



A GROWING MOVEMENT:
AMERICA'S LARGEST
CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL
COMMUNITIES AND THEIR
IMPACT ON STUDENT
OUTCOMES

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Charter public schools are the fastest-growing choice option in U.S. public education. Charter schools are unique public schools that are allowed the freedom to be more innovative while being held accountable for advancing student achievement. Over the past five years, student enrollment in charter schools has grown by 62 percent. Nearly 2.9 million students now attend charter schools—representing more than 6 percent of all public school students nationwide. The number of districts with a significant charter school presence continues to grow—with 17 districts now having 30 percent or more of their students enrolled in charter schools, and 190 districts with at least 10 percent of their students enrolled in charter schools. Due to a successful track record of meeting students’ specific needs, parental demand for charter schools is at an all-time high.

This rapid rate of growth should come as no surprise. For 25 years, the charter school movement has been a leader in innovation, school choice, and education reform. By unleashing an environment of creativity in states and communities, charter schools have demonstrated that all children are capable of academic achievement that prepares them to succeed in college, their career, and their life.

Charter schools have led efforts to eliminate achievement gaps, boost graduation rates, and revitalize communities.

In addition, charter school enrollment growth 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. CREDO found that charter school competition prompted the largest response when charter school quality is above average and the district’s enrollment is stable or declining.¹

For the past 11 years, the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools (National Alliance) has tracked charter school enrollment growth. This report identifies communities that have the highest percentage and the highest number of students enrolled in charter schools. This year, for the first time, the National Alliance is also providing data on the academic performance of students attending charter schools in communities with a large charter school enrollment share.

When families have public school choice, they increasingly select charter schools over district-run schools. In fact, a recent national

survey commissioned by the National Alliance shows that 78 percent of parents support having a charter school open in their neighborhood.²

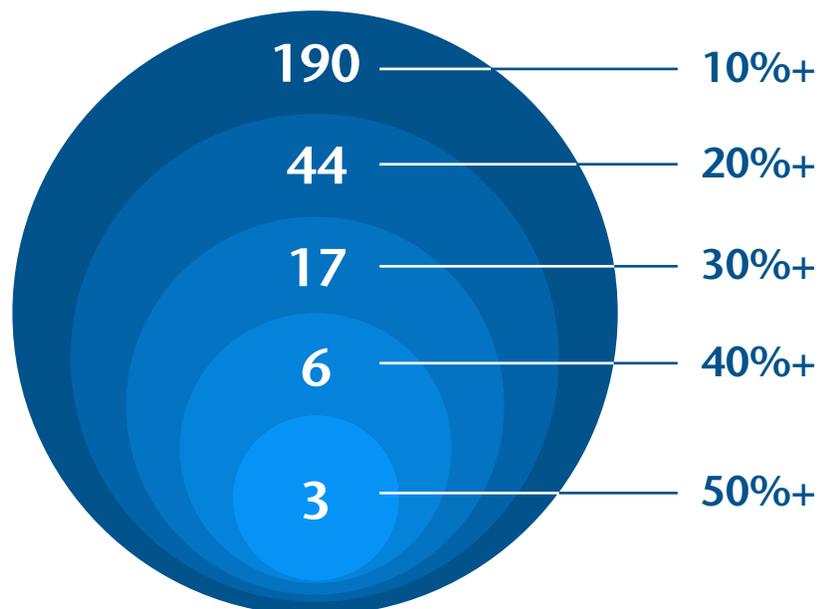
The National Alliance collected public school enrollment data for the 2015-16 school year to identify communities across the country where the highest proportions of students were enrolled in charter schools. To calculate these proportions, charter schools were mapped to geographic school district boundaries based on their address.³ This report compares the enrollment of charter schools located within geographic school district boundaries with district-run schools in the same area—resulting in “enrollment share.”

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 “New National Survey Shows 78% of Parents Support Charter Schools Opening in Their Neighborhood,” National Alliance for Public Charter Schools. (April 28, 2016). (<http://www.publiccharters.org/press/national-survey-shows-78-parents-support-charter-schools-opening-neighborhood/>).

³ This analysis is performed based on geographic school district boundaries and does not take into account what entity authorizes the school.

DISTRICTS WITH A SIGNIFICANT CHARTER SCHOOL PRESENCE



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

Districts with the Highest Share of Charter School Enrollment

When this report was first published, only one district—New Orleans, Louisiana—had more than 30 percent of their students enrolled in charter schools. Ten years later, 17 districts have at least 30 percent of their students attending charter schools.

Michigan Has Two Districts with Greater than 50 Percent Charter School Enrollment Share

Charter schools have been enrolling more than 50 percent of public school students in Detroit, Michigan since 2012-13. In 2015-16, however, the charter school enrollment share topped 50 percent for Flint, Michigan for the first time—representing a 6 percentage point increase in enrollment share over the previous year. Together, Detroit and Flint both ranked second among districts with the highest percentage of students enrolled in charter schools. It should be noted that overall

enrollment in public schools in Detroit and Flint has been declining, which accounts for some of the increase in enrollment share.

Six Districts Have at Least 40 Percent Charter School Enrollment Share

Since 2014-15, the share of students who attend charter schools has remained at 40 percent or more in six districts. In 2015-16, New Orleans, Louisiana ranked first (92 percent); Detroit and Flint ranked second (53 percent); the District of Columbia ranked third (45 percent); Gary, Indiana ranked fourth (43 percent); Kansas City, Missouri ranked fifth (40 percent).

Two New Jersey Districts Surpassed 30 Percent Charter School Enrollment Share for the First Time

In 2015-16, both Camden, New Jersey and Newark, New Jersey climbed into the list

of top districts in terms of charter school enrollment share. Between 2014-15 and 2015-16, the share of charter school students in Camden increased by 6 percentage points, from 28 to 34 percent. Over the same time period, the share of charter school students in Newark increased by 2 percentage points, from 28 to 30 percent.

