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# A GROWING MOVEMENT

America's Largest Public Charter School Communities

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## INTRODUCTION

Public charter schools are unique public schools that are allowed the freedom to be innovative while being held accountable for advancing student achievement. Over the past ten years, enrollment in charter schools has nearly tripled—from 1.2 million students in 2006–07 to more than 3 million students in 2016–17. The number of school districts with a significant charter school presence continues to grow. In 2016–17, 19 districts had 30 percent or more of their students enrolled in charter schools, and 208 districts had at least 10 percent of their students enrolled in charter schools. In 2016–17, nearly 10 million public school students, or one in five, attended school in a district with at least 10,000 students in which 10 percent or more were enrolled in charter schools.

The first charter school opened in Minnesota in 1992. For the past 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. Because charter schools have a successful track record of meeting students’ specific needs, parental demand for them remains high.

This report identifies communities that have the highest percentage and the highest number of students enrolled in charter schools. When families have public school choice, they increasingly select charter schools over district-run schools. In fact, a recent survey by Phi Delta Kappan (PDK) found that 17 percent of parents would send their child to a charter school if location and capacity were not an issue—meaning that the potential number of charter school students is nearly 9 million.<sup>1</sup> In addition, a 2016 survey commissioned by the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools (National Alliance) shows that 78 percent of parents would support a new charter school opening in their neighborhood.<sup>2</sup>

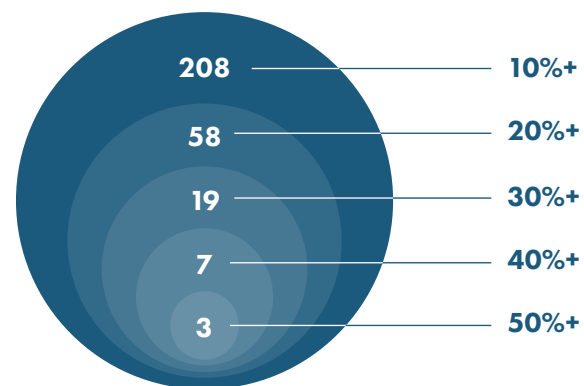
1 There are roughly 50 million public school students in the U.S. “49th Annual Poll of the Public’s Attitudes Toward the Public Schools,” Phi Delta Kappan, September 2017 ([http://pdkpoll.org/assets/downloads/PDKnational\\_poll\\_2017.pdf](http://pdkpoll.org/assets/downloads/PDKnational_poll_2017.pdf)).

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

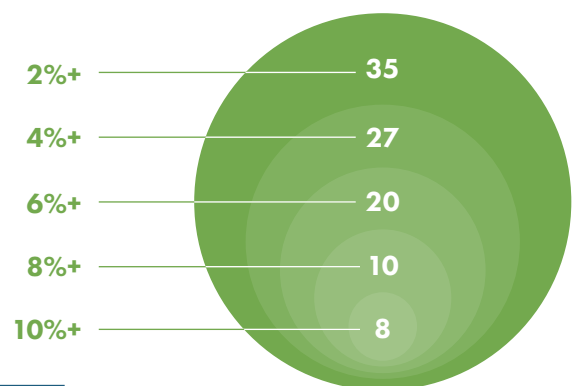
The National Alliance collected public school enrollment data for the 2016–17 school year to identify communities across the country where the highest proportions of students were enrolled in charter schools. To calculate these proportions, charter schools were mapped to geographic school district boundaries based on their address.<sup>3</sup> 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.”

## OUR GROWING PRESENCE

### Districts With Significant Charter Enrollment



### States With Significant Charter Enrollment<sup>4</sup>



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

4 The District of Columbia has a 46 percent charter school enrollment share and has not been included in this table.

## DISTRICTS WITH THE HIGHEST SHARE OF CHARTER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

When this report was first published, only one district—New Orleans—had more than 30 percent of students enrolled in charter schools. In 2016–17, 19 districts had at least 30 percent of students attending charter schools.

### Seven Districts Have at Least 40 Percent Charter School Enrollment Share.

In 2016–17, the share of students who attend charter schools was 40 percent or more in seven districts: New Orleans ranked first (93 percent); Flint, Mich., ranked second (55 percent); Detroit, Mich., ranked third (53 percent); Queen Creek, Ariz., ranked fourth (48 percent); Gary, Ind., and the District of Columbia both ranked fifth (46 percent); and Kansas City, Mo., ranked seventh (43 percent).

### Four of the Five Districts with Unified Enrollment Systems Have Charter School Enrollment Share of Greater than 30 Percent.

Five large urban districts currently use unified enrollment systems in which parents can apply to any public school within the system (charter or district), regardless of where in the district they live. In

four of these five districts (New Orleans, the District of Columbia, Camden, and Newark), charter schools enrolled more than 30 percent of all public school students in 2016–17. In the fifth district with a unified enrollment system, Denver, the charter school enrollment share hit 20 percent for the first time.

