

California Fact Sheet

I. Enrollment and Growth since 2000

In California, charter school enrollment increased from 112,065 students in 2000-01 to 238,226 in 2007-08 (113% increase from 2000-2007). In 2007-08, 4.1% of students were enrolled in state charter schools.

- Table 1: Charter School Enrollment and Growth, 2000-01 and 2007-08
- Table 2: Charter School Enrollment as Percentage Public School Enrollment

The number of California's charter schools increased from 257 in 2000-01 to 675 in 2007-08. There were sixteen metropolitan areas with at least ten charter schools in California.

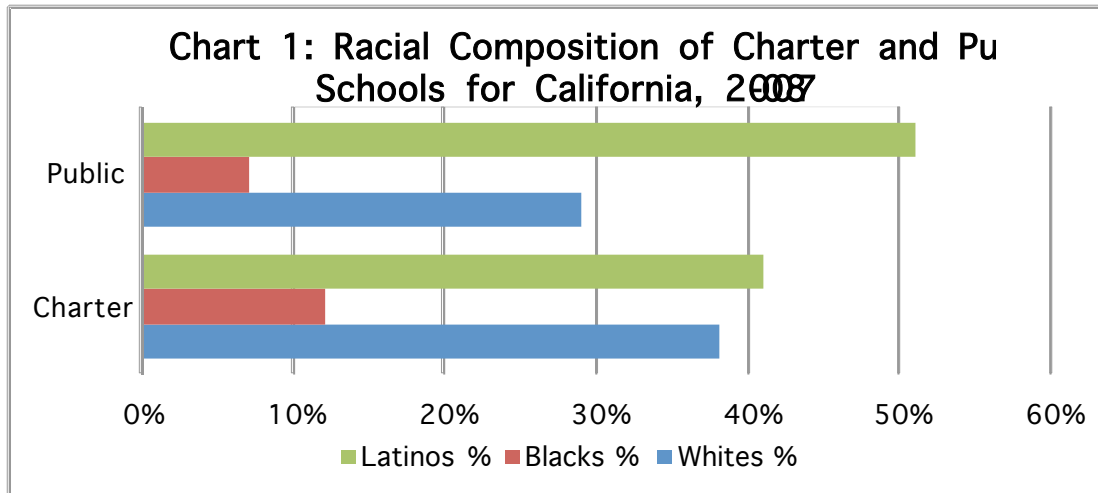
- Number of Charter Schools by State, 2000-01 and 2007-08 [Appendix]
- Table 3: Charter School Enrollment and Percentage of Total Enrollment by MSA
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Metropolitan Area	Charter Schools	Charter Enrollment	Charter %
Chico, CA	10	1,705	5.8%
Eureka-Arcata-Fortuna, CA	10	1,255	7.9%
Fresno, CA	25	8,077	4.4%
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA	172	73,064	3.6%
Modesto, CA	19	5,547	5.6%
Redding, CA	13	2,025	7.9%
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	36	15,190	1.9%
Sacramento--Arden-Arcade--Roseville, CA	52	22,072	6.7%
San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos, CA	73	37,850	8.0%
San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA	76	19,674	3.8%
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	26	10,982	4.3%
Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA	10	2,931	8.2%
Santa Rosa-Petaluma, CA	27	6,193	9.4%
Stockton, CA	15	4,173	3.2%
Truckee-Grass Valley, CA	13	3,526	20.8%
Yuba City, CA	10	2,385	7.9%

II. Racial/Ethnic Composition of Charter Schools:

Of the 238,226 students in California charter schools, 38% were White, 12% Black, 41% Latino, 7% Asian, and 1% American Indian. Traditional public schools had a lower percentage of white students and a higher percentage of Latino students.

