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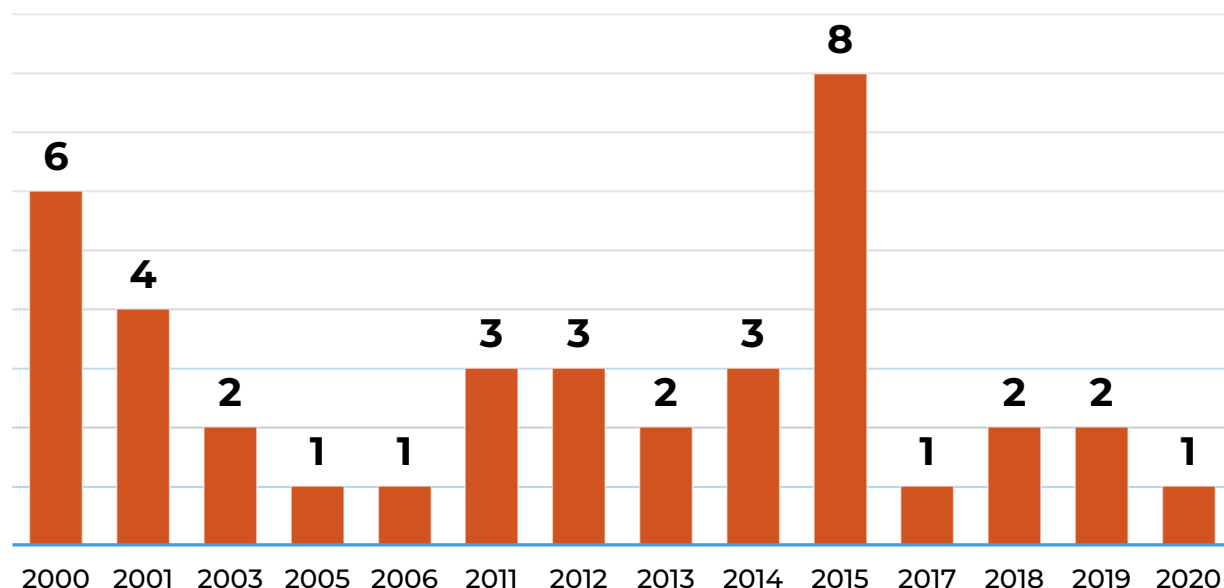
Introduction: The State of Charter Schools in Oklahoma

Since the passing of the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act in 1999, there have been a total of 39 charter schools founded in Oklahoma, 31 of which are still in operation.

In 2015, along with the statewide expansion of charter schools, amendments to the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act (the “Act”) also brought a new level of accountability. According to the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools, Oklahoma made the biggest jump in state charter law rankings because of the overhaul of its law, including statewide expansion, school and sponsor accountability, and replication of high-quality charters. Further, upon the overhaul of Oklahoma’s charter law, National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA) stated that “Oklahoma now has one of the nation’s strongest charter laws ... with a focus on school accountability and strong standards” for sponsors.

Oklahoma law now requires that the State, as well as charter sponsors, provide annual performance reviews of charter schools. In fact, the Act is replete with requirements that work to ensure that charter schools are meeting the terms of the school’s charter, academic and/or operational goals and measurable achievement benchmarks. Specifically, the Act grants a sponsor the affirmative power and duty to “provide oversight of the operations of the charter school ... through annual performance reviews of charter schools and reauthorization of charter schools for which it is a sponsor.”

Number of Charter Schools Opened by Year



- 2000:** Astec, Deborah Brown, Dove Tulsa, Hupfeld at Western Village, Independence MS and Seeworth Alternative Academy (closed 2019)
- 2001:** Dove OKC, Santa Fe South, Tulsa Arts & Sciences and John Wesley Academy (closed 2007)
- 2003:** Harding Prep and Marcus Garvey Leadership (closed 2013)
- 2005:** Harding Fine Arts
- 2006:** Kipp Reach OKC
- 2011:** Cherokee Immersion, Epic Virtual and Oklahoma Virtual
- 2012:** Kipp Tulsa, Lighthouse Tulsa (renamed Tulsa Legacy 2016) and Alexis Rainbow Arts (closed 2015)
- 2013:** Sankofa and Harper HS (closed 2017)
- 2014:** John Rex, Connections Virtual and Insight Virtual
- 2015:** Carlton Landing, College Bound, Collegiate Hall, Tulsa Honor, Oklahoma Youth Academy (OJA), Able Virtual (closed 2017), Lighthouse OKC (closed 2017) and Langston Hughes (closed 2019)
- 2017:** Epic Blended
- 2018:** Academy of Seminole and LeMonde International
- 2019:** E-School Virtual and Sovereign Community School
- 2020:** Oklahoma Information & Technology Virtual

Source: Oklahoma State Department of Education, Office of Accreditation (2021)

Oklahoma Charter Sponsors (Authorizers)

The following entities have utilized their powers through the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act (OCSA) to sponsor, or authorize, charter schools (See 70 O.S. § 3-132):