St. Louis Reached 30 Percent Charter School Enrollment Share

St. Louis, Missouri joins 16 other districts that have at least a 30 percent charter school enrollment share. Between 2012-13 and 2015-16, the charter school enrollment share in St. Louis increased 6 percentage points, from 24 to 30 percent.

THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE OF CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS BY DISTRICT, 2015-16

School District	State	Charter Enrollment	District-Run Enrollment	Total Enrollment	Enrollment Share
New Orleans Public School System	LA	44,190	3,690	47,880	92%
Detroit City School District	MI	51,240	46,100	97,340	53%
School District of the City of Flint	MI	5,940	5,360	11,300	53%
District of Columbia Public Schools	DC	38,910	48,440	87,340	45%
Gary Community School Corporation	IN	4,950	6,480	11,430	43%
Kansas City Public Schools	MO	10,570	15,580	26,150	40%
Camden City School District	NJ	4,880	9,290	14,180	34%
Philadelphia City School District	PA	63,520	132,180	195,700	32%
Indianapolis Public Schools	IN	13,580	29,580	43,160	31%
Dayton City School District	OH	6,300	13,970	20,270	31%
Cleveland Municipal School District	OH	16,920	37,750	54,670	31%
Grand Rapids Public Schools	MI	6,890	15,590	22,480	31%
Victor Valley Union High School District	CA	4,220	9,590	13,810	31%
San Antonio Independent School District	TX	18,710	42,750	61,460	30%
Natomas Unified School District	CA	4,270	10,020	14,290	30%
Newark City School District	NJ	15,020	35,330	50,350	30%
St. Louis Public Schools	MO	10,380	24,500	34,870	30%

Charter School Share of All Proficient Students

For the first time, the National Alliance is including two additional analyses for districts with at least 30 percent enrollment share. These analyses compare the share of charter school students in grades three through eight, plus high school, who took the state assessment in 2014-15 with all students in the district who took the assessment (test taker share). They also compare the share of charter school students who scored proficient or above on the state assessment to the share of all proficient or above students in the district (proficiency share).

Under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, states were free to develop their own tests and school accountability systems—but were required to test students in third through eighth grade and at least once in high school in English language arts (ELA) and math. In order to determine the total number of test takers, the number who took the ELA test and the number who took the math test were averaged at each grade level. In 14 of the 16 districts with available 2014-15 proficiency

data, charter schools exhibited a positive differential between proficiency share and test taker share. When the proficiency share is larger than the test taker share, it means that charter schools are producing an outsized proportion of all proficient or above students in the district—indicating strong relative performance.

In Detroit, Charter School Students Represented 50 Percent of All Test Takers but 61 Percent of All Proficient Test Takers

Overall, the charter school enrollment share in Detroit was 53 percent in 2015-16 and charter school students represented 50 percent of all test takers in 2014-15. However, of the students who scored proficient or above, 61 percent were charter school students—a positive differential of 11 percentage points.

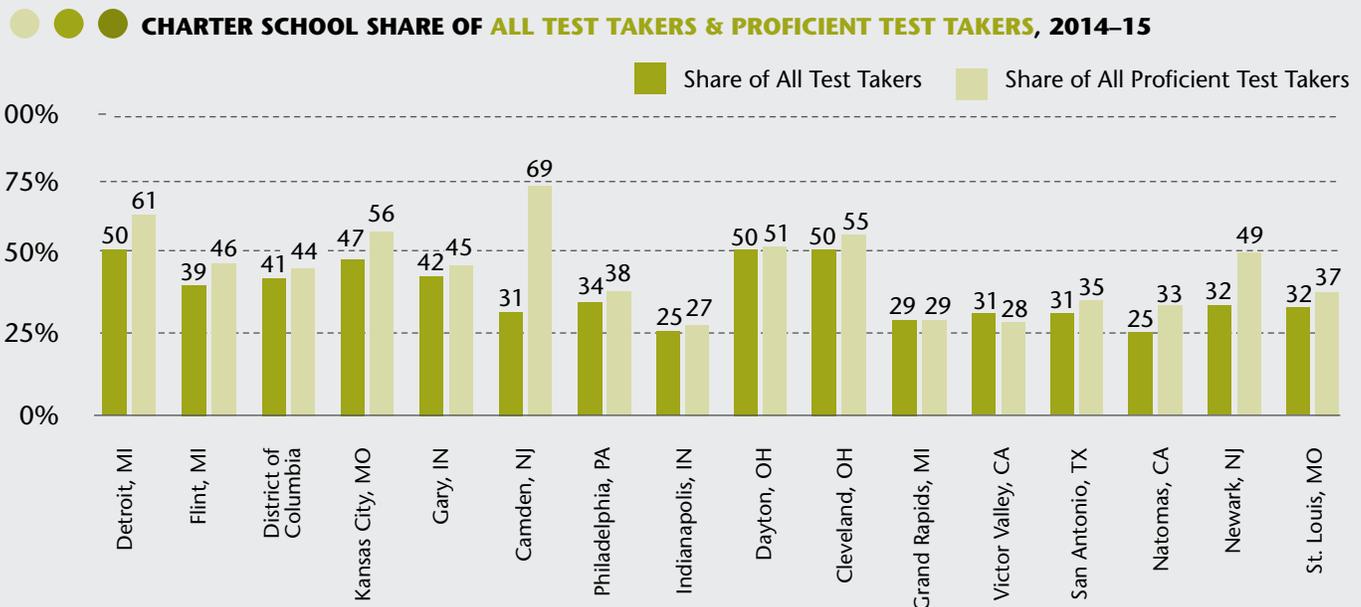
In Kansas City, Charter School Students Represented 47 Percent of All Test Takers, but 56 Percent of All Proficient Test Takers

In Kansas City, 40 percent of public school students were enrolled in charter schools in 2015-16 and charter school students represented 47 percent of all test takers in 2014-15. However, of the students who scored proficient or above, more than half (56 percent) were charter school students—a positive differential of 9 percentage points.