### California Now Has Three Districts with Charter School Enrollment Share of Greater than 30 Percent.

In 2016–17, two new districts in California passed the 30 percent charter school enrollment share threshold: Inglewood Unified School District and Franklin-McKinley School District. These districts join Natomas Unified School District as California districts with the highest charter school enrollment share. In addition, Victor Valley narrowly missed the 30 percent mark this year with a 29 percent charter school enrollment share.

### Kansas City and Camden, N.J. Saw Increases in Their Charter School Enrollment Share.

Total public school enrollment levels were stable in both districts, while charter school enrollment levels increased. In 2016–17, the charter school enrollment share increased by four percentage points in Camden and three percentage points in Kansas City.

## AMERICA'S LARGEST PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

**TABLE 1: THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE OF CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS BY DISTRICT, 2016-17**

SCHOOL DISTRICT	STATE	CHARTER ENROLLMENT	DISTRICT ENROLLMENT	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	ENROLLMENT SHARE
New Orleans Public School System	LA	44,380	3,520	47,900	93%
School District of the City of Flint	MI	5,780	4,810	10,590	55%
Detroit Public Schools Community District	MI	50,460	44,890	95,350	53%
Queen Creek Unified District	AZ	6,110	6,740	12,850	48%
Gary Community School Corporation	IN	5,000	5,820	10,820	46%
District of Columbia Public Schools	DC	41,490	48,510	90,000	46%
Kansas City School District	MO	11,410	15,210	26,620	43%
Camden City School District	NJ	5,360	8,890	14,250	38%
Natomas Unified School District	CA	4,860	9,790	14,640	33%
Indianapolis Public Schools	IN	14,240	28,770	43,000	33%
Roosevelt Elementary District	AZ	4,750	9,670	14,420	33%
Dayton City School District	OH	6,530	13,320	19,850	33%
Philadelphia City School District	PA	64,270	134,130	198,400	32%
St. Louis City School District	MO	11,070	23,850	34,930	32%
Newark City School District	NJ	16,220	35,840	52,050	31%
Cleveland Municipal School District	OH	16,710	38,720	55,430	30%
Inglewood Unified School District	CA	3,770	8,940	12,720	30%
Franklin-McKinley School District	CA	3,170	7,560	10,730	30%
Grand Rapids Public Schools	MI	6,590	15,720	22,300	30%

## DISTRICTS WITH THE GREATEST NUMBER OF CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS

### Four Districts Enroll at Least 60,000 Charter School Students.

In 2016–17, four districts in large urban areas enrolled more than 60,000 charter school students: Los Angeles, New York City, Philadelphia, and Miami-Dade.

### The Top 10 Districts For Charter School Enrollment Serve Nearly One-Quarter of All Charter School Students Nationwide.

In 2016–17, the 10 districts with the largest number of students in charter schools served 22 percent of all charter school students nationwide—or more than 685,000 students. In total, these 10 large urban districts enrolled nearly 3.4 million public school students.

### Los Angeles Again Tops the List for Number of Students Enrolled in Charter Schools.

In 2016–17, more than 163,000 students attended charter schools in Los Angeles—the highest number for any district in the country. Between 2015–16 and 2016–17, Los Angeles charter schools enrollment increased by more than 7,000 students—a growth rate of nearly five percent.

