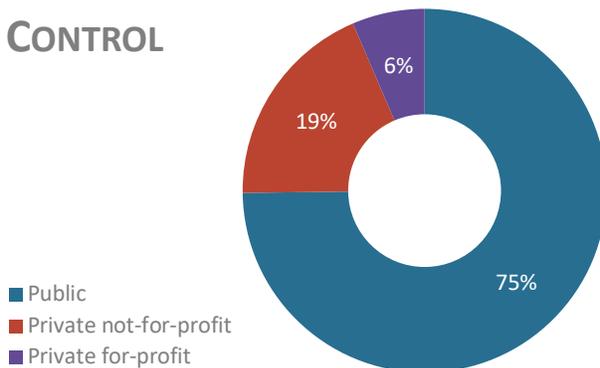
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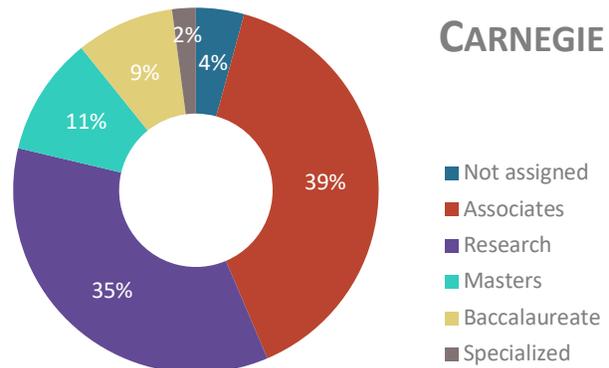
Institutions in Florida enrolled a total of 1,066,783 students in the of Fall 2019; 941,304 students were enrolled at the undergraduate level, and 125,479 enrolled at the graduate level. The Fall 2019 figure represents a decrease of 86,929 students (-7.5%) from the number enrolled in the fall of 2012. The number of undergraduate students decreased by 82,830 during this period, from 1,024,134 in 2012 to 941,304 in 2019 (-8.1%). The number of graduate students decreased from 129,578 to 125,479 (-3.2%) in the same period.

Enrollments in Fall 2019 totaled 797,952 students at public institutions (75% of all students), 200,095 students at private not-for-profit institutions (18.8%), and 68,736 students at private for-profit institutions (6.4%). Enrollments at public institutions decreased by 6,741 students between 2012 and 2019, while those at private not-for-profit institutions increased by 20,160 students, and those at private for-profit institutions decreased by 100,348 students.

