

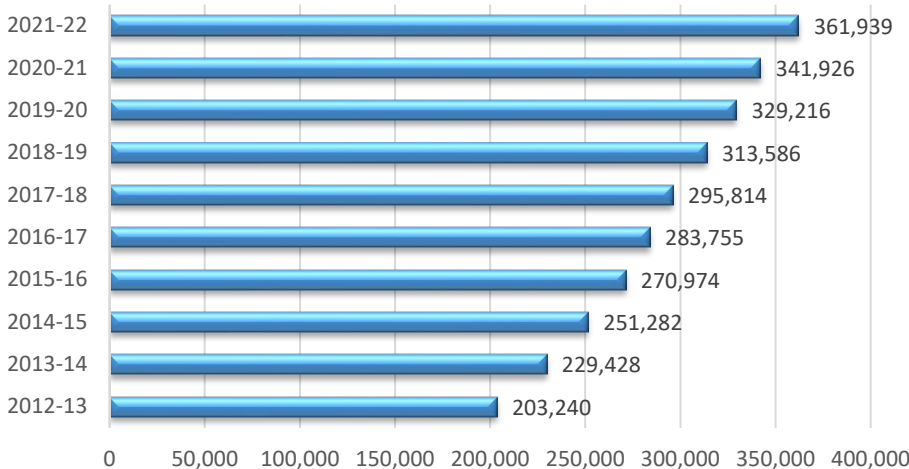


**Florida's Charter Schools**

Charter schools are tuition-free public schools created through an agreement or "charter" typically between the school and the local district school board. This agreement gives the charter school a measure of expanded freedom relative to traditional public schools in return for a commitment to higher standards of accountability. Since 1996, Florida charter schools have played a key role in increasing parental options in public education and providing innovative learning opportunities for students.

During the 2021-22 school year, over 361,939 students were enrolled in 703 charter schools in 47 Florida districts. Many charter schools in Florida have innovative missions. Some charter schools include themed learning approaches focusing on areas such as arts, sciences, and technologies. Other charter schools provide services to special populations such as students at risk of academic failure or students with disabilities.

**PK-12 Enrollment in Charter Schools**



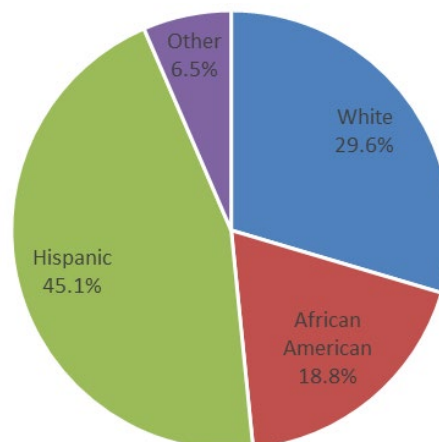
**Charter School Statutes**

- s. 1002.33, Charter schools
- s. 1002.345, Determination of deteriorating financial conditions & financial emergencies for charter schools
- s. 1013.62, Charter school capital outlay funding
- s. 1002.331, High-performing charter schools
- s. 1002.332, High-performing charter systems
- s.1002.333, Schools of Hope

**Charter Student Diversity**

Florida's charter schools, which serve 51% low-income students statewide, have become increasingly diverse. In 2021-22, 70% of the students served were minorities. Hispanic students comprised 45% of Florida's charter school enrollment, and 19% were African-American students.

**Race and Ethnicity**



**District Contacts**

There is a charter school liaison in each school district. A list of charter school contacts and district liaisons may be downloaded in Excel file format from the *Directory of Charter Schools* at: <https://web01.fldoe.org/CSA/PostToWeb/ManageSearch.aspx>