### New York City Charter Enrollment Surpassed 100,000 Students.

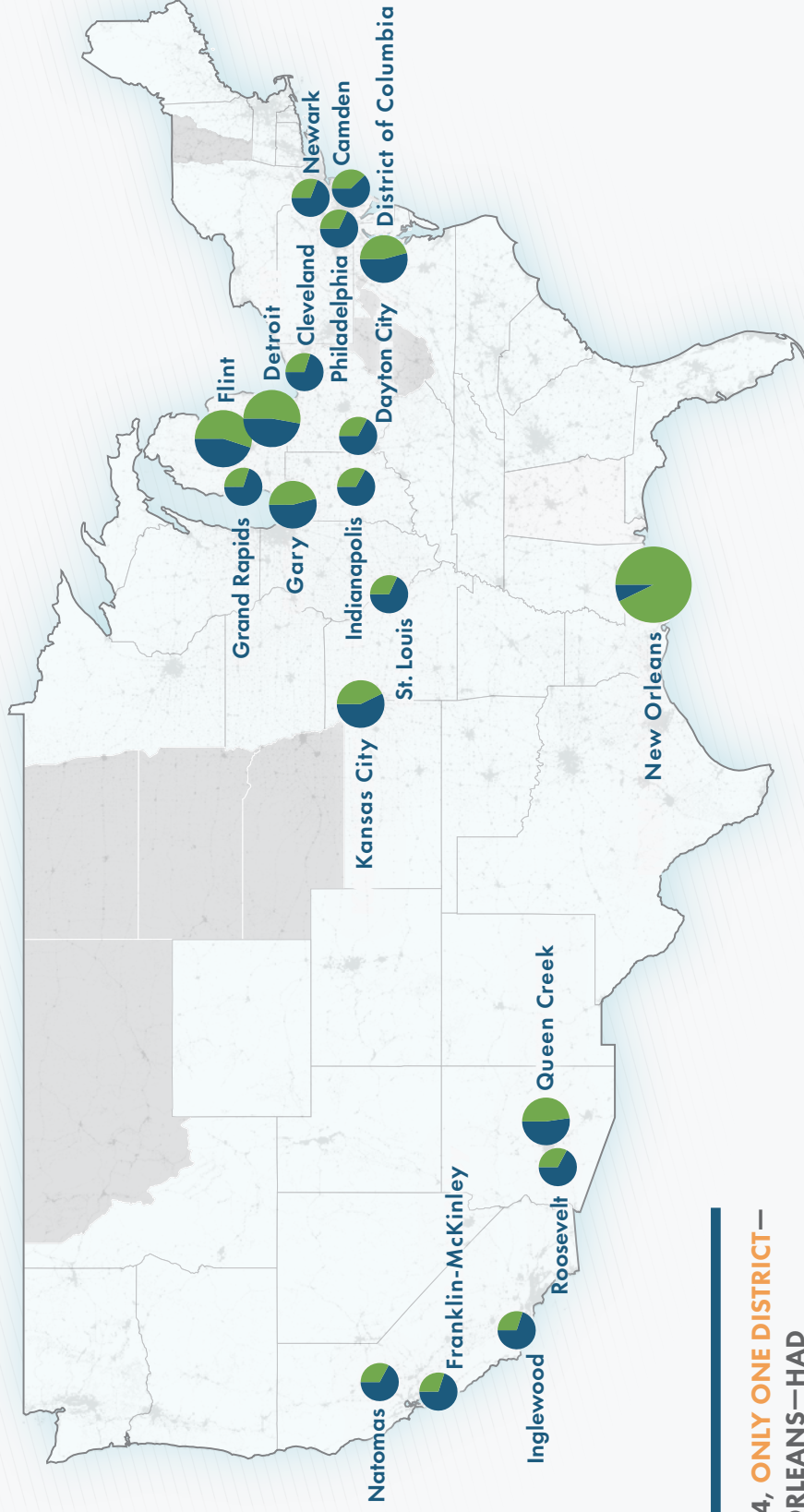
Between 2015–16 and 2016–17, charter school enrollment in New York City increased by nearly 10,000 students, surpassing 100,000 for the first time. In addition, the charter school enrollment share hit the 10 percent threshold.

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**TABLE 2: THE LARGEST NUMBER OF CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS BY DISTRICT, 2016-17**

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1	Los Angeles Unified School District	CA	163,720	476,260	639,980	26%
2	New York City Department of Education	NY	102,960	946,170	1,049,130	10%
3	Philadelphia City School District	PA	64,270	134,130	198,400	32%
4	Miami-Dade County School District	FL	62,280	294,610	356,890	17%
5	Chicago Public Schools	IL	59,270	319,400	378,660	16%
6	Detroit Public Schools Community District	MI	50,460	44,890	95,350	53%
7	Houston Independent School District	TX	50,310	195,980	246,290	20%
8	Broward County School District	FL	46,750	225,380	272,130	17%
9	New Orleans Public School System	LA	44,380	3,520	47,900	93%
10	District of Columbia Public Schools	DC	41,490	48,510	90,000	46%

AMERICA'S LARGEST PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES  
 DISTRICTS WITH CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENT SHARE OF ENROLLMENT OVER 30 PERCENT, 2016-17



**IN 2004, ONLY ONE DISTRICT — NEW ORLEANS—HAD MORE THAN 30 PERCENT OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN CHARTER SCHOOLS.**

**IN 2016-17, 19 DISTRICTS HAVE AT LEAST 30 PERCENT OF STUDENTS ATTENDING CHARTER SCHOOLS.**

#	School District	%	#	School District	%	#	School District	%
1	New Orleans Public School System	93%	8	Camden City School District	38%	15	Newark City School District	31%
2	School District of the City of Flint	55%	9	Natomas Unified School District	33%	16	Cleveland Municipal School District	30%
3	Detroit Public Schools Community District	53%	10	Indianapolis Public Schools	33%	17	Inglewood Unified School District	30%
4	Queen Creek Unified District	48%	11	Roosevelt Elementary District	33%	18	Franklin-McKinley School District	30%
5	Gary Community School Corporation	46%	12	Dayton City School District	33%	19	Grand Rapids Public Schools	30%
6	District of Columbia Public Schools	46%	13	Philadelphia City School District	32%			
7	Kansas City School District	43%	14	St. Louis City School District	32%			