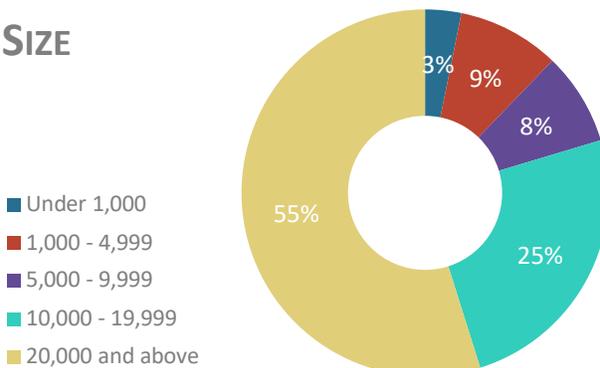
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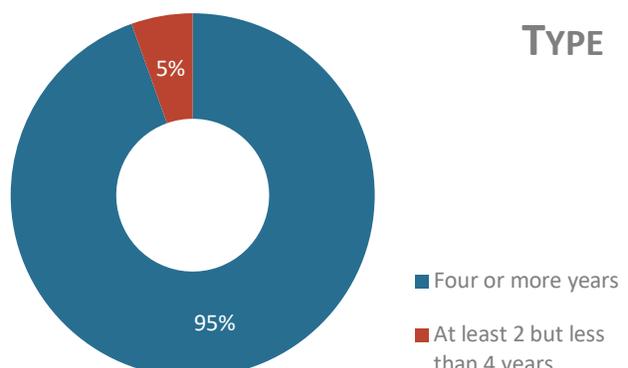
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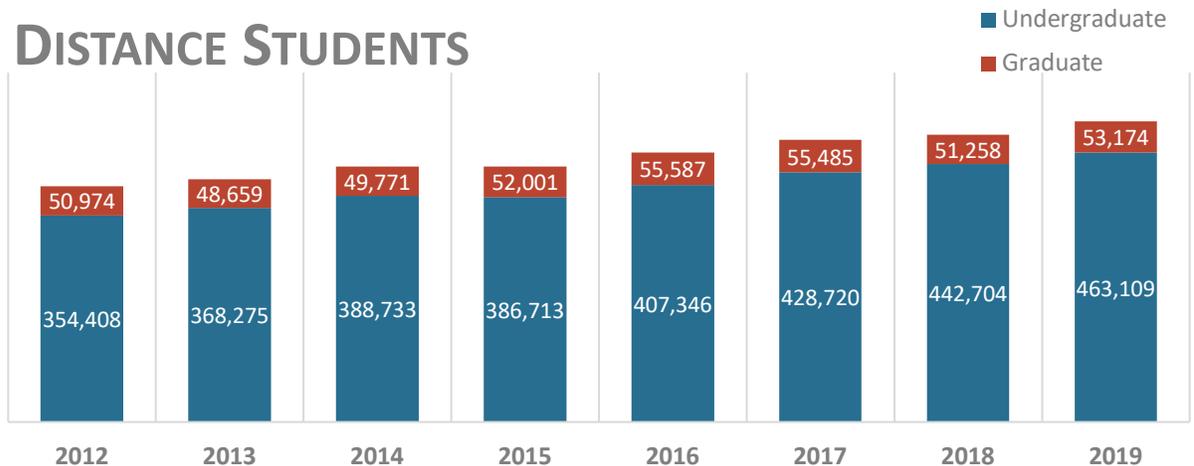
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## DISTANCE STUDENTS

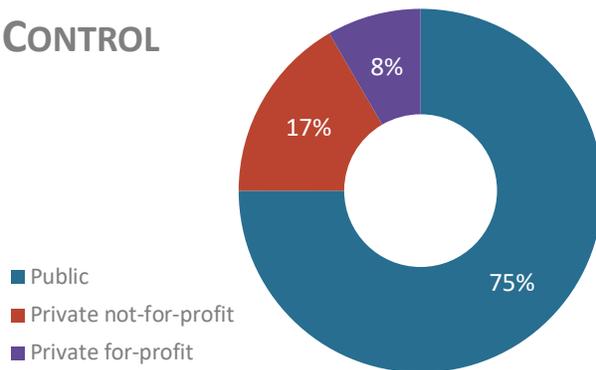


In 2019, a total of 516,283 students took at least one distance course from Florida institutions; 463,109 (49.2% of all undergraduate students) were enrolled at the undergraduate level, and 53,174 (42.4% of all graduate students) were enrolled at the graduate level.

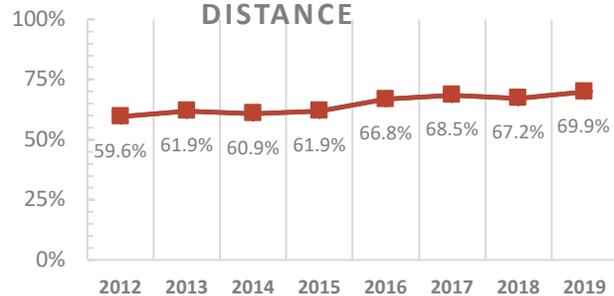
Among undergraduate level distance students, 358,056 were enrolled at institutions classified as public, 64,496 as private not-for-profit, and 40,557 as private for profit. At the graduate-level, 29,082 distance students were enrolled at institutions classified as public, 21,415 as private not-for-profit, and 2,677 as private for profit.

