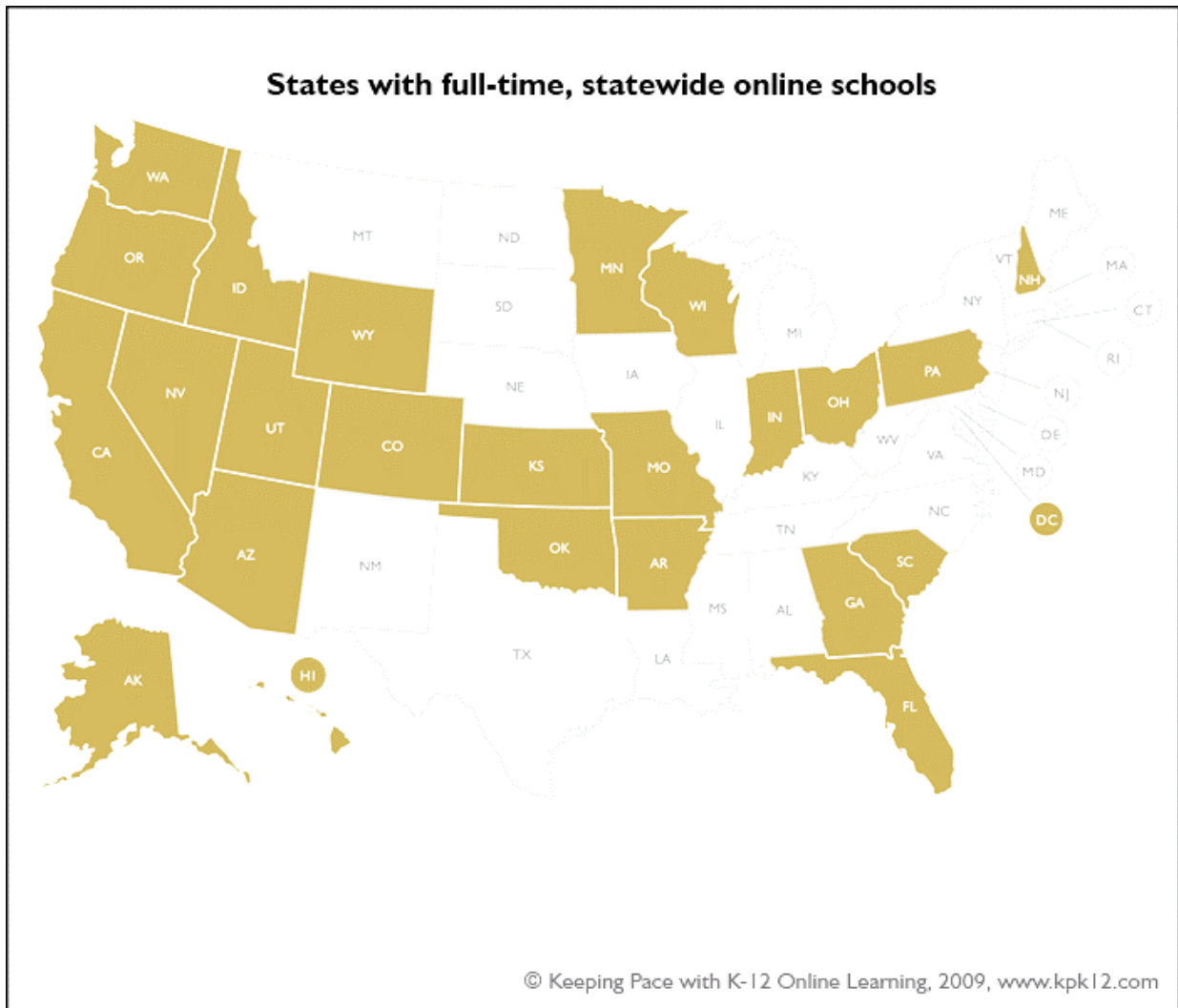


## States with Full-Time Virtual Schools

According to the report *Keeping Pace with K-12 Online Learning*, 24 states plus Washington, D.C. had full-time virtual schools in 2009 serving approximately 175,000 students. States with the greatest numbers of full-time, online students include Arizona, Ohio, Minnesota, Colorado, Washington, California, and Pennsylvania.



The following table lists the states that have full-time virtual schools and provides information on the operating entity, funding, fiscal and/or enrollment limitations, and student enrollment for each of them.

