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The latest data on public charter school enrollment demonstrate once again that public charter schools are the fastest-growing sector of public education in the United States. Over the past five years, student enrollment in public charter schools has grown by 80 percent. In 42 states and the District of Columbia, more than 2.3 million students—almost 5 percent of the total number enrolled in public schools—now attend charter schools. In seven school districts, more than 30 percent of students attend charter schools. In 135 districts, at least 10 percent of students attend public charter schools. Thirteen school districts saw increases in charter school enrollment ranging from nearly 20 to almost 60 percent in a single year. Because of their track record of success and ability to meet the unique needs of students, parents are increasingly choosing public charter schools in communities throughout the country. Demand for public charter schools is at an all-time high.

This rapid rate of growth should come as no surprise. For more than 20 years, the public charter school movement has been a leader in innovation and education reform. By unleashing an environment of creativity in states and communities, public charter schools have demonstrated that all children are capable of achieving high standards and college and career readiness. Charter schools

have led efforts to narrow achievement gaps and are showing that success is possible in neighborhoods where traditional schools have been failing for generations.

For the past eight years, the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools has tracked the growth in student enrollment at public charter schools. This report identifies communities that have the highest percentage and highest number of public school students enrolled in charter schools. When families have public school choice, they increasingly select public charter schools over traditional public schools. A 2013 Phi Delta Kappa/Gallup poll indicates that nearly 70 percent of Americans favor charter schools.¹ And with nearly 1 million student names on waiting lists to attend charter schools across the country, enrollment is likely to rise.²

In 2012–13, charter schools in New Orleans enrolled an astounding 79 percent of public school students. For the first time, more than 50 percent of students who live in Detroit attended public charter schools. At least 20 percent of public school students were enrolled in charter schools in a total of 32 school districts—25 more districts than when this report was first published eight years ago. Furthermore, in 135 school districts, at least 10 percent of public school students attended charter schools. Los Angeles charter schools enrolled more than 120,000 students,

growing by 23 percent with 22,000 more students in 2012–13 than in 2011–12. Among the 50 districts with the largest charter school student enrollments, 27 districts experienced 10 percent or greater growth between the 2011–12 and 2012–13 school years.

The National Alliance analyzed public school enrollment data for the 2012–13 school year to identify communities across the country where the highest proportions of students were enrolled in public charter schools. This report compares the enrollment rates of charter schools located in traditional school district boundaries with noncharter public school enrollment within the same districts. However, it is important to note that the charter schools located in the school districts referenced may or may not be authorized by that particular school district. In many states, a charter school may be geographically located within a school district but have no official relationship with that district. Moreover, students sometimes leave the geographic boundaries of the school district in which they live to attend charter schools. That is why charter school enrollment reported by school district should not be construed as the school districts operating those charter schools. Rather, the comparison between public charter schools and traditional public schools serves as a proxy for where students who are enrolled in public charter schools would likely have enrolled if charter schools were not available.

The following tables present public charter school enrollment as the highest percentage of students enrolled (or highest market share), the highest number of students enrolled, and the largest growth in charter school enrollment among districts with the highest number of students.

¹ Bushaw, William J. and Shane J. Lopez. (2013). The 45th Annual PDK/Gallup Poll of the Public's Attitudes Toward the Public Schools. www.pdkintl.org/poll/index.htm.

² National Alliance for Public Charter Schools, "National Charter School Waitlist Numbers Approach One Million," National Alliance for Public Charter Schools Press Release (June 27, 2013). www.publiccharters.org/pressreleasepublic/default.aspx?id=1068.

THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS BY SCHOOL DISTRICT, 2012-13

