

# A GROWING MOVEMENT

AMERICA'S LARGEST CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

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AMERICA'S LARGEST CHARTER SCHOOL COMMUNITY



**Public charter schools are unique public schools that foster innovative approaches to solving some of today’s most difficult educational challenges. Over the past ten years, enrollment in charter schools has increased from 1.3 million in 2007-08 to nearly 3.2 million in 2017-18.**

In addition, the number of school districts with a significant charter school presence continues to grow. In 2017-18, 21 districts had 30 percent or more of their students enrolled in charter schools, and 214 districts had at least 10 percent of their students enrolled in charter schools. In 2017-18, more than 10.5 million public school students, or one in five, attended school in a district with at least 10,000 total students and 10 percent or more charter school enrollment share.

Free from many of the constraints that traditional schools face, the charter school movement has been a leader in innovation, school choice, and education reform for more than 25 years. At the same time, charter schools are held accountable for advancing student achievement by the communities and states they serve. The unique combination of innovation and accountability have allowed charter schools to demonstrate 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. Because charter schools have a successful track record of meeting students’ specific needs, parental demand for them remains high. In fact, a 2016 survey commissioned by the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools shows that 78 percent of parents support a new charter school opening in their neighborhood.<sup>1</sup> In addition, most parents, regardless of background, support public school choice.<sup>2</sup>

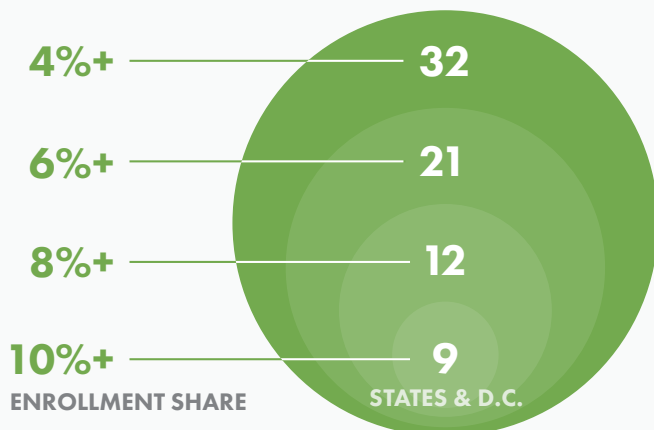
This report identifies communities that have the highest percentage and the highest number of students enrolled in charter schools. The National Alliance collected public school enrollment data from 2017-18 to identify communities across the country where the highest proportions of students were enrolled in charter schools. To calculate these proportions, charter schools were mapped to geographic school district boundaries based on their address. 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 National Alliance for Public Charter Schools. “New National Survey Shows 78% of Parents Support Charter Schools Opening in Their Neighborhood. April 2016.

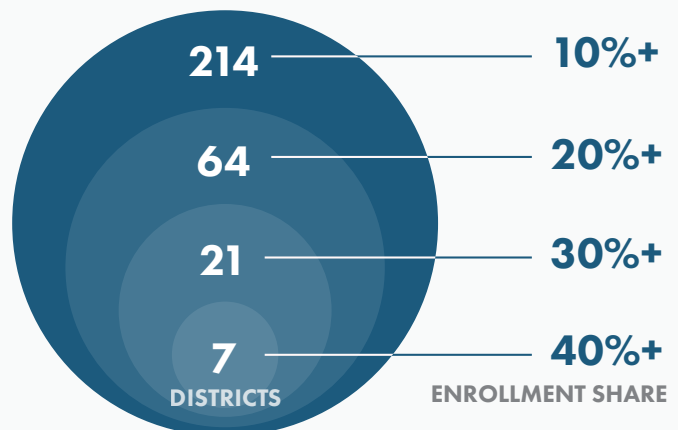
2 Greene, Jay P. “Don’t Be Fooled: The Vast Majority of Parents Support Public School Choice,” Jay P. Greene’s Blog. January 2017.

## A GROWING PRESENCE

States With Significant Charter Enrollment



Districts With Significant Charter Enrollment



# KEY TAKEAWAYS

## DISTRICTS WITH THE HIGHEST SHARE OF CHARTER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

When this report was first published in 2006, only one district—New Orleans—had more than 30 percent of its students enrolled in charter schools. In 2017-18, 21 districts had at least 30 percent of their students attending charter schools.

**Seven Districts Have at Least a 40 Percent Charter School Enrollment Share.** In 2017-18, the share of students who attend charter schools was 40 percent or more in seven districts: New Orleans ranked first (95 percent); Gary, Indiana, ranked second (49 percent); Queen Creek, Arizona, ranked third (49 percent); the District of Columbia ranked fourth (47 percent); Detroit ranked fifth (46 percent); Kansas City, Missouri, ranked sixth (43 percent); and Southfield, Michigan, ranked seventh (42 percent).

