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FINAL REPORT



Delaware City School District
Enrollment Projection Study
September 24, 2024

INTRODUCTION

FutureThink was contracted to develop enrollment projections for the Delaware City School District.

This report contains ten-year enrollment projections, which were developed for the Delaware City School District by analyzing the following data:

- ▶ Live birth data
- ▶ Historical enrollment
- ▶ Community school enrollment
- ▶ Open enrollment
- ▶ Community demographics
- ▶ Housing information

The projections presented in this report are meant to serve as a planning tool for the future and represent the most likely direction of the District.

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Out of 609 school districts, only 79 (or approximately 13%) gained enrollment in grades K - 12 from the 2013-14 to the 2022-23 school year and 2 districts experienced neither gain or loss in enrollment.

Of the 527 school districts who lost enrollment, 56 (or approximately 11%) lost less than 5 percent, and 133 districts (or approximately 25%) lost between 5 and 10 percent. Approximately 45% (or 239 districts) lost between 11 and 20 percent, and approximately 19% (or 99 districts) lost more than 20 percent.

For those districts that gained enrollment, 31 (or approximately 39%) increased by less than 5 percent, and 24 (or approximately 30%) increased between 5 and 10 percent. Fifteen districts (or approximately 19%) increased between 10 and 20%, and 9 districts (or approximately 11%) increased over 20 percent.

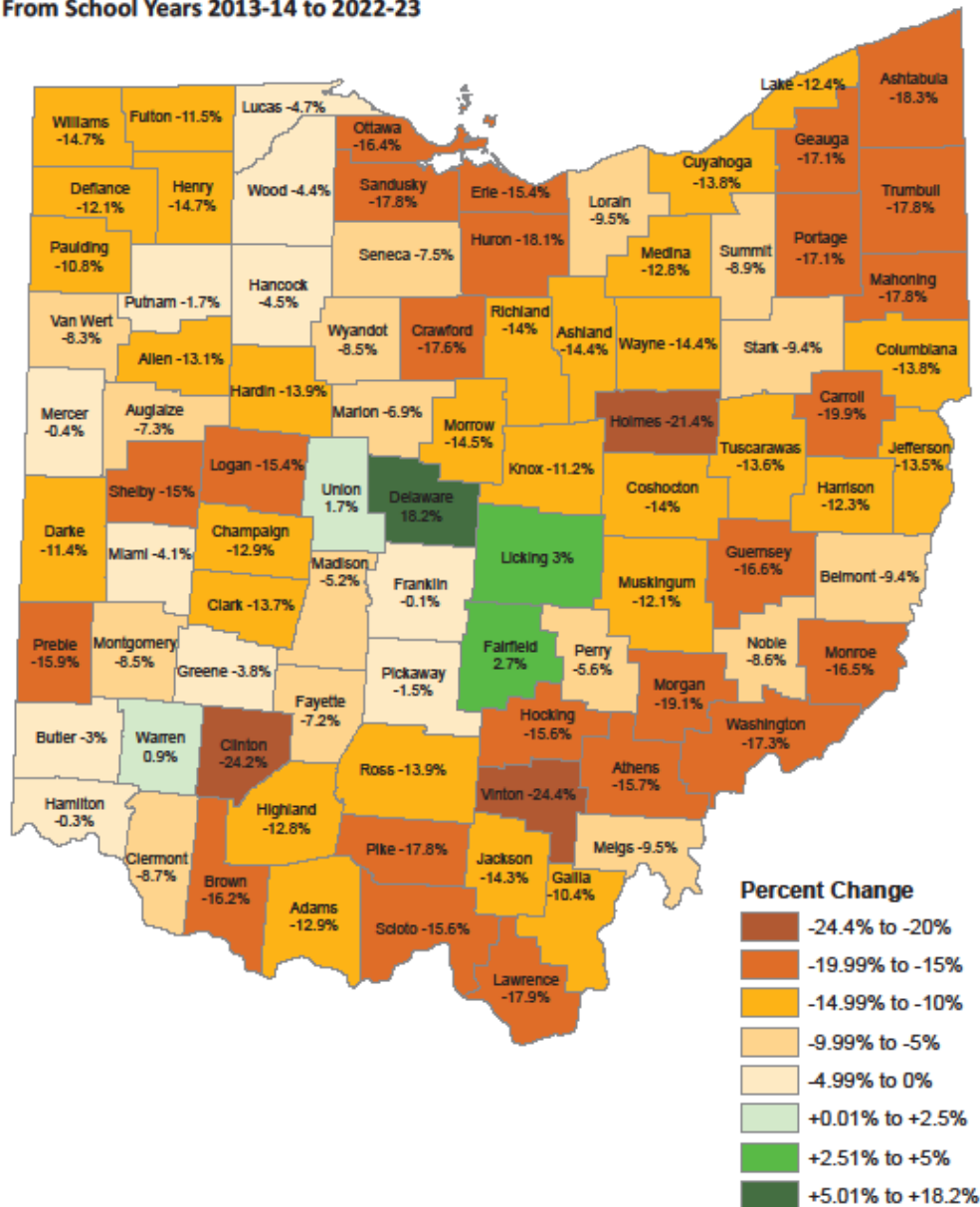
Analyzing enrollment from a county perspective, only 5 of the 88 counties in Ohio gained K – 12 enrollment from the 2013-14 to the 2022-23 school year: Delaware, Licking, Fairfield, Union, and Warren.

