**Massachusetts Charter School Waitlist Report Update for 2013-2014**

***May 2014***

Each spring, every charter school reports to the Department the number of students admitted for the following school year and the number of students on the school’s waitlist. As indicated in the [report from July 2013](http://www.doe.mass.edu/charter/enrollment/fy2013Waitlist.pdf), the information provided below is the update regarding students on charter school waitlists for admission for the 2013-2014 school year.

In this updated waitlist report, the Department requested the submission of waitlist data as of December 6, 2013 by January 10, 2014. Charter school waitlist data are recorded and maintained through each school’s own mechanisms, separate from their student information management systems (SIMs). Accordingly, the Department collected the data through the upload of spreadsheet files using its security portal. Unless a charter school has conducted subsequent enrollment cycles to add names to their waitlists, it is possible that the January waitlists will simply be a subset of the data previously provided. Seventy-three of the 82 charter schools submitted data. Of the nine charter schools that did not submit data, seven did not have a sufficient number of applicants to require a waitlist. The remaining schools have extended planning periods and are set to open FY15.

Charter schools are open to all residents of Massachusetts. An enrollment preference is given to siblings of students already attending the school and to students who reside in the city or town in which the charter school is located or, for a regional charter school, students who reside within the charter school’s region. If the number of eligible students applying to a charter school exceeds the number of spaces available for admission, the charter school will hold an enrollment lottery for all such applicants. Students who have applied, but are not admitted through the enrollment lottery, are placed on a waitlist in the order the names are drawn. If any seat becomes available for admission prior to or up to February 15th during the school year, either because an admitted student chooses not to attend or because a student leaves the school for any reason, then students shall be admitted from the charter school’s waitlist. Students who apply for admission after the initial lottery are added to the end of the waitlist, with their position determined using supplemental lotteries.

Some students apply for admission to more than one charter school. Amendments to the charter school statute in 2010 included a new provision requiring charter schools to submit their waitlists to the Department. The Department analyzed the waitlists submitted by schools to create a consolidated list of students seeking admission to charter schools by city or town. See G.L. c.71, § 89(n) (as amended by St. 2010, c.12, § 7). Students appear only once on the consolidated waitlist. Charter schools must keep accurate records of their wait list containing students' names (first, middle, last), dates of birth, cities or towns of residence, and grades levels of students who entered the lottery but did not gain admission.

The Department’s Education Data Services Office conducted the matching process, using students’ names (first, middle, last), dates of birth, towns of residence, and grades. Partial matches were manually reviewed to identify obvious data entry errors, such as transposition of digits in dates of birth[[1]](#footnote-1).

The 73 waitlists that were submitted contained 47,385 entries, distributed by grade as shown in this table:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Grade** | **Number of Students** |
| PK | 2,411 |
| K | 5,496 |
| 1 | 4,907 |
| 2 | 5,293 |
| 3 | 3,851 |
| 4 | 3,722 |
| 5 | 4,724 |
| 6 | 5,207 |
| 7 | 4,151 |
| 8 | 2,746 |
| 9 | 2,695 |
| 10 | 1,251 |
| 11 | 580 |
| 12 | 349 |
| No grade[[2]](#footnote-2) | 2 |
| **Total** | 47,385 |

The matching process identified 38,342 students within the 47,385 entries. Of these 38,342 students, 5,481 students (14.3%) appeared on more than one waitlist:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Number of Students (N)** | **Number of Waitlists A Student Appears On (W)** | **Total Entries of All Waitlists (W \* N)** |
| 32,861 | 1 | 32,861 |
| 3,317 | 2 | 6,634 |
| 1,318 | 3 | 3,954 |
| 518 | 4 | 2,072 |
| 195 | 5 | 975 |
| 74 | 6 | 444 |
| 36 | 7 | 252 |
| 16 | 8 | 128 |
| 6 | 9 | 54 |
| 1 | 11 | 11 |
| 38,342 | **Total** | 47,385 |

It is important to note that not every student on a charter school waitlist would accept an offer of admission if it were proffered. Some students may have been admitted to other schools that meet their needs, while others may be reluctant to switch schools after the beginning of the school year. Therefore, the number of students found on each charter school’s waitlist may not accurately represent the number of students actively waiting for enrollment to that school. This is particularly true for those charter schools that carry their waitlists from one year to the next, so that students can remain on the waitlist for several years. It is impossible to quantify this factor without making speculative and arbitrary assumptions, which we have chosen not to do. As a result, the unduplicated waitlist counts should be taken as rough approximations of demand rather than exact numbers.