The number of undergraduate distance enrollments at Florida institutions increased by 108,701 (30.7%) between Fall 2012 and Fall 2019, while the number of graduate distance enrollments grew by 2,200 (4.3%) during this same period.

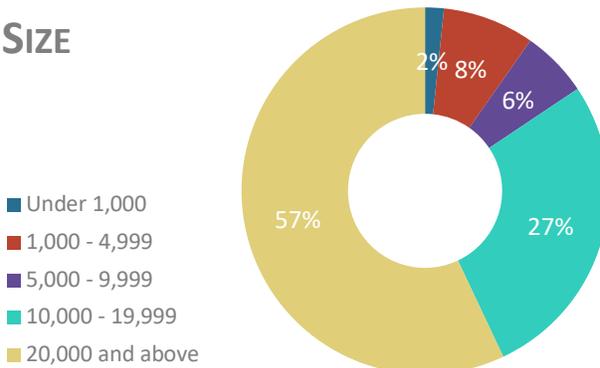
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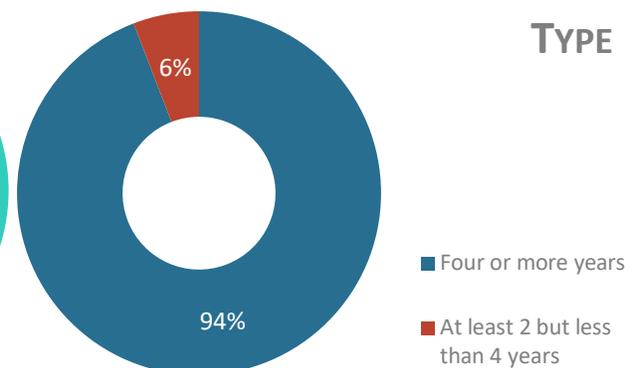
### % INSTITUTIONS WITH DISTANCE



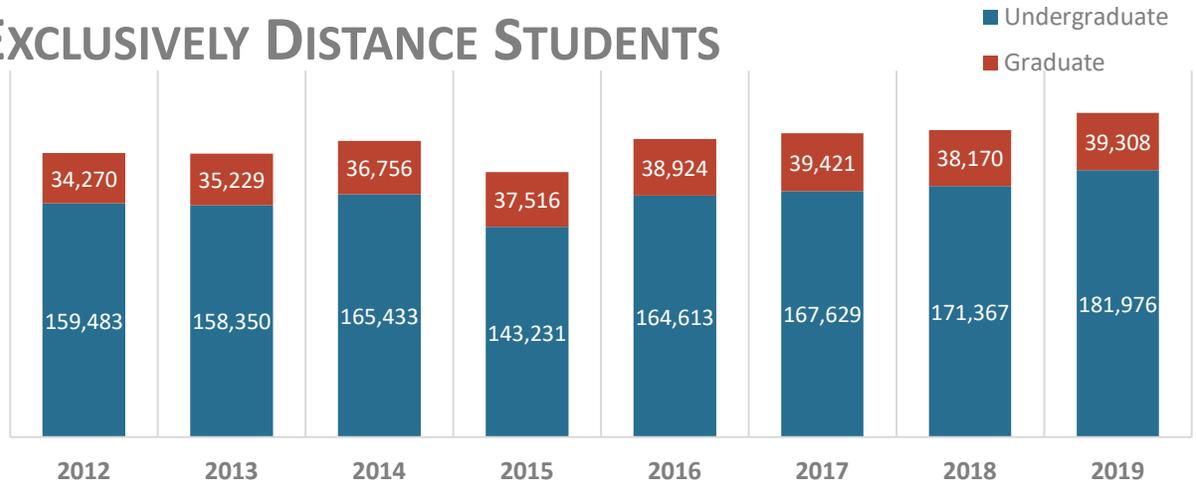
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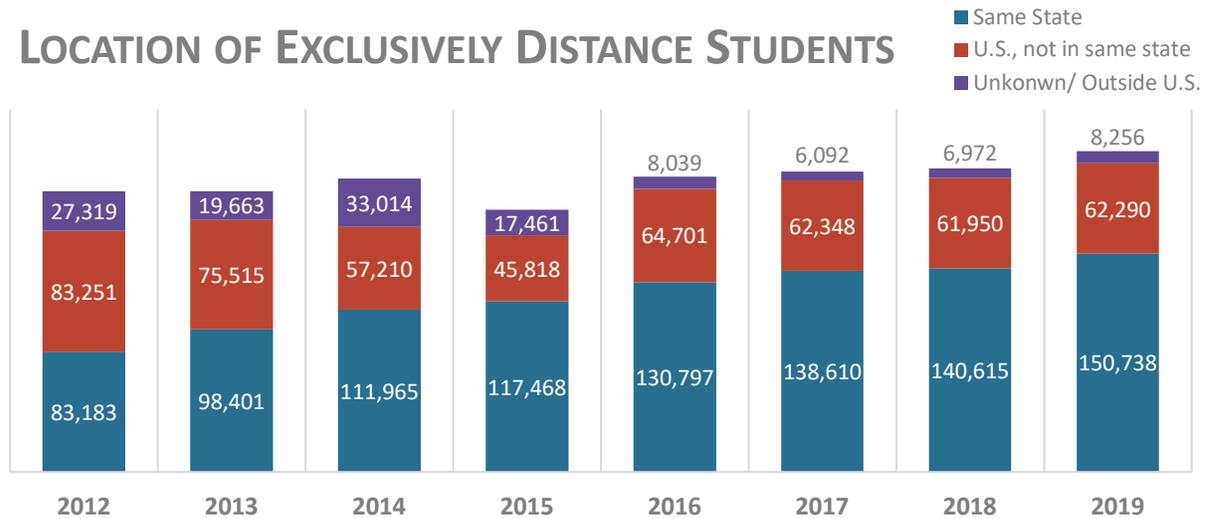


