

**Harriman Architects-
MSAD #75, ME, Public
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INTRODUCTION

NESDEC's mission is to assist schools and school districts in becoming high-performance organizations and to support continuous educational improvement.

NESDEC has been consulting with districts and architects who assist districts for over 75 years and works collaboratively with school communities across New England to provide Enrollment Projections, Demographic Studies, Special Education Trend Reports, Best Educational Use of Facilities Reports, conduct Executive Searches, facilitate Professional Development, and consult on school needs.

SCOPE OF THE REPORT – DEMOGRAPHIC STUDY

NESDEC entered into an agreement with Harriman Architects to prepare ten-year enrollment projections with five-year school-by-school enrollment projections and to identify demographic factors that affect the student enrollments in the MSAD #75, Maine School District.

“Maine School Administrative District 75 (MSAD 75) serves four towns located in the Midcoast Maine area: Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Harpswell, and Topsham. These towns cover approximately 40 square miles. The area is comprised of heterogeneous populations of academic, business, professional, working, farming, and fishing families with an approximate population of 20,000 residents.” (source: <https://www.link75.org/about>) According to the U.S. Census, the population identifies as predominately white and the median household income averages between \$77,719-\$90,585 per year across the four communities. MSAD #75 houses Bowdoin Central School, Bowdoinham Community School, Harpswell Community School, Williams-Cone School, Woodside Elementary School, Mt. Ararat Middle School, and Mt. Ararat High School.

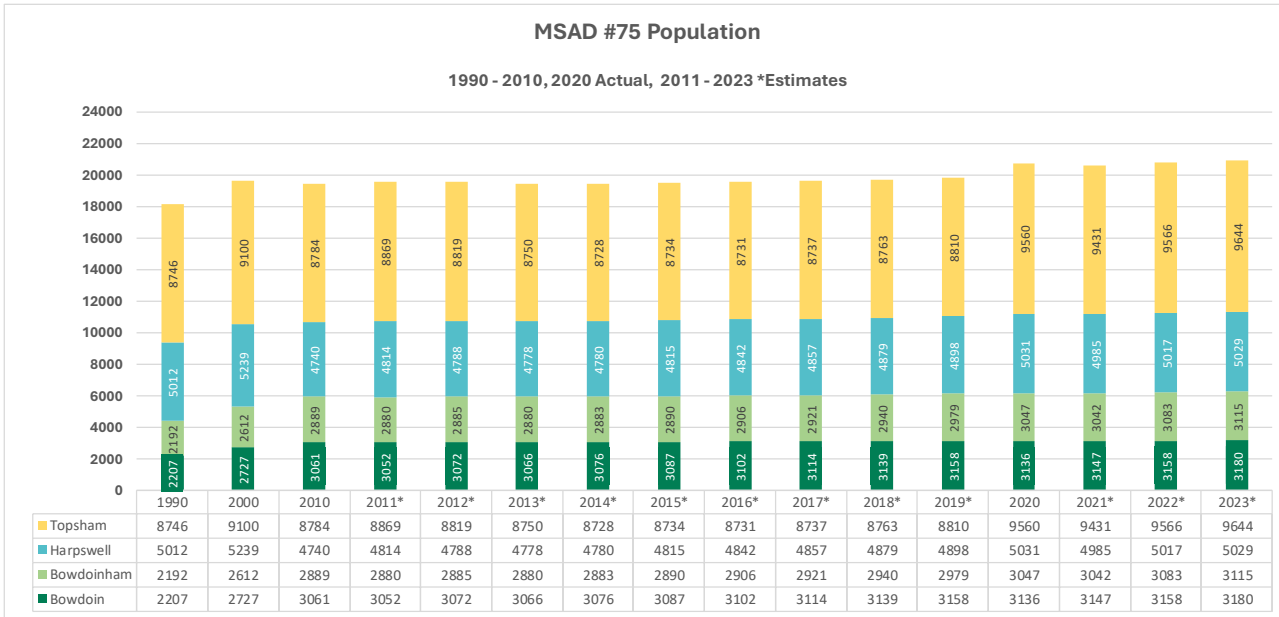
This report opens with a review of information pertaining to trends in state and local population and includes data regarding factors that influence school enrollments, such as birth rates and their relationship to Kindergarten enrollment, local real estate and new housing trends. An updated 10-year Grades K-12 Enrollment Projection Report, updated five-year School-by-School Enrollment Projection Reports, and an enrollment forecast of any expected "student yield" from any proposed new residential construction, if applicable, is also included.

The NESDEC Team analyzed District and municipal records, including historical enrollment data provided by the Maine Department of Education, the U.S. Census Bureau population trends, birth rates and state birth data, housing sales data from the Realtor.com and local realtors, Housing and Urban Development (HUD) trends, and consulted with the Town Planners to determine any new residential construction.

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS - POPULATION TRENDS

A review of the general population can provide insights into population trends. Over the past thirty years, U.S. Census figures from 1990-2020 indicate a 42.09% increase in overall population growth for Bowdoin; a 39% increase in overall population growth for Bowdoinham; a slight 0.38% increase in overall population growth for Harpswell; and a 9.3% increase in overall population growth for Topsham. Population estimates for 2021-2023 for all four communities is noted as relatively stable.



Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Annual Estimates Populations, 7.10.25

MEDIAN AGE OF THE POPULATION

Tracking the median age can illustrate population trends for MSAD #75. In comparison to the 2020 Maine and Cumberland County median age of 44.8 and 42.1 respectively, the Harpswell median age of 61.3 is higher than the county and state median age. The Sagadahoc County median age of 47.2 is similar to the Bowdoin median age of 47.0, and lower than the Bowdoinham median age of 53.6 and higher than the Topsham median age of 45.4. Note: 2023 is included for reference.

