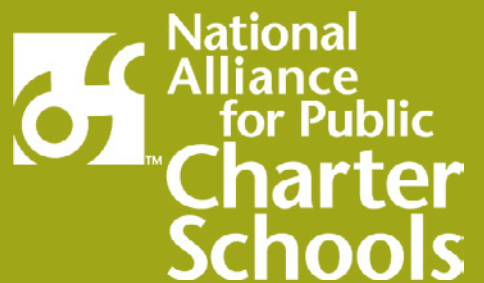




A GROWING MOVEMENT:
AMERICA'S LARGEST
CHARTER SCHOOL
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Charter schools are the fastest-growing choice option in U.S. public education. Over the past five years, student enrollment in charter public schools has grown by 62 percent. In 43 states and the District of Columbia, more than 2.9 million students now attend charter schools—which is more than six percent of the total number of students enrolled in all public schools. The number of districts with a major charter school presence continues to grow, with 14 districts now having 30 percent or more of their students enrolled in charter schools. In more than 160 districts, at least 10 percent of students attend charter public schools. The ten districts with the largest numbers of charter students enroll nearly one-quarter of all charter school students. Due to a successful track record of meeting students’ specific needs, parental demand for charter public schools is at an all-time high.

In some communities, the growth of charter public schools has been striking. In the decade after Hurricane Katrina, the New Orleans public school system rebuilt into an almost entirely public charter school system. In New York City, the number of charter students has quadrupled since 2008. The nation’s capital also has a sizeable charter school population, enrolling 44 percent of District of Columbia public school students.

This rapid rate of growth should come as no surprise. For nearly 25 years, the charter public school movement has been a leader in innovation and education reform. By

unleashing an environment of creativity in states and communities, charter public schools have demonstrated that all children are capable of academic achievement that prepares them to succeed in college, careers, and life. Charter schools have led efforts to eliminate achievement gaps, boost graduation rates and revitalize communities.

Beyond the raw number of students, the charter schools with the top ten charter school enrollment percentages are enrolling students from traditionally underserved backgrounds. More than 80 percent of the students in the top ten highest-enrollment-share districts qualify for free or reduced-priced lunch, while 86 percent are from minority backgrounds.

What’s more, the growth of charter public school enrollment can help improve the overall quality of the public school system. The Center for Research on Education Outcomes (CREDO) at Stanford University recently conducted a study on the competitive effects of charter schools within the District of Columbia public school system. The researchers found that charter competition prompted the largest response when the charter competitor quality is above average and the district’s enrollment is stable or declining.¹

For the past ten years, the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools has tracked the growth in charter public school

student enrollment. This report identifies communities that have the highest percentage and the highest number of public school students enrolled in charter schools. When families have public school choice, they increasingly select charter public schools over district-run public schools. A 2015 Phi Delta Kappa/Gallup poll indicates that 64 percent of Americans favor charter schools.² And with high parental demand for charter schools, enrollment is likely to rise.³

In this report, the National Alliance collected public school enrollment data for the 2014–15 school year to identify communities across the country where the highest proportions of students were enrolled in charter public schools. To calculate these proportions, charter schools were mapped to public school districts based on their address and the school district boundaries. This report compares the enrollment of charter public schools located in traditional school district boundaries with district-run public school enrollment in the same districts, resulting in the “enrollment share” of charter public schools. It is important to note that students sometimes leave the geographic boundaries of the school district in which they live to attend charter schools. However, the comparison between charter public schools and district-run public schools serves as a proxy for where students who are enrolled in charter public schools would likely have enrolled if those schools were not available.

Additional district- and school-level data can be found on the National Alliance’s Public Charter School Dashboard: <http://dashboard.publiccharters.org/dashboard/home>.

¹ Edward J. Cremata and Margaret E. Raymond. (March 1, 2014). Competitive effects of charter schools: Evidence from the District of Columbia. CREDO. Stanford University. <http://web-app.usc.edu/web/rossierphd/publications/14/DC%20Competitive%20Impacts%20-%20Working%20Paper.pdf>.

² William J. Bushaw and Valerie J. Calderon. (2015). The 47th Annual PDK/Gallup Poll of the Public’s Attitudes Toward the Public Schools. http://pdkpoll2015.pdkintl.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/pdkpoll47_2015.pdf.

³ Susan Pendergrass and Nora Kern. (2015). Waiting for Their Chance: A Closer Look at Wait Lists in Urban Public Charter Schools. http://www.publiccharters.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/waitlist_web.pdf.

Districts with the Highest Share of Charter School Enrollment

The top ten districts in terms of enrollment share had at least 30 percent of students enrolled in charter public schools in 2014-15. When this report was first published ten years ago, only one district—New Orleans, Louisiana—met this 30 percent benchmark and just six public school districts had at least 20 percent of their students enrolled in charter schools. In 2014-15, there were 14 districts with at least 30 percent of their students attending charters and 45 school districts with a 20 percent enrollment share or more. And, in more than 160 school districts, at least ten percent of public school students attended charter public schools in the past school year.

New Orleans Remains Number One in Market Share. Almost all public school students in New Orleans —93 percent—attended charter public schools in the 2014–15 school year. Not only are charter

schools in New Orleans serving a higher percentage of public school students than anywhere else in the nation, but they have also experienced substantial growth in their performance.⁴

Michigan Has Three Districts in the Top Ten Enrollment Share. Michigan has three school districts listed in the top ten highest percentages of students enrolled in charter public schools, and two of those cities are among the top five: Detroit ranked second (53 percent), Flint ranked third (47 percent), and Grand Rapids tied for ninth (31 percent). In the first enrollment share report that the National Alliance released ten years ago, Detroit tied for fifth (18 percent) and neither Flint nor Grand Rapids were in the top ten.

