

A GROWING MOVEMENT: AMERICA'S LARGEST CHARTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

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harter schools are the fastest-growing school choice option in the U.S. public education system. Over the past five years, student enrollment in public charter schools has grown by 70 percent. In 42 states and the District of Columbia, approximately 2.7 million students now attend public charter schools - more than five percent of the total number enrolled in public schools. In 12 school districts, more than 30 percent of students attend charter schools. In nearly 150 districts, at least 10 percent of students attend charter schools. Eleven school districts saw increases in charter school enrollment ranging from nearly 20 to almost 40 percent in a single year. Due to a successful track record of meeting students' specific needs, parental demand for public charter schools is at an all-time high and charter school enrollment continues to increase in communities across the nation.

In some communities, the growth of public charter schools has been striking. In the wake of Hurricane Katrina nearly 10 years ago, the New Orleans public school system was rebuilt into an almost entirely public charter school system, with over 90 percent of public school students now attending charter schools. Two Michigan school districts, Detroit and Flint, have also tried to keep pace with demand for alternatives to their traditional public schools —with 55 and 44 percent of students, respectively, enrolled in charter schools. In the nation's capital, charter schools now enroll nearly half (44 percent) of DC public school students. The percentage of students

attending charter schools in Cleveland, OH increased from 29 percent in 2012-13 to 39 percent in 2013-14. In 43 school districts across the nation, at least 20 percent of public school students were enrolled in charter schools in the 2013-14 school year—36 more districts than when this report was first published nine years ago.

This rapid rate of growth in the charter school movement 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 academic achievement that prepares them to succeed in college, career, and life. 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 nine years, the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools has tracked the growth in public charter school student enrollment and issued a report on enrollment share that identifies those public school districts with the highest percentage and highest number of public school students enrolled in charter schools. The consistent growth from year-to-year proves that when families have public school choice, they are increasingly selecting public charter schools. In fact, a 2014 Phi Delta Kappa/Gallup poll indicates that 70 percent of Americans favor charter schools. And with more than one million student names on waiting lists to attend charter schools across the country, enrollment is likely to rise.

In 2013-2014, Los Angeles, CA, had the highest number of students enrolled in public charter schools, at more than 139,000 students, a 15 percent increase than 2012-13. Among the 50 districts with the highest number of charter school students nationwide, 24 districts experienced 10 percent or greater growth between the 2012-13 and 2013-14 school years.

The National Alliance analyzed public school enrollment data for the 2013-14 school year to identify communities across the country where the highest proportions of students were enrolled in public charter schools. This analysis mapped charter schools to determine their location in traditional school district boundaries. Subsequently, the number of charter school students within each district was compared to the number of non-charter school students within the same district. In many states, a charter school may be geographically located within a school district's boundary, 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 in other districts. It should not be construed that the school districts operate, or even authorize, the charter schools that are within their boundaries, as this is often not the case. 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. For three states - Delaware, Michigan, and Ohio - residential data on each charter school student was used to assign them to their traditional public school district. For the remaining states, it is assumed that the students live within the boundary of the traditional school district in which their charter school is located.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bushaw, William J. and Valerie J. Calderon. (2014). *The 46th Annual PDK/Gallup Poll of the Public's Attitudes Toward the Public Schools*. http://pdkintl.org/noindex/PDK\_Poll\_46.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Kern, Nora and Wentana Gebru. (2014). Waiting Lists to Attend Charter Schools Top 1 Million Names. http://www.publiccharters.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/NAPCS-2014-Wait-List-Beach aff