SCHOOL AUTHORIZER	CHARTER SCHOOL	GOVERNING BOARD
<i>Brick & Mortar Schools</i>		
Canadian Public Schools	Carlton Landing	Carlton Landing Academy, Inc.
Cherokee Nation	Cherokee Immersion	Tsunadeloquasdi Cherokee Immersion Board
Langston University	Deborah Brown	The Deborah Brown Community School, Inc.
	Dove Tulsa	Dove Schools, Inc.
	Sankofa	Sankofa Middle School of Creative & Performing Arts, Inc.
Oklahoma City Public Schools	Dove OKC	Dove Schools, Inc.
	Harding Fine Arts	Harding Fine Arts Academy, Inc.
	Harding Prep	Families for Excellence in Education, Inc.
	Hupfeld	Western Village Academy, Inc.
	Independence	Families for Excellence in Education, Inc.
	John Rex	John W. Rex Charter Elementary School, Inc.
	KIPP OKC	KIPP Reach Academy Charter School, Inc.
	Santa Fe South	Santa Fe South Schools, Inc.
Oklahoma State Board of Education	Academy of Seminole	Academy of Seminole, Inc.
	LeMonde International	LeMonde International School Public Charter of Norman OK, Inc.
	Oklahoma Youth Academy	Oklahoma Juvenile Affairs Board
	Sovereign Community	Sovereign Community School Foundation
Oklahoma State University	Astec	Astec, Inc.
Tulsa Public Schools	College Bound	College Bound Academy, Inc.
	Collegiate Hall	Collegiate Hall, Inc.
	KIPP Tulsa	KIPP Tulsa College Preparatory, Inc.
	Tulsa Arts & Sciences	Tulsa School of Arts & Sciences, Inc.
	Tulsa Honor	Tulsa Honor Academy, Inc.
	Tulsa Legacy	Tulsa Legacy Charter School, Inc.

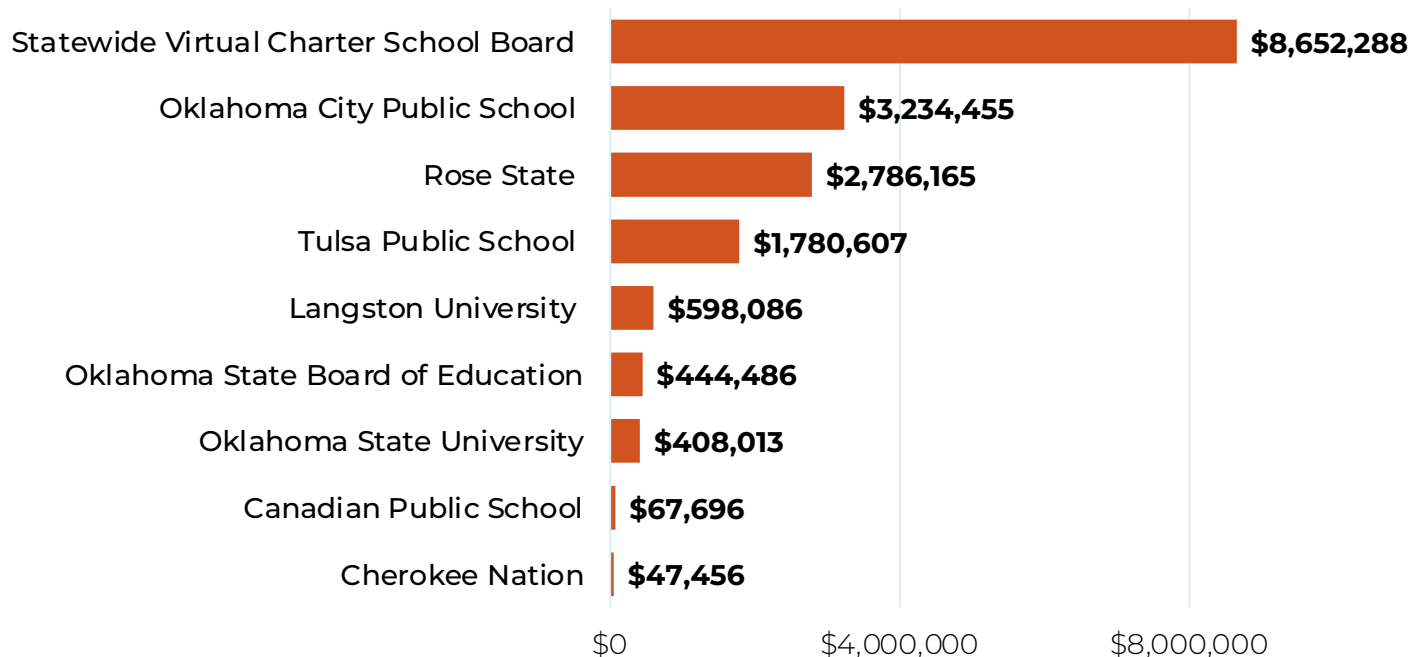
Source: Oklahoma State Department of Education, Office of Accreditation (2021)

Oklahoma Charter Sponsors (Authorizers)

SCHOOL AUTHORIZER	CHARTER SCHOOL	GOVERNING BOARD
Blended Schools		
Rose State College	EPIC Blended	Community Strategies, Inc.
Virtual Schools		
Oklahoma Statewide Virtual Charter School Board	Connections	Board of Directors of Oklahoma Connections Academy
	EPIC Virtual	Community Strategies, Inc.
	E-School Virtual	Virtual Education Services Association
	Insight	Insight School of Oklahoma, LLC
	Oklahoma Information & Technology School	Dove Schools, Inc.
	Oklahoma Virtual	Oklahoma Skynet, Inc.