Six School Districts Have Reached at Least 40 Percent Enrollment Share. For the first time, the share of public school students who attend charter public schools has reached more than 40 percent in Kansas City, Missouri and Gary, Indiana. Enrollment

share in Kansas City has doubled in just ten years. They join New Orleans, Louisiana, Washington, DC, Detroit, Michigan and Flint, Michigan.

Forty-Five School Districts Have a Market Share of 20 Percent or More. When the National Alliance first began ranking school districts, districts with an enrollment share of 20 percent were tied for the fourth-highest position. The number of school districts with at least a 20 percent market share has steadily climbed from six in 2005–06, to 18 in 2010–11, and now 45 in 2014–15. There are now more than 160 school districts with at least a ten percent market share (see Appendix A).

The following tables present charter public school enrollment as the highest percentage of students enrolled (or highest enrollment share) as well as ten-year trends in enrollment share.

⁴ The Cowen Institute for Public Education Initiatives. (2015). The State of Public Education in New Orleans: Ten Years After Hurricane Katrina. New Orleans, LA: Author. <http://www.speno2015.com/>.

THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS BY SCHOOL DISTRICT, 2014–15

Rank	School District	State	Charter students	Non-charter students	Total	Enrollment Share
1	Orleans Parish School District	LA	42,860	3,340	46,200	93%
2	Detroit City School District	MI	52,420	47,040	99,460	53%
3	School District Of The City Of Flint	MI	5,660	6,490	12,150	47%
4	District Of Columbia Public Schools	DC	37,680	47,550	85,230	44%
5	Kansas City, Missouri School District	MO	9,980	14,230	24,210	41%
6	Gary Community School Corporation	IN	5,010	7,570	12,580	40%
7	The School District of Philadelphia	PA	64,090	130,660	194,750	33%
8	Hall County Schools	GA	8,200	17,080	25,280	32%
	Victor Valley Union High School District	CA	4,390	9,500	13,890	32%
9	Indianapolis Public Schools	IN	13,830	30,100	43,920	31%
	Grand Rapids Public Schools	MI	6,900	15,610	22,510	31%
10	Dayton City School District	OH	6,220	14,220	20,440	30%
	San Antonio Independent School District	TX	17,000	40,450	57,450	30%
	Cleveland Municipal School District	OH	16,220	38,730	54,950	30%

TRENDS IN ENROLLMENT FOR THOSE DISTRICTS WITH THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS IN 2014-2015

Rank	School District	State	Charter enrollment	Enrollment share	Charter enrollment	Enrollment share	Charter enrollment	Enrollment share	Charter enrollment	Enrollment share	Charter enrollment	Enrollment share
			2006-2007		2008-2009		2010-2011		2012-2013		2014-15	
1	Orleans Parish School District	LA	14,820	57%	20,070	57%	27,730	70%	36,130	85%	42,860	93%
2	Detroit City School District	MI	29,460	20%	43,040	32%	45,100	37%	51,100	51%	52,420	53%
3	School District Of The City Of Flint	MI	-		4,240	24%	5,010	32%	4,780	36%	5,660	47%
4	District Of Columbia Public Schools	DC	19,920	27%	25,730	36%	29,370	39%	34,670	43%	37,680	44%
5	Kansas City, Missouri School District	MO	6,080	20%	7,930	29%	9,310	35%	9,380	36%	9,980	41%
6	Gary Community School Corporation	IN	-		3,780	23%	4,830	30%	4,900	35%	5,010	40%
7	The School District of Philadelphia	PA	26,830	13%	32,580	16%	40,320	20%	55,030	28%	64,090	33%
8	Hall County Schools	GA	-		-		-		8,630	32%	8,200	32%
	Victor Valley Union High School District	CA							1,470	10%	4,390	32%
9	Indianapolis Public Schools	IN	-		7,500	18%	9,240	22%	11,750	28%	13,830	31%
	Grand Rapids Public Schools	MI	-		3,850	17%	4,380	20%	5,750	26%	6,900	31%
10	Dayton City School District	OH	6,040	27%	5,950	27%	6,000	27%	6,240	28%	6,220	30%
	San Antonio Independent School District	TX	-		11,990	21%	12,730	21%	15,670	26%	17,000	30%
	Cleveland Municipal School District	OH	11,570	17%	12,810	21%	14,310	23%	17,260	29%	16,220	30%

NOTE: Data in this table are from prior editions of this report. Missing data do not imply that there were no charter students in those years, only that the district was not included in the report.

A Closer Look

Washington, DC

Washington, DC has a thriving and high-quality charter school movement. In fact, the city ranked first in the National Alliance’s Health of the Movement indicators in 2014 and ninth in the model law rankings, which measures the strength of the legislation that dictates the parameters of how charter schools can operate within the state.⁵ While the charter school enrollment share has increased from 25 percent in 2005-06 to 44 percent in 2014-15, the district-run public schools have also begun retaining their students and actually experienced a growth in enrollment last year. When the overall environment for charter and district-run public schools is healthy, having a high proportion of students enrolled in charter schools can have a positive effect on a city.