The appendix to this report contains the total and unduplicated numbers of students on waitlists for charter schools by city and town.

For further information regarding this report, please contact [charterschools@doe.mass.edu](mailto:charterschools@doe.mass.edu).

**Appendix**

**Table 1.** Total and Unduplicated Numbers of Students on Waitlists for Charter Schools by City or Town

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| **City/Town Name** | **City/Town Code** | **Total Number of Students Reported on Charter School Waitlist(s)** | **Number of Unique (Unduplicated) Students on Charter School Waitlist(s)** |
| Boston | 035 | 22,191 | 15,464 |
| Springfield | 281 | 4,060 | 3,870 |
| Lawrence | 149 | 2,856 | 1,946 |
| Malden | 165 | 1,774 | 1,676 |
| New Bedford | 201 | 882 | 865 |
| Brockton | 044 | 847 | 736 |
| Worcester | 348 | 752 | 708 |
| Everett | 093 | 689 | 631 |
| Lynn | 163 | 667 | 614 |
| Medford | 176 | 557 | 502 |
| No Town Code | XXX | 506 | 505 |
| Chelsea | 057 | 503 | 386 |
| Randolph | 244 | 453 | 340 |
| Newburyport | 204 | 416 | 412 |
| Fall River | 095 | 415 | 410 |
| Attleboro | 016 | 371 | 370 |
| Melrose | 178 | 355 | 352 |
| Revere | 248 | 350 | 259 |
| Haverhill | 128 | 349 | 343 |
| Holyoke | 137 | 328 | 324 |
| Lowell | 160 | 311 | 306 |
| Mansfield | 167 | 256 | 252 |
| Plymouth | 239 | 256 | 252 |
| Salem | 258 | 201 | 200 |
| North Attleborough | 212 | 186 | 183 |
| Barnstable | 020 | 184 | 182 |
| Franklin | 101 | 183 | 179 |
| Stoneham | 284 | 178 | 170 |
| Stoughton | 285 | 174 | 160 |
| Norton | 218 | 154 | 154 |
| Northampton | 210 | 151 | 148 |
| Foxborough | 099 | 147 | 147 |
| Norwood | 220 | 147 | 120 |
| Amesbury | 007 | 142 | 142 |
| Weymouth | 336 | 139 | 120 |
| Cambridge | 049 | 137 | 121 |
| **City/Town Name** | **City/Town Code** | **Total Number of Students Reported on Charter School Waitlist(s)** | **Number of Unique (Unduplicated) Students on Charter School Waitlist(s)** |
| Somerville | 274 | 135 | 122 |
| Wakefield | 305 | 134 | 133 |
| Saugus | 262 | 128 | 122 |
| Billerica | 031 | 122 | 121 |
| Quincy | 243 | 117 | 84 |
| Sandwich | 261 | 107 | 104 |
| Dracut | 079 | 105 | 104 |
| Chicopee | 061 | 99 | 95 |
| Methuen | 181 | 89 | 68 |
| Winthrop | 346 | 88 | 58 |
| Yarmouth | 351 | 86 | 85 |
| Marlborough | 170 | 83 | 79 |
| Chelmsford | 056 | 82 | 79 |
| Shrewsbury | 271 | 77 | 76 |
| Walpole | 307 | 69 | 63 |
| Newbury | 203 | 68 | 68 |
| Amherst | 008 | 66 | 63 |
| Bourne | 036 | 63 | 62 |
| Taunton | 293 | 62 | 62 |