Administrative Services Fee Collection 2020-21 School Year

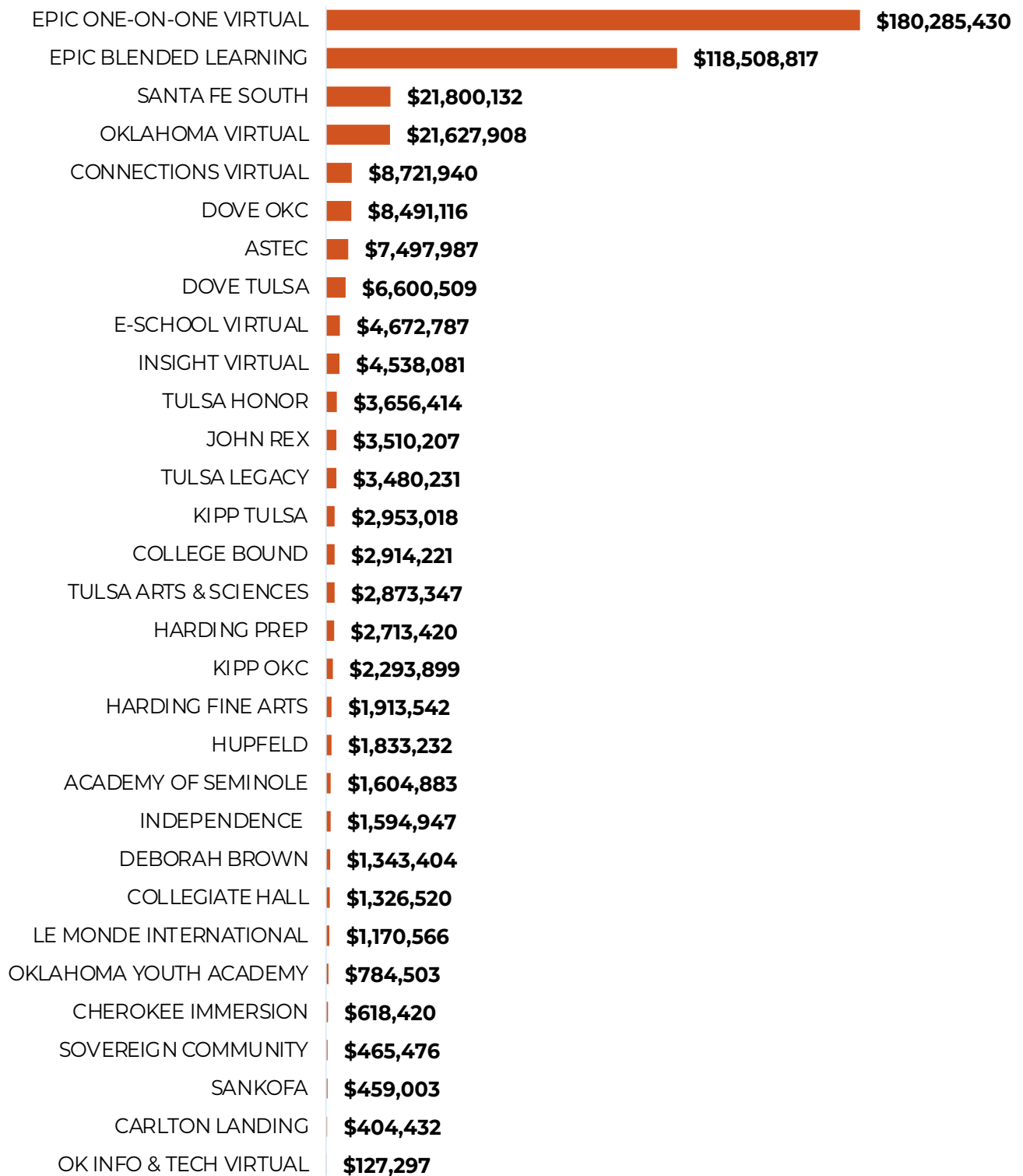
The Act allows sponsors/authorizers to collect a fee for administrative services that must not exceed 3% of the charter school's State Aid allocation. The graph below shows the estimated fees collected by authorizers during the 2020-21 school year and totaled \$18,019,252.



Source: Oklahoma State Department of Education, Office of Financial Accounting (2021)