**Five of the Six Districts with Unified Enrollment Systems Have Greater than 30 Percent Charter School Enrollment Share.** Six large urban districts currently have unified enrollment systems where parents can apply to any public school within the system (charter or district), regardless of where they live. In five of these six districts (New Orleans, the District of Columbia, Indianapolis, and Camden and Newark, New Jersey) charter schools enrolled more than 30 percent of all public school students in 2017-18. In the sixth district with a unified enrollment system, Denver, the charter school enrollment share was 21 percent in 2017-18. In addition, Jefferson County, Colorado, announced a new unified enrollment system—they will be the first suburban county to use such a system; their charter school enrollment share was 11 percent in 2017-18.

**California Now Has Five Districts with Greater than 30 Percent Charter School Enrollment Share.** In 2017-18, two districts in California passed the 30 percent charter school enrollment share threshold for the first time: Alum Rock Union Elementary School District and Oakland Unified School District. These districts join Inglewood Unified School District, Franklin-McKinley School District, and Natomas Unified School District as the top five districts in California in terms of charter school enrollment share.

## DISTRICTS WITH THE GREATEST NUMBER OF CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS

**Six Districts Enroll at Least 50,000 Charter School Students.** In 2017-18, six districts in large urban areas enrolled more than 50,000 charter school students: Los Angeles, New York City, Miami-Dade County, Philadelphia, Chicago, and Houston.

**The Top 10 Districts with the Highest Numbers of Charter School Enrollees Serve More Than 20 Percent of All Charter School Students Nationwide.** In 2017-18, the 10 districts with the largest number of students in charter schools served 22 percent of all charter school students nationwide—or nearly 690,000 students. In total, these 10 large urban districts enrolled nearly 3.4 million public school students.

**Los Angeles Again Tops the List for Charter School Enrollment.** In 2017-18, more than 163,000 students attended charter schools in Los Angeles—the highest number for any district in the country.

**New York City Charter Enrollment Increased by Nearly 9,000 Students.** Between 2016-17 and 2017-18, charter school enrollment in New York City increased by nearly 9,000 students; the charter school enrollment share held steady at 10 percent.

AMERICA'S LARGEST PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

**TABLE 1: THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE OF CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS BY DISTRICT, 2017-18**

NO.	SCHOOL DISTRICT	STATE	CHARTER ENROLLMENT	DISTRICT ENROLLMENT	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	ENROLLMENT SHARE
1	Orleans Parish School District	LA	46,932	2,714	49,646	95%
2	Gary Community School Corporation	IN	5,060	5,228	10,288	49%
3	Queen Creek Unified District	AZ	6,776	7,082	13,858	49%
4	District of Columbia Public Schools	DC	43,393	48,135	91,528	47%
5	Detroit Public Schools Community District	MI	38,667	44,837	83,504	46%
6	Kansas City Public Schools	MO	11,420	15,210	26,630	43%
7	Southfield Public School District	MI	4,543	6,154	10,697	42%
8	Inglewood Unified School District	CA	5,193	8,401	13,594	38%
9	Camden City School District	NJ	4,731	7,941	12,672	37%
10	Roosevelt Elementary District	AZ	4,845	8,772	13,617	36%
11	Indianapolis Public Schools	IN	15,244	27,630	42,874	36%
12	Franklin-McKinley School District	CA	3,866	7,286	11,152	35%
13	Dayton City School District	OH	6,652	13,093	19,745	34%
14	Natomas Unified School District	CA	4,952	9,928	14,880	33%
15	Philadelphia City School District	PA	64,393	131,238	195,631	33%
16	Newark City School District	NJ	17,501	35,714	53,215	33%
17	Alum Rock Union Elementary School District	CA	4,623	9,642	14,265	32%
18	St. Louis City School District	MO	11,082	23,854	34,936	32%
19	Cleveland Municipal School District	OH	16,352	38,289	54,641	30%
20	San Antonio Independent School District	TX	18,515	43,604	62,119	30%
21	Oakland Unified School District	CA	18,502	36,955	52,457	30%

