

Details from the Dashboard: Charter School Race/Ethnicity Demographics

Many charter operators make the strategic decision to open charter schools in underserved neighborhoods with high concentrations of low income, minority, and low performing students. This decision should not come as a surprise. Public charter schools provide educators an opportunity to change the way that schools operate in order to meet the needs of students. Decades of low performance and widening achievement gaps for at-risk students are often the catalysts educators cite when creating new charter schools. As a result, public charter schools across the nation enroll, on average, a greater percentage of low income students (46 percent versus 41 percentⁱ), Black and Latino students (27 percent versus 15 percent and 26 percent versus 22 percent, respectivelyⁱⁱ), and students who perform lower on standardized assessments before transferring to charter schools.ⁱⁱⁱ

At the same time that many public charter schools open in order to serve at-risk students, charter schools face criticism that they are aiding in the resegregation of the public education system. Critics rely on national and state-level data to show that charter schools enroll larger percentages of students of color than traditional public schools. The critics use the very same data that many charter schools proudly promote—that they enroll underserved students—to claim that charter schools are harming students and the larger education system. The primary limitation with analyses that use state or metropolitan statistical area comparisons is that they mask the fact that more often than not, charter school enrollment looks quite similar to traditional public schools in the same districts and neighborhoods.

In this *Details from the Dashboard* report, we examine race/ethnicity breakouts for public charter schools and traditional public schools at the state and the school district level. The data in this report indicate that in the large majority of states, the race/ethnicity student demographics of charter schools are almost identical to those of the surrounding school district.

Appendix A presents race/ethnicity student demographics broken out for every state with charter schools, as well as each state's top school districts in terms of the number of students enrolled in charter schools. Tables 1 and 2 present race/ethnicity data for the school districts in our annual market share report.^{iv}

If we take a look at the school districts with the largest share of students enrolled in charter schools (Table 1), or the largest total number of students enrolled in charter schools (Table 2), it is clear that charter schools enroll mostly similar percentages of students by race/ethnicity as traditional public schools. What the demographic breakouts at the district-level indicate is that charter schools reflect the demographic patterns of traditional public schools.

Table 1: Percentage of Students Enrolled in Top Charter School Market Share Districts, by Race/Ethnicity, 2010-2011^v

School District			Total Enrollment	Charter Market Share	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other
New Orleans	LA	CPS	27,728	70%	7.6%	85.6%	3.2%	2.3%	1.3%
		TPS	12,149		5.6%	88.7%	2.6%	2.0%	1.0%
District of Columbia	DC	CPS	29,399	39%	2.7%	81.8%	14.0%	0.7%	0.7%
		TPS	45,630		1.2%	76.4%	14.2%	1.4%	1.5%
Detroit	MI	CPS	45,073	37%	4.1%	85.9%	8.6%	0.9%	0.3%
		TPS	75,264		3.0%	86.7%	8.9%	1.0%	0.3%
Kansas City	MO	CPS	9,312	35%	8.6%	73.1%	16.0%	1.8%	0.1%
		TPS	17,326		8.9%	66.5%	21.8%	2.5%	0.2%
Flint City	MI	CPS	5,008	32%	17.0%	71.3%	6.0%	0.4%	4.7%
		TPS	10,557		14.9%	77.5%	4.0%	0.3%	3.2%
Gary	IN	CPS	4,834	30%	0.9%	91.6%	6.0%	0.0%	1.4%
		TPS	11,161		0.7%	88.8%	2.7%	0.1%	7.8%
St. Louis	MO	CPS	10,406	29%	11.2%	82.8%	4.0%	0.8%	0.2%
		TPS	25,084		12.8%	81.1%	3.4%	2.2%	0.2%
Dayton	OH	CPS	5,995	27%	25.3%	68.0%	0.7%	0.4%	2.8%
		TPS	16,256		18.5%	67.4%	2.4%	0.4%	10.5%
Youngstown	OH	CPS	2,527	24%	7.7%	67.4%	14.8%	0.0%	9.6%
		TPS	8,128		12.9%	67.4%	12.7%	0.0%	6.7%
Albany City	NY	CPS	2,421	23%	3.1%	83.1%	8.7%	0.6%	4.6%
		TPS	8,819		15.8%	61.3%	10.9%	4.9%	2.0%
Cleveland	OH	CPS	14,310	23%	17.2%	68.5%	9.1%	0.1%	2.8%
		TPS	46,818		12.0%	68.3%	12.3%	0.6%	6.3%
Toledo	OH	CPS	7,721	23%	25.8%	53.5%	10.2%	0.0%	8.8%
		TPS	26,488		30.7%	47.2%	9.2%	0.4%	11.9%

Note: CPS means charter public school; TPS means traditional public school.

