

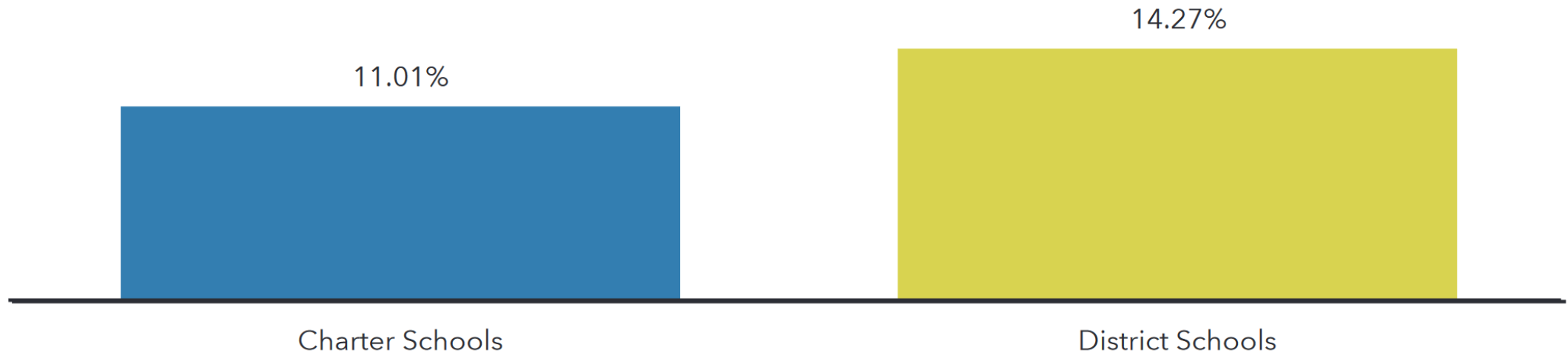
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CALIFORNIA CHARTER SCHOOLS AND
SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS



Overall Enrollment Disparities

Average Percentage Enrolled Students With Disabilities: SDUSD, LAUSD & OUSD Combined

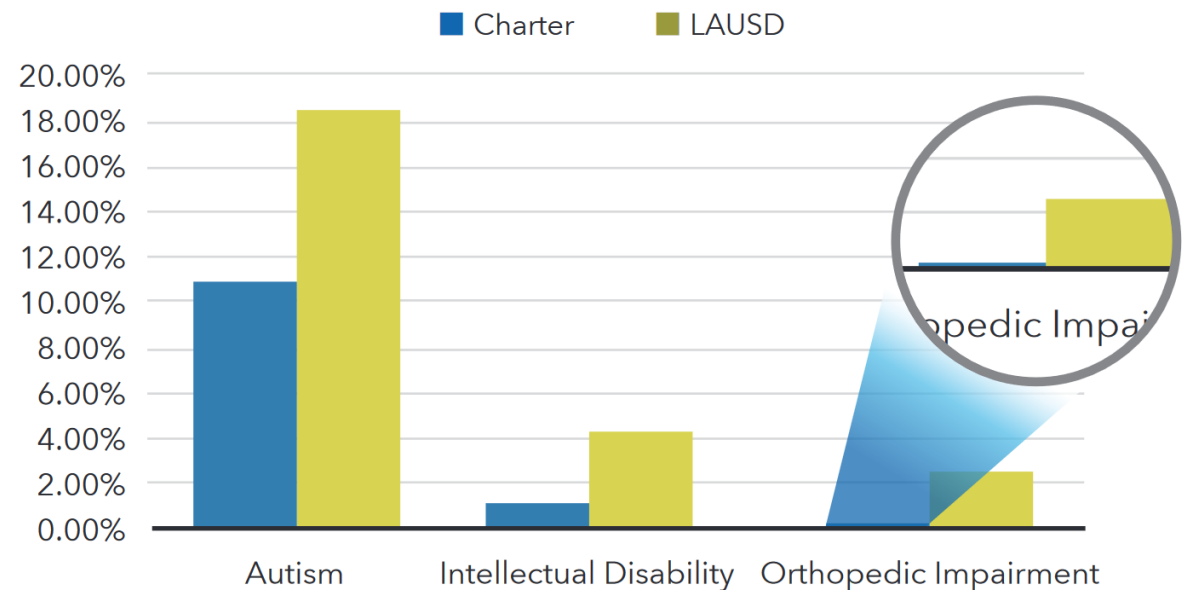


Disparities in Severity

LAUSD

In LAUSD, we found that students with an intellectual disability, an orthopedic impairment, or a visual impairment were enrolled in charter schools at roughly a quarter of the rate at which they were enrolled in district-run Los Angeles Unified schools. For students on the autism spectrum, there was a nearly eight percentage point difference in the average enrollment as a percentage of special education students between the charter schools and district schools.

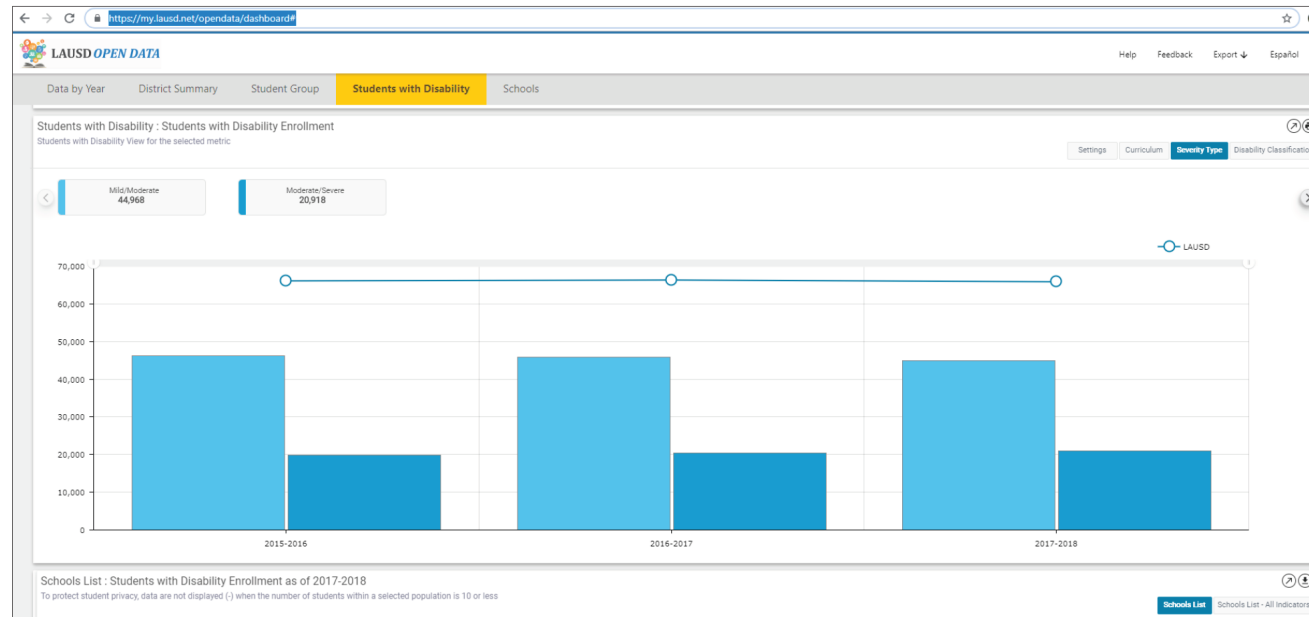
LAUSD Special Education Students Identified in Generally Moderate to Severe Categories



Data and Transparency Issues

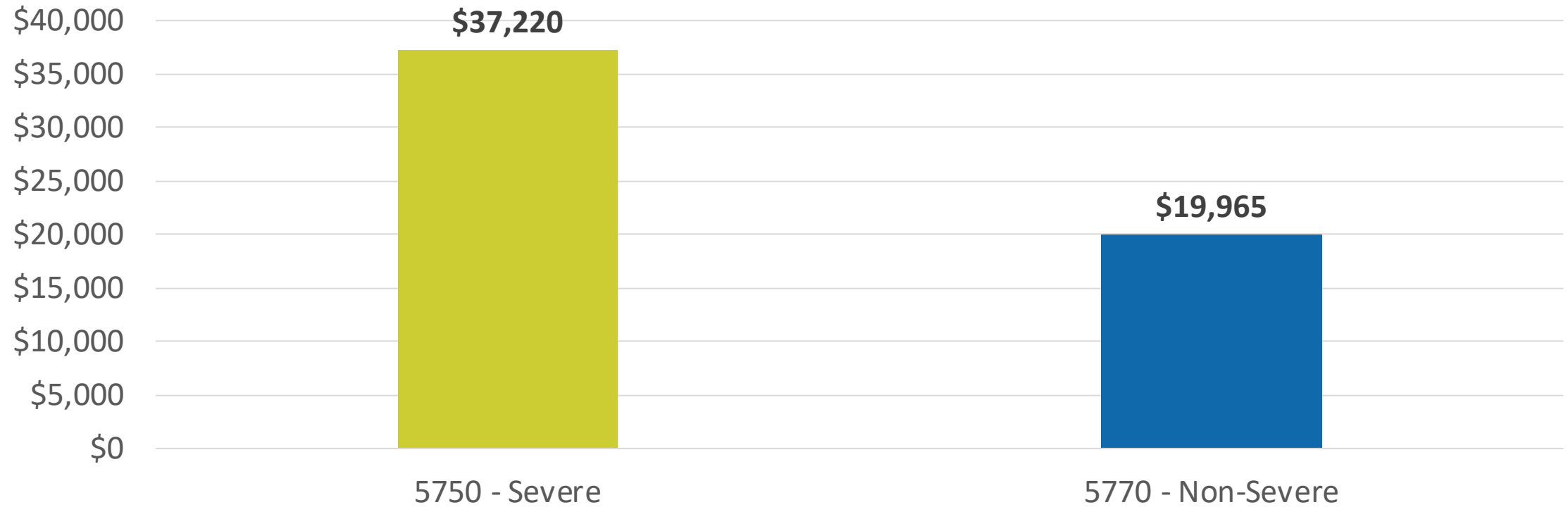
LAUSD Open Data Portal: Special Education Severity Count. The research team was told by LAUSD through multiple means of communication that an aggregate count by "severity" was unavailable.

Figure 19: LAUSD Open Data Portal Students with Disabilities Severity Type



Fiscal Impact of Disparities

LAUSD Equalized Per-Student Cost by Disability Severity



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