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16	Cleveland Municipal School District	OH	16,710	38,720	55,430	30%
17	Inglewood Unified School District	CA	3,770	8,940	12,720	30%
18	Franklin-McKinley School District	CA	3,170	7,560	10,730	30%
19	Grand Rapids Public Schools	MI	6,590	15,720	22,300	30%
20	Oakland Unified School District	CA	15,210	36,760	51,970	29%
21	Victor Valley Union High School District	CA	4,030	10,010	14,040	29%
22	Manor Independent School District	TX	3,520	8,870	12,390	28%
23	Harrison School District	CO	3,650	9,430	13,080	28%
24	San Antonio Independent School District	TX	16,900	45,040	61,940	27%
25	Ogden School District	UT	4,480	12,190	16,670	27%

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26	Christina School District	DE	5,420	15,080	20,490	26%
27	Columbus City School District	OH	18,080	50,400	68,490	26%
28	Cedar Hill Independent School District	TX	2,650	7,460	10,110	26%
29	Brighton School District 27J	CO	4,640	13,180	17,820	26%
30	St. Paul Public School District	MN	12,910	37,110	50,020	26%
31	Phoenix Union High School District	AZ	9,470	27,360	36,820	26%
32	Los Angeles Unified School District	CA	163,720	476,260	639,980	26%
33	Toledo City School District	OH	7,750	22,890	30,630	25%
34	Alum Rock Union Elementary	CA	3,330	10,030	13,360	25%
35	Greeley School District 6	CO	5,290	16,630	21,910	24%
36	Twin Rivers Unified School District	CA	7,580	23,880	31,460	24%
37	Albany City School District	NY	2,800	9,110	11,910	24%
38	Flagstaff Unified District	AZ	2,920	9,620	12,540	23%
39	Baldwin Park Unified	CA	4,090	13,640	17,720	23%
40	Minneapolis Public School District	MN	10,840	36,490	47,340	23%
41	Falcon School District 49	CO	3,790	12,790	16,580	23%
42	Scottsdale Unified District	AZ	6,800	23,290	30,080	23%
43	Grossmont Union High School District	CA	4,670	16,960	21,630	22%
44	Douglas County School District	CO	14,150	53,070	67,220	21%
45	Temecula Valley Unified School District	CA	7,500	28,300	35,800	21%
46	Buffalo City School District	NY	8,740	33,230	41,970	21%
47	Tucson Unified District	AZ	12,520	47,720	60,240	21%
48	Dysart Unified District	AZ	6,500	24,850	31,350	21%
49	Milwaukee School District	WI	17,160	65,640	82,800	21%
50	Edgewood Independent School District	TX	2,800	10,880	13,670	20%

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51	Houston Independent School District	TX	50,310	195,980	246,290	20%
52	Chula Vista Elementary School District	CA	5,970	23,480	29,450	20%
53	West Chester Area School District	PA	2,930	11,580	14,510	20%
54	Denver Public Schools	CO	18,170	72,430	90,590	20%
55	Adelanto Elementary	CA	2,090	8,340	10,430	20%
56	Pulaski County Special School District	AR	3,050	12,200	15,250	20%
57	Boston School District	MA	13,250	53,160	66,420	20%
58	Yuma Elementary District	AZ	2,110	8,690	10,790	20%
59	San Juan Unified School District	CA	9,490	39,680	49,170	19%
60	Trenton City School District	NJ	2,530	10,960	13,490	19%
61	San Diego City Unified School District	CA	24,440	105,870	130,300	19%
62	Lansing Public School District	MI	2,490	10,870	13,360	19%
63	Cartwright Elementary District	AZ	4,060	17,970	22,030	18%
64	Northglenn-Thornton School District 12	CO	8,070	35,920	43,990	18%
65	Chico Unified School District	CA	2,670	11,960	14,630	18%
66	Higley Unified District	AZ	2,700	12,110	14,820	18%
67	Amphitheater Unified District	AZ	3,020	13,730	16,750	18%
68	Donna Independent School District	TX	3,270	15,070	18,340	18%
69	Iredell-Statesville Schools	NC	4,380	20,420	24,790	18%
70	Gilbert Unified District	AZ	7,370	34,820	42,190	17%
71	Miami-Dade County School District	FL	62,280	294,610	356,890	17%
72	East Side Union High	CA	4,870	23,210	28,080	17%
73	Rochester City School District	NY	5,830	27,960	33,800	17%
74	Broward County School District	FL	46,750	225,380	272,130	17%
75	Atlanta City School District	GA	8,880	42,900	51,790	17%