State Aid Allocated to Oklahoma Charter Schools

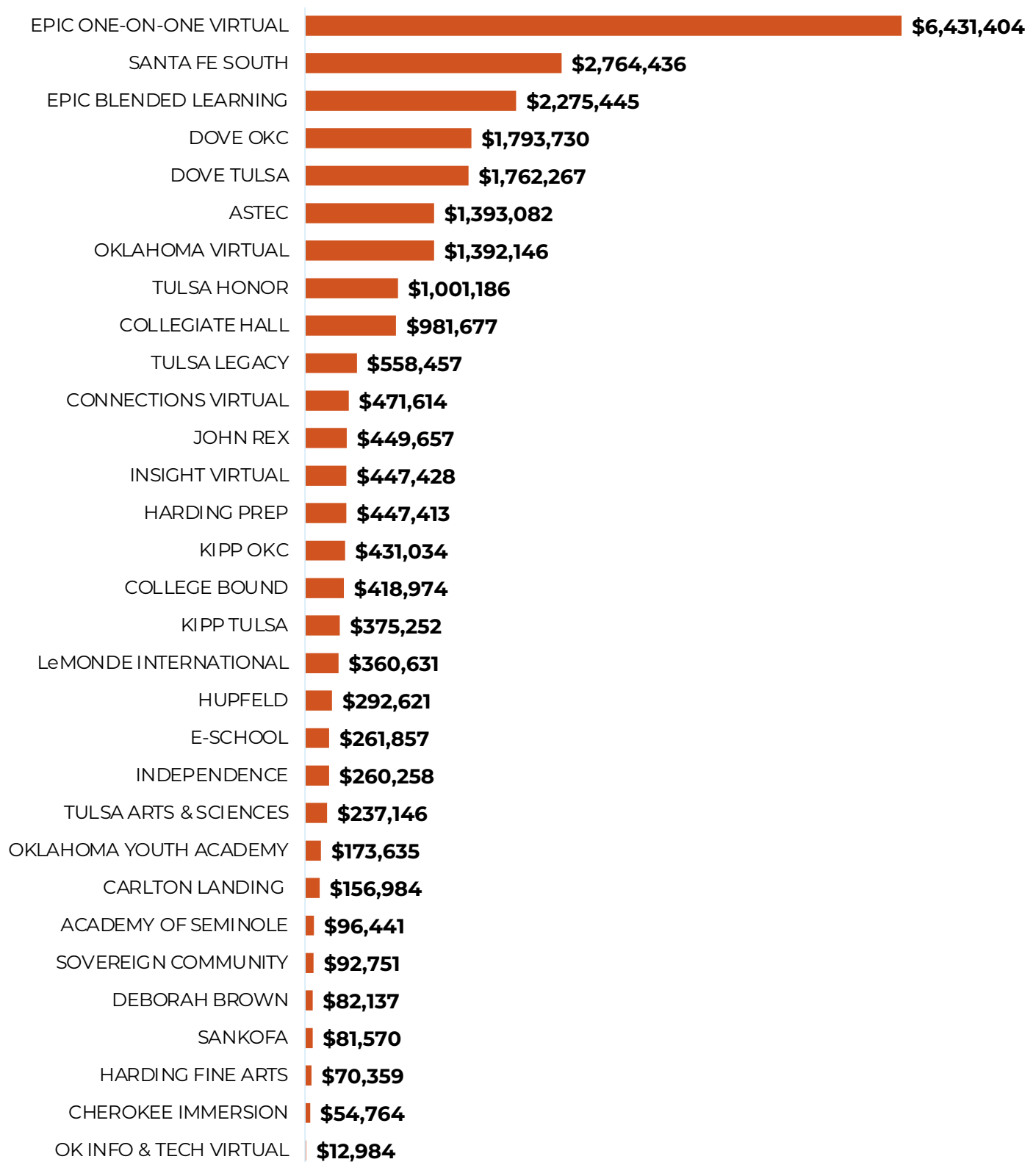
Public Charter Schools receive funding from multiple sources. This graph reflects only the funding received from the Office of State Aid. The total State Aid Allocation to charter schools in the 2020-21 school year was \$420,785,686.



Source: Oklahoma State Department of Education, Office of State Aid (2021)

Federal Funds Allocated to Oklahoma Charter Schools

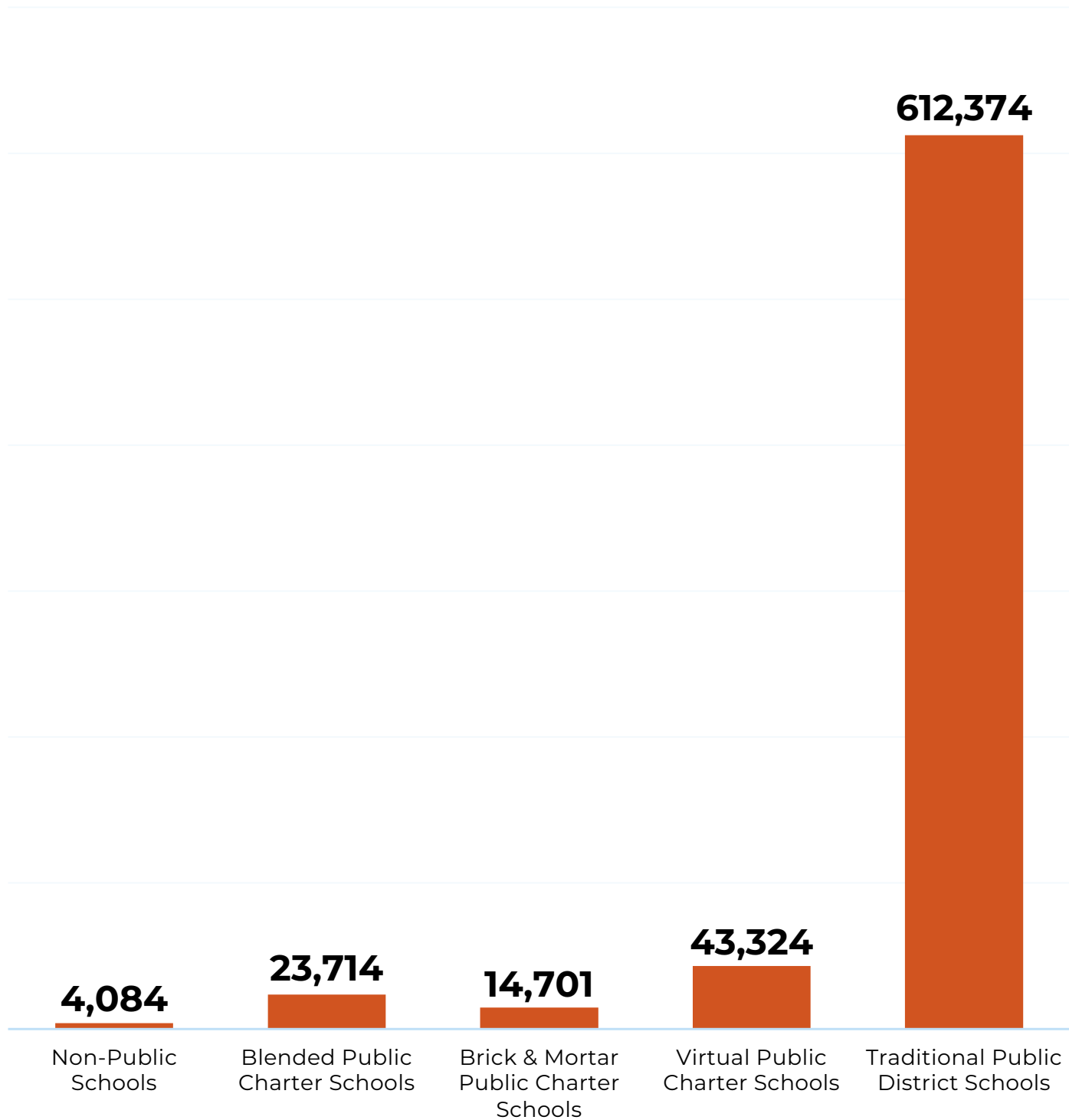
Another large source of funding for Public Charter Schools comes from the Office of Federal Programs. This figure includes only funds within Titles I-II-III. (Total excludes Special Education, Child Nutrition Program funding & any Covid 19 related federal funds).