Table 2: Percentage of Students Enrolled in Districts with Largest Number of Students Enrolled in Charter Schools, by Race/Ethnicity, 2010-2011^{vi}

School District			Total Enrollment	Charter Market Share	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other
Los Angeles	CA	CPS	79,385	12%	14.1%	15.7%	59.5%	3.1%	7.2%
		TPS	588,824		8.8%	10.0%	73.4%	3.9%	3.9%
Detroit	MI	CPS	45,073	37%	4.1%	85.9%	8.6%	0.9%	0.3%
		TPS	75,264		3.0%	86.7%	8.9%	1.0%	0.3%
Philadelphia	PA	CPS	40,322	20%	15.6%	64.4%	15.9%	2.7%	1.3%
		TPS	166,272		13.8%	59.5%	17.7%	6.1%	2.9%
New York City	NY	CPS	38,743	4%	3.0%	61.8%	31.0%	1.8%	2.3%
		TPS	973,583		13.9%	29.5%	39.1%	14.8%	0.5%
Chicago	IL	CPS	37,909	9%	2.0%	61.0%	34.6%	0.8%	1.6%
		TPS	365,069		8.6%	42.7%	43.6%	3.2%	1.8%
Houston	TX	CPS	37,499	17%	4.1%	30.1%	55.9%	1.9%	0.9%
		TPS	188,553		7.4%	26.8%	61.6%	2.9%	1.1%
Miami-Dade	FL	CPS	35,380	10%	9.9%	15.0%	73.7%	0.9%	0.6%
		TPS	312,026		8.6%	24.5%	65.1%	1.2%	0.6%
District of Columbia	DC	CPS	29,366	39%	2.7%	81.8%	14.0%	0.7%	0.7%
		TPS	45,360		1.2%	76.4%	14.2%	1.4%	1.5%
New Orleans	LA	CPS	27,728	70%	7.6%	85.6%	3.2%	2.3%	1.3%
		TPS	12,149		5.6%	88.7%	2.6%	2.0%	1.0%
Broward	FL	CPS	24,150	9%	22.0%	40.1%	31.8%	3.2%	2.9%
		TPS	232,981		26.6%	38.4%	28.4%	3.5%	3.1%

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Appendix A: Race/Ethnicity Percentages by Charter Public Schools and Traditional Public Schools, State and School Districts with Largest Charter Student Enrollment, 2010-2011

