



Number of Public Charter Schools & Students, 2009-2010

September 2009

With the start of the 2009-2010 academic year, over 400 new public charter schools will open their doors to students and more than 170,000 new students will be attending public charter schools.

With the addition of the new charter schools and students, there are now approximately 4,900 public charter schools enrolling over 1.5 million students across the country.

States leading in charter school growth include:

- California: 98 new schools and more than 38,000 new students.
- Texas: 9 new schools, 55 additional campuses, and more than 14,000 new students.
- Florida: 48 new schools and approximately 13,000 new students.
- Arizona: 48 new schools and more than 5,000 new students.
- New York: 25 new schools and more than 8,500 new students.
- Ohio: 15 new schools and about 9,500 new students.
- Oregon: 14 new schools and approximately 3,000 new students.
- Georgia: 12 new schools and about 6,500 new students.
- Louisiana: 12 new schools and more than 4,500 new students.
- Pennsylvania: 11 new schools and about 8,500 new students.
- Colorado: 10 new schools, one additional campus, and almost 5,000 new students.
- Michigan: 10 new schools and about 3,500 new students.

In contrast, the sector experienced 109 school closures during or after the 2008-09 academic year. The highest number of closures occurred in California (22), Florida (21), Arizona (13), and Ohio (13).

State	New Charters, Fall 2009	Closed Charters, Spring 2009	Charter Schools, 2009-10 ¹	Charter Students, 2009-10
AK	0	0	25	5,300
AR	4	1	30	5,237
AZ	48	13	482	95,853
CA	98	22	809	313,245
CO	10 (+ 1 campus)	2	153 (on 159 campuses)	66,760
CT	0	0	17	4,898
DC	1 (+ 8 campuses)	4	57 (on 97 campuses)	27,595
DE	0	0	18	9,141
FL	48	21	423	128,359
GA	12	4	110	62,167
HI	0	0	31	7,741
IA	0	0	8	928
ID	6	1	36	13,812
IL	2 (+ 5 campuses)	2	39 (on 101 campuses)	36,750
IN	4	0	54	19,253
KS	3	3	34	4,902
LA	12	1	76 (on 78 campuses)	30,405
MA	2	1	62	28,247
MD	3	1	36	12,249
MI	10	2	231	104,527
MN	5	3	155	36,404
MO	6	1	33 (on 46 campuses)	19,783
NC	0	1	96 (on 97 campuses)	39,033
NH	0	0	10	662
NJ	6	0	68 (on 72 campuses)	22,206
NM	5	1	71	13,293
NV	3	0	26 (on 33 campuses)	11,827
NY	25	0	144	42,204
OH	15	13	332	96,967
OK	2	0	18	5,984
OR	14	3	98	16,725
PA	11	2	138	78,437
RI	2	0	13	3,423
SC	4	1	39	11,142
TN	6	0	22	4,963
TX	9 (+ 55 campuses)	4	216 (on 480 campuses)	115,478
UT	7	1	72	32,253
VA	0	0	4	250
WI	4	1	224	38,005
WY	0	0	3	353
Total	456	109	4,912	1,566,763

¹ We contacted state departments of education, charter school associations, and charter school resource centers to obtain lists of charter schools that had closed during or after the 2008-2009 academic year and charter schools that plan to open in the fall of 2009. The numbers presented in this report are estimates. The 2009-2010 numbers will be updated when official fall enrollment membership counts are released by state departments of education.