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http://www.floridaschoolchoice.org/Information/Charter_Schools/

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Charter School Growth

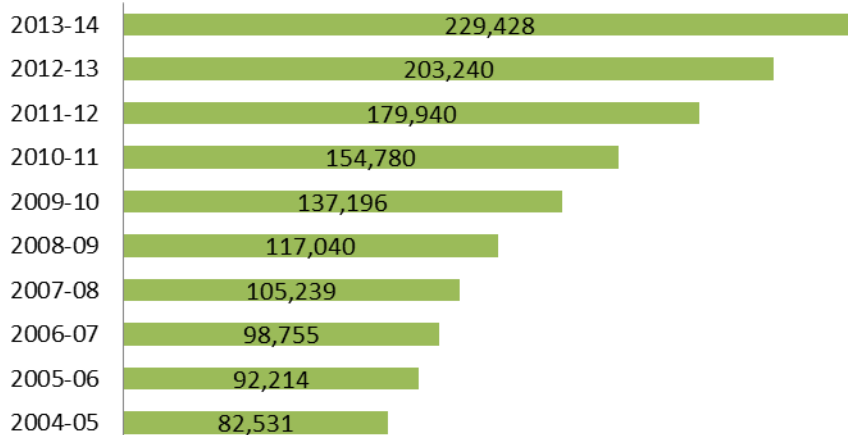
School Year	Charter Schools Operated	Increase from Prior Year	% Change
1996-97	5		
1997-98	30	25	500.00%
1998-99	74	44	146.70%
1999-00	118	44	59.50%
2000-01	182	64	54.20%
2001-02	201	19	10.40%
2002-03	223	22	10.90%
2003-04	257	34	15.20%
2004-05	301	44	17.10%
2005-06	334	33	11.00%
2006-07	356	22	6.60%
2007-08	358	2	0.60%
2008-09	389	31	8.70%
2009-10	410	21	5.40%
2010-11	459	49	12.00%
2011-12	518	59	12.90%
2012-13	578	60	11.60%
2013-14	615	37	6.4%

Florida's Charter Schools

Charter schools are tuition-free public schools created through an agreement or "charter" typically between the school and the local district school board. This agreement gives the charter school a measure of expanded freedom relative to traditional public schools in return for a commitment to higher standards of accountability. Since 1996, Florida charter schools have played a key role in increasing parental options in public education and providing innovative learning Opportunities for students.

During the 2013-14 school year, over 229,400 students were enrolled in 615 charter schools in 45 Florida districts. Many charter schools in Florida have innovative missions. Some charter schools include themed learning approaches focusing on areas such as arts, sciences, and technologies. Other charter schools provide services to special populations such as students at risk of academic failure or students with disabilities.

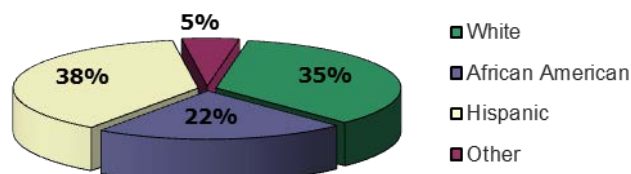
PK-12 Enrollment in Charter Schools



Charter Schools Have Diverse Student Populations

Florida's charter schools have become increasingly diverse. In 2013-14, 65% of the students served are minorities. Hispanic students comprise 38% of Florida's charter school enrollment, and 22% are African-American students.

Race and Ethnicity of Charter Students



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Charter Schools Program Statistics

CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENT PK–12 ENROLLMENT	2013 – 2014229,428 Students		
	2012 – 2013203,240 Students		
	2011 – 2012179,940 Students		
	2010 – 2011154,780 Students		
	2009 – 2010137,196 Students		
STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS 2013-14	Race/Ethnicity: White, Non-Hispanic: 35% Black, Non-Hispanic: 22% Hispanic: 38% Others: 5%		Gender: Female: 50% Male: 50%
	Economic Indicator: Free/Reduced Lunch: 49% Not Eligible: 51%		Educational Needs: ELL: 9% ESE: 9%
NUMBER OF CHARTER SCHOOLS	2013 – 2014615 Schools (75 new charter schools opened in 2013-14)		
	2012 – 2013578 Schools		
	2011 – 2012518 Schools		
	2010 – 2011459 Schools		
	2009 – 2010410 Schools		
SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY 2012-13 AND 2013-14	2013 School Grades for Charters		2014 School Grades for Non-High Charters*
	GradeNumberPercent A16742% B7820% C8421% D4010% F267% Total Graded395100%	GradeNumber A175 B68 C84 D33 F42 Graded402 *Percentages will be calculated after 2014 high school grades become available.	
HIGH-PERFORMING CHARTER SCHOOLS	148 high-performing charter schools as of report date 9/30/2014		
STATUTORY REFERENCE	s. 1002.33, Florida Statutes, Charter schools s. 1002.331, Florida Statutes, High-performing charter schools s. 1013.62, Florida Statutes, Charter schools capital outlay funding s. 218.39(1), Florida Statutes, Annual financial audit reports		