Kansas City, Missouri

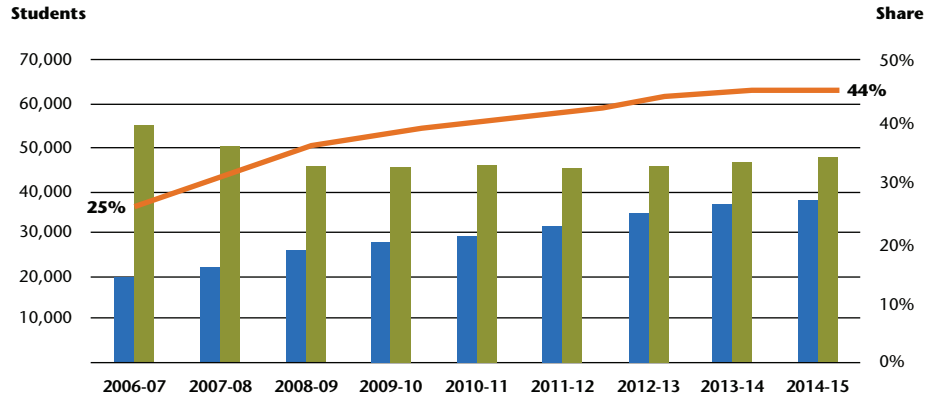
Like many urban districts, Kansas City, Missouri has been experiencing a decline in its public school enrollment over the last decade. However, the decline is slowing. The number of students attending charter schools increased from about 6,500 in 2005-06 to nearly 10,000 in 2014-15. With the declining overall enrollment, this has led to a doubling of Kansas City’s charter school enrollment share over the past decade—from 20 percent to 41 percent.

Los Angeles, California

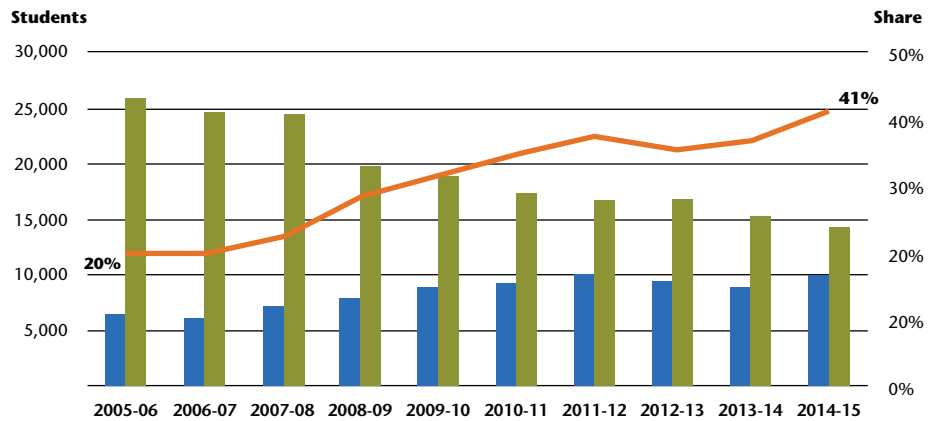
The Los Angeles Unified School District is the second-largest public school district in the US. As the charter movement has taken hold within the district, the number of students attending charter public schools has nearly tripled in just seven years and was over 150,000 last year. Given the large size of LAUSD, charter public school students are just 23 percent of total enrollment.

⁵ Todd Ziebarth and Louann Bierlein Palmer. (2014). The Health of the Public Charter School Movement: A State-By-State Analysis. <http://www.publiccharters.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/health-of-the-movement-2014.pdf>. And Ziebarth, Todd. (2015). Measuring Up to the Model: A Ranking of State Charter School Laws. http://www.publiccharters.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/model_law_2015.pdf.

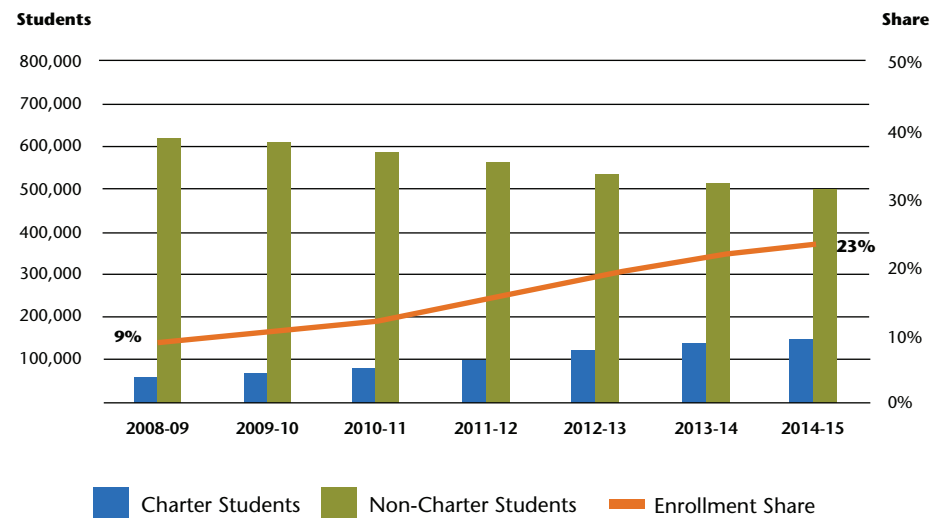
NINE-YEAR PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT TREND IN WASHINGTON, DC, 2006-07 THROUGH 2014-15



TEN-YEAR PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT TREND IN KANSAS CITY, MO, 2005-06 THROUGH 2014-15



SEVEN-YEAR PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT TREND IN LOS ANGELES, CA 2008-09 THROUGH 2014-15



Districts with the Greatest Number of Charter School Students

Los Angeles Tops the List Again in Number of Public Charter School Students. More than 150,000 students attended charter public schools in the Los Angeles Unified School District during the 2014–15 school year—the highest number for any school district in the country. In fact, the charter school enrollment for Los Angeles is more than double that of Philadelphia, the third highest charter school student enrollment (64,090). The number of students enrolled in public charter schools in Los Angeles alone would place Los Angeles charter schools in the top 15 of the 100 largest school districts in the United States.⁶ Charter public schools in Los Angeles enrolled over 12,000 more

students in 2014–15 than in 2013–14—a growth rate of nine percent.