Over the past twenty years from 2000 to 2020, Bowdoin average median age has increased by 10.7 years, Bowdoinham average median age has increased by 14.5 years, Harpswell average median age has increased by 16 years, and Topsham average median age has increased by 9.1 years.

The increased median age for these four communities indicates an aging population, which can also be a factor in predicting the number of future births, which is an indicator for Kindergarten enrollments.

| Median Age of Population | | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2000 Actual | 2010 Actual | 2020 Estimate | 2023 Estimate |
| United States | 35.3 | 37.2 | 38.2 | 39.2 |
| Maine | 38.6 | 42.7 | 44.8 | 44.9 |
| Cumberland County | 37.6 | 41.0 | 42.1 | 42.5 |
| Sagadahoc County | 38 | 44.1 | 47.2 | 47.3 |
| Bowdoin | 36.3 | 40.4 | 47.0 | 44.6 |
| Bowdoinham | 39.1 | 43.7 | 53.6 | 48.7 |
| Harpswell | 45.3 | 52.9 | 61.3 | 61.6 |
| Topsham | 36.3 | 45.2 | 45.4 | 46.3 |

Median Age can be a factor in predicting the number of future births.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 - 2010 actual data; 2020, 2023 estimate data, 7.10.25

NEW ENGLAND'S PK-12 ENROLLMENT TRENDS

Trends in PK-12 enrollment trends across the New England States can inform local PK-12 enrollment. The US Department of Education anticipates changes in PK-12 enrollment through 2031 of -1.8% in the South, -9.7% in the West, -5.0% in the Midwest, -9.1% in the Northeast, and a total of -5.5% nationwide. Maine is projected to experience a 6.3% decline in PK-12 enrollments through 2031, lower than the other New England states.

| State | Fall 2022 PK - 12 | Fall 2031 Projected | PK-12 Decline | % Change 2022- 2031 |
|-------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| USA | 49,618,464 | 46,889,600 | -2,728,864 | -5.5% |
| CT | 513,513 | 465,200 | -48,313 | -9.4% |
| ME | 173,853 | 162,900 | -10,953 | -6.3% |
| MA | 923,349 | 857,100 | -66,249 | -7.2% |
| NH | 168,909 | 156,600 | -12,309 | -7.3% |
| RI | 137,449 | 127,900 | -9,549 | -6.9% |
| VT | 83,654 | 77,300 | -6,354 | -7.6% |

Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, by region, state, and jurisdiction: Selected years, fall 1990 through fall 2031, Table 203.20, Report Generated Dec. 2023, NESDEC 2.8.24

Although most New England Districts are seeing a decline in the number of births, NESDEC's experience indicates that the impact on enrollment varies from District to District. Almost half of New England Districts have been growing in PK-12 enrollment, and a similar number are declining (often in rural areas), with the other Districts remaining stable.

DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS – POPULATION TRENDS BY AGE SPAN

In this section, we will review populations by age span for MSAD #75. Analyzing age-span population trends can illustrate trends for school-age populations and overall populations. The chart below tracks population trends from 2013-2023, spanning 10 years.

Bowdoin General Population – According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in 2023, Bowdoin had an estimated population of 3,180, increasing 3.72% over the past ten years. Estimated age breakouts from the U.S. Census American Community Survey can inform K-12 enrollment trends.

| Population Trends Bowdoin, ME | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 2013 | 2018 | 2023 |
| Total Population | 3,066 | 3,139 | 3,180 |
| Ages 5 to 19 | | | |
| Ages 5 to 9 | 7.3% | 9.2% | 5.3% |
| Ages 10 to 14 | 7.1% | 5.0% | 4.2% |
| Ages 15 to 19 | 7.2% | 7.2% | 3.0% |
| | | | |
| Other age breakouts | | | |
| Under 5 | 5.8% | 2.2% | 8.1% |
| Under 18 | 24.7% | 22.1% | 19.3% |
| 18 to 64 | 65.5% | 63.5% | 62.9% |
| 65 + | 9.8% | 14.4% | 17.8% |
| | | | |

Source: U.S. Census, 2013-2023 U.S. Census American Community Survey S0101, 7.15.25

From 2013-2023, trends in Bowdoin school-aged population over the past ten years:

- Ages 5-9 have decreased by 2.0%, indicating a decline in early elementary enrollments over this time period.
- Ages 10-14 have decreased by 2.9%, an indicator of a decline in middle school enrollments.
- Ages 15-19 have decreased by 4.2%, indicating decline of high school enrollments over the past 10 years.

Additionally,

- Over the past 10 years, the Bowdoin population under 5 has increased by 2.3%, possibly indicating a slight increase in this age group. (This population is future Kindergarteners.) The population under 18 has decreased by 5.4%, indicating a decline in the overall school-aged population. Additionally, the population between 18-64 has decreased by 2.6%, while the population over 65 has increased by 8%, a possible indicator of an aging population coupled with a decreasing K-12 population overall. To note, the 2023 K-12 population comprised 12.5% of the overall population.

