

State of

Latino Arizona

Sparking a community conversation
about school funding

2016

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SoLA16: School Funding – Encouraging a community conversation

Identify major
education policy
direction(s)

How are Latino
students faring
under Arizona's
major education
policies?

Spark a
community
conversation

Topics



- School funding
- Bonds and overrides
- Public school tax credits
- Enrollment trends

Analysis

Divide Arizona school districts and charter schools into quartiles by percent Latino

0–24%

25–49%

50–74%

75–100%

Data

- Arizona Department of Education, Superintendent's Annual Report 2014, publicly available school finance data
- Arizona Department of Revenue (2004–2014)
- Publicly available election results compiled by Stifel (2004–2014)

School funding: A note on charter schools



- Did not report disaggregated charter school results
- Separating charter schools did not change any of the results by Latino quartile
- Do not want a charter vs. traditional public discussion to overshadow the major school funding trends

Policy implications: Equity

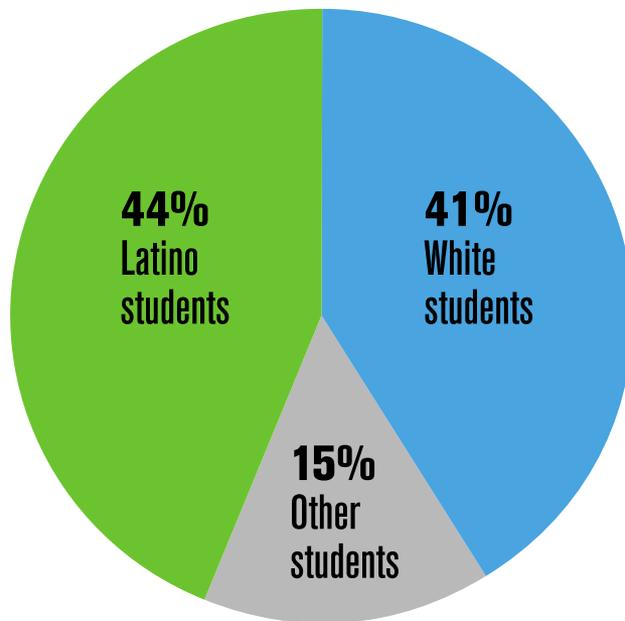
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- State funding largely equalized; local funding most inequitable
- Trend toward less state funding and more local funding
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 - Located in communities that pass bonds and overrides and raise taxes higher than other school districts with relatively less tax yield
- Public school tax credits inequitable
- Latino students under-represented in charter schools and in Arizona's most-acclaimed schools



