

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

This Fact Sheet provides three types of enrollment data:

- 1. Ranking of South Carolina school districts by enrollment*
- 2. Charter school enrollment in Greenville County and in statewide charter school districts*
- 3. Ranking of schools in Greenville County Schools by enrollment.*

ENROLLMENT

SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICTS

In the 2019-20 school year there were 81 public school districts in South Carolina. The size of the districts varies greatly from just under 600 students in the Barnwell 19 school district to nearly 77,000 students in Greenville County Schools, the 46th largest school district in the country. About half of the school districts in the state have enrollments of less than 5,000 students including eight school districts with enrollments below 1,000. At the other end of the spectrum, seven school districts have more than 25,000 students. See Table 1 for a listing of all 81 school districts in order by size.

Measuring Enrollment

InformEdsc uses the “135-day active student headcount” as produced by the South Carolina Department of Education. This is the number of students that were actively enrolled on the 135th day of school. Student headcounts are also taken on the 45th and 180th days of the school year.

Table 1: Enrollment by School District in South Carolina

School Year 2019-20

Size	School District	Enrollment
0-2,499 <i>22 districts</i>	Barnwell 19	596
	Bamberg 02	649
	McCormick	659
	Hampton 02	680
	Clarendon 01	682
	Florence 04	685
	Barnwell 29	814
	Greenwood 51	959
	Florence 02	1,087
	Allendale	1,092
	Florence 05	1,201
	Bamberg 01	1,235
	Clarendon 03	1,282
	Greenwood 52	1,553
	Dillon 03	1,576
	Lee	1,645
	Calhoun	1,691
	Barnwell 45	2,106
	Hampton 01	2,111
	Lexington 03	2,112
Dorchester 04	2,254	
Saluda	2,302	
2,500-4,999 <i>18 districts</i>	Fairfield	2,536
	Anderson 03	2,594
	Jasper	2,697
	Spartanburg 03	2,780
	Anderson 04	2,861
	Laurens 56	2,867
	Clarendon 02	2,868
	Spartanburg 04	2,884
	Abbeville	2,956
	Florence 03	3,307
	Edgefield	3,337
	Williamsburg	3,353
	Lexington 04	3,430
	Anderson 02	3,648
	Marlboro	3,805
	Dillon 04	3,968
Union	3,978	
Marion	4,327	
5,000-9,999 <i>16 districts</i>	Chester	5,014
	York 01	5,203

Size	School District	Enrollment
	Spartanburg 01	5,292
	Colleton	5,346
	Laurens 55	5,609
	Newberry	5,925
	Chesterfield	6,995
	Spartanburg 07	7,476
	York 02	8,270
	Cherokee	8,548
	Greenwood 50	8,742
	Lexington 02	8,990
	Georgetown	9,062
	Spartanburg 05	9,112
	Darlington	9,747
Charter Inst Erskine	9,847	
10,000-14,999 <i>8 districts</i>	Anderson 01	10,224
	Oconee	10,427
	Spartanburg 02	10,530
	Kershaw	10,855
	Spartanburg 06	11,510
	Orangeburg	12,156
	Anderson 05	13,124
	Lancaster	14,164
15,000-24,999 <i>10 districts</i>	Florence 01	15,794
	Sumter	16,262
	Pickens	16,298
	York 04	17,051
	York 03	17,504
	Lexington 05	17,511
	SC Public Charter	20,787
	Beaufort	22,257
Richland 01	23,250	
Aiken	24,010	
25,000-49,999 <i>6 districts</i>	Dorchester 02	25,975
	Lexington 01	27,250
	Richland 02	28,344
	Berkeley	36,915
	Horry	45,572
	Charleston	49,928
50,000+	Greenville	76,982

Source: 135-Day Active Student Headcount, SC Dept. of Education. (<https://ed.sc.gov/data/other/student-counts/active-student-headcounts/>)

ENROLLMENT CHARTER SCHOOLS

Greenville County Charter Schools

Charter schools are public schools and operate under a contract with an authorizing agency, which in South Carolina can be a local public school district, the South Carolina Public Charter School District (SCPCSD) or a public or independent institution of higher learning such as the Charter Institute at Erskine. Charter schools in South Carolina must be non-religious, non-homebased and non-profit corporations and can encompass both “brick and mortar” and virtual schools. For more information go to the South Carolina Dept. of Education (online: <https://ed.sc.gov/districts-schools/school-choice/charter-schools-program/>).

