



Region 15 Schools

10- Year Enrollment Projections (Update)

November 2024



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Districtwide Enrollment Projection Performance

High Comparison	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	K-12	K-5	6-8	9-12	K-12
2024-25 Proj.(High)	241	237	242	289	247	274	308	271	265	244	244	229	260	3,351	1,530	844	977	3,351
2024-25 Actual	204	239	234	282	242	279	294	271	272	232	257	245	253	3,304	1,480	837	987	3,304
Deviation	-37	2	-8	-7	-5	5	-14	0	7	-12	13	16	-7	-47	-50	-7	10	-47
% Diff.	-15.4%	0.8%	-3.3%	-2.4%	-2.0%	1.8%	-4.5%	0.0%	2.6%	-4.9%	5.3%	7.0%	-2.7%	-1.4%	-3.3%	-0.8%	1.0%	-1.4%

Medium Comparison	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	K-12	K-5	6-8	9-12	K-12
2024-25 Proj. (Med.)	234	237	241	288	246	274	307	271	264	243	244	229	259	3,337	1,520	842	975	3,337
2024-25 Actual	204	239	234	282	242	279	294	271	272	232	257	245	253	3,304	1,480	837	987	3,304
Deviation	-30	2	-7	-6	-4	5	-13	0	8	-11	13	16	-6	-33	-40	-5	12	-33
% Diff.	-12.8%	0.8%	-2.9%	-2.1%	-1.6%	1.8%	-4.2%	0.0%	3.0%	-4.5%	5.3%	7.0%	-2.3%	-1.0%	-2.6%	-0.6%	1.2%	-1.0%

Low Comparison	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	K-12	K-5	6-8	9-12	K-12
2024-25 Proj. (Low)	221	235	240	286	244	272	305	269	262	241	242	227	258	3,302	1,498	836	968	3,302
2024-25 Actual	204	239	234	282	242	279	294	271	272	232	257	245	253	3,304	1,480	837	987	3,304
Deviation	-17	4	-6	-4	-2	7	-11	2	10	-9	15	18	-5	2	-18	1	19	2
% Diff.	-7.7%	1.7%	-2.5%	-1.4%	-0.8%	2.6%	-3.6%	0.7%	3.8%	-3.7%	6.2%	7.9%	-1.9%	0.1%	-1.2%	0.1%	2.0%	0.1%

- Medium model performed well, within 33 students overall (1%), while low model performed the best (within 2 students or 0.1%)
- For Medium (recommended) Projection Model
 - K-5 enrollment was 40 students lower than projected, primarily due to kindergarten and changes to entry age policies that went into effect for 2024-25.
 - Middle School enrollment was 5 students lower than the projections.
 - High school enrollment was 12 students higher than the projections.



Individual School Enrollment Projection Performance

- Overall K-5 enrollment trending below the projections for all schools
 - GES (-18) and PES (-15) were moderately below the projections while LMES (-6) and MES (-2) were much closer to the projections.
- Middle school projections performed well, with both MMS and RMS within 9 students overall.

Elementary School	K-5 Actual Enrollment	K-5 Projected Enrollment	Difference
GES	319	337	-18
LMES	456	462	-6
MES	309	311	-2
PES	395	410	-15
Total	1,479	1,520	-41

Middle School	6-8 Actual Enrollment	6-8 Projected Enrollment	Difference
MMS	420	421	-1
RMS	412	421	-9
Total	832	842	-10

Note small delta between the sum of individual school and districtwide enrollment numbers due to outplaced students included in the district's PSIS



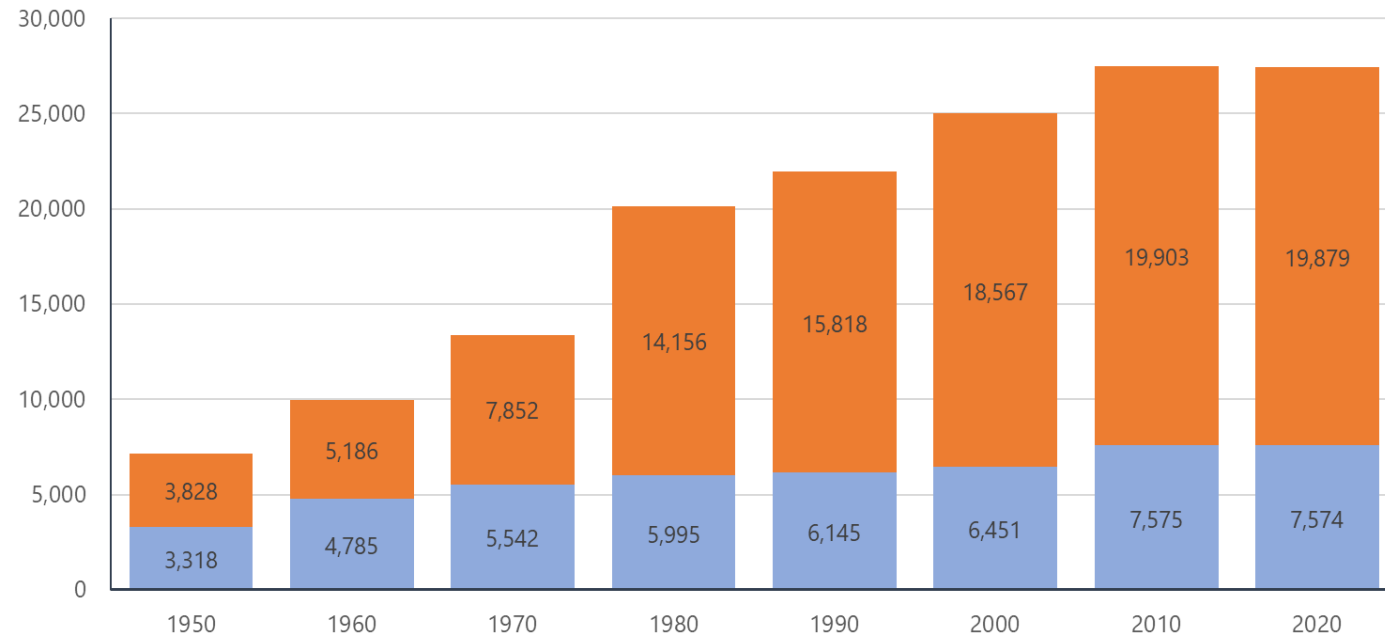
Enrollment Projection Update

Enrollment Drivers

Region 15's Population (Middlebury & Southbury)

- According to 2020 Decennial Census, the total population of Middlebury and Southbury was relatively unchanged over the last decade
- According to 2023 population estimates from the Connecticut Department of Public Health, both Southbury and Middlebury have experienced modest growth since 2020, with Southbury growing to an estimated 20,127 residents and Middlebury growing to an estimated 7,936 residents.

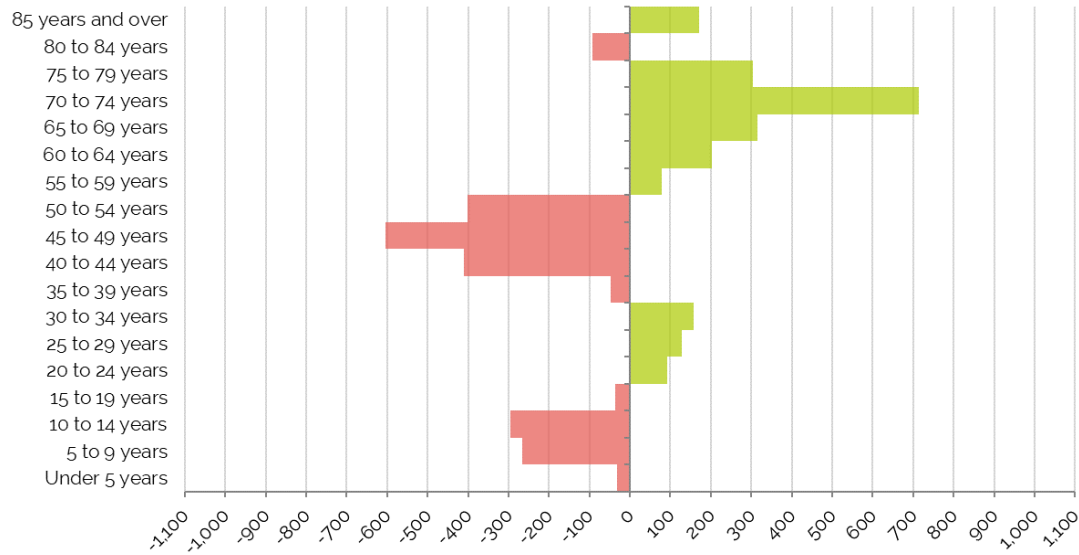
Middlebury and Southbury Historic Population: 1950 to 2020



Source: Decennial Census 1950-2020.