## EXCLUSIVELY DISTANCE STUDENTS

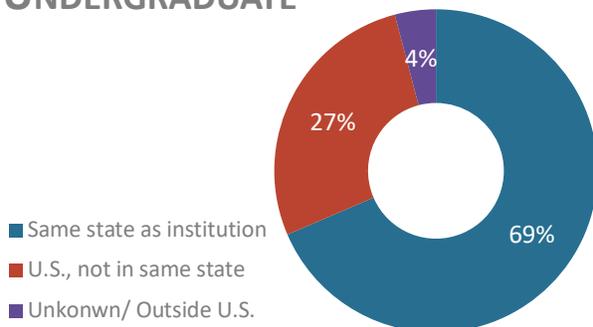


A total of 221,284 students were taking all of their courses at a distance from Florida institutions in the fall of 2019. This represents 20.7% of the enrolled students in the state, which ranks the state at number 17 in the U.S. The number of exclusively distance students who reside in Florida while taking courses from an institution in Florida was 83,183 in 2012 and fell to 150,738 by 2019. There are 70,546 students enrolled as exclusively distance students in Florida institutions who reside outside Florida, or whose place of residence is unknown.

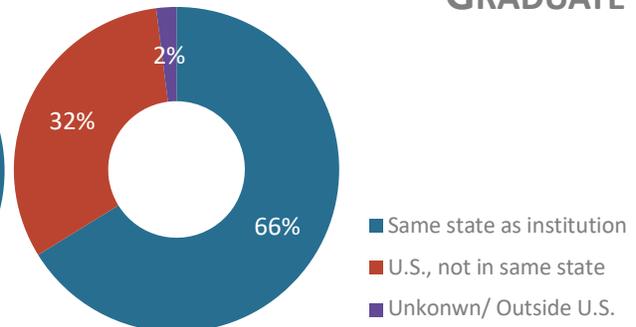
## LOCATION OF EXCLUSIVELY DISTANCE STUDENTS