State (School District)		White %	Black %	Hispanic %	Asian %	Other %
Alaska	CPS	68.1	2.2	4.7	2.3	22.6
	TPS	51.5	3.7	6.0	6.1	32.8
Anchorage School District	CPS	67.4	3.3	6.6	2.2	20.5
	TPS	47.3	6.5	10.2	10.4	25.6
Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District	CPS	81.9	1.0	3.0	1.4	12.6
	TPS	12.6	80.0	1.5	2.3	1.8
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District	CPS	85.0	0.7	2.3	1.4	10.6
	TPS	78.4	0.6	3.0	1.4	16.6
Arizona	CPS	48.5	7.0	35.5	3.4	2.9
	TPS	42.2	5.4	43.1	2.7	6.6
Mesa Public Schools	CPS	53.7	6.6	29.7	3.8	2.5
	TPS	51.5	4.9	36.2	2.6	4.2
Tucson Unified School District	CPS	38.3	5.9	46.5	3.2	4.1
	TPS	27.4	5.7	58.0	2.1	6.4
Phoenix Union High School District	CPS	17.8	9.3	67.0	1.7	2.1
	TPS	9.1	9.8	75.1	2.4	3.0
Arkansas	CPS	50.0	39.7	5.2	2.5	2.7
	TPS	65.4	20.9	9.0	1.4	3.3
Little Rock School District	CPS	21.7	63.3	8.3	4.9	1.9
	TPS	21.8	66.1	8.5	2.5	1.1
Pulaski County Special School District	CPS	58.0	31.9	5.6	3.6	0.8
	TPS	49.2	42.7	4.8	2.2	1.2
Mountain Home Public Schools	CPS	89.0	0.3	0.9	0.6	9.2
	TPS	92.8	0.2	1.4	0.5	5.9
California	CPS	32.5	10.6	44.5	4.1	8.1
	TPS	26.2	6.4	51.9	8.8	6.7
Los Angeles Unified School District	CPS	14.1	15.7	59.6	3.1	7.1
	TPS	8.8	10.0	73.4	3.9	3.9
San Diego Unified School District	CPS	24.2	16.0	48.3	4.3	7.2
	TPS	23.8	11.3	45.7	8.4	10.9
Oakland Unified School District	CPS	5.5	27.0	54.3	7.6	5.6
	TPS	8.0	31.4	39.9	13.1	7.6
Colorado	CPS	57.6	6.7	29.0	3.4	3.4
	TPS	56.8	4.6	31.8	3.1	3.7
Denver Public Schools	CPS	16.0	20.4	57.6	2.4	3.7
	TPS	20.0	14.3	58.5	3.5	3.7
Jeffco Public Schools	CPS	76.5	0.8	15.7	2.4	4.6
	TPS	68.4	1.2	23.3	3.2	3.9
Douglas County School District	CPS	76.4	0.8	13.9	5.0	3.9
	TPS	77.3	2.2	12.7	4.1	3.8
Connecticut	CPS	11.0	60.5	24.6	1.2	2.7
	TPS	62.5	12.7	18.6	4.3	1.8
New Haven School District	CPS	3.0	65.6	29.9	0.1	1.3
	TPS	13.4	47.5	36.8	2.0	0.3
Bridgeport School District	CPS	1.7	60.7	31.2	0.5	5.9
	TPS	7.7	39.8	48.0	2.9	1.6
Hartford School District	CPS	10.2	77.8	10.5	0.8	0.8
	TPS	8.2	35.9	50.0	2.2	3.6

State (School District)		White %	Black %	Hispanic %	Asian %	Other %
Delaware	CPS	46.0	41.1	4.8	6.0	2.1
	TPS	50.4	31.5	13.0	3.2	1.9
Red Clay Consolidated School District	CPS	64.0	18.4	4.1	11.9	1.6
	TPS	49.1	23.4	21.0	5.6	0.8
Brandywine School District	CPS	6.1	89.8	3.3	0.7	0.2
	TPS	44.6	45.5	4.3	4.5	1.1
Christina School District	CPS	57.3	24.9	4.0	9.1	4.8
	TPS	37.5	39.6	15.8	4.8	2.3
District of Columbia	CPS	2.8	81.8	14.0	0.7	0.7
	TPS	0.1	72.9	14.3	1.9	10.9
Florida	CPS	37.2	22.7	35.1	1.9	3.1
	TPS	43.4	23.0	27.6	2.5	3.5
Miami-Dade County Public Schools	CPS	9.9	15.0	73.7	0.9	0.6
	TPS	8.6	24.5	65.1	1.2	0.6
Broward County Public Schools	CPS	22.0	40.1	31.8	3.2	2.9
	TPS	26.6	38.4	28.4	3.5	3.1
Polk County Public Schools	CPS	57.1	16.7	20.3	1.6	4.4
	TPS	46.8	21.0	26.6	1.6	4.0
Georgia	CPS	37.7	44.2	10.1	4.7	3.3
	TPS	44.6	36.8	12.0	3.2	3.3
Fulton County Schools	CPS	28.0	46.7	15.1	6.3	4.0
	TPS	33.4	42.4	12.3	8.8	3.1
Cobb County School District	CPS	47.7	31.0	8.1	9.8	3.5
	TPS	44.5	31.2	16.5	4.8	3.0
DeKalb County School System	CPS	26.3	45.4	17.6	7.1	3.5
	TPS	10.9	70.2	12.1	4.9	1.9
Hawaii ^{vii}	CPS	29.1	1.7	3.1	64.9	1.2
	TPS	19.3	2.3	4.7	73.1	0.6
Idaho	CPS	58.6	0.7	3.8	0.6	2.1
	TPS	79.7	1.0	16.7	1.3	1.3
Joint School District No. 2	CPS	29.9	0.8	1.9	1.0	0.6
	TPS	86.8	1.4	8.9	2.4	4.2
Nampa School District	CPS	49.6	1.0	2.7	0.4	0.8
	TPS	69.7	1.1	31.0	0.7	2.8
Twin Falls School District	CPS	88.5	0.8	6.8	1.9	2.0
	TPS	77.1	1.1	18.1	2.2	1.5
Illinois	CPS	4.4	60.0	32.3	1.2	2.1
	TPS	52.3	17.6	22.6	4.2	3.4
Chicago Public Schools	CPS	2.0	61.0	34.6	0.8	1.6
	TPS	8.6	42.7	43.6	3.2	1.8
Rockford Sd 205	CPS	11.4	69.1	8.7	0.8	10.0
	TPS	35.2	29.6	24.5	3.7	6.9
District 300	CPS	54.5	2.7	20.2	17.8	4.8
	TPS	54.2	5.3	32.0	5.3	3.2
Indiana	CPS	32.6	51.2	8.1	0.7	7.3
	TPS	74.0	11.2	8.4	1.6	4.8
Indianapolis Public Schools	CPS	28.2	53.1	8.9	0.3	9.5
	TPS	24.2	53.9	15.6	0.4	5.9
Gary Community School Corporation	CPS	1.0	90.6	6.9	0.0	1.5
	TPS	0.7	88.4	2.7	0.1	8.1
Fort Wayne Community Schools	CPS	40.7	34.3	11.7	1.2	12.1
	TPS	49.8	25.5	13.1	3.6	8.1