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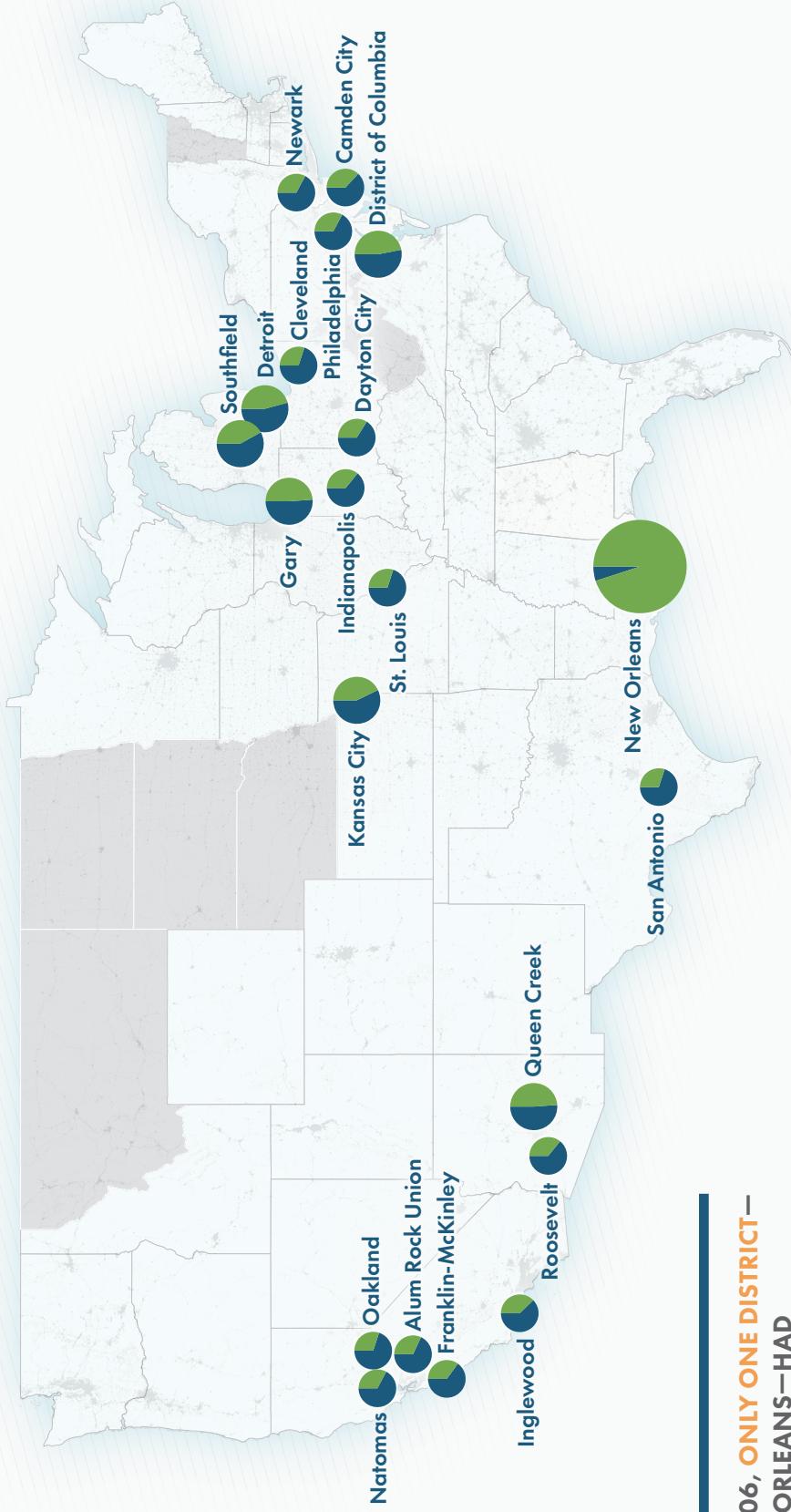
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1	Los Angeles Unified School District	CA	163,575	464,457	628,032	26%
2	New York City Department of Education	NY	111,805	961,655	1,073,460	10%
3	Miami-Dade County Public Schools	FL	65,289	289,226	354,515	18%
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DISTRICTS WITH CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENT SHARE OF ENROLLMENT OVER 30 PERCENT, 2017-18



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**IN 2017-18, 21 DISTRICTS HAVE AT LEAST 30 PERCENT OF STUDENTS ATTENDING CHARTER SCHOOLS.**

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1	Orleans Parish School District	95%	8	Inglewood Unified School District	38%
2	Gary Community School Corporation	49%	9	Camden City School District	37%
3	Queen Creek Unified District	49%	10	Roosevelt Elementary District	36%
4	District of Columbia Public Schools	47%	11	Indianapolis Public Schools	36%
5	Detroit Public Schools Community District	46%	12	Franklin-McKinley School District	35%
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22	Ogden School District	UT	4,807	11,736	16,543	29%
23	Manor Independent School District	TX	3,681	9,109	12,790	29%
24	Cedar Hill Independent School District	TX	2,983	7,472	10,455	29%
25	Harrison School District 2	CO	3,698	9,421	13,119	28%



