

**Table 238. Type of School Attended by Student and Household Characteristics: 1996 and 2007**

[In percent, except total in thousands (34,600 represent 34,600,000). For students in grades 1 to 12. Includes homeschooled students enrolled in public or private school 9 or more hours per week. Based on the Parent and Family Involvement Survey of the National Household Education Survey Program; see source and Appendix III for details]

Characteristic	Public				Private			
	Assigned		Chosen		Church related		Not church related	
	1996	2007	1996	2007	1996	2007	1996	2007
<b>Total students (1,000)</b> . . . . .	<b>34,600</b>	<b>34,700</b>	<b>6,200</b>	<b>7,400</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,200</b>
Percent distribution . . . . .	76.0	73.2	13.7	15.5	8.0	8.7	2.3	2.6
Grade level:								
1 to 5 . . . . .	74.1	71.4	14.8	17.0	8.9	8.7	2.2	2.8
6 to 8 . . . . .	79.4	77.0	11.2	11.9	7.4	8.6	2.0	2.5
9 to 12 . . . . .	75.9	72.6	14.1	16.4	7.3	8.6	2.7	2.3
Race/ethnicity:								
White, non-Hispanic . . . . .	77.1	73.6	11.1	12.5	9.2	10.8	2.7	3.1
Black, non-Hispanic . . . . .	72.9	68.9	21.5	23.7	4.2	5.5	1.4	1.8
Other, non-Hispanic . . . . .	69.3	72.7	19.0	17.4	9.5	6.4	2.2	3.5
Hispanic <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	76.4	75.8	16.1	17.4	6.3	5.6	1.3	1.2
Family type:								
Two-parent household . . . . .	76.3	72.7	11.7	14.4	9.5	10.0	2.4	2.9
One-parent household . . . . .	74.6	74.9	18.4	17.7	5.0	5.4	1.9	2.0
Nonparent guardians . . . . .	80.2	72.8	14.6	22.7	2.3	3.9	2.9	0.6
Parents' education:								
Less than high school . . . . .	78.8	85.4	17.4	12.4	2.0	1.5	1.8	0.6
High school diploma or equivalent . . . . .	82.1	79.8	12.3	15.4	5.0	3.5	0.7	1.3
Some college, including vocational/technical . . . . .	76.4	75.4	14.7	16.3	7.1	7.3	1.8	1.0
Bachelor's degree . . . . .	70.7	70.7	13.1	15.3	13.0	11.6	3.3	2.4
Graduate/professional degree . . . . .	66.1	62.2	12.6	15.8	15.3	15.1	6.0	6.8
Region: <sup>2</sup>								
Northeast . . . . .	74.3	72.3	12.9	13.3	9.2	10.9	3.6	3.4
South . . . . .	78.7	75.2	12.5	14.0	6.4	8.5	2.4	2.3
Midwest . . . . .	75.4	73.6	12.4	15.0	10.9	9.9	1.3	1.5
West . . . . .	74.0	70.6	17.7	20.1	6.3	6.1	2.0	3.3

<sup>1</sup> Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. <sup>2</sup> For composition of regions see map, inside front cover.  
Source: U.S. National Center for Education Statistics, *Condition of Education, 2009*, NCES 2009-081, June 2009.

**Table 239. Public Charter and Traditional Schools—Selected Characteristics: 2007 to 2008**

[47,432 represents 47,432,000. For school year ending in 2008. 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 . . . . .	87,190	3,560	60,390	2,050	20,720	920	6,080	590
Enrollment (1,000) . . . . .	47,432	1,047	29,194	619	16,513	229	1,725	200
<b>PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF STUDENTS</b>								
Race/ethnicity . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White, non-Hispanic . . . . .	58.2	41.0	56.2	35.9	60.3	43.5	71.3	54.0
Black, non-Hispanic . . . . .	15.7	29.0	15.8	36.1	15.8	(S)	12.2	17.6
Hispanic . . . . .	20.3	23.8	22.1	21.6	18.0	31.5	11.5	22.0
Asian/Pacific Islander . . . . .	4.4	3.8	4.5	3.8	4.7	3.5	1.3	(S)
American Indian/Alaska Native . . . . .	1.4	2.3	1.4	2.6	1.2	1.5	3.8	(S)
<b>PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOLS</b>								
Size of enrollment . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 300 students . . . . .	28.1	64.2	24.1	59.3	28.9	81.1	65.8	54.9
300 to 599 students . . . . .	40.6	25.8	49.2	29.2	20.8	14.8	22.8	31.2
600 to 999 students . . . . .	20.8	7.4	22.5	10.0	19.9	(S)	7.5	6.9
1,000 students or more . . . . .	10.5	2.7	4.3	(S)	30.4	(S)	4.0	(S)
Percent minority enrollment . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 10.0 . . . . .	28.7	(S)	27.7	(S)	30.2	(S)	33.8	(S)
10.0 to 24.9 . . . . .	17.9	17.0	18.1	15.7	18.4	(S)	14.5	30.7
25.0 to 49.9 . . . . .	19.7	18.0	19.5	15.1	21.3	20.8	17.4	23.9
50.0 to 74.9 . . . . .	12.6	14.1	13.1	11.8	11.4	20.7	12.2	(S)
75.0 or more . . . . .	21.0	42.7	21.7	50.4	18.7	39.2	22.1	21.2
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 . . . . .	4.0	24.5	1.7	16.2	8.5	35.8	11.0	35.3
15.0 to 29.9 . . . . .	27.6	9.9	27.4	9.4	32.7	(S)	11.9	(S)
30.0 to 49.9 . . . . .	27.7	18.8	26.5	16.6	30.9	28.7	28.6	(S)
50.0 to 74.9 . . . . .	21.4	21.4	23.2	25.9	15.6	(S)	22.6	27.5
75.0 or more . . . . .	19.4	25.5	21.2	31.9	12.2	16.6	25.9	16.9

S Figure does not meet publication standards. <sup>1</sup> Persons of Hispanic origin may be 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, School and Staffing Survey (SASS), "Public School Questionnaire," 2007-08 and "Public Teacher Questionnaire," 2007-08; <<http://www.nces.ed.gov/>>.