

Charter Schools

Table 32-1. Number and percentage distribution of public schools by school type and selected student and school characteristics: 2004–05

Student or school characteristic	Type of public school	
	Conventional	Charter
Number of students	47,694,443	887,243
Number of schools	90,001	3,294
Student characteristic		
Percentage of students	98.2	1.8
Sex		
Male	42.1	32.9
Female	57.9	67.1
Race/ethnicity ¹		
White	58.0	42.0
Black	16.9	31.3
Hispanic	19.4	21.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	4.6	3.3
American Indian/Alaska Native	1.2	1.5
School characteristic		
Percentage of schools	96.5	3.5
Percent of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch		
Less than 15	16.0	26.8
15–29	22.5	27.0
30–49	17.0	11.5
50–74	22.7	14.9
75 or more	21.8	19.8
Enrollment		
Less than 300	30.9	70.9
300–999	59.0	26.2
1,000 or more	10.1	2.9
Instructional level		
Elementary	57.0	44.4
Middle	17.8	9.4
Secondary	19.4	24.3
Combined	5.8	22.0
Region		
Northeast	16.2	9.1
South	27.9	25.1
Midwest	33.5	26.5
West	22.4	39.3
Location		
Central city	25.2	52.4
Urban fringe/large town	48.0	35.5
Rural/small town	26.8	12.1

¹ Race categories exclude persons of Hispanic ethnicity.

NOTE: These tabulations exclude schools with no charter status designation and those not reporting membership. See *supplemental note 1* for the states included in each region and information on location. Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data (CCD), "Public Elementary/Secondary School Universe Survey," 2004–05.