Ten Districts with the Largest Numbers of Charter Students Enroll Nearly One-Quarter of All Charter School Students. The ten districts with the largest number of students in charter public schools represent 22 percent of the total charter public school population nationwide—a total of nearly 640,000 students out of roughly 2.9 million. Between the 2013–14 and 2014–15 school years, the top ten districts increased charter public school enrollment by approximately 38,000 students—a growth rate of six percent.

The Number of Charter School Students in New York City Has Quadrupled Since 2008. In the last six years, the number of charter school students in the New York

City public school district has grown from just over 20,000 to nearly 85,000.

Seven School Districts Have Reached at Least 50,000 Charter School Enrollment. For the first time, the number of public school students who attend charter public schools has reached more than 50,000 in Los Angeles, New York City, Philadelphia, Chicago, Miami-Dade, Detroit, and Houston.

The following tables present charter public school enrollment as the highest number of students enrolled, as well as ten-year trends in enrollment numbers.

⁶ U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics. (2013). Common core of data: Local education agency (school district) universe survey data, 2011–2012. Washington, DC: Author. http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d13/tables/dt13_215.30.asp.

THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS BY SCHOOL DISTRICT, 2014–15

Rank	School District	State	Charter students	Non-charter students	Total Enrollment	Enrollment Share
1	Los Angeles Unified School District	CA	151,310	501,350	652,660	23%
2	New York City Department of Education	NY	84,310	983,700	1,068,010	8%
3	The School District of Philadelphia	PA	64,090	130,660	194,750	33%
4	Chicago Public Schools	IL	57,520	355,780	413,290	14%
5	Miami-Dade County Public Schools	FL	55,590	301,310	356,900	16%
6	Detroit City School District	MI	52,420	47,040	99,460	53%
7	Houston Independent School District	TX	51,400	196,190	247,590	21%
8	New Orleans Public School System	LA	42,860	3,340	46,200	93%
9	Broward County Public Schools	FL	41,550	225,300	266,850	16%
10	District of Columbia Public Schools	DC	37,680	47,550	85,230	44%



TEN-YEAR TRENDS HIGHEST NUMBER OF CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS BY SCHOOL DISTRICT, 2006-07 THROUGH 2014-15

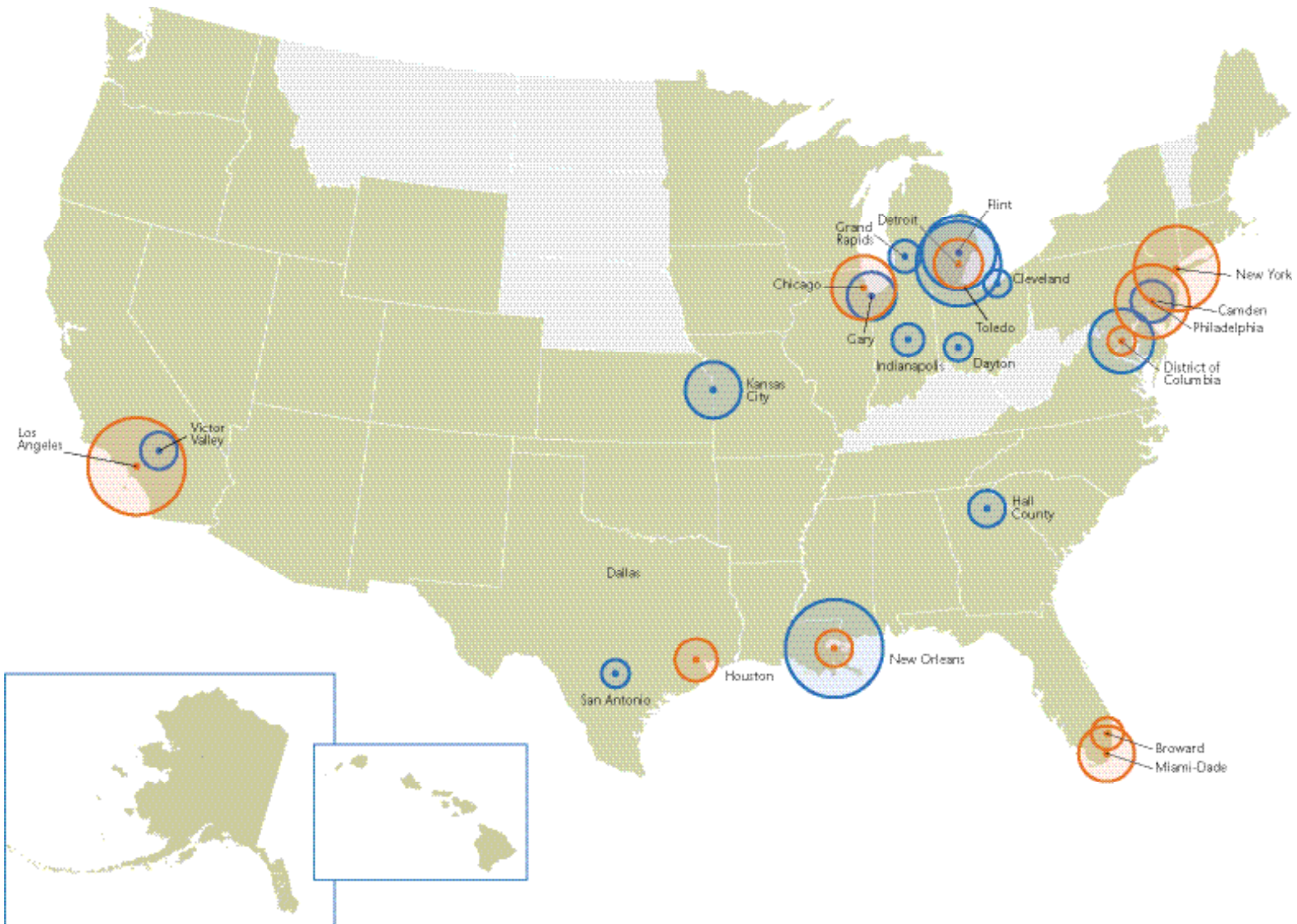
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			2006-2007		2008-2009		2010-2011		2012-2013		2014-15	
1	Los Angeles Unified School District	CA	-	-	59,120	621,810	79,390	588,820	120,960	534,610	151,310	501,350
2	New York City Department of Education	NY	-	-	21,370	988,230	38,740	973,210	58,350	964,850	84,310	983,700
3	The School District of Philadelphia	PA	26,830	179,380	32,580	167,750	40,320	166,270	55,030	143,900	64,090	130,660
4	Chicago Public Schools	IL	-	-	28,970	391,390	37,910	365,070	49,190	348,450	57,520	355,780
5	Miami-Dade County Public Schools	FL	-	-	23,870	321,050	35,380	312,030	47,570	306,670	55,590	301,310
6	Detroit City School District	MI	29,460	117,600	43,040	91,830	44,820	75,260	51,080	49,170	52,240	47,040
7	Houston Independent School District	TX	-	-	29,890	187,420	37,500	188,550	43,550	187,240	51,400	196,190
8	Orleans Parish School District	LA	14,820	11,340	20,070	15,380	27,730	12,150	36,130	6,550	42,860	3,340
9	Broward County Public Schools	FL	-	-	19,870	236,320	24,150	232,980	34,410	226,510	41,550	225,300
10	District Of Columbia Public Schools	DC	19,920	55,160	25,730	45,550	29,370	45,630	34,670	45,560	37,680	47,550

