NYC Charter School Facts

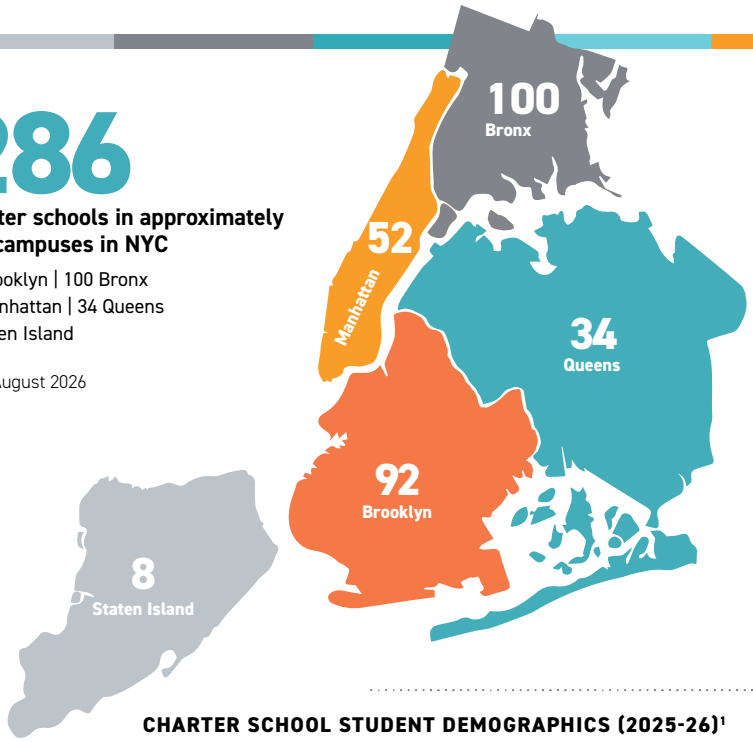
2026 2027

286

Charter schools in approximately 420 campuses in NYC

92 Brooklyn | 100 Bronx
52 Manhattan | 34 Queens
8 Staten Island

As of August 2026



152,000

Estimated students enrolled in NYC charter schools

(Based on latest NYSED enrollment data)

more than **16%**

of NYC public school students in grades K-12 attend charter schools

(estimated based on public enrollment data)

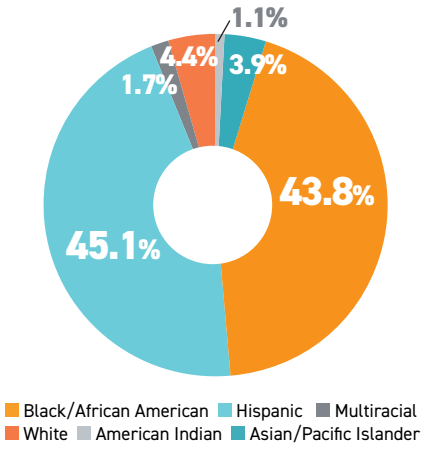
CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS (2025-26)[1]

80%
of students are economically disadvantaged

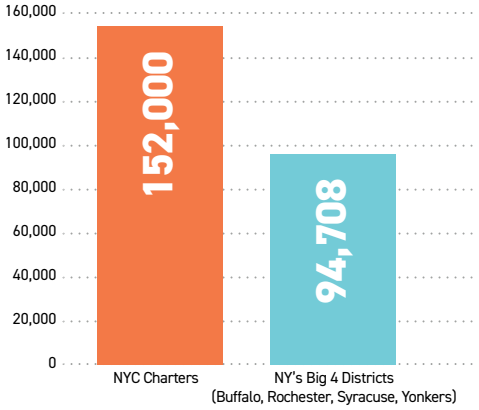
11%
of students are Multilingual Learners

12%
of students live in temporary housing[2]

19%
of students have IEPs



NYC'S CHARTER SECTOR SERVES MORE STUDENTS THAN NY'S BIG 4 DISTRICTS COMBINED (2025-26)[3]



[1] Source: NYC Public Schools demographic data 2025-26, [2] Source: NYC Public Schools, Students in Temporary Housing Reports, [3] Source: NYSED 2025-26 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
- **29** schools are offering Pre-K
- **10** schools serve high school students at risk of dropping out
- **8** schools serve single-sex student populations

Charter School Management Structures:

- **85** independent schools
- **60** replicators[1]
- **94** 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	**62**
11-15 Years	**78**
16-20 Years	**69**
21+ Years	**52**

NYC Charters by Authorizer:

Board of Regents	**59**
NYC-DOE	**35**
SUNY	**192**

12,200
Approximate number of NYC charter school classroom teachers

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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