

# NYC Charter School Facts

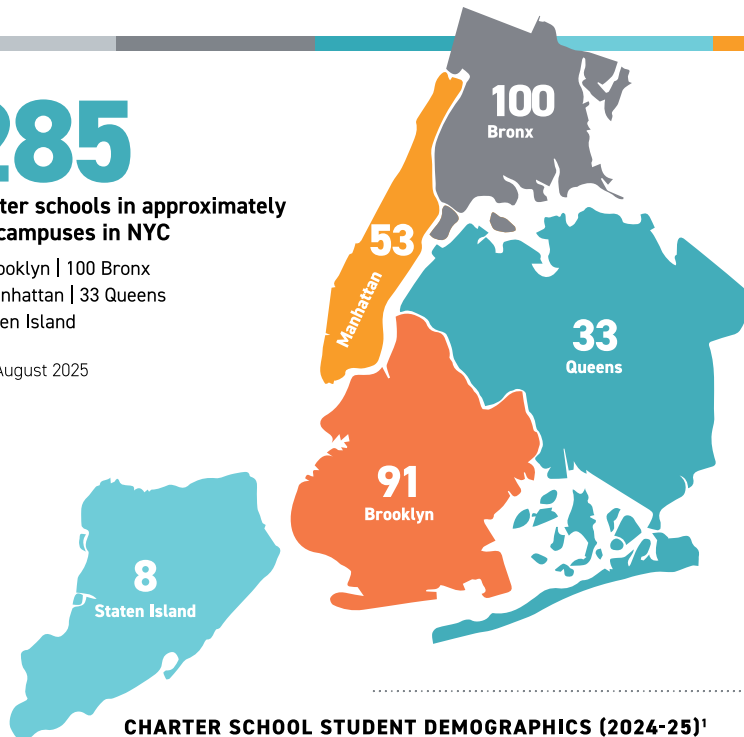
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285

Charter schools in approximately 420 campuses in NYC

91 Brooklyn | 100 Bronx  
53 Manhattan | 33 Queens  
8 Staten Island

As of August 2025



150,500

Estimated students enrolled in NYC charter schools

(Based on NYSED enrollment data)

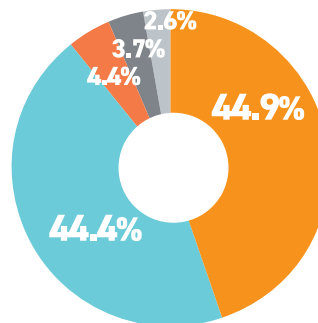
15%

more than  
of NYC public school students attend charter schools

(estimated based on public enrollment data)

## CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS (2024-25)<sup>1</sup>

Black/African American Latino  
White Asian Other



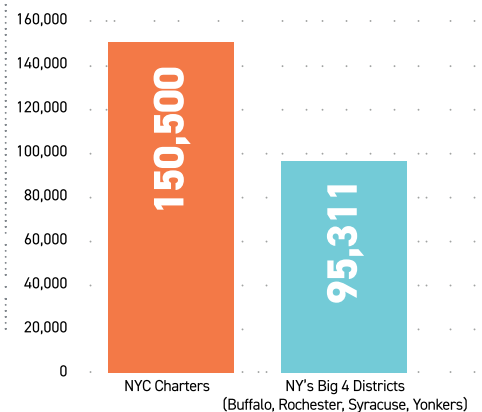
82.9%  
of students are economically disadvantaged

11.1%  
of students are Multilingual Learners

11.4%  
of students live in temporary housing<sup>2</sup>

19.3%  
of students have IEPs

## NYC'S CHARTER SECTOR SERVES MORE STUDENTS THAN NY'S BIG 4 DISTRICTS COMBINED (2024-25)<sup>3</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Source: NYSED 2024-25 preliminary school enrollment data, <sup>2</sup> Source: NYSTEACHS.org 2023-24

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## Charter School State Assessment Proficiency Results (Spring 2024)\*

### OVERALL STUDENT PROFICIENCY:

	NYC Charter Schools	NYC District Schools	All Schools Statewide
Math	62.8%	49.9%	52.0%
ELA	59.0%	51.7%	48.0%

### BLACK STUDENT PROFICIENCY:

	NYC Charter Schools	NYC District Schools	All Schools Statewide
Math	61.2%	34.3%	37.3%
ELA	58.6%	40.3%	39.5%

### LATINO STUDENT PROFICIENCY:

	NYC Charter Schools	NYC District Schools	All Schools Statewide
Math	60.5%	35.7%	37.5%
ELA	55.2%	39.4%	38.2%

\*NYSED Public School 3-8 Assessment Data, 2024

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## Charter School Specialized Programs:

- 51** schools have programs for students with autism or have more than 25% of students with IEPs for Special Education.
- 9** schools have dual language programs.
- 33** schools are offering pre-K.
- 9** schools serve high school students at risk of dropping out.
- 7** schools serve single-sex student populations.

## Collective Bargaining Agreements:

- 20** NYC charter schools (7%) have collective bargaining agreements with the United Federation of Teachers.

## Charter Years of Operation:

<b>0-5 Years</b> .....	<b>25</b>
<b>6-10 Years</b> .....	<b>72</b>
<b>11-15 Years</b> .....	<b>75</b>
<b>16-20 Years</b> .....	<b>68</b>
<b>21+ Years</b> .....	<b>45</b>

## Charter School Management Structures:

- 86** independent schools
- 59** replicators<sup>1</sup>
- 93** affiliated with non-profit Charter Management Organizations (CMOs)
- 43** affiliated with small CMOs (CMOs with 5 or less schools)
- 4** affiliated with for-profit Educational Management Organizations (EMOs)

## Facilities:

- 43%** charter schools are located in buildings owned or leased by the NYC DOE.
- 57%** charter schools are in private (non-DOE) space.

## NYC Charters by Authorizer:

<b>Board of Regents</b> .....	<b>61</b>
<b>NYC-DOE</b> .....	<b>37</b>
<b>SUNY</b> .....	<b>189</b>

**12,200**

(approx.) classroom teachers are working in the NYC charter school sector for the 2025-26 school year

**70%**

of charter school teachers are educators of color (compared to 40% of district school teachers)

**56%**

of charter school teachers hold a Master's Degree or Doctorate

Source: NYSED 2024-25

### About the New York City Charter School Center:

The New York City Charter School Center is an independent non-profit committed to fostering an environment in which public charters can open and flourish, and, through their innovative approaches, provide models for improving all public schools. The Charter Center helps new charter schools get started, supports existing schools, and engages the charter school community around key issues.

### About NYC's charter schools:

Charter schools are free, independently run public schools that are able to innovate in their classroom structures, curriculum, and teaching methods. In return, they're held to higher standards of accountability.

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