NOTE: Data in this table are from prior editions of this report. Missing data do not imply that there were no charter students in those years, only that the district was not included in the report.



TOP TEN SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR CHARTER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT SHARE AND ENROLLMENT

2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR



School District	State	Charter Enrollment Share	Number of Charter School Students
Los Angeles	CA	23%	151,310 (#1)
Victor Valley	CA	32% (#8, tied)	4,390
District of Columbia	DC	44% (#4)	37,680 (#10)
Broward	FL	16%	41,550 (#9)
Miami-Dade	FL	16%	55,590 (#5)
Hall County	GA	32% (#8, tied)	8,200
Chicago	IL	14%	57,520 (#4)
Gary	IN	40% (#6)	5,010
Indianapolis	IN	31% (#9, tied)	13,830
New Orleans	LA	93% (#1)	42,860 (#8)
Detroit	MI	53% (#2)	52,420 (#6)
Flint	MI	47% (#3)	5,660
Grand Rapids	MI	31% (#9, tied)	6,900
Kansas City	MO	41% (#5)	9,980
New York	NY	8%	84,310 (#2)
Cleveland	OH	30% (#10, tied)	16,220
Dayton	OH	30% (#10, tied)	6,220
Philadelphia	PA	33% (#7)	64,090 (#3)
Houston	TX	21%	51,400 (#7)
San Antonio	TX	30% (#10, tied)	17,000

KEY

- Market Share
- Enrollment
- (#) Rank
- No charter school laws in 2014 -2015

Notes about Methodology

1. In this analysis, the National Alliance examined enrollment share in school districts with more than 10,000 public school students (both charter and non-charter) in the 2014–15 school year. The National Alliance gathered charter and non-charter public school enrollment data from state department of education databases and personnel.

2. More than 50 percent of charter schools nationwide are their own independent local education agencies (LEAs), rather than being part of traditional public school district LEAs. In the past, this fact meant that it was not always clear which public school district charter schools were physically located in, especially for charter schools in large metropolitan cities with more than one school district (e.g., Phoenix, Arizona, and Houston, Texas). For the five most recent editions of the market share report, the National Alliance used a geocoding method to identify the geographically relevant school districts for

each charter more accurately. Specifically, the National Alliance geocoded every charter school that is an independent LEA to the geographically relevant traditional public school district LEA by mapping charter school addresses onto school district boundary maps available through the U.S. Census Bureau.

3. For Michigan, the National Alliance used student residential enrollment data that indicate the total number of students attending charter schools based on the district where students reside. The student residence enrollment data present information regarding how many students from a school district attend charter schools. Some students may attend charter schools outside of their traditional district boundaries. 2013-14 data for Detroit, Michigan and Cleveland, Ohio have been revised to remove computational errors.