In St. Louis, Charter School Students Represented 32 Percent of All Test Takers, but 37 Percent of All Proficient Test Takers

In St. Louis, 30 percent of public school students were enrolled in charter schools in 2015-16 and charter school students represented 32 percent of all test takers in 2014-15. However, of the students who scored proficient or above, 37 percent were charter school students—a positive differential of 5 percentage points.

Note: Data are not reported for New Orleans because Louisiana did not release 2014-15 data on the number of test takers or for “all students.” For more information on the methodology, please see Appendix C.



Charter School Share of Economically Disadvantaged Proficient Students

In addition to looking at the performance of all students, the National Alliance also specifically looked at the performance of economically disadvantaged students and found similar results. In 14 of the 16 districts with available 2014-15 proficiency data, charter schools exhibited a positive differential between proficiency share and test taker share among economically disadvantaged students.

In Detroit, Charter School Students Represented 52 Percent of Economically Disadvantaged Test Takers but 66 Percent of Economically Disadvantaged Proficient Test Takers

In Detroit, charter school students represented 52 percent of economically disadvantaged test takers in 2014-15.

However, they represented 66 percent of economically disadvantaged students who scored proficient or above—a positive differential of 14 percentage points.

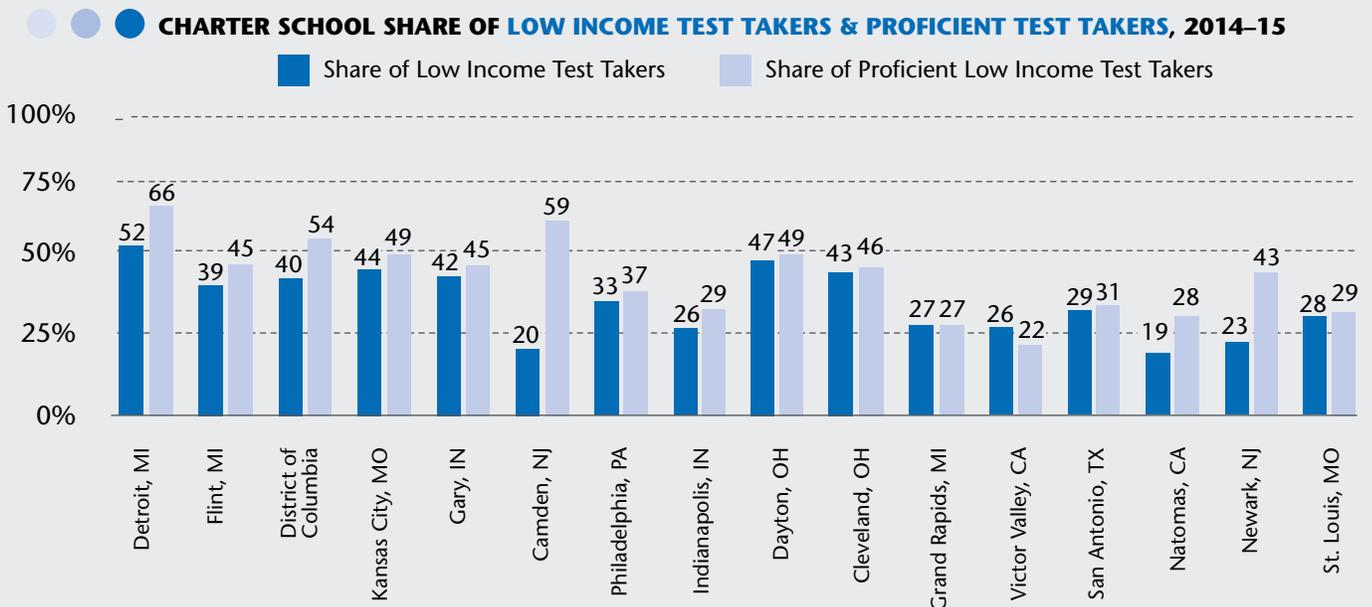
In the District of Columbia, Charter School Students Represented 40 Percent of Economically Disadvantaged Test Takers but 54 Percent of Economically Disadvantaged Proficient Test Takers

In the District of Columbia, charter school students represented 40 percent of economically disadvantaged test takers in 2014-15. However, they represented 54 percent of economically disadvantaged students who scored proficient or above—a positive differential of 14 percentage points.

In Kansas City, Charter School Students Represented 44 Percent of Economically Disadvantaged Test Takers but 49 Percent of Economically Disadvantaged Proficient Test Takers

In Kansas City, charter school students represented 44 percent of economically disadvantaged test takers in 2014-15. However, they represented 49 percent of economically disadvantaged students who scored proficient or above—a positive differential of 5 percentage points.

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Districts with the Greatest Number of Charter School Students

Seven Districts Enroll at Least 50,000 Charter School Students

In 2015-16, seven districts in large urban areas enrolled more than 50,000 charter school students: Los Angeles, New York City, Philadelphia, Chicago, Miami-Dade, Houston, and Detroit.

The Top 10 Districts in Terms of Total Charter School Enrollment Serve Nearly One-Quarter of All Charter School Students Nationwide

In 2015-16, the 10 districts with the largest

number of students in charter schools served 23 percent of all charter school students nationwide—or more than 660,000 students. Between 2014-15 and 2015-16, the top 10 districts increased charter school enrollment by over 26,000 students—a growth rate of 4 percent.