- Table 6: Enrollment and Racial Composition of Charter Schools by State with more than 5,000 Charter Schools Students, 2007-08



- Figure 1: White Proportion of All Students Enrolled in Charter Schools and Public Schools, 2007-08
- Figure 2: Black Proportion of All Students Enrolled in Charter Schools and Public Schools, 2007-08
- Figure 3: Latino Proportion of All Students Enrolled in Charter Schools and Public Schools, 2007-08

In the sixteen metropolitan areas of California, Whites comprise a larger percentage of charter school students than traditional public school students in all but two metropolitan areas: San Francisco & Truckee-Grass Valley. By contrast, in most of these same metros, Latinos comprise a lower percentage of charter school students than they do in traditional public schools. Black students comprise smaller shares of charter and traditional public schools, and are over-represented in charter schools in some of California's largest metros.

Metropolitan Area	Charter			Traditional Public		
	Latino %	Black %	White %	Latino %	Black %	White %
Chico, CA	11%	2%	81%	18%	3%	67%
Eureka-Arcata-Fortuna, CA	6%	3%	80%	12%	2%	69%
Fresno, CA	53%	10%	30%	57%	6%	23%
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA	52%	17%	24%	60%	7%	20%
Modesto, CA	28%	4%	62%	53%	4%	36%
Redding, CA	4%	1%	90%	9%	2%	79%
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	41%	10%	46%	59%	9%	27%
Sacramento--Arden-Arcade--Roseville, CA	24%	14%	54%	24%	11%	49%
San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos, CA	42%	12%	36%	45%	7%	35%
San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA	41%	23%	24%	29%	11%	33%
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	49%	4%	33%	38%	3%	26%
Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA	38%	2%	55%	54%	1%	41%
Santa Rosa-Petaluma, CA	28%	3%	63%	36%	2%	55%
Stockton, CA	37%	12%	38%	44%	10%	26%
Truckee-Grass Valley, CA	27%	13%	57%	13%	1%	83%

Yuba City, CA	19%	7%	64%	33%	3%	46%
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- Table 7: Racial Composition of Charter and Regular Public Schools in Selected MSAs, 2007-08
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California, during 2007-08, contained many metropolitan areas with the highest – compared to the national sample - over-representation of white students in charter schools. Of the top 15 metros with the highest white over-representation in charter schools, seven were in California. Furthermore, Black students were over-represented in charter schools in the Los Angeles metropolitan area, while Latinos were over-enrolled in the Bay Area metros.

- White over-representation in charter schools, top 15 MSAs, 2007-08 [Appendix]

Metropolitan Area	Charter White %	Public White %	White Charter Over-representation
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	46%	27%	170.4%
Fresno, CA	30%	23%	130.4%
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	33%	26%	126.9%
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA	24%	20%	120.0%
Santa Rosa-Petaluma, CA	63%	55%	114.5%
Sacramento--Arden-Arcade--Roseville, CA	54%	49%	110.2%
San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos, CA	36%	35%	102.9%

- Black over-representation in charter schools, top 15 MSAs, 2007-08 [Appendix]

Metropolitan Area	Charter Black %	Public Black %	Black Charter Over-representation
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA	17%	7%	242.9%

- Latino over-representation in charter schools, top 15 MSAs, 2007-08 [Appendix]

Metropolitan Area	Charter Latino %	Public Latino %	Latino Charter Over-representation
San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA	41%	29%	141.4%
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	49%	38%	128.9%

III. Segregation of Schools:

Segregated Minority Schools

Even though charter schools enrolled a higher percentage of White students than public schools, Black students had higher enrollment in intensely segregated minority charter schools than among Black

students in traditional public schools. The percentages of White and Latino students in 90-100% minority schools was slightly lower in charter schools than in traditional public schools.

- Table 9: Percentage of Charter and Public School Students in Intensively Segregated Minority Schools, by Race/Ethnicity and State, 2007-08

State	White Share of School Enrollment			90-100% Minority Charter School Enrollment Rate			90-100% Minority Public School Enrollment Rate		
	Charter	Public	Charter-Public Difference	White	Black	Latino	White	Black	Latino
CA	38	29	9	1	52	50	4	41	53

In 2007-08, in most of the 16 metropolitan areas with at least ten charter schools, there were a lower percentage of charter school students in schools that were 90-100% minority than was the case among traditional public school students. The San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont and Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana metros reported approximately half of the charter school students attending intensely segregated minority schools. In the San Francisco metro, this was much higher than among traditional public school students. There were few charter school students and traditional public school students in intensely segregated minority schools in Chico, Eureka-Arcata-Fortuna, Redding, and Yuba metros of California.