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76	Baltimore City Public Schools	MD	14,080	68,270	82,350	17%
77	Escondido Union Elementary School District	CA	3,320	16,250	19,570	17%
78	Dallas Independent School District	TX	32,100	157,410	189,500	17%
79	Red Clay Consolidated School District	DE	3,220	15,930	19,150	17%
80	Bethlehem Area School District	PA	2,750	13,720	16,470	17%
81	Shelby County School District*	TN	19,850	99,720	119,570	17%
82	Stockton Unified School District	CA	7,000	35,170	42,170	17%
83	Marana Unified District	AZ	2,370	11,980	14,350	17%
84	Vista Unified School District	CA	4,290	21,720	26,010	16%
85	Colorado Springs School District 11	CO	5,040	25,710	30,750	16%
86	Port Huron Area School District	MI	1,690	8,650	10,340	16%
87	Duluth Public School District	MN	1,660	8,530	10,190	16%
88	Waxahachie Independent School District	TX	1,630	8,410	10,040	16%
89	Little Rock School District	AR	4,050	20,930	24,980	16%
90	Austin Independent School District	TX	15,790	82,240	98,030	16%
91	Cincinnati City School District	OH	6,360	33,530	39,890	16%
92	Coppell Independent School District	TX	2,350	12,390	14,740	16%
93	Deer Valley Unified District	AZ	6,500	34,380	40,880	16%
94	Tempe Union High School District	AZ	2,560	13,640	16,200	16%
95	Peoria Unified School District	AZ	6,900	36,840	43,750	16%
96	Bridgeport School District	CT	3,830	20,540	24,370	16%
97	Chicago Public Schools	IL	59,270	319,400	378,660	16%
98	Bay County School District	FL	4,300	23,300	27,600	16%
99	Appleton Area School District	WI	2,440	13,240	15,680	16%
100	Durham Public Schools	NC	6,070	33,150	39,220	15%

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101	Jordan School District	UT	9,550	52,510	62,060	15%
102	Monterey Peninsula Unified School District	CA	1,770	9,780	11,550	15%
103	Sarasota County School District	FL	6,530	36,230	42,760	15%
104	Allentown City School District	PA	3,070	17,190	20,260	15%
105	Oklahoma City Public Schools	OK	6,690	37,480	44,170	15%
106	Jersey City School District	NJ	4,830	27,160	31,990	15%
107	East Baton Rouge Parish School District	LA	6,780	38,340	45,120	15%
108	Wayne-Westland Community School District	MI	1,960	11,130	13,090	15%
109	Colonial School District	DE	1,750	9,910	11,660	15%
110	Osceola County School District	FL	9,140	51,850	60,990	15%
111	Lincoln County Schools	NC	2,000	11,380	13,390	15%
112	Polk County School District	FL	15,460	88,440	103,900	15%
113	Chandler Unified District	AZ	7,710	44,570	52,280	15%
114	Palmdale Elementary	CA	3,240	19,170	22,410	14%
115	San Benito Consolidated Independent School District	TX	1,800	10,640	12,440	14%
116	Albuquerque Public Schools	NM	14,370	85,230	99,610	14%
117	Sacramento City Unified School District	CA	6,820	40,770	47,590	14%
118	Sheboygan Area School District	WI	1,450	8,770	10,230	14%
119	Weslaco Independent School District	TX	2,880	17,410	20,290	14%
120	Parma City School District	OH	1,770	10,720	12,490	14%
121	Sunnyside Unified District	AZ	2,660	16,220	18,870	14%
122	Alameda City Unified School District	CA	1,550	9,450	11,000	14%
123	Osseo Public School District	MN	3,400	20,850	24,240	14%
124	Duncanville Independent School District	TX	2,080	12,820	14,900	14%
125	West Contra Costa Unified School District	CA	4,610	28,430	33,040	14%