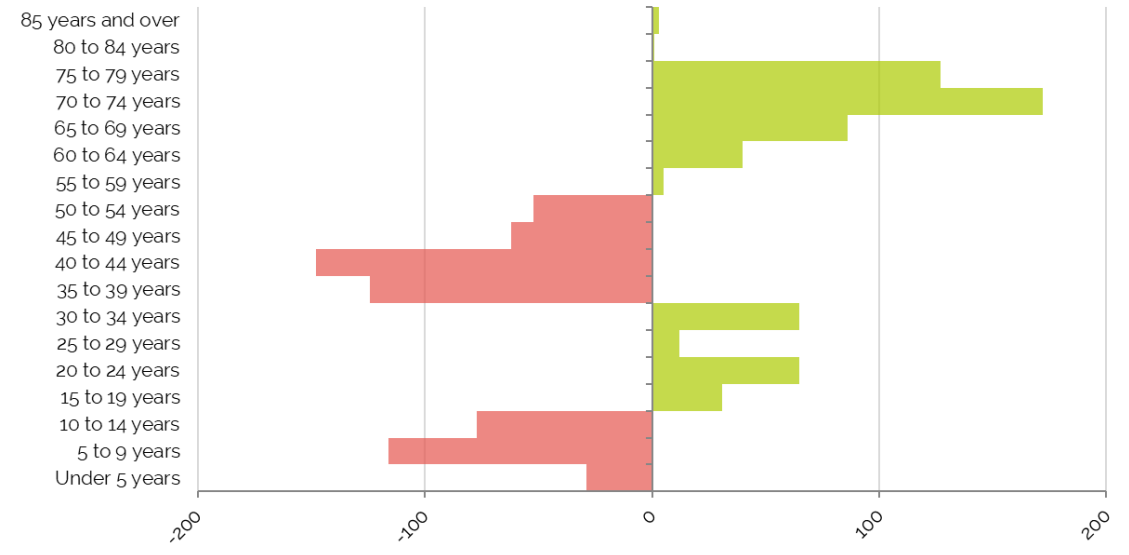
Population Trends, by Age

Southbury Population Change 2010-2020



Source: Census 2010, 2020

Middlebury Population Change 2010-2020

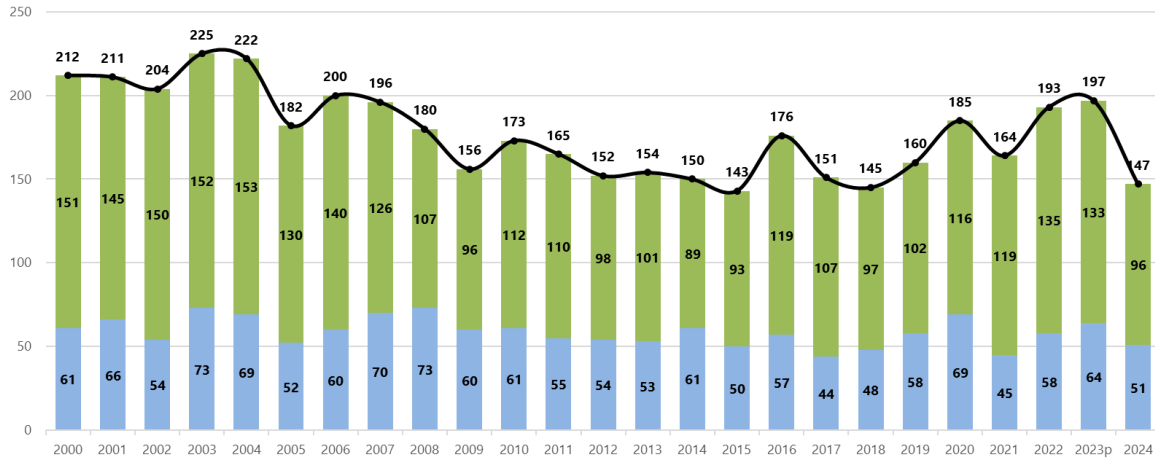


Source: Census 2010, 2020

- Population change data updated to reflect available data from 2020 census.
 - Both communities saw a decrease in 40- to 49-year-olds (likely to have older school-aged children) and a growth in 20- to 34-year-olds (likely to have younger children)
- Between 2010 and 2020 both communities grew older with median age increasing
 - Southbury's from 49.9 to 50.8
 - Middlebury from 43.9 to 46.6

Region 15's Births

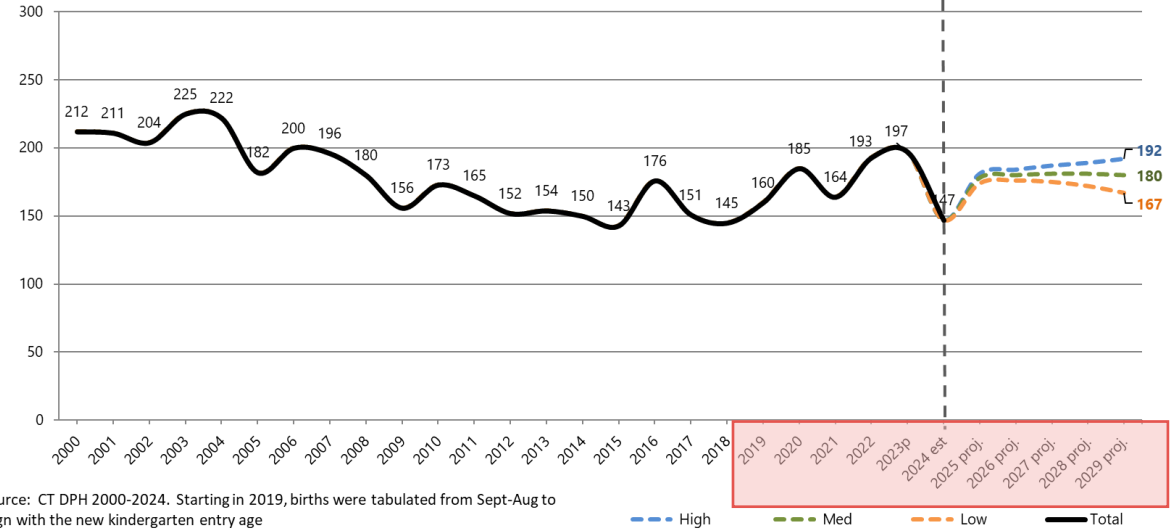
Historic Births for Middlebury and Southbury
 2000 - 2024



Source: CTDPH, 2024 Beginning in 2019, births were tabulated on a Sept-Aug basis to align with new K entry age requirements

■ Middlebury Calendar Year ■ Southbury Calendar Year

Region 15 Historic and Projected Births: 2000 to 2029



Source: CT DPH 2000-2024. Starting in 2019, births were tabulated from Sept-Aug to align with the new kindergarten entry age

--- High --- Med --- Low --- Total

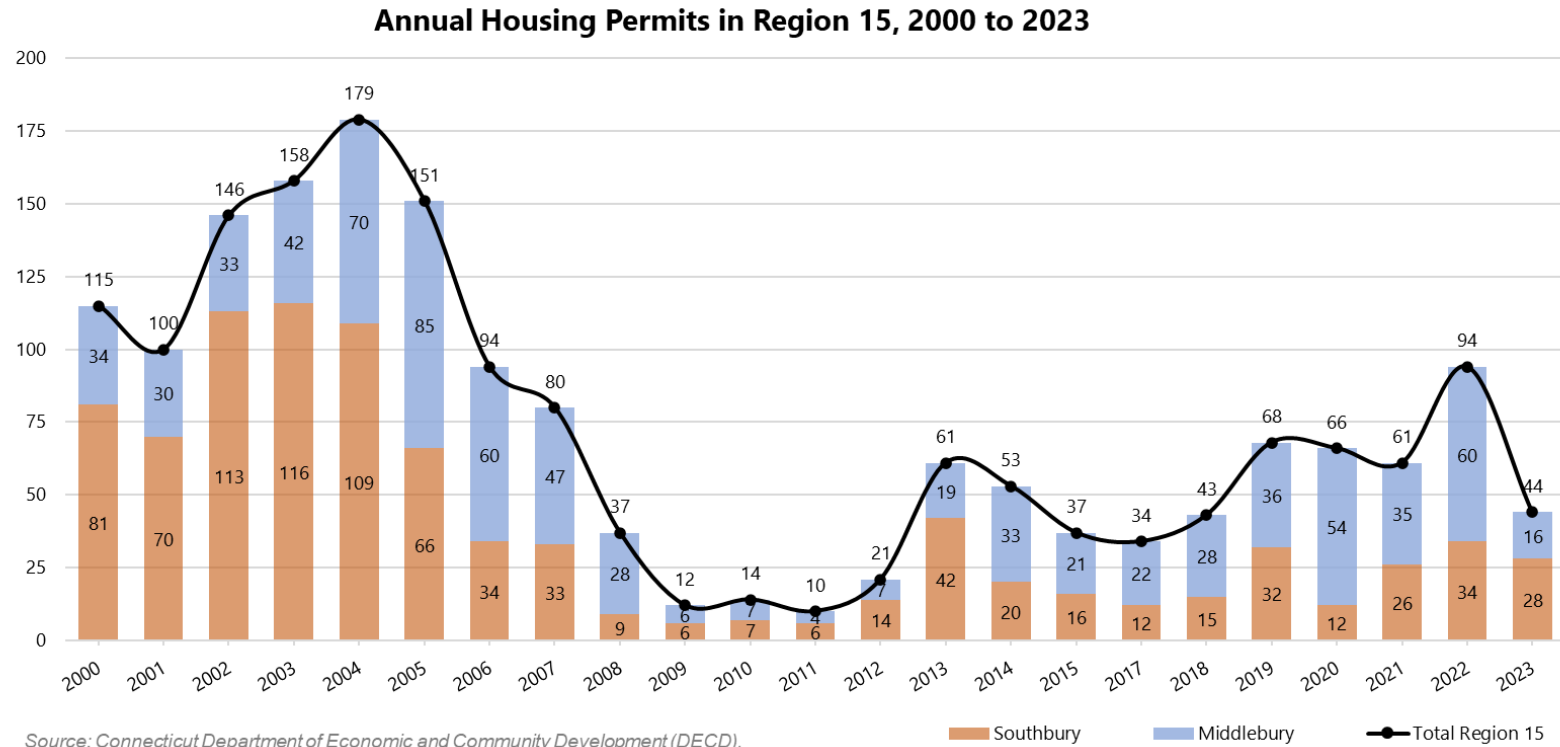
Note that beginning in 2019, births & projections switched from calendar year to Sept-Aug births to align with new K entry age requirements

- RSD15 experienced elevated births between 2020 and 2023, averaging of 185 annually. These correspond with the next four kindergarten classes.
- For 2024, YTD births are on pace for just 147 total, which is similar levels to 2018. Both Middlebury and Southbury experienced a similar year-over-year decline.