#### ■ THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS BY SCHOOL DISTRICT, 2013–14

Rank	School District	State	Charter Enrollment Share	Charter Enrollment	Noncharter Public Enrollment	Total Enrollment	Rank and Enrollment Share in 2012–13
1	New Orleans Public School System	LA	91%	40,547	4,152	44,699	#1 and 79%
2	Detroit City School District	MI	55%	58,612	48,193	106,805	#2 and 51%
3	District of Columbia Public Schools	DC	44%	36,565	46,393	82,958	#3 and 43%
3	Flint City School District	MI	44%	5,470	7,104	12,574	#4 and 29%
4	Cleveland Metropolitan School District	ОН	39%	18,557	28,875	47,432	#7 and 29%
5	Gary Community School Corporation	IN	37%	5,084	8,594	13,678	#5 and 35%
3	Kansas City, Missouri School District	МО	37%	8,877	15,214	24,091	#4 and 36%
	Hall County Schools	GA	32%	8,733	18,186	26,919	#6 and 32%
6	Victor Valley Union High School District	CA	32%	4,530	9,649	14,179	Not in top 10 and 10% <sup>3</sup>
	The School District of Philadelphia	PA	30%	60,385	137,674	198,059	#8 and 28%
7	Grand Rapids Public Schools	MI	30%	6,734	15,989	22,723	#10 and 26%
	Indianapolis Public Schools	IN	30%	12,914	30,813	43,727	#8 and 28%
	Roosevelt School District 66	AZ	29%	3,809	10,356	14,165	#9 and 27%
8	Toledo Public Schools	ОН	29%	9,392	23,048	32,441	#9 and 27%
	Dayton Public Schools	ОН	29%	6,538	16,095	22,633	#8 and 28%
9	Natomas Unified School District	CA	28%	3,661	9,491	13,152	Not in top 10 and 10%
10	Camden City School District	NJ	27%	4,251	11,660	15,911	Not in top 10 and 22%

#### THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS BY SCHOOL DISTRICT, 2013–14

Rank	School District	State	Charter Enrollment	Noncharter Public Enrollment	Total Enrollment	Charter Enrollment Share	Rank and Charter Enrollment in 2012–13
1	Los Angeles Unified School District	CA	139,174	513,247	652,421	21	#1 and 120,958
2	New York City Department of Education	NY	70,210	982,562	1,052,772	7	#2 and 58,353
3	The School District of Philadelphia	PA	60,385	137,674	198,059	30	#3 and 55,031
4	Detroit City School District	MI	58,612	48,193	106,805	55	#4 and 51,083
5	Chicago Public Schools	IL	53,996	343,976	397,972	14	#5 and 49,187
6	Miami-Dade County Public Schools	FL	52,049	304,189	356,238	15	#6 and 47,573
7	Houston Independent School District	TX	49,885	192,855	242,740	21	#7 and 43,546
8	New Orleans Public School System	LA	40,547	4,152	44,699	91	#8 and 36,126
9	Broward County Public Schools	FL	38,825	224,533	263,358	15	#10 and 34,408
10	District of Columbia Public Schools	DC	36,565	46,393	82,958	44	#9 and 34,674

#### ● THE HIGHEST GROWTH IN PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS BY SCHOOL DISTRICT, 2013–14³

Rank	School District	State	Charter Enrollment Share	2012–13 Charter Enrollment	2013–14 Charter Enrollment	Increase in Charter Enrollment	Growth in Charter Enrollment
1	Clark County School District	NV	5	11,237	15,230	3,993	36%
2	School District Of Palm Beach County	FL	9	12,020	16,055	4,035	34%
3	Duval County Schools	FL	7	6,689	8,761	2,072	31%
3	Mesa Public Schools	AZ	23	14,691	19,207	4,516	31%
4	Austin Independent School District	TX	9	6,241	8,073	1,832	29%
5	Douglas County School District	СО	13	6,572	8,316	1,744	27%
6	Orange County Public Schools	FL	5	7,711	9,694	1,983	26%
7	Buffalo City Schools	NY	19	6,241	7,795	1,554	25%
8	San Juan Unified School District	CA	18	7,008	8,681	1,673	24%
9	Boston Public Schools	MA	15	7,956	9,658	1,702	21%
10	Dallas Independent School District	TX	14	22,386	26,676	4,290	19%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Victor Valley Union High School District and Natomas Unified School District in California were not among the districts with the highest enrollment share in prior reports due to the exclusion of schools in the district that were thought to be full-time virtual. For more information, see methodology.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 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 Enrollment Share

Almost all public school students in New Orleans (91 percent) attended public charter schools in the 2013-14 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 approaching the Louisiana state average in the percentage of students who are proficient in reading and mathematics —an accomplishment rarely seen in urban public schools.<sup>5</sup>

