NYC Charter School Facts

2020
2021

268
Number of charter schools in NYC*
93 Brooklyn | 89 Bronx
55 Manhattan | 25 Queens
6 Staten Island

*Estimated

135,902
Students enrolled in NYC Charter Schools
(2020-21 projections)

48,300
Waitlist

13%
of NYC public school students attend charter schools
(2020-21 projections)

10
Number of schools opening this year
1 Brooklyn | 7 Bronx
1 Manhattan | 1 Queens
0 Staten Island

NYC Charter School Students Continue to Close the Proficiency Gap (2019-20)*

**OVERALL STUDENT PROFICIENCY:**

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*Source: NYSED Public School 3-8 Assessment Data

NYC's Charter Sector Serves More Students Than NY's Big 4 Districts Combined (2019-20)*

0 NYC Charters
128,979 NY's Big 4 Districts (Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Yonkers)

79%
of students are economically disadvantaged

18%
of students are SWD

7%
of students are Multilingual Learners

*Source NYSED Preliminary Enrollment Data
## Charter school programs (2020-21):

- **38** 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.
- **21** schools are offering pre-K.
- **9** schools serve high school students at risk of dropping out.
- **8** schools serve single-sex student populations.

## Charter school affiliation:

- **86** independent
- **54** replicators\(^1\)
- **124** affiliated with non-profit Charter Management Organizations (CMOs)
- **4** affiliated with for-profit Educational Management Organizations (EMOs)\(^2\)

\(^1\) Not affiliated with a CMO
\(^2\) State law prohibits EMOs from operating new charters.

## NYC charter operating status:

- **115** schools operating for 10+ years.
- **74** schools still in their initial 5-year charter term.
- **22** schools have been closed.

## Facilities:

- **119** charter schools are in buildings owned or leased by the NYC DOE.
- **129** charter schools are in private (non-DOE) space.
- **20** charter schools have some students in NYC DOE space and some in private space.

## Collective bargaining agreements:

- **16** NYC charter schools (6%) have collective bargaining agreements with the United Federation of Teachers.

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**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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