Bowdoinham General Population – According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in 2023, Bowdoinham had an estimated population of 3,115, increasing 8.16% over the past ten years. Estimated age breakouts from the U.S. Census American Community Survey can inform K-12 enrollment trends.

| Population Trends Bowdoinham, ME | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2013 | 2018 | 2023 |
| Total Population | 2,880 | 2,940 | 3,115 |
| Ages 5 to 19 | | | |
| Ages 5 to 9 | 7.6% | 4.9% | 9.3% |
| Ages 10 to 14 | 9.1% | 3.8% | 2.7% |
| Ages 15 to 19 | 4.5% | 3.7% | 1.2% |
| | | | |
| Other age breakouts | | | |
| Under 5 | 3.6% | 8.7% | 5.8% |
| Under 18 | 23.8% | 18.5% | 19.0% |
| 18 to 64 | 64.8% | 57.6% | 61.9% |
| 65 + | 11.4% | 23.9% | 19.1% |
| | | | |

Source: U.S. Census, 2013-2023 U.S. Census American Community Survey S0101, 7.15.25

From 2013-2023, trends in Bowdoinham school-aged population over the past ten years:

- Ages 5-9 have increased by 1.7%, indicating an increase in early elementary enrollments over this time period.
- Ages 10-14 have decreased by 6.4%, an indicator of a decline in middle school enrollments.
- Ages 15-19 have decreased by 3.3%, indicating a decrease of high school enrollments over the past 10 years.

Additionally,

- Over the past 10 years, the Bowdoinham population under 5 has increased by 2.2%, possibly indicating a slight increase in this age group. (This population is future Kindergarteners.) The population under 18 has decreased by 4.8%, indicating a decline in the overall school-aged population. Additionally, the population between 18-64 has decreased by 2.9%, while the population over 65 has increased by 7.7%, a possible indicator of an aging population coupled with a decreasing K-12 population overall. To note, the 2023 K-12 population comprised 13.2% of the overall population.

Harpowell General Population – According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in 2023, Harpswell had an estimated population of 5,029, increasing 5.25% over the past ten years. Estimated age breakouts from the U.S. Census American Community Survey can inform K-12 enrollment trends.

| Population Trends Harpswell, ME | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2013 | 2018 | 2023 |
| Total Population | 4,778 | 4,879 | 5,029 |
| Ages 5 to 19 | | | |
| Ages 5 to 9 | 4.8% | 4.7% | 2.2% |
| Ages 10 to 14 | 4.2% | 4.5% | 3.2% |
| Ages 15 to 19 | 2.2% | 2.4% | 5.1% |
| | | | |
| Other age breakouts | | | |
| Under 5 | 5.8% | 3.8% | 1.2% |
| Under 18 | 16.9% | 14.7% | 9.5% |
| 18 to 64 | 52.4% | 53.3% | 52.6% |
| 65 + | 30.7% | 32.0% | 37.9% |
| | | | |

Source: U.S. Census, 2013-2023 U.S. Census American Community Survey S0101, 7.15.25

From 2013-2023, trends in Harpswell school-aged population over the past ten years:

- Ages 5-9 have decreased by 2.6%, indicating a decline in early elementary enrollments over this time period.
- Ages 10-14 have decreased by 1.0%, an indicator of a slight decline in middle school enrollments.
- Ages 15-19 have increased by 2.9%, indicating an increase of high school enrollments over the past 10 years.

Additionally,

- Over the past 10 years, the Harpswell population under 5 has decreased by 4.6% to 1.2% of the population, indicating a decline in this age group. (This population is future Kindergarteners.) The population under 18 has decreased by 7.4%, indicating a decline in the overall school-aged population. Additionally, the population between 18-64 has increased minimally by 0.2%, while the population over 65 has increased by 7.2%, a possible indicator of an aging population coupled with a decreasing K-12 population overall. To note, the 2023 K-12 population comprised 10.5% of the overall population.

Topsham General Population – According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in 2023, Topsham had an estimated population of 9,644, increasing 10.21% over the past ten years. Estimated age breakouts from the U.S. Census American Community Survey can inform K-12 enrollment trends.

| Population Trends Topsham, ME | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2013 | 2018 | 2023 |
| Total Population | 8,750 | 8,763 | 9,644 |
| Ages 5 to 19 | | | |
| Ages 5 to 9 | 4.3% | 4.4% | 3.9% |
| Ages 10 to 14 | 6.6% | 4.7% | 5.9% |
| Ages 15 to 19 | 7.6% | 5.0% | 6.1% |
| | | | |
| Other age breakouts | | | |
| Under 5 | 6.6% | 4.3% | 5.6% |
| Under 18 | 22.0% | 17.1% | 19.4% |
| 18 to 64 | 61.7% | 60.0% | 57.8% |
| 65 + | 16.3% | 22.9% | 22.8% |
| | | | |

Source: U.S. Census, 2013-2023 U.S. Census American Community Survey S0101, 7.15.25

From 2013-2023, trends in Topsham school-aged population over the past ten years:

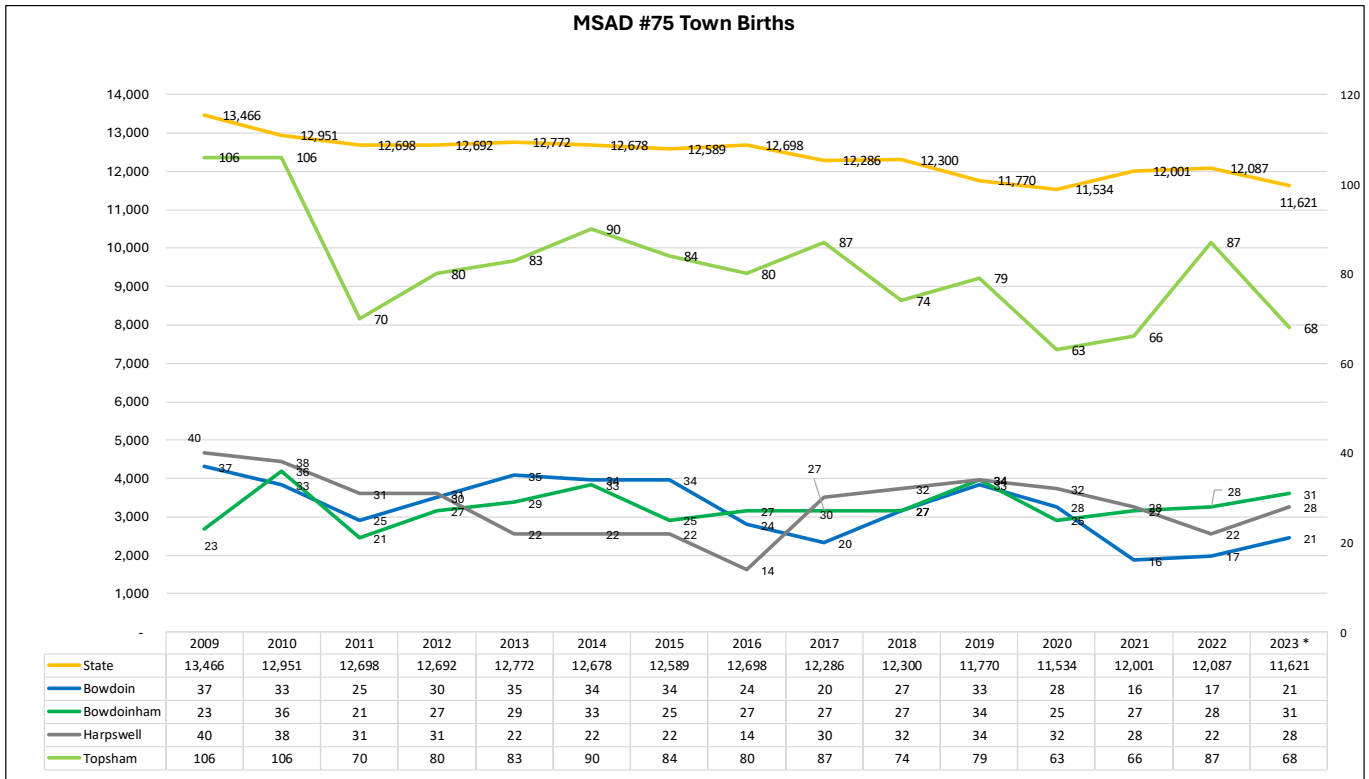
- Ages 5-9 have decreased by 0.4%, indicating a possible stabilization in early elementary enrollments over this time period.
- Ages 10-14 have decreased by 0.7%, an indicator of a possible stabilization in middle school enrollments.
- Ages 15-19 have decreased by 1.5%, indicating a slight decline of high school enrollments over the past 10 years.

Additionally,

- Over the past 10 years, the Topsham population under 5 has decreased by 1%, possibly indicating a slight decrease in this age group. (This population is future Kindergarteners.) The population under 18 has decreased by 2.6%, indicating a slight decline in the overall school-aged population. Additionally, the population between 18-64 has decreased by 3.9%, while the population over 65 has increased by 6.5%, a possible indicator of an aging population coupled with a decreasing K-12 population overall. To note, the 2023 K-12 population comprised 15.9% of the overall population.

BIRTHS – DATA PROVIDED BY THE STATE VITAL RECORDS DEPARTMENT

Birth data informs Kindergarten enrollment. Each year NESDEC secures birth data from State of Maine sources, providing a snapshot in time as to actual and provisional births as reported by the State, and then uses this birth data to predict Kindergarten enrollments. We only use annual birth data to ensure consistency in reporting from year to year. Estimated births, which are an average of the previous five years of birth data, are based on this same snapshot. NESDEC acknowledges the variability of the provisional and the estimated birth data, and notes that the projected Kindergarten enrollments may serve as a guide to future planning. (Estimated births can be found in the Projected Enrollments.)



Source: State of Maine Division Of Public Health Systems, 9/26/24

*2023 provisional

Maine

- Between 2009-2019, Maine births declined by 12.59% and averaged 12,627 per year
- From 2020-2022, births averaged 11,874 per year
- Provisional births for 2023 are projected to total 11,621

Bowdoin

- Between 2009-2019, Bowdoin births declined by 10.81% and averaged 30 per year
- From 2020-2022, births averaged 20 per year
- Provisional births for 2023 are projected to total 21 per year

Bowdoinham

- Between 2009-2019, Bowdoinham births declined by 47.83% and averaged 28 per year
- From 2020-2022, births averaged 26 per year
- Provisional births for 2023 are projected to total 31 per year