## Michigan and Ohio have the Most Cities in Top Ten Enrollment Share

Michigan has three school districts listed in the top 10 districts with the highest percentages of students enrolled in charter schools, and two of those cities are among the top five: Detroit ranked second (55 percent), Flint tied for third (44 percent), and Grand Rapids tied for seventh (30 percent). In the first of these reports that the National Alliance released nine years ago, Detroit tied for sixth (18 percent) and neither Flint nor Grand Rapids were in the top 10. This past year, Cleveland, OH, ranked fourth and passed 40 percent enrollment share for the first time. Toledo and Dayton were both tied for eighth, with 29 percent of their students enrolled in public charter schools. Dayton, Toledo, and Cleveland were all among the top 10 districts in the inaugural 2005-06 report, ranked second, tied for sixth, and tied for eighth, respectively.

### 12 School Districts Reach at Least 30 Percent Enrollment Share

In 2013-14, the school districts with at least 30 percent of public school students enrolled in public charter schools were: New Orleans, LA (91 percent); Detroit, MI (55 percent); District of Columbia (44 percent); Flint, MI (44 percent); Cleveland, OH (39 percent); Gary, IN (37 percent); Kansas City, MO (37 percent); Hall County, GA (32 percent); Victor Valley, CA (32 percent); Philadelphia, PA (30

percent); Grand Rapids, MI (30 percent); and Indianapolis, IN (30 percent).

### 43 School Districts Have an Enrollment Share of 20 Percent or More

When the National Alliance first began ranking school districts, only six districts had an enrollment share of 20 percent or more, and they were tied for the fourth highest position. Since then, the number of school districts with at least a 20 percent enrollment share has steadily climbed to 43 in 2013-14. In addition, there are now nearly 150 school districts with at least a 10 percent enrollment share (see Appendix A).

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

More than 139,000 students attended public charter schools in the Los Angeles Unified School District during the 2013-14 school year, the highest number for any school district in the country. In fact, the charter school enrollment for Los Angeles is nearly double that of New York City, the district with the second highest charter school student enrollment (70,210). The number of students enrolled in public charter schools in Los Angeles alone would place Los Angeles charter schools in the top 20 of the 100 largest school districts in the United States. Public charter schools in Los Angeles enrolled more than 18,000 more students in 2013-14 than in 2012-13—a growth rate of 15 percent.6

#### 10 School Districts with the Largest Number of Charter School Students Enroll Nearly One-Quarter of the Total

The 10 districts with the largest number of students in public charter schools represent 22 percent of the total public charter school population nationwide—a total of 600,000 students out of roughly 2.7 million. Between the 2012-13 and 2013-14 school years, the top 10 districts increased public charter school enrollment by approximately 70,000

students—a growth rate of 13 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, 24 districts had 10 percent or higher growth in the number of students enrolled in public charters between the 2012-13 and 2013-14 school years. Clark County School District, NV, experienced the largest growth (36 percent), raising it from sixth in the 2012-13 enrollment share report to first in this year's report. The School District of Palm Beach County, FL, also jumped in the rankings from a tie for 10th place in 2012-13 to the number two spot in 2013-14.

#### 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, MA; Clark County, NV; Duval County, FL; Orange County Public Schools, FL; and the School District of Palm Beach County, FL.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 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, D.C.: Author. http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d13/tables/dt13\_215.30.asp.

# **Notes About Methodology**

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 2013-14 school year. The National Alliance gathered charter and non charter public school enrollment data from state departments of education databases and personnel.

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. For the five most recent editions of the enrollment share report, including this edition, the National Alliance used a geocoding method to identify the geographically relevant school district for each charter school. 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.

For Delaware, Michigan, and Ohio, the National Alliance used student residential enrollment data that indicate the total number of students attending public charter schools based on the district where students reside. Some students may attend charter schools outside of their traditional district boundaries.

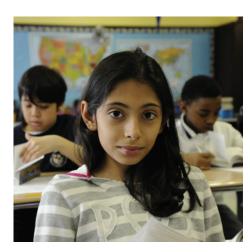
Some charter schools are fully virtual meaning that they do not require students to attend a classroom in a building — and enroll students from across an entire state. Because many states haven't developed student enrollment reporting systems that allow for sorting individual students by community of residence at each charter school, the National Alliance excluded enrollment data from schools that are fully virtual from both the charter and total district enrollment data when calculating enrollment 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 departments 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. Virtual schools are also included in Delaware, Michigan, and Ohio, since the National Alliance has residential enrollment data for each student in those states.