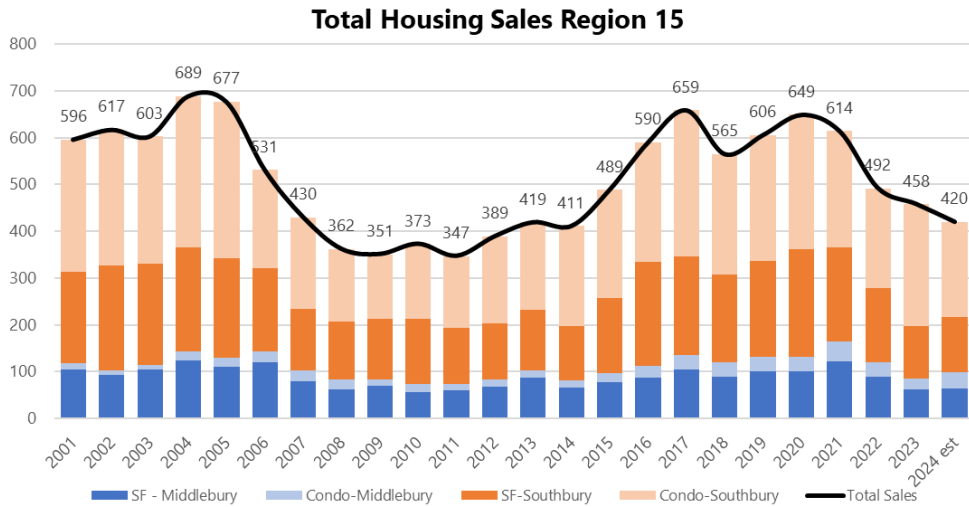
- All three models yield an increase in births for 2025-29, albeit slightly below the 2022 and 2023 peak levels.
 - Low model: avg. 173 (167-176)
 - Medium model: avg. 180 (178-181)
 - High model: avg. 187 (181-192)

Housing Trends

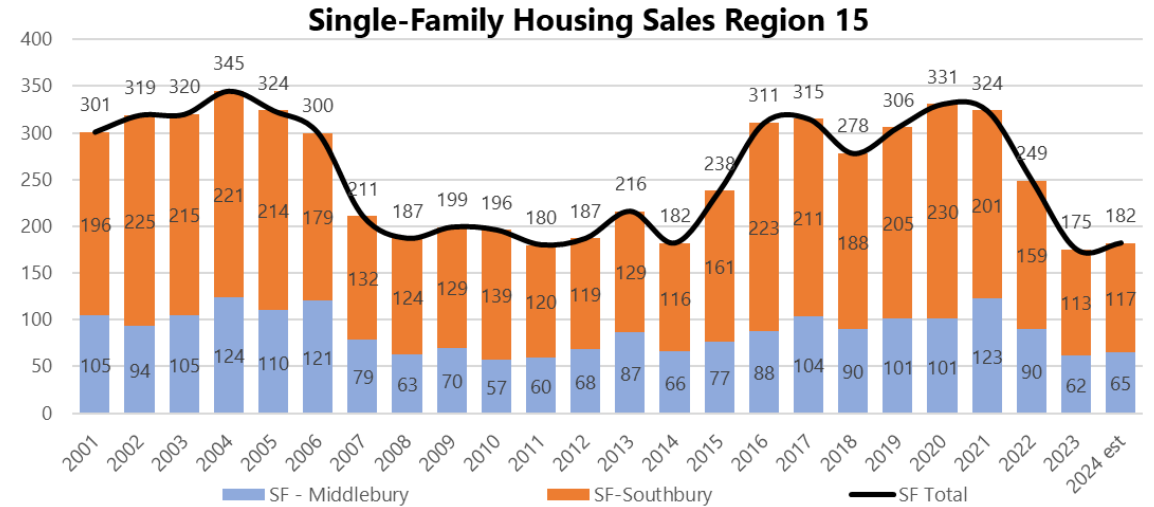
- Between 2019 and 2023, housing permits have averaged 69 annually, a notable increase over prior levels.
- After seeing a high of 94 permits in 2022, permits decreased to just 44 in 2023.
- Since 2014 Middlebury has outpaced Southbury in housing permits.
- One small multi-family project (16 units) approved in Southbury which is anticipated to begin construction soon.
- Over the last year, housing permit activity in Middlebury has been limited to small subdivisions and infill projects.



Housing Trends



Source: Warren Group; 2024 estimates based on Jan-Oct. YTD extrapolated for the full year

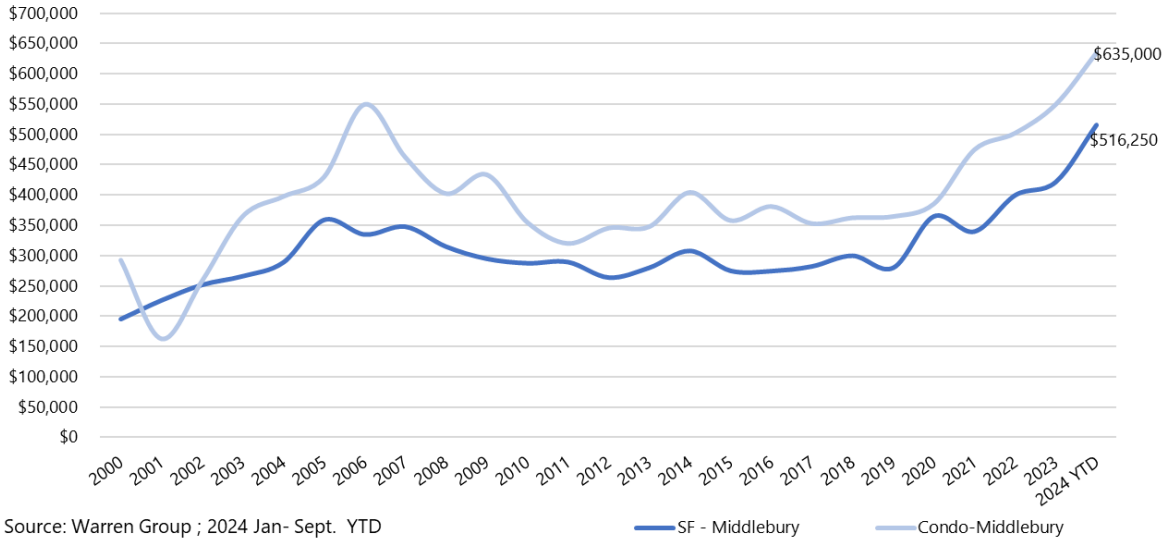


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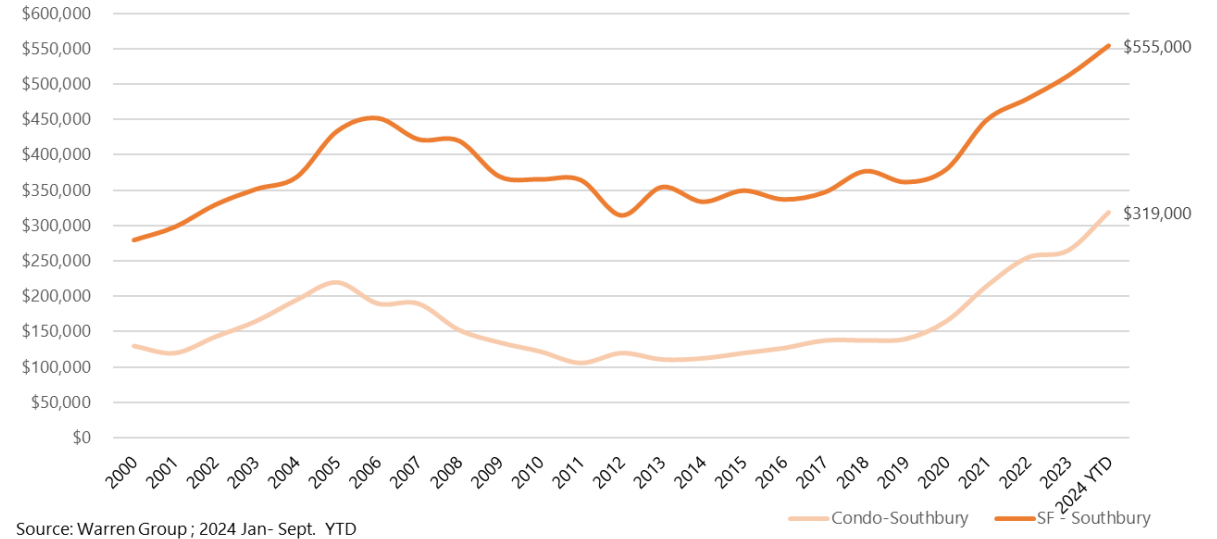
- Elevated period of home sales from 2016 to 2021, averaging 614 annually, about half of which were single-family sales.
 - Drop in total sales in 2022 to levels last seen in 2015.
 - Continued drop in sales in 2023 and 2024, averaging just over 440 annually.
- Single-family sales are down significantly over the last two years, on pace for just 182 for 2024, which is a similar level to the lows experienced after the Great Recession. High interest rates, prices, and low inventory are contributing factors. Rate of decline is similar in both communities.
- Condo sales (predominantly Heritage Village) are down from 2023, but have declined at a much slower rate than single-family sales over the last five years.

Housing Trends

Middlebury Single-Family & Condo Median Sale Prices



Southbury Single-Family & Condo Median Sale Prices



- For 2024 YTD, median sale prices for single-family homes continued to increase in both Southbury and Middlebury. Since 2019, SF sale prices are up 84% in Middlebury and 53% in Southbury.
- Condo prices have also increased dramatically over the last five years, with prices increasing by 74% in Middlebury and 91% in Southbury.
- Inventory and competition a factor in driving total sales and price. Continued turnover of existing SF homes and minimal SF new construction on the market.