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126	San Jose Unified School District	CA	4,830	30,150	34,990	14%
127	Kentwood Public Schools	MI	1,430	8,920	10,340	14%
128	Providence School District	RI	3,670	23,040	26,720	14%
129	Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District	TX	3,980	24,960	28,940	14%
130	Marysville Joint Unified School District	CA	1,480	9,420	10,900	14%
131	Menifee Union Elementary	CA	1,580	10,090	11,670	13%
132	Paradise Valley Unified District	AZ	4,940	31,700	36,640	13%
133	Manatee County School District	FL	6,560	42,240	48,800	13%
134	Academy School District 20	CO	3,310	21,560	24,880	13%
135	Nampa School District 131	ID	2,200	14,350	16,550	13%
136	Vacaville Unified School District	CA	1,690	11,030	12,710	13%
137	Kyrene Elementary District	AZ	2,600	17,140	19,740	13%
138	Pittsburgh School District	PA	3,330	22,110	25,440	13%
139	Rocklin Unified School District	CA	1,720	11,520	13,240	13%
140	Alhambra Elementary District	AZ	2,020	13,560	15,580	13%
141	Santa Fe Public Schools	NM	1,920	12,870	14,790	13%
142	Indian River County School District	FL	2,310	15,550	17,860	13%
143	Litchfield Elementary District	AZ	1,720	11,640	13,350	13%
144	Cajon Valley Union	CA	2,370	16,170	18,540	13%
145	Port Arthur Independent School District	TX	1,280	8,890	10,180	13%
146	Mesa Unified District	AZ	9,170	63,560	72,740	13%
147	Salt Lake City School District	UT	3,310	23,050	26,360	13%
148	William S. Hart Union High	CA	3,180	22,390	25,580	12%
149	Santa Ana Unified School District	CA	7,060	49,770	56,830	12%
150	Canyons School District	UT	4,790	34,020	38,810	12%

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151	Fall River School District	MA	1,420	10,160	11,580	12%
152	San Jacinto Unified School District	CA	1,370	9,810	11,180	12%
153	Poudre School District R-1	CO	3,780	27,190	30,960	12%
154	Alief Independent School District	TX	6,430	46,370	52,800	12%
155	Lake County School District	FL	5,140	37,270	42,410	12%
156	Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District	TX	4,430	32,200	36,630	12%
157	West Covina Unified School District	CA	1,230	8,970	10,200	12%
158	Eden Prairie Public School District	MN	1,230	8,960	10,190	12%
159	Waco Independent School District	TX	2,060	15,080	17,140	12%
160	Traverse City Area Public Schools	MI	1,280	9,480	10,750	12%
161	Lee County School District	FL	10,780	79,970	90,750	12%
162	Napa Valley Unified School District	CA	2,220	16,880	19,100	12%
163	Arlington Independent School District	TX	8,000	62,180	70,190	11%
164	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	MI	2,220	17,280	19,490	11%
165	Glendale Union High School District	AZ	2,010	15,650	17,660	11%
166	Medford School District 549	OR	1,570	12,510	14,080	11%
167	St. Lucie County School District	FL	4,630	37,030	41,660	11%
168	Akron City School District	OH	2,560	20,860	23,410	11%
169	Palm Beach County School District	FL	21,010	171,530	192,550	11%
170	Davis School District	UT	8,680	70,980	79,650	11%
171	Visalia Unified School District	CA	3,360	27,570	30,930	11%
172	Georgetown Independent School District	TX	1,390	11,430	12,820	11%
173	Charleston County School District	SC	5,380	44,370	49,750	11%
174	Lawrence School District	MA	1,680	13,860	15,530	11%
175	Wilson County Schools	NC	1,450	12,070	13,530	11%

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**APPENDIX A: SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH AT LEAST 10  
 PERCENT ENROLLMENT SHARE, 2016-17**

NO.	SCHOOL DISTRICT	STATE	CHARTER ENROLLMENT	DISTRICT ENROLLMENT	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	ENROLLMENT SHARE
176	Jefferson County School District	CO	9,180	76,570	85,740	11%
177	Granite School District	UT	8,020	67,180	75,200	11%
178	Erie City School District	PA	1,350	11,320	12,670	11%
179	Waukesha School District	WI	1,330	11,170	12,500	11%
180	Oceanside Unified School District	CA	2,190	18,420	20,610	11%
181	Westminster School District 50	CO	1,140	9,630	10,780	11%
182	York School District 3	SC	2,110	17,790	19,900	11%
183	St. Vrain Valley School District RE 1J	CO	3,370	28,710	32,070	10%
184	Springfield School District	MA	3,000	25,630	28,640	10%
185	Grand Prairie Independent School District	TX	3,370	29,080	32,440	10%
186	Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District	TX	3,970	34,680	38,640	10%
187	Washington School District	UT	3,210	28,220	31,430	10%
188	Lexington School District 2	SC	1,030	9,070	10,090	10%
189	Duval County School District	FL	13,100	115,660	128,760	10%
190	Leon County School District	FL	3,610	32,040	35,650	10%
191	Apple Valley Unified School District	CA	1,450	12,900	14,350	10%
192	Tracy Unified School District	CA	1,680	15,150	16,820	10%
193	Tulsa Public Schools	OK	3,400	31,040	34,450	10%
194	Kenosha School District	WI	2,140	19,540	21,680	10%
195	Appoquinimink School District	DE	1,160	10,640	11,800	10%
196	New York City Department of Education	NY	102,960	946,170	1,049,130	10%
197	Alpine School District	UT	8,440	77,640	86,080	10%
198	Hesperia Unified School District	CA	2,340	21,490	23,830	10%
199	Nebo School District	UT	3,510	32,440	35,950	10%
200	New Haven School District	CT	2,360	21,880	24,240	10%