The National Alliance calculated growth for the 50 districts with the highest charter school student enrollment. This was done to show two-year growth within districts that have an established charter school presence. Using the top 50 charter school enrollment districts to calculate growth minimizes the effects of opening a single charter school in district that previously did not have public charter schools.

Fifty-nine schools in Arizona were excluded from this analysis, because they are traditional public schools that recently converted to charter schools and will be reverting to traditional public schools for the 2015-16 school year. The transition to charter school and back reflects a reaction to Arizona state policy, rather than a change in parents' decision to choose a charter school.

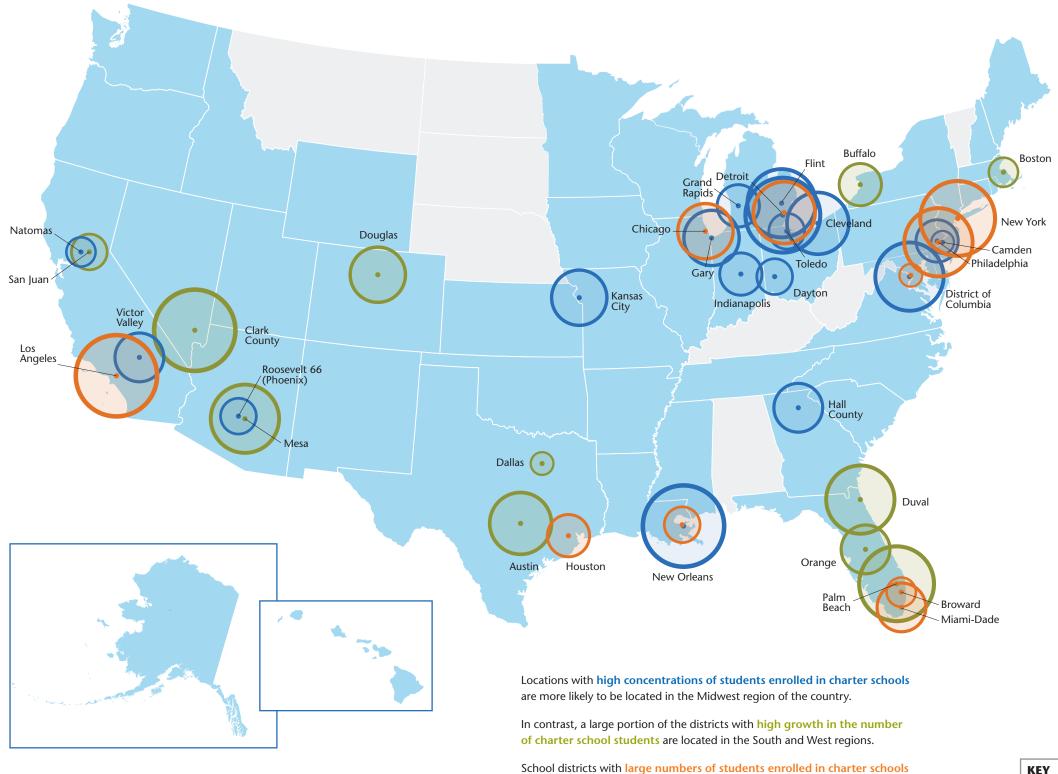








# **TOP TEN SCHOOL DISTRICTS** FOR CHARTER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT SHARE, ENROLLMENT, AND GROWTH **2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR**



are spread out across the nation.

