

Florida Fact Sheet

I. Enrollment and Growth since 2000

In Florida, charter school enrollment increased from 26,893 students in 2000-01 to 98,519 in 2007-08 (a 266% increase from 2000-2007). In 2007-08, 3.8% 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 Florida's charter schools increased from 145 in 2000-01 to 305 in 2007-08. There were seven metropolitan areas with at least ten charter schools in Florida. The Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach district had the most, with 130 charter schools. In two metros, nearly one tenth of all public school students were in charter schools.

- Table A-1: Number of Charter Schools by State, 2000-01 and 2007-08
- Table 3: Charter School Enrollment and Percentage of Total Enrollment by MSA
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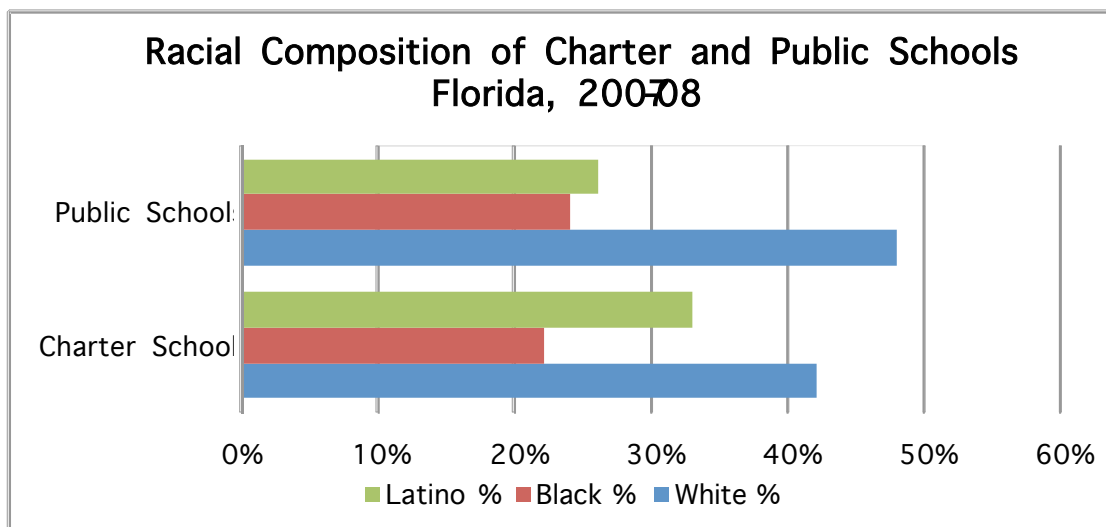
CBSA	Charter Schools	Charter Enrollment	Charter %
Bradenton-Sarasota-Venice, FL	14	4,014	5.0%
Cape Coral-Fort Meyers, FL	12	7,418	9.4%
Gainesville, FL	10	922	2.9%
Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL	19	8,778	9.6%
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, FL	130	43,493	5.7%
Orlando-Kissimmee, FL	32	12,317	3.6%
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	31	5,822	1.5%

II. Racial/Ethnic Composition of Charter Schools

Of the 94,862 students in Florida charter schools, 42% were White, 22% Black, 33% Latino, 2% Asian, and 0% American Indian.

- Table 6: Enrollment and Racial Composition of Charter Schools by State with more than 5,000 Charter Schools Students, 2007-08 ¹

¹ The race/ethnicity of some charter school students in Florida was not specified.



- 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 seven metropolitan areas of Florida, Whites comprise a lower percentage of charter school students than traditional public school students in all but one metropolitan area: Miami-Fort Lauderdale. By contrast, Black students are a higher percentage of charter schools than traditional public schools in only one metro, Tampa-St. Petersburg. The racial composition of Latinos varies throughout these metropolitan areas in both charter schools and traditional public schools.

Metropolitan area	Charter			Traditional Public		
	Latino %	Black %	White %	Latino %	Black %	White %
Bradenton-Sarasota-Venice, FL	11%	10%	78%	19%	13%	66%
Cape Coral-Fort Meyers, FL	25%	10%	63%	31%	15%	53%
Gainesville, FL	7%	34%	58%	6%	34%	56%
Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL	16%	21%	61%	23%	22%	53%
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, FL	50%	27%	21%	43%	31%	24%
Orlando-Kissimmee, FL	36%	14%	47%	30%	21%	45%
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	16%	24%	58%	20%	18%	58%

- Table 7: Racial Composition of Charter and Regular Public Schools in Selected MSAs, 2007-08
- Table A-7: Racial Composition of Charter and Regular Public Schools in Selected MSAs, 2007-08

In 2007-08, of the top 15 metros in the U.S. with the highest Latino over-representation in charter schools, two were in Florida. Both Whites and Latinos were over represented in the Orlando-Kissimmee area, which was among the top 15 metros in the country.

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

Metropolitan Area	Charter White %	Public White %	White Charter Over-representation
Orlando-Kissimmee, FL	47%	45%	104.4%

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

Metropolitan Area	Charter Latino %	Public Latino %	Latino Charter Over-representation
Orlando-Kissimmee, FL	36%	30%	120.0%
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, FL	50%	43%	116.3%

III. Segregation of Schools

Segregated Minority Schools

Black and Latino students in the state had higher enrollment in intensely segregated minority charter schools than among minority students in traditional public schools. In particular, more than 40% of black charter school students were in 90-100% minority charter schools.