Los Angeles Again Tops the List for Total Number of Charter School Students

In 2015-16, more than 150,000 students attended charter schools in Los Angeles—

the highest number for any district in the country. Los Angeles charter schools enrolled over 4,700 more students in 2015-16 than in 2014-15—a growth rate of 3 percent.

The Total Number of Charter School Students in New York City Has More Than Doubled Over the Past Five Years

Over the past five years, the number of charter school students in New York City has increased from 38,740 in 2010-11 to 93,610 in 2015-16—an increase of more than 54,000 students.

THE LARGEST NUMBER OF CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS BY DISTRICT, 2015-16

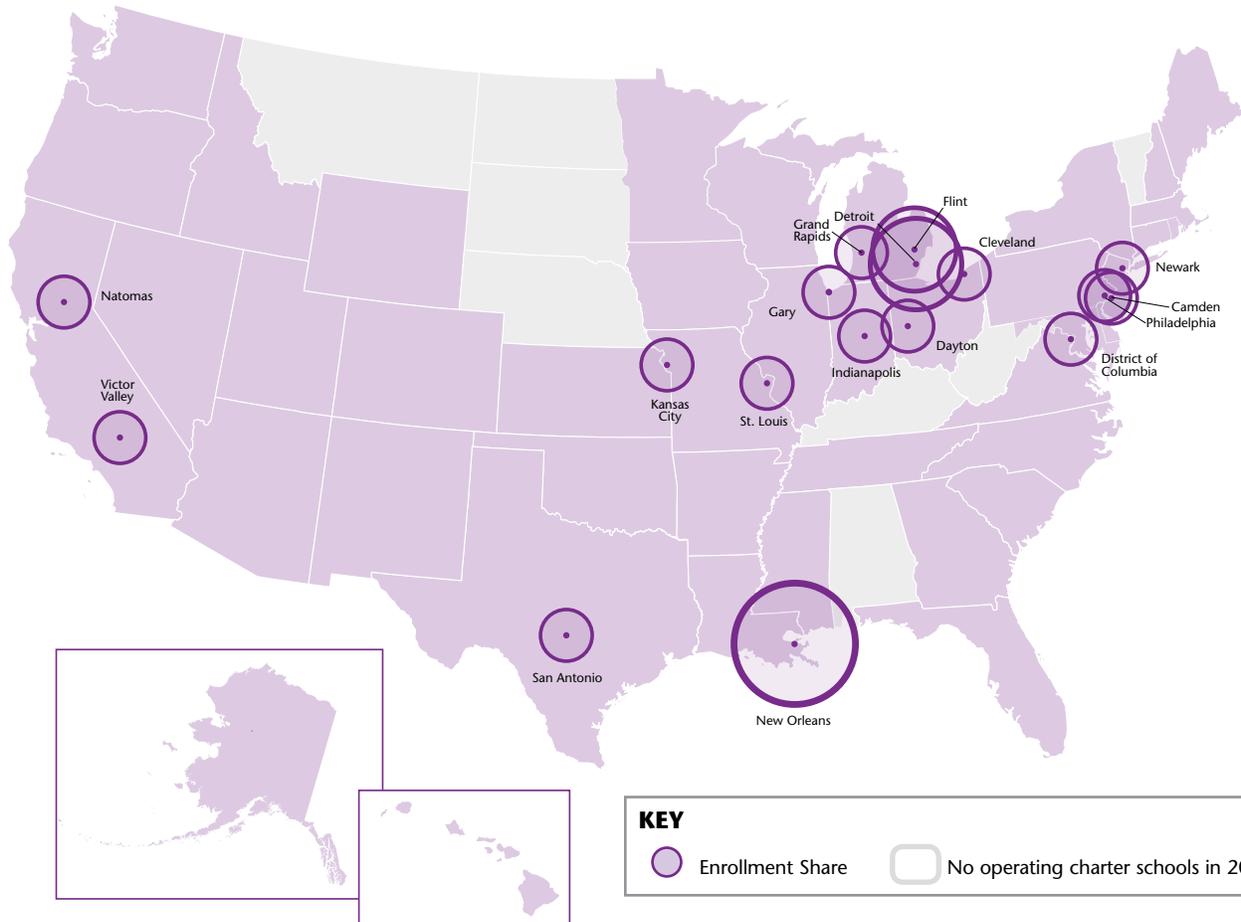
Rank	School District	State	Charter Enrollment	District-Run Enrollment	Total Enrollment	Enrollment Share
1	Los Angeles Unified School District	CA	156,040	487,690	643,730	24%
2	New York City Department of Education	NY	93,610	982,400	1,076,010	9%
3	Philadelphia City School District	PA	63,520	132,180	195,700	32%
4	Chicago Public Schools	IL	59,060	329,140	388,210	15%
5	Miami-Dade County Public Schools	FL	58,280	298,640	356,920	16%
6	Houston Independent School District	TX	55,710	196,380	252,080	22%
7	Detroit City School District	MI	51,240	46,100	97,340	53%
8	Broward County Public Schools	FL	44,320	224,760	269,080	16%
9	New Orleans Public Schools	LA	44,190	3,690	47,880	92%
10	District of Columbia Public Schools	DC	38,910	48,440	87,340	45%

ENROLLMENT SHARE 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 district-run) in the 2015-16 school year. The National Alliance gathered public school enrollment data for both charter and district-run schools from state department of education databases and personnel. It is important to note that students sometimes leave the geographic boundaries of the district in which they reside to attend charter schools.
- 2.** More than 50 percent of charter schools nationwide are their own independent Local Education Agencies (LEAs), rather than being part of district-run public school LEAs. In the past, this fact meant that it was not always clear which school district charter schools were physically located in, especially for charter schools in large metropolitan areas with more than one school district (e.g., Phoenix, Arizona and Houston, Texas). For the six most recent editions of the enrollment share report, the National Alliance used a geocoding method to identify the geographically relevant school districts for each charter school. Specifically, the National Alliance geocoded every charter school that is an independent LEA to the geographically relevant 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 residential enrollment data provide information regarding how many students from a school district attend charter schools.
- 4.** The number of virtual charter schools enrolling children from across many different school districts adds a layer of complexity to the enrollment share analysis. Because many states have not developed student enrollment reporting systems that allow for sorting individual students by community of residence, the National Alliance excluded virtual schools from both the charter and total district enrollment data when calculating enrollment share percentages. This decision may 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 did include virtual schools in the District of Columbia and Hawaii (which each have only one school district) and Michigan (where residential enrollment data are available).