Source: Oklahoma State Department of Education, Office of Financial Accounting (2021)

Oklahoma Charter School Enrollment

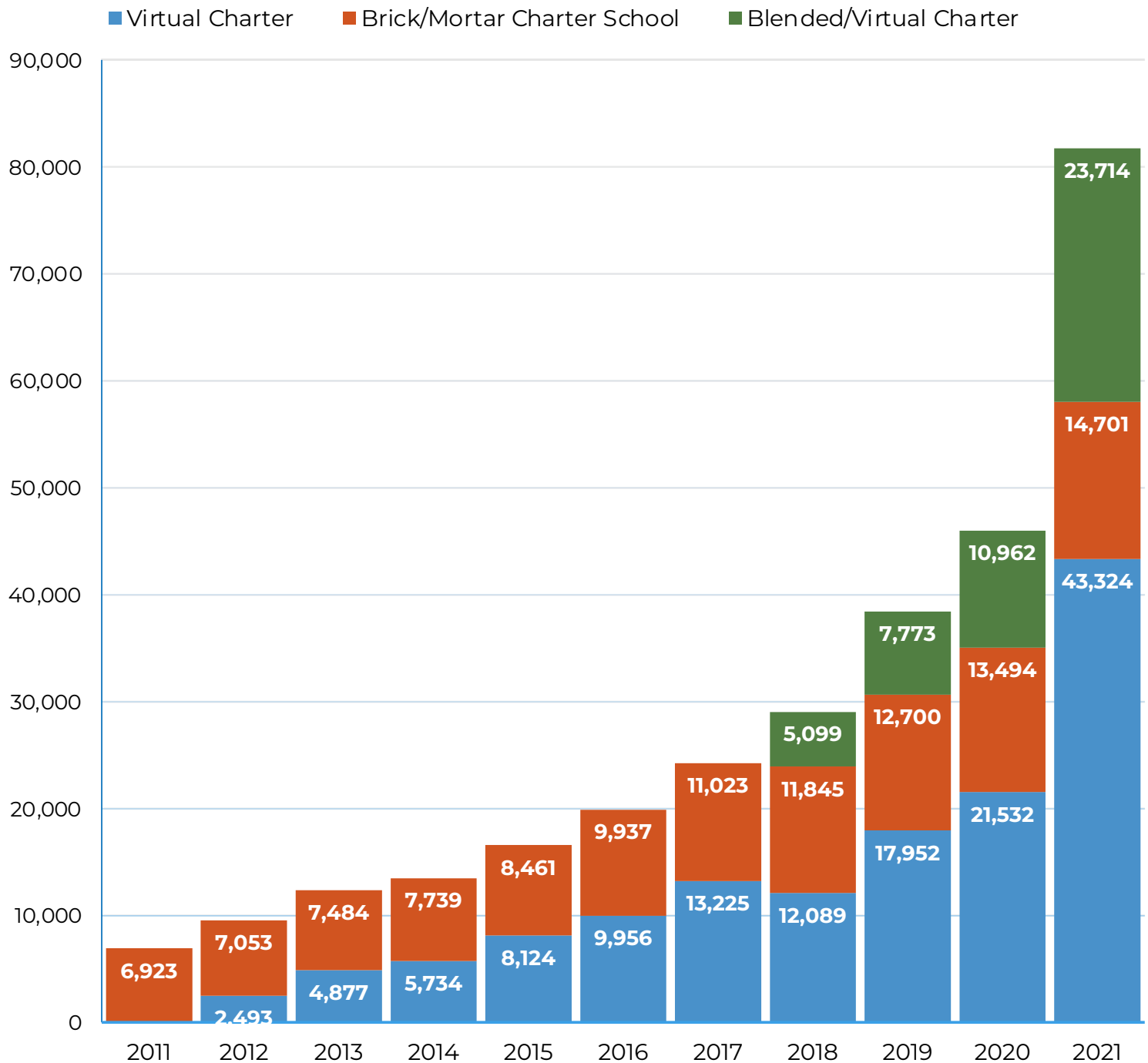
During the 2020-21 school year, there were a total of 698,197 students enrolled in state accredited Oklahoma schools. The breakdown is shown below:



Source: Oklahoma State Department of Education, Office of Accountability (2021)

Oklahoma Charter School Enrollment

During the 2020-21 school year, 31 charter schools served approximately 81,739 students, or about 11.7% of the overall student population in Oklahoma public schools. The number of students served by charter schools has increased dramatically over the last few years as a result of the expansion of virtual charter schools, beginning in 2012.

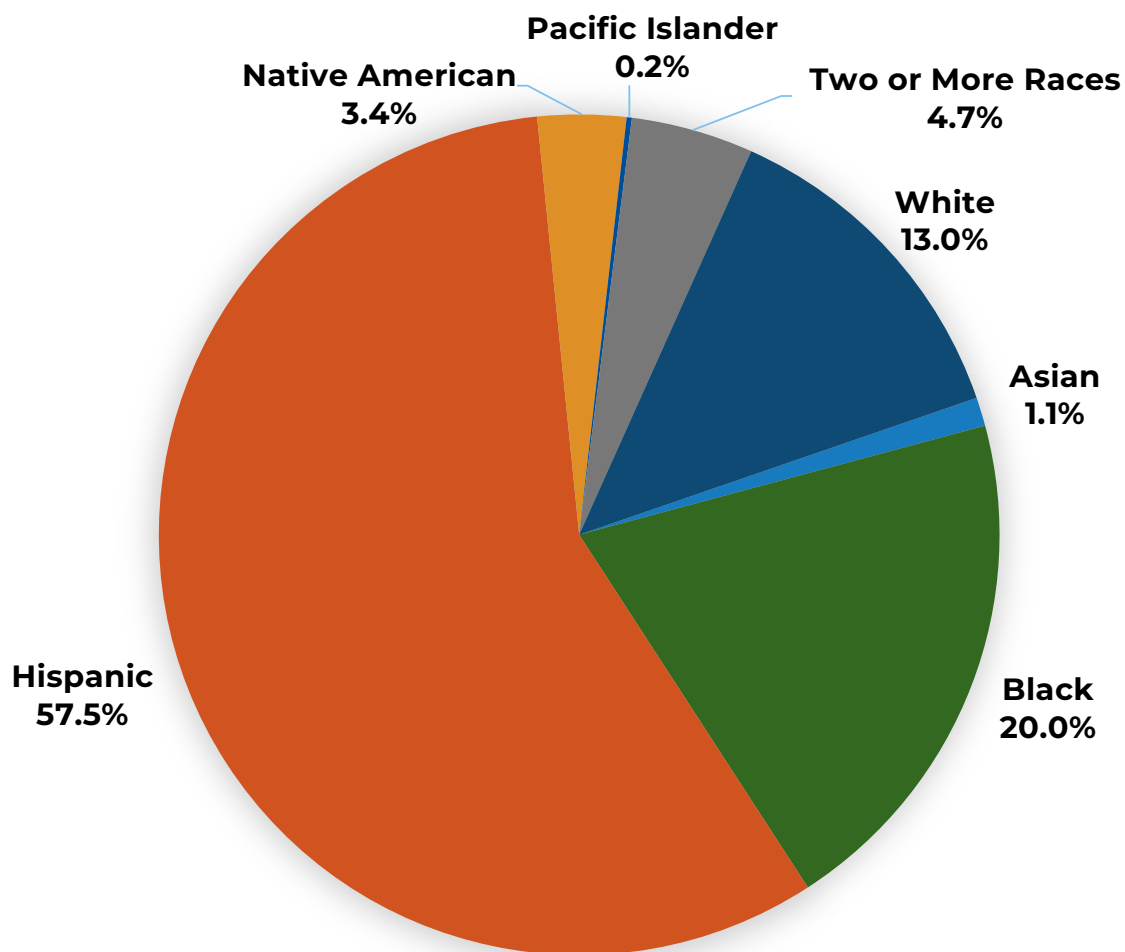


Source: Oklahoma State Department of Education, Office of Accountability (2021)

Oklahoma Charter Demographics

Brick-and-mortar and virtual charters have vastly different demographic ratios. These demographics show a large populace of what might be considered a minority population.