| Wareham | 310 | 62 | 62 |
| Tyngsborough | 301 | 61 | 60 |
| Framingham | 100 | 60 | 59 |
| Rockland | 251 | 59 | 55 |
| Kingston | 145 | 58 | 55 |
| Sharon | 266 | 57 | 53 |
| Tewksbury | 295 | 57 | 56 |
| Canton | 050 | 56 | 42 |
| Bellingham | 025 | 55 | 49 |
| Falmouth | 096 | 55 | 55 |
| Middleborough | 182 | 54 | 53 |
| Peabody | 229 | 54 | 52 |
| Littleton | 158 | 50 | 48 |
| Grafton | 110 | 49 | 49 |
| Pepperell | 232 | 45 | 39 |
| West Newbury | 329 | 44 | 43 |
| Wrentham | 350 | 42 | 38 |
| Easton | 088 | 41 | 41 |
| Marshfield | 171 | 41 | 39 |
| Waltham | 308 | 41 | 35 |
| **City/Town Name** | **City/Town Code** | **Total Number of Students Reported on Charter School Waitlist(s)** | **Number of Unique (Unduplicated) Students on Charter School Waitlist(s)** |
| Abington | 001 | 39 | 39 |
| Dennis | 075 | 39 | 38 |
| Easthampton | 086 | 38 | 38 |
| West Tisbury | 334 | 38 | 37 |
| Carver | 052 | 37 | 37 |
| South Hadley | 278 | 37 | 36 |
| Woburn | 347 | 36 | 24 |
| Braintree | 040 | 35 | 34 |
| Brewster | 041 | 35 | 35 |
| Mashpee | 172 | 35 | 35 |
| Scituate | 264 | 35 | 32 |
| Acton | 002 | 34 | 34 |
| Bridgewater | 042 | 34 | 34 |
| Groton | 115 | 34 | 32 |
| Plainville | 238 | 34 | 34 |
| Salisbury | 259 | 34 | 34 |
| Dedham | 073 | 33 | 25 |
| Harwich | 126 | 33 | 33 |
| Milford | 185 | 32 | 27 |
| Westford | 326 | 32 | 31 |
| Avon | 018 | 31 | 31 |
| Ashland | 014 | 30 | 28 |
| Holbrook | 133 | 28 | 26 |
| Milton | 189 | 28 | 17 |
| Greenfield | 114 | 27 | 27 |
| Norfolk | 208 | 27 | 27 |
| West Springfield | 332 | 27 | 27 |
| Ayer | 019 | 26 | 26 |
| Medway | 177 | 26 | 25 |
| Newton | 207 | 26 | 15 |
| Edgartown | 089 | 25 | 17 |
| Raynham | 245 | 24 | 20 |
| Watertown | 314 | 24 | 22 |
| Hanover | 122 | 22 | 22 |
| Northborough | 213 | 22 | 22 |
| Belchertown | 024 | 21 | 21 |
| Bolton | 034 | 21 | 16 |
| Chatham | 055 | 20 | 20 |
| Tisbury | 296 | 20 | 20 |
| **City/Town Name** | **City/Town Code** | **Total Number of Students Reported on Charter School Waitlist(s)** | **Number of Unique (Unduplicated) Students on Charter School Waitlist(s)** |
| West Boylston | 322 | 20 | 20 |
| Williamsburg | 340 | 20 | 19 |
| Orleans | 224 | 19 | 19 |
| Hanson | 123 | 18 | 18 |
| Hopkinton | 139 | 18 | 16 |
| Upton | 303 | 18 | 16 |
| Arlington | 010 | 17 | 16 |
| Natick | 198 | 17 | 17 |
| Oak Bluffs | 221 | 17 | 17 |
| Westborough | 321 | 17 | 17 |
| Montague | 192 | 16 | 14 |
| North Andover | 211 | 16 | 13 |
| Shirley | 270 | 16 | 16 |
| Townsend | 299 | 16 | 16 |