Metropolitan Area	Percentage of Students in 90-100% Minority Schools	
	Charter Schools	Public Schools
Chico, CA	0%	0%
Eureka-Arcata-Fortuna, CA	0%	3%
Fresno, CA	23%	37%
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA	49%	53%
Modesto, CA	5%	8%
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	6%	29%
Redding, CA	0%	0%
Sacramento--Arden-Arcade--Roseville, CA	18%	10%
San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos, CA	27%	24%
San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA	53%	25%
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	31%	32%
Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA	19%	41%
Santa Rosa-Petaluma, CA	9%	5%
Stockton, CA	11%	26%
Truckee-Grass Valley, CA	7%	0%
Yuba City, CA	0%	0%

- Table 10: Charter and Traditional Public School Students in Intensely Segregated Minority Schools by MSA, 2007-08
- Selected MSAs, Minority Segregation in Charter and Regular Public Schools, 2007-08 [Appendix]

Segregated White Schools

In California, White charter school students are more likely to be in segregated white schools (7% for charter school students and 2% for traditional public school students).

- Table 12: Percentage of Charter and Public School Students in Intensely Segregated White Schools, by race/Ethnicity and State, 2007-08

State	White Share of School Enrollment			90-100% White Charter School Enrollment Rate			90-100% White Public School Enrollment Rate		
	Charter	Public	Charter-Public Difference	White	Black	Latino	White	Black	Latin o
CA	38	29	9	7	0	0	2	0	0

In most metropolitan areas, negligible percentages of charter (or traditional public) school students were in 90-100% white schools. In four metros at least 5% of charter school students were in intensely segregated white schools, including one-third of all charter students in the Truckee-Grass Valley metropolitan area. In each of these four, the share of charter students in 90-100% white schools exceeded that of traditional public school students.

- Table 13: Charter and Traditional Public School Students in Segregated White Schools by MSA, 2007-08
- Selected MSAs, White Segregation in Charter and Regular Public Schools, 2007-08 [Appendix]

Metropolitan Area	White Difference (Charter-Public)	Charter Students in 90-100% White schools	Public Students in 90-100% White schools
Chico, CA	14%	0%	0%
Eureka-Arcata-Fortuna, CA	11%	0%	3%
Fresno, CA	7%	1%	0%
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA	3%	1%	0%
Modesto, CA	26%	0%	0%
Redding, CA	11%	0%	0%
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	19%	0%	0%
Sacramento--Arden-Arcade--Roseville, CA	5%	5%	3%
San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos, CA	1%	0%	0%
San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA	-10%	0%	1%
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	7%	0%	0%
Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA	13%	15%	2%
Santa Rosa-Petaluma, CA	8%	7%	0%
Stockton, CA	12%	0%	0%
Truckee-Grass Valley, CA	-27%	33%	0%
Yuba City, CA	18%	0%	0%

IV. Interracial Exposure:

During 2007-08, White students experienced higher isolation in charter schools than in regular public schools. White exposure to Black students was slightly higher in charter schools; they had greater exposure to Latinos than Blacks, but white charter school students had lower Latino exposure than did Whites with Latinos in traditional public schools.

- Table 16: White Exposure in Public and Charter Schools, by State, 2007-08

State	Percent White		White Isolation		White Exposure to Blacks		White Exposure to Latinos	
	Charter	Public	Charter	Public	Charter	Public	Charter	Public
CA	38	29	62	53	7	5	23	30

In California, during 2007-08, Black isolation was higher—nearly double—in charter schools than in public schools; Latino isolation was high in both types of schools but slightly lower in charter schools than in traditional public schools.

- Table 17: Minority Isolation in Public and Charter Schools, by Race/Ethnicity and by State, 2007-08

State	Black Isolation (Black/Black Exposure)		Latino Isolation (Latino/Latino Exposure)	
	Charter	Public	Charter	Public
CA	39	20	63	68

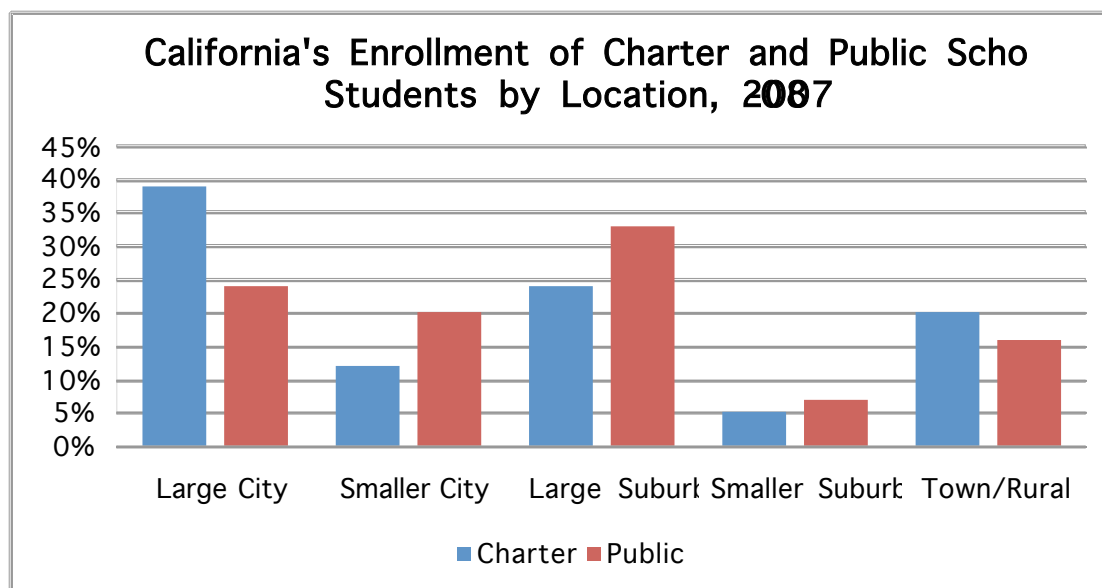
In 2007-08, Black and Latino students had low exposure to white students in both charter schools and traditional public schools in California.

- Table 18: Minority Student Exposure to White Students in Public and Charter Schools, by Race/Ethnicity and State, 2007-08

State	Black/White Exposure		Latino/White Exposure	
	Charter	Public	Charter	Public
CA	20	20	21	17

V. Geographic Location of Charter Schools:

During 2007-08, approximately 20% of California's enrollment of charter school students was in Rural or Town areas, a higher percentage of students in these locales than among traditional public schools. Almost thirty percent of charter school students went to schools in the suburbs, which was considerably lower than among traditional public schools. More than half of charter school students -- 51% -- went to charter schools in the city.



- Figure 4: Enrollment of Charter Students by Location and State, 2007-08
- Table A-16: Charter School Students by Location and State [Appendix]
- Table A-17: Percentage of Traditional Public School Students by Location and State, 2007-08 [Appendix]
- Figure A-1: Enrollment of Non-Charter Students by Location and State, 2007-08 [Appendix]

VI. State Legislation about Diversity:

- Adopted/Amended in 2008 – A charter school shall be subject to any court-ordered desegregation plan in effect for the school district which it operates; Institute charter schools must have a plan for outreach and recruitment of students whose race, gender, and ethnicity reflect the demographics of the community that the institute charter schools intend to serve. [CRP Policy Brief, Nov. 2009]¹

¹ CRP Policy Brief, Nov. 2009, <http://www.civilrightsproject.ucla.edu/research/deseg/equity-overlooked-report-2009.pdf>