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26	Christina School District	DE	5,675	14,689	20,364	28%
27	Chula Vista Elementary School District	CA	9,027	23,404	32,431	28%
28	St. Paul Public School District	MN	14,336	37,297	51,633	28%
29	Columbus City School District	OH	18,786	50,304	69,090	27%
30	Phoenix Union High School District	AZ	9,805	27,150	36,955	27%
31	Los Angeles Unified School District	CA	163,575	464,457	628,032	26%
32	Twin Rivers Unified School District	CA	8,184	23,894	32,078	26%
33	Brighton School District 27J	CO	4,662	13,908	18,570	25%
34	Falcon School District 49	CO	4,261	12,873	17,134	25%
35	Higley Unified School District	AZ	3,874	11,878	15,752	25%
36	Albany City School District	NY	2,908	9,112	12,020	24%
37	Greeley School District 6	CO	5,393	16,932	22,325	24%
38	Minneapolis Public School District	MN	11,241	36,309	47,550	24%
39	Toledo City School District	OH	6,984	23,002	29,986	23%
40	Flagstaff Unified School District	AZ	2,897	9,667	12,564	23%
41	Dysart Unified School District	AZ	7,083	23,933	31,016	23%
42	Douglas County School District	CO	15,223	52,327	67,550	23%
43	Buffalo City School District	NY	9,473	33,088	42,561	22%
44	Baldwin Park Unified School District	CA	3,704	12,979	16,683	22%
45	Escondido Union Elementary School District	CA	4,422	15,767	20,189	22%
46	Scottsdale Unified School District	AZ	6,298	22,489	28,787	22%
47	Grossmont Union High School District	CA	4,660	16,754	21,414	22%
48	Grand Rapids Public Schools (41010)	MI	4,257	15,485	19,742	22%
49	Denver Public Schools	CO	19,570	71,636	91,206	21%
50	Edgewood Independent School District	TX	3,113	11,455	14,568	21%

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51	Shelby County School District	TN	24,067	90,477	114,544	21%
52	Tucson Unified School District	AZ	12,016	45,231	57,247	21%
53	Trenton City School District	NJ	2,952	11,119	14,071	21%
54	Victor Valley Union High School District	CA	2,708	10,251	12,959	21%
55	Cartwright Elementary School District	AZ	4,516	17,127	21,643	21%
56	Boston Public Schools	MA	13,878	52,664	66,542	21%
57	Pulaski County Special School District	AR	3,170	12,101	15,271	21%
58	Houston Independent School District	TX	50,479	194,185	244,664	21%
59	San Juan Unified School District	CA	10,237	39,748	49,985	20%
60	Rocklin Unified School District	CA	2,997	11,808	14,805	20%
61	Amphitheater Public Schools	AZ	3,431	13,615	17,046	20%
62	West Chester Area School District	PA	2,996	11,923	14,919	20%
63	Yuma Elementary School District	AZ	2,100	8,419	10,519	20%
64	Milwaukee Public Schools	WI	16,196	66,264	82,460	20%
65	Adams 12 Five Star Schools	CO	8,337	35,632	43,969	19%
66	Dearborn City School District	MI	4,866	20,832	25,698	19%
67	Chico Unified School District	CA	2,827	12,201	15,028	19%
68	Atlanta Public Schools	GA	9,888	43,008	52,896	19%
69	Miami-Dade County Public Schools	FL	65,289	289,226	354,515	18%
70	Rochester City School District	NY	6,143	27,335	33,478	18%
71	Iredell-Statesville Schools	NC	4,549	20,284	24,833	18%
72	Colorado Springs School District 11	CO	5,625	25,252	30,877	18%
73	Baltimore City Public Schools	MD	14,993	67,352	82,345	18%
74	Donna Independent School District	TX	3,294	14,818	18,112	18%
75	Tempe Union High School District	AZ	2,971	13,590	16,561	18%