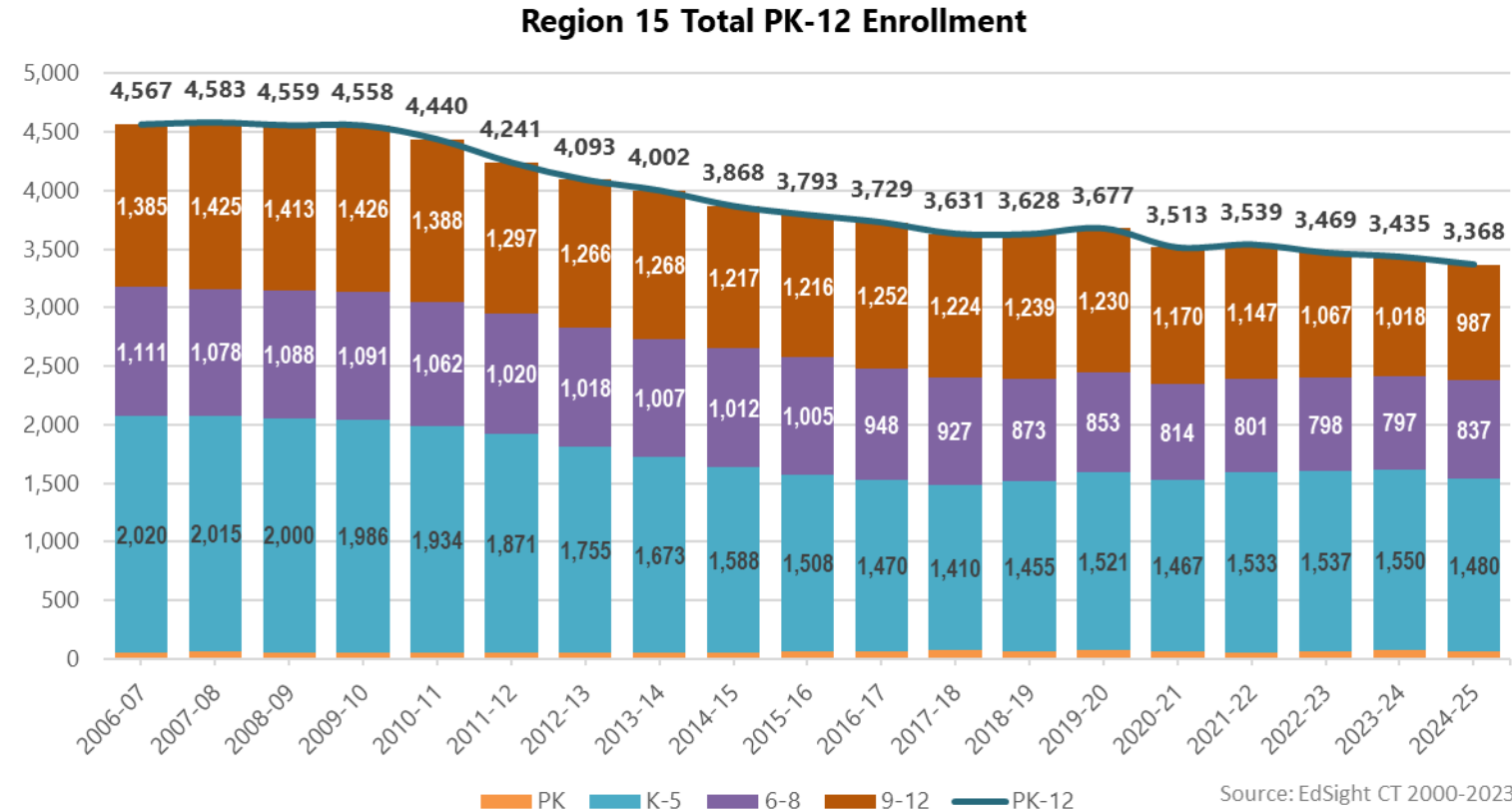


Enrollment Projection Update

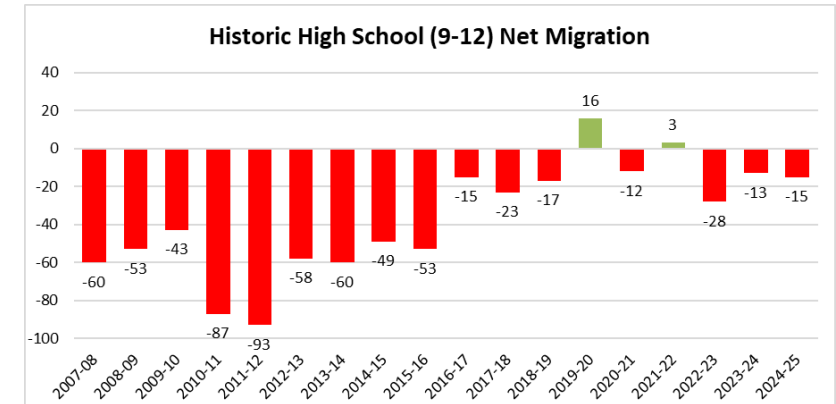
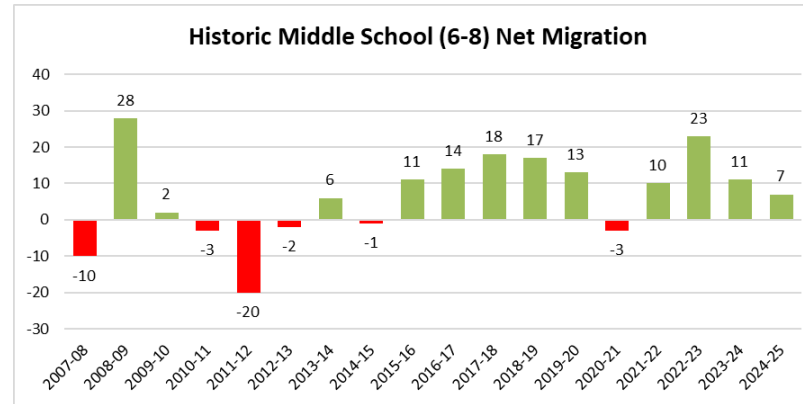
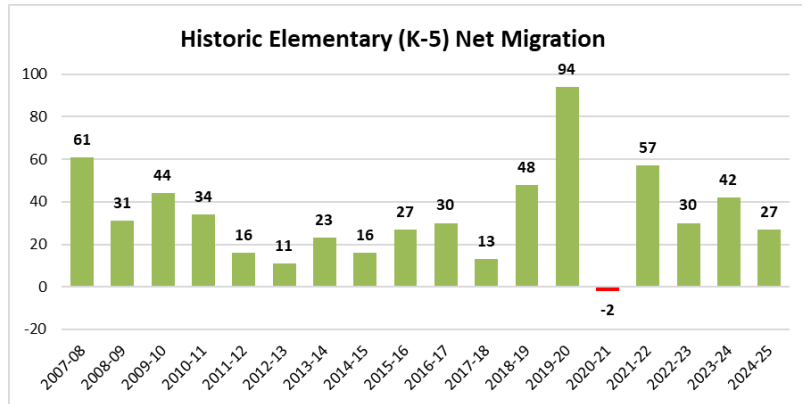
Enrollment Trends & Analysis

Districtwide Historic Enrollment Trends

- Total PK-12 enrollment decreased by 2.0% (67 students) compared to 2023-24.
- Elementary (K-5) decreased modestly by 70 students or -4.5%, in part due to small kindergarten cohort stemming from the entry age change and from the large cohort that moved to the middle school this year.
- Middle School (6-8) enrollment grew by 40 students or 5% driven by large 6th grade cohort that entered this year.
- High School (9-12) enrollment declined by 31 students or 3% from 2023-24 as larger graduating cohort was replaced by a smaller incoming 9th grade class.



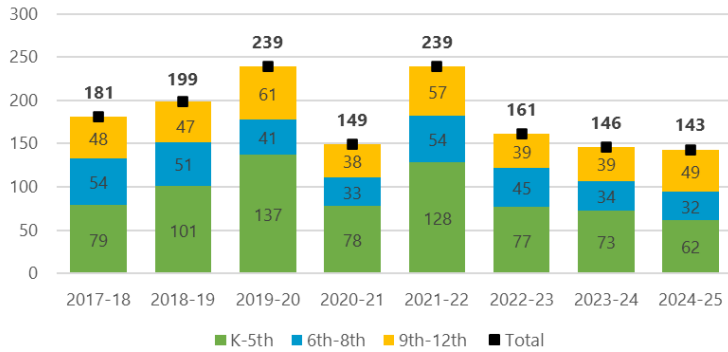
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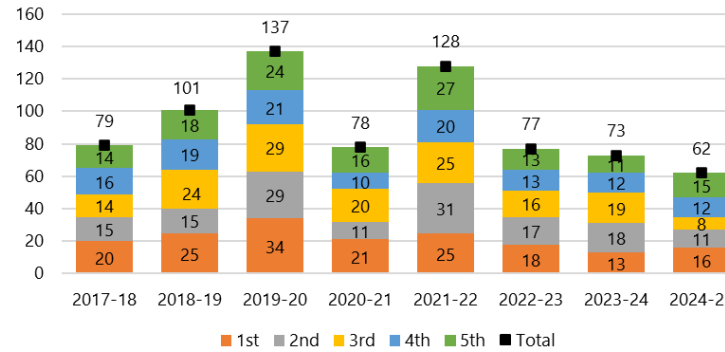
- Elementary (K-5) experienced a record amount of in-migration in 2019-20 at +94, much higher than the ten-year average of +37. After experiencing net out-migration 2020-21, net in-migration has averaged +39 over the last four years, with 2024-25 seeing +27 students.
- Middle School (6-8) has experienced net in-migration nine out of the last ten years. Net in-migration for 2024-25 was +7, which is slightly below the ten-year average of +12.
- High School (9-12) has historically experienced net out-migration (-16) over the last decade. Only two years (2019-20 and 2021-22) saw net in-migration. Net out-migration for 2024-25 (-15) was in line with the ten-year average.

Student In-Migration Analysis

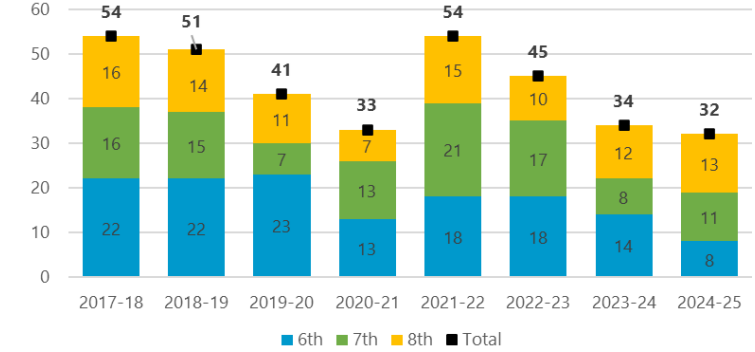
New-to-District Students By Grade Grouping



New-to-District Students (Grades 1st-5th)

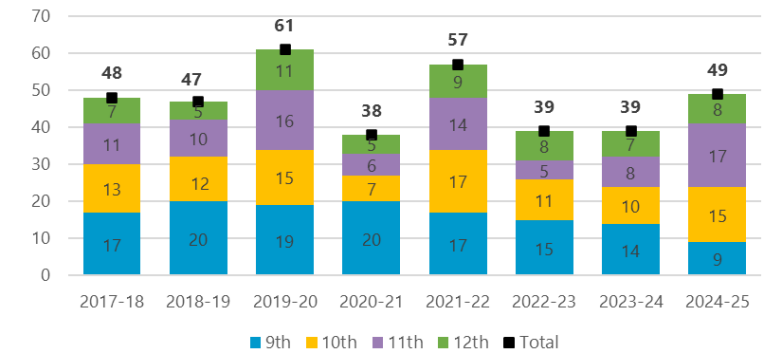


New-to-District Students (Grades 6th-8th)



- “New-to-District (NTD) Students” are identified by comparing unique student identifiers (SASID’s) that were not enrolled the previous year, for students in grades 1-12
- High levels of NTD students in 2019-20 and 2021-22 at 239 students.
- Over the last three years the number of NTD students has dropped off, averaging 150 annually, including a recent low of 143 in 2024-25.
- Elementary NTD students for 2024-25 was lowest in recent memory at 62 students.
- NTD students in middle school decreased slightly to 32 students while high school NTD students increased modestly to 49 students.

