



# MAY 2016 ASSOCIATION UPDATE

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# STATEWIDE AND CHARTER ENROLLMENT DATA

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# CENTER'S BLOG

The Center created its blog to engage educators, researchers and policy makers in conversations on topics that affect the quality of teaching and learning for Arizona's students.



## K-12 ENROLLMENT TRENDS 2007-2015 ALL STUDENTS

- Overall statewide growth in K-12 enrollment, **5.8%**
- Overall decline in student enrollment in **9 out of 15** counties
- **62,537** new students in Maricopa County represents the greatest increase
- Pinal County saw highest percentage increase of **17.5%**, or **7,207** students
- Graham and Greenlee Counties also top the list of percent growth at **11.5%** and **9.6%** respectively, despite their small size



# K-12 ENROLLMENT TRENDS 2007-2015

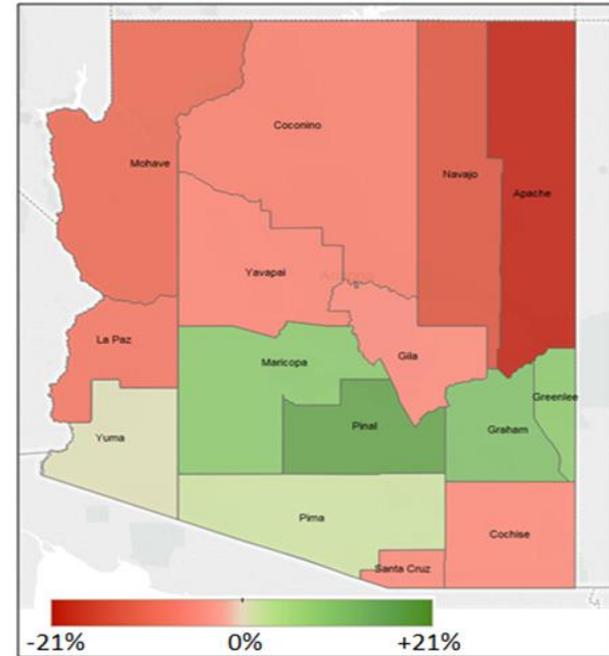
Arizona K-12 Enrollment by County: 2007 and 2015

County	2007 Enrollment	2015 Enrollment	Change in Enrollment	Percent Change
Pinal	41,244	48,452	7,207	17.5% ↑
Graham	5,769	6,429	661	11.5% ↑
Maricopa	640,518	703,055	62,537	9.8% ↑
Greenlee	1,560	1,710	150	9.6% ↑
Pima	142,568	145,071	2,503	1.8% ↑
Yuma	36,089	36,337	248	0.7% ↑
Gila	7,925	7,494	(431)	-5.4% ↓
Santa Cruz	10,051	9,480	(571)	-5.7% ↓
Cochise	20,114	18,968	(1,145)	-5.7% ↓
Yavapai	26,636	24,948	(1,688)	-6.3% ↓
Coconino	19,376	17,949	(1,426)	-7.4% ↓
La Paz	2,533	2,305	(228)	-9.0% ↓
Mohave	26,400	23,444	(2,956)	-11.2% ↓
Navajo	21,949	18,773	(3,176)	-14.5% ↓
Apache	13,007	10,336	(2,671)	-20.5% ↓
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,015,737</b>	<b>1,074,753</b>	<b>59,016</b>	<b>5.8% ↑</b>

Analysis by the Center for Student Achievement

Data Source: Arizona Department of Education <sup>1</sup>

Percent Change in Enrollment by County, 2007 to 2015



Analysis and Map by the Center for Student Achievement

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# APRIL'S BLOG

## CHARTER ENROLLMENT TRENDS BY COUNTY

- Largest Percentage of Charter Students: **Maricopa County**
- Fastest Growth of Charter Students: **Pinal County**
- Fastest Decline of Charters: **Navajo, Apache and La Paz Counties**
- No Charter Students: **Greenlee County**



# CHARTER ENROLLMENT BY COUNTY

Arizona Charter Enrollment as a Percent of Total State Enrollment

School County	2006				2015			
	Charter	District	Total Students	Relative to State Average <sup>†</sup>	Charter	District	Total Students	Relative to State Average <sup>†</sup>
Maricopa	9%	91%	615,140	0%	16%	84%	689,103	1%
Pima	10%	90%	140,154	2%	16%	84%	141,575	1%
Pinal	3%	97%	35,368	-6%	11%	89%	47,239	-4%
Yuma	5%	95%	35,521	-4%	8%	92%	36,337	-7%
Yavapai	13%	87%	25,964	5%	17%	83%	24,269	2%
Mohave	13%	87%	26,093	4%	16%	84%	22,762	1%
Cochise	10%	90%	19,925	2%	12%	88%	18,289	-3%
Coconino	8%	92%	18,781	0%	16%	84%	17,448	1%
Navajo	8%	92%	20,480	-1%	3%	97%	17,123	-12%
Apache	2%	98%	13,018	-7%	0%	100%	10,336	-15%
Santa Cruz	3%	97%	9,955	-6%	4%	96%	9,480	-11%
Gila	6%	94%	7,929	-3%	6%	94%	7,376	-10%
Graham	5%	95%	5,311	-4%	3%	97%	6,235	-12%
La Paz	4%	96%	2,584	-5%	0%	100%	2,305	-15%
Greenlee	0%	100%	1,481	-9%	0%	100%	1,710	-15%
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>977,704</b>		<b>15%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>1,051,587</b>	

