

# Texas Families Need More Access to Public Charter Schools

Across Texas, families are asking for more high-quality public school opportunities, including more public charter schools.

Unfortunately, **there is significant unmet demand** for public charter school seats. We need to deliver for children and parents who need them.

## FACT

# 73,813



There are 73,813 individual Texas students on at least one public charter school waitlist.

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66% of campuses have waitlists and at 46 campuses, the waitlist has **at least 500 students.**



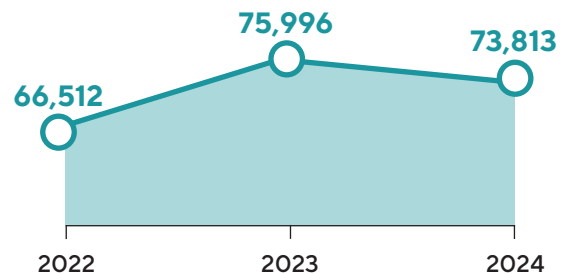
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The number of students on public charter school waitlists increased 14% in the past year alone. Much of that demand comes from the highest-need families in Texas.

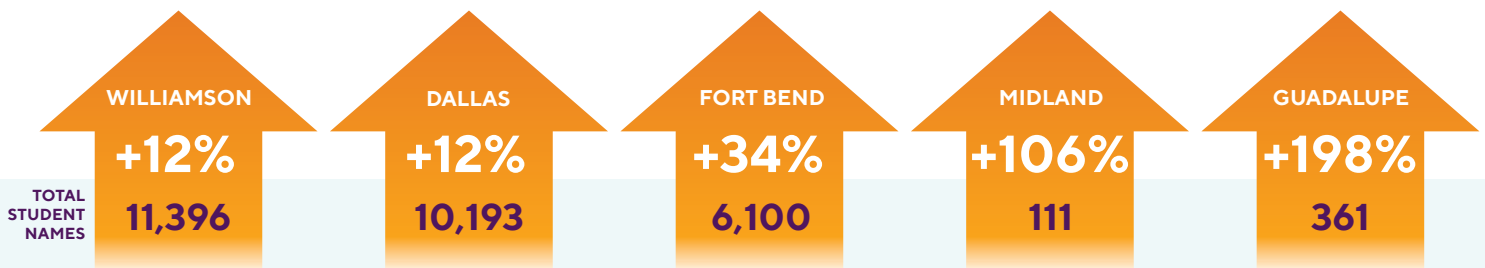
Among public charter school campuses with a waitlist, 274 (more than 50%) educate 80% or more low-income students.



## Students on Public Charter School Waitlists



## The Biggest Increases in Student Names on Public Charter School Waitlists By County



**Public charter school waitlists got longer in counties across the state. That includes:**

- Large counties such as Williamson and Dallas, where tens of thousands of students remain stuck without a seat
- Midland, where the number of student names on waitlists more than doubled as public charter schools have proven they meet families' needs
- Guadalupe, where the number of student names on waitlist more than tripled

# Too many families are still waiting.

Nearly **74,000**

Texas students are on at least one public charter school waitlist.

Don't just take  
our word for it.



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“The truth is that getting into Meridian School literally felt like a multi-million dollar prize for our family. We didn’t just want it; we needed it. Both my children had their educational experience — and frankly, their lives — put onto a **completely different trajectory** after moving to an environment that was suited to their needs.”

**Jennifer Noonan**  
*Parent*



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“Getting a seat at Harmony Science Academy – Katy for both of our children has truly been a blessing for our family. From day one, we’ve felt welcomed and supported by teachers who genuinely care about each child’s growth and success.

Our kids are thriving — one has grown more confident in math and science, while the other has discovered a real love for reading and art. Both of our children look forward to going to school every morning, which **says everything about the positive environment they’ve found here.**”

**Saba Iqbal**  
*Parent*