As with other public schools, charter schools receive both state and federal funds for operations. Charters under a local school district also receive local funds for operations. Those not chartered by a school district receive higher per pupil funding from the state.

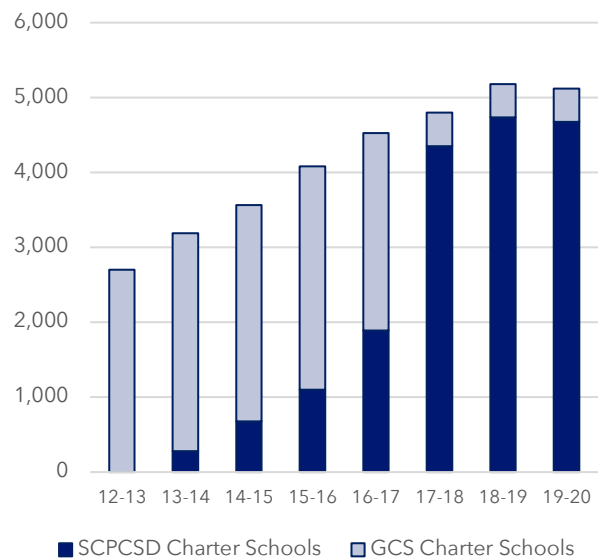
For the most part charter schools in the state do not receive public funding for facilities. However, state and federal low-cost loan programs have been utilized by some charters.

As shown in Chart 1, enrollment in charter schools in Greenville County steadily increased through 2018-19 as new schools were initiated and existing schools added grades. One charter school closed before the start of the 2019-20 school year. The chart also shows the migration of charter schools from under the auspices of Greenville County Schools to oversight by the South Carolina Public Charter School District. Financial aspects of the switch were a significant consideration in this change.

In 2019-20 a total of 5,120 students were enrolled in charter schools in Greenville County. Of this number, 450 (9%) attended the one charter school under Greenville County Schools while 4,670 (91%) attended the nine charter schools overseen by the South Carolina Public Charter School District.

Chart 1: Charter School Enrollment in Greenville County

School Years 2012-13 through 2019-20



SCPCSD: South Carolina Public Charter School District
GCS: Greenville County Schools

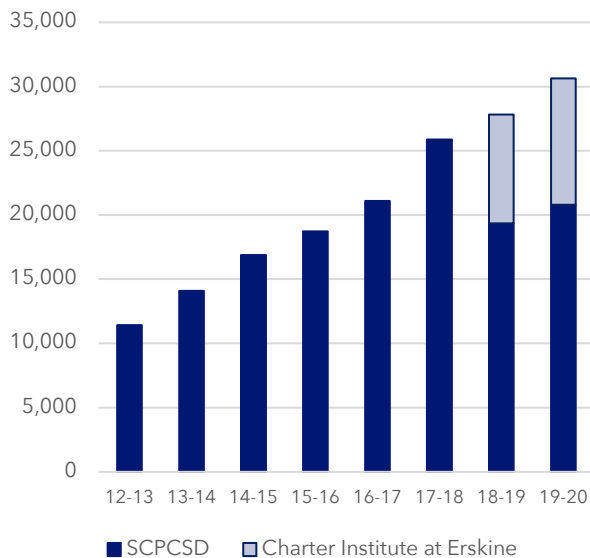
Source: 135-Day Active Student Headcount, SC Dept. of Education: <https://ed.sc.gov/data/other/student-counts/active-student-headcounts/>

South Carolina Charter Schools

A large number of charter schools in South Carolina operate under two statewide districts: the South Carolina Public Charter School District—a statewide school district established by the state legislature—and the Charter Institute at Erskine. As Chart 2 shows, combined enrollment in these two school districts continues to grow totalling more than 30,630 students in 2019-20 (20,785 in SCPCSD and 9,845 in Erskine). Some of the increase was due to the migration of charter schools from local school districts to statewide charter school districts.