Rank	School District	State	Charter Market Share	Charter Enrollment	Noncharter Public Enrollment	Total Enrollment	Rank and Market Share in 2012
1.	New Orleans Public School System	LA	79%	36,126	9,414	45,540	#1 and 76%
2.	Detroit Public Schools	MI	51%	51,083	49,172	100,255	#2 and 41%
3.	District of Columbia Public Schools	DC	43%	34,674	45,557	80,231	#2 and 41%
4.	Flint City School District	MI	36%	4,781	8,472	13,253	#4 and 33%
	Kansas City, Missouri School District	MO	36%	9,376	16,917	26,293	#3 and 37%
5.	Gary Community School Corporation	IN	35%	4,904	8,922	13,826	#5 and 31%
6.	Hall County Schools	GA	32%	8,633	18,042	26,675	Not in top 10 and 21%
7.	Cleveland Metropolitan School District	OH	29%	17,260	41,691	58,951	#6 and 28%
8.	Dayton Public Schools	OH	28%	6,237	16,160	22,396	#7 and 26%
	Indianapolis Public Schools	IN	28%	11,750	29,803	41,553	#8 and 25%
	The School District of Philadelphia	PA	28%	55,031	143,898	198,929	#9 and 23%
9.	Albany City School District	NY	27%	2,933	8,004	10,937	#7 and 26%
	Roosevelt School District 66	AZ	27%	3,809	10,356	14,165	#8 and 25%
	Toledo Public Schools	OH	27%	8,865	24,473	33,338	#8 and 25%
10.	Grand Rapids Public Schools	MI	26%	5,749	16,498	22,247	#9 and 23%
	San Antonio Independent School District	TX	26%	15,674	43,942	59,616	#7 and 26%

THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS BY SCHOOL DISTRICT, 2012-13

Rank	School District	State	Charter Enrollment	Noncharter Public Enrollment	Total Enrollment	Charter Market Share	Rank and Charter Enrollment in 2012
1.	Los Angeles Unified School District	CA	120,958	534,611	655,569	18%	#1 and 98,576
2.	New York City Department of Education	NY	58,353	964,846	1,023,199	6%	#2 and 48,057
3.	The School District of Philadelphia	PA	55,031	143,898	198,929	28%	#4 and 46,801
4.	Detroit Public Schools	MI	51,083	49,172	100,255	51%	#3 and 47,086
5.	Chicago Public Schools	IL	49,187	348,454	397,641	12%	#5 and 44,870
6.	Miami-Dade County Public Schools	FL	47,573	306,668	354,241	13%	#6 and 41,767
7.	Houston Independent School District	TX	43,546	187,236	230,782	19%	#7 and 40,549
8.	New Orleans Public School System	LA	36,126	9,414	45,540	79%	#8 and 32,597
9.	District of Columbia Public Schools	DC	34,674	45,557	80,231	43%	#9 and 31,562
10.	Broward County Public Schools	FL	34,408	226,512	260,920	13%	#10 and 30,438

THE HIGHEST GROWTH IN PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS BY SCHOOL DISTRICT, 2012-13³

Rank	School District	State	Charter Market Share	2011-12 Charter Enrollment	2012-13 Charter Enrollment	Increase in Charter Enrollment	Growth in Charter Enrollment
1.	Hall County Schools	GA	32%	5,469	8,633	3,164	58%
2.	San Diego Unified School District	CA	14%	13,215	17,851	4,636	35%
3.	Duval County Public Schools	FL	5%	5,167	6,689	1,522	29%
4.	Newark Public Schools	NJ	21%	7,310	9,293	1,983	27%
5.	Hillsborough County Public Schools	FL	6%	9,452	11,861	2,409	25%
6.	Clark County School District	NV	3%	9,028	11,237	2,209	24%
7.	Los Angeles Unified School District	CA	18%	98,576	120,958	22,382	23%
8.	Boston Public Schools	MA	13%	6,497	7,956	1,459	22%
9.	New York City Department of Education	NY	6%	48,057	58,353	10,296	21%
10.	Denver Public Schools	CO	14%	9,945	11,793	1,848	19%
	Oakland Unified School District	CA	22%	8,525	10,118	1,593	19%
	Orange County Public Schools	FL	4%	6,463	7,711	1,248	19%
	School District of Palm Beach County	FL	7%	10,137	12,020	1,883	19%

³ The National Alliance examined growth in charter school enrollment for the 50 districts with the highest number of students enrolled in charter schools (see Appendix B).

A CLOSER LOOK

New Orleans Remains Number One in Market Share

An astounding 79 percent of public school students in New Orleans attended public charter schools in the 2012–13 school year. Not only are charters in New Orleans serving a higher percentage of public school students than anywhere else in the nation, but they are also the highest-performing public schools in the city.⁴ Notably, New Orleans charter schools are approaching the Louisiana state average achievement—an accomplishment rarely seen in urban public schools.

