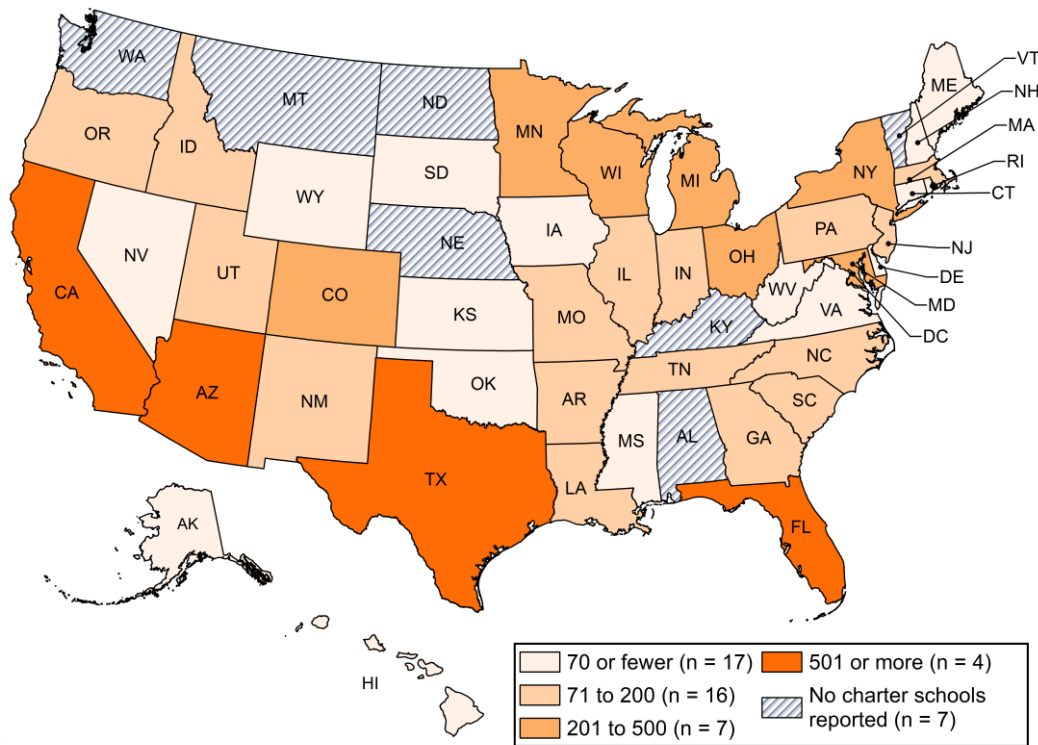




## English Learners (ELs) in Charter Schools

This fact sheet reports data from the Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC). CRDC defines a charter school as a “nonsectarian public school under contract—or charter—between a public agency and groups of parents, teachers, community leaders, or others who want to create alternatives and choice within the public school system.”

### Number of Charter Schools, by State, Including DC: SY 2015–16



### Fact

In 2015-16:

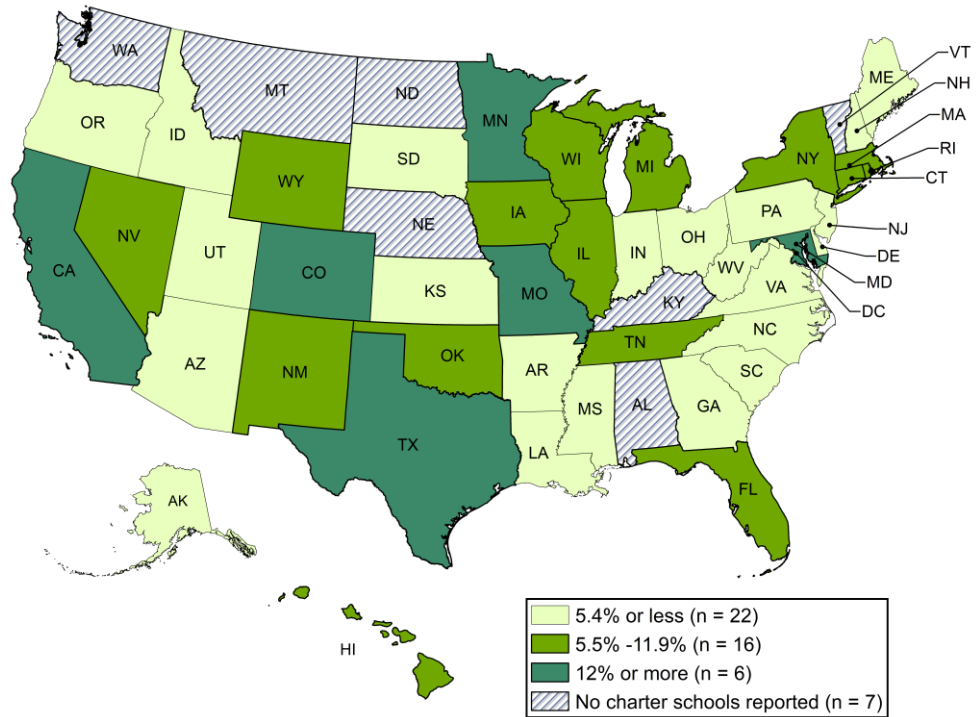
- In SY 2015–16, 50 states and the District of Columbia (DC) reported a total of **6,822** charter schools nationwide.
- Four states combined reported more than 2,900 charter schools: California (1,159), Florida (649), Texas (603), and Arizona (530).
- Seven states reported between 200 and 500 charter schools.
- More than 300,000 ELs attended charter schools in SY 2015–16.

Source: U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, Civil Rights Data Collection. Retrieved from [www.ocrdata.ed.gov](http://www.ocrdata.ed.gov)

## Percentage of Charter School Students Who Are ELs, by State, Including DC: SY 2015–16

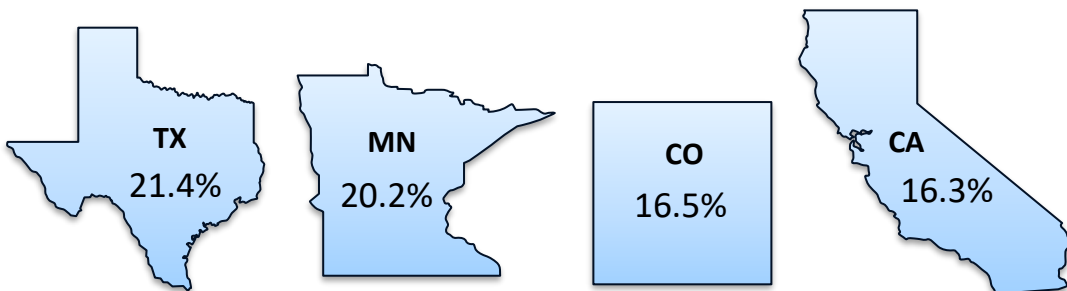
**Fact**

In SY 2015–16, the national percentage of charter school students who were ELs was 10.5 percent. Six states reported EL enrollment rates in charter schools of 12 percent or more.



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## Four States With Highest Percentage of Charter School Students Who Are ELs: SY 2015–16



**Fact**

In SY 2015–16, Texas, Minnesota, Colorado, and California reported the highest percentages of students in charter schools who were ELs.

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