

**Table 100. Selected characteristics of students, teachers, schools, schools, parent participation, and programs and services in traditional public and public charter elementary and secondary schools, by school level: 1999-2000**

Selected characteristic	Total elementary and secondary schools					Elementary schools			Secondary schools			Combined elementary/secondary schools		
	Total, all schools	Traditional	Public charter schools	Total, all schools	Public charter schools	Traditional	Public charter schools	Total, all schools	Traditional	Public charter schools	Total, all schools	Traditional	Public charter schools	Total, all schools
Number of schools	84,735 (285)	83,725 (285)	1,010 (4.3)	60,485 (250)	59,900 (250)	586 (5.9)	20,885 (190)	20,651 (190)	235 (6.4)	3,364 (154)	3,174 (154)	190 (5.0)	3,364 (154)	190 (5.0)
Enrollment, in thousands	45,366 (323)	45,100 (323)	267 (4.0)	29,209 (242)	29,050 (243)	159 (2.2)	15,259 (205)	15,201 (205)	58 (3.0)	898 (51)	848 (51)	50 (2.2)	898 (51)	50 (2.2)
<b>Percentage distribution of students</b>														
Race/ethnicity	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)
White	63.1 (0.43)	63.2 (0.43)	46.4 (0.69)	61.4 (0.55)	61.4 (0.55)	44.7 (0.78)	66.3 (0.57)	66.4 (0.57)	42.0 (1.61)	68.6 (1.64)	68.6 (1.70)	57.0 (1.62)	68.6 (1.64)	57.0 (1.62)
Black	17.0 (0.28)	16.9 (0.28)	27.3 (0.57)	18.1 (0.40)	18.0 (0.40)	31.0 (0.78)	14.9 (0.40)	14.9 (0.40)	23.4 (1.30)	17.1 (1.04)	17.1 (1.04)	19.9 (1.41)	17.1 (1.04)	19.9 (1.41)
Hispanic	14.9 (0.35)	14.9 (0.35)	20.8 (0.55)	15.8 (0.46)	15.8 (0.46)	19.5 (0.64)	13.6 (0.47)	13.6 (0.47)	28.9 (1.36)	9.5 (0.64)	9.1 (0.67)	15.5 (1.00)	9.5 (0.64)	15.5 (1.00)
Asian/Pacific Islander	3.7 (0.13)	3.7 (0.13)	3.2 (0.17)	3.6 (0.18)	3.6 (0.18)	3.3 (0.27)	4.1 (0.20)	4.1 (0.20)	2.8 (0.22)	1.8 (0.13)	1.7 (0.13)	3.5 (0.49)	1.8 (0.13)	3.5 (0.49)
American Indian/Alaska Native	1.2 (0.03)	1.2 (0.03)	2.3 (0.21)	1.2 (0.04)	1.2 (0.04)	1.5 (0.11)	1.1 (0.04)	1.1 (0.04)	3.0 (0.45)	3.4 (0.40)	3.4 (0.42)	4.1 (0.92)	3.4 (0.40)	4.1 (0.92)
<b>Percentage distribution of teachers</b>														
Race/ethnicity <sup>1</sup>	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)
White	83.9 (0.29)	83.9 (0.29)	73.2 (0.60)	82.9 (0.41)	82.9 (0.41)	73.5 (0.59)	85.8 (0.36)	85.8 (0.36)	69.5 (2.14)	84.5 (1.10)	85.0 (1.14)	75.9 (1.17)	84.5 (1.10)	75.9 (1.17)
Black	9.9 (0.22)	9.9 (0.22)	15.5 (0.50)	9.6 (0.31)	9.5 (0.31)	16.3 (0.59)	7.6 (0.22)	7.6 (0.22)	15.8 (2.00)	9.7 (0.94)	9.6 (0.98)	12.8 (0.93)	9.7 (0.94)	12.8 (0.93)
