

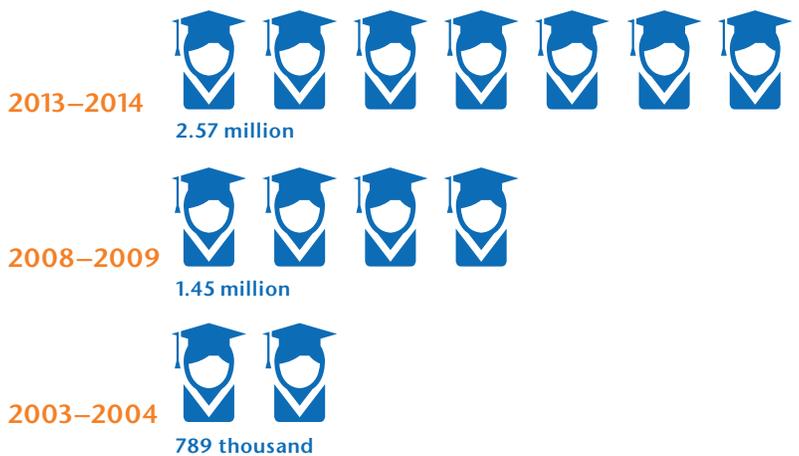
Estimated Number of Public Charter Schools & Students, 2013-2014

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Each year, the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools contacts state departments of education and state charter school associations to obtain lists of new and closed charter schools for the academic year. The numbers presented in this report are estimates. Over 600 new public charter schools opened their doors for the 2013-14 school year. Compared with the 2012-13 school year, an estimated 288,000 additional students are attending public charter schools in the 2013-14 school year. With the addition of new charter schools and students, there are now approximately 6,400 public charter schools enrolling over 2.5 million students across the country. The 7 percent growth in the number of operating public charter schools and 13 percent growth in public charter school student enrollment are demonstrations of parents' demand for high-quality educational options.

Roughly 200 public charter schools that were open in 2012-13 did not open their doors to students this fall. These schools closed for a variety of reasons, including low enrollment, financial concerns, and low academic performance. The closures provide evidence that the charter school bargain works; schools that do not meet the needs of their students are closed.

STUDENT GROWTH





States with the highest number of new schools and additional students served in 2013-14 include:

State	New Charter Schools	Additional Students
California	104	48,000
Arizona	87	39,000
Florida	75	33,000
Texas	52 (5 schools, 47 campuses)	36,000
Ohio	45	600
Michigan	33	11,000
New York	26	14,000
Tennessee	25	4,000
Wisconsin	24	2,000
North Carolina	22	8,000
Louisiana	18	9,000
Colorado	14	9,000
Illinois	14 (8 schools, 6 campuses)	9,000
Indiana	11	500
Georgia	10	6,000

The states with the largest number of school closures include:

- California: 39 closed schools
- Florida: 26 closed schools
- Ohio: 19 closed schools
- Wisconsin: 17 closed schools
- Arizona: 16 closed schools
- Michigan: 12 closed schools

The National Alliance promotes meeting the demand for high-quality school options and encouraging well-planned school openings, as well as authorizers setting and enforcing high performance standards. The failure to meet these standards must conclude with school closure to ensure the sector is providing the best options to families across the country.