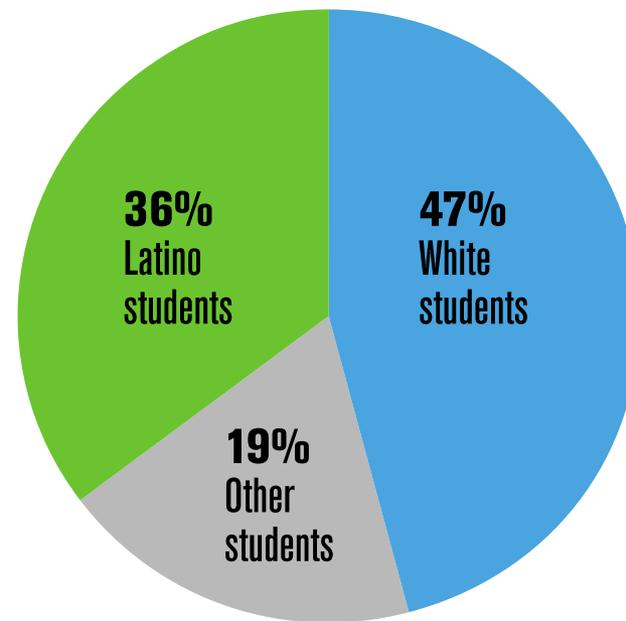
Charter schools: Latino representation

Latino students are under-represented in charter schools

Percent of Latino and White students in charter and district schools, 2014



Students in District Schools

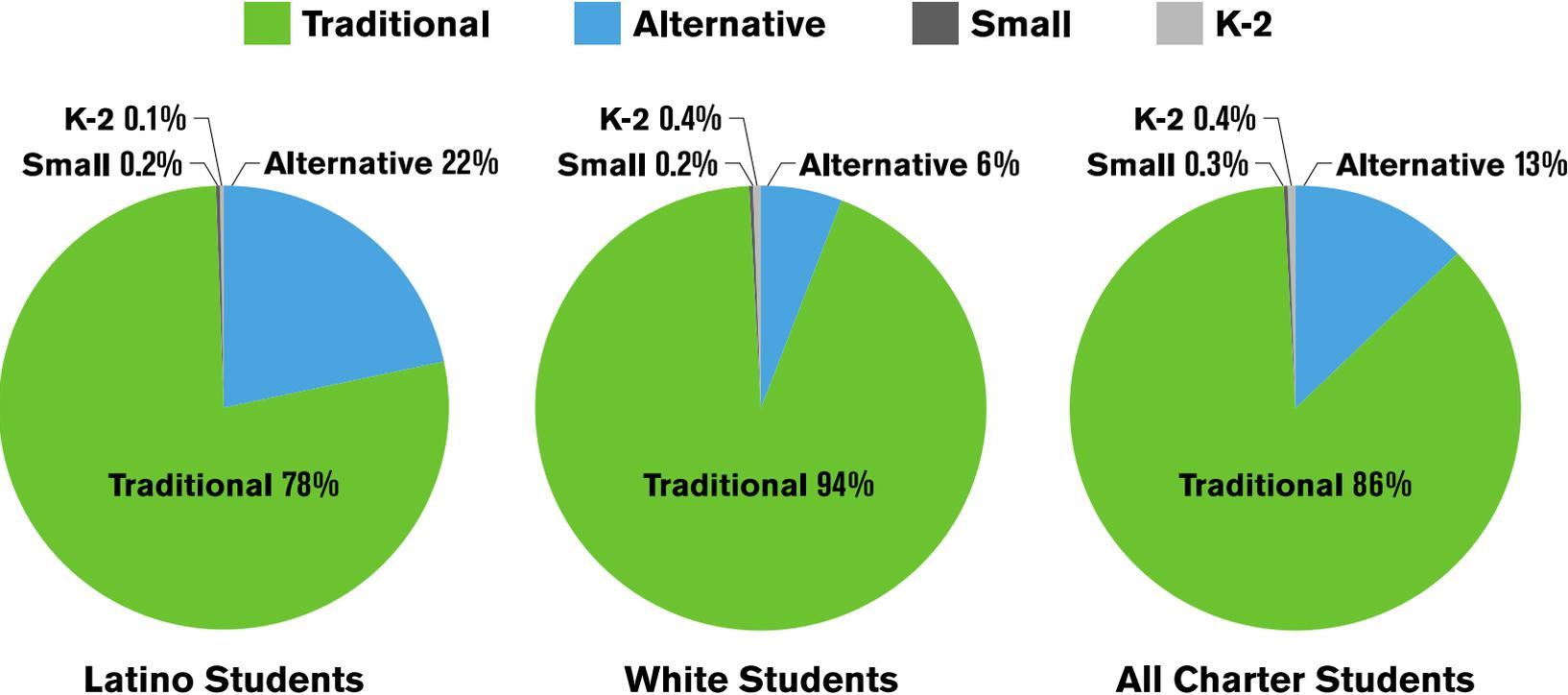


Students in Charter Schools

Charter schools: Latino enrollment