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Iowa	CPS	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	TPS	81.5	5.1	8.5	2.0	2.9
Kansas ^{vii}	CPS	76.5	7.0	10.5	1.0	3.3
	TPS	69.0	7.6	15.7	2.4	5.3
Renwick School District	CPS	96.9	0.0	1.6	0.0	1.6
	TPS	96.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
USD 258 Public Schools	CPS	88.8	1.9	5.6	1.9	1.9
	TPS	87.9	0.9	5.0	0.9	0.9
Stafford Schools USD 349	CPS	89.0	2.8	5.5	0.0	2.8
	TPS	88.6	1.7	8.0	0.0	1.7
Louisiana	CPS	12.0	81.8	3.0	1.8	1.3
	TPS	49.8	43.2	3.7	1.4	1.8
New Orleans Public Schools	CPS	7.6	85.6	3.2	2.3	1.3
	TPS	5.6	88.7	2.6	2.0	1.0
East Baton Rouge Parish School System	CPS	2.5	96.1	0.6	0.2	0.6
	TPS	11.1	82.6	3.4	2.7	0.1
Avoyelles Parish School System	CPS	73.8	21.8	0.0	0.5	3.9
	TPS	51.5	44.5	0.6	0.8	2.6
Maryland	CPS	11.7	80.0	4.8	1.2	2.2
	TPS	43.5	35.1	11.7	5.8	4.0
Baltimore City Public Schools	CPS	8.2	83.9	5.1	1.0	1.8
	TPS	7.8	86.6	3.9	1.0	0.7
Prince George's County Public Schools	CPS	1.3	91.7	3.5	1.3	2.1
	TPS	4.5	68.9	21.0	2.9	2.7
Anne Arundel County Public Schools	CPS	49.2	32.9	7.8	3.0	6.8
	TPS	61.9	20.7	8.8	3.4	5.2
Massachusetts	CPS	42.4	26.3	23.1	4.8	3.3
	TPS	68.8	7.7	15.2	5.5	2.8
Boston Public Schools	CPS	12.4	57.4	25.7	1.8	2.7
	TPS	12.9	37.3	39.6	7.8	2.3
Springfield Public Schools	CPS	22.2	40.2	32.5	1.1	4.0
	TPS	15.0	23.1	55.9	2.1	3.9
Worcester Public Schools	CPS	27.4	31.8	32.2	4.0	4.6
	TPS	35.7	15.1	37.8	7.8	3.5
Michigan	CPS	33.1	54.4	6.7	2.1	3.2
	TPS	72.5	16.3	5.8	2.7	2.7
Detroit Public Schools	CPS	4.1	85.9	8.6	0.9	0.3
	TPS	3.0	86.7	8.9	1.0	0.3
Southfield Public Schools	CPS	7.1	91.6	0.4	0.0	0.8
	TPS	4.9	93.9	0.4	0.3	0.5
Dearborn Public Schools	CPS	38.8	53.6	6.5	0.2	0.5
	TPS	80.9	14.9	3.0	0.7	0.4
Minnesota	CPS	49.2	26.7	7.6	14.3	2.2
	TPS	75.5	9.2	6.9	6.2	2.2
Saint Paul Public Schools	CPS	26.8	27.2	10.6	34.5	0.9
	TPS	24.8	29.3	13.3	31.1	1.6
Minneapolis Public Schools	CPS	9.0	61.4	12.6	14.2	2.7
	TPS	27.7	41.4	17.2	9.3	4.4
Robbinsdale Area Schools	CPS	11.5	51.9	3.1	33.4	0.1
	TPS	47.0	30.0	10.6	11.0	1.4

