

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 2022-23 school year there were 76 public school districts in South Carolina including the 3 charter school districts. The size of the districts varies greatly from just under 600 students in the McCormick school district to nearly 78,000 students in Greenville County Schools, the 45th largest school district in the country. About half of the school districts in the state have enrollments of less than 5,000 students. At the other end of the spectrum, seven school districts have more than 25,000 students. See Table 1 for a listing of all 76 school districts in order by size.

Measuring Enrollment

Here, InformEdsc uses the “45-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 45th day of school. Student headcounts are also taken on the 135th and 180th days of the school.

Table 1: Enrollment by School District in South Carolina

School Year 2022-23

Size	School District	Enrollment
0-2,499 <i>18 districts</i>	McCormick	582
	Greenwood 51	893
	Allendale	974
	Florence 02	1,068
	Barnwell 48	1,194
	Florence 05	1,225
	Lee	1,476
	Greenwood 52	1,484
	Dillon 03	1,506
	Calhoun	1,546
	Bamberg 03	1,773
	Limestone Charter	1,888
	Barnwell 45	1,974
	Lexington 03	1,977
	Dorchester 04	2,027
	Fairfield	2,278
	Hampton	2,399
	Saluda	2,480
2,500-4,999 <i>19 districts</i>	Jasper	2,635
	Laurens 56	2,715
	Anderson 03	2,737
	Spartanburg 03	2,784
	Abbeville	2,864
	Spartanburg 04	2,901
	Williamsburg	2,946
	Florence 03	2,993
	Anderson 04	3,005
	Edgefield	3,100
	Anderson 02	3,494
	Lexington 04	3,544
	Marlboro	3,549
	Union	3,788
	Marion	3,875
	Dillon 04	3,880
	Clarendon 06	4,329
	Chester	4,767
	Colleton	4,946
5,000-9,999 <i>12 districts</i>	York 01	5,038
	Laurens 55	5,344

Size	School District	Enrollment
	Spartanburg 01	5,458
	Newberry	5,806
	Chesterfield	7,019
	Spartanburg 07	7,371
	Cherokee	7,925
	Georgetown	8,429
	Greenwood 50	8,610
	Lexington 02	8,626
	Darlington	9,042
	York 02	9,087
10,000-14,999 <i>9 districts</i>	Oconee	10,217
	Spartanburg 05	10,386
	Anderson 01	10,839
	Orangeburg	10,979
	Kershaw	11,138
	Spartanburg 06	11,687
	Spartanburg 02	11,740
	Anderson 05	12,560
	Sumter	14,800
15,000-24,999 <i>11 districts</i>	Lancaster	15,114
	Florence 01	16,024
	Pickens	16,310
	York 03	16,493
	Lexington 05	17,463
	SC Public Charter	17,601
	York 04	18,191
	Beaufort	21,439
	Richland 01	22,037
	Charter Inst Erskine	22,535
	Aiken	23,181
25,000-49,999 <i>6 districts</i>	Dorchester 02	26,135
	Lexington 01	28,031
	Richland 02	28,510
	Berkeley	37,932
	Horry	47,357
50,000+	Greenville	77,978

Source: 45-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.

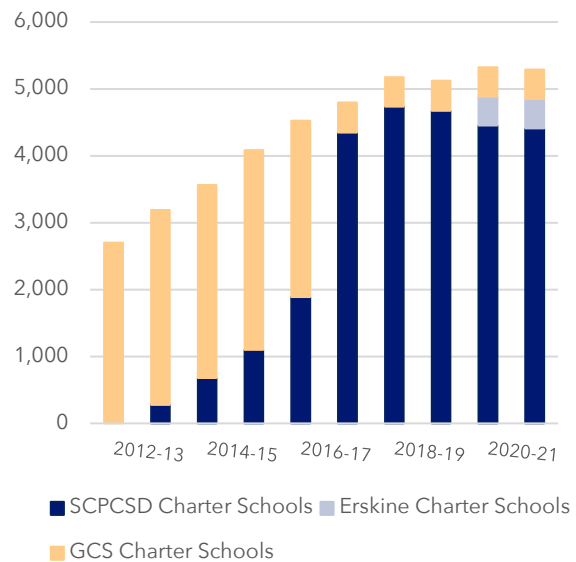
For the most part charter schools in the state do not receive public funding for facilities. However, state and federal low-cost loan programs have been utilized by some charters.

As shown in Chart 1, enrollment in charter schools in Greenville County steadily increased to over the 5,000 by 2018-19 as new schools were initiated and existing schools added grades. 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 and more recently, the Charter Institute at Erskine.

In 2021-22 a total of 5,300 students were enrolled in charter schools in Greenville County. Of this number, 440 (8%) attended the one charter school under Greenville County Schools while 4,850 (92%) attended the eight charter schools overseen by the South Carolina Public Charter School District and the one under the Charter Institute at Erskine.

