

California Education/Charter Statistics

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California is rated as one of the top rated states regarding charter school law and policy (National Alliance for Public Charter Schools, 2010) and has:

- 13% of the total U.S. K-12 public school student enrollment (the largest of any state)
- 20% of the U.S. public charter school enrollment (Allen et al., 2009)

Dissertation Findings from California:

- Enrollment in online charter schools in California has increased each year for the past three years (2006-2009): **80% in past two years**
- Percent of students in charter high schools: **6% of total 9-12 enrollment**
- Percent of students in online charter high schools: **.16% of total 9-12 enrollment**

The following tables were compiled as part of the research for my dissertation which will eventually be published.

California Online Charter School Enrollment, 2006-2009

Grades	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
K-12	5399	7454	10502
9-12	773	1618	2992

Note: Data from *Education Data Partnership* data repository maintained by the Alameda County Office of Education in partnership with the California Department of Education, retrieved from <http://www.ed-data.k12.ca.us>, 2010. Full time online charter school students are the only online students formally counted in California.

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California Enrollment and Percentages of Students in Different Types of Schools, 2006-2009

Comparisons by School Type	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Total school enrollment (K-12)	6,286,943	6,275,469	6,252,011
Total high school enrollment (9-12)	1,814,728	1,820,469	1,823,599
Total charter school enrollment (K-12)	222,942	251,722	285,617
Total charter high school enrollment (9-12)	90,156	96,292	111,822
Total online charter school enrollment (K-12)	5,399	7,454	10,502
Total online charter high school enrollment (9-12)	773	1,618	2,992
Percentage of charter school students compared to total enrollment (K-12)	3.55%	4.01%	4.57%
Percentage of charter high school students compared to total high school enrollment (9-12)	5%	5%	6%
Percentage of online charter school students compared to total school enrollment (K-12)	0.09%	0.12%	0.17%
Percentage of online charter high school students compared to total high school students (9-12)	0.04%	0.09%	0.16%
Percentage of online charter school students compared to total charter school students (K-12)	2.42%	2.96%	3.68%
Percentage of online charter high school students compared to total charter high school students (9-12)	0.86%	1.68%	2.68%
Percentage of online charter high school students (9-12) compared with total K-12 online charter school students	14%	22%	28%

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APPENDIX C: CALIFORNIA ONLINE CHARTER SCHOOLS AND
ENROLLMENTS IN GRADES 9-12, 2006-2009

<u>School Name, Grades, District, County</u>	2006-07 Enroll 9-12	2007-08 Enroll 9-12	2008-09 Enroll 9-12
California Virtual Academy @ Kings (K-12) - Armona Union Elementary School District, Kings County	31	69	101
California Virtual Academy @ San Mateo (K-12) - Jefferson Elementary School District, San Mateo County	35	40	166
California Virtual Academy @ Kern (K-12) - Maricopa Unified, Kern County	24	81	116
California Virtual Academy at Los Angeles (K-12) - West Covina Unified, Los Angeles County	204	458	719
California Virtual Academy @ San Diego (K-12) - Spencer Valley Elementary School District, San Diego County	82	184	369
California Virtual Academy @ Jamestown (K-12) – Jamestown Elementary School District, Tuolumne County	32	17	23
California Virtual Academy @ Sutter (K-12) – Nuestro Elementary School District, Sutter County	0	34	113
California Virtual Academy @ San Joaquin (K-12) – Stockton City Unified, San Joaquin County	0	25	80
California Virtual Academy @ Sonoma (K-12) - Liberty Elementary School District, Sonoma County	64	73	169
Capistrano Connections Academy Charter (K-12) - Capistrano Unified, Orange County	248	137	248
Central California Connections Academy (K-12) – Alpaugh Unified, Tulare County	13	25	42
eScholar Academy (9-12) – Mineral Elementary School District, Tehama County	107	102	107
Los Angeles County Online School (9-12) - Antelope Valley Unified	0	231	576
Choice 2000 (9-12) – Perris Union District, Riverside County	151	142	163

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APPENDIX D: RANDOMLY SELECTED ONLINE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOLS
AND TRADITIONAL HIGH SCHOOLS WITH ENROLLMENTS AND
PERCENTAGE OF FREE AND REDUCED PRICES LUNCH (FRL) STUDENTS
USED IN THIS STUDY

<u>Online Charter High Schools</u>	2008 Enroll 9-12	2009 Enroll 9-12	2008 FRL percent	2009 FRL percent
California Virtual Academy @ Kings (K-12) - Armona Unified	69	101	49.60%	54.50%
California Virtual Academy @ San Mateo (K-12) - Jefferson Unified	40	166	32.50%	40.20%
California Virtual Academy at Kern (K-12) - Maricopa Unified	81	116	43.20%	37.40%
California Virtual Academy at Los Angeles (K-12) - West Covina Unified	458	719	39.30%	58.90%
California Virtual Academy at San Diego (K-12) - Spencer Valley Unified	184	369	28.20%	40.70%
California Virtual Academy at Sonoma (K-12) - Liberty Unified	73	169	42.10%	30.30%
Capistrano Connections Academy Charter (K-12) - Capistrano Unified	137	248	41.50%	33.00%
eScholar Academy (9-12) - Tehama Unified	102	107	41.40%	37.20%
Los Angeles County Online School (9-12) - Antelope Valley Unified	231	576	4.20%*	8.60%*
Choice 2000 – Perris Union District	142	163	20.50%*	24.00%*

* LA County Online School and Choice 2000 report percentage of socioeconomic disadvantaged students, but not free and reduced lunch students.

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