

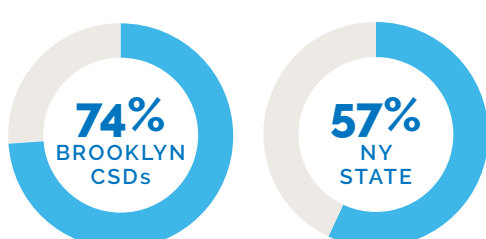
The State of Public Education IN BROOKLYN

About the Public Schools in Brooklyn

Brooklyn is the most populous borough of New York City, with the highest public school enrollment. There are over 300,000 students attending public schools in Brooklyn in 492 district schools and 102 charter schools.



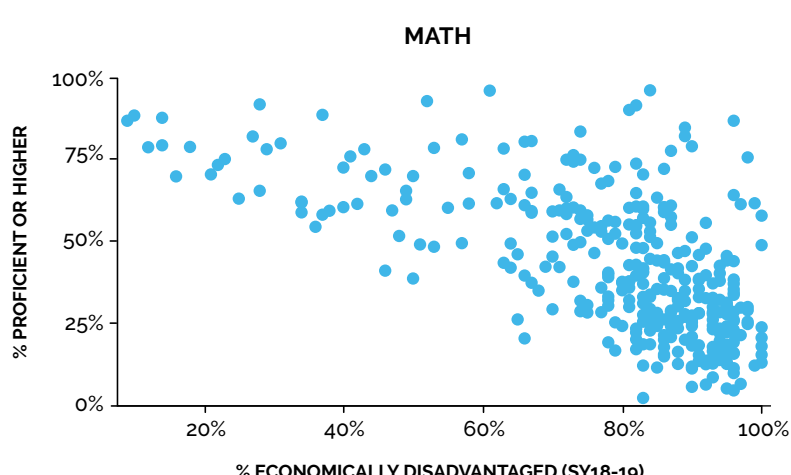
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% ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED (SY20-21)

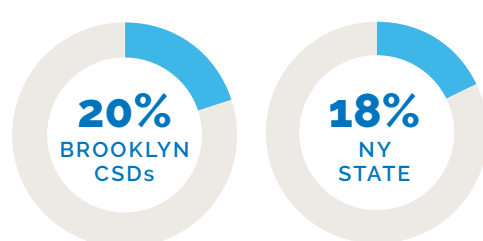
Brooklyn has a large Economically Disadvantaged population, spread unevenly among district schools.

However, these students are not equally represented across the districts' schools. Test scores are negatively correlated with economically disadvantaged status, meaning that a Brooklyn family's address, or their ability to be admitted to a selective district program, largely determines their access to a high-performing district school.



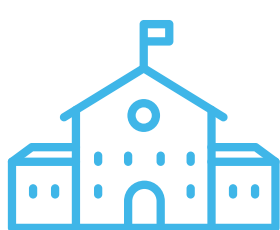
Brooklyn students are more likely to be classified as Students with Disabilities.

While 2 percentage points seems like a small difference, this represents thousands of students. Disproportionate classification of students as Students with Disabilities is a problem in high-needs school districts throughout the state and across the country. This problem is especially severe for students - especially boys - of color.



% STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (SY20-21)

About Charter Schools in Brooklyn



102 CHARTER
SCHOOLS SERVING
57,000 STUDENTS

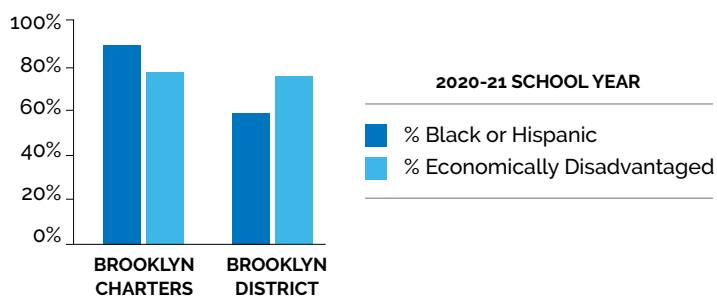
There are 102 charter schools in Brooklyn serving over 57,000 students in grades K-12 this coming fall. The oldest Brooklyn charter schools have been open since 2000, and the newest will open in the next 2 years. However, due to the current cap on the number of charter schools that may open within New York City, no additional charter schools may open in Brooklyn beyond those already approved. Given this cap, parent demand will continue to exceed the number of available seats. Charter schools are independent from one another and have the flexibility to design their own programs. As a result, parents are able to choose between a variety of structures and programs.