4. The growing number of virtual charter schools enrolling children from across an entire state presents an issue. Because many states haven't developed student

enrollment reporting systems that allow for sorting individual students by community of residence at each charter school, the National Alliance excluded virtual school enrollment data from both the charter and total district enrollment data when calculating market share percentages. This decision might create some undercounting in school districts where large numbers of students are enrolled in virtual charter schools. The National Alliance coded virtual schools according to a nationwide list gathered from state department of education databases and personnel. The National Alliance does include enrollment from virtual schools in the District of Columbia and Hawaii, where there is only one school district in the state, and from Delaware, Michigan, and Ohio, where the National Alliance has resident enrollment data and knows the district where students live.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH AT LEAST 10 PERCENT ENROLLMENT SHARE, 2014-15

Rank	District Name	State	Charter enrollment	Non-charter enrollment	Total	Enrollment Share
1	Orleans Parish School District	LA	42,858	3,344	46,202	93%
2	Detroit City School District (82010)	MI	52,421	47,036	99,457	53%
3	Flint, School District Of The City Of (25010)	MI	5,664	6,486	12,150	47%
4	District Of Columbia Public Schools	DC	37,684	47,548	85,232	44%
5	Kansas City, Missouri School District	MO	9,979	14,229	24,208	41%
6	Gary Community School Corporation	IN	5,012	7,566	12,578	40%
7	The School District of Philadelphia	PA	64,085	130,664	194,749	33%
8	Hall County Schools	GA	8,203	17,076	25,279	32%
	Victor Valley Union High School District	CA	4,385	9,504	13,889	32%
9	Indianapolis Public Schools	IN	13,825	30,097	43,922	31%
	Grand Rapids Public Schools (41010)	MI	6,898	15,611	22,509	31%
10	Dayton City School District	OH	6,222	14,215	20,437	30%
	San Antonio Independent School District	TX	17,001	40,453	57,454	30%
	Cleveland Municipal School District	OH	16,219	38,729	54,948	30%
11	Natomas Unified School District	CA	3,966	9,650	13,616	29%
12	Newark Public Schools	NJ	12,740	31,984	44,724	28%
	Toledo City School District	OH	8,693	21,860	30,553	28%
	Saint Louis Public Schools	MO	9,571	24,154	33,725	28%
	Camden City School District	NJ	4,324	11,164	15,488	28%
	Roosevelt School District 66	AZ	3,700	9,614	13,314	28%
13	Gilbert Unified District	AZ	13,744	37,246	50,990	27%
14	Oakland Unified School District	CA	13,137	36,959	50,096	26%
	Albany City School District	NY	3,034	8,537	11,571	26%
	Inglewood Unified School District	CA	3,416	9,945	13,361	26%
15	Franklin-Mckinley School District	CA	2,853	8,340	11,193	25%
	Manor Independent School District	TX	2,969	8,852	11,821	25%
	Columbus City School District	OH	16,894	50,407	67,301	25%
	Greeley School District 6	CO	5,210	16,032	21,242	25%
16	Los Angeles Unified School District	CA	151,311	501,345	652,656	23%
	Saint Paul Public Schools	MN	11,174	37,865	49,039	23%
	Twin Rivers Unified School District	CA	7,034	23,936	30,970	23%
	Milwaukee Public Schools	WI	17,326	59,492	76,818	23%
17	Flagstaff Unified School District	AZ	2,836	9,790	12,626	22%
	Chula Vista Elementary School District	CA	6,805	23,710	30,515	22%
	Alhambra Elementary District	AZ	3,959	13,928	17,887	22%
	East Central Independent School District	TX	2,762	9,834	12,596	22%
	Baldwin Park Unified School District	CA	3,977	14,276	18,253	22%
18	Phoenix Union High School District	AZ	7,333	26,818	34,151	21%
	Minneapolis Public Schools	MN	9,922	36,404	46,326	21%
	Brighton 27J School District	CO	3,638	13,465	17,103	21%
	Grossmont Union High School District	CA	4,640	17,497	22,137	21%
	Houston Independent School District	TX	51,395	196,192	247,587	21%
	Adelanto Elementary	CA	2,135	8,208	10,343	21%
19	Parma City School District	OH	2,706	11,000	13,706	20%
	Falcon School District 49	CO	3,200	13,093	16,293	20%
20	Tucson Unified School District	AZ	11,662	49,015	60,677	19%
	Buffalo City School District	NY	8,049	34,111	42,160	19%
	Amphitheater Public Schools	AZ	3,173	13,817	16,990	19%
	Dysart Unified School District	AZ	5,313	23,146	28,459	19%
	Christina School District	DE	3,700	16,255	19,955	19%
	Chico Unified School District	CA	2,670	11,744	14,414	19%
21	Stockton Unified School District	CA	7,810	34,458	42,268	18%
	Effingham County	GA	2,214	9,793	12,007	18%
	Cincinnati City School District	OH	7,345	32,650	39,995	18%
	Rocklin Unified School District	CA	2,487	11,061	13,548	18%