TOP DISTRICTS FOR CHARTER SCHOOL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT SHARE 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR



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Grand Rapids Public Schools	MI	6,890	15,590	22,480	31%
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San Antonio Independent School District	TX	18,710	42,750	61,460	30%
Natomas Unified School District	CA	4,270	10,020	14,290	30%
Newark City School District	NJ	15,020	35,330	50,350	30%
St. Louis Public Schools	MO	10,380	24,500	34,870	30%

SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH AT LEAST 10 PERCENT ENROLLMENT SHARE, 2015-16

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Newark City School District	NJ	15,020	35,330	50,350	30%
St. Louis Public Schools	MO	10,380	24,500	34,870	30%
Inglewood Unified School District	CA	3,960	9,720	13,680	29%
Franklin-McKinley School District	CA	3,110	8,000	11,110	28%
Oakland Unified School District	CA	14,350	36,980	51,330	28%
Roosevelt School District 66*	AZ	3,700	9,610	13,310	28%
Toledo City School District	OH	8,220	21,840	30,060	27%
Gilbert Unified School District*	AZ	13,740	37,250	50,990	27%
Harrison School District	CO	3,510	9,550	13,060	27%
Manor Independent School Districts	TX	3,230	8,870	12,110	27%
Christina School District	DE	4,950	14,630	19,580	25%
Brighton School District 27J	CO	4,450	13,340	17,790	25%
St. Paul Public Schools	MN	12,230	37,650	49,880	25%
Greeley School District 6	CO	5,240	162,260	21,510	24%
Los Angeles Unified School District	CA	156,040	487,680	643,730	24%
Alum Rock Union Elementary School District	CA	3,350	10,470	13,820	24%
Adelanto Elementary School District	CA	2,620	8,320	10,930	24%
Baldwin Park Unified School District	CA	4,350	14,000	18,350	24%
Twin Rivers Unified School District	CA	7,150	23,920	31,060	23%
Flagstaff Unified School District*	AZ	2,840	9,790	12,630	22%
Columbus City School District	OH	14,070	49,210	63,280	22%
Minneapolis Public School District	MN	10,630	37,210	47,840	22%
Chula Vista Elementary School District	CA	6,800	23,820	30,620	22%
Alhambra Elementary School District*	AZ	3,960	13,930	17,890	22%
Houston Independent School District	TX	55,710	196,380	252,080	22%
Phoenix Union High School District*	AZ	7,330	26,820	34,150	21%
Grossmont Union High School District	CA	4,640	17,130	21,770	21%
Milwaukee School District	WI	17,780	66,780	84,560	21%
Buffalo City School District	NY	8,460	33,380	41,840	20%

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San Juan Unified School District	CA	9,640	39,880	49,520	19%
West Chester Area School District	PA	2,780	11,480	14,250	19%
Hall County School District	GA	5,160	21,400	26,560	19%
Tucson Unified School District*	AZ	11,660	49,020	60,680	19%
Ogden City School District	UT	3,030	12,900	15,920	19%
Falcon School District 49	CO	3,050	13,060	16,110	19%
Morongo Unified School District	CA	1,940	8,300	10,240	19%
Chico Unified School District	CA	2,740	11,810	14,550	19%
Boston Public Schools	MA	12,300	53,340	65,640	19%
Amphitheater Public Schools*	AZ	3,170	13,820	16,990	19%
Dysart Unified School District*	AZ	5,310	23,150	28,460	19%
East Side Union School District	CA	5,280	23,170	28,450	19%
Denver Public Schools	CO	16,470	73,640	90,110	18%
Pulaski County Special School District	AR	3,490	15,860	19,350	18%
Stockton Unified School District	CA	7,620	34,750	42,370	18%
Lansing Public School District	MI	2,380	11,010	13,390	18%
Trenton City School District	NJ	2,380	11,040	13,420	18%
Cincinnati City School District	OH	6,840	31,660	38,490	18%
Northglenn-Thornton School District 12	CO	7,740	35,870	43,610	18%
San Diego Unified School District	CA	22,580	106,960	129,540	17%
Yuma Elementary School District*	AZ	1,900	9,010	10,910	17%
Rutherford County Schools	NC	1,730	8,290	10,010	17%
Baltimore City Public Schools	MD	14,420	69,250	83,670	17%
Paradise Valley Unified School District*	AZ	5,440	26,270	31,710	17%
Edgewood Independent School District	TX	2,310	11,290	13,600	17%
Dallas Independent School District	TX	31,820	158,110	189,930	17%
Douglas County School District	CO	10,880	54,300	65,180	17%
Broward County Public Schools	FL	44,320	224,760	269,080	16%
Miami-Dade County Public Schools	FL	58,280	298,640	356,920	16%
Pasadena Unified School District	CA	3,320	17,060	20,380	16%
Bethlehem Area School District	PA	2,630	13,540	16,160	16%
Donna Independent School District	TX	2,970	15,340	18,300	16%
Red Clay Consolidated School District	DE	3,100	16,090	19,190	16%
Atlanta Public Schools	GA	8,260	43,350	51,610	16%
Albany City School District	NY	1,680	9,010	10,690	16%
Colorado Springs School District 11	CO	4,840	25,990	30,830	16%
Duluth Public School District	MN	1,600	8,630	10,230	16%
Deer Valley Unified School District*	AZ	6,370	34,370	40,730	16%
Port Huron Area School District	MI	1,640	8,840	10,470	16%

SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH AT LEAST 10 PERCENT ENROLLMENT SHARE, 2015–16
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School District	State	Charter Enrollment	District-Run Enrollment	Total Enrollment	Enrollment Share
Rochester City School District	NY	5,230	28,560	33,800	15%
Durham Public Schools	NC	6,110	33,500	39,610	15%
Coppell Independent School District	TX	2,160	11,880	14,040	15%
Colonial School District	DE	1,770	9,760	11,530	15%
Chicago Public Schools	IL	59,060	329,140	388,210	15%
Glendale Union High School District*	AZ	2,710	15,250	17,970	15%
Sarasota County School District	FL	6,350	35,910	42,260	15%
Jersey City School District	NJ	4,820	27,490	32,300	15%
East Baton Rouge Parish School District	LA	6,870	39,260	46,130	15%
Alameda Unified School District	CA	1,650	9,420	11,070	15%
Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District	TX	5,630	32,610	38,240	15%
Jordan School District	UT	9,230	54,150	63,380	15%
Albuquerque Public Schools	NM	14,540	85,710	100,240	15%
Lee County School District	FL	13,220	78,410	91,620	14%
Lincoln County Schools	NC	1,930	11,490	13,420	14%
Oklahoma City Public Schools	OK	6,770	40,820	47,600	14%
Bay County School District	FL	3,910	23,640	27,550	14%
Appleton Area School District	WI	2,200	13,340	15,540	14%
Osceola County School District	FL	8,460	51,360	59,820	14%
Wayne-Westland Community School District	MI	1,880	11,440	13,310	14%
Polk County School District	FL	14,400	88,480	102,880	14%
Menifee Union School District	CA	1,540	9,680	11,220	14%
Scottsdale Unified District*	AZ	3,890	24,450	28,340	14%
Parma City School District	OH	1,720	10,820	12,540	14%
Kentwood Public Schools	MI	1,390	8,770	10,160	14%
Mesa Public Schools*	AZ	10,210	64,530	74,740	14%
Osseo Public School District	MN	3,220	20,510	23,740	14%
Manatee County School District	FL	6,440	41,650	48,080	13%
Sanger Unified School District	CA	1,530	9,910	11,440	13%
Academy School District 20	CO	3,270	21,290	24,560	13%
Palmdale School District	CA	2,930	19,080	22,010	13%
Little Rock School District	AR	3,510	23,160	26,680	13%
Rocklin Unified School District	CA	1,710	11,270	12,980	13%
Vista Unified School District	CA	3,300	21,910	25,220	13%
Allentown City School District	PA	2,390	15,970	18,360	13%
Cajon Valley Union School District	CA	2,350	15,920	18,270	13%
Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District	TX	3,750	25,490	29,240	13%
San Jacinto Unified School District	CA	1,410	9,620	11,020	13%
Indian River County School District	FL	2,280	15,650	17,930	13%
Santa Fe Public Schools	NM	1,890	13,010	14,890	13%
Vacaville Unified School District	CA	1,620	11,190	12,810	13%
Sheboygan Area School District	WI	1,290	8,930	10,220	13%
Monterey Peninsula Unified School District	CA	1,390	9,710	11,100	13%

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Sacramento City Unified School District	CA	5,820	40,710	46,530	12%
Traverse City Area Public Schools	MI	1,360	9,550	10,910	12%
Duncanville Independent School District	TX	1,810	12,770	14,580	12%
Waco Independent School District	TX	2,100	14,950	17,040	12%
West Contra Costa Unified School District	CA	3,930	28,510	32,440	12%
Escondido Union School District	CA	2,280	16,790	19,070	12%
West Covina Unified School District	CA	1,230	9,070	10,300	12%
Lake County School District	FL	5,040	37,230	42,260	12%
Austin Independent School District	TX	11,200	82,880	94,080	12%
Akron City School District	OH	2,790	20,780	23,570	12%
William S. Hart Union High School District	CA	3,030	22,540	25,570	12%
Sunnyside Unified School District*	AZ	2,300	17,180	19,480	12%
Pittsburgh School District	PA	3,190	23,880	27,070	12%
Georgetown Independent School District	TX	1,460	11,000	12,460	12%
Weslaco Independent School District	TX	2,360	17,810	20,170	12%
Los Fresnos Consolidated Independent School District	TX	1,430	10,890	12,310	12%
Poudre School District R-1	CO	3,540	27,320	30,860	11%
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	MI	2,210	17,190	19,400	11%
Adams-Arapahoe School District 28J (APS)	CO	4,870	37,950	42,820	11%
Nampa School District 131	ID	1,900	14,830	16,730	11%
Kyrene Elementary District*	AZ	2,240	17,650	19,890	11%
Tempe Union High School District*	AZ	1,750	13,960	15,710	11%
Bridgeport School District	CT	2,630	21,020	23,640	11%
San Jose Unified School District	CA	3,840	30,980	34,820	11%
Shelby County School District*	TN	15,850	128,400	144,240	11%
Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District	CA	1,530	12,490	14,030	11%
San Francisco Unified School District	CA	6,440	52,470	58,910	11%
St. Lucie County School District	FL	4,540	36,760	41,270	11%
Lawrence School District	MA	1,580	12,910	14,490	11%
Fall River School District	MA	1,230	10,060	11,290	11%
Westminster School District 50	CO	1,160	9,500	10,660	11%
Canyons School District	UT	4,220	34,650	38,870	11%
South-Western City School District	OH	2,660	21,810	24,460	11%
Palm Beach County School District	FL	20,390	168,390	188,780	11%
Pueblo City School District 60	CO	1,940	16,180	18,120	11%
St. Vrain Valley School District	CO	3,400	28,380	31,780	11%
Sharyland Independent School District	TX	1,200	10,050	11,250	11%
Medford School District 549	OR	1,470	13,840	12,360	11%
Davis School District	UT	8,540	71,850	80,390	11%
Alpine School District	UT	8,890	75,720	84,610	11%

SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH AT LEAST 10 PERCENT ENROLLMENT SHARE, 2015–16
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School District	State	Charter Enrollment	District-Run Enrollment	Total Enrollment	Enrollment Share
Erie City School District	PA	1,360	11,600	12,960	10%
Jefferson County School District	CO	9,030	77,680	86,710	10%
Leon County School District	FL	3,640	31,620	35,260	10%
Springfield School District	MA	2,830	24,620	27,450	10%
Washington County School District	UT	3,260	28,740	31,990	10%
Pajaro Valley Unified School District	CA	2,070	18,280	20,350	10%
Hesperia Unified School District	CA	2,430	21,540	23,970	10%
Charleston County School District	SC	4,990	44,220	49,210	10%
Cumberland School District	RI	1,010	9,100	10,110	10%
Apple Valley Unified School District	CA	1,410	12,810	14,220	10%
Higley Unified School District*	AZ	1,050	9,640	10,690	10%
Nebo School District	UT	3,470	31,900	35,370	10%
Granite School District	UT	7,330	67,910	75,250	10%
Perris Union High School District	CA	1,040	9,680	10,720	10%
Chandler Unified School District*	AZ	4,590	42,660	47,250	10%
Waukesha School District	WI	1,220	11,360	12,580	10%
Salt Lake City School District	UT	2,830	26,330	29,160	10%
Wilson County Schools	NC	1,310	12,200	13,510	10%
Northwest Independent School District	TX	2,240	20,980	23,220	10%
Oceanside Unified School District	CA	2,030	18,980	21,010	10%
Arlington Independent School District	TX	6,700	63,210	69,910	10%
Grand Prairie Independent School District	TX	3,080	29,160	32,240	10%
Paterson City School District	NJ	2,610	24,820	27,430	10%
Brownsville Independent School District	TX	5,020	47,750	52,770	10%

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TOP 50 DISTRICTS BY TOTAL NUMBER OF CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS, 2015-16



APPENDIX B

School District	State	Charter Enrollment	District-Run Enrollment	Total Enrollment	Enrollment Share
Los Angeles Unified School District	CA	156,040	487,680	643,730	24%
New York City Department of Education	NY	93,610	982,400	1,076,010	9%
Philadelphia City School District	PA	63,520	132,180	195,700	32%
Chicago Public Schools	IL	59,060	329,140	388,210	15%
Miami-Dade County Public Schools	FL	58,280	298,640	356,920	16%
Houston Independent School District	TX	55,710	196,380	252,080	22%
Detroit City School District	MI	51,240	46,100	97,340	53%
Broward County Public Schools	FL	44,320	224,760	269,080	16%
New Orleans Public Schools	LA	44,190	3,690	47,880	92%
District of Columbia Public Schools	DC	38,910	48,440	87,340	45%
Dallas Independent School District	TX	31,820	158,110	189,930	17%
Clark County School District	NV	24,200	320,180	344,380	7%
San Diego Unified School District	CA	22,580	106,960	129,540	17%
Palm Beach County School District	FL	20,390	168,390	188,780	11%
San Antonio Independent School District	TX	18,710	42,750	61,460	30%
Milwaukee School District	WI	17,780	66,780	84,560	21%
Cleveland Municipal School District	OH	16,920	37,750	54,670	31%
Denver Public Schools	CO	16,470	73,640	90,110	18%
Hillsborough County School District	FL	16,380	194,530	210,910	8%
Shelby County School District*	TN	15,850	128,400	144,240	11%
Newark City School District	NJ	15,020	35,330	50,350	30%
Albuquerque Public Schools	NM	14,540	85,710	100,240	15%
Baltimore City Public Schools	MD	14,420	69,250	83,670	17%
Polk County School District	FL	14,400	88,480	102,880	14%
Oakland Unified School District	CA	14,350	36,980	51,330	28%
Columbus City School District	OH	14,070	49,210	63,280	22%
Gilbert Unified School District*	AZ	13,740	37,250	50,990	27%
Indianapolis Public Schools	IN	13,580	29,580	43,160	31%
Lee County School District	FL	13,220	78,410	91,620	14%
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	NC	13,010	145,950	158,960	8%
Orange County School District	FL	12,590	183,750	196,340	6%
Boston Public Schools	MA	12,300	53,340	65,640	19%
St. Paul Public Schools	MN	12,230	37,650	49,880	25%
Duval County School District	FL	12,090	116,340	128,430	9%
Tucson Unified School District*	AZ	11,660	49,020	60,680	19%
Austin Independent School District	TX	11,200	82,880	94,080	12%
Douglas County School District	CO	10,880	54,300	65,180	17%
Minneapolis Public School District	MN	10,630	37,210	47,840	22%
Kansas City Public Schools	MO	10,570	15,580	26,150	40%
Wake County Schools	NC	10,550	156,640	167,190	6%
Hawaii Public Schools	HI	10,420	169,990	180,410	6%
St. Louis Public Schools	MO	10,380	24,500	34,870	30%
Mesa Public Schools*	AZ	10,210	64,530	74,740	14%
San Juan Unified School District	CA	9,640	39,880	49,520	19%
Jordan School District	UT	9,230	54,150	63,380	15%
Jefferson County School District	CO	9,030	77,680	86,710	10%
Alpine School District	UT	8,890	75,720	84,610	11%
DeKalb County School District	GA	8,740	93,370	102,110	9%
Davis School District	UT	8,540	71,850	80,390	11%
Buffalo City School District	NY	8,460	33,380	41,840	20%
Osceola County School District	FL	8,460	51,360	59,820	14%

