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S&P Charter School Brief: New Jersey

As of June 28, 2021, S&P Global Ratings maintains seven public ratings on New Jersey charter schools. The state adopted charter school legislation in 1996, with the first school opening the following year. Based on the State of New Jersey Department of Education (DOE), more than 55,000 students (approximately 3.8% of the state's kindergarten through 12th-grade population) are enrolled in more than 87 charter schools across 40 cities with an additional waitlist of 36,000 students. Charter schools are concentrated in urban districts such as Newark, Jersey City, Paterson, Camden, Trenton, and Plainfield.

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