SCHOOL DISTRICT		CHARTER ENROLLMENT SHARE (RANK)	NUMBER OF CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS (RANK)	GROWTH (RANK)	
Mesa	AZ	23%	19,207	31% (#3, TIED)	
Roosevelt 66	AZ	29% (#8, TIED)	3,809	*	
Los Angeles	CA	21%	139,174 (#1)	15%	
Natomas	CA	28% (#9)	3,661	*	
San Juan	CA	18%	8,681	24% (#8)	
Victor Valley	CA	32% (#6, TIED)	4,530	*	
Douglas	СО	13%	8,316	27% (#5)	
District of Columbia	DC	44% (#3, TIED)	36,565 (#10)	5%	
Broward	FL	15%	38,825 (#9)	13%	
Duval	FL	7%	8,761	31% (#3, TIED)	
Miami-Dade	FL	15%	52,049 (#6)	9%	
Orange	FL	5%	9,694	26% (#6)	
Palm Beach	FL	9%	16,055	34% (#2)	
Hall	GA	32% (#6, TIED)	8,733	1%	
Chicago	IL	14%	53,996 (#5)	10%	
Gary	IN	37% (#5, TIED)	5,084	*	
Indianapolis	IN	30% (#7, TIED)	12,914	10%	
New Orleans	LA	91% (#1)	40,547 (#8)	12%	
Boston	MA	15%	9,658	21% (#9)	
Detroit	MI	55% (#2)	58,612 (#4)	15%	
Flint	MI	44% (#3, TIED)	5,470	*	
Grand Rapids	MI	30% (#7, TIED)	6,734	*	
Kansas City	МО	37% (#5, TIED)	8,877	-5%	
Camden	NJ	27% (#10)	4,251	*	
Clark	NV	5%	15,230	36% (#1)	
New York	NY	7%	70,210 (#2)	12%	
Buffalo	NY	19%	7,795	25% (#7)	
Cleveland	ОН	39% (#4)	18,557	8%	
Dayton	ОН	29% (#8, TIED)	6,538	*	
Toledo	ОН	29% (#8, TIED)	9,392	6%	
Philadelphia	PA	30% (#7, TIED)	60,385 (#3)	10%	
Austin	TX	9%	8,073	29% (#4)	
Dallas	TX	14%	26,676	19% (#10)	
Houston	TX	21%	49,885 (#7)	15%	

<sup>\*</sup>The National Alliance only examined growth in charter school enrollment for the 50 districts with the highest number of students enrolled in charter schools (see Appendix B).





#### ● ● SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH AT LEAST 10 PERCENT ENROLLMENT SHARE, 2013–14

Rank	School District	State	Charter Enrollment Share	Charter Enrollment	Noncharter Public Enrollment	Total Enrollment
1	New Orleans Public School System	LA	91	40,547	4,152	44,699
2	Detroit City School District	MI	55	58,612	48,193	106,805
3	District of Columbia Public Schools	DC	44	36,565	46,393	82,958
3	Flint City School District	MI	44	5,470	7,104	12,574
4	Cleveland Metropolitan School District	ОН	39	18,557	28,875	47,432
5	Gary Community School Corporation	IN	37	5,084	8,594	13,678
	Kansas City, Missouri School District	МО	37	8,877	15,214	24,091
6	Hall County Schools	GA	32	8,733	18,186	26,919
	Victor Valley Union High School District	CA	32	4,530	9,649	14,179
	The School District of Philadelphia	PA	30	60,385	137,674	198,059
7	Grand Rapids Public Schools	MI	30	6,734	15,989	22,723
	Indianapolis Public Schools	IN	30	12,914	30,813	43,727
	Roosevelt School District 66	AZ	29	4,142	10,071	14,213
8	Toledo Public Schools	ОН	29	9,392	23,048	32,441
	Dayton Public Schools	ОН	29	6,538	16,095	22,633
9	Natomas Unified School District	CA	28	3,661	9,491	13,152
10	Camden City School District	NJ	27	4,251	11,660	15,911
11	San Antonio Independent School District	TX	26	15,607	43,419	59,026
	City School District of Albany	NY	26	2,956	8,326	11,282
12	St. Louis City School District	МО	25	9,090	26,989	36,079
	Columbus City School District	OH	25	16,071	49,168	65,239
13	Inglewood Unified School District	CA	24	3,306	10,545	13,851
	East Central Independent School District	TX	24	2,403	7,707	10,110
	Mesa Public Schools	AZ	23	19,207	63,777	82,984
14	Franklin-McKinley Elementary	CA	23	2,608	8,661	11,269
	Baldwin Park Unified School District	CA	23	4,280	14,471	18,751
	Manor Independent School District	TX	23	2,533	8,657	11,190
	Newark City School District	NJ	22	10,027	34,976	45,003
	Twin Rivers Unified School District	CA	22	6,905	24,157	31,062
15	Oakland Unified School District	CA	22	10,325	36,703	47,028
	Flagstaff Unified School District	AZ	22	2,714	9,778	12,492
	Weld County School District 6	СО	22	4,400	16,050	20,450
	Saint Paul Public Schools	MN	22	10,513	37,865	48,378
	Christina School District	DE	21	4,011	18,774	22,785
	Los Angeles Unified School District	CA	21	139,174	513,247	652,421
	Chula Vista Elementary School District	CA	21	6,408	23,801	30,209
16	Brighton 27J School District	CO	21	3,531	13,167	16,698
	Milwaukee Public Schools	WI	21	18,072	68,413	86,485
	Grossmont Union High School District	CA	21	4,647	17,822	22,469
	Phoenix Union High School District	AZ	21	6,852	26,392	33,244
	Houston Independent School District Cincinnati Public Schools	TX OH	21	49,885 8,182	192,855 32,325	242,740 40,507
17	Tucson Unified School District					
	Alhambra Elementary School District	AZ AZ	20 19	12,082	48,770	17.646
18	Minneapolis Public Schools	MN	19	3,375 8,881	14,271 37,534	17,646 46,415
	San Juan Unified School District	CA	18	8,681	40,222	48,903
19	Buffalo City Schools	NY	19	7,795	33,767	41,562
	Yuma School District One	AZ	17	1,873	8,940	10,813
	Colorado Springs School District 11	CO	17	5,337	26,137	31,474
20	Deer Valley Unified School District	AZ	17	6,873	33,979	40,852
	West Chester Area School District	PA	17	2,336	11,659	13,995
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21	Port Huron Area School District	MI	16	1,763	9,243	11,006
21	Denver Public Schools	СО	16	13,653	72,390	86,043
21	Rutherford County Schools	NC	16	1,608	8,536	10,144
21	Santa Fe Public Schools	NM	16	2,132	11,414	13,546
	Lansing Public School District	MI	15	2,153	11,995	14,148
	Adams 12 Five Star Schools	CO	15	6,700	37,654	44,354
	Boston Public Schools	MA	15	9,658	54,300	63,958
	San Diego Unified School District	CA	15	19,498	110,604	130,102
	Ogden School District	UT	15	2,179	12,489	14,668
22	Broward County Public Schools	FL	15	38,825	224,533	263,358
	Warren Consolidated Schools	MI	15	2,618	15,182	17,800
	Duluth Public Schools	MN	15	1,518	8,809	10,327
	Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District	TX	15	4,284	25,033	29,317
	Miami-Dade County Public Schools	FL	15	52,049	304,189	356,238
	Baltimore City Public Schools	MD	15	12,345	72,402	84,747
	Amphitheater Public Schools	AZ	14	2,428	14,376	16,804
	Falcon School District 49	СО	14	2,711	16,169	18,880
	Dallas Independent School District	TX	14	26,676	159,142	185,818
	Glendale Union High School District	AZ	14	2,525	15,105	17,630
	Sanger Unified School District	CA	14	1,589	9,551	11,140
	Chico Unified School District	CA	14	1,953	11,862	13,815
23	Bethlehem Area School District	PA	14	2,276	13,900	16,176
	Higley Unified School District	AZ	14	1,537	9,419	10,956
	Kentwood Public Schools	MI	14	1,426	8,739	10,165
	Appleton Area School District	WI	14	2,249	13,975	16,224
	Lee County Schools	FL	14	12,040	75,382	87,422
	Red Clay Consolidated School District	DE	14	2,270	16,623	18,893
	Chicago Public Schools	IL	14	53,996	343,976	397,972
	Albuquerque Public Schools	NM	14	12,916	82,295	95,211
	Sarasota County Schools	FL	13	5,550	35,851	41,401
	Alameda Unified School District	CA	13	1,463	9,455	10,918
	Stockton Unified School District	CA	13	5,131	34,315	39,446
	Vista Unified School District	CA	13	3,322	22,314	25,636
	Durham Public Schools	NC	13	4,927	33,351	38,278
24	Academy School District 20	CO	13	3,143	21,338	24,481
24	Menifee Union School District	CA	13	1,356	9,226	10,582
	Rocklin Unified School District	CA	13	1,643	11,238	12,881
	School District Of Osceola County	FL	13	7,403	50,744	58,147
	Atlanta Public Schools	GA	13	6,564	45,130	51,694
	Jersey City Public Schools	NJ	13	3,994	27,571	31,565
	Lincoln County Schools  Douglas County School District	NC	13	1,670	11,566	13,236
	Douglas County School District	CO	13	8,316	57,914	66,230
	Lake County Schools	FL	12	5,219	36,585	41,804
	Akron Public Schools San Benito Consolidated Independent School District	OH TX	12 12	3,326 1,407	23,442 10,025	26,768 11,432
	Little Rock School District	AR	12	3,422	24,456	27,878
	Polk County Public Schools	FL	12	11,938	86,033	97,971
	Traverse City Area Public Schools	MI	12	1,353	9,783	11,136
25	Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District	TX	12	4,413	31,997	36,410
	Trenton Public School District	NJ	12	1,360	10,005	11,365
	School District Of Indian River County	FL	12	2,161	15,898	18,059
	Duncanville Independent School District	TX	12	1,766	13,104	14,870
	Kyrene Elementary District	AZ	12	2,362	17,669	20,031
		FL	12			·
	Bay District Schools	FL	12	3,150	23,715	26,865