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SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH AT LEAST 30 PERCENT ENROLLMENT SHARE, 2014–15

	All Students							
	Test Takers				Proficient or Above Test Takers			
	Charter Schools	District-Run Schools	Total	Charter Share	Charter Schools	District-Run Schools	Total	Charter Share
Detroit, MI	20,980	21,400	42,380	50%	3,710	2,410	6,120	61%
Flint, MI	1,700	2,640	4,340	39%	280	330	610	46%
District of Columbia	11,270	16,050	27,320	41%	2,900	3,660	6,560	44%
Kansas City, MO	5,490	6,170	11,660	47%	2,190	1,750	3,940	56%
Gary, IN	2,160	2,990	5,150	42%	830	1,010	1,840	45%
Camden, NJ	2,060	4,550	6,610	31%	540	240	780	69%
Philadelphia, PA	33,750	65,180	98,930	34%	20,940	34,760	55,700	38%
Indianapolis, IN	4,500	13,370	17,870	25%	2,040	5,480	7,520	27%
Dayton, OH	6,340	6,330	12,670	50%	2,370	2,280	4,650	51%
Cleveland, OH	18,450	18,360	36,810	50%	9,870	8,220	18,090	55%
Grand Rapids, MI	2,990	7,430	10,420	29%	640	1,530	2,170	29%
Victor Valley, CA	1,610	3,590	5,200	31%	380	960	1,340	28%
Dayton, OH	9,620	21,830	31,450	31%	2,630	4,950	7,580	35%
Cleveland, OH	2,410	7,070	9,480	25%	1,310	2,660	3,970	33%
Grand Rapids, MI	7,080	15,030	22,110	32%	2,960	3,060	6,020	49%
Victor Valley, CA	4,960	10,370	15,330	32%	1,710	2,930	4,640	37%

	Economically Disadvantaged Students							
	Test Takers				Proficient or Above Test Takers			
	Charter Schools	District-Run Schools	Total	Charter Share	Charter Schools	District-Run Schools	Total	Charter Share
Detroit, MI	19,040	17,340	36,380	52%	3,150	1,620	4,770	66%
Flint, MI	1,490	2,380	3,870	39%	230	280	510	45%
District of Columbia	7,930	11,750	19,680	40%	1,470	1,270	2,740	54%
Kansas City, MO	4,800	6,170	10,970	44%	1,700	1,750	3,450	49%
Gary, IN	1,810	2,510	4,320	42%	690	830	1,520	45%
Camden, NJ	800	3,170	3,970	20%	220	150	370	59%
Philadelphia, PA	27,430	56,310	83,740	33%	7,560	12,940	20,500	37%
Indianapolis, IN	3,860	10,780	14,640	26%	1,690	4,100	5,790	29%
Dayton, OH	5,590	6,250	11,840	47%	2,130	2,210	4,340	49%
Cleveland, OH	13,890	18,090	31,980	43%	6,790	8,030	14,820	46%
Grand Rapids, MI	2,280	6,290	8,570	27%	380	1,020	1,400	27%
Victor Valley, CA	1,060	2,980	4,040	26%	200	720	920	22%
Dayton, OH	7,910	19,640	27,550	29%	1,900	4,210	6,110	31%
Cleveland, OH	830	3,540	4,370	19%	350	920	1,270	28%
Grand Rapids, MI	3,520	11,620	15,140	23%	1,670	2,220	3,890	43%
Victor Valley, CA	4,080	10,360	14,440	28%	1,200	2,930	4,130	29%

PROFICIENCY SHARE METHODOLOGY

General This table compares the number of test takers in a charter school with the total number of test takers in the district in which they are located, and the number of test takers who scored proficient or above at charter schools compared with the total number in the district in which they are located. The same calculations were then performed for economically disadvantaged students. Charter schools were mapped to the district in which they are located using latitude and longitude. All data used are publicly available and were collected from state department of education websites. State assessment data are for English language arts (ELA) and math in grades three through eight, plus high school. In some states, End-of-Course (EOC) data were used for high school. For example, the math score used might be a geometry EOC score. The numbers of ELA test takers and math test takers were averaged at each grade level in order to get a count of test takers at each school.

California Data were suppressed if fewer than 11 students were tested. However, if the number of students tested was greater than or equal to 11, but the number of students with scores was less than 11, the data were still reported. Grade 11 ELA and math were used for high school.

District of Columbia Data were suppressed if fewer than 25 students were tested in a subgroup. English 11 was used for high school ELA and geometry was used for high school math.

Michigan Data were suppressed if fewer than 10 students were tested. Additional suppression was applied by the state, such as suppressing rates of less than 5 percent or greater than 95 percent. Grade 11 ELA and math were used for high school.

Missouri Data were suppressed if the number of accountable or reportable students was less than 11. English 11 and Algebra 1 were used for high school.

New Jersey Data were suppressed if the number of students with a valid score was 10 or less or when the lowest performing level was over 90 percent. PARCC ELA 10 was used for high school ELA and Algebra I was used for high school math.

Ohio Data were suppressed if fewer than 10 students were tested. Grade 10 ELA and math were used for high school.

Pennsylvania Data were suppressed if fewer than 11 students were tested. Grade 11 ELA and math were used for high school.

Indiana School-level data were used, rather than grade-level data.

Texas Data were suppressed if fewer than five students were tested. High school English II was used for ELA and Algebra I for math.

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