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Missouri	CPS	10.0	78.2	9.7	1.3	0.2
	TPS	76.1	15.7	4.4	1.9	1.9
Saint Louis Public Schools	CPS	11.2	82.8	4.0	0.8	0.2
	TPS	12.8	81.1	3.4	2.2	0.2
Kansas City, Missouri School District	CPS	8.6	73.1	16.0	1.8	0.1
	TPS	8.9	66.5	21.8	2.5	0.2
Nevada	CPS	51.9	16.0	20.7	4.0	6.8
	TPS	38.2	9.6	39.4	6.1	6.7
Clark County School District	CPS	30.9	34.9	20.8	7.1	4.8
	TPS	31.6	12.2	41.3	7.0	6.4
Washoe County School District	CPS	55.3	3.7	30.0	3.1	7.2
	TPS	47.2	2.6	35.4	4.7	6.3
Carson City School District	CPS	53.1	1.2	10.5	2.3	6.6
	TPS	50.0	0.5	38.1	1.7	5.5
New Hampshire	CPS	90.2	1.3	1.9	3.9	2.6
	TPS	89.7	2.0	3.7	2.8	1.8
Merrimack School District	CPS	80.6	2.7	0.5	15.1	1.1
	TPS	92.0	1.7	2.7	3.1	0.4
Sanborn Regional School District	CPS	98.2	0.0	0.6	1.2	0.0
	TPS	95.8	0.2	1.3	0.3	2.3
Pembroke School District	CPS	85.7	3.0	6.0	0.0	5.3
	TPS	93.2	0.8	1.5	0.6	3.9
New Jersey	CPS	10.1	60.7	25.1	2.9	0.7
	TPS	52.7	15.7	21.7	8.9	1.0
Newark Public Schools	CPS	0.4	80.7	18.2	0.6	0.1
	TPS	6.7	57.2	35.2	0.8	0.1
Camden City Public Schools	CPS	0.5	51.4	47.3	0.5	0.3
	TPS	0.6	50.1	48.3	1.0	0.1
Jersey City Public Schools	CPS	9.4	52.7	25.9	10.2	1.9
	TPS	10.4	35.7	36.9	15.5	1.4
New Mexico ^{vii}	CPS	32.6	2.8	55.2	1.5	8.0
	TPS	25.2	2.1	60.1	1.2	11.3
Albuquerque Public Schools	CPS	28.8	3.7	57.6	1.5	8.4
	TPS	30.2	4.1	57.9	2.4	5.4
Santa Fe Public Schools	CPS	37.5	1.4	57.3	2.2	1.6
	TPS	20.1	1.1	74.8	1.5	2.5
Taos Municipal Schools	CPS	51.7	0.8	34.8	1.8	11.0
	TPS	18.7	0.6	72.2	1.2	7.3
New York	CPS	7.3	63.1	25.5	1.5	2.6
	TPS	50.3	18.0	22.2	8.4	1.1
New York City Department of Education	CPS	3.0	61.8	31.1	1.8	2.3
	TPS	13.9	29.5	39.1	14.8	0.5
Buffalo City Schools	CPS	22.1	62.8	9.8	0.9	4.5
	TPS	21.3	52.6	13.1	3.7	3.0
City School District of Albany	CPS	3.1	83.1	8.7	0.6	4.6
	TPS	15.8	61.3	10.9	4.9	2.0

