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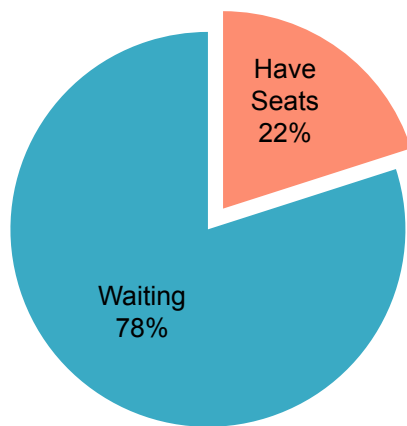
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Out of the 158 New York City charter schools currently enrolling students for 2012-13, 130 (82%) responded to the NYC Charter School Center’s survey about their lottery application rates. Based on survey data, the Charter Center estimates that New York City charter schools received a total of 133,000 applications for 14,600 new seats. Discounting for families who apply to more than one school, this represents an estimated 67,500 applicants for 14,600 seats—creating a citywide charter school “waiting list” of an estimated 52,900.

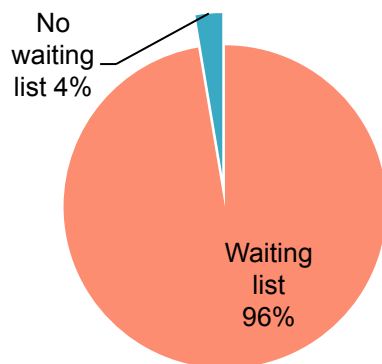
**Approximately 4.62 applicants are competing for each charter school seat.**

*NYC charter school applicants by enrollment status (2012-13, estimated)<sup>1</sup>*



**Almost every charter school has a waiting list for enrollment.**

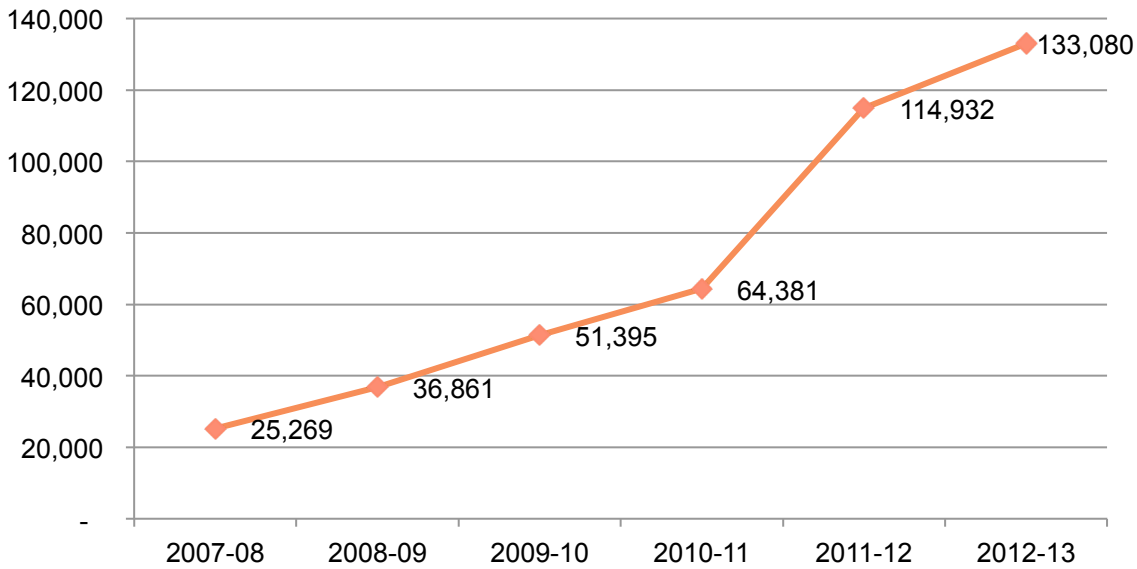
*Reporting charter schools by waiting list status (2012-13, n=130)<sup>1</sup>*



