



## National Alliance for Public Charter Schools

### GROWTH AND QUALITY IN THE CHARTER SCHOOL MOVEMENT: 2006 DASHBOARD

INDICATORS	DATA
<b>Students</b>	
# Charter School Students  <i>Source: Alliance 50-State Survey, April 2006.</i>	Over 1 million
% Charter Students: Minority  <i>Source: National Charter School Research Project, "Hopes, Fears, &amp; Reality: A Balanced Look at American Charter Schools in 2005," November 2005.</i>	58% (2004-05) (45% in Non-Charters) (Schools and Staffing Survey: 57% in Charters vs. 39% in Non-Charters)
% Charter Students: Eligible for Free and Reduced-Price Lunch  <i>Source: National Charter School Research Project, "Hopes, Fears, &amp; Reality: A Balanced Look at American Charter Schools in 2005," November 2005.</i>	52% (2004-05) (40% in Non-Charters) (Schools and Staffing Survey: 49% in Charters vs. 42% in Non-Charters)
% Charter School Students: Special Education  <i>Source: National Center for Education Statistics, "Characteristics of Schools, Districts, Teachers, Principals, and School Libraries in the United States: 2003-04 Schools and Staffing Survey," April 2006.</i>	11% (2003-04) (13% in Non-Charters)
% Charter Schools Students: English Language Learners  <i>Source: National Center for Education Statistics, "Characteristics of Schools, Districts, Teachers, Principals, and School Libraries in the United States: 2003-04 Schools and Staffing Survey," April 2006.</i>	12% (2003-04) (11% in Non-Charters)
<b>Growth</b>	
# of Charter Schools  <i>Source: Alliance 50-State Survey, April 2006.</i>	3,600
# of New Charters Opening in 2005-06 School Year  <i>Sources: Alliance 50-State Survey, April 2006; National Charter School Research Project, "Hopes, Fears, &amp; Reality: A Balanced Look at American Charter Schools in 2005," November 2005.</i>	Over 400
% Increase in # of Charters from Previous Year  <i>Sources: Alliance 50-State Survey, April 2006; National Charter School Research Project, "Hopes, Fears, &amp; Reality: A Balanced Look at American Charter Schools in 2005,"</i>	13%

<i>November 2005.</i>	
Charter Student Market Share (% of K-12 Students in U.S.)	2%
<i>Sources: Alliance 50-State Survey, April 2006; National Center for Education Statistics, "Fast Facts: What Are The Enrollment Trends in Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools," Accessed on April 27, 2006 at <a href="http://nces.ed.gov/fastfacts/display.asp?id=65">http://nces.ed.gov/fastfacts/display.asp?id=65</a>.</i>	
Highest Market Share in Single State	8% (Arizona)
<i>Source: Alliance 50-State Survey, April 2006.</i>	
Highest Market Share in Single City	28% (Dayton)
<i>Source: New York Times, "Federal Program on Vouchers Draws Strong Minority Support," April 6, 2006.</i>	
Share of Charter Schools Located in Top Three States	38%
<i>Source: Alliance 50-State Survey, April 2006.</i>	
<b>Performance and Accountability</b>	
% Charter Schools Making AYP	64% (73% in Non-Charters)
<i>Sources: Alliance 50-State Survey, April 2006; Fordham Web Site, <a href="http://www.edexcellence.net/doc/AYP_results.pdf">http://www.edexcellence.net/doc/AYP_results.pdf</a>, accessed on April 27, 2006.</i>	
# of States Where % of Charters Making AYP Exceeds the % of All Public Schools Making AYP	19 (of 35)
<i>Sources: Alliance 50-State Survey, April 2006; Fordham Web Site, <a href="http://www.edexcellence.net/doc/AYP_results.pdf">http://www.edexcellence.net/doc/AYP_results.pdf</a>, accessed on April 27, 2006.</i>	
% Charter Students Proficient or Advanced on 2005 NAEP	4R – 28% (30% in Non-Charters) 4M – 29% (35% in Non-Charters) 8R – 24% (29% in Non-Charters) 8M – 21% (29% in Non-Charters)
<i>Source: NAEP Data Tool, <a href="http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/nde/">http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/nde/</a>.</i>	
% Charter Students Making More Than a Year of Learning Gains	Unknown
Charter High School Graduation Rate	Unknown
<b>Policy Environment</b>	
Number of States with Charter Laws	40 plus D.C.
<i>Source: Alliance's 50-State Survey, April 2006.</i>	
# of States with State-Imposed Caps on Charters	25 plus D.C.
<i>Source: National Alliance for Public Charter Schools, "Stunting Growth: The Impact of State-Imposed Caps on Charter Schools," January 2006.</i>	
Average Per-Pupil Charter Funding as % of Average District School Funding	78% (Statewide) 76% (Urban Districts)
<i>Source: Thomas B. Fordham Institute, "Charter School Funding: Inequity's Next Frontier," August 2005.</i>	
# of Non-Local School District Charter School Authorizers	127 (2004-05)

<i>Source: Education Commission of the States, "A State Policymaker's Guide to Alternative Authorizers of Charter Schools," September 2005.</i>	
<b>Public Opinion</b>	
% of Registered Voters Who Accurately Describe Charters as Public Schools  <i>Source: Alliance's 2006 Poll, April 2006</i>	34%
% of Registered Voters Who Initially Favor Charters, Oppose Them, Are Unsure About Them  <i>Source: Alliance's 2006 Poll, April 2006.</i>	35% - Favor 16% - Oppose 49% - Unsure