Detroit Market Share Surpasses 50 Percent

In the first market share report that the National Alliance released eight years ago, Detroit tied for fifth place with 18 percent of students enrolled in public charter schools. Over the years, the percentage of students attending charter schools in Detroit has climbed steadily. This year's report indicates that 51 percent of students—a total of 51,000—who live in Detroit attend public

charter schools. Recent research confirms that the school choice market in Detroit is active, with 71 percent of families shopping for schools and 59 percent of families sending their children to schools that were not the zoned traditional public school.⁵

Seven School Districts Reach at Least 30 Percent Market Share

In 2012–13, the school districts with at least 30 percent of public school students enrolled in public charter schools were: New Orleans (79 percent); Detroit (51 percent); District of Columbia (43 percent); Flint, Mich. (36 percent); Kansas City, Mo. (36 percent); Gary, Ind. (35 percent); and Hall County, Ga. (32 percent).

Thirty-Two School Districts Have a Market Share of 20 Percent or More

When the National Alliance first began ranking school districts, districts with a market 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 eight in 2006–07, 12 in 2007–08, 14 in 2008–09, 16 in 2009–10, 18 in 2010–11, 25 in 2011–12, and now 32 in 2012–13. There are now 135 school districts with at least a 10 percent market share (see Appendix A).

Los Angeles Tops the List Again in Number of Public Charter School Students

More than 120,000 students attended public charter schools in the Los Angeles Unified School District during the 2012–13 school year, the highest number for any school district in the country. The number of students enrolled in public charter schools in Los Angeles alone would place Los Angeles charter schools in the top 25 of the 100 largest school districts in the United States.⁶ Public charter schools in Los Angeles enrolled 22,382 more students in 2012–13 than in 2011–12—a growth rate of 23 percent.



Ten School Districts with the Largest Numbers of Students Enroll Nearly One-Quarter of the Total Number of Charter School Students

The 10 districts with the largest number of students in public charter schools represent 23 percent of the total public charter school population nationwide—a total of 530,328 students out of roughly 2.3 million. Between the 2011–12 and 2012–13 school years, the top 10 districts increased public charter school enrollment by more than 72,000 students—a growth rate of 16 percent.

Districts with Large Numbers of Public Charter School Students Experience Strong Charter School Growth

Among the 50 districts with the largest charter school student enrollments, 27 districts had 10 percent or higher growth in the number of students enrolled in public charters between the 2011–12 and 2012–13 school years. Hall County Schools (Ga.) experienced the largest growth (58 percent) in the number of charter school students enrolled, primarily due to three traditional public schools converting to charter schools in the 2012–13 school year.

Five School Districts Repeat Top Growth Two Years in a Row

Five school districts made the list for highest percentage growth in public charter school students for two consecutive years: Boston; Clark County, Nev.; Hillsborough County, Fla.; Los Angeles; and New York City.





High Charter School Market Share Is More Prevalent in the Midwest and Northeast; the South and West Experience Significant Growth

The map on the following page presents data from the three lists of school districts with the highest charter school market share, enrollment, and growth. The geographic display of the data shows that locations with high concentrations of students enrolled in charter schools are more likely to be located in the Midwest and Northeast regions of the country. In contrast, a large portion of the districts with high growth in the number of charter school students are located in the South and West regions. School districts with large numbers of students enrolled in charter schools are spread out across the nation.