Rank	District Name	State	Charter enrollment	Non-charter enrollment	Total	Enrollment Share
21	San Juan Unified School District	CA	8,969	40,032	49,001	18%
	Harrison School District Two	CO	2,054	9,387	11,441	18%
	Ogden School District	UT	2,224	10,244	12,468	18%
	West Chester Area School District	PA	2,519	11,618	14,137	18%
22	Yuma School District One	AZ	1,896	9,009	10,905	17%
	Paradise Valley Unified School District	AZ	5,438	26,271	31,709	17%
	Colorado Springs School District 11	CO	5,395	26,086	31,481	17%
	Boston School District	MA	11,155	54,312	65,467	17%
	Baltimore City Public Schools	MD	14,118	69,812	83,930	17%
	Denver Public Schools	CO	14,760	73,446	88,206	17%
	Rutherford County Schools	NC	1,675	8,368	10,043	17%
	San Diego Unified School District	CA	21,603	108,768	130,371	17%
	Lansing Public School District (33020)	MI	2,280	11,513	13,793	17%
23	Northglenn-Thornton School District 12	CO	6,958	35,710	42,668	16%
	William S. Hart Union High School District	CA	4,316	22,579	26,895	16%
	Sacramento City Unified School District	CA	7,673	40,700	48,373	16%
	Atlanta City School District	GA	8,137	43,838	51,975	16%
	Deer Valley Unified School District	AZ	6,365	34,365	40,730	16%
	Miami-Dade County Public Schools	FL	55,592	301,310	356,902	16%
	Broward County Public Schools	FL	41,554	225,300	266,854	16%
Trenton Public School District	NJ	2,062	11,183	13,245	16%	
24	Dallas Independent School District	TX	29,046	159,666	188,712	15%
	Glendale Union High School District	AZ	2,713	15,254	17,967	15%
	Duluth Public Schools	MN	1,545	8,819	10,364	15%
	Douglas County School District	CO	9,470	54,887	64,357	15%
	Sarasota County Schools	FL	6,150	35,759	41,909	15%
25	Port Huron Area School District (74010)	MI	1,533	9,100	10,633	14%
	Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District	TX	4,282	25,912	30,194	14%
	Weslaco Independent School District	TX	2,853	17,387	20,240	14%
	Menifee Union School District	CA	1,547	9,454	11,001	14%
	Jersey City Public Schools	NJ	4,517	27,810	32,327	14%
	Appleton Area School District	WI	2,332	14,374	16,706	14%
	Colonial School District	DE	1,592	9,825	11,417	14%
	Chicago Public Schools	IL	57,519	355,775	413,294	14%
	Durham Public Schools	NC	5,429	33,647	39,076	14%
	Sanger Unified School District	CA	1,554	9,650	11,204	14%
	Alameda Unified School District	CA	1,521	9,470	10,991	14%
	Scottsdale Unified District	AZ	3,890	24,451	28,341	14%
	Kentwood Public Schools (41160)	MI	1,385	8,726	10,111	14%
	Mesa Unified District	AZ	10,212	64,532	74,744	14%
	Albuquerque Public Schools	NM	13,747	87,040	100,787	14%
	Lee County Public Schools	FL	12,175	77,192	89,367	14%
	Salt Lake City School District	UT	3,194	20,278	23,472	14%
Academy School District 20	CO	3,271	20,810	24,081	14%	
Bay District Schools	FL	3,725	23,836	27,561	14%	
Pulaski County Special School District	AR	2,592	16,592	19,184	14%	
26	Little Rock School District	AR	3,540	22,780	26,320	13%
	Lewisville Independent School District	TX	8,241	53,356	61,597	13%
	Lincoln County Schools	NC	1,790	11,625	13,415	13%
	Oklahoma City Public Schools	OK	5,929	38,549	44,478	13%
	School District Of Osceola County	FL	7,888	51,488	59,376	13%
	Wayne-Westland Community School District (82160)	MI	1,778	11,690	13,468	13%
	Alum Rock Union Elementary School District	CA	1,653	10,896	12,549	13%
	Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District	TX	4,825	32,288	37,113	13%
	Weber School District	UT	3,799	25,694	29,493	13%
	Vista Unified School District	CA	3,249	22,094	25,343	13%
Bethlehem Area School District	PA	2,005	13,681	15,686	13%	

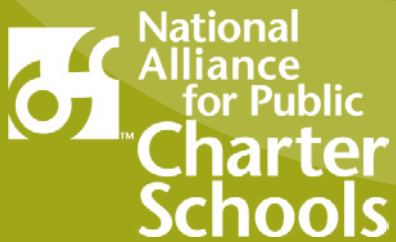
SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH AT LEAST 10 PERCENT ENROLLMENT SHARE, 2014-15
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Rank	District Name	State	Charter enrollment	Non-charter enrollment	Total	Enrollment Share
26	Vacaville Unified School District	CA	1,637	11,175	12,812	13%
	Jordan School District	UT	7,775	53,234	61,009	13%
	Duncanville Independent School District	TX	1,874	12,945	14,819	13%
	Lake County Schools	FL	5,317	36,799	42,116	13%
	School District Of Manatee County	FL	6,009	41,839	47,848	13%
	Aurora Public Schools	CO	5,406	37,759	43,165	13%
27	Palmdale School District	CA	2,709	19,247	21,956	12%
	Polk County Public Schools	FL	12,274	87,452	99,726	12%
	Santa Fe Public Schools	NM	1,846	13,201	15,047	12%
	Traverse City Area Public Schools (28010)	MI	1,352	9,701	11,053	12%
	School District Of Indian River County	FL	2,204	15,873	18,077	12%
	East Baton Rouge Parish School System	LA	5,489	39,588	45,077	12%
	Waco Independent School District	TX	2,047	14,978	17,025	12%
	Sunnyside Unified School District	AZ	2,295	17,184	19,479	12%
	West Covina Unified School District	CA	1,228	9,219	10,447	12%
	Nampa School District	ID	1,983	14,892	16,875	12%
	Rochester City School District	NY	3,860	29,301	33,161	12%
	Donna Independent School District	TX	2,002	15,287	17,289	12%
	Akron City School District	OH	2,745	21,030	23,775	12%
	Washington County School District	UT	3,092	23,745	26,837	12%
East Side Union High School District	CA	3,075	23,628	26,703	12%	
28	Providence School District	RI	2,985	23,064	26,049	11%
	Kyrene Elementary District	AZ	2,244	17,642	19,886	11%
	San Benito Consolidated Independent School District	TX	1,401	11,024	12,425	11%
	Poudre School District	CO	3,401	26,910	30,311	11%
	St. Vrain Valley School District	CO	3,485	27,591	31,076	11%
	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools (82100)	MI	2,185	17,356	19,541	11%
	Tempe Union High School District	AZ	1,754	13,959	15,713	11%
	Nebo School District	UT	3,448	27,630	31,078	11%
	Newton County Schools	GA	2,175	17,476	19,651	11%
	Escondido Union School District	CA	2,124	17,080	19,204	11%
	Liberty County School District	GA	1,111	8,966	10,077	11%
	Brandywine School District	DE	1,330	10,740	12,070	11%
	Pittsburgh School District	PA	3,002	24,249	27,251	11%
	Georgetown Independent School District	TX	1,313	10,645	11,958	11%
	San Jacinto Unified School District	CA	1,170	9,513	10,683	11%
	Monterey Peninsula Unified School District	CA	1,192	9,801	10,993	11%
	Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District	CA	1,519	12,509	14,028	11%
	Lake Central School Corporation	IN	1,158	9,633	10,791	11%
Tooele School District	UT	1,535	12,873	14,408	11%	
Canyons School District	UT	3,992	33,724	37,716	11%	
Austin Independent School District	TX	9,901	83,789	93,690	11%	
San Jose Unified School District	CA	3,724	31,628	35,352	11%	
29	Medford School District 549C	OR	1,425	12,203	13,628	10%
	School District Of Palm Beach County	FL	19,180	167,277	186,457	10%
	Pajaro Valley Unified School District	CA	2,097	18,341	20,438	10%
	Hesperia Unified School District	CA	2,427	21,294	23,721	10%
	St. Lucie County Public Schools	FL	4,221	37,241	41,462	10%
	Canton City School District	OH	1,046	9,273	10,319	10%
	Adams County School District 50	CO	1,084	9,695	10,779	10%
	Northwest Independent School District	TX	2,201	19,835	22,036	10%
	Higley Unified District	AZ	1,051	9,643	10,694	10%
Chandler Unified School District	AZ	4,590	42,664	47,254	10%	