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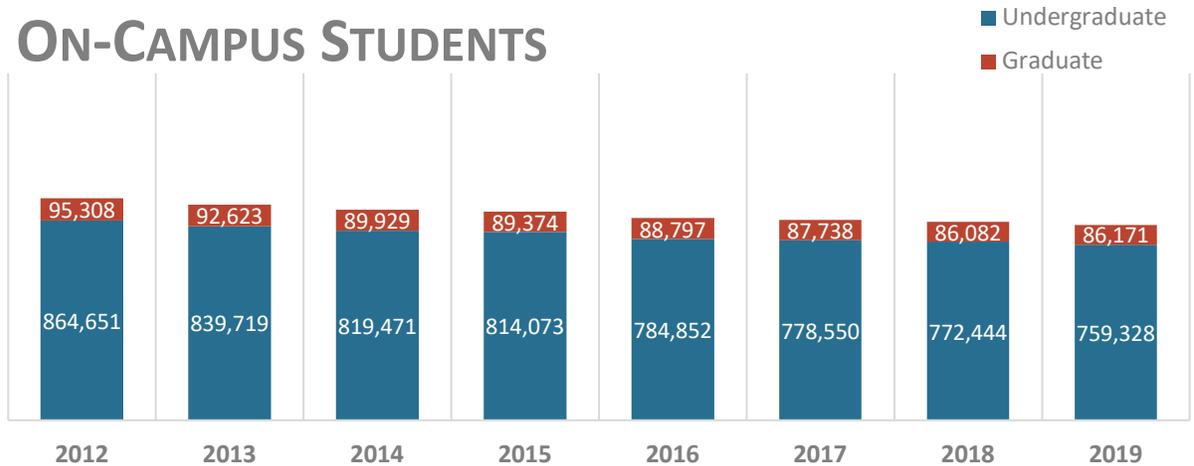