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76	Palmdale Elementary School District	CA	4,084	18,693	22,777	18%
77	Little Rock School District	AR	4,856	22,338	27,194	18%
78	Red Clay Consolidated School District	DE	3,404	15,741	19,145	18%
79	San Jacinto Unified School District	CA	2,154	9,981	12,135	18%
80	Dallas Independent School District	TX	33,740	156,357	190,097	18%
81	East Side Union High School District	CA	4,952	23,281	28,233	18%
82	Austin Independent School District	TX	16,897	80,888	97,785	17%
83	Gilbert Unified School District	AZ	6,917	33,262	40,179	17%
84	Peoria Unified School District	AZ	7,581	36,624	44,205	17%
85	Broward County School District	FL	46,478	225,793	272,271	17%
86	Bethlehem Area School District	PA	2,806	13,636	16,442	17%
87	Marana Unified School District	AZ	2,378	11,637	14,015	17%
88	Allentown City School District	PA	3,310	16,234	19,544	17%
89	Waxahachie Independent School District	TX	1,713	8,517	10,230	17%
90	Monterey Peninsula Unified School District	CA	1,922	9,646	11,568	17%
91	San Jose Unified School District	CA	5,898	29,685	35,583	17%
92	Jordan School District	UT	10,617	53,519	64,136	17%
93	San Diego City Unified School District	CA	20,653	104,454	125,107	17%
94	Osceola County School District	FL	10,464	53,136	63,600	16%
95	Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District	CA	1,636	8,381	10,017	16%
96	Bay County School District	FL	4,515	23,138	27,653	16%
97	Cajon Valley Union School District	CA	3,180	16,564	19,744	16%
98	Jersey City School District	NJ	5,157	27,073	32,230	16%
99	Cincinnati City School District	OH	6,432	33,816	40,248	16%
100	Coppell Independent School District	TX	2,392	12,625	15,017	16%

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101	Chicago Public Schools	IL	58,877	313,671	372,548	16%
102	Appleton Area School District	WI	2,465	13,196	15,661	16%
103	Weslaco Independent School District	TX	3,187	17,156	20,343	16%
104	Vista Unified School District	CA	3,970	21,383	25,353	16%
105	Duluth Public School District	MN	1,630	8,822	10,452	16%
106	West Contra Costa Unified School District	CA	5,206	28,365	33,571	16%
107	Oklahoma City Public Schools	OK	7,028	38,709	45,737	15%
108	Deer Valley Unified School District	AZ	5,960	33,015	38,975	15%
109	Chandler Unified School District	AZ	7,982	44,279	52,261	15%
110	Lincoln County Schools	NC	2,015	11,307	13,322	15%
111	Sarasota County School District	FL	6,478	36,371	42,849	15%
112	Stockton Unified School District	CA	6,258	35,193	41,451	15%
113	Durham Public Schools	NC	5,781	32,629	38,410	15%
114	Albuquerque Public Schools	NM	14,543	83,223	97,766	15%
115	San Benito Consolidated Independent School District	TX	1,821	10,464	12,285	15%
116	Parma City School District	OH	1,771	10,235	12,006	15%
117	Nashville-Davidson County School District	TN	12,231	70,695	82,926	15%
118	Colonial School District	DE	1,692	9,819	11,511	15%
119	Polk County School District	FL	15,420	89,542	104,962	15%
120	Providence School District	RI	3,966	23,149	27,115	15%
121	Sunnyside Unified School District	AZ	2,658	15,553	18,211	15%
122	Alameda City Unified School District	CA	1,613	9,471	11,084	15%
123	East Baton Rouge Parish School District	LA	6,445	38,088	44,533	14%
124	Litchfield Elementary School District	AZ	1,787	10,622	12,409	14%
125	Grand Prairie Independent School District	TX	4,623	28,007	32,630	14%



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126	Paradise Valley Unified District	AZ	5,071	31,160	36,231	14%
127	Manatee County School District	FL	6,785	42,088	48,873	14%
128	Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District	TX	4,004	24,962	28,966	14%
129	Vacaville Unified School District	CA	1,815	11,348	13,163	14%
130	Duncanville Independent School District	TX	2,052	12,866	14,918	14%
131	Fall River School District	MA	1,610	10,128	11,738	14%
132	Waco Independent School District	TX	2,350	14,821	17,171	14%
133	Nampa School District 131	ID	2,244	14,180	16,424	14%
134	Marysville Joint Unified School District	CA	1,504	9,519	11,023	14%
135	Canyons School District	UT	5,344	33,913	39,257	14%
136	Kyrene Elementary School District	AZ	2,623	16,773	19,396	14%
137	Eden Prairie Public School District	MN	1,381	8,872	10,253	13%
138	Osseo Public School District	MN	3,288	21,221	24,509	13%
139	Pittsburgh Public Schools	PA	3,457	22,370	25,827	13%
140	Menifee Union School District	CA	1,558	10,106	11,664	13%
141	Georgetown Independent School District	TX	1,765	11,535	13,300	13%
142	Brownsville Independent School District	TX	6,956	45,578	52,534	13%
143	Academy School District 20	CO	3,312	21,774	25,086	13%
144	Harlandale Independent School District	TX	2,182	14,374	16,556	13%
145	Livonia Public Schools	MI	2,144	14,159	16,303	13%
146	South San Antonio Independent School District	TX	1,371	9,103	10,474	13%
147	Santa Fe Public Schools	NM	1,943	12,920	14,863	13%
148	Alief Independent School District	TX	6,952	46,263	53,215	13%
149	Provo School District	UT	2,094	13,971	16,065	13%
150	Hesperia Unified School District	CA	3,242	21,659	24,901	13%