Latino students are over-represented in alternative charter schools

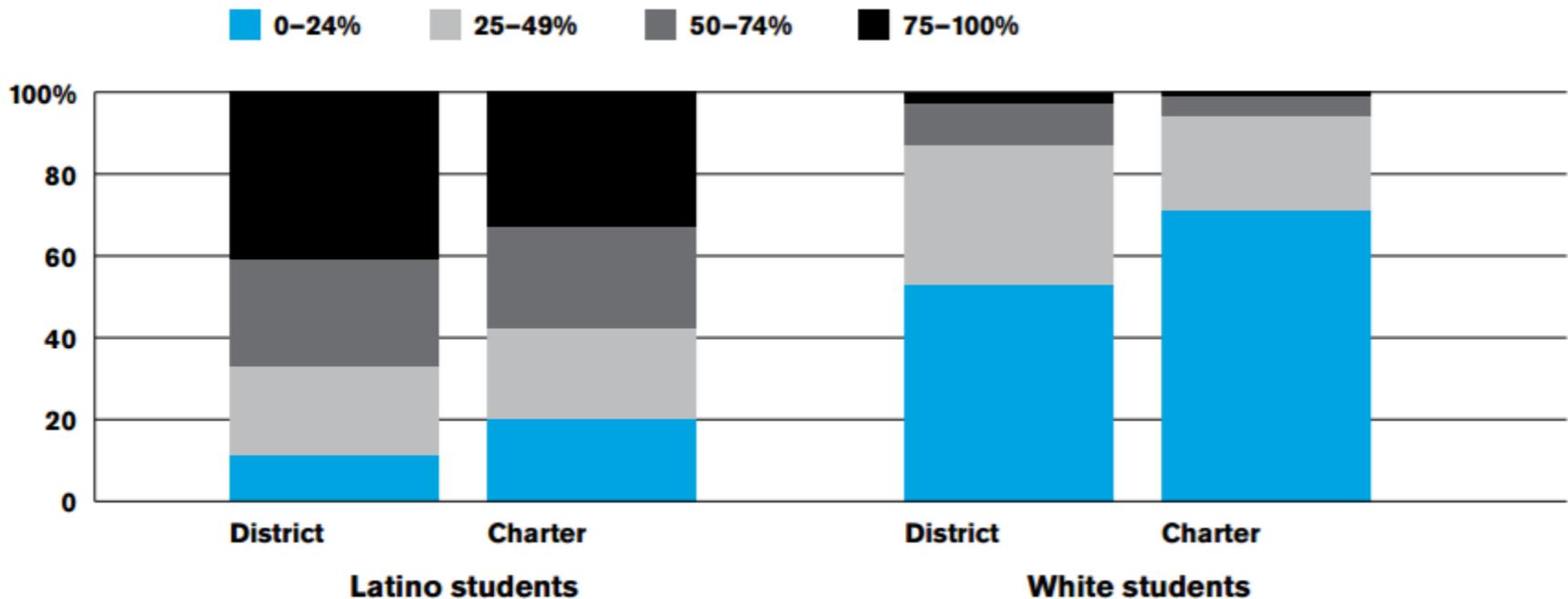
Percentage of Latino students by charter school type, 2014



Charter schools: Latino enrollment

Latino charter students attend less Latino-segregated schools

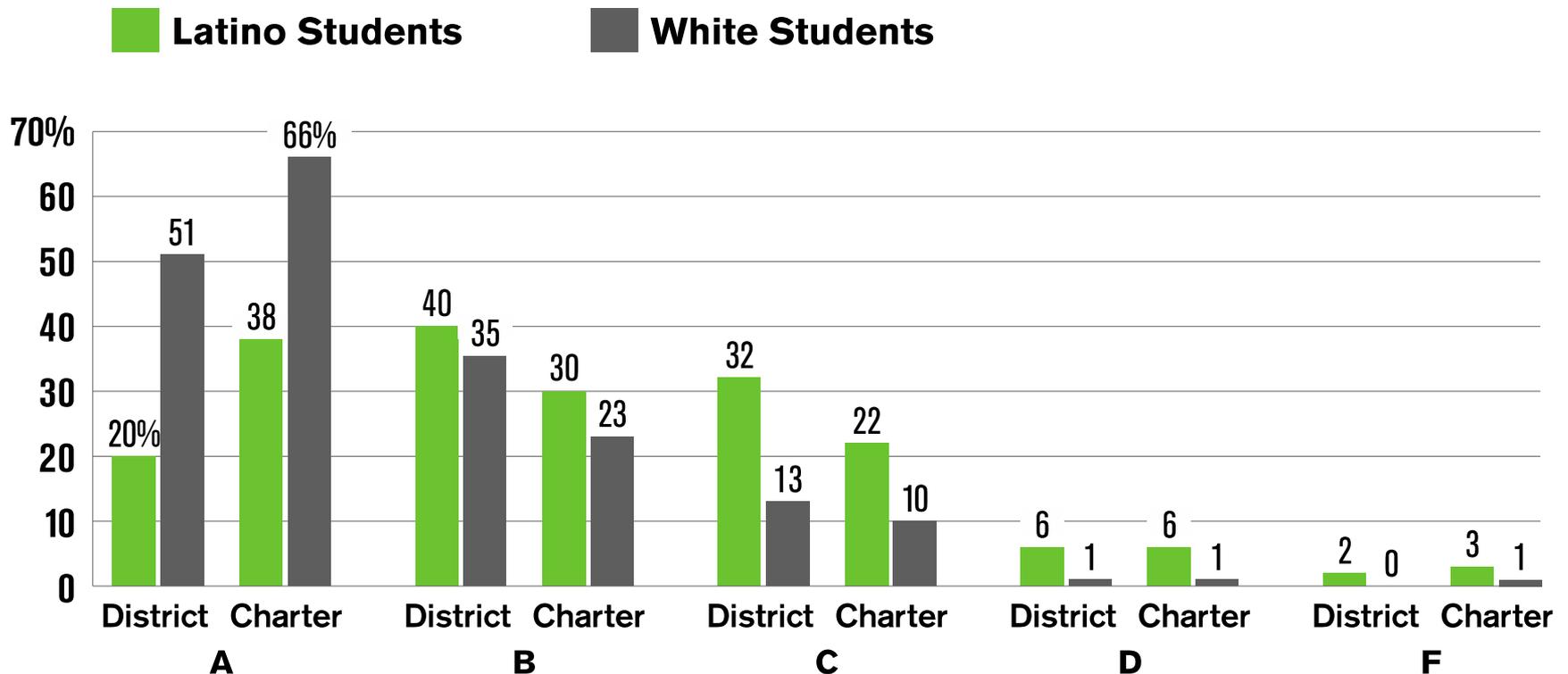
Distribution of Latino and white student enrollment by school type and Latino quartile