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

NOTES ABOUT METHODOLOGY

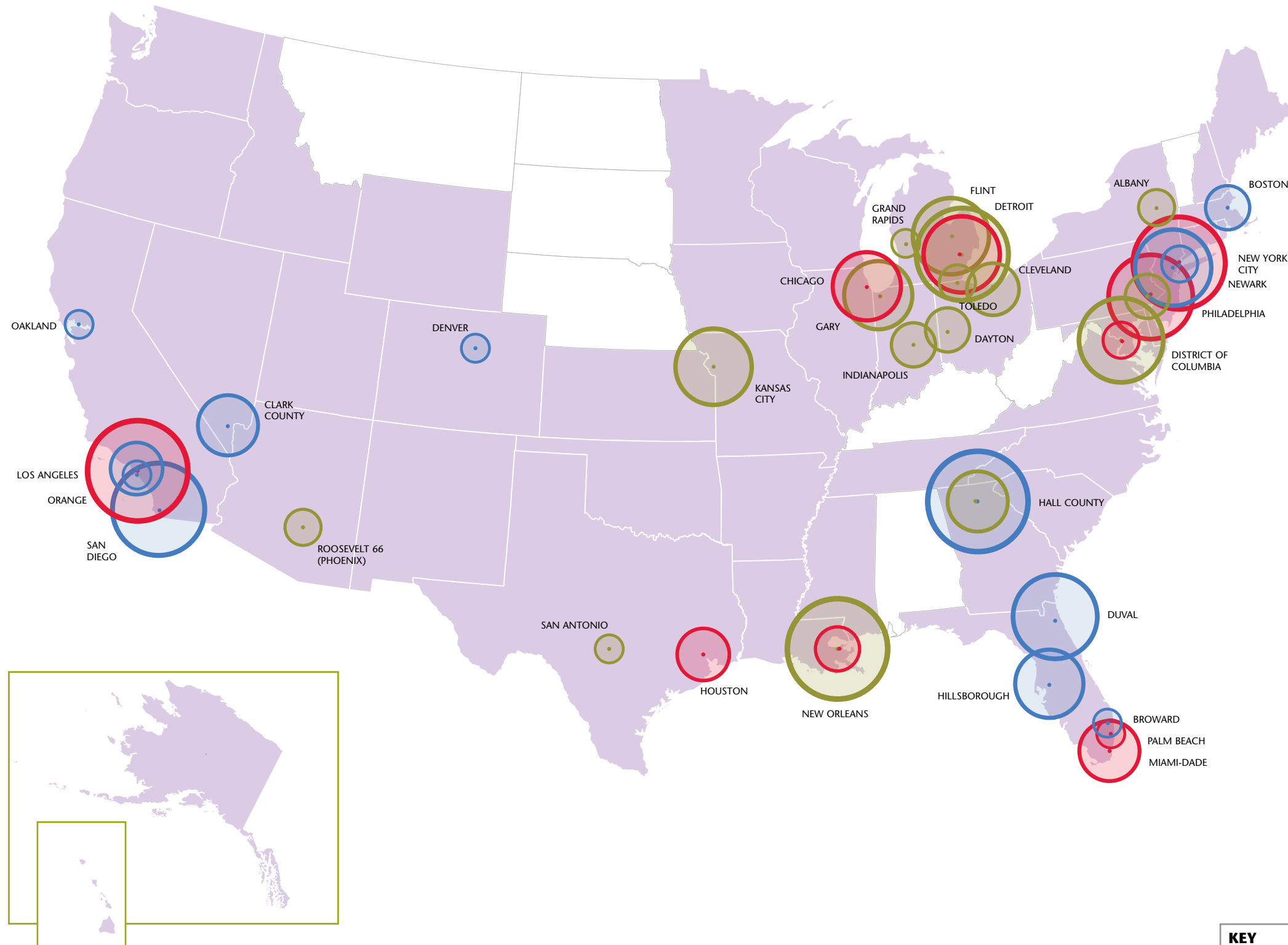
1. In this analysis, the National Alliance examined market share in school districts with more than 10,000 public school students (both charter and noncharter) in the 2012–13 school year. The National Alliance gathered charter and noncharter public school enrollment data from state department of education 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, Ariz., and Houston, Texas). For the four 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 Delaware, Michigan, and Ohio, the National Alliance used student resident 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.
4. The growing numbers 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 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.
5. The approximate number of 920,000 names on waiting lists to attend charter schools was estimated from a national survey of charter schools during the 2012–13 school year with a 30 percent response rate.

⁴ The Scott Cowen Institute. (2013). The state of public education in New Orleans: 2013 report. New Orleans, LA: Author. http://www.coweninstitute.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/2013_SPENO.pdf.

⁵ Wolf, Patrick J. and Thomas Stewart. (2012). Understanding School Shoppers in Detroit. Ann Arbor, MI: Michigan Future, Inc. http://michiganfuture.org/schools/wp-content/uploads/2010/02/Detroit_Shop-pers_Report-Final.pdf.

⁶ U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics. (2012). Common core of data: Local education agency (school district) universe survey data, 2010-2011. Washington, DC: Author. <http://nces.ed.gov/ccd/pubagency.asp>.