Hispanic	5.2 (0.18)	5.2 (0.18)	8.1 (0.25)	5.5 (0.24)	5.5 (0.24)	7.5 (0.33)	4.8 (0.29)	4.8 (0.29)	10.7 (0.74)	3.4 (0.27)	3.2 (0.28)	7.1 (0.47)	3.4 (0.27)	7.1 (0.47)
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.3 (0.06)	1.3 (0.06)	2.0 (0.11)	1.3 (0.08)	1.3 (0.08)	2.0 (0.18)	1.1 (0.06)	1.1 (0.06)	2.4 (0.23)	1.1 (0.08)	1.1 (0.08)	1.7 (0.22)	1.1 (0.08)	1.7 (0.22)
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.7 (0.07)	0.7 (0.07)	1.3 (0.17)	0.7 (0.10)	0.7 (0.10)	0.7 (0.07)	0.7 (0.10)	0.7 (0.10)	1.6 (0.34)	1.3 (0.20)	1.2 (0.22)	2.5 (0.70)	1.3 (0.20)	2.5 (0.70)
Years of full-time teaching experience	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)
3 to 9	12.9 (0.27)	12.7 (0.27)	39.9 (0.54)	12.9 (0.42)	12.7 (0.42)	37.5 (0.58)	13.0 (0.23)	12.9 (0.23)	35.3 (1.80)	14.1 (0.57)	12.5 (0.58)	49.1 (1.50)	14.1 (0.57)	49.1 (1.50)
10 to 20	28.8 (0.36)	28.7 (0.37)	38.7 (0.46)	29.1 (0.54)	29.0 (0.54)	41.6 (0.51)	28.0 (0.35)	28.0 (0.35)	36.3 (1.31)	31.6 (0.94)	31.6 (0.94)	31.3 (1.04)	31.6 (0.94)	31.3 (1.04)
More than 20	28.5 (0.33)	28.5 (0.33)	13.4 (0.36)	29.4 (0.48)	29.4 (0.48)	13.8 (0.49)	26.4 (0.33)	26.4 (0.33)	12.3 (0.93)	27.1 (1.02)	27.1 (1.02)	13.1 (0.77)	27.1 (1.02)	13.1 (0.77)
More than 20	29.8 (0.34)	30.0 (0.34)	8.1 (0.33)	28.7 (0.48)	28.8 (0.48)	7.1 (0.36)	32.7 (0.38)	32.7 (0.38)	14.6 (1.31)	27.2 (1.16)	27.2 (1.16)	6.5 (0.79)	27.2 (1.16)	6.5 (0.79)
<b>Percentage distribution of schools</b>														
Size of enrollment	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)
Less than 300	29.1 (0.51)	28.5 (0.52)	72.2 (0.66)	25.9 (0.67)	25.5 (0.67)	69.3 (0.84)	31.7 (0.76)	31.7 (0.76)	80.2 (1.40)	69.9 (2.01)	69.9 (2.15)	71.4 (1.66)	69.9 (2.01)	71.4 (1.66)
300 to 599	39.1 (0.58)	39.4 (0.59)	16.5 (0.55)	46.1 (0.79)	46.4 (0.80)	18.6 (0.76)	19.0 (0.55)	19.0 (0.55)	3.9 (0.65)	10.2 (1.56)	10.3 (1.65)	9.2 (1.06)	10.2 (1.56)	9.2 (1.06)
600 to 999	21.7 (0.51)	21.8 (0.51)	8.4 (0.38)	23.3 (0.65)	23.3 (0.65)	9.6 (0.43)	26.9 (0.65)	27.1 (0.66)	4.9 (0.70)	3.3 (0.34)	3.4 (0.36)	2.5 (0.46)	3.3 (0.34)	2.5 (0.46)
1,000 or more	10.1 (0.26)	10.2 (0.27)	2.9 (0.20)	4.7 (0.31)	4.8 (0.31)	2.1 (0.22)	10.0 (0.00)	10.0 (0.00)	10.0 (0.00)	10.0 (0.00)	10.0 (0.00)	10.0 (0.00)	10.0 (0.00)	10.0 (0.00)
Percent minority enrollment	38.0 (0.49)	38.2 (0.49)	17.8 (0.53)	36.7 (0.53)	36.8 (0.53)	18.5 (0.65)	42.9 (0.72)	43.3 (0.73)	14.3 (1.28)	31.3 (2.09)	32.0 (2.22)	20.1 (1.15)	31.3 (2.09)	20.1 (1.15)
Less than 10.0	10.0 (0.49)	10.0 (0.49)	19.5 (0.62)	17.1 (0.66)	17.1 (0.66)	19.0 (0.76)	19.0 (0.69)	19.0 (0.69)	14.3 (1.36)	12.8 (1.06)	12.2 (1.13)	22.9 (1.41)	12.8 (1.06)	22.9 (1.41)
