



NORTH CAROLINA COALITION FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS

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7 New Charter Schools, and Tens of Thousands of Students on 2023-24 Waitlists

Raleigh, NC – As North Carolina students begin a new school year, here's a rundown of some key numbers.

211 public charter schools will operate in North Carolina this year, including **seven** new schools.

137,500 students attended a public charter school in North Carolina for the 2022-23 school year.

There's been a **172% increase** in public charter school enrollment in the past decade.

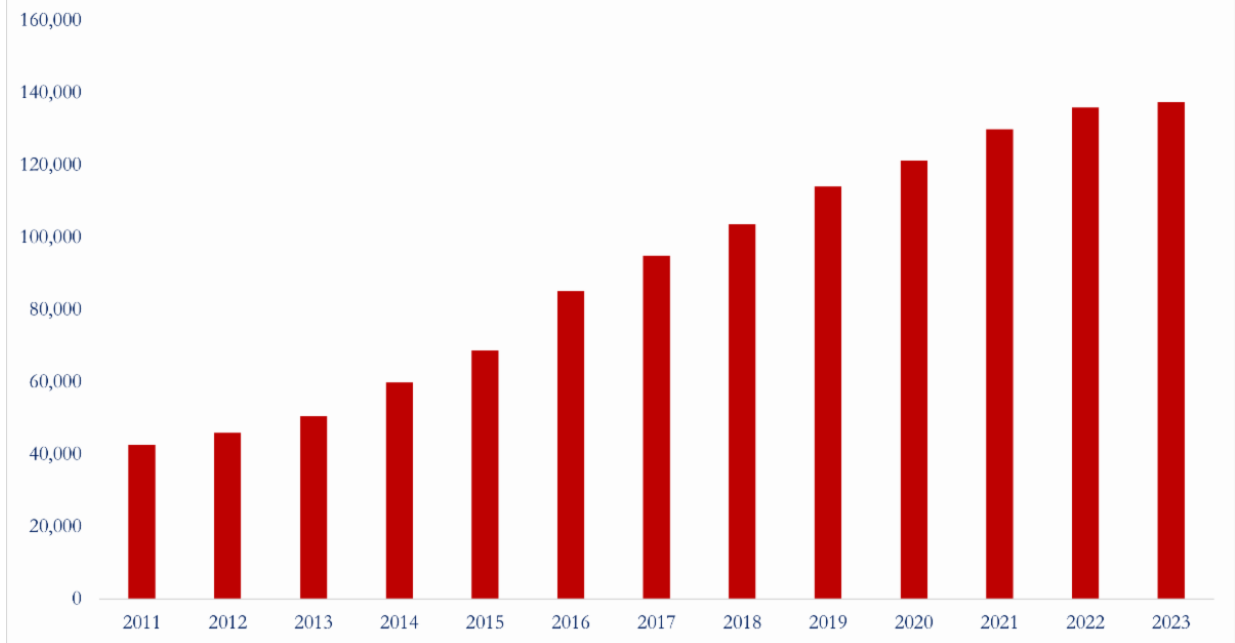
77,000 student names were on waitlists for public charter schools last year. Here are a few samplings of the application volume around the state as of Spring 2023:

- Piedmont Community Charter School in **Gaston County** received 1,569 applications for 297 spots;
- Lake Norman Charter in **Mecklenburg County** received 6,504 applications for 207 spots;
- Greensboro Academy in **Guilford County** received 2,469 applications for 84 spots;
- Alamance Community School in **Alamance County** received 511 applications for 150 spots;
- Northeast Academy for Aerospace and Advanced Technologies in **Pasquotank County** received 455 applications for 105 spots.

Public charter schools accept all students who apply. When there are more applications than available spots, schools employ a lottery drawing to select students at random.

Lindalyn Kakadelis, executive director of the N.C. Coalition for Charter Schools, said, "**Public charter schools are an incredibly popular choice for North Carolina families, and demand continues to grow. Charter schools are public and free to attend. Through innovative curricula like drone pilot licensing programs, manufacturing certifications, and more, public charter schools offer something different.**"

Public Charter School Enrollment, 2011-2023



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