Charter schools: Latino enrollment by school performance

Latino students enrolled in charter schools are more likely than their district school peers to be in “A”-rated schools.

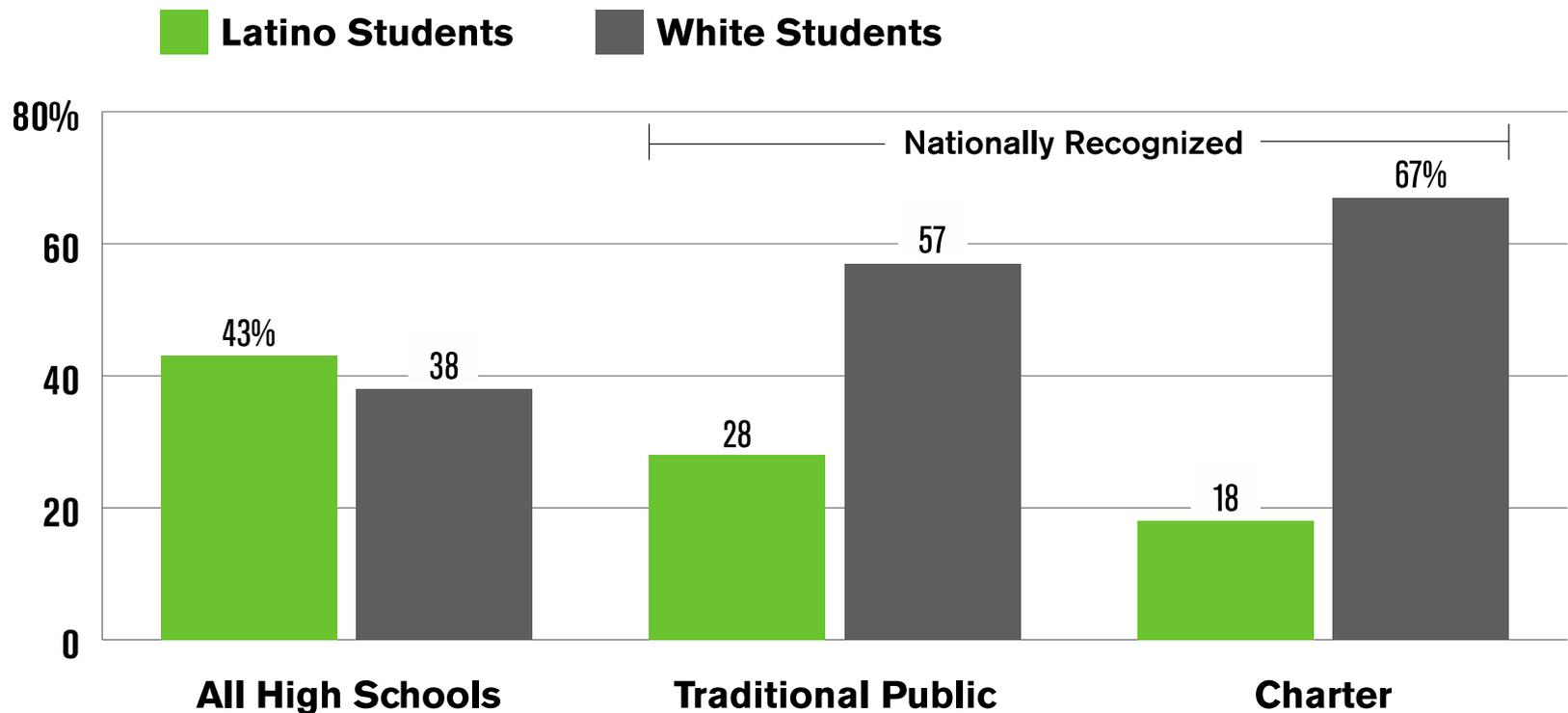
Percent of Latino versus White Students Enrolled in District and Charter Schools Grouped by Letter Grade



Latino enrollment in Arizona's acclaimed schools

Latino students under-represented in Arizona's most-acclaimed schools, particularly charter schools.

