

Table 233. Public Charter and Traditional Schools—Selected Characteristics: 2006 to 2007

[43,575 represents 43,575,000. 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]

Characteristic	All schools		Elementary		Secondary		Combined	
	Traditional	Public charter	Traditional	Public charter	Traditional	Public charter	Traditional	Public charter
Number of schools	79,339	3,970	56,571	2,133	18,775	1,081	3,993	756
Enrollment (1,000)	43,575	1,157	27,976	611	14,429	236	1,170	310
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	54.6	38.7	52.8	34.5	58.0	35.7	54.7	49.1
Black, non-Hispanic	16.5	30.8	16.6	35.2	16.0	28.2	20.7	24.2
Hispanic	21.6	23.7	23.2	23.6	18.8	29.1	18.1	19.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	4.9	3.6	4.8	3.9	5.1	3.5	2.8	3.3
American Indian/Alaska Native	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.1	2.0	2.1	1.3
Other	1.3	2.0	1.5	1.9	1.0	1.6	1.6	2.5
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	66.7	23.5	63.4	33.8	79.2	69.3	57.9
300 to 599 students	39.4	23.1	47.4	26.1	20.3	15.7	16.8	25.3
600 to 999 students	21.9	7.2	24.4	8.9	17.2	2.7	8.3	8.6
1,000 students or more	10.5	3.1	4.7	1.6	28.7	2.4	5.6	8.2
Percent minority enrollment	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 10.0	26.2	11.6	24.9	10.2	31.0	11.6	21.2	15.5
10.0 to 24.9	18.4	17.0	18.7	16.2	18.3	15.7	15.1	21.0
25.0 to 49.9	18.9	17.0	19.1	15.8	18.3	17.1	20.0	20.2
50.0 to 74.9	13.5	12.8	13.4	11.5	13.1	15.9	17.0	11.8
75.0 or more	23.0	41.7	24.0	46.4	19.3	39.7	26.7	31.5
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	18.3	23.3	17.5	19.8	21.1	24.9	17.3	30.8
15.0 to 29.9	17.0	11.8	15.4	12.3	22.8	12.3	12.3	9.7
30.0 to 49.9	23.0	15.7	21.8	15.6	27.0	17.4	21.5	13.6
50.0 to 74.9	23.6	21.9	24.6	20.9	19.6	24.1	28.2	21.7
75.0 or more	18.1	27.3	20.8	31.4	9.6	21.2	20.7	24.2

¹ Persons of Hispanic origin may be 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Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data, "Public Elementary/Secondary School Universe Survey," 2006–07, unpublished data.