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North Carolina	CPS	61.7	26.8	5.6	2.0	4.0
	TPS	53.1	26.4	12.7	2.5	5.3
Wake County Public School System	CPS	60.6	27.3	5.0	4.9	2.3
	TPS	49.9	24.8	14.3	6.1	4.9
Durham Public Schools	CPS	31.3	57.0	8.2	1.2	2.3
	TPS	22.0	52.6	20.0	2.2	3.2
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	CPS	28.7	61.9	5.6	1.3	2.4
	TPS	32.7	41.6	16.2	5.0	4.6
Ohio	CPS	39.0	48.0	5.4	0.5	4.9
	TPS	78.8	14.3	3.4	1.8	1.8
Columbus City Schools	CPS	10.6	76.9	3.8	0.3	6.3
	TPS	22.7	63.6	6.0	1.6	5.6
Cleveland Metropolitan School District	CPS	17.2	68.5	9.1	0.1	2.8
	TPS	15.2	68.3	12.3	0.6	3.2
Toledo Public Schools	CPS	25.8	53.5	10.2	0.0	8.8
	TPS	35.8	47.2	9.2	0.4	6.8
Oklahoma	CPS	24.2	30.9	38.0	1.8	5.0
	TPS	54.9	10.0	12.0	1.9	21.3
Oklahoma City Public Schools	CPS	17.7	33.3	43.7	1.8	3.5
	TPS	20.0	28.0	44.1	2.4	5.5
Tulsa Public Schools	CPS	42.7	30.0	17.2	0.8	9.3
	TPS	30.0	30.9	24.5	1.3	13.3
Oregon	CPS	79.5	2.4	9.4	1.7	7.0
	TPS	65.5	2.5	20.9	3.9	7.1
Portland Public Schools	CPS	66.9	15.5	8.8	2.1	6.7
	TPS	55.3	12.3	14.8	7.7	7.4
Reynolds School District	CPS	65.5	6.9	16.1	3.7	7.8
	TPS	43.5	6.7	36.8	7.0	6.1
Oregon City School District	CPS	90.8	0.3	2.9	1.7	4.3
	TPS	80.9	0.8	10.1	1.5	5.5
Pennsylvania	CPS	40.4	42.4	11.9	2.3	2.8
	TPS	72.8	14.2	8.1	3.2	1.7
The School District of Philadelphia	CPS	15.6	64.4	15.9	2.7	1.3
	TPS	13.8	59.5	17.7	6.1	2.9
Chester-Upland School District	CPS	1.1	89.6	9.3	0.0	0.0
	TPS	1.4	90.8	7.6	0.1	0.1
School District of the City of York	CPS	9.6	42.8	41.8	0.3	5.5
	TPS	15.7	42.9	39.2	0.8	1.4
Rhode Island	CPS	29.1	17.4	48.2	2.3	3.0
	TPS	66.2	7.7	20.0	2.9	3.2
Providence Schools	CPS	8.8	27.7	55.4	3.6	4.5
	TPS	9.3	19.6	62.0	5.3	3.8
Central Falls School District	CPS	7.5	8.7	82.5	0.2	1.1
	TPS	21.9	1.8	74.2	0.0	2.2
Pawtucket School Department	CPS	22.3	18.9	54.8	0.8	3.2
	TPS	33.2	23.5	34.4	1.4	7.5