Brooklyn charter schools cost less to operate.

Brooklyn charter schools receive **\$16,845** per student in state funds. The closest approximation of a comparison* shows that the New York City Department of Education spends **\$20,398** per student.

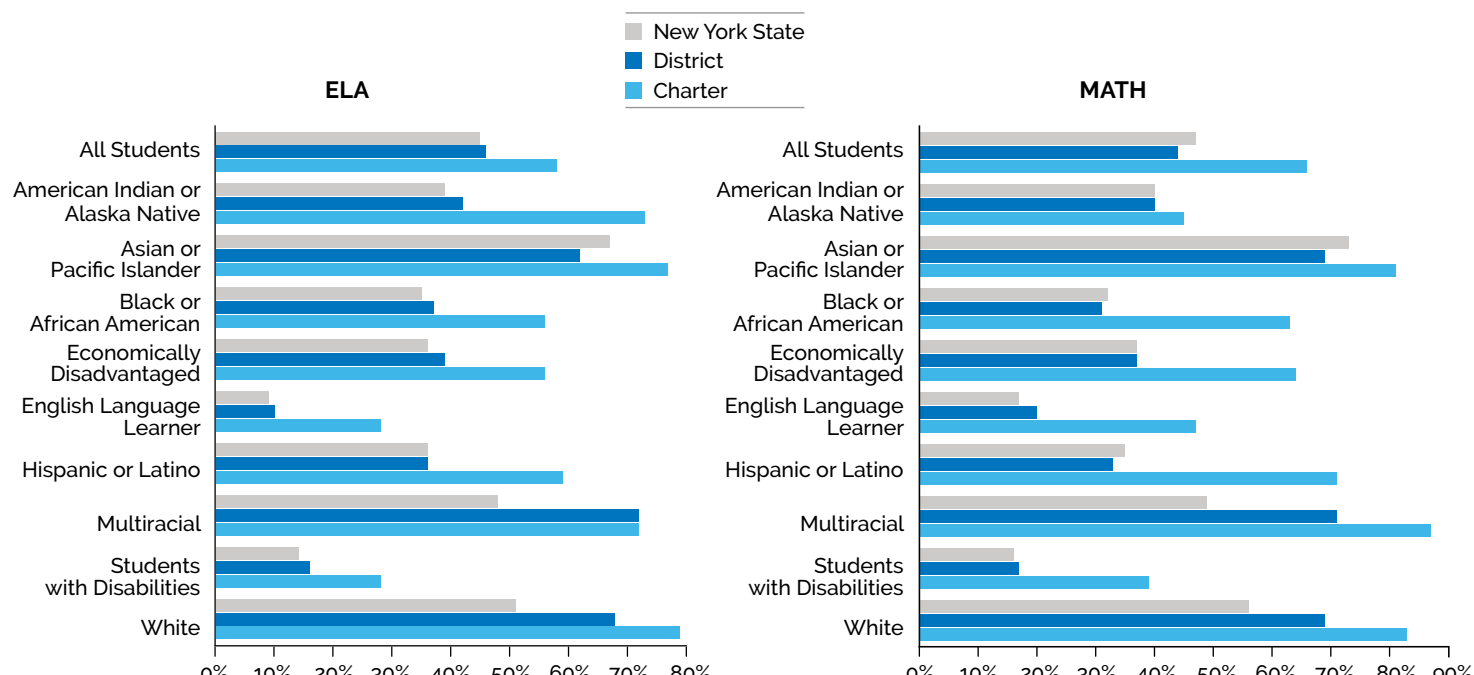
*To make the comparison, we subtracted all Pre-Kindergarten, Special Education, and Transportation expenses from the district's budget as a portion of these expenses are used to provide services to charter schools. Charter school tuition was also subtracted. Numbers are taken directly from General Fund Expenditures in the district's 2019-20 Budget. There are regional differences in administration of in-kind services that can impact this calculation.

Brooklyn charter schools serve predominantly students who are Black or Hispanic or Economically Disadvantaged.



Brooklyn charter schools outperform the district on state tests.

Brooklyn charter schools perform above the average for Brooklyn district schools, as well as the statewide average. In fact, Brooklyn charter school students who are Economically Disadvantaged, Black or African American, and Hispanic or Latino outperform the statewide average for All Students.



NOTE: Due to the pandemic, the 2018-19 New York State ELA & Math assessments were the most recently administered.