10.0 to 24.9	16.5 (0.58)	16.5 (0.58)	14.6 (0.56)	16.9 (0.69)	16.9 (0.70)	13.7 (0.64)	15.5 (0.66)	15.5 (0.66)	17.8 (1.26)	15.5 (1.43)	15.4 (1.51)	17.5 (1.36)	15.5 (1.43)	17.5 (1.36)
25.0 to 49.9	11.6 (0.46)	11.6 (0.47)	13.0 (0.50)	12.1 (0.60)	12.1 (0.60)	11.9 (0.59)	10.0 (0.47)	9.9 (0.48)	17.8 (1.26)	14.7 (1.53)	15.0 (1.62)	10.4 (0.89)	14.7 (1.53)	10.4 (0.89)
50.0 to 74.9	16.5 (0.49)	16.3 (0.50)	35.1 (0.69)	17.1 (0.67)	17.1 (0.67)	36.9 (0.83)	12.6 (0.44)	12.4 (0.44)	35.3 (1.60)	25.7 (2.44)	25.4 (2.58)	29.1 (1.46)	25.7 (2.44)	29.1 (1.46)
75.0 or more	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)
Percent of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch	23.5 (0.51)	23.4 (0.52)	29.8 (0.63)	20.5 (0.63)	20.4 (0.64)	30.2 (0.83)	32.9 (0.82)	32.9 (0.82)	18.1 (2.19)	18.1 (2.19)	17.4 (2.33)	30.3 (1.43)	18.1 (2.19)	30.3 (1.43)
Less than 15.0	19.6 (0.53)	19.7 (0.54)	11.4 (0.41)	19.1 (0.67)	19.2 (0.68)	11.6 (0.57)	23.0 (0.76)	23.0 (0.76)	11.9 (0.90)	8.5 (0.91)	8.4 (0.96)	10.5 (1.12)	8.5 (0.91)	10.5 (1.12)
15.0 to 29.9	21.5 (0.53)	21.5 (0.54)	16.7 (0.50)	22.0 (0.68)	22.0 (0.68)	16.7 (0.61)	19.7 (0.69)	19.7 (0.70)	17.1 (1.22)	23.2 (1.84)	23.6 (1.96)	16.5 (1.20)	23.2 (1.84)	16.5 (1.20)
30.0 to 49.9	18.6 (0.48)	18.6 (0.48)	16.7 (0.51)	20.1 (0.68)	20.2 (0.68)	14.8 (0.65)	14.1 (0.71)	14.1 (0.72)	19.8 (1.33)	19.3 (1.34)	19.4 (1.42)	19.0 (1.29)	19.3 (1.34)	19.0 (1.29)
50.0 to 74.9	16.9 (0.43)	16.7 (0.43)	25.3 (0.58)	18.3 (0.56)	18.2 (0.57)	26.8 (0.76)	10.4 (0.54)	10.3 (0.55)	22.8 (1.28)	30.8 (2.15)	31.3 (2.29)	23.7 (1.42)	30.8 (2.15)	23.7 (1.42)
75.0 or more	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)	100.0 (0.00)
<b>Percent of schools</b>														
More than half of parents participated in:	57.5 (0.70)	57.5 (0.71)	58.5 (0.76)	69.1 (0.94)	69.1 (0.95)	75.2 (0.83)	28.8 (0.83)	28.8 (0.83)	25.5 (1.43)	27.3 (1.87)	26.1 (1.95)	47.5 (1.82)	27.3 (1.87)	47.5 (1.82)
Open house or back to school night	59.9 (0.46)	59.9 (0.46)	61.7 (0.69)	71.9 (0.60)	71.8 (0.61)	79.8 (0.66)	29.0 (0.73)	29.0 (0.73)	30.8 (1.49)	36.0 (2.52)	35.6 (2.66)	43.9 (1.80)	36.0 (2.52)	43.9 (1.80)
Parent-teacher conferences	27.0 (0.61)	27.0 (0.61)	49.0 (0.72)	30.5 (0.82)	30.3 (0.83)	54.3 (0.83)	16.6 (0.72)	16.3 (0.73)	40.4 (1.58)	27.3 (2.36)	26.4 (2.51)	43.1 (1.63)	27.3 (2.36)	43.1 (1.63)
Written parent-school contracts	3.1 (0.25)	3.1 (0.25)	6.5 (0.43)	3.7 (0.33)	3.6 (0.33)	12.0 (0.61)	1.1 (0.18)	1.1 (0.18)	3.0 (0.61)	5.5 (0.81)	5.5 (0.86)	5.0 (0.91)	5.5 (0.81)	5.0 (0.91)
Instructional issues	1.4 (0.18)	1.3 (0.18)	6.5 (0.34)	1.6 (0.24)	1.5 (0.24)	8.9 (0.55)	0.8 (0.14)	0.8 (0.15)	2.5 (0.54)	1.1 (0.22)	0.9 (0.22)	4.3 (0.63)	1.1 (0.22)	4.3 (0.63)