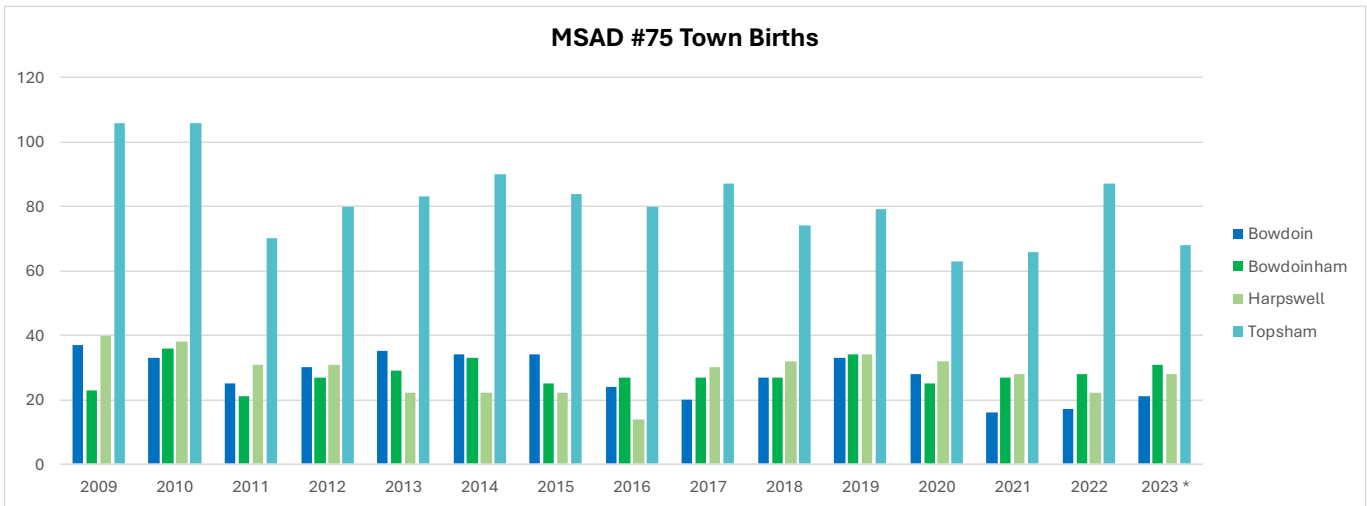
Harpswell

- Between 2009-2019, Harpswell births declined by 15% and averaged 29 per year
- From 2020-2022, births averaged 27 per year
- Provisional births for 2023 are projected to total 28 per year

Topsham

- Between 2009-2019, Topsham births declined by 25.47% and averaged 85 per year
- From 2020-2022, births averaged 72 per year
- Provisional births for 2023 are projected to total 68 per year

Births have declined over the past 15 years in all four communities, which could lead to a continued decline in Kindergarten enrollments going forward, and an overall decline in future K-12 enrollments, as students move through the grades.



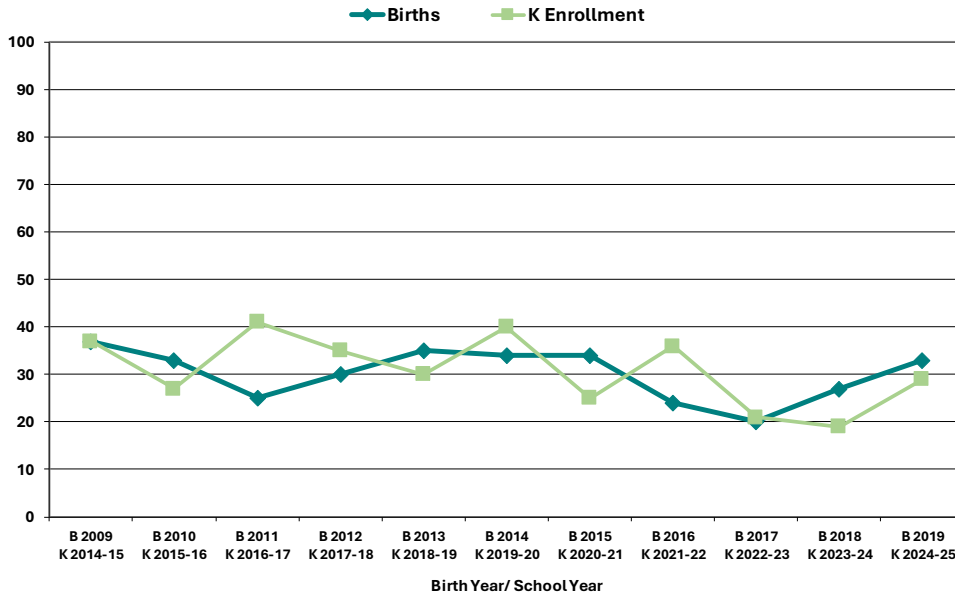
Source: State of Maine Division Of Public Health Systems, 9/26/24

*2023 provisional

BIRTH-TO-KINDERGARTEN RELATIONSHIP

The number of births correlates to the number of Kindergarteners enrolling at age 5. The following charts show the relationship between births and Kindergarten enrollment for each community and MSAD #75.

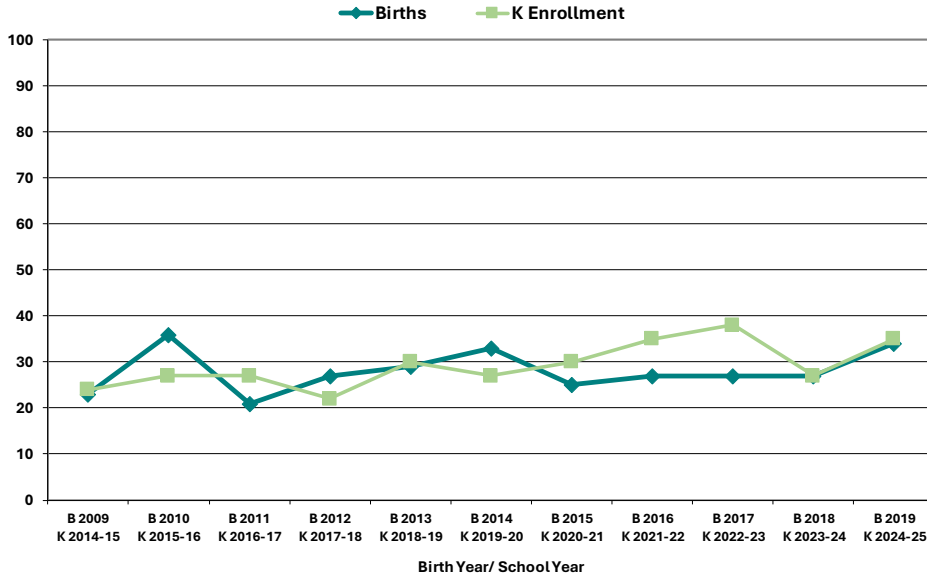
Bowdoin, ME Birth-to-Kindergarten Relationship