Average enrollment percentages for all high schools and U.S. News nationally recognized traditional public and charter high schools, 2015





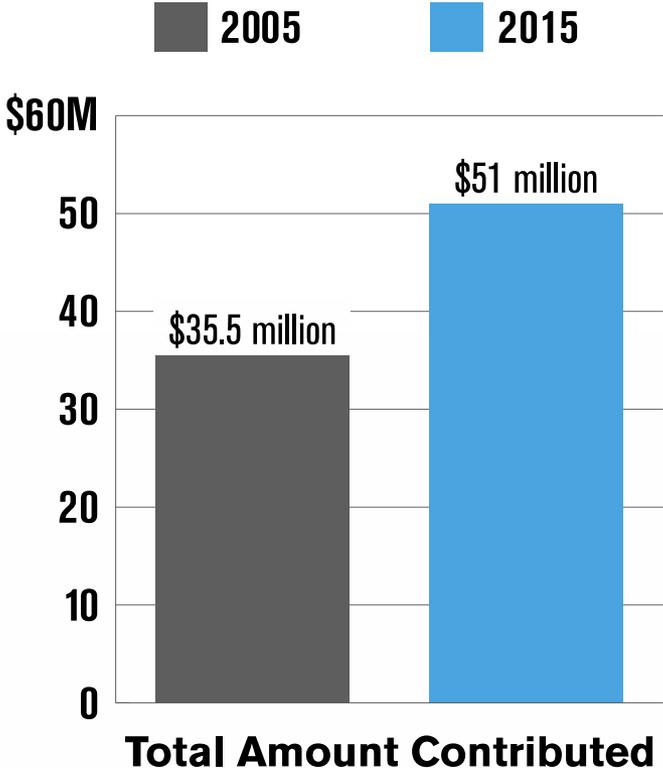
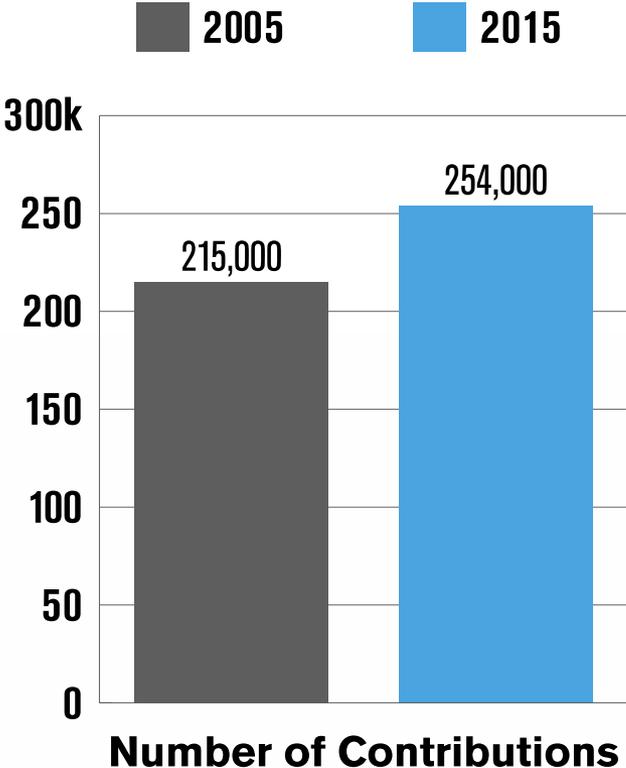
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Public school tax credits: State totals

The number and total amount of tax credit contributions are growing.