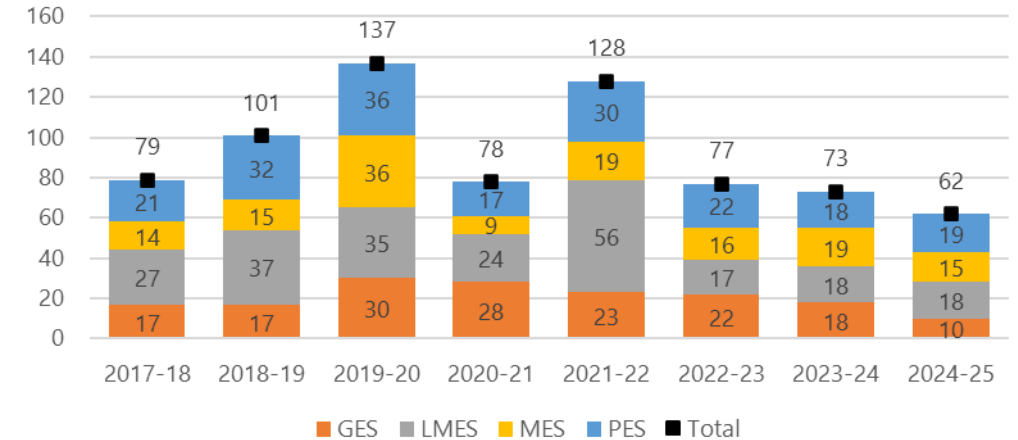
New-to-District Students (9th-12th)



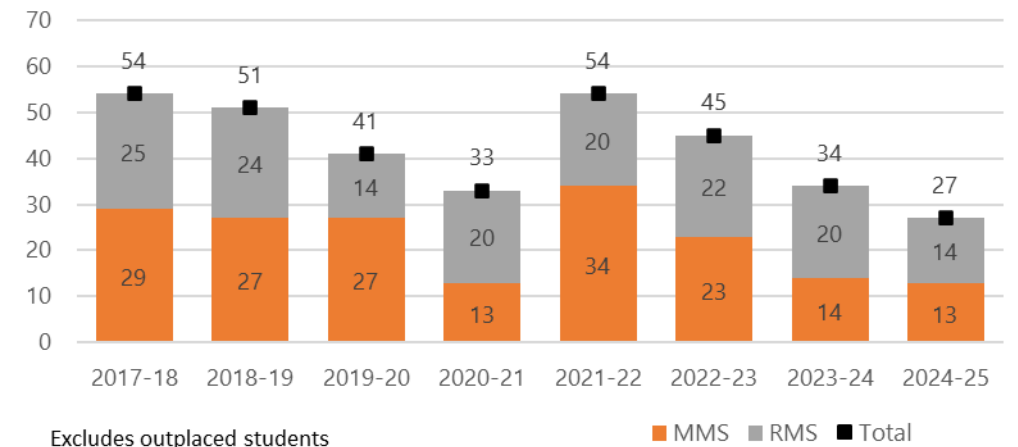
Student In-Migration Analysis

- “New-to-District (NTD) Students” were examined at the individual elementary and middle schools
- For 2024-25, PES (+1) experienced a slight increase in NTD students, LMES was stable, and GES (-8) and MES (-4) both saw a decreasing number of NTD students.
- Historically, LMES and PES see the highest number of NTD students, which was also the case in 2024-25.
- Both middle schools saw a decreasing number of NTD students for 2024-25, and were roughly evenly split between MMS and RMS.

“New-to-District Students” (Grades 1-5)



“New-to-District Students” (Grades 6-8)



Enrollment Projections

Enrollment Projections Building Blocks

Starting Data

Critical to the overall accuracy of the projections, as each year builds upon the last.
District Projections

Southbury & Middlebury Births

Obtained from CT DPH & Town Clerk

Historic Enrollment Trends

Obtained from RSD 15 and EdSight

Demographic and Housing Data

Used to inform model selection

Unemployment (Town, Region)

Housing Permit Activity

Housing Developments – Approved & Under Construction

Home Sales (1-family, condos)

Projection Assumptions

Several projection models are developed by applying different persistency ratios to building blocks

5-Year Average

3-Year Average

3-Year Weighted

Blended

Projections Primer

- Based on Cohort Survival Methodology – Standard method accepted by the OGA (formerly OSCG&R) for school construction projects
- The cohort survival methodology **relies on observed data from the recent past in order to project the near future**
- Persistency Ratios calculated from historic enrollment data to determine growth or loss in a class as it progresses through the school system
- Persistency Ratio of 1.0 means cohort size remains the same; 1.05 means the cohort size increases by 5%, or a cohort of 100 grows to 105 the following year
- Persistency Ratios account for the various external factors affecting enrollments: housing characteristics, residential development, economic conditions, student transfers in and out of system, and student mobility
- Changes in population, housing stock and tenure, and economic conditions help explain persistency ratios
- Changes in programming affect persistency ratios of individual schools
- Change in kindergarten entry age adds uncertainty to the projections until new trends are established.

Kindergarten Caveats and Assumptions

- New Kindergarten entry date became effective for 2024-25 school year per state law.
 - Cutoff date shifted from January 1st to September 1st.
- 2024-25 kindergarten class had a smaller eligibility window (8 months) as cutoff date transitioned to September 1st. Subsequent years will return to a 12-month eligibility window.
- State law allows for an exception/waiver process to enter kindergarten if a child turns 5 years old after September 1st.
 - For 2024-25, RSD15 screened students who turned 5 after September 1st and accepted 30 students through the waiver process. This is fewer than was anticipated in the prior projections.
- RSD15 anticipates a similar number of exceptions/waivers next school year, albeit there will be a full 12 months of births aligning with the new entry age window. .
- Should the district tighten its exception/waiver policy, then we would anticipate a one-time drop in kindergarten enrollment the following year.

Age as of September 1st of Kindergarten Year					
School Year	4 Years Old	5 Years Old	6 Years Old	Total Kindergarten Enrollment	Share of 4 Year Olds
2021-22	51	202	10	263	19.4%
2022-23	50	168	8	226	22.1%
2023-24	57	169	5	231	24.7%
2024-25	30	173	1	204	14.7%
2021-22 to 2023-24 Avg	53	180	8	240	21.9%

Per Public Act 23-208, Section 1(a) , beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, children need to turn 5 years old on or before September 1 in order to be automatically eligible for kindergarten.

Projections Assumptions

These projections are predicated on the following assumptions:

- Pre-K enrollment remains at 2024-25 levels for the next decade, averaging 64 students annually.
- Housing activity and future birth assumptions at the districtwide level will prove accurate. The recent pace of new home construction will continue.
- Kindergarten enrollment returns to a 12-month September-August entry age window and exceptions/waivers remain at the same levels as 2024-25.
- **High projections:** Assumes high birth projections (average 187 annually) and student in-migration averages 2.9% which is above the recent historic average.
- **Medium projections:** Assumes medium birth projections (average 180 annually) and student in-migration averages 2.3%, which is in line with the recent historic average.
- **Low projections:** Assumes low birth projections (average 173 annually) student in-migration averages 1.5%, which is in line with levels seen in 2024-25.
- Variable Birth-K (BK) assumptions used in each model due to fluctuating births in recent years leading into a projected increase in births for later years of projections

Persistency Ratios

Kindergarten through 12th Grade Persistency Ratios by School Year
2007-08 through 2024-25

Year	Birth-K	K-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8	8-9	9-10	10-11	11-12	Est. of Migration
2007-08	1.539	1.083	1.026	1.015	1.014	1.052	0.953	1.003	1.020	0.963	0.995	0.943	0.934	1.0%
2008-09	1.338	1.064	1.012	1.009	0.997	1.014	1.017	1.036	1.026	1.019	1.003	0.913	0.916	1.6%
2009-10	1.365	1.066	0.997	1.044	1.019	1.012	1.000	1.014	0.992	0.983	0.941	1.026	0.928	1.1%
2010-11	1.429	1.076	0.994	1.030	0.994	1.015	1.026	0.981	0.986	0.968	0.927	0.997	0.880	0.3%
2011-12	1.260	1.065	1.000	1.019	0.994	0.986	0.952	1.000	0.989	0.884	0.953	0.973	0.926	-0.9%
2012-13	1.138	1.028	1.007	0.997	1.012	0.997	0.983	1.006	1.006	0.886	1.016	1.003	0.925	0.1%
2013-14	1.306	1.054	1.050	1.014	0.988	0.994	1.006	1.000	1.013	0.969	0.929	0.981	0.939	0.8%
2014-15	1.449	1.017	1.034	1.007	1.004	1.003	1.006	1.003	0.988	0.988	0.922	1.017	0.926	0.5%
2015-16	1.243	1.009	1.033	1.049	1.026	0.993	1.012	0.991	1.029	0.871	0.937	1.006	1.031	1.8%
2016-17	1.297	1.047	1.004	1.024	1.027	1.021	1.021	1.025	1.000	0.912	1.024	0.997	1.031	1.7%
2017-18	1.408	0.995	1.018	1.000	1.016	1.023	1.028	1.017	1.015	0.887	0.997	1.013	1.037	1.7%
2018-19	1.721	1.042	1.014	1.052	1.057	1.043	1.030	1.003	1.027	0.891	0.990	1.012	1.062	3.1%
2019-20	1.600	1.087	1.072	1.106	1.050	1.083	1.037	1.004	1.007	0.950	1.013	1.021	1.065	4.8%
2020-21	1.469	0.992	0.979	1.029	0.992	1.004	0.989	1.000	1.000	0.913	0.997	1.013	1.038	-0.2%
2021-22	1.494	1.038	1.080	1.018	1.041	1.063	1.000	1.039	1.000	0.913	1.018	1.007	1.065	3.3%
2022-23	1.497	1.027	1.041	1.016	1.021	1.016	1.044	1.035	1.011	0.853	0.996	0.975	1.073	2.6%
2023-24	1.593	1.022	1.033	1.057	1.027	1.027	1.023	1.000	1.019	0.919	0.987	0.992	1.052	2.6%
2024-25	1.275	1.035	1.013	1.011	1.008	1.041	0.977	1.019	1.034	0.866	1.028	1.047	1.012	1.4%

