

**Table 230. Public Charter and Traditional Schools—Selected Characteristics: 2005–2006**

[[44,259 represents 44,259,000.] A public charter school is a public school that, in accordance with an enabling state statute, has been granted a charter exempting it from selected state and local rules and regulations. Schools open as public charter schools during 2004–05 and still open in the 2005–06 school year were surveyed]

Characteristic	All schools		Elementary		Secondary		Combined	
	Tradi- tional	Public charter	Tradi- tional	Public charter	Tradi- tional	Public charter	Tradi- tional	Public charter
Number of schools . . . . .	80,243	3,690	56,929	1,953	19,247	1,038	4,067	699
Enrollment (1,000) . . . . .	44,259	1,013	28,300	531	14,763	220	1,195	261
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF STUDENTS								
Race/ethnicity . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White, non-Hispanic . . . . .	55.5	40.1	53.6	36.6	58.9	36.8	57.5	49.9
Black, non-Hispanic . . . . .	17.2	31.8	17.5	36.8	16.3	27.4	20.3	25.2
Hispanic . . . . .	20.8	22.1	22.3	21.2	18.1	28.7	16.6	18.4
Asian/Pacific Islander . . . . .	4.7	3.5	4.7	3.6	5.0	3.7	3.0	3.4
American Indian/Alaska Native . . . . .	1.1	1.4	1.1	1.0	1.2	2.2	2.2	1.5
Other . . . . .	0.7	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.5	1.2	0.4	1.6
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOLS								
Size of enrollment . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 300 students . . . . .	28.3	69.5	23.7	66.2	33.9	80.3	66.3	62.5
300 to 599 students . . . . .	39.1	21.1	46.9	24.3	20.0	14.8	19.3	21.3
600 to 999 students . . . . .	22.0	6.5	24.4	7.9	17.3	2.2	9.9	8.9
1,000 students or more . . . . .	10.7	3.0	5.0	1.6	28.8	2.6	4.6	7.3
Percent minority enrollment . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 10.0 . . . . .	26.6	11.8	25.5	10.9	31.2	11.5	21.2	15.0
10.0 to 24.9 . . . . .	18.4	17.5	18.5	16.8	18.4	16.7	16.9	20.6
25.0 to 49.9 . . . . .	18.9	17.8	18.9	17.2	18.6	16.7	19.7	20.9
50.0 to 74.9 . . . . .	13.5	12.6	13.4	10.5	12.7	16.2	17.7	13.2
75.0 or more . . . . .	22.7	40.3	23.7	44.5	19.2	39.0	24.5	30.3
Percent of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 15.0 . . . . .	19.0	29.7	17.9	24.4	21.4	34.8	24.2	37.6
15.0 to 29.9 . . . . .	17.1	10.5	15.5	10.8	22.9	10.7	11.6	9.5
30.0 to 49.9 . . . . .	23.0	14.1	22.0	15.2	27.0	14.4	19.9	10.8
50.0 to 74.9 . . . . .	22.9	19.5	24.1	19.8	19.0	20.3	24.6	17.4
75.0 or more . . . . .	17.9	26.1	20.5	29.9	9.7	19.8	19.7	24.7

<sup>1</sup> Percent of Hispanic origin may be of any race. <sup>2</sup> Excludes data for schools not providing information on eligibility for free or reduced-price lunch.

Source: U.S. National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data, "Public Elementary/Secondary School Universe Survey," 2005–06, unpublished data.