State	Operating Entity	Funding	Fiscal/ Enrollment Cap	Enrollment	Notes
Alaska	Two charter schools	State aid follows the student to the online school	Not reported by <i>Keeping Pace</i>	350 full-time students in one of the online schools, no data for the other	
Arizona	14 charter schools and districts	State aid follows the student to the online school. 95% for	In 2009, Arizona removed restrictions on	23,000 (total of part-time and full-time)	

		full-time, 85% for part-time	new programs		
Arkansas	Charter schools	\$5,905 per student	Capped at 500 students	500	
California	Charter schools and districts	State aid follows the student to the online school	Pupil-teacher ratio less than or equal to 25:1 OR less than or equal to the pupil-teacher ratio in the largest unified school district in the county (or counties in which the school operates)	Not reported by <i>Keeping Pace</i>	Online charter schools are required to spend 80% or more of total revenues on instruction
Colorado	Charter school and districts	State aid follows the student to the online school	Not reported by <i>Keeping Pace</i>	11,641 (part- time and full- time)	Eighteen full- time multi- districts, nine single district, and two supplemental
Florida	Districts	State aid follows the student to the online school.	No cap	154,125 full- time and part- time – almost all supplemental, not full-time	Legislation in 2008 and 2009 requires all school districts to offer full-time online programs for grades K-12 .
Georgia	State and districts	The Georgia Virtual School (K-8) is funded from a state appropriation, about \$1.75 million in 2008- 09. State aid follows the student to online schools operated by districts	Not reported by <i>Keeping Pace</i>	9,793 (part-time and full-time)	
Hawaii	Charter school	State aid follows the student to the online school	Not reported by <i>Keeping Pace</i>	2,500 (part-time and full-time)	

Idaho	Charter schools and districts	State aid follows the student	Not reported by <i>Keeping Pace</i>	9,646 (full-time and part-time)	One state virtual school, four virtual charter schools, a fifth opening fall 2009, and a state distance education academy.
Indiana	Charter schools	State aid follows the student to the online school	Up to 500 student enrollment in 2011.	200	
Kansas	Charter schools and districts	State aid follows the student to the online school	Only students who reside in Kansas are eligible for FTE funding, with some exceptions for out-of-state students	5,399 (full-time and part-time)	Forty-five district programs and charter schools enroll students statewide
Minnesota	Charter schools and districts	State aid follows the student to the online school	Minnesota has extensive policies and tracking of their online programs	28,332 (full-time and part-time)	Twenty-five charter schools, multidistrict programs, and consortia of schools are approved by the Minnesota Department of Education
Nevada	Charter schools and districts	State aid follows the student to the online school	Not reported by <i>Keeping Pace</i>	Not reported by <i>Keeping Pace</i>	Students must get permission from their own school district before taking part in another school district's online program when the online program is not a charter school
New Hampshire	Charter	State aid follows the student. Funding per full-time student in 2008-09 was	Not reported by <i>Keeping Pace</i>	2,000 part-time students	New Hampshire has a statewide virtual charter school.

		\$3,830, increasing to \$5,450 per full-time student in 2009-10.			
Ohio	Community schools (similar to charter schools)	State aid follows the student to the online school	As of August 2009, the moratorium on new eCommunity Schools remained in effect.	27,037 (full-time and part-time)	As of August 2009, Ohio has twenty-eight eCommunity (charter) schools.
Oklahoma	Districts	State aid follows the student to the online school	Students in an online program must be “regularly enrolled” in the school district - there are exceptions.	Over 800	Two statewide full-time online schools managed by school districts and online providers
Oregon	State, charter schools and districts	State aid follows the student to the online school.	There is a two-year limitation on the growth of existing virtual schools. They are restricted to their student enrollment on May 1, 2009. Schools are allowed to enroll students above the cap if 50% of the students in the school are resident in the district in which the school is chartered.	About 6,000	
Pennsylvania	Charter schools and districts	State aid follows the student to the online school. The state provides a reimbursement to the sending district of approximately	Not reported by <i>Keeping Pace</i>	Not reported by <i>Keeping Pace</i>	Eleven online charter schools and additional district programs

		30% to cover the district's fixed costs.			
South Carolina	Charter schools	State aid follows the student to the online school	Not reported by <i>Keeping Pace</i>	10,298 (includes part-time and full-time)	In 2008, there were three authorized online charters. In 2009, there were five operating charter schools.
Utah	State and charter schools	The UT Electronic High School is state funded. Utah also has virtual charter schools. State aid follows the student to the online school.	Not reported by <i>Keeping the Pace</i>	7,216 (includes part-time and full-time)	
Washington	Districts	Beginning with the 2011-12 school year, districts will receive funding for students in online courses or programs only if the course/program meets criteria set up by the state	Not reported by <i>Keeping Pace</i>	14,000 (full-time and part-time)	Many district programs, often operated by national providers, serving students statewide; no charter school law; extensive state rules governing online learning
Wisconsin	Charter schools and districts	State aid follows the student to the online school	Beginning in the 2009 school year, the total number of students attending virtual charter schools may not exceed 5,250.	3,635	One state virtual school; the state also has numerous district programs and online charter schools.
Wyoming	Charter schools and districts	It is up to the districts to agree in advance on how funding is to be applied.	Not reported by <i>Keeping Pace</i>	Not reported by <i>Keeping Pace</i>	Wyoming Switchboard Network (WSN) approves charter and district virtual schools