This Presentation covers historical charter school enrollment patterns for schools that opened from 1996-97 through 2000-01.
This Presentation

excludes
conversion charter school students
pre-kindergarten students
Enrollment By Grade
Fall Membership

![Graph showing enrollment by grade from Kindergarten to Grade 12 over years 1996-97 to 2000-01. The graph indicates the number of students enrolled in each grade during these years.]
Almost 37,000 students have entered charter schools in grades K-12 during this period.
Charter School Students may come from:

- Private School
- Public Non-Charter School
- Home Schooling
- Outside the State
- Another Charter School
Sources of Students

- Same District: 64%
- Another District: 19%
- Outside System: 13%
- Entered Charter Kindergarten: 4%
From Outside The System

Students who come from

- Private schools
- Home schooling
- Outside the state

Are entering from outside the public school system
From Within The System

Students who enter from

- within the same school district
- another school district

Are entering from within the public school system
Kindergarten

There is no way to determine if kindergarten students would have entered a public or private school or would have been home schooled if the charter school had not been available.
Only students who enter in grades 1 through grade 12 can be identified as from within the system or from outside the system.
Entering Charter Schools
Source By Grade

[Bar chart showing enrollment by grade for students entering charter schools, with a legend indicating 'Within System' and 'Outside System']
Opening Enrollment

When a charter school opens, it typically does not open at full capacity.
Opening Enrollment

Growth after the first year may occur by design as when a school adds a grade each year.
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Or, Growth after the first year may occur not by design such as a lag in marketing effectiveness.
Three-Year Trends

The next four slides are the three-year trends for schools that have been opened at least three years.
Elementary Grades 1-5
First Three Years’ Growth

✓ 1st Year’s Enrollment was 49% of the third Year’s
✓ 2nd Year’s Enrollment was 83% of the third Year’s
Middle School Grades 6-8
First Three Years’ Growth

✓ 1st Year’s Enrollment was 57% of the third Year’s
✓ 2nd Year’s Enrollment was 84% of the third Year’s
High School Grades 9-11
First Three Years’ Growth

✓ 1st Year’s Enrollment was 49% of the third Year’s
✓ 2nd Year’s Enrollment was 69% of the third Year’s
Summary
First Three Years’ Growth
Data Source

Florida DOE Student Database
Surveys 2 and 3
Years 1996-97 through 2000-01
This analysis was based on matching students' id numbers. One source of error occurs when one student has two different id numbers in the time period.
Data Limitations

84% of students were identified by a social security number.

When the analysis is done using only those students identified by ssn, the patterns are similar to the analysis computed on all students identified.