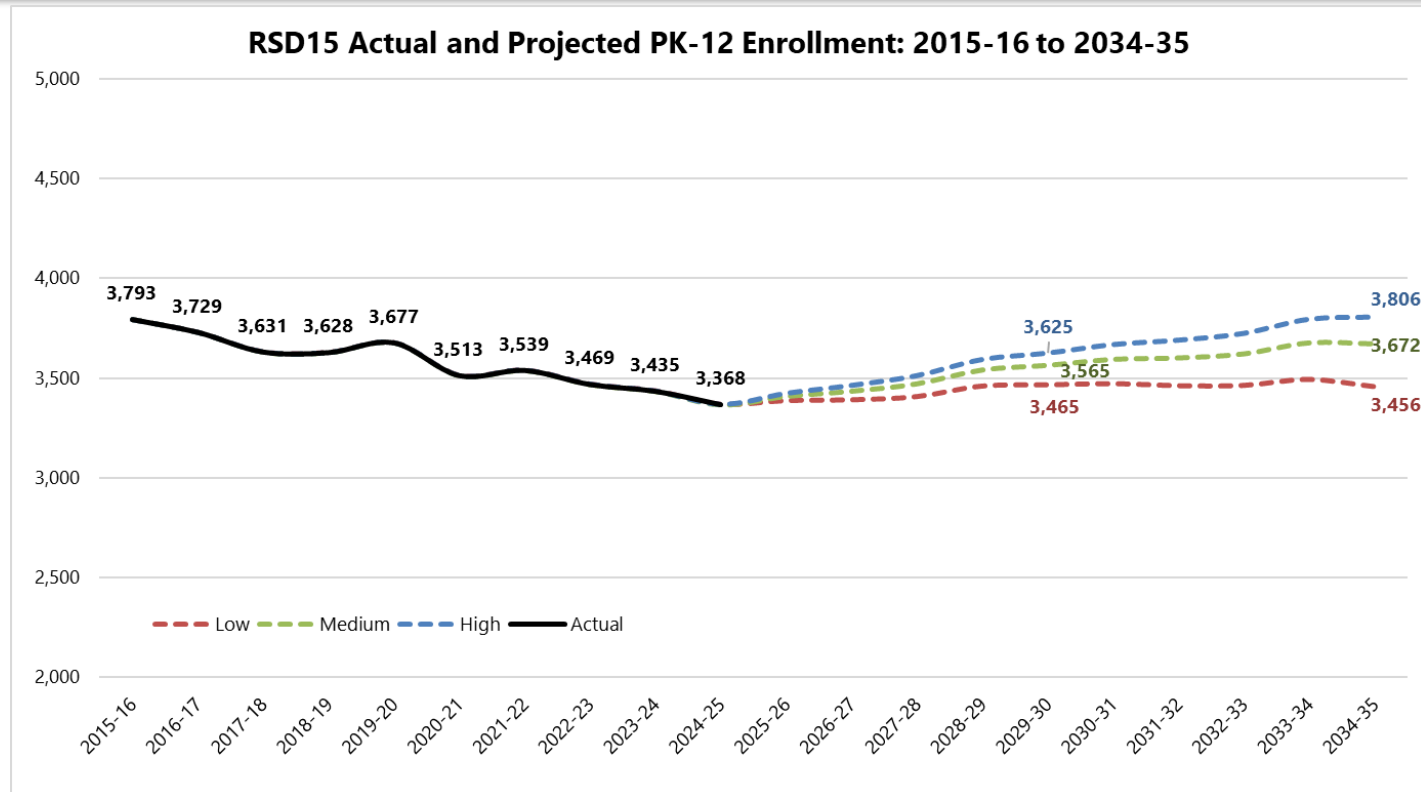
Region 15 Public School Enrollment History
Kindergarten through 12th Grade

School Year	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2006-07	312	309	338	351	330	380	350	358	403	383	352	347	303
2007-08	314	338	317	343	356	347	362	351	365	388	381	332	324
2008-09	301	334	342	320	342	361	353	375	360	372	389	348	304
2009-10	303	321	333	357	326	346	361	358	372	354	350	399	323
2010-11	260	326	319	343	355	331	355	354	353	360	328	349	351
2011-12	252	277	326	325	341	350	315	355	350	312	343	319	323
2012-13	223	259	279	325	329	340	344	317	357	310	317	344	295
2013-14	235	235	272	283	321	327	342	344	321	346	288	311	323
2014-15	226	239	243	274	284	322	329	343	340	317	319	293	288
2015-16	215	228	247	255	281	282	326	326	353	296	297	321	302
2016-17	214	225	229	253	262	287	288	334	326	322	303	296	331
2017-18	214	213	229	229	257	268	295	293	339	289	321	307	307
2018-19	265	223	216	241	242	268	276	296	301	302	286	325	326
2019-20	240	288	239	239	253	262	278	277	298	286	306	292	346
2020-21	210	238	282	246	237	254	259	278	277	272	285	310	303
2021-22	263	218	257	287	256	252	254	269	278	253	277	287	330
2022-23	226	270	227	261	293	260	263	263	272	237	252	270	308
2023-24	231	231	279	240	268	301	266	263	268	250	234	250	284
2024-25	204	239	234	282	242	279	294	271	272	232	257	245	253

- Estimate of migration tracks changes in grades 1-7 one year compared to grades 2-8 the following year. After averaging over 3% in 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2021-22, migration has slowed over the last four years, reaching 1.4% in 2024-25.
- Birth-K ratio was just 1.275 this year and much lower than the previous five-year average. This is largely due to the new kindergarten entry age and is a one-time event.
- Large cohort that entered kindergarten in 2018-19 now in middle school.

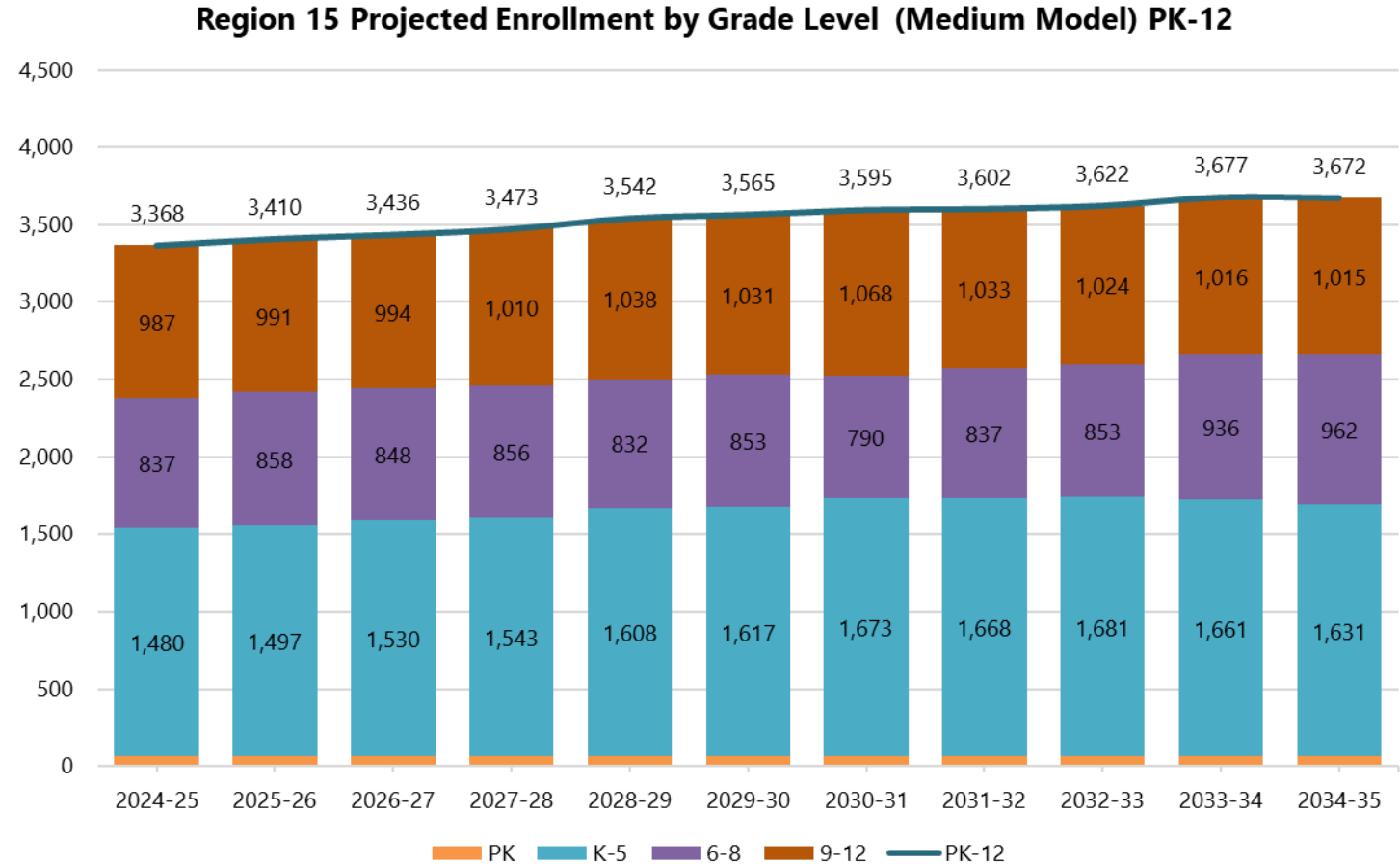
Districtwide Enrollment Projection Models

- It is important to keep in mind the range of enrollment projections models, especially for long range planning.
- All three models are in general agreement that enrollment will grow modestly in the short-term, with enrollment ranging from 3,465 to 3,625 at the projection mid-point.
- Growth is anticipated to continue over the last five years of the projections under the medium and high models while the low model stabilizes at just under 3,500 students.
- **Recent housing conditions, demographics and enrollment in-migration align best with Medium Model and represents the most likely direction**
- Under the medium model, PK-12 enrollment is projected to average 3,485 students over the first 5-years. Then increases to just under 3,700 students by 2034-35



