

NYC Charter School Facts

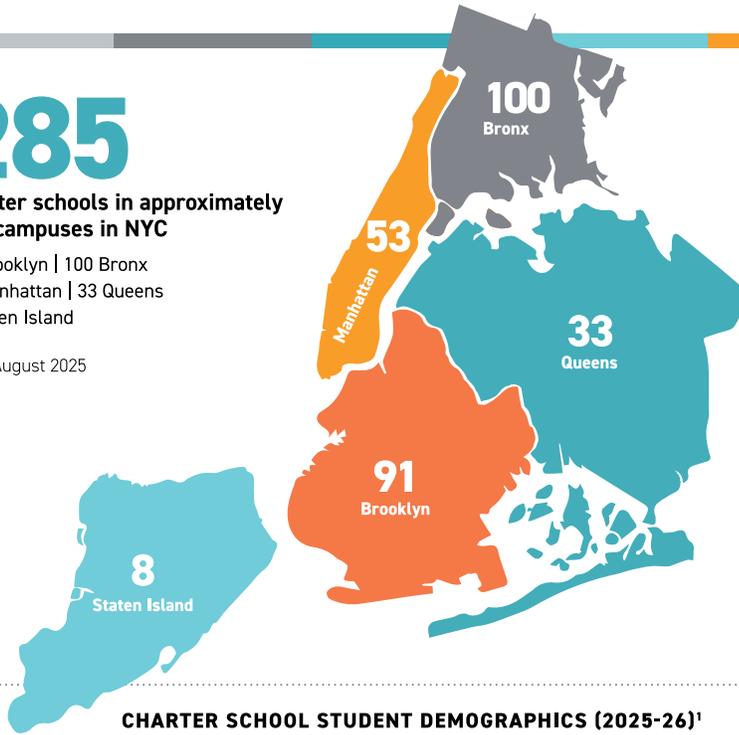
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285

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)

more than **16%** of NYC public school students attend charter schools

(estimated based on public enrollment data)

CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS (2025-26)¹

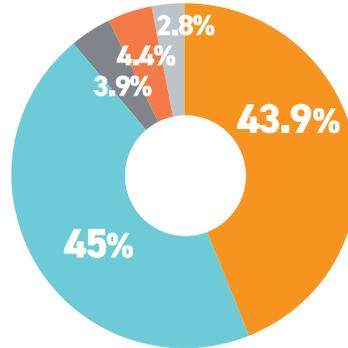
Black/African American Latino
Asian White Other

82.9% of students are economically disadvantaged

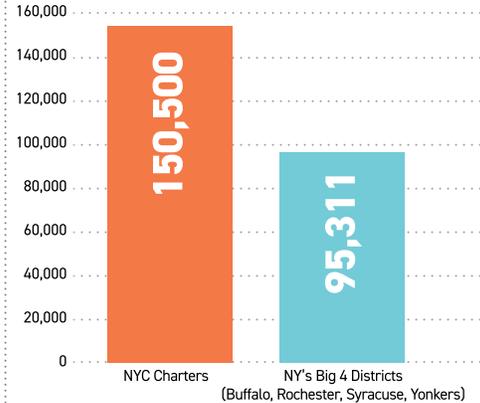
11.1% of students are Multilingual Learners

12.4% of students live in temporary housing²

19.3% of students have IEPs



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



¹ Source: NYC Public Schools demographic data 2025-26, ² Source: NYC Public Schools, Students in Temporary Housing Reports, ³ Source: NYSED 2024-25 preliminary school enrollment data

Charter School State Assessment Proficiency Results (Spring 2025)*

OVERALL STUDENT PROFICIENCY:

	NYC Charter Schools	NYC District Schools	All Schools Statewide
Math	68.6%	56.9%	56.8%
ELA	67.5%	56.3%	53.2%

BLACK STUDENT PROFICIENCY:

	NYC Charter Schools	NYC District Schools	All Schools Statewide
Math	68.7%	43.0%	43.6%
ELA	68.4%	47.0%	46.3%

HISPANIC STUDENT PROFICIENCY:

	NYC Charter Schools	NYC District Schools	All Schools Statewide
Math	65.7%	43.1%	43.5%
ELA	63.7%	43.5%	42.9%

*NYSED Public School 3-8 Assessment Data, 2025

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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.

Charter School Management Structures:

- 86** independent schools
- 59** replicators¹
- 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)

Collective Bargaining Agreements:

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

Facilities:

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

Charter Years of Operation:

0-5 Years	25
6-10 Years	72
11-15 Years	75
16-20 Years	68
21+ Years	45

NYC Charters by Authorizer:

Board of Regents	61
NYC-DOE	37
SUNY	189

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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