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201	Lowell School District	MA	1,560	14,420	15,970	10%
202	Provo School District	UT	1,540	14,280	15,820	10%
203	Perris Union High	CA	1,040	9,720	10,760	10%
204	Pasadena Unified School District	CA	1,820	17,000	18,810	10%
205	Nashville-Davidson County School District*	TN	8,200	77,160	85,360	10%
206	Reynolds School District 7	OR	1,110	10,430	11,540	10%
207	Brownsville Independent School District	TX	4,970	46,880	51,850	10%
208	Cache School District	UT	1,860	17,540	19,390	10%

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**APPENDIX B: TOP 50 DISTRICTS BY TOTAL NUMBER OF CHARTER  
 SCHOOL STUDENTS, 2016-17**

NO.	SCHOOL DISTRICT	STATE	CHARTER ENROLLMENT	DISTRICT ENROLLMENT	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	ENROLLMENT SHARE
1	Los Angeles Unified School District	CA	163,720	476,260	639,980	26%
2	New York City Department of Education	NY	102,960	946,170	1,049,130	10%
3	Philadelphia City School District	PA	64,270	134,130	198,400	32%
4	Miami-Dade County School District	FL	62,280	294,610	356,890	17%
5	Chicago Public Schools	IL	59,270	319,400	378,660	16%
6	Detroit Public Schools Community District	MI	50,460	44,890	95,350	53%
7	Houston Independent School District	TX	50,310	195,980	246,290	20%
8	Broward County School District	FL	46,750	225,380	272,130	17%
9	New Orleans Public School System	LA	44,380	3,520	47,900	93%
10	District of Columbia Public Schools	DC	41,490	48,510	90,000	46%
11	Dallas Independent School District	TX	32,100	157,410	189,500	17%
12	Clark County School District	NV	29,470	320,620	350,090	8%
13	San Diego City Unified School District	CA	24,440	105,870	130,300	19%
14	Palm Beach County School District	FL	21,010	171,530	192,550	11%
15	Shelby County School District*	TN	19,850	99,720	119,570	17%
16	Denver Public Schools	CO	18,170	72,430	90,590	20%
17	Columbus City School District	OH	18,080	50,400	68,490	26%
18	Hillsborough County School District	FL	18,030	195,940	213,970	8%
19	Milwaukee School District	WI	17,160	65,640	82,800	21%
20	San Antonio Independent School District	TX	16,900	45,040	61,940	27%
21	Cleveland Municipal School District	OH	16,710	38,720	55,430	30%
22	Newark City School District	NJ	16,220	35,840	52,050	31%
23	Austin Independent School District	TX	15,790	82,240	98,030	16%
24	Polk County School District	FL	15,460	88,440	103,900	15%
25	Oakland Unified School District	CA	15,210	36,760	51,970	29%

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NO.	SCHOOL DISTRICT	STATE	CHARTER ENROLLMENT	DISTRICT ENROLLMENT	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	ENROLLMENT SHARE
26	Albuquerque Public Schools	NM	14,370	85,230	99,610	14%
27	Indianapolis Public Schools	IN	14,240	28,770	43,000	33%
28	Douglas County School District	CO	14,150	53,070	67,220	21%
29	Baltimore City Public Schools	MD	14,080	68,270	82,350	17%
30	Orange County School District	FL	13,670	186,300	199,970	7%
31	Boston School District	MA	13,250	53,160	66,420	20%
32	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	NC	13,120	147,160	160,280	8%
33	Duval County School District	FL	13,100	115,660	128,760	10%
34	St. Paul Public School District	MN	12,910	37,110	50,020	26%
35	Tucson Unified District	AZ	12,520	47,720	60,240	21%
36	Kansas City School District	MO	11,410	15,210	26,620	43%
37	St. Louis City School District	MO	11,070	23,850	34,930	32%
38	Minneapolis Public School District	MN	10,840	36,490	47,340	23%
39	Lee County School District	FL	10,780	79,970	90,750	12%
40	Hawaii Department of Education	HI	10,670	170,880	181,550	6%
41	Wake County Schools	NC	10,330	159,210	169,550	6%
42	Jordan School District	UT	9,550	52,510	62,060	15%
43	San Juan Unified School District	CA	9,490	39,680	49,170	19%
44	Phoenix Union High School District	AZ	9,470	27,360	36,820	26%
45	Jefferson County School District	CO	9,180	76,570	85,740	11%
46	Mesa Unified District	AZ	9,170	63,560	72,740	13%
47	Osceola County School District	FL	9,140	51,850	60,990	15%
48	Atlanta City School District	GA	8,880	42,900	51,790	17%
49	Buffalo City School District	NY	8,740	33,230	41,970	21%
50	Davis School District	UT	8,680	70,980	79,650	11%