Estimated Number of Public Charter Schools & Students, 2013-14

State	New Charters, Fall 2013	Closed Charters, Spring 2013	Net Gain Charters, 2013-14	Total Charter Schools, 2013-14 ⁱ	Charter Students, 2013-14 ⁱⁱ	Charter School Growth	Charter Student Growth
AK	0	0	0	27	5,980	0.0%	1.8%
AR	9	2	7	39	16,051	21.9%	24.6%
AZ	87	16	71	605	184,400	13.3%	26.9%
CA	104	39	65	1,130	519,000	6.1%	10.3%
CO	14	3	11	197	99,328	5.9%	11.0%
CT	1	0	1	18	7,131	5.9%	8.7%
DC	4	1 (+ 2 campuses)	1	60 (on 107 campuses) ⁱⁱⁱ	36,823	0.9%	6.2%
DE	0	1	-1	21	10,370	-4.5%	-0.7%
FL	75	26	49	625	239,996	8.5%	16.4%
GA	10	8	2	110	69,392	1.9%	10.9%
HI	1	0	1	33	10,398	3.1%	8.4%
IA	0	0	0	3	315	0.0%	-10.5%
ID	4	1	3	47	19,409	6.8%	3.3%
IL	8 (+ 6 campuses)	0 (+ 3 campuses)	11	66 (on 145 campuses) ⁱⁱⁱ	63,175	8.2%	16.9%
IN	11	8	3	75	34,347	4.2%	1.7%
KS	0	4	-4	11	2,466	-26.7%	-18.7%
LA	18	6	12	117	58,691	11.4%	18.6%
MA	6	2	4	81	35,353	5.2%	11.1%
MD	3	3	0	52 ^{iv}	21,397	0.0%	8.6%
ME	3	0	3	5	400	150.0%	277.4%
MI	33	12	21	297	141,204	7.6%	9.3%
MN	7	6	1	149	44,100	0.7%	6.9%
MO	2	2	0	38	19,439	0.0%	8.8%
NC	22	2	20	127	58,933	18.7%	17.9%
NH	2	0	2	19	2,133	11.8%	22.6%
NJ	6	5	1	87	31,743	1.2%	8.0%
NM	3	2	1	95	21,911	1.1%	10.0%
NV	2	0	2	34	26,022	6.3%	19.0%
NY	26	2	24	233	91,813	11.5%	18.7%
OH	45	19	26	400	119,533	7.0%	0.5%
OK	2	1	1	25	16,137	4.2%	37.3%
OR	2	1	1	124	29,718	0.8%	9.8%
PA	6	5	1	176	130,842	0.6%	8.9%
RI	3	0	3	19	6,215	18.8%	21.1%
SC	7	3	4	59	22,384	7.3%	10.9%
TN	25	1	24	71	15,533	51.1%	43.8%
TX	5 (+ 47 campuses)	1 (+ 2 campuses)	49	280 ^v (on 689 campuses) ⁱⁱⁱ	253,245	7.7%	16.6%
UT	7	0	7	95	54,906	8.0%	8.1%
VA	2	0	2	6	725	50.0%	81.7%
WI	24	17	7	245 ^{vi}	47,689	2.9%	7.9%
WY	0	0	0	4	382	0.0%	3.5%
Total	642	206	436	6,440	2,569,029	7.3%	12.6%



ⁱThe National Alliance 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 2012-13 academic year and charter schools that planned to open in the fall of 2013. The numbers presented in this report are estimates. The 2013-14 numbers will be updated when official fall enrollment membership counts are released by state departments of education.

ⁱⁱTo estimate 2013-14 enrollment, the National Alliance used enrollment data from three previous school years. The estimation procedure followed these steps:

1. The National Alliance calculated the average change in enrollment for each school over three years and added the average change in enrollment to the school's 2012-13 enrollment to estimate the 2013-14 enrollment.
2. If a school was new in 2012-13, the National Alliance could not estimate the average change in enrollment from previous years. For these schools, the average change in enrollment was calculated for all charter schools in the state from the previous three years and added that number to the school's 2012-13 enrollment to estimate 2013-14 enrollment.
3. For new schools in 2013-14, the National Alliance estimated the average enrollment of new schools for the entire state for the previous three years and applied that number to the new school to estimate 2013-14 enrollment.
4. The National Alliance contacted state charter school associations and charter school resource centers to confirm the estimates of total charter school enrollment. Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, Ohio, and Utah provided revised enrollment estimates.

ⁱⁱⁱThe National Alliance counts charter campuses in the District of Columbia, Illinois, and Texas in the official count of charter schools.

^{iv}Maryland charter schools: 47 charter schools, 5 transformation charter schools.

^vTexas charter schools: 613 open enrollment charter schools, 76 in-district charter schools.

^{vi}Wisconsin charter schools: 190 Instrumentality charter schools, 32 Non-Instrumentality charter schools, 23 2R charter schools.