



Charter Schools 101

Fast Facts



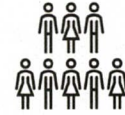
206 Charter Schools



138,679 Students



63 Counties

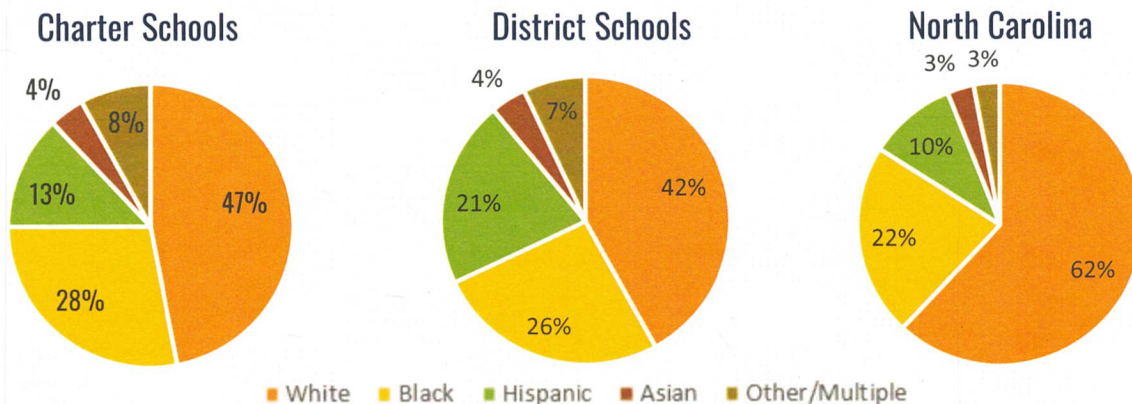


60,000+ waitlist

Key Info

- ✓ Charter schools are free, **public** schools
- ✓ **Any student** is eligible to attend any charter school
- ✓ Charter schools can specialize in areas like STEM or the arts
- ✓ If there are not enough slots, charter schools select students via random lottery.
- ✓ 40%+ of charter schools weight lotteries to prioritize underserved populations.
- ✓ Charter schools **complement**, rather than compete with, district schools

Demographics



Funding

- Charter schools, like district schools, are funded on a per-pupil basis. Charter schools do not take money away from district schools because *all* public schools receive funding *per student*.
- Charter schools receive only about 63% of the local funding that district schools receive
- No state money is allocated to charter schools to pay for their facilities