TOP TEN SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR CHARTER SCHOOL MARKET SHARE, ENROLLMENT, AND GROWTH 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR



SCHOOL DISTRICT		MARKET SHARE (RANK)	NUMBER OF CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS (RANK)	GROWTH (RANK)
Roosevelt 66	AZ	27% (#9, TIED)	3,809	6%
Los Angeles	CA	18%	120,958 (#1)	23% (#7)
Oakland	CA	22%	10,118	19% (#10, TIED)
Orange	CA	4%	7,711	19% (#10, TIED)
San Diego	CA	14%	17,851	35% (#2)
Denver	CO	14%	11,793	19% (#10, TIED)
District of Columbia	DC	43% (#3)	34,674 (#9)	10%
Broward	FL	13%	34,408 (#10)	10%
Duval	FL	5%	6,689	29% (#3)
Hillsborough	FL	6%	11,861	25% (#5)
Miami-Dade	FL	13%	47,573 (#6)	11%
Palm Beach	FL	7%	12,020	19% (#10, TIED)
Hall County	GA	32% (#6)	8,633	58% (#1)
Chicago	IL	12%	49,187 (#5)	10%
Gary	IN	35% (#5)	4,904	8%
Indianapolis	IN	28% (#8, TIED)	11,750	10%
New Orleans	LA	79% (#1)	36,126 (#8)	11%
Boston	MA	13%	7,956	22% (#8)
Detroit	MI	51% (#2)	51,083 (#4)	8%
Flint	MI	36% (#4, TIED)	4,781	2%
Grand Rapids	MI	26% (#10, TIED)	5,749	16%
Kansas City	MO	36% (#4, TIED)	9,376	-6%
Newark	NJ	21%	9,293	27% (#4)
Clark County	NV	3%	11,237	24% (#6)
Albany	NY	27% (#9, TIED)	2,933	3%
New York City	NY	6%	58,353 (#2)	21% (#9)
Cleveland	OH	29% (#7)	17,260	9%
Dayton	OH	28% (#8, TIED)	6,237	6%
Toledo	OH	27% (#9, TIED)	8,865	8%
Philadelphia	PA	28% (#8, TIED)	55,031 (#3)	18%
Houston	TX	19%	43,546 (#7)	7%
San Antonio	TX	26% (#10, TIED)	15,674	4%

KEY

- Market Share
- Enrollment
- Growth
- (#) Rank
- No charter school laws in 2012-2013



● ● ● **SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH AT LEAST 10 PERCENT MARKET SHARE, 2012-13**

APPENDIX A

Rank	School District	State	Charter Market Share	Charter Enrollment	Noncharter Public Enrollment	Total Enrollment
1	New Orleans Public School System	LA	79%	36,126	9,414	45,540
2	Detroit Public Schools	MI	51%	51,083	49,172	100,255
3	District of Columbia Public Schools	DC	43%	34,674	45,557	80,231
4	Flint City School District	MI	36%	4,781	8,472	13,253
	Kansas City, Missouri School District	MO	36%	9,376	16,917	26,293
5	Gary Community School Corporation	IN	35%	4,904	8,922	13,826
6	Hall County Schools	GA	32%	8,633	18,042	26,675
7	Cleveland Metropolitan School District	OH	29%	17,260	41,691	58,951
	Dayton Public Schools	OH	28%	6,237	16,160	22,396
8	Indianapolis Public Schools	IN	28%	11,750	29,803	41,553
	The School District of Philadelphia	PA	28%	55,031	143,898	198,929
	Albany City School District	NY	27%	2,933	8,004	10,937
9	Roosevelt School District 66	AZ	27%	3,809	10,356	14,165
	Toledo Public Schools	OH	27%	8,865	24,473	33,338
	Grand Rapids Public Schools	MI	26%	5,749	16,498	22,247
10	San Antonio Independent School District	TX	26%	15,674	43,942	59,616
	Adams County School District 50	CO	24%	3,073	9,634	12,707
11	Phoenix Union High School District	AZ	24%	8,091	25,827	33,918
	St. Louis Public Schools	MO	24%	8,492	27,333	35,825
12	Columbus City School District	OH	23%	15,319	50,009	65,328
	Baldwin Park Unified School District	CA	22%	4,049	14,779	18,828
	Camden City Public Schools	NJ	22%	3,644	12,608	16,252
13	Flagstaff Unified School District	AZ	22%	2,706	9,606	12,312
	Manor Independent School District	TX	22%	2,248	8,087	10,335
	Oakland Unified School District	CA	22%	10,118	36,203	46,321
	Brighton 27J School District	CO	21%	3,429	12,734	16,163
14	Harrison School District Two	CO	21%	2,393	8,830	11,223
	Milwaukee Public Schools	WI	21%	18,084	67,164	85,248
	Newark Public Schools	NJ	21%	9,293	34,695	43,988