### GRADUATE



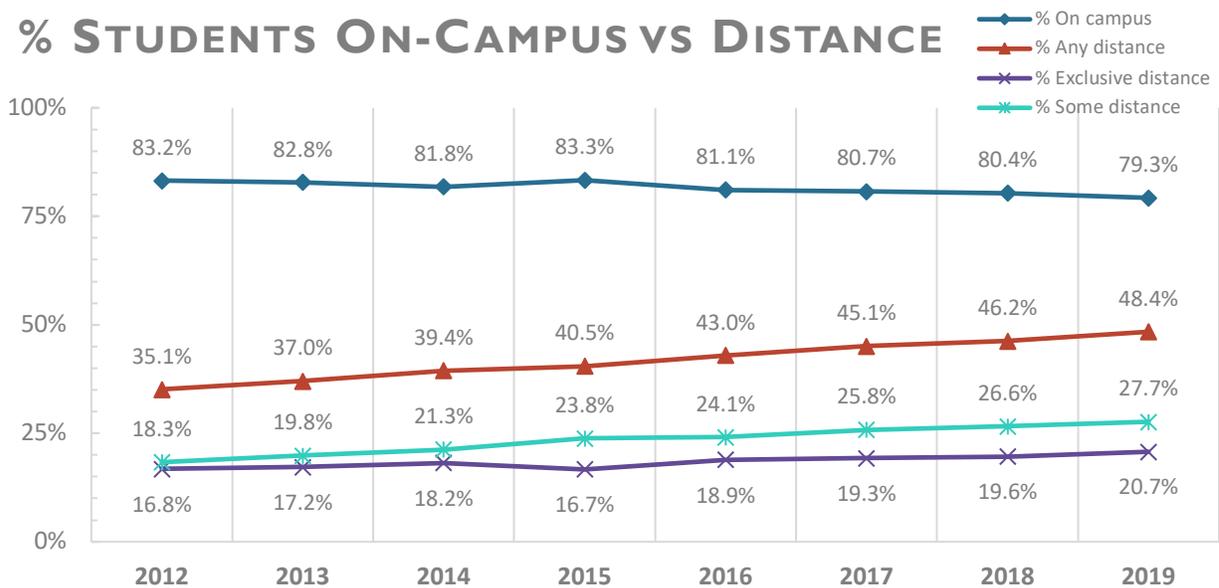
## On-Campus Enrollment

### ON-CAMPUS STUDENTS

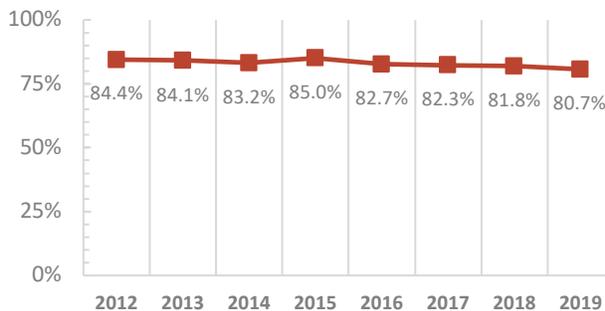


On-campus students are those who take one or more of their courses physically on-campus. The number of students studying on campus declined from 959,959 to 845,499 between 2012 and 2019 in Florida, representing a reduction of 11.9%. This compares to a national decrease of 10.3% for the same period. In 2019, 80.7% of undergraduate students and 68.7% of graduate students in Florida were taking at least one on-campus course.

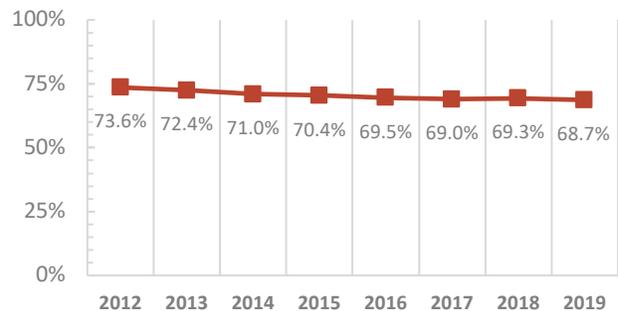
### % STUDENTS ON-CAMPUS VS DISTANCE



#### % ON-CAMPUS: UNDERGRADUATE



#### % ON-CAMPUS: GRADUATE



## INSTITUTIONS

	Florida	National	State Rank	State as % of National
<b>Total institutions</b>	176	4,089	5	4.3%
<b>Institutions w/ distance</b>	123	3,161	8	3.9%
<b>% Institution w/ distance</b>	69.9%	77.3%	8	

## ENROLLMENTS

	Florida	Total	Any Distance	Exclusive Distance	On Campus
	<b>Total</b>	1,066,783	516,283	221,284	845,499
<b>Size</b>	<b>Under 1,000</b>	33,867	8,533	2,954	30,913
	<b>1,000 - 4,999</b>	96,227	41,681	20,084	76,143
	<b>5,000 - 9,999</b>	87,170	30,420	14,085	73,085
	<b>10,000 - 19,999</b>	264,254	141,333	80,053	184,201
	<b>20,000 and above</b>	585,265	294,316	104,108	481,157
<b>Carnegie</b>	<b>Not assigned</b>	45,446	29,471	27,002	18,444
	<b>Associates</b>	419,732	176,913	69,366	350,366
	<b>Research</b>	374,517	191,425	54,377	320,140
	<b>Masters</b>	112,098	56,537	29,617	82,481
	<b>Baccalaureate</b>	92,630	46,580	28,661	63,969
	<b>Specialized</b>	22,360	15,357	12,261	10,099
<b>Control</b>	<b>Public</b>	797,952	387,138	131,661	666,291
	<b>Private not-for-profit</b>	200,095	85,911	62,043	138,052
	<b>Private for-profit</b>	68,736	43,234	27,580	41,156
<b>Type</b>	<b>Four or more years</b>	1,008,578	486,054	198,824	809,754
	<b>At least 2 but less than 4 years</b>	58,205	30,229	22,460	35,745