Brick-and-Mortar Charter School Population

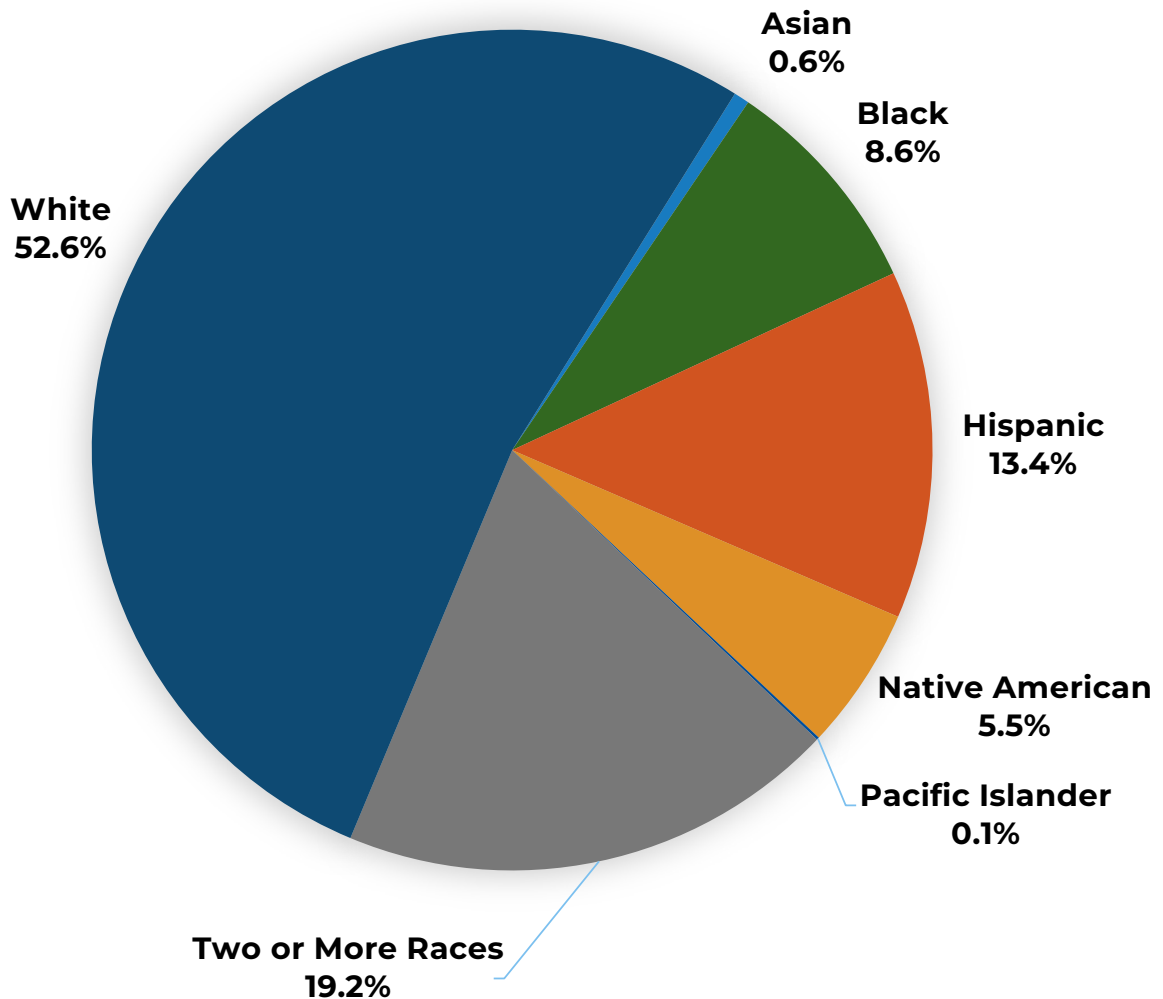


Source: Oklahoma State Department of Education, Reporting Index (2021)

Oklahoma Virtual/Blended Charter Demographics

Virtual/Blended charter schools, in contrast to the brick-and-mortar charters, are comprised of a majority of students identifying as white.

Virtual/Blended Charter School Population



Source: Oklahoma State Department of Education, Reporting Index (2021)

Student Performance Levels (Assessment Data)

Spring 20-21 testing data provides a snapshot of student readiness for next grade level, follow-up courses, and are on-track to be career/college ready. Please consider the unique COVID-related disruptions before comparing 2021 data to previous years.

		STUDENT ENROLLMENT	PARTICIPATION RATES	ADVANCED ON TRACK	PROFICIENT ON TRACK	BASIC NOT ON TRACK	BELOW BASIC NOT ON TRACK
	AVERAGE STATEWIDE DISTRICT DATA (EXCLUDING CHARTER SCHOOLS)	612,374	97.7%	8.4%	16.2%	37.9%	38.8%
BRICK & MORTAR SCHOOLS	ASTEC	1294	91%		8%	34%	56%
	ACADEMY OF SEMINOLE	295	92%	5%	22%	34%	39%
	CARLTON LANDING	65	98%		11%	52%	35%
	CHEROKEE IMMERSION	114	87%		13%	29%	57%
	DEBORAH BROWN	232	100%		34%	39%	20%
	DOVE OF OKLAHOMA CITY	1504	100%		17%	33%	45%
	DOVE OF TULSA	1209	99%		12%	35%	50%
	JOHN REX	717	98%	11%	29%	32%	28%
	LE MONDE INTERNATIONAL	232	100%		13%	56%	30%
	HARDING PREP	524	98%	13%	37%	33%	17%
	HARDING FINE ARTS	337	97%	6%	29%	42%	22%
	HUPFELD AT WESTERN VILLAGE	330	100%		27%	36%	33%
	INDEPENDENCE	309	99%		10%	26%	63%
	KIPP REACH OKC	465	86%		14%	34%	47%
	SANTA FE SOUTH	3636	99%		11%	37%	50%
	SANKOFA	87	96%		8%	28%	63%
	SOVEREIGN COMMUNITY	92	96%		5%	16%	78%
	COLLEGE BOUND	481	94%		5%	21%	74%
	COLLEGIATE HALL	296	87%		6%	20%	74%
	TULSA HONOR	682	90%		15%	32%	49%
	KIPP TULSA	577	92%		5%	29%	65%
	TULSA ARTS AND SCIENCES	527	88%		15%	34%	49%
	TULSA LEGACY	633	92%			22%	76%
BLENDED/VIRTUAL SCHOOLS	EPIC BLENDED	23714	51%		15%	33%	49%
	CONNECTIONS VIRTUAL	1779	48%	6%	24%	39%	32%
	E-SCHOOL VIRTUAL	978	64%	5%	17%	35%	43%
	EPIC VIRTUAL	35731	51%		14%	36%	48%
	OKLAHOMA VIRTUAL	4011	40%		14%	33%	50%
	OK INFO/TECH VIRTUAL	25	95%		32%	37%	24%
	OK INSIGHT VIRTUAL	800	54%		8%	36%	56%