<sup>1</sup> Source: NYC Charter School Center Survey, April 2012

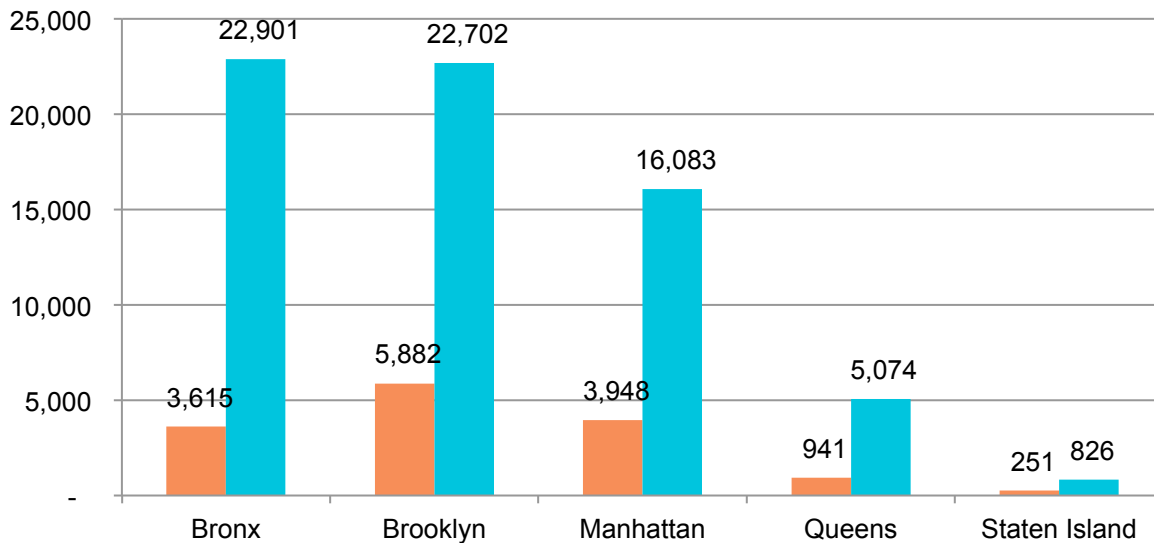
**Charter school applications have risen dramatically, as more students apply and the average applicant applies to more schools.**

*Total applications to NYC charter schools, historical and estimated (estimated, 2007-2013)<sup>2</sup>*



**Applicants exceed available seats in every borough.**

*NYC charter school applicants and seats, by borough (2012-13 estimated)<sup>3</sup>*

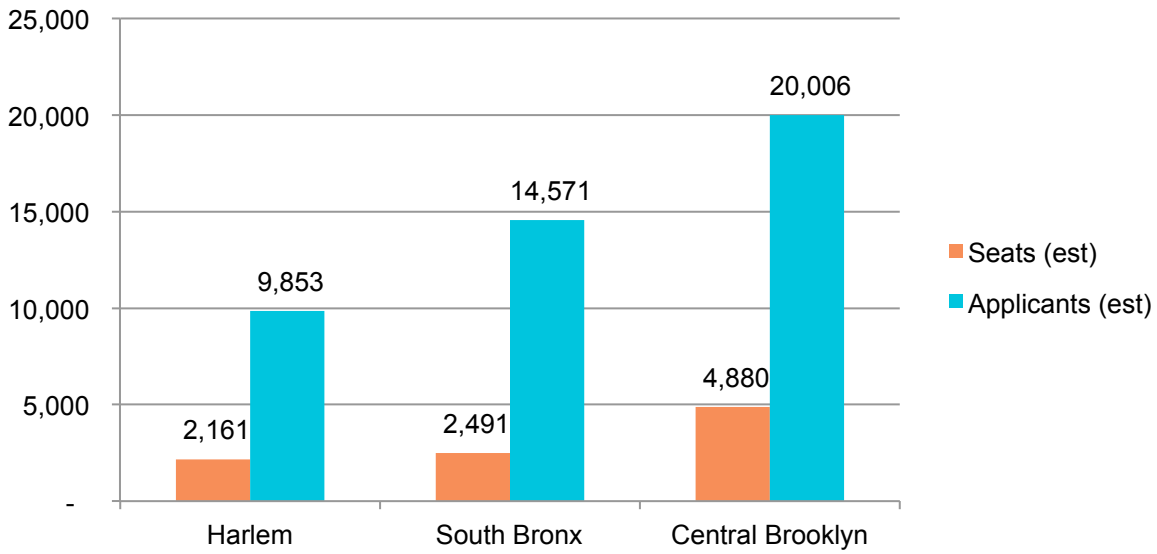


**A majority of applicants apply in Harlem, the South Bronx, or Central Brooklyn.**

<sup>2</sup> Sources: NY BEDS data via GothamSchools.org (<http://bit.ly/cehjgK>), Charter Center surveys, April 2010, 2011, 2012

<sup>3</sup> Source: NYC Charter School Center Survey, April 2012

NYC charter school applicants and seats, by neighborhood (2012-13 estimated)<sup>4</sup>



<sup>4</sup> Harlem is defined as Community School District 4, 5; South Bronx 7, 8, 9; Central Brooklyn 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 32.