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**APPENDIX C: STATE CHARTER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT SHARE, 2016-17**

STATE	CHARTER LAW ENACTED	CHARTER ENROLLMENT	DISTRICT ENROLLMENT	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	ENROLLMENT SHARE
Alabama	2015	-	725,830	725,830	0%
Alaska	1995	6,760	126,470	133,230	5%
Arizona	1994	185,990	940,860	1,126,850	17%
Arkansas	1995	27,470	449,800	477,270	6%
California	1992	602,840	5,615,570	6,218,410	10%
Colorado	1993	115,100	789,620	904,720	13%
Connecticut	1996	9,570	524,780	534,350	2%
Delaware	1995	15,030	122,190	137,220	11%
District of Columbia	1996	41,490	48,510	90,000	46%
Florida	1996	283,200	2,531,100	2,814,300	10%
Georgia*	1994	78,330	1,692,630	1,757,540	4%
Hawaii	1994	10,670	170,880	181,550	6%
Idaho	1996	21,350	277,450	298,800	7%
Illinois	1996	65,220	1,943,910	2,009,130	3%
Indiana	2001	43,720	1,005,570	1,049,290	4%
Iowa	2002	400	509,800	510,200	0%
Kansas	1994	3,230	483,490	486,730	1%
Kentucky	2017	-	678,450	678,450	0%
Louisiana	1995	77,180	644,020	721,200	11%
Maine	2011	1,950	173,310	175,260	1%
Maryland	2003	21,910	864,280	886,190	2%
Massachusetts	1993	42,430	911,320	953,750	4%
Michigan	1993	145,280	1,337,000	1,482,280	10%
Minnesota	1991	53,930	820,900	874,830	6%
Mississippi	2010	520	123,100	123,620	0%
Missouri	1998	22,820	895,320	918,140	2%

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STATE	CHARTER LAW ENACTED	CHARTER ENROLLMENT	DISTRICT ENROLLMENT	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	ENROLLMENT SHARE
Montana	N/A	-	146,480	146,480	0%
Nebraska	N/A	-	357,650	357,650	0%
Nevada	1997	39,950	433,690	473,640	8%
New Hampshire	1996	3,420	176,310	179,730	2%
New Jersey	1995	45,320	1,323,770	1,369,080	3%
New Mexico	1993	25,140	312,330	337,470	7%
New York	1998	128,740	2,552,950	2,681,690	5%
North Carolina	1996	92,520	1,438,570	1,531,100	6%
North Dakota	N/A	-	109,530	109,530	0%
Ohio	1997	117,080	1,586,820	1,703,890	7%
Oklahoma	1999	24,150	669,560	693,710	3%
Oregon	1999	32,150	546,800	578,950	6%
Pennsylvania	1997	133,750	1,636,310	1,770,070	8%
Rhode Island	1995	8,030	134,110	142,140	6%
South Carolina	1996	32,250	739,500	771,760	4%
South Dakota	N/A	-	135,810	135,810	0%
Tennessee**	2002	30,000	969,720	999,720	3%
Texas	1995	303,130	5,055,630	5,358,750	6%
Utah	1998	71,490	573,460	644,960	11%
Vermont	N/A	-	84,430	84,430	0%
Virginia	1998	1,210	1,287,270	1,288,480	0%
Washington	2016	1,680	1,101,590	1,103,270	0%
West Virginia	N/A	-	273,170	273,170	0%
Wisconsin	1993	44,450	818,290	862,740	5%
Wyoming	1995	470	92,800	93,260	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,011,300</b>	<b>46,962,700</b>	<b>49,974,00</b>	<b>6%</b>

## 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 2016–17 school year. 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 district 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 in which each student resides. The residential enrollment data provide information regarding how many students who reside in a school district attend charter schools (regardless of where these schools are located).
4. The number of virtual charter schools that enroll 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 District of Columbia has only one school district and did not have any virtual schools in 2016–17. The National Alliance did include virtual schools in Hawaii (which only has one school district) and Michigan (where residential enrollment data are available).

## NOTES

**Appendix A:** As of October 2017, enrollment data for the 2016–17 school year were not available for Tennessee.

**Appendix B:** As of October 2017, enrollment data for the 2016–17 school year were not available for Tennessee.

**Appendix C:** The Georgia charter school enrollment number was provided by the Georgia Department of Education.

The Tennessee charter school enrollment number is an estimate provided by the state's charter support organization. The district enrollment number in Tennessee is based on 2015–16 publicly available enrollment data.