



2025 Charter school attendance

Baseline attendance at first charter schools

Charter schools are public schools. They are given considerable flexibility in exchange for strict accountability – including on attendance.

In Term 1 2025 seven new charter schools opened. The following information provides an indication of how these schools performed on attendance.

It describes the percentage of students who attended at least 90% of half days in each term and averages it across all four terms for an annual figure. Charter schools are accountable for this annual figure.

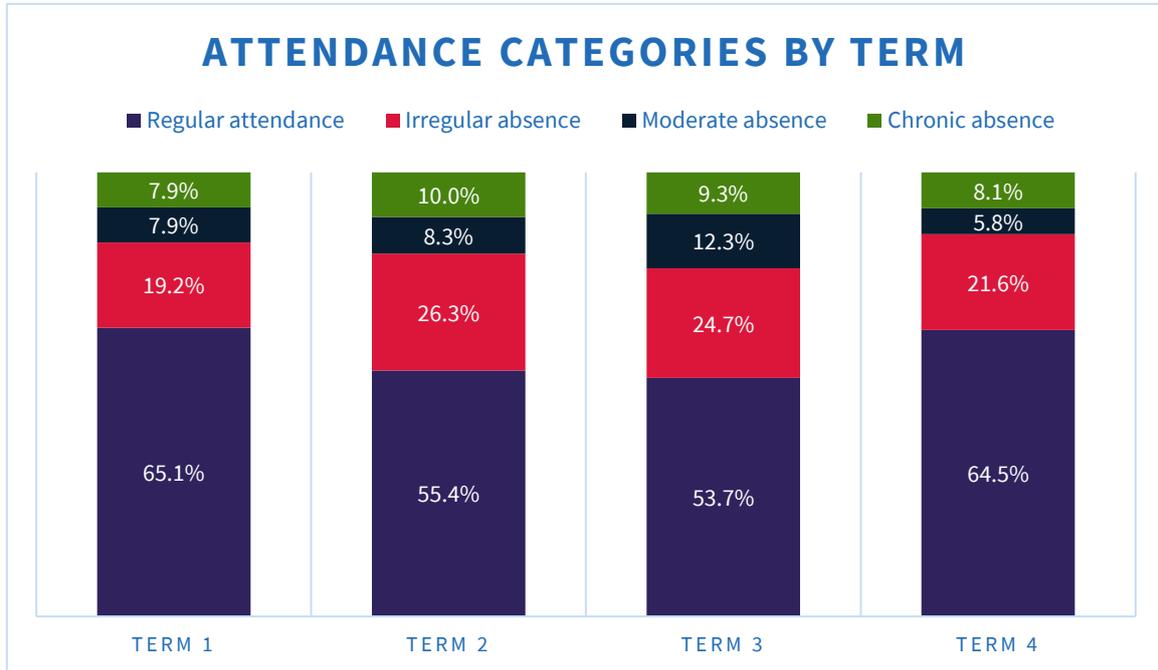
Regular attendance

In 2025, the average termly rate for regular attendance was 59.7% compared to 58% in state schools.

| School type | Term 1 | Term 2 | Term 3 | Term 4 | Average |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| Charter schools | 65.1% | 55.4% | 53.7% | 64.5% | 59.7% |
| State schools | 65.9% | 58.4% | 50.3% | 57.3% | 58% |

Average termly attendance rates

Like attendance patterns in state schools, charter schools saw regular attendance rates drop in Terms 2 and 3 before rising again in Term 4.



In 2025 males attended charter schools more regularly than females

Male students at charter schools had a higher regular attendance rate than male students at state schools. Females at state schools attended more regularly than those at Charter schools in Terms 1 and 2.

Note that there were more males attending charter schools in 2025 than females.

| Gender of students | School type and gender | Term 1 | Term 2 | Term 3 | Term 4 |
|--------------------|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Male | Charter | 70.2% | 58.7% | 53.4% | 66.0% |
| | State | 65.6% | 58.7% | 50.5% | 57.5% |
| Female | Charter | 57.9% | 50.8% | 54.1% | 62.7% |
| | State | 66.2% | 58.1% | 50.1% | 57.0% |

Attendance by ākonga Māori

Ākonga Māori at charter schools had a higher rate of regular attendance than those attending state schools.

Note that of the seven charter schools that opened in Term 1 2025, one was a boarding school for Māori boys.