| | B 2009 K 2014-15 | B 2010 K 2015-16 | B 2011 K 2016-17 | B 2012 K 2017-18 | B 2013 K 2018-19 | B 2014 K 2019-20 | B 2015 K 2020-21 | B 2016 K 2021-22 | B 2017 K 2022-23 | B 2018 K 2023-24 | B 2019 K 2024-25 |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Births | 37 | 33 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 34 | 34 | 24 | 20 | 27 | 33 |
| Kindergarten | 37 | 27 | 41 | 35 | 30 | 40 | 25 | 36 | 21 | 19 | 29 |

In Bowdoin, the schools sometimes enroll more and sometimes enroll fewer or the same number of Kindergarteners than the number of recorded births.

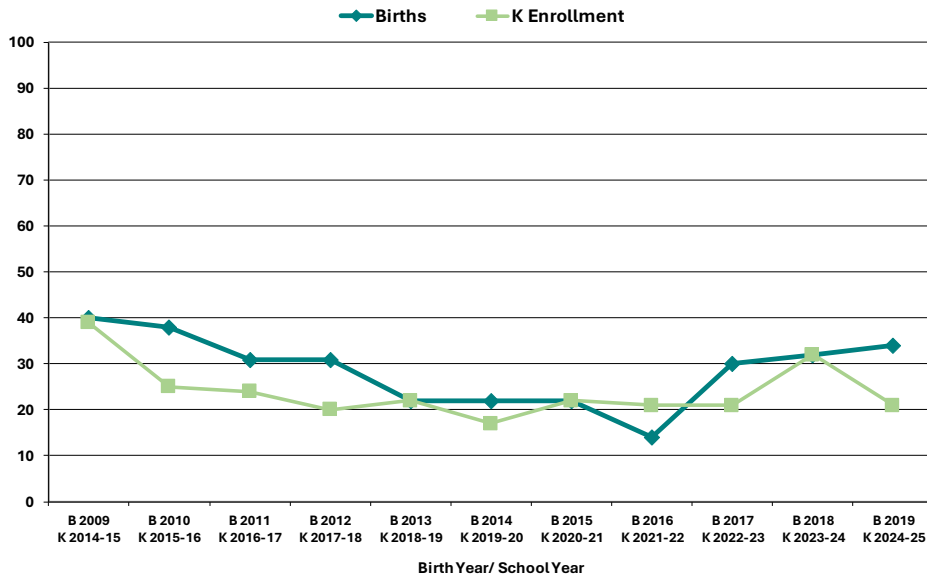
Bowdoinham, ME Birth-to-Kindergarten Relationship



| | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Births | 23 | 36 | 21 | 27 | 29 | 33 | 25 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 34 |
| Kindergarten | 24 | 27 | 27 | 22 | 30 | 27 | 30 | 35 | 38 | 27 | 35 |

In Bowdoinham, the schools typically enroll the same number or slightly more Kindergarteners than the number of recorded births.

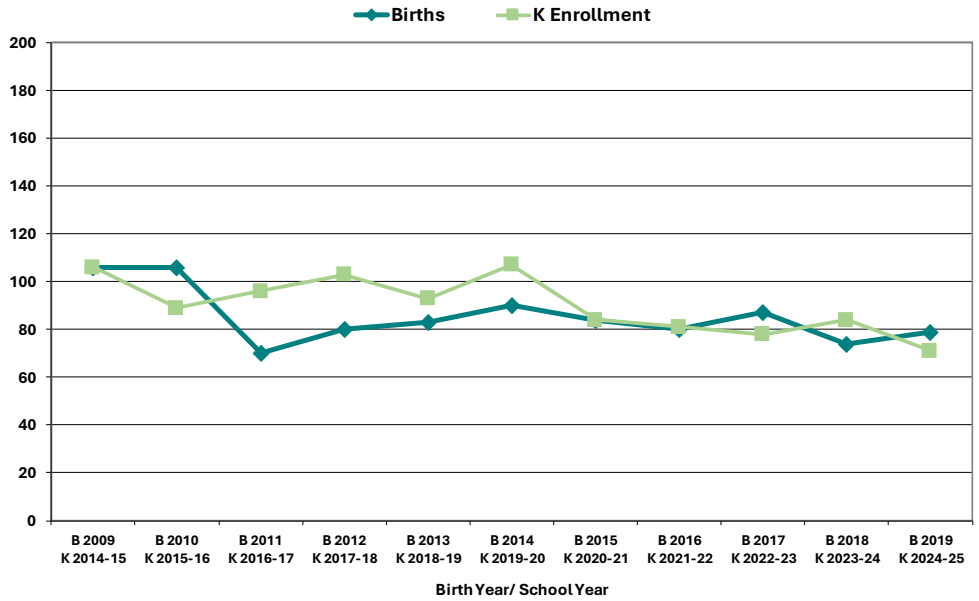
Harpswell, ME Birth-to-Kindergarten Relationship



| | B 2009 K 2014-15 | B 2010 K 2015-16 | B 2011 K 2016-17 | B 2012 K 2017-18 | B 2013 K 2018-19 | B 2014 K 2019-20 | B 2015 K 2020-21 | B 2016 K 2021-22 | B 2017 K 2022-23 | B 2018 K 2023-24 | B 2019 K 2024-25 |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Births | 40 | 38 | 31 | 31 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 14 | 30 | 32 | 34 |
| Kindergarten | 39 | 25 | 24 | 20 | 22 | 17 | 22 | 21 | 21 | 32 | 21 |

In Harpswell, the schools typically enroll fewer or the same number of Kindergarteners than the number of recorded births.