Chart 1: Charter School Enrollment in Greenville County

School Years 2012-13 through 2021-22



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/>

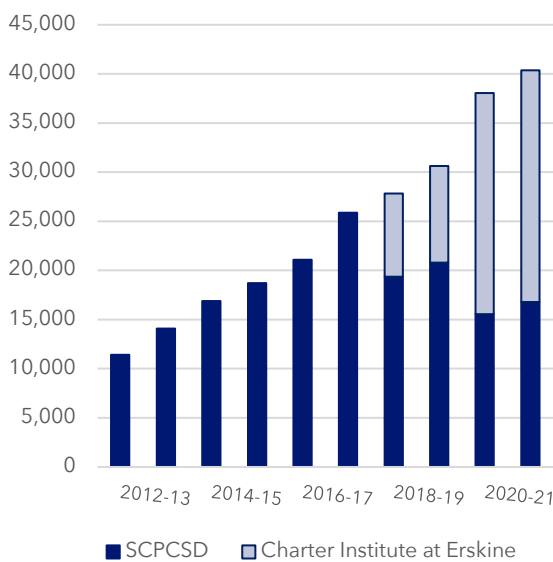
South Carolina Charter Schools

A large number of charter schools in South Carolina operated under two state-wide districts in 2021-22: the South Carolina Public Charter School District (SCPCSD) established by the state legislature and the Charter Institute at Erskine. (Limestone Charter Association, the newest state-wide charter school district, initiated operations in the 2022-23 school year.)

As Chart 2 shows, enrollment in state-wide charter school districts continues to grow totalling more than 40,300 students in 2021-22 (42% in SCPCSD and 58% in Erskine).

Chart 2: Charter School Enrollment, State-wide Charter School Districts

School Years 2012-13 through 2021-22



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It should be noted that charter schools move between what is now three state-wide districts. Schools have moved from SCPCSD to the Charter Institute at Erskine and from Erskine to the Limestone Charter Association. There are also instances of charter schools initially under a school district moving to a state-wide charter district.

ENROLLMENT GREENVILLE COUNTY SCHOOLS

Table 2 lists the 2022-23 enrollment for each elementary, middle and high school in Greenville County Schools in order by size. Total school

district enrollment for that year was 77,978 (45-day active student headcount).

Table 2: Enrollment by School in Greenville County Schools

School Year 2022-23

Size	Elementary Schools	Enroll.	Middle Schools	Enroll.	High Schools	Enroll.
0-499	Tigerville Elem	285	Langston Charter Middle	449		
	Westcliffe Elem	292				
	Slater Marietta Elem	324				
	Armstrong Elem	380				
	Brook Glenn Elem	422				
	Alexander Elem	449				
	Berea Elem	462				
	A J Whittenburg Elem	467				
500-749	Summit Drive Elem	504	Sevier Middle	683		
	Thomas E. Kerns Elem	504	Ralph Chandler Middle	738		
	Stone Academy	534	Tanglewood Middle	745		
	Sue Cleveland Elem	538				
	Augusta Circle Elem	557				
	Heritage Elem	561				
	Paris Elem	580				
	Mitchell Road Elem	584				
	Duncan Chapel Elem	591				
	Hollis Academy	608				
	Monaview Elem	615				
	Grove Elem	639				
	Welcome Elem	652				
	Crestview Elem	654				
	Gateway Elem	663				
	Cherrydale Elem	689				
	Sterling Elem (PK-8)	690				
	East North St Academy	709				
	Pelham Road Elem	743				
	Simpsonville Elem	744				

Size	Elementary Schools	Enroll.	Middle Schools	Enroll.	High Schools	Enroll.
750-999	Taylors Elem	764	Lakeview Middle	758	Fountain Inn High (9-10)	753
	Skyland Elem	786	Greenville Middle	775		
	Fork Shoals Elem	792	League Academy	790		
	Mountain View Elem	801	Berea Middle	795		
	Lake Forest Elem	809	Woodmont Middle	808		
	Brushy Creek Elem	818	Beck Academy	818		
	Fountain Inn Elem	835	Northwest Middle	852		
	Buena Vista Elem	836	Northwood Middle	863		
	Sara Collins Elem	861	Blue Ridge Middle	916		
	Monarch Elem.	873	Bryson Middle	920		
	Blythe Academy	881	Mauldin Middle	924		
	Oakview Elem	890	Hillcrest Middle	986		
	Greenbrier Elem	892				
	Bethel Elem	897				
	Robert E. Cashion Elem.	899				
	Bryson Elem	911				
	Chandler Creek Elem	914				
Bells Crossing Elem	918					
Plain Elem	932					
Mauldin Elem	990					
1,000-1,499	Ellen Woodside Elem	1,020	Fisher Middle	1,006	Southside High	1,041
	Woodland Elem	1,251	Hughes Academy	1,020	Carolina Academy (High)	1,047
			Riverside Middle	1,075	Blue Ridge High	1,066
			Greer Middle	1,080	Berea High	1,244
					Travelers Rest High	1,270
				Greer High	1,348	
1,500-1,999	Rudolph Gordon Schl (K-8)	1,698			Eastside High	1,551
					Greenville High Academy	1,729
					Wade Hampton High	1,831
					Riverside High	1,847
2,000+					J L Mann High Academy	2,076
					Woodmont High	2,189
					Hillcrest High	2,192
					Mauldin High	2,314

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