# **APPENDIX A**

# SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH AT LEAST 10 PERCENT ENROLLMENT SHARE, 2013–14 (continued)

Rank	School District	State	Charter Enrollment Share	Charter Enrollment	Noncharter Public Enrollment	Total Enrollment
	Waco Independent School District	TX	12	1,967	14,894	16,861
	William S. Hart Union High School District	CA	12	2,958	22,639	25,597
25	Sacramento City Unified School District	CA	12	5,393	41,354	46,747
	Wayne-Westland Community School District	MI	12	1,564	12,000	13,564
	Oklahoma City Public Schools	OK	12	5,317	40,859	46,176
	Tempe Elementary School District	AZ	11	1,519	11,829	13,348
	Joint School District No. 2	ID	11	4,600	35,980	40,580
	Georgetown Independent School District	TX	11	1,220	9,552	10,772
	St. Vrain Valley School District	CO	11	3,418	26,777	30,195
	Salt Lake City School District	UT	11	3,038	23,965	27,003
	Aurora Public Schools	СО	11	4,678	37,017	41,695
	East Side Union High School District	CA	11	2,957	23,479	26,436
	Weslaco Independent School District	TX	11	2,095	16,729	18,824
26	Sheboygan Area School District	WI	11	1,144	9,144	10,288
	Donna Independent School District	TX	11	1,893	15,376	17,269
	Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District	CA	11	1,535	12,508	14,043
	Colonial School District	DE	11	1,298	11,944	13,242
	Palmdale School District	CA	11	2,342	19,281	21,623
	Parma City	ОН	11	1,319	10,913	12,232
	Providence Schools	RI	11	2,735	23,009	25,744
	School District Of Manatee County	FL	11	4,944	41,664	46,608
	Canyons School District	UT	11	3,987	33,674	37,661
	Hesperia Unified School District	CA	10	2,446	21,072	23,518
	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	MI	10	2,039	17,617	19,656
	Perris Union High School District	CA	10	1,069	9,346	10,415
	Cartwright Elementary School District	AZ	10	2,175	19,110	21,285
	Napa Valley Unified School District	CA	10	1,885	16,588	18,473
	Escondido Union School District	CA	10	1,982	17,464	19,446
	Scottsdale Unified School District	AZ	10	2,850	25,238	28,088
	Nampa School District	ID	10	1,612	14,542	16,154
	Pittsburgh Public Schools	PA	10	2,879	26,041	28,920
	Nebo School District	UT	10	3,444	31,230	34,674
27	Vacaville Unified School District	CA	10	1,230	11,228	12,458
	Sunnyside Unified School District	AZ	10	1,934	17,693	19,627
	South-Western City	ОН	10	2,170	19,873	22,043
	The School District of the City of Erie	PA	10	1,281	11,740	13,021
	Pajaro Valley Unified School District	CA	10	1,994	18,368	20,362
	Weber School District	UT	10	3,364	31,028	34,392
	Pulaski County Special School District	AR	10	1,901	17,626	19,527
	Tempe Union High School District	AZ	10	1,510	14,062	15,572
	Leon County Schools	FL	10	3,428	32,010	35,438
	Jordan School District	UT	10	5,571	52,855	58,426
	Rochester City School District	NY	10	3,209	29,871	33,080