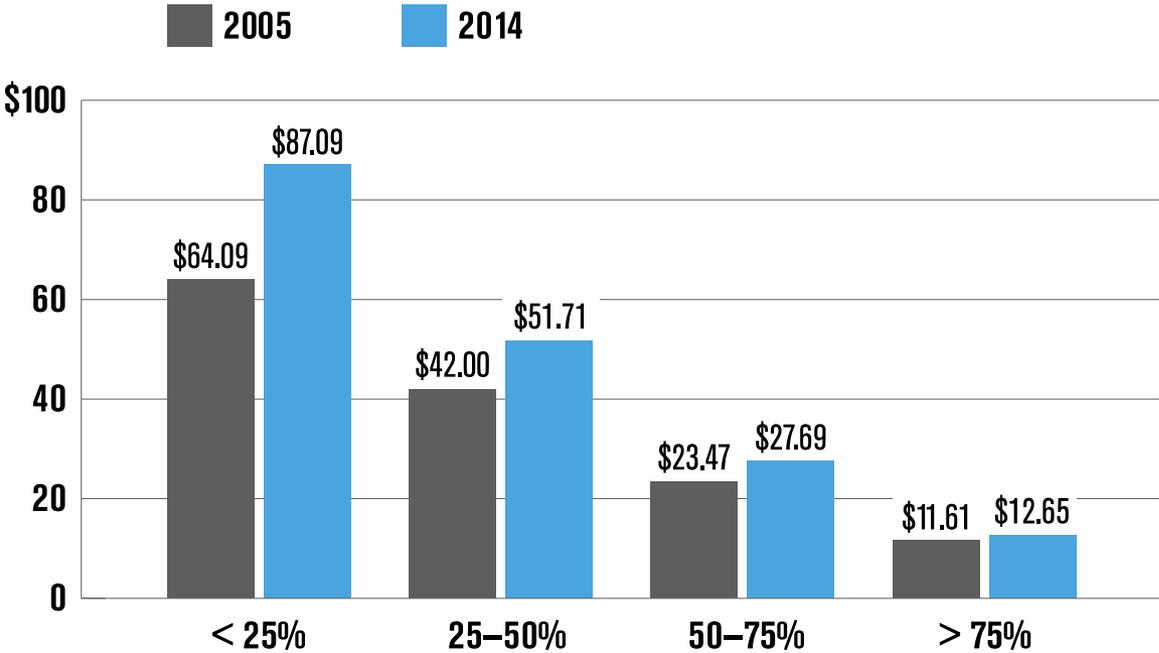
Public school tax credits, number of contributions and total amount contributed, 2005 and 2015



Public school tax credits: Contributions

High Latino-enrollment school districts receive less per pupil in public school tax credits

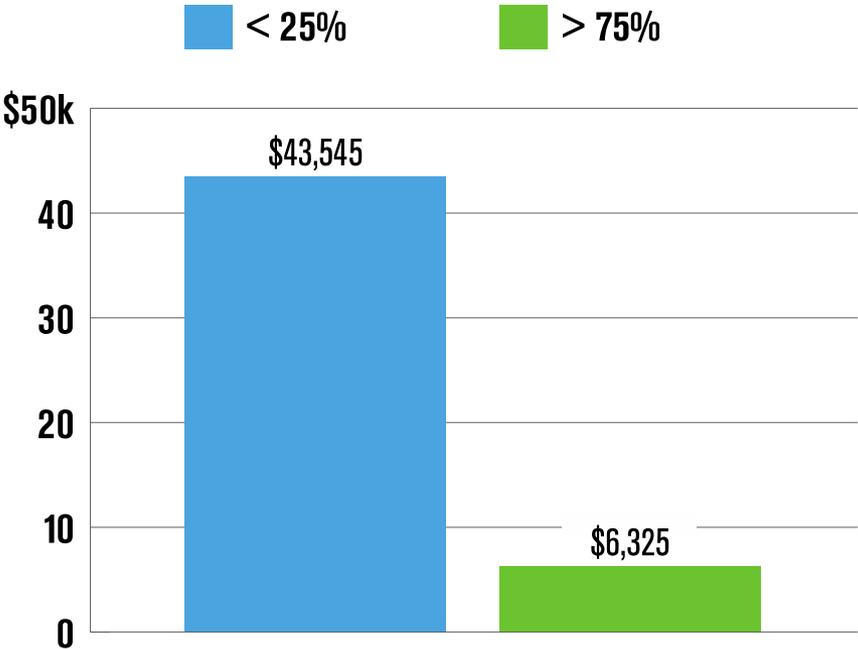
Average per-pupil tax credit contributions



Public school tax credits: Example

High Latino-enrollment schools have less resources for enrichment activities than their peer school districts

Estimated total tax credit donations for sample 500 student school, low and high Latino-enrollment



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