| Concord | 067 | 15 | 15 |
| Groveland | 116 | 15 | 13 |
| Harvard | 125 | 15 | 15 |
| Hull | 142 | 15 | 15 |
| Leominster | 153 | 15 | 15 |
| Lancaster | 147 | 14 | 14 |
| Lexington | 155 | 14 | 12 |
| Maynard | 174 | 14 | 13 |
| Brookline | 046 | 13 | 12 |
| Eastham | 085 | 13 | 13 |
| Holden | 134 | 13 | 13 |
| Holliston | 136 | 13 | 12 |
| Ludlow | 161 | 13 | 13 |
| Pembroke | 231 | 13 | 13 |
| Lakeville | 146 | 12 | 12 |
| Merrimac | 180 | 12 | 12 |
| Norwell | 219 | 12 | 11 |
| Beverly | 030 | 11 | 11 |
| Burlington | 048 | 11 | 11 |
| Hadley | 117 | 11 | 11 |
| Hingham | 131 | 11 | 11 |
| Medfield | 175 | 11 | 11 |
| Whitman | 338 | 11 | 11 |
| Clinton | 064 | 10 | 10 |
| Danvers | 071 | 10 | 10 |
| **City/Town Name** | **City/Town Code** | **Total Number of Students Reported on Charter School Waitlist(s)** | **Number of Unique (Unduplicated) Students on Charter School Waitlist(s)** |
| Needham | 199 | 10 | 8 |
| Spencer | 280 | 10 | 10 |
| West Bridgewater | 323 | 10 | 10 |
| Out of State | 888 | 10 | 9 |
| Boxborough | 037 | 9 | 9 |
| Deerfield | 074 | 9 | 8 |
| Halifax | 118 | 9 | 9 |
| Hatfield | 127 | 9 | 8 |
| Hudson | 141 | 9 | 9 |
| Lunenburg | 162 | 9 | 8 |
| Northbridge | 214 | 9 | 8 |
| Reading | 246 | 9 | 7 |
| Swampscott | 291 | 9 | 9 |
| Westport | 331 | 9 | 8 |
| Agawam | 005 | 8 | 8 |
| Dunstable | 081 | 8 | 6 |
| East Longmeadow | 087 | 8 | 8 |
| Fitchburg | 097 | 8 | 7 |
| Georgetown | 105 | 8 | 8 |
| Millis | 187 | 8 | 5 |
| Seekonk | 265 | 8 | 7 |
| Shutesbury | 272 | 8 | 7 |
| Southborough | 276 | 8 | 8 |
| Sterling | 282 | 8 | 8 |
| Stow | 286 | 8 | 8 |
| Wellfleet | 318 | 8 | 8 |
| Andover | 009 | 7 | 7 |
| Duxbury | 082 | 7 | 6 |
| Marblehead | 168 | 7 | 6 |
| Nahant | 196 | 7 | 4 |
| Oxford | 226 | 7 | 7 |
| Plympton | 240 | 7 | 6 |
| Princeton | 241 | 7 | 7 |
| Wilmington | 342 | 7 | 7 |
| Granby | 111 | 6 | 6 |
| Great Barrington | 113 | 6 | 6 |
| Leicester | 151 | 6 | 6 |
| Lincoln | 157 | 6 | 6 |
| Plainfield | 237 | 6 | 5 |
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| Rowley | 254 | 6 | 5 |
| Swansea | 292 | 6 | 6 |
| Westfield | 325 | 6 | 6 |
| Carlisle | 051 | 5 | 5 |
| Gill | 106 | 5 | 5 |
| Gloucester | 107 | 5 | 4 |
| Mendon | 179 | 5 | 5 |
| Northfield | 216 | 5 | 5 |
| Palmer | 227 | 5 | 5 |
| Rutland | 257 | 5 | 5 |
| Uxbridge | 304 | 5 | 4 |
| Westwood | 335 | 5 | 5 |
| Ashby | 012 | 4 | 4 |
| Berlin | 028 | 4 | 4 |
| Boylston | 039 | 4 | 4 |
| Chesterfield | 060 | 4 | 4 |
| Chilmark | 062 | 4 | 4 |
| Conway | 068 | 4 | 3 |