State (School District)		White %	Black %	Hispanic %	Asian %	Other %
South Carolina ^{vii}	CPS	62.8	28.5	2.5	0.8	5.4
	TPS	53.3	38.4	5.8	1.7	0.9
Charleston County School District	CPS	49.8	44.3	2.4	1.0	2.5
	TPS	43.1	46.7	6.0	1.3	2.8
Greenville County School District	CPS	66.8	24.7	3.2	0.9	4.5
	TPS	59.6	23.7	10.7	2.0	4.0
Richland County School District One	CPS	8.6	86.3	1.6	0.3	3.2
	TPS	18.2	74.4	3.1	0.8	3.4
Tennessee	CPS	1.6	95.3	1.5	0.0	1.3
	TPS	67.7	23.3	6.2	1.6	1.2
Memphis City Schools	CPS	0.0	97.6	0.9	0.0	1.3
	TPS	7.2	83.1	7.3	1.2	1.1
Metro Nashville Public Schools	CPS	3.4	92.3	2.9	0.0	1.2
	TPS	32.3	46.0	16.6	3.8	1.4
Hamilton County Department of Education	CPS	28.7	61.5	6.5	0.0	2.4
	TPS	59.8	31.9	6.2	2.1	0.0
Texas	CPS	15.6	22.5	54.7	3.7	1.7
	TPS	31.7	12.6	50.1	3.4	2.1
Houston Independent School District	CPS	4.1	30.1	55.9	1.9	0.9
	TPS	7.4	26.8	61.6	2.9	1.1
Dallas Independent School District	CPS	5.5	38.4	54.7	0.3	1.0
	TPS	4.7	26.3	66.9	1.0	1.0
San Antonio Independent School District	CPS	3.5	9.5	83.5	0.4	1.0
	TPS	2.5	6.8	90.0	0.2	0.6
Utah	CPS	84.0	1.5	9.8	1.9	2.9
	TPS	77.7	1.4	15.4	1.8	3.7
Alpine School District	CPS	87.3	0.9	6.5	2.5	2.7
	TPS	87.2	0.8	8.6	1.3	2.2
Granite School District	CPS	70.2	3.3	17.1	3.5	6.0
	TPS	57.7	2.8	29.7	4.2	5.7
Jordan School District	CPS	89.5	1.3	5.5	1.4	2.3
	TPS	81.6	1.0	11.4	1.7	4.4
Virginia	CPS	59.8	29.6	4.0	1.4	5.2
	TPS	54.1	24.1	11.4	5.8	4.6
Richmond City Public Schools	CPS	34.9	58.2	2.7	2.1	2.1
	TPS	8.6	83.9	6.5	0.7	0.3
Albemarle County Public Schools	CPS	79.4	9.9	6.4	0.0	4.3
	TPS	72.4	13.1	6.3	5.0	1.9
York County School	CPS	73.8	6.6	1.6	3.3	14.8
	TPS	65.7	12.1	7.0	5.3	9.9
Wisconsin	CPS	48.0	27.4	17.2	5.4	2.0
	TPS	75.5	9.2	8.9	3.4	3.0
Milwaukee Public Schools	CPS	13.9	50.1	27.9	7.0	1.2
	TPS	14.3	56.8	23.2	4.7	0.9
Appleton Area School District	CPS	80.9	2.1	3.9	12.5	0.6
	TPS	75.9	4.3	7.4	11.6	0.8
Racine Unified School District	CPS	45.3	29.8	20.0	1.0	3.9
	TPS	45.6	27.1	24.0	1.4	1.9

State (School District)		White %	Black %	Hispanic %	Asian %	Other %
Wyoming	CPS	50.8	3.9	7.4	1.2	36.8
	TPS	81.1	1.1	12.3	0.8	4.6
Albany County School District One	CPS	76.9	5.9	10.7	1.8	4.7
	TPS	76.1	1.4	16.6	2.7	3.2
Fremont County School District #38	CPS	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.0	97.8
	TPS	2.2	0.0	1.6	0.0	96.2
Fremont County School District #21	CPS	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	97.7
	TPS	0.6	0.0	1.3	0.0	98.1

Methodological Notes

Data and statistics in this report come from information the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools collected for the [Public Charter Schools Dashboard](#).

School Demographics: Enrollment, Race/Ethnicity. We collected school-level enrollment and race/ethnicity enrollment breakouts from official state department of education fall membership files. While some states report enrollment at multiple points during the academic year, we collected the demographic data from the fall count files to maintain consistency across states.

School Districts. More than 50 percent of charter schools nationwide are their own independent Local Education Agencies (LEAs), rather than part of traditional public school district LEAs. In the past, this fact meant that it was not always clear as to which public school district charter schools were physically located, especially for charter schools located in large metropolitan cities with more than one school district (e.g., Phoenix, Arizona and Houston, Texas). We use a geo-coding method to increase the accuracy of identifying the geographically relevant school districts for each charter. Specifically, we geo-coded every charter school that is an independent LEA to the geographically relevant traditional public school district LEA by mapping charter school addresses onto school district boundary maps available through the U.S. Census Bureau.

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^{vii} Enrollment data broken out by race/ethnicity for the 2010-2011 academic year were not available for Hawaii, Kansas, New Mexico, or South Carolina at the time of the release of this report. For these four states, we report race/ethnicity data from the 2009-2010 academic year.