Rank	School District	State	Charter Market Share	Charter Enrollment	Noncharter Public Enrollment	Total Enrollment
15	Grossmont Union High School District	CA	20%	4,640	18,240	22,880
	Minneapolis Public Schools	MN	20%	9,253	36,546	45,799
	Saint Paul Public Schools	MN	20%	9,610	37,913	47,523
16	East Central Independent School District	TX	19%	1,978	8,602	10,580
	Houston Independent School District	TX	19%	43,546	187,236	230,782
	Tucson Unified School District	AZ	19%	11,784	51,262	63,046
	Twin Rivers Unified School District	CA	19%	5,934	25,435	31,369
	Weld County School District 6	CO	19%	3,838	15,983	19,821
17	Chula Vista Elementary School District	CA	18%	5,189	23,335	28,524
	Cincinnati Public Schools	OH	18%	7,646	34,278	41,924
	Franklin-Mckinley School District	CA	18%	1,934	8,769	10,703
	Inglewood Unified School District	CA	18%	2,539	11,668	14,207
	Los Angeles Unified School District	CA	18%	120,958	534,611	655,569
	Mesa Public Schools	AZ	18%	14,691	64,892	79,583
	Buffalo City Schools	NY	17%	6,241	30,785	37,026
18	Falcon School District 49	CO	17%	2,667	12,811	15,478
	Yuma School District One	AZ	17%	1,858	9,140	10,998
	Baltimore City Public Schools	MD	16%	13,632	71,115	84,747
19	Christina School District	DE	16%	3,605	18,818	22,423
	Vail School District	AZ	16%	1,841	9,763	11,604
	West Chester Area School District	PA	16%	2,163	11,682	13,845
	Academy School District 20	CO	15%	3,568	20,405	23,973
20	Glendale Union High School District	AZ	15%	2,659	14,975	17,634
	Natomas Unified School District	CA	15%	1,875	10,567	12,442
	Rutherford County Schools	NC	15%	1,510	8,670	10,180
	Sanger Unified School District	CA	15%	1,636	9,280	10,916
21	Alameda Unified School District	CA	14%	1,477	9,333	10,810
	Amphitheater Public Schools	AZ	14%	2,356	14,229	16,585
	Appleton Area School District	WI	14%	2,162	13,069	15,231
	Colorado Springs School District 11	CO	14%	4,172	26,695	30,867
	Deer Valley Unified School District	AZ	14%	5,472	34,616	40,088
	Denver Public Schools	CO	14%	11,793	71,584	83,377
	Duluth Public Schools	MN	14%	1,432	9,020	10,452
	Dysart Unified School District	AZ	14%	4,389	26,187	30,576
	Kentwood Public Schools	MI	14%	1,363	8,693	10,056
	Lansing School District	MI	14%	1,993	12,253	14,246
	Lee County Public Schools	FL	14%	11,865	73,918	85,783
	Ogden School District	UT	14%	2,119	12,574	14,693
	San Diego Unified School District	CA	14%	17,851	112,144	129,995
	San Juan Unified School District	CA	14%	7,008	41,416	48,424
Sheboygan Area School District	WI	14%	1,500	8,874	10,374	
William S. Hart Union High School District	CA	14%	3,618	22,705	26,323	
22	Boston Public Schools	MA	13%	7,956	55,114	63,070
	Broward County Public Schools	FL	13%	34,408	226,512	260,920
	Chico Unified School District	CA	13%	1,860	12,010	13,870
	Higley Unified District	AZ	13%	1,591	10,969	12,560
	Jersey City Public Schools	NJ	13%	3,871	27,028	30,899
	Miami-Dade County Public Schools	FL	13%	47,573	306,668	354,241
	Napa Valley Unified School District	CA	13%	2,431	15,875	18,306
	Paradise Valley Unified School District	AZ	13%	4,793	33,380	38,173
	Port Huron Area School District	MI	13%	1,432	9,500	10,932
	Robbinsdale Area Schools	MN	13%	1,832	12,181	14,013
	Sarasota County Schools	FL	13%	5,480	35,618	41,098
Vista Unified School District	CA	13%	3,224	22,375	25,599	

SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH AT LEAST 10 PERCENT MARKET SHARE, 2012–13 (continued)

Rank	School District	State	Charter Market Share	Charter Enrollment	Noncharter Public Enrollment	Total Enrollment
23	Akron Public Schools	OH	12%	3,244	24,358	27,602
	Albuquerque Public Schools	NM	12%	12,028	87,969	99,997
	Bethlehem Area School District	PA	12%	1,903	14,300	16,203
	Chicago Public Schools	IL	12%	49,187	348,454	397,641
	Dallas Independent School District	TX	12%	22,386	157,340	179,726
	Duncanville Independent School District	TX	12%	1,712	12,268	13,980
	Durham Public Schools	NC	12%	4,571	32,472	37,043
	Kyrene Elementary District	AZ	12%	2,421	18,032	20,453
	Lake County Schools	FL	12%	5,176	36,302	41,478
	Lincoln County Schools	NC	12%	1,546	11,693	13,239
	Little Rock School District	AR	12%	3,464	24,391	27,855
	Oshkosh Area School District	WI	12%	1,219	8,789	10,008
	Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District	TX	12%	4,168	32,050	36,218
	Polk County Public Schools	FL	12%	11,591	85,352	96,943
	Santa Fe Public Schools	NM	12%	1,781	12,705	14,486
	School District of Osceola County	FL	12%	6,594	49,775	56,369
Stockton Unified School District	CA	12%	4,768	34,310	39,078	
Traverse City Area Public Schools	MI	12%	1,315	9,777	11,092	
24	Alhambra Elementary School District	AZ	11%	1,845	14,420	16,265
	Aurora Public Schools	CO	11%	4,653	35,996	40,649
	Bay District Schools	FL	11%	2,942	23,700	26,642
	Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District	TX	11%	3,146	25,107	28,253
	Gilbert Unified District	AZ	11%	4,713	38,211	42,924
	Nebo School District	UT	11%	3,875	30,493	34,368
	Oklahoma City Public Schools	OK	11%	4,972	40,233	45,205
	Red Clay Consolidated School District	DE	11%	2,073	16,412	18,485
	Rocklin Unified School District	CA	11%	1,379	11,307	12,686
	Sacramento City Unified School District	CA	11%	4,993	42,310	47,303
School District of Indian River County	FL	11%	2,070	15,939	18,009	
St. Vrain Valley School District	CO	11%	3,375	26,007	29,382	
Waco Independent School District	TX	11%	1,860	15,221	17,081	
25	Adams 12 Five Star Schools	CO	10%	4,284	38,984	43,268
	Atlanta Public Schools	GA	10%	5,122	45,193	50,315
	Cartwright Elementary School District	AZ	10%	1,988	18,919	20,907
	Colonial School District	DE	10%	1,327	11,835	13,162
	Douglas County School District	CO	10%	6,572	58,085	64,657
	East Side Union High School District	CA	10%	2,611	23,624	26,235
	Escondido Union School District	CA	10%	1,857	17,508	19,365
	Fulton County Schools	GA	10%	9,731	84,325	94,056
	Hesperia Unified School District	CA	10%	2,249	21,181	23,430
	Leon County Schools	FL	10%	3,358	31,769	35,127
	Litchfield Elementary School District #79	AZ	10%	1,186	10,722	11,908
	Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District	CA	10%	1,419	12,629	14,048
	Pajaro Valley Unified School District	CA	10%	1,910	18,091	20,001
	Parma City School District	OH	10%	1,287	11,279	12,566
	Perris Union High School District	CA	10%	1,049	9,498	10,547
	Pueblo City Schools	CO	10%	1,810	16,042	17,852
	San Benito Consolidated Independent School District	TX	10%	1,252	11,171	12,423
	School District of Manatee County	FL	10%	4,596	41,540	46,136
	Vacaville Unified School District	CA	10%	1,240	11,414	12,654
Victor Valley Union High School District	CA	10%	1,470	13,282	14,752	
Wayne-Westland Community Schools	MI	10%	1,357	11,997	13,354	