County	2022-23 K-12 Total	2013-14 K-12 Total	Difference	%
Delaware	34,167	28,918	5,249	18%
Licking	27,442	26,652	790	3%
Fairfield	25,339	24,661	678	3%
Union	7,851	7,720	131	2%
Warren	36,697	36,353	344	1%

Vinton County had the highest percentage loss of students at 24.4 percent. Sixty-five percent of the counties (57 total) experienced a decline of greater than 10 percent. The map on the following page illustrates the gain/loss for each county from the 2013-14 to 2022-23 school year.

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Student Enrollment Growth/Loss From School Years 2013-14 to 2022-23



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HISTORICAL ENROLLMENT

Over the past ten years, student enrollment in the Delaware City School District has increased by 251 students in grades Pre-K – 12, including ungraded students. Total enrollment for the 2024-25 school year is 5,736 students.

The following tables and graph illustrate the District’s Pre-K – 12 enrollment history from 2015-16 through 2024-25.

**Delaware City School District
Historical Enrollment**

Grade	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Pre-K	141	135	230	243	235	112	161	163	258	234
K	420	442	418	420	442	402	446	393	403	418
1	394	436	446	417	410	402	395	466	397	415
2	449	393	423	437	429	386	404	394	469	401
3	464	456	370	419	419	410	395	419	396	473
4	443	452	442	376	416	406	409	396	404	398
5	411	451	447	442	376	394	424	419	415	416
6	417	412	443	453	447	361	401	440	422	436
7	389	409	413	438	455	435	367	414	421	420
8	434	381	417	404	429	445	438	391	397	429
9	410	457	372	443	413	433	445	451	386	410
10	420	410	456	381	441	401	441	446	449	389
11	365	428	401	462	383	436	402	438	428	449
12	328	364	411	399	455	378	436	393	416	433
Pre-K - 12 Total	5,485	5,626	5,689	5,734	5,750	5,401	5,564	5,623	5,661	5,721
Ungraded	0	0	0	0	0	58	63	47	6	15
Grand Total	5,485	5,626	5,689	5,734	5,750	5,459	5,627	5,670	5,667	5,736

Source: Delaware City School District

**Delaware City School District
Historical Enrollment by Grade Group**

Grade	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Pre-K - 5	2,722	2,765	2,776	2,754	2,727	2,512	2,634	2,650	2,742	2,755
6 - 8	1,240	1,202	1,273	1,295	1,331	1,241	1,206	1,245	1,240	1,285
9 - 12	1,523	1,659	1,640	1,685	1,692	1,648	1,724	1,728	1,679	1,681
Pre-K - 12 Total	5,485	5,626	5,689	5,734	5,750	5,401	5,564	5,623	5,661	5,721
Ungraded	0	0	0	0	0	58	63	47	6	15
Grand Total	5,485	5,626	5,689	5,734	5,750	5,459	5,627	5,670	5,667	5,736