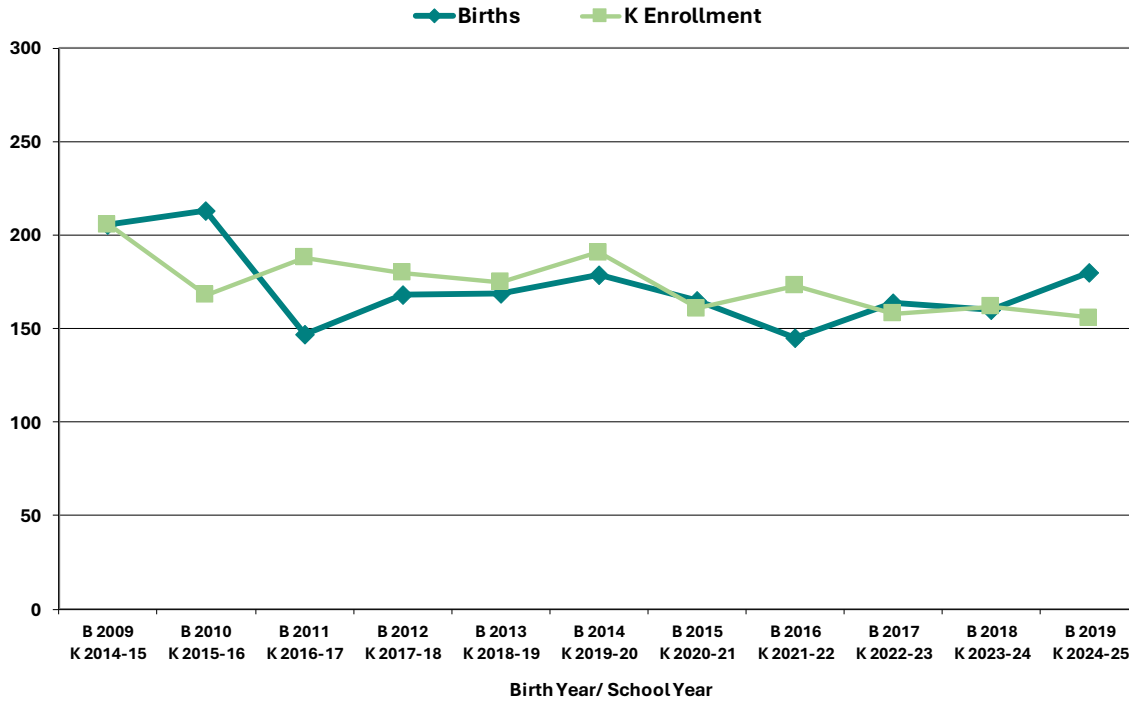
Topsham, ME Birth-to-Kindergarten Relationship



| | B 2009 K 2014-15 | B 2010 K 2015-16 | B 2011 K 2016-17 | B 2012 K 2017-18 | B 2013 K 2018-19 | B 2014 K 2019-20 | B 2015 K 2020-21 | B 2016 K 2021-22 | B 2017 K 2022-23 | B 2018 K 2023-24 | B 2019 K 2024-25 |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Births | 106 | 106 | 70 | 80 | 83 | 90 | 84 | 80 | 87 | 74 | 79 |
| Kindergarten | 106 | 89 | 96 | 103 | 93 | 107 | 84 | 81 | 78 | 84 | 71 |

In Topsham, the schools typically enroll slightly more or the same number of Kindergarteners than the number of recorded births.

MSAD #75 Birth-to-Kindergarten Relationship



| | B 2009 | B 2010 | B 2011 | B 2012 | B 2013 | B 2014 | B 2015 | B 2016 | B 2017 | B 2018 | B 2019 |
|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Births | 206 | 213 | 147 | 168 | 169 | 179 | 165 | 145 | 164 | 160 | 180 |
| Kindergarten | 206 | 168 | 188 | 180 | 175 | 191 | 161 | 173 | 158 | 162 | 156 |

In MSAD #75, the District typically enrolls slightly more or the same number of Kindergarteners than the number of recorded births.

REAL ESTATE TRENDS

Every day across America, 10,000 citizens celebrate their 65th birthdays, a phenomenon that will continue for the foreseeable future. Current real estate trends indicate that a large share of these mature citizens had planned to “downsize” their living arrangements but postponed putting homes on the market due to the fluctuating real estate trends. Thus, demand for apartment and condominium units is likely to increase, while the 3- and 4-bedroom homes vacated by these mature citizens will most likely be purchased by families with children.

School enrollments are influenced strongly by the number of real estate sales as new families move into the District. Generally, in our work we have become aware that the number of real estate sales is 4-5 times larger than the number of building permits for new residential construction; thus, the number of real estate sales can be a more important factor than the number of building permits.