Enrollment Projections (Medium) Model

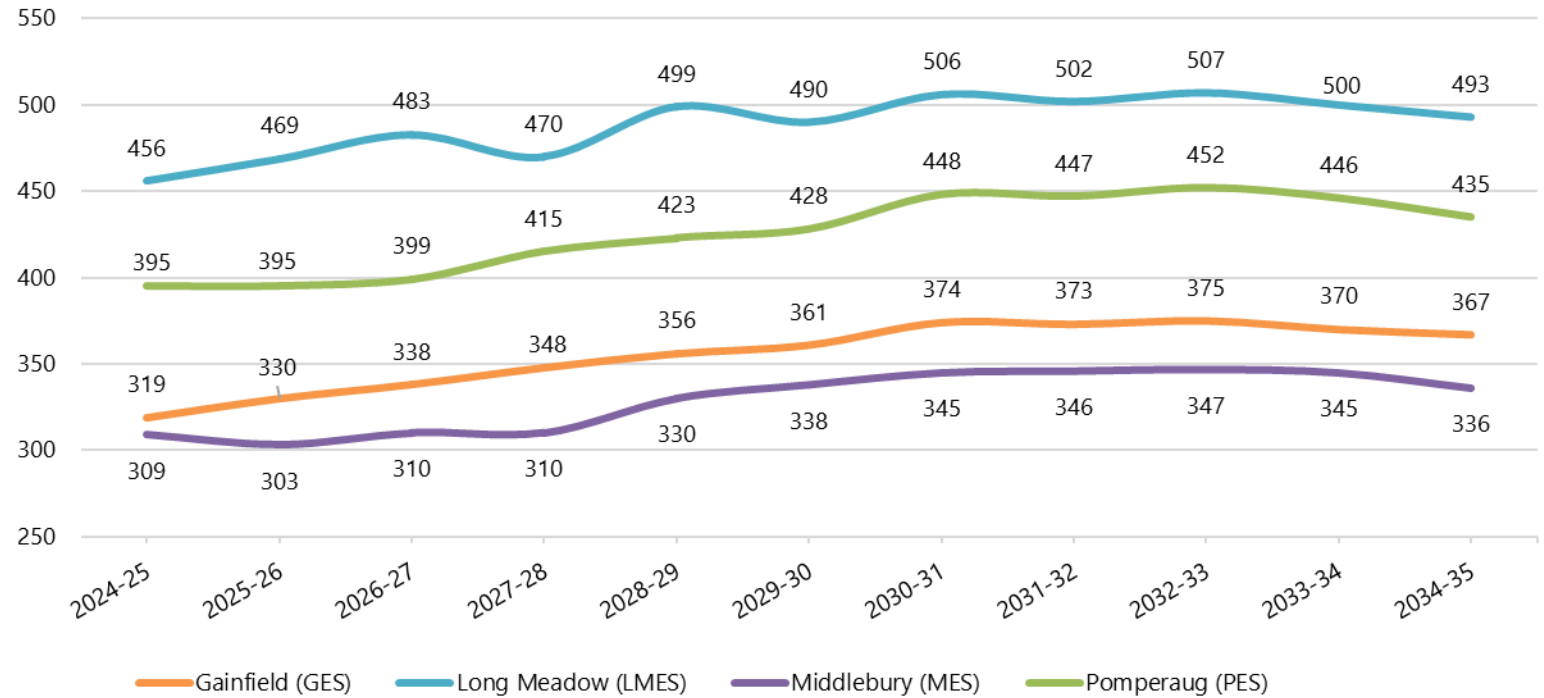
- Elementary (K-5) enrollment is projected to grow modestly through 2030-31 as larger birth cohorts enter kindergarten. K-5 enrollment projected to peak at ~1,675 students in 2031-32
- Middle school (6-8) enrollment is projected to stay relatively stable over the first five years of the projections before decreasing in 2030-31 as this year's small kindergarten cohort enters. Once this cohort moves on, enrollment is projected to rebound and increase to 962 students by 2034-35.
- High school (9-12) enrollment is projected to stay relatively stable over the next two years, averaging ~992 students before rebounding and stabilizing between 1,010 and 1,070 students, averaging 1,031 over the last 5-years.



Enrollment Projections (Medium)– Elem. Schools

- LMES is projected to steadily increase over the next five years, before stabilizing at about 500 students.
- PES is projected to decrease in the near term as enrollment “bubble” in fifth grade graduates. Over the last five years, enrollment is projected to rebound and average 446 students
- GES is projected to increase by 13.2% over the next 5-years, averaging nearly 360 students over the next decade.
- Over the next 3-years, MES is projected to stay relatively stable, followed by modest growth to just under 350 students by 2030-31.

Region 15 Elementary School (K-5) Projected Enrollment 2024-25 to 2034-35

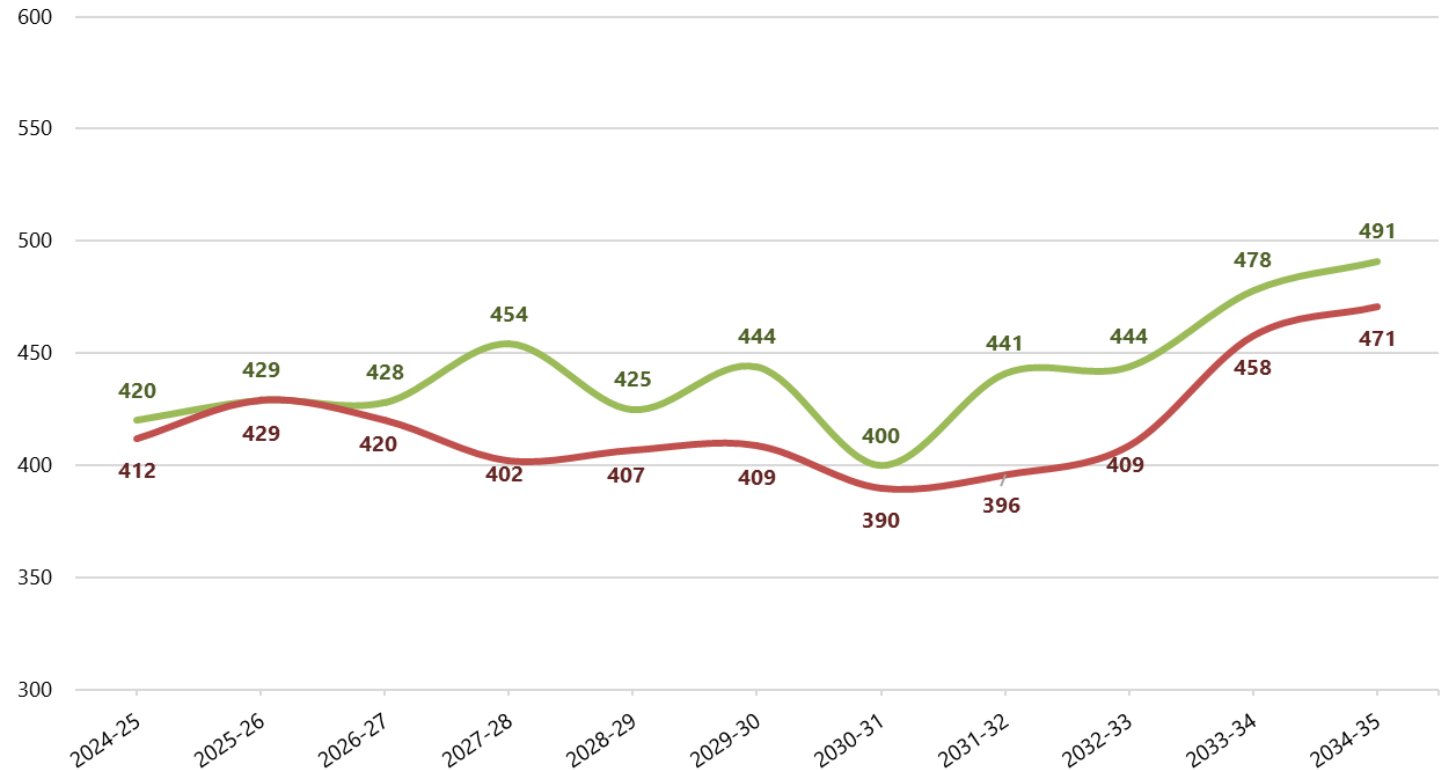


School	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35	Δ 5-yr	Δ 10-yr
Gainfield (GES)	319	330	338	348	356	361	374	373	375	370	367	13.2%	15.0%
Long Meadow (LMES)	456	469	483	470	499	490	506	502	507	500	493	7.5%	8.1%
Middlebury (MES)	309	303	310	310	330	338	345	346	347	345	336	9.4%	8.7%
Pomperaug (PES)	395	395	399	415	423	428	448	447	452	446	435	8.4%	10.1%
Elementary Total	1,479	1,497	1,530	1,543	1,608	1,617	1,673	1,668	1,681	1,661	1,631	9.3%	10.3%

Enrollment Projections (Medium)– Middle Schools

- Over the first five years of the projections, enrollment at MMS is projected to increase modestly averaging 436 students while RMS is projected to decrease slightly averaging 413 students.
- Over the last five projected years, enrollment at both schools is projected to grow, with MMS reaching 491 students by 2034-35 and RMS reaching 471 students.
- MMS projected to remain slightly larger than RMS for the duration of the projections.

**Region 15 Middle School Projected Enrollments
2024-25 to 2034-35**



Source: CT Department of Education Ed. Sight. Regional School District 15

— Memorial (MMS) — Rochambeau (RMS)

School	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35	Δ 5-yr	Δ 10-yr
Memorial (MMS)	420	429	428	454	425	444	400	441	444	478	491	5.7%	16.9%
Rochambeau (RMS)	412	429	420	402	407	409	390	396	409	458	471	-0.7%	14.3%
Middle Total	832	858	848	856	832	853	790	837	853	936	962		



Enrollment Projections (Medium) Model

School Year	Birth Year	Births	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	PK	K-5	6-8	9-12	K-12	PK-12
2024-25	2019	160	204	239	234	282	242	279	294	271	272	232	257	245	253	64	1,480	837	987	3,304	3,368
2025-26	2020	185	258	210	249	240	289	251	282	301	275	242	234	258	257	64	1,497	858	991	3,346	3,410
2026-27	2021	164	244	266	219	255	246	300	254	288	306	244	244	235	271	64	1,530	848	994	3,372	3,436
2027-28	2022	193	273	252	277	225	261	255	303	260	293	272	246	245	247	64	1,543	856	1,010	3,409	3,473
2028-29	2023	197	279	281	263	284	230	271	258	310	264	260	274	247	257	64	1,608	832	1,038	3,478	3,542
2029-30	2024	147	236	288	293	270	291	239	274	264	315	234	262	275	260	64	1,617	853	1,031	3,501	3,565
2030-31	2025	178	251	243	300	301	276	302	242	280	268	280	236	263	289	64	1,673	790	1,068	3,531	3,595
2031-32	2026	180	254	259	253	308	308	286	305	248	284	238	282	237	276	64	1,668	837	1,033	3,538	3,602
2032-33	2027	181	255	262	270	260	315	319	289	312	252	252	240	283	249	64	1,681	853	1,024	3,558	3,622
2033-34	2028	181	255	263	273	277	266	327	323	296	317	224	254	241	297	64	1,661	936	1,016	3,613	3,677
2034-35	2029	180	254	263	274	280	284	276	331	330	301	281	226	255	253	64	1,631	962	1,015	3,608	3,672

Beginning in 2019, births switch from calendar year to September-August in order to align with new Kindergarten Entry Age requirements
 Assumes continuation of outplaced students and special program enrollment at 2024-25 levels

- Districtwide Projections for Low and High Models are included in Appendix B

District Projection Summary

- Projections revised downwards slightly due to small kindergarten class in 2024-25, lower in-migration, and lower birth projections
- All three models are in general agreement that enrollment will grow modestly in the short-term, with enrollment ranging from 3,465 to 3,625 at the projection mid-point.
- Based on our analysis, the Medium Projection Model reflects the most likely trajectory for future enrollment. However, recent changes to enrollment drivers bear watching.
- Elementary enrollment (K-5) increases by 9.3% over the next five years and then stabilizes between 1,600 and 1,700 students. Growth is being driven by large birth cohorts that will enter kindergarten over the next four years.
- Middle school enrollment (6-8) is projected to stay relatively stable over the first five years before growing to 962 students by 2034-35 as larger elementary cohorts move up.
- High school enrollment (9-12) is projected to increase modestly through the first five projected years, before stabilizing at about 1,030 students over the final five years.