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152	Salt Lake City School District	UT	3,388	22,845	26,233	13%
153	Lake County School District	FL	5,531	37,526	43,057	13%
154	Bridgeport School District	CT	3,037	20,729	23,766	13%
155	Sanger Unified School District	CA	1,546	10,555	12,101	13%
156	Oceanside Unified School District	CA	2,640	18,039	20,679	13%
157	Mesa Unified School District	AZ	9,050	62,473	71,523	13%
158	Napa Valley Unified School District	CA	2,422	16,735	19,157	13%
159	Lansing Public School District (33020)	MI	1,528	10,654	12,182	13%
160	Alhambra Elementary School District	AZ	1,768	12,548	14,316	12%
161	Wilson County Schools	NC	1,599	11,357	12,956	12%
162	Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District	TX	4,591	32,679	37,270	12%
163	Poudre School District	CO	3,842	27,550	31,392	12%
164	West Covina Unified School District	CA	1,243	8,932	10,175	12%
165	Springfield School District	MA	3,542	25,604	29,146	12%
166	Sacramento City Unified School District	CA	5,575	40,525	46,100	12%
167	Charleston County School District	SC	6,197	45,240	51,437	12%
168	Aurora Public Schools	CO	4,864	35,721	40,585	12%
169	Medford School District 549	OR	1,695	12,576	14,271	12%
170	Waterford School District	MI	1,193	8,890	10,083	12%
171	Waukesha School District	WI	1,447	10,880	12,327	12%
172	Arlington Independent School District	TX	8,059	61,076	69,135	12%
173	Wayne-Westland Community School District (82160)	MI	1,457	11,099	12,556	12%
174	Akron City School District	OH	2,727	20,853	23,580	12%
175	Roseville City Elementary School District	CA	1,400	10,831	12,231	11%

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**APPENDIX A: DISTRICTS WITH AT LEAST 10 PERCENT CHARTER  
 ENROLLMENT SHARE, 2017-18**

NO.	SCHOOL DISTRICT	STATE	CHARTER ENROLLMENT	DISTRICT ENROLLMENT	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	ENROLLMENT SHARE
176	Traverse City Area Public Schools (28010)	MI	1,226	9,488	10,714	11%
177	Glendale Union High School District	AZ	1,927	14,997	16,924	11%
178	Lawrence School District	MA	1,777	13,846	15,623	11%
179	Lee County School District	FL	10,340	80,915	91,255	11%
180	Erie City School District	PA	1,402	11,020	12,422	11%
181	St. Lucie County School District	FL	4,739	37,318	42,057	11%
182	Duval County School District	FL	14,296	114,673	128,969	11%
183	Jefferson County Public Schools	CO	9,368	76,055	85,423	11%
184	Santa Ana Unified School District	CA	5,914	48,304	54,218	11%
185	Cache School District	UT	2,179	17,895	20,074	11%
186	Davis School District	UT	8,727	71,878	80,605	11%
187	Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District	TX	4,142	34,153	38,295	11%
188	Granite School District	UT	7,974	66,024	73,998	11%
189	Alpine School District	UT	9,413	79,107	88,520	11%
190	McAllen Independent School District	TX	2,820	23,720	26,540	11%
191	York School District 3	SC	2,110	17,782	19,892	11%
192	Appoquinimink School District	DE	1,288	10,882	12,170	11%
193	St. Vrain Valley School District	CO	3,403	28,917	32,320	11%
194	Kenosha School District	WI	2,260	19,314	21,574	10%
195	New Haven School District	CT	2,505	21,413	23,918	10%
196	Washington School District	UT	3,503	30,026	33,529	10%
197	Palm Beach County School District	FL	20,173	173,147	193,320	10%
198	New York City Department of Education	NY	111,805	961,655	1,073,460	10%
199	Tooele School District	UT	1,878	16,154	18,032	10%
200	Westminster School District 50	CO	1,097	9,437	10,534	10%

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NO.	SCHOOL DISTRICT	STATE	CHARTER ENROLLMENT	DISTRICT ENROLLMENT	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	ENROLLMENT SHARE
201	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools (82100)	MI	2,014	17,364	19,378	10%
202	Lowell School District	MA	1,664	14,436	16,100	10%
203	Hayward Unified School District	CA	2,305	20,362	22,667	10%
204	North East Independent School District	TX	7,403	66,099	73,502	10%
205	Apple Valley Unified School District	CA	1,441	12,968	14,409	10%
206	Nebo School District	UT	3,625	32,809	36,434	10%
207	Paterson City School District	NJ	2,751	25,059	27,810	10%
208	Rogers School District	AR	1,641	15,004	16,645	10%
209	Clark County School District	NV	36,034	329,675	365,709	10%
210	Hillsborough County School District	FL	21,054	195,737	216,791	10%
211	Spartanburg School District 6	SC	1,231	11,473	12,704	10%
212	Ann Arbor Public Schools	MI	1,844	17,456	19,300	10%
213	Pajaro Valley Unified School District	CA	1,923	18,220	20,143	10%
214	Tyler Independent School District	TX	1,897	18,003	19,900	10%



