

Table 227. Public Charter and Traditional Schools—Selected Characteristics: 2004–2005

[47,694 represents 47,694,000. 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 2003–04 and still open in the 2004–05 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	90,001	3,294	64,188	1,735	21,412	898	4,373	660
Enrollment (1,000)	47,694	887	30,713	474	15,698	186	1,275	227
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	57.7	41.5	55.7	39.0	61.3	38.7	59.6	49.2
Black, non-Hispanic	16.8	30.9	17.3	35.3	15.6	27.0	19.6	24.8
Hispanic	19.2	21.6	20.7	20.4	16.7	27.1	15.4	19.6
Asian/Pacific Islander	4.5	3.3	4.5	3.3	4.8	3.6	2.5	3.0
American Indian/Alaska Native	1.2	1.5	1.2	1.1	1.2	2.3	2.4	1.6
Other	0.6	1.2	0.6	0.9	0.4	1.2	0.5	1.8
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	30.9	70.9	26.8	67.4	35.3	81.5	68.9	65.6
300 to 599 students	38.2	20.1	45.7	23.3	19.9	13.9	16.9	20.3
600 to 999 students	20.8	6.1	22.7	7.3	17.6	2.2	8.8	8.0
1,000 students or more	10.1	2.9	4.7	2.0	27.3	2.3	5.4	6.1
Percent minority enrollment	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 10.0	27.8	9.8	26.4	9.1	33.4	9.4	19.9	12.2
10.0 to 24.9	18.9	18.5	19.0	18.9	18.9	16.5	18.0	20.3
25.0 to 49.9	19.0	18.4	19.0	17.7	18.3	16.9	21.0	22.1
50.0 to 74.9	13.0	13.9	12.9	11.3	11.8	17.4	19.0	15.8
75.0 or more	21.4	39.4	22.6	43.0	17.7	39.8	22.1	29.6
Percent of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch ²	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 15.0	16.7	32.6	20.1	34.5	8.5	28.5	22.8	32.1
15.0 to 29.9	19.2	11.2	14.6	11.0	17.8	10.9	9.1	12.2
30.0 to 49.9	16.6	14.0	16.5	13.6	25.8	14.3	14.1	14.5
50.0 to 74.9	20.4	18.1	23.7	17.9	28.5	20.7	23.7	15.5
75.0 or more	27.2	24.2	25.0	23.0	19.3	25.6	30.3	25.6

¹ Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. ² 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," 2004–05, unpublished data.