Updates Since June 2022 COFTE Conference

- 2022-23 COFTE
- 2021-22 COFTE Non-Promotions
- Births and School Age Population Forecast (Demographic Estimating Conference, February 2023)
- PreK-12 FEFP FTE Forecast (Education Estimating Conference, April 2023)
FTE Included in FEFP FTE but Excluded in COFTE

- Regular charter schools that are not in a school-district owned facility
- Department of Juvenile Justice
- Virtual instruction not in a school-district owned facility
- Homebound/Homebased/Hospital
- Superintendent’s Office
- Dual enrollment not in a school-district owned facility
- Family Empowerment Scholarship students
Charter* FTE: 2018-19 through 2022-23 as compared to prior year

*Conversion charter schools are excluded

District Virtual FTE: 2018-19 through 2022-23, as compared to prior year
FLVS FTE: 2018-19 through 2022-23, as compared to prior year

Approximate Scholarship Participation: 2018-19 through 2022-23, as compared to prior year
COFTE Forecast: FY2023-24 to FY2033-34

Key Assumptions

• Grown from current COFTE levels in FY2022-23
• Reflects pre-pandemic (through FY2019-20) migration rates
• Incorporates pre-pandemic COFTE grade progression trends and retention/promotion rates
• Updates COFTE participation levels for PreK and Kindergarten
• No material changes or assumptions related to the current enrollment behavior of children relative to the April 2023 Conference Adopted FEFP FTE Forecast
  • Includes the indeterminate impact for public school students due to Chapter 2023-16, Laws of Florida

COFTE Forecast: June 2022 Adopted vs. June 2023
2022-23 COFTE by Grade: Projected vs Actual

COFTE Kindergarten Forecast

- The forecast series is updated to reflect the level shift in Kindergarten participation in COFTE settings
- Beginning in 2027-28, a higher birth forecast results in a larger Kindergarten cohort
KG Enrollments by Setting: 2019-20 vs. 2022-23

• Overall, the number of Kindergarteners enrolled in public or private school settings grew by 0.6% from 2019-20 to 2022-23
• During this time, there was significant downward pressure on traditional brick and mortar settings (-4.7%), as participation in charter (+10.9%), virtual (+102.7%), scholarships (+17.8%), and self-pay private school (+18.9%) increased
• Home education participation also increased over these years

COFTE Forecast: June 2022 Adopted vs. June 2023

• Over 87% of the 75,310.01 FTE difference in 2032-33 is the result of lower Kindergarten participation throughout the forecast series
• Had we known Kindergarten participation would be lower, the variation between the forecasts would’ve been more modest

Note: The 2023 forecast reflects the indeterminate downward pressure of Chapter 2023-16, Laws of Florida
Anticipated COFTE Forecast Updates Available for Next Year (Summer 2024)

2023-24 actual FTE data will assist with modeling:
- The level of remaining shifts from virtual to brick and mortar settings
- The magnitude, timing, and grade distribution of the downward pressure on previously forecasted public school students due to Chapter 2023-16, Laws of Florida

Next Steps

- After adoption, the COFTE forecast will be posted on the FDOE website.
- Districts will receive a memo explaining where to access the forecast and will have ten business days from the date of the memo to submit a request for review.
- If the review suggests a change, the forecasting team will work with the districts to incorporate them into the forecast and bring the new forecast to the Estimating Conference for review.
2024 District Plant Surveys

- Citrus
- Miami-Dade (extended form June 30, 2023)
- Franklin
- Hamilton
- Highlands
- Hillsborough
- Levy
- Liberty
- Nassau