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**APPENDIX B: TOP 50 DISTRICTS BY TOTAL NUMBER OF CHARTER  
 SCHOOL STUDENTS, 2017-18**

NO.	SCHOOL DISTRICT	STATE	CHARTER ENROLLMENT	DISTRICT ENROLLMENT	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	ENROLLMENT SHARE
1	Los Angeles Unified School District	CA	163,575	464,457	628,032	26%
2	New York City Department of Education	NY	111,805	961,655	1,073,460	10%
3	Miami-Dade County Public Schools	FL	65,289	289,226	354,515	18%
4	Philadelphia City School District	PA	64,393	131,238	195,631	33%
5	Chicago Public Schools	IL	58,877	313,671	372,548	16%
6	Houston Independent School District	TX	50,479	194,185	244,664	21%
7	Orleans Parish School District	LA	46,932	2,714	49,646	95%
8	Broward County School District	FL	46,478	225,793	272,271	17%
9	District of Columbia Public Schools	DC	43,393	48,135	91,528	47%
10	Detroit Public Schools Community District	MI	38,667	44,837	83,504	46%
11	Clark County School District	NV	36,034	329,675	365,709	10%
12	Dallas Independent School District	TX	33,740	156,357	190,097	18%
13	Shelby County School District	TN	24,067	90,477	114,544	21%
14	Hillsborough County School District	FL	21,054	195,737	216,791	10%
15	San Diego City Unified School District	CA	20,653	104,454	125,107	17%
16	Palm Beach County School District	FL	20,173	173,147	193,320	10%
17	Denver Public Schools	CO	19,570	71,636	91,206	21%
18	Columbus City School District	OH	18,786	50,304	69,090	27%
19	San Antonio Independent School District	TX	18,515	43,604	62,119	30%
20	Newark City School District	NJ	17,501	35,714	53,215	33%
21	Austin Independent School District	TX	16,897	80,888	97,785	17%
22	Cleveland Municipal School District	OH	16,352	38,289	54,641	30%
23	Milwaukee Public Schools	WI	16,196	66,264	82,460	20%
24	Oakland Unified School District	CA	15,502	36,955	52,457	30%
25	Polk County School District	FL	15,420	89,542	104,962	15%

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NO.	SCHOOL DISTRICT	STATE	CHARTER ENROLLMENT	DISTRICT ENROLLMENT	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	ENROLLMENT SHARE
26	Indianapolis Public Schools	IN	15,244	27,630	42,874	36%
27	Douglas County School District	CO	15,223	52,327	67,550	23%
28	Baltimore City Public Schools	MD	14,993	67,352	82,345	18%
29	Albuquerque Public Schools	NM	14,543	83,223	97,766	15%
30	Orange County School District	FL	14,424	190,491	204,915	7%
31	St. Paul Public School District	MN	14,336	37,297	51,633	28%
32	Duval County School District	FL	14,296	114,673	128,969	11%
33	Boston Public Schools	MA	13,878	52,664	66,542	21%
34	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	NC	13,412	146,545	159,957	8%
35	Nashville-Davidson County School District	TN	12,231	70,695	82,926	15%
36	Tucson Unified School District	AZ	12,016	45,231	57,247	21%
37	Wake County Schools	NC	11,524	159,218	170,742	7%
38	Kansas City Public Schools	MO	11,420	15,210	26,630	43%
39	Minneapolis Public School District	MN	11,241	36,309	47,550	24%
40	Hawaii Department Of Education	HI	11,168	169,669	180,837	6%
41	St. Louis City School District	MO	11,082	23,854	34,936	32%
42	Jordan School District	UT	10,617	53,519	64,136	17%
43	Osceola County School District	FL	10,464	53,136	63,600	16%
44	Lee County School District	FL	10,340	80,915	91,255	11%
45	San Juan Unified School District	CA	10,237	39,748	49,985	20%
46	Atlanta Public Schools	GA	9,888	43,008	52,896	19%
47	Phoenix Union High School District	AZ	9,805	27,150	36,955	27%
48	Buffalo City School District	NY	9,473	33,088	42,561	22%
49	Alpine School District	UT	9,413	79,107	88,520	11%
50	Jefferson County Public Schools	CO	9,368	76,055	85,423	11%