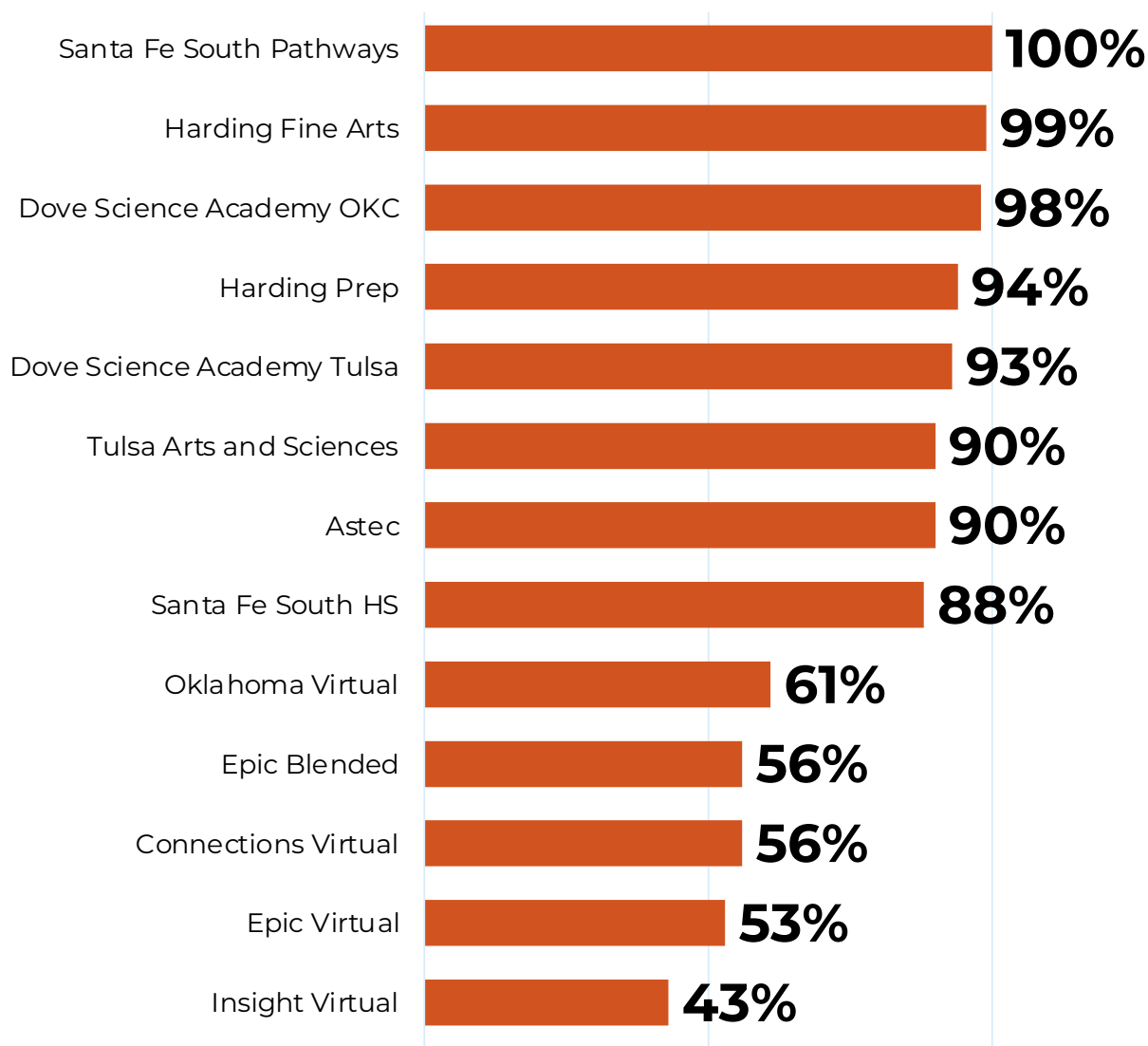
Oklahoma Charter High Schools

State SAT/ACT Average Participation Rates

DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS	BRICK & MORTAR CHARTER HIGH SCHOOLS (EXCLUDING OYA)	VIRTUAL/BLENDED HIGH SCHOOLS
95%	93%	75%

Graduation Cohort Data

In 20-21, there were eight brick-and-mortar charter high schools, one blended charter high school, four virtual charter high schools, and one juvenile incarceration center. The information below presents the percentage of students who graduated in 4/5 years. There are additional charter high schools that have not been in operation long enough to collect data.



Source: Oklahoma State Department of Education, Office of Accountability, Oklahoma School Report Cards (2021)



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