Source: Delaware City School District

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HOUSING INFORMATION

The table below illustrates the number of single-family dwelling building permits issued each year in Delaware City, Delaware Township, and Troy Township.

of Building Permits Issued for Single Family Dwellings

Year	Delaware City	Delaware Township	Troy Township
2014	163	1	3
2015	180	7	8
2016	223	4	7
2017	220	2	2
2018	364	20	4
2019	373	9	6
2020	390	6	2
2021	470	18	12
2022	471	9	12
2023	388	4	8
2024*	291	1	9

Source: Delaware County Regional Planning Commission and SOCDs Building Permit Database

* through July 2024

This table illustrates the number of single-family and multi-family dwelling building permits issued each year in the Delaware City School District.

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of Building Permits Issued for Single Family Dwellings

Year	Single Family	Multi-Family
2016*	166	0
2017*	102	0
2018	232	214
2019	236	289
2020	220	64
2021	291	0
2022	261	0
2023	276	169
2024**	156	271

Source: Delaware County Regional Planning Commission

*building permits were not distinguished as either single-family or multi-family

**through July 2024

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There are currently 25 developments under construction in the Delaware City School District with a total of 4,817 approved units. Of these approved units, 3,959 are yet to be built: 1,867 single & two-family homes, 264 condos, and 1,828 multi-family homes.

City of Delaware Housing Development in Delaware City Schools			
Development Name	Total Housing Units	Complete Dwelling Units	Remaining Unbuilt
Single- and Two-Family			
Addison Farms North	206	0	206
Four Seasons at Addison Farms*	254	0	254
Homeport - single family	8	0	8
Boulder Farms	222	0	222
Donovan Farms	255	0	255
Limestone Ridge	77	18	59
Northwood	204	0	204
Parkview	182	85	97
Ravines of the Olentangy	166	149	17
Rutherford Acres	69	0	69
Terra Alta	481	137	344
Springer Woods	249	117	132
Condos			
Boulder Reserve	90	88	2
Addison Townhomes	133	0	133
Homeport - townhomes	20	0	20
Enclaves at Ravines of Olentangy	90	23	67
Houk Road Condos	42	0	42
Apartments			
Delaware Place	118	63	55
Coughlin's Crossing - Mill23	178	178	0
Greenwood Commons/Flats at Sugar Run	592	0	592
Mill on Flax	174	0	174
Lucy Ridge	270	0	270
Redwood at Addison Farms	315	0	315
Boulder Farms	398	0	398
Homeport - apartments	24	0	24
Total	4,817	858	3,959

*age-restricted

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ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

Enrollment projections were developed after analyzing the data collected in this report. The projections indicate an increase of 690 students in grades Pre-K through 12, including ungraded students, from the 2024-25 to the 2034-35 school year. The following tables and graph illustrate projected enrollments by grade and by grade group through the 2034-35 school year.

Delaware City School District
Projected Enrollment

Grade	2024-25 Actual	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35
Pre-K	234	239	247	271	263	261	262	263	265	265	266
K	418	398	412	452	438	435	436	439	441	441	443
1	415	430	409	425	465	451	448	450	452	452	453
2	401	422	438	416	433	473	460	456	458	460	460
3	473	413	433	449	428	441	485	471	469	470	472
4	398	480	418	440	457	435	450	493	478	476	477
5	416	411	496	432	454	471	449	464	509	494	490
6	436	429	427	509	440	459	475	447	463	508	492
7	420	436	430	427	510	440	459	476	447	463	508
8	429	426	443	436	434	517	447	466	483	454	470
9	410	437	434	451	444	442	527	456	475	492	463
10	389	410	437	434	451	444	442	527	455	475	492
11	449	388	409	436	433	450	443	441	526	454	474
12	433	445	384	405	432	429	446	439	436	521	450
Pre-K - 12 Total	5,721	5,764	5,817	5,983	6,082	6,148	6,229	6,288	6,357	6,425	6,410
Ungraded	15	15	15	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
Grand Total	5,736	5,779	5,832	5,999	6,098	6,164	6,245	6,304	6,373	6,441	6,426