| Cummington | 069 | 4 | 4 |
| East Bridgewater | 083 | 4 | 4 |
| Fairhaven | 094 | 4 | 4 |
| Aquinnah | 104 | 4 | 4 |
| Hubbardston | 140 | 4 | 4 |
| Leverett | 154 | 4 | 4 |
| Marion | 169 | 4 | 4 |
| Millbury | 186 | 4 | 4 |
| Shelburne | 268 | 4 | 3 |
| Southampton | 275 | 4 | 4 |
| Sudbury | 288 | 4 | 4 |
| Sunderland | 289 | 4 | 4 |
| Webster | 316 | 4 | 4 |
| Worthington | 349 | 4 | 4 |
| Boxford | 038 | 3 | 3 |
| Charlemont | 053 | 3 | 3 |
| Cohasset | 065 | 3 | 3 |
| Hampden | 120 | 3 | 3 |
| Huntington | 143 | 3 | 3 |
| Monson | 191 | 3 | 3 |
| Paxton | 228 | 3 | 3 |
| **City/Town Name** | **City/Town Code** | **Total Number of Students Reported on Charter School Waitlist(s)** | **Number of Unique (Unduplicated) Students on Charter School Waitlist(s)** |
| Sturbridge | 287 | 3 | 3 |
| Truro | 300 | 3 | 3 |
| Wellesley | 317 | 3 | 2 |
| Westhampton | 327 | 3 | 2 |
| Winchester | 344 | 3 | 2 |
| No Town Code | 358 | 3 | 1 |
| Athol | 015 | 2 | 2 |
| Auburn | 017 | 2 | 2 |
| Belmont | 026 | 2 | 2 |
| Berkley | 027 | 2 | 2 |
| Blackstone | 032 | 2 | 2 |
| Colrain | 066 | 2 | 2 |
| Douglas | 077 | 2 | 2 |
| Erving | 091 | 2 | 2 |
| Goshen | 108 | 2 | 2 |
| Heath | 130 | 2 | 2 |
| Longmeadow | 159 | 2 | 2 |
| North Reading | 217 | 2 | 2 |
| Orange | 223 | 2 | 2 |
| Rehoboth | 247 | 2 | 2 |
| Rochester | 250 | 2 | 2 |
| Rockport | 252 | 2 | 2 |
| Somerset | 273 | 2 | 2 |
| Ware | 309 | 2 | 2 |
| Wilbraham | 339 | 2 | 2 |
| Acushnet | 003 | 1 | 1 |
| Ashburnham | 011 | 1 | 1 |
| Ashfield | 013 | 1 | 1 |
| Blandford | 033 | 1 | 1 |
| Buckland | 047 | 1 | 1 |
| Freetown | 102 | 1 | 1 |
| Ipswich | 144 | 1 | 1 |
| Monroe | 190 | 1 | 1 |
| Nantucket | 197 | 1 | 1 |
| New Braintree | 202 | 1 | 1 |
| Oakham | 222 | 1 | 1 |
| Pelham | 230 | 1 | 1 |
| Royalston | 255 | 1 | 1 |
| Sherborn | 269 | 1 | 1 |
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| Southbridge | 277 | 1 | 1 |
| Southwick | 279 | 1 | 1 |
| Sutton | 290 | 1 | 1 |
| Templeton | 294 | 1 | 1 |
| Topsfield | 298 | 1 | 1 |
| Warren | 311 | 1 | 1 |
| Wayland | 315 | 1 | 1 |
| Whately | 337 | 1 | 1 |
| Windsor | 345 | 1 | 1 |
| Devens | 352 | 1 | 1 |
|  | Total | 47,385 | 38,342 |

1. It is likely that at least some matches were not identified due to less obvious transcription or data entry errors. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Both Boston Day and Evening Academy Charter School and Brooke Charter School-Roslindale submitted ungraded waitlist information. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)