Chart 2: Charter School Enrollment, Statewide Charter School Districts

School Years 2012-13 through 2019-20



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ENROLLMENT GREENVILLE COUNTY SCHOOLS

Table 2 lists the 2019-20 enrollment for each elementary, middle and high school in Greenville County Schools in order by size. Total school

district enrollment for that year was 76,982 (135-day active student headcount).

Table 2: Enrollment by School in Greenville County Schools

School Year 2019-20

Size	Elementary Schools	Enroll.	Middle Schools	Enroll.	High Schools	Enroll.
0-499	Westcliffe Elem	315	Langston Charter Middle	448		
	Tigerville Elem	328				
	Slater Marietta Elem	403				
	Brook Glenn Elem	405				
	Armstrong Elem	412				
	Alexander Elem	434				
	Summit Drive Elem	483				
	Berea Elem	492				
500-749	A J Whittenburg Elem	505	Ralph Chandler Middle	739		
	Sue Cleveland Elem	573				
	Augusta Circle Elem	594				
	Mitchell Road Elem	597				
	Thomas E. Kerns Elem	601				
	Heritage Elem	617				
	Monaview Elem	619				
	Stone Academy	621				
	Paris Elem	629				
	Duncan Chapel Elem	641				
	Cherrydale Elem	664				
	Grove Elem	673				
	Welcome Elem	674				
	Hollis Academy	687				
	Crestview Elem	696				
	Gateway Elem	711				
	Ellen Woodside Elem	725				
	Robert E. Cashion Elem.	725				
Taylor's Elem	743					

Size	Elementary Schools	Enroll.	Middle Schools	Enroll.	High Schools	Enroll.
750-999	Skyland Elem	755	Lakeview Middle	755	Southside High	758
	East North St Academy	759	Sevier Middle	781	Carolina High	803
	Sterling Elem (PK-8)	762	Woodmont Middle	815	Blue Ridge High	993
	Fountain Inn Elem	763	Berea Middle	836		
	Fork Shoals Elem	772	League Academy	839		
	Pelham Road Elem	804	Tanglewood Middle	842		
	Simpsonville Elem	807	Greenville Middle Acad.	863		
	Greenbrier Elem	818	Northwest Middle	863		
	Lake Forest Elem	831	Northwood Middle	913		
	Mountain View Elem	857	Bryson Middle	955		
	Brushy Creek Elem	862	Beck Academy	963		
	Blythe Academy	888	Blue Ridge Middle	992		
	Bryson Elem	908				
	Sara Collins Elem	910				
	Buena Vista Elem	921				
	Monarch Elem.	935				
Plain Elem	956					
Chandler Creek Elem	956					
Bethel Elem	958					
1,000-1,499	Oakview Elem	1,001	Phinnize J. Fisher Middle	1,003	Berea High	1,090
	Mauldin Elem	1,004	Hillcrest Middle	1,018	Travelers Rest High	1,153
	Bells Crossing Elem	1,053	Greer Middle	1,030	Greer High	1,163
	Woodland Elem	1,102	Hughes Academy	1,032		
	Rudolph G. Gordon (K-7)	1,405	Mauldin Middle	1,037		
			Riverside Middle	1,164		
1,500-1,999					Eastside High	1,517
					Greenville High Academy	1,519
					Woodmont High	1,715
					Wade Hampton High	1,751
					Riverside High	1,771
					J L Mann High Academy	1,914
2,000+					Hillcrest High	2,133
					Mauldin High	2,334

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