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<sup>†</sup>Charter student enrollment relative to the state average in the given year. State average for charter enrollment was 9% in 2006 and 15% in 2015

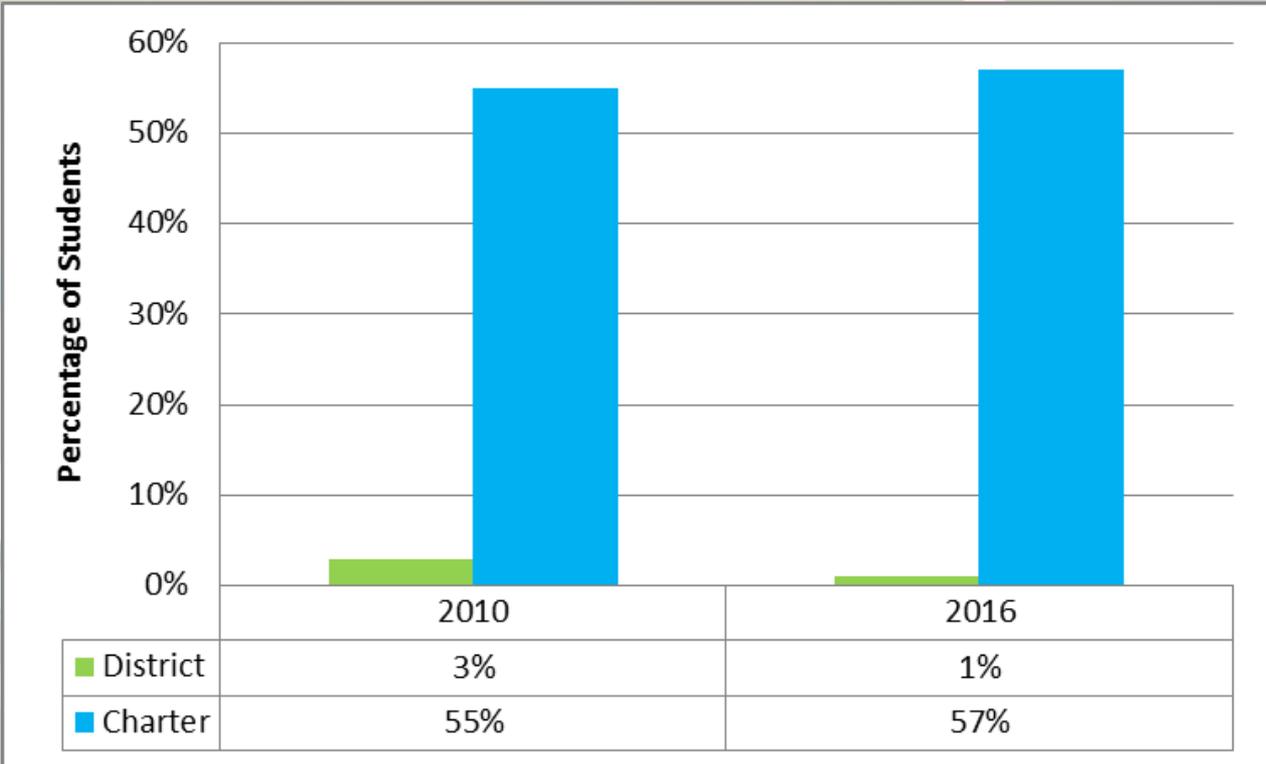
# MAY'S BLOG

## FREE & REDUCED LUNCH DATA REPORTING

- Trends indicate a **larger percentage** of students in poverty
- **Nearly 100%** of district students are reported in the FRL data
- **43%** of charter students are reported FRL data
- Charter reporting **decreased**, while district reporting **increased** from 2010 to 2016



# PERCENT OF STUDENTS IN SCHOOLS THAT DO NOT REPORT FRL DATA



# POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- Declining enrollments in rural counties result in declining budgets
  - Increased difficulty of finding qualified teachers
  - Increased likelihood of poor academic performance
  - Increased likelihood of charter school closure
- Vacant facilities are not located in growing counties
  - Demand for school facilities grows in Maricopa and Pinal Counties at the same time buildings in Northern Arizona become underutilized



# POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- Access and opportunity to charters is not equally available across Arizona
  - Rural students most significantly impacted
- Dynamics are at work within each county that either encourage or discourage enrollment in charter schools
- Lack of charter FRL data will impact implementation of key policies, i.e., A-F, and public perception of serving all students



# NEXT STEPS

The Center will continue to analyze statewide and charter data to identify and share important trends that may impact upcoming policy considerations.



# QUESTIONS?



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