TOP 50 SCHOOL DISTRICTS BY NUMBER OF CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS, 2014–15

Rank	District Name	State	Charter enrollment	Non-charter enrollment	Total	Enrollment Share
1	Los Angeles Unified School District	CA	151,311	501,345	652,656	23%
2	New York City Department of Education	NY	84,310	983,701	1,068,011	8%
3	The School District of Philadelphia	PA	64,085	130,664	194,749	33%
4	Chicago Public Schools	IL	57,519	355,775	413,294	14%
5	Miami-Dade County Public Schools	FL	55,592	301,310	356,902	16%
6	Detroit City School District (82010)	MI	52,421	47,036	99,457	53%
7	Houston Independent School District	TX	51,395	196,192	247,587	21%
8	Orleans Parish School District	LA	42,858	3,344	46,202	93%
9	Broward County Public Schools	FL	41,554	225,300	266,854	16%
10	District Of Columbia Public Schools	DC	37,684	47,548	85,232	44%
11	Dallas Independent School District	TX	29,046	159,666	188,712	15%
12	San Diego Unified School District	CA	21,603	108,768	130,371	17%
13	School District Of Palm Beach County	FL	19,180	167,277	186,457	10%
14	Clark County School District	NV	19,129	317,540	336,669	6%
15	Milwaukee Public Schools	WI	17,326	59,492	76,818	23%
16	San Antonio Independent School District	TX	17,001	40,453	57,454	30%
17	Columbus City School District	OH	16,894	50,407	67,301	25%
18	Cleveland Municipal School District	OH	16,219	38,729	54,948	30%
19	Hillsborough County Public Schools	FL	15,275	191,974	207,249	7%
20	Denver Public Schools	CO	14,760	73,446	88,206	17%
21	Baltimore City Public Schools	MD	14,118	69,812	83,930	17%
22	Indianapolis Public Schools	IN	13,825	30,097	43,922	31%
23	Albuquerque Public Schools	NM	13,747	87,040	100,787	14%
24	Gilbert Unified District	AZ	13,744	37,246	50,990	27%
25	Oakland Unified School District	CA	13,137	36,959	50,096	26%
26	Newark Public Schools	NJ	12,740	31,984	44,724	28%
27	Polk County Public Schools	FL	12,274	87,452	99,726	12%
28	Lee County Public Schools	FL	12,175	77,192	89,367	14%
29	Tucson Unified School District	AZ	11,662	49,015	60,677	19%
30	Orange County Public Schools	FL	11,511	180,088	191,599	6%
31	Saint Paul Public Schools	MN	11,174	37,865	49,039	23%
32	Boston School District	MA	11,155	54,312	65,467	17%
33	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	NC	10,727	145,362	156,089	7%
34	Hawaii Public Schools	HI	10,413	170,482	180,895	6%
35	Mesa Unified District	AZ	10,212	64,532	74,744	14%
36	Duval County Public Schools	FL	10,032	117,753	127,785	8%
37	Kansas City, Missouri School District	MO	9,979	14,229	24,208	41%
38	Minneapolis Public Schools	MN	9,922	36,404	46,326	21%
39	Austin Independent School District	TX	9,901	83,789	93,690	11%
40	Saint Louis Public Schools	MO	9,571	24,154	33,725	28%
41	Douglas County School District	CO	9,470	54,887	64,357	15%
42	Wake County Schools	NC	9,469	155,074	164,543	6%
43	San Juan Unified School District	CA	8,969	40,032	49,001	18%
44	Toledo City School District	OH	8,693	21,860	30,553	28%
45	Lewisville Independent School District	TX	8,241	53,356	61,597	13%
46	Hall County Schools	GA	8,203	17,076	25,279	32%
47	Atlanta City School District	GA	8,137	43,838	51,975	16%
48	Jeffco Public Schools	CO	8,084	78,453	86,537	9%
49	Buffalo City School District	NY	8,049	34,111	42,160	1%
50	Alpine School District	UT	7,942	82,295	90,237	9%

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