School volunteers	6.4 (0.36)	6.2 (0.37)	22.5 (0.59)	8.5 (0.50)	8.3 (0.51)	30.6 (0.87)	1.2 (0.19)	1.1 (0.19)	9.2 (0.93)	2.1 (0.32)	1.4 (0.33)	14.2 (1.20)	2.1 (0.32)	14.2 (1.20)
<b>Percent of schools with selected programs and services</b>														
Programs with special instructional approaches	19.9 (0.55)	19.5 (0.56)	54.9 (0.72)	17.7 (0.66)	17.3 (0.67)	51.9 (0.87)	22.8 (0.90)	22.4 (0.91)	54.5 (1.62)	42.3 (2.44)	41.0 (2.59)	64.6 (1.65)	42.3 (2.44)	64.6 (1.65)
Talented/gifted program	68.1 (0.62)	68.5 (0.63)	32.2 (0.63)	71.4 (0.76)	71.8 (0.77)	32.8 (0.78)	63.3 (0.83)	63.7 (0.84)	28.5 (1.49)	38.0 (2.41)	38.2 (2.55)	34.7 (1.65)	38.0 (2.41)	34.7 (1.65)
Immersion in a foreign language program	12.7 (0.44)	12.7 (0.44)	13.6 (0.53)	11.1 (0.58)	11.1 (0.58)	13.5 (0.69)	18.0 (0.64)	18.0 (0.64)	12.7 (1.39)	9.6 (0.83)	9.3 (0.86)	14.8 (1.20)	9.6 (0.83)	14.8 (1.20)
A program for students with discipline or adjustment problems	48.5 (0.68)	48.6 (0.69)	45.6 (0.76)	43.7 (0.85)	43.7 (0.85)	37.8 (0.96)	60.4 (1.16)	60.5 (1.18)	58.9 (1.78)	61.8 (2.05)	62.3 (2.18)	52.9 (1.74)	61.8 (2.05)	52.9 (1.74)
Extended day or before-school or after-school day care programs	37.2 (0.64)	37.2 (0.65)	18.5 (0.69)	46.7 (0.89)	46.5 (0.90)	62.9 (0.89)	13.4 (0.59)	13.4 (0.59)	18.2 (1.43)	18.2 (1.48)	16.8 (1.54)	41.8 (1.85)	18.2 (1.48)	41.8 (1.85)
Advanced Placement (AP) courses	14.6 (0.21)	14.6 (0.21)	18.5 (0.69)	14.6 (0.69)	14.6 (0.69)	18.5 (0.69)	55.2 (0.85)	55.2 (0.85)	28.4 (1.43)	24.1 (1.73)	23.9 (1.82)	33.1 (1.60)	24.1 (1.73)	33.1 (1.60)
Entire school is for suspended students <sup>2</sup>	2.8 (0.23)	2.8 (0.23)	6.3 (0.38)	1.1 (0.04)	1.1 (0.04)	6.2 (0.38)	5.3 (0.63)	5.1 (0.63)	17.9 (1.19)	27.8 (2.64)	28.9 (2.78)	9.6 (0.95)	27.8 (2.64)	9.6 (0.95)

† Not applicable.  
<sup>1</sup> Based on data reported by schools.  
<sup>2</sup> Entire school specifically for students who have been suspended or expelled, who have dropped out, or who have been referred for behavioral or adjustment problems.  
 NOTE: This tabulation includes all public charter schools operating in the 1998-99 school year. Public charter schools that first opened in the 1999-2000 school year, or later, are not included in these data. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Standard errors appear in parentheses.  
 SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Schools and Staffing Survey (SASS), "Public School Questionnaire," 1999-2000 and "Charter School Questionnaire," 1999-2000. (This table was prepared March 2003.)