# **APPENDIX B**

#### TOP 50 SCHOOL DISTRICTS BY NUMBER OF CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS, 2013–14

Rank	School District	State	Charter Enrollment	Noncharter Public Enrollment	Total Enrollment	Charter Enrollment Share
1	Los Angeles Unified School District	CA	139,174	513,247	652,421	21%
2	New York City Department of Education	NY	70,210	982,562	1,052,772	7%
3	The School District of Philadelphia	PA	60,385	137,674	198,059	30%
4	Detroit City School District	MI	58,612	48,193	106,805	55%
5	Chicago Public Schools	IL	53,996	343,976	397,972	14%
6	Miami-Dade County Public Schools	FL	52,049	304,189	356,238	15%
7	Houston Independent School District	TX	49,885	192,855	242,740	21%
8	New Orleans Public School System	LA	40,547	4,152	44,699	91%
9	Broward County Public Schools	FL	38,825	224,533	263,358	15%
10	District of Columbia Public Schools	DC	36,565	46,393	82,958	44%
11	Dallas Independent School District	TX	26,676	159,142	185,818	14%
12	San Diego Unified School District	CA	19,498	110,604	130,102	15%
13	Mesa Public Schools	AZ	19,207	63,777	82,984	23%
14	Cleveland Municipal	ОН	18,557	28,875	47,432	39%
15	Milwaukee Public Schools	WI	18,072	68,413	86,485	21%
16	Columbus City School District	ОН	16,071	49,168	65,239	25%
17	School District Of Palm Beach County	FL	16,055	166,836	182,891	9%
18	San Antonio Independent School District	TX	15,607	43,419	59,026	26%
19	Clark County School District	NV	15,230	314,636	329,866	5%
20	Hillsborough County Public Schools	FL	14,075	189,359	203,434	7%
21	Denver Public Schools	СО	13,653	72,390	86,043	16%
22	Albuquerque Public Schools	NM	12,916	82,295	95,211	14%
23	Indianapolis Public Schools	IN	12,914	30,813	43,727	30%
24	Baltimore City Public Schools	MD	12,345	72,402	84,747	15%
25	Tucson Unified School District	AZ	12,082	48,770	60,852	20%
26	Lee County Schools	FL	12,040	75,382	87,422	14%
27	Polk County Public Schools	FL	11,938	86,033	97,971	12%
28	Saint Paul Public Schools	MN	10,513	37,865	48,378	22%
29	Oakland Unified School District	CA	10,325	36,703	47,028	22%
30	Newark City School District	NJ	10,027	34,976	45,003	22%
31	Hawaii Public Schools	HI	9,840	177,010	186,850	5%
32	Orange County Public Schools	FL	9,694	177,398	187,092	5%
33	Boston Public Schools	MA	9,658	54,300	63,958	15%
34	Toledo City	ОН	9,392	23,048	32,441	29%
35	St. Louis City School District	МО	9,090	26,989	36,079	25%
36	Minneapolis Public Schools	MN	8,881	37,534	46,415	19%
37	Kansas City, Missouri School District	МО	8,877	15,214	24,091	37%
38	Duval County Schools	FL	8,761	118,802	127,563	7%
39	Hall County Schools	GA	8,733	18,186	26,919	32%
40	San Juan Unified School District	CA	8,681	40,222	48,903	18%
41	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	NC	8,672	142,995	151,667	6%
42	Douglas County School District	СО	8,316	57,914	66,230	13%
43	Cincinnati City	ОН	8,182	32,325	40,507	20%
44	Austin Independent School District	TX	8,073	83,071	91,144	9%
45	Buffalo City Schools	NY	7,795	33,767	41,562	19
46	Memphis City School District	TN	7,707	100,348	108,055	7%
47	Jeffco Public Schools	СО	7,595	78,388	85,983	9%
48	Fulton County Schools	GA	7,589	87,907	95,496	8%
49	Dekalb County School System	GA	7,491	92,251	99,742	8%
50	Wake County Public School System	NC	7,438	153,546	160984	5%

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