Enrollment Projection Update

Appendix A

Individual Elementary & Middle School Projections

Individual Elementary School (K-5) Projections (Medium Model)

Region 15 Public Schools Elementary School Enrollment Projections 2025-2026							
School	K	1	2	3	4	5	K-5th
Gainfield	56	46	55	60	59	54	330
Long Meadow	78	62	86	65	104	74	469
Middlebury	52	49	45	44	62	51	303
Pomperaug	72	53	63	71	64	72	395
TOTAL	258	210	249	240	289	251	1497

Region 15 Public Schools Elementary School Enrollment Projections 2029-30							
School	K	1	2	3	4	5	K-5th
Gainfield	52	65	65	61	67	51	361
Long Meadow	71	87	89	82	88	73	490
Middlebury	47	59	59	56	61	56	338
Pomperaug	66	77	80	71	75	59	428
TOTAL	236	288	293	270	291	239	1617

Region 15 Public Schools Elementary School Enrollment Projections 2033-34							
School	K	1	2	3	4	5	K-5th
Gainfield	56	59	61	63	60	71	370
Long Meadow	77	80	82	83	81	97	500
Middlebury	51	54	56	58	56	70	345
Pomperaug	71	70	74	73	69	89	446
TOTAL	255	263	273	277	266	327	1661

Region 15 Public Schools Elementary School Enrollment Projections 2026-27							
School	K	1	2	3	4	5	K-5th
Gainfield	53	60	47	57	62	59	338
Long Meadow	73	81	66	89	66	108	483
Middlebury	49	54	51	46	46	64	310
Pomperaug	69	71	55	63	72	69	399
TOTAL	244	266	219	255	246	300	1530

Region 15 Public Schools Elementary School Enrollment Projections 2030-31							
School	K	1	2	3	4	5	K-5th
Gainfield	55	55	66	68	63	67	374
Long Meadow	75	74	91	90	84	92	506
Middlebury	51	49	62	62	58	63	345
Pomperaug	70	65	81	81	71	80	448
TOTAL	251	243	300	301	276	302	1673

Region 15 Public Schools Elementary School Enrollment Projections 2034-35							
School	K	1	2	3	4	5	K-5th
Gainfield	56	59	61	64	66	61	367
Long Meadow	76	80	84	84	85	84	493
Middlebury	51	54	56	58	60	57	336
Pomperaug	71	70	73	74	73	74	435
TOTAL	254	263	274	280	284	276	1631

Region 15 Public Schools Elementary School Enrollment Projections 2027-28							
School	K	1	2	3	4	5	K-5th
Gainfield	60	57	61	49	59	62	348
Long Meadow	82	76	84	68	91	69	470
Middlebury	54	51	57	53	48	47	310
Pomperaug	77	68	75	55	63	77	415
TOTAL	273	252	277	225	261	255	1543

Region 15 Public Schools Elementary School Enrollment Projections 2031-32							
School	K	1	2	3	4	5	K-5th
Gainfield	56	59	56	69	70	63	373
Long Meadow	76	78	77	92	92	87	502
Middlebury	51	53	52	65	65	60	346
Pomperaug	71	69	68	82	81	76	447
TOTAL	254	259	253	308	308	286	1668

Region 15 Public Schools Elementary School Enrollment Projections 2028-29							
School	K	1	2	3	4	5	K-5th
Gainfield	61	63	58	64	51	59	356
Long Meadow	84	85	80	86	69	95	499
Middlebury	56	57	54	59	55	49	330
Pomperaug	78	76	71	75	55	68	423
TOTAL	279	281	263	284	230	271	1608

Region 15 Public Schools Elementary School Enrollment Projections 2032-33							
School	K	1	2	3	4	5	K-5th
Gainfield	56	60	60	58	71	70	375
Long Meadow	77	79	82	79	94	96	507
Middlebury	51	53	55	54	68	66	347
Pomperaug	71	70	73	69	82	87	452
TOTAL	255	262	270	260	315	319	1681

Individual Middle School (6-8) Projections (Medium Model)

Region 15 Public Schools Middle School Enrollment Projections 2025-26				
School	6	7	8	6-8th
Memorial	147	151	131	429
Rochambeau	135	150	144	429
TOTAL	282	301	275	858

Region 15 Public Schools Middle School Enrollment Projections 2029-30				
School	6	7	8	6-8th
Memorial	146	119	179	444
Rochambeau	128	145	136	409
TOTAL	274	264	315	853

Region 15 Public Schools Middle School Enrollment 2033-34				
School	6	7	8	6-8th
Memorial	165	152	161	478
Rochambeau	158	144	156	458
TOTAL	323	296	317	936

Region 15 Public Schools Middle School Enrollment Projections 2026-27				
School	6	7	8	6-8th
Memorial	126	150	152	428
Rochambeau	128	138	154	420
TOTAL	254	288	306	848

Region 15 Public Schools Middle School Enrollment 2030-31				
School	6	7	8	6-8th
Memorial	131	149	120	400
Rochambeau	111	131	148	390
TOTAL	242	280	268	790

Region 15 Public Schools Middle School Enrollment 2034-35				
School	6	7	8	6-8th
Memorial	170	168	153	491
Rochambeau	161	162	148	471
TOTAL	331	330	301	962

Region 15 Public Schools Middle School Enrollment Projections 2027-28				
School	6	7	8	6-8th
Memorial	174	129	151	454
Rochambeau	129	131	142	402
TOTAL	303	260	293	856

Region 15 Public Schools Middle School Enrollment 2031-32				
School	6	7	8	6-8th
Memorial	157	134	150	441
Rochambeau	148	114	134	396
TOTAL	305	248	284	837

Region 15 Public Schools Middle School Enrollment Projections 2028-29				
School	6	7	8	6-8th
Memorial	117	178	130	425
Rochambeau	141	132	134	407
TOTAL	258	310	264	832

Region 15 Public Schools Middle School Enrollment 2032-33				
School	6	7	8	6-8th
Memorial	149	160	135	444
Rochambeau	140	152	117	409
TOTAL	289	312	252	853



Enrollment Projection Update

Appendix B Low & High Districtwide Projections



Enrollment Projections (Low) Model

School Year	Birth Year	Births	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	PK	K-5	6-8	9-12	K-12	PK-12
2024-25	2019	160	204	239	234	282	242	279	294	271	272	232	257	245	253	64	1,480	837	987	3,304	3,368
2025-26	2020	185	256	209	247	238	287	249	280	299	273	240	232	256	256	64	1,486	852	984	3,322	3,386
2026-27	2021	164	242	262	216	252	242	296	250	284	302	241	240	232	267	64	1,510	836	980	3,326	3,390
2027-28	2022	193	271	248	271	220	256	249	297	254	287	266	241	240	242	64	1,515	838	989	3,342	3,406
2028-29	2023	197	277	278	257	276	224	264	250	302	256	253	266	241	251	64	1,576	808	1,011	3,395	3,459
2029-30	2024	147	235	284	288	262	281	231	265	254	305	226	253	265	252	64	1,581	824	996	3,401	3,465
2030-31	2025	174	243	241	294	293	266	289	232	269	256	269	226	252	277	64	1,626	757	1,024	3,407	3,471
2031-32	2026	176	246	249	249	300	298	274	290	236	271	226	269	226	263	64	1,616	797	984	3,397	3,461
2032-33	2027	175	245	252	258	254	305	307	275	295	238	239	226	268	236	64	1,621	808	969	3,398	3,462
2033-34	2028	172	241	251	261	263	258	314	308	279	298	210	239	226	280	64	1,588	885	955	3,428	3,492
2034-35	2029	167	228	247	260	266	267	266	315	313	282	263	210	239	236	64	1,534	910	948	3,392	3,456

Beginning in 2019, births switch from calendar year to September-August in order to align with new Kindergarten Entry Age requirements
 Assumes continuation of outplaced students and special program enrollment at 2024-25 levels



Enrollment Projections (High) Model

School Year	Birth Year	Births	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	PK	K-5	6-8	9-12	K-12	PK-12
2024-25	2019	160	204	239	234	282	242	279	294	271	272	232	257	245	253	64	1,480	837	987	3,304	3,368
2025-26	2020	185	259	211	250	241	290	252	283	302	276	243	235	259	258	64	1,503	861	995	3,359	3,423
2026-27	2021	164	245	268	221	258	248	302	256	291	308	246	246	237	273	64	1,542	855	1,002	3,399	3,463
2027-28	2022	193	274	254	280	228	265	258	307	263	297	275	249	248	250	64	1,559	867	1,022	3,448	3,512
2028-29	2023	197	280	284	266	288	234	276	262	315	268	265	278	251	262	64	1,628	845	1,056	3,529	3,593
2029-30	2024	147	237	290	297	274	296	244	280	269	321	239	268	281	265	64	1,638	870	1,053	3,561	3,625
2030-31	2025	181	256	245	303	306	282	308	248	288	274	286	242	270	296	64	1,700	810	1,094	3,604	3,668
2031-32	2026	184	260	265	256	312	315	294	313	255	294	244	289	244	285	64	1,702	862	1,062	3,626	3,690
2032-33	2027	187	264	269	277	264	321	328	298	321	260	262	247	292	257	64	1,723	879	1,058	3,660	3,724
2033-34	2028	189	267	273	281	285	271	334	333	306	327	232	265	249	308	64	1,711	966	1,054	3,731	3,795
2034-35	2029	192	266	276	286	289	293	282	339	342	312	292	235	267	263	64	1,692	993	1,057	3,742	3,806

Beginning in 2019, births switch from calendar year to September-August in order to align with new Kindergarten Entry Age requirements
 Assumes continuation of outplaced students and special program enrollment at 2024-25 levels