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**APPENDIX C: STATE CHARTER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT SHARE, 2017-18**

STATE	CHARTER LAW ENACTED	CHARTER ENROLLMENT	DISTRICT ENROLLMENT	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	ENROLLMENT SHARE
Alabama	2015	245	742,061	742,306	0%
Alaska	1995	7,122	126,259	133,381	5%
Arizona	1994	190,053	911,497	1,101,550	17%
Arkansas	1995	32,384	446,874	479,258	7%
California	1992	628,849	5,580,880	6,209,729	10%
Colorado	1993	120,739	789,389	910,128	13%
Connecticut	1996	10,187	520,801	530,988	2%
Delaware	1995	15,882	122,489	138,371	11%
District of Columbia	1996	43,393	48,135	91,528	47%
Florida	1996	294,275	2,538,415	2,832,690	10%
Georgia	1994	71,475	1,697,167	1,768,642	4%
Guam	2009	1,481	28,631	30,112	5%
Hawaii	1994	11,168	169,669	180,837	6%
Idaho	1996	21,936	280,533	302,469	7%
Illinois	1996	64,925	1,921,549	1,986,474	3%
Indiana	2001	47,089	1,006,720	1,053,809	4%
Iowa	2002	428	504,192	504,620	0%
Kansas	1994	3,175	484,185	487,360	1%
Kentucky	2017	0	655,058	655,058	0%
Louisiana	1995	80,905	641,603	722,508	11%
Maine	2011	2,240	173,630	175,870	1%
Maryland	2003	22,825	863,363	886,188	3%
Massachusetts	1993	45,246	908,785	954,031	5%
Michigan	1993	146,876	1,328,931	1,475,807	10%
Minnesota	1991	56,769	828,083	884,852	6%
Mississippi	2010	944	476,689	477,633	0%
Missouri	1998	22,845	895,772	918,617	2%

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STATE	CHARTER LAW ENACTED	CHARTER ENROLLMENT	DISTRICT ENROLLMENT	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	ENROLLMENT SHARE
Montana	N/A	0	146,343	146,343	0%
Nebraska	N/A	0	323,391	323,391	0%
Nevada	1997	46,728	445,688	492,416	9%
New Hampshire	1996	3,543	174,785	178,328	2%
New Jersey	1995	49,443	1,320,272	1,369,715	4%
New Mexico	1993	26,340	309,397	335,737	8%
New York	1998	139,578	2,535,205	2,674,783	5%
North Carolina	1996	95,891	1,417,142	1,513,033	6%
North Dakota	N/A	0	111,719	111,719	0%
Ohio	1997	114,491	1,583,062	1,697,553	7%
Oklahoma	1999	29,033	665,783	694,816	4%
Oregon	1999	33,687	546,997	580,684	6%
Pennsylvania	1997	137,758	1,628,834	1,766,592	8%
Puerto Rico	2018	0	346,096	346,096	0%
Rhode Island	1995	8,862	134,087	142,949	6%
South Carolina	1996	35,032	743,456	778,488	5%
South Dakota	N/A	0	137,253	137,253	0%
Tennessee	2002	37,806	934,428	972,234	4%
Texas	1995	331,973	5,067,363	5,399,336	6%
Utah	1998	75,567	577,191	652,758	12%
Vermont	N/A	0	84,404	84,404	0%
Virginia	1998	1,178	1,290,404	1,291,582	0%
Washington	2016	2,500	1,114,099	1,116,599	0%
West Virginia	N/A	0	270,613	270,613	0%
Wisconsin	1993	43,897	816,241	860,138	5%
Wyoming	1995	569	92,407	92,976	1%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,157,332</b>	<b>47,508,020</b>	<b>50,665,352</b>	<b>6%</b>



## ENROLLMENT SHARE METHODOLOGY

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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 2017-18. The National Alliance gathered public school enrollment data for both charter and district-run schools from state departments of education.

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 order to determine the school district in which these charter schools are physically located, 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. In the past, the National Alliance has used residential enrollment data for school districts in Michigan. Residential enrollment data provides information on the total number of students attending charter schools based on the district where students reside. For the 2017-18 enrollment share report, the National Alliance used more typical school-level enrollment data in Michigan to ensure that the enrollment share figures in Michigan are directly comparable to those in other states. Accordingly, many of the enrollment share figures in Michigan appear lower than they were in previous years; however, this is due to the change in methodology for Michigan and is not necessarily due to any significant changes in the local landscape.

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 schools. The National Alliance coded virtual schools based on information gathered from the Common Core of Data and state departments of education. The National Alliance did include virtual schools in Hawaii, which only has one school district.