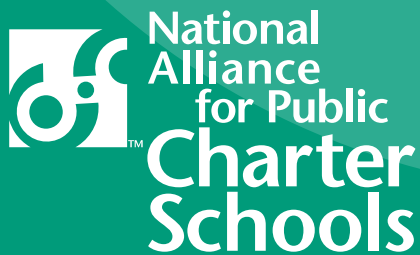
TOP 50 SCHOOL DISTRICTS BY NUMBER OF CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS, 2012–13



APPENDIX B

Rank	School District	State	Charter Enrollment	Noncharter Public Enrollment	Total Enrollment	Charter Market Share
1	Los Angeles Unified School District	CA	120,958	534,611	655,569	18%
2	New York City Department of Education	NY	58,353	964,846	1,023,199	6%
3	The School District of Philadelphia	PA	55,031	143,898	198,929	28%
4	Detroit Public Schools	MI	51,083	49,172	100,255	51%
5	Chicago Public Schools	IL	49,187	348,454	397,641	12%
6	Miami-Dade County Public Schools	FL	47,573	306,668	354,241	13%
7	Houston Independent School District	TX	43,546	187,236	230,782	19%
8	New Orleans Public School System	LA	36,126	9,414	45,540	79%
9	District of Columbia Public Schools	DC	34,674	45,557	80,231	43%
10	Broward County Public Schools	FL	34,408	226,512	260,920	13%
11	Dallas Independent School District	TX	22,386	157,340	179,726	12%
12	Milwaukee Public Schools	WI	18,084	67,164	85,248	21%
13	San Diego Unified School District	CA	17,851	112,144	129,995	14%
14	Cleveland Metropolitan School District	OH	17,260	41,691	58,951	29%
15	San Antonio Independent School District	TX	15,674	43,942	59,616	26%
16	Columbus City School District	OH	15,319	50,009	65,328	23%
17	Mesa Public Schools	AZ	14,691	64,892	79,583	18%
18	Baltimore City Public Schools	MD	13,632	71,115	84,747	16%
19	Albuquerque Public Schools	NM	12,028	87,969	99,997	12%
20	School District of Palm Beach County	FL	12,020	167,472	179,492	7%
21	Lee County Public Schools	FL	11,865	73,918	85,783	14%
22	Hillsborough County Public Schools	FL	11,861	188,425	200,286	6%
23	Denver Public Schools	CO	11,793	71,584	83,377	14%
24	Tucson Unified School District	AZ	11,784	51,262	63,046	19%
25	Indianapolis Public Schools	IN	11,750	29,803	41,553	28%
26	Polk County Public Schools	FL	11,591	85,352	96,943	12%
27	Clark County School District	NV	11,237	311,185	322,422	3%
28	Oakland Unified School District	CA	10,118	36,203	46,321	22%
29	Fulton County Schools	GA	9,731	84,325	94,056	10%
30	Saint Paul Public Schools	MN	9,610	37,913	47,523	20%
31	Hawaii Public Schools	HI	9,593	173,658	183,251	5%
32	Kansas City, Missouri School District	MO	9,376	16,917	26,293	36%
33	Newark Public Schools	NJ	9,293	34,695	43,988	21%
34	Minneapolis Public Schools	MN	9,253	36,546	45,799	20%
35	Toledo Public Schools	OH	8,865	24,473	33,338	27%
36	Hall County Schools	GA	8,633	18,042	26,675	32%
37	St. Louis Public Schools	MO	8,492	27,333	35,825	24%
38	Phoenix Union High School District	AZ	8,091	25,827	33,918	24%
39	Boston Public Schools	MA	7,956	55,114	63,070	13%
40	Orange County Public Schools	FL	7,711	175,310	183,021	4%
41	Cincinnati Public Schools	OH	7,646	34,278	41,924	18%
42	Alpine School District	UT	7,348	70,810	78,158	9%
43	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	NC	7,340	141,061	148,401	5%
44	Dekalb County School System	GA	7,135	92,584	99,719	7%
45	Wake County Public School System	NC	7,061	149,336	156,397	5%
46	San Juan Unified School District	CA	7,008	41,416	48,424	14%
47	Jeffco Public Schools	CO	7,008	78,500	85,508	8%
48	Memphis City Schools	TN	6,756	98,203	104,959	6%
49	Duval County Public Schools	FL	6,689	118,973	125,662	5%
50	School District of Osceola County	FL	6,594	49,775	56,369	12%

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