RESIDENTIAL SALES AND REAL ESTATE INFORMATION

A review of the trends associated with residential real estate sales can indicate the movement of families with children to the District.

RESIDENTIAL SALES

Realtor.com – Single-Family Sales

Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Harpswell, and Topsham

- Over the past 3 years, homes across the four communities are on the market an average of 30-53 median days, down from an average of 8-20 median days in July 2023, possibly indicating a slowing of the market.
- Across all four communities, for July 2023, average median home sales were \$336,031-519,342, for July 2024 they were \$342,000-\$603,026, and for July 2025 sales were \$427,000-\$543,000, possibly indicating a stabilization of the market.

REALTOR INFORMATION

Local realtors were interviewed as to trends in recent real estate sales. They indicate:

- Market availability is changing, with an increase in potential/available listings coupled with demand; therefore not seeing the home buying bubble bursting.
- Well priced homes in the \$600,000 range or less sell quickly.
- Buyers are a mix of people: single, families, or multiple families who merge incomes for affordability.
- The area is a great place to live, with the quality of place and the quality of homes.
- Price, presentation and promotion are key to a home selling.
- Sellers think prices will continue to go on the same upward trend as the last few years, but realtors are seeing prices level off with an increase in days on market.
- New data point from National Association of Realtors: in the United States 28% of mortgaged homes with an interest rate under 3% will not be put on the market until the current interest rates come down, people are waiting it out to be able to afford a new home.
- National Association of Realtors also noted that Maine is the one state in the country where from pre-pandemic-2025, single family homes appreciated 73% - which is good for people who own a home

The real estate market remains strong.

HOUSING DETAIL

Important to consider is the stability of the housing in a community. The charts below highlight some of the housing details for MSAD #75, (2023 is noted for comparison.)

| Housing Details | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--|--------|------------------|---------------------|
| | Total Housing Units | Occupied Housing Units | Owner-occupied | % units Owner-occupied | Avg. household size of owner-occupied | Renter-occupied | % units Renter-occupied | Avg. household size of renter-occupied | Vacant | For Seasonal use | Rental vacancy rate |
| Bowdoin | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2000 | 1,035 | 987 | 886 | 89.8% | 2.79 | 101 | 10.2% | 2.50 | 48 | 10 | 12.2% |
| 2010 | 1,202 | 1,143 | 1,010 | 88.4% | 2.67 | 133 | 11.6% | 2.70 | 59 | 9 | 6.3% |
| 2020 *ACS | 1,403 | 1,388 | 1,305 | 94.0% | 2.29 | 83 | 6.0% | 2.34 | 15 | n/a | n/a |
| 2023 *ACS | 1,426 | 1,366 | 1,184 | 86.7% | 2.37 | 182 | 13.3% | 2.06 | 60 | n/a | n/a |
| Bowdoinham | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2000 | 1,107 | 1,027 | 865 | 84.2% | 2.61 | 162 | 15.8% | 2.14 | 80 | 34 | 3.6% |
| 2010 | 1,279 | 1,179 | 994 | 84.3% | 2.49 | 185 | 15.7% | 2.24 | 100 | 42 | 4.6% |
| 2020 *ACS | 1,403 | 1,329 | 1,136 | 85.5% | 2.27 | 193 | 14.5% | 2.29 | 74 | n/a | n/a |
| 2023 *ACS | 1,355 | 1,240 | 1,131 | 91.2% | 2.51 | 109 | 8.8% | 2.50 | 115 | n/a | n/a |
| Harpswell | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2000 | 3,701 | 2,340 | 1,843 | 78.8% | 2.29 | 497 | 21.2% | 2.03 | 1,361 | 1,213 | 9.5% |
| 2010 | 4,208 | 2,218 | 1,763 | 79.5% | 2.16 | 455 | 20.5% | 2.01 | 1,990 | 1,746 | 13.4% |
| 2020 *ACS | 4,383 | 2,382 | 1,804 | 75.7% | 2.03 | 578 | 24.3% | 2.14 | 2,001 | n/a | 11.1% |
| 2023 *ACS | 4,290 | 2,557 | 2,034 | 79.5% | 2.03 | 523 | 20.5% | 1.70 | 1,733 | n/a | 6.3% |
| Topsham | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2000 | 3,573 | 3,424 | 2,430 | 71.0% | 2.70 | 994 | 29.0% | 2.42 | 149 | 35 | 2.5% |
| 2010 | 4,167 | 3,720 | 2,958 | 79.5% | 2.40 | 762 | 20.5% | 2.02 | 447 | 61 | 14.5% |
| 2020 *ACS | 4,171 | 3,864 | 2,983 | 79.1% | 2.36 | 881 | 22.8% | 2.02 | 307 | n/a | 6.7% |
| 2023 *ACS | 4,389 | 4,054 | 3,208 | 79.1% | 2.39 | 846 | 20.9% | 2.21 | 335 | n/a | 11.4% |

Source: U.S. Census 1990, 2000, 2010 Housing Occupancy and Tenure,

2020, 2022 U.S. Census American Community Survey DP04

* 2020, 2023 data is estimated and limited. 7.15.25

From 2000-2020, total housing units in Bowdoin increased by 35.5% and the percentage of owner-occupied housing increased by 4.2% to 94% of the total housing units; total housing units in Bowdoinham increased by 26.73% and the percentage of owner-occupied housing increased by 1.3% to 85.5% of the total housing units; total housing units in Harpswell increased by 18.42% and the percentage of owner-occupied housing decreased by 3.1% to 75.7% of