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

State	<u>White Share of School Enrollment</u>			<u>90-100% Minority Charter School Enrollment Rate</u>			<u>90-100% Minority Public School Enrollment Rate</u>		
	Charter	Public	Charter-Public Difference	White	Black	Latino	White	Black	Latino
FL	42	48	-6	2	42	34	1	32	28

In 2007-08, of the seven Florida metros, the percentage of students in intensely segregated minority schools varied. Three of the metro areas had a lower percentage of charter school students enrolled in intensely segregated minority schools. In the Gainesville & Tampa metropolitan areas, considerably higher percentages of charter school students were in 90-100% minority schools than among traditional public schools.

Metropolitan Area	Percentage of Students in 90-100% Minority Schools	
	Charter Schools	Public Schools
Bradenton-Sarasota-Venice, FL	0%	1%
Cape Coral-Fort Meyers, FL	3%	2%
Gainesville, FL	16%	4%
Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL	0%	0%
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, FL	41%	42%
Orlando-Kissimmee, FL	3%	9%
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	19%	4%

- 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 Florida, even though Whites are a smaller percentage of the charter school enrollment, White charter school students are more likely to be in segregated white schools than White students in traditional public schools (9% of White charter school students and 7% of White 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	Latino
FL	42	48	-6	9	0	1	7	0	0

In most metropolitan areas, negligible percentages of charter (or traditional public) school students were in 90-100% White schools. Similar to intensely segregated minority schools, two metros where higher percentages of charter school students were in segregated schools—albeit segregated White schools—were the Tampa and Gainesville metropolitan areas.

- 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

Metropolitan Area	White Difference (Charter-Public)	Charter Students in 90-100% White schools	Public Students in 90-100% White schools
Bradenton-Sarasota-Venice, FL	12%	0%	8%
Cape Coral-Fort Meyers, FL	10%	1%	1%
Gainesville, FL	2%	13%	7%
Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL	9%	0%	0%
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, FL	-3%	0%	0%
Orlando-Kissimmee, FL	2%	6%	0%
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	0%	17%	4%

IV. Interracial Exposure:

During 2007-08, White students experienced slightly lower isolation in charter schools than in traditional public schools. Their exposure to Black students was also somewhat lower (13% in

charter and 15% in public schools). By contrast, White students had greater exposure to Latinos than Blacks with 21% exposure in charter schools (17% 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
FL	42	48	63	65	13	15	21	17

In Florida, during 2007-08, Black and Latino isolation was higher in charter schools than in public schools. More than half of students in the typical Black or Latino charter student's school were of their same race.

- 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
FL	52	46	58	48

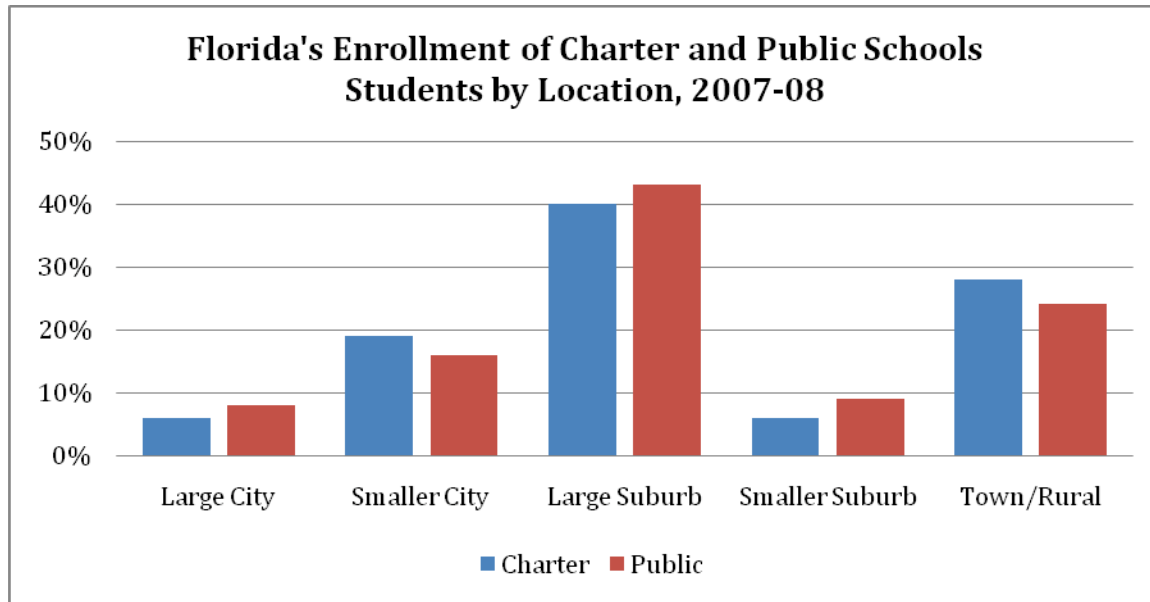
In 2007-08, Black and Latino students both had more exposure to white students in traditional public schools than charter schools in Florida.

- 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
FL	25	31	27	31

V. Geographic Location of Charter Schools

During 2007-08, 28% of Florida'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 46% of charter school students went to schools in the suburbs. About one-fourth of the students went to charter schools in the city. For traditional public school students, 24% were enrolled in rural or town areas, 52% in the suburbs, and 24% 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
- Table A-17: Percentage of Traditional Public School Students by Location and State, 2007-08
- Figure A-1: Enrollment of Non-Charter Students by Location and State, 2007-08

VI. State Legislation about Diversity

- Florida's state charter school law contains no discrimination provisions other than the general non-discrimination provision.²

² CRP Policy Brief, Nov. 2009, <http://www.civilrightsproject.ucla.edu/research/deseg/equity-overlooked-report-2009.pdf>