Source: FutureThink

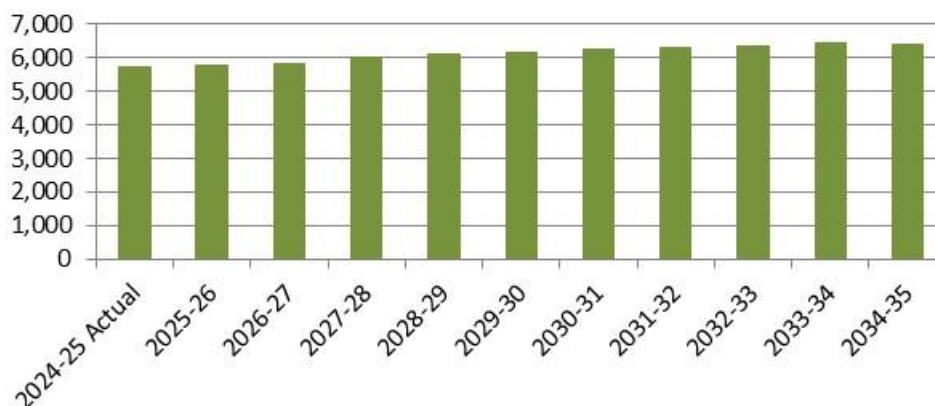
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Projected Enrollment by Grade Group

Grade	2024-25 Actual	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35
Pre-K - 5	2,755	2,793	2,853	2,885	2,938	2,967	2,990	3,036	3,072	3,058	3,061
6 - 8	1,285	1,291	1,300	1,372	1,384	1,416	1,381	1,389	1,393	1,425	1,470
9 - 12	1,681	1,680	1,664	1,726	1,760	1,765	1,858	1,863	1,892	1,942	1,879
Pre-K - 12 Total	5,721	5,764	5,817	5,983	6,082	6,148	6,229	6,288	6,357	6,425	6,410
Ungraded	15	15	15	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
Grand Total	5,736	5,779	5,832	5,999	6,098	6,164	6,245	6,304	6,373	6,441	6,426

Source: FutureThink

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Delaware City School District Projected Enrollment



Elementary School Projections

The following includes historical and projected enrollment tables for each elementary school.

David Smith Elementary School Historical Enrollment

Grade	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
K	79	73	69	77	68	54	64	53	64	56
1	74	81	77	64	70	58	51	75	57	68
2	87	70	78	72	72	65	57	48	70	58
3	88	92	71	82	70	66	69	62	54	73
4	81	87	90	68	75	70	60	70	60	59
5	0	81	79	88	69	70	74	61	69	61
Total	409	484	464	451	424	383	375	369	374	375

Source: Delaware City School District

David Smith Elementary School Projected Enrollment

Grade	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35
K	61	63	69	67	67	67	67	68	68	68
1	60	65	68	74	72	72	72	72	72	72
2	68	60	65	68	74	72	72	72	72	72
3	63	74	65	71	73	80	78	78	78	78
4	75	65	76	67	73	75	83	80	80	80
5	60	76	66	77	68	74	77	84	81	81
Total	387	403	409	424	427	440	449	454	451	451

Source: FutureThink

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Ervin Carlisle Elementary School Historical Enrollment

Grade	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
K	90	105	99	94	91	101	107	84	80	95
1	84	100	110	98	95	72	101	106	82	84
2	100	76	105	109	97	89	83	99	100	83
3	101	100	70	103	106	89	84	85	98	97
4	104	100	101	72	109	98	95	89	73	101
5	0	100	99	109	74	103	115	98	92	73
Total	479	581	584	585	572	552	585	561	525	533

Source: Delaware City School District

Ervin Carlisle Elementary School Projected Enrollment

Grade	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35
K	89	92	101	98	97	97	98	98	98	99
1	96	90	93	102	98	98	98	99	99	99
2	85	97	90	94	103	100	99	99	100	100
3	84	85	98	91	94	103	100	100	100	100
4	100	87	88	101	94	98	107	104	103	103
5	104	103	89	91	104	97	100	110	107	106
Total	558	554	559	577	590	593	602	610	607	607

Source: FutureThink

James Conger Elementary School Historical Enrollment

Grade	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
K	60	65	67	72	72	66	75	81	72	81
1	56	64	68	73	68	74	69	75	77	71
2	77	66	65	63	76	65	70	71	76	79
3	76	77	62	62	54	73	68	73	71	78
4	74	77	78	67	60	55	74	66	76	69
5	0	76	83	73	67	60	48	68	68	76
Total	390	472	423	410	397	393	404	434	440	454

Source: Delaware City School District

James Conger Elementary School Projected Enrollment

Grade	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35
K	74	77	84	82	81	81	82	82	82	83
1	81	74	77	84	82	81	81	82	82	82
2	73	83	76	79	86	84	83	84	84	84
3	82	75	86	79	81	89	87	86	86	87
4	80	83	77	88	80	83	91	88	88	88
5	70	81	85	78	89	82	84	93	90	89
Total	460	473	485	490	499	500	508	515	512	513

Source: FutureThink

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Laura Woodward Elementary School Historical Enrollment

Grade	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Pre-K	94	88	230	243	235	112	161	163	258	234
K	71	72	63	69	88	57	67	60	73	64
1	64	71	66	64	66	79	52	73	57	74
2	71	59	63	67	62	59	70	51	69	57
3	69	69	52	63	64	59	59	72	55	71
4	61	56	66	55	62	65	59	57	62	52
5	0	58	64	66	54	54	65	63	59	69
Total	430	473	604	627	631	485	533	539	633	621

Source: Delaware City School District

Laura Woodward Elementary School Projected Enrollment

Grade	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35
Pre-K	239	247	271	263	261	262	262	265	265	265
K	63	65	72	69	69	69	70	70	70	70
1	65	64	67	73	71	70	71	71	71	71
2	74	65	64	67	73	71	70	71	71	71
3	59	76	67	66	68	75	73	72	73	73
4	69	57	74	66	65	67	73	71	71	71
5	55	73	60	78	69	68	70	77	75	74
Total	624	647	675	682	676	682	689	697	696	695

Source: FutureThink

Robert F. Schultz Elementary School Historical Enrollment

Grade	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
K	120	127	120	108	123	124	133	115	114	122
1	116	120	125	118	111	119	122	137	124	118
2	114	122	112	126	122	108	124	125	154	124
3	130	118	115	109	125	123	115	127	118	154
4	123	132	107	114	110	118	121	114	133	117
5	0	136	122	106	112	107	122	129	127	137
Total	603	755	701	681	703	699	737	747	770	772

Source: FutureThink

Robert F. Schultz Elementary School Projected Enrollment

Grade	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35
K	111	115	126	122	121	122	122	123	123	123
1	128	116	120	132	128	127	128	128	128	129
2	122	133	121	125	137	133	132	132	133	133
3	125	123	133	121	125	138	133	133	133	134
4	156	126	125	135	123	127	139	135	134	135
5	122	163	132	130	141	128	133	145	141	140
Total	764	776	757	765	775	775	787	796	792	794

Source: FutureThink

CONCLUSION

As with any projection, the District should pay close attention to live birth counts, enrollment in elementary schools, open enrollment, and housing growth. Each of these factors will have an impact on future student enrollment.

FutureThink is pleased to have had the opportunity to provide the District with enrollment projection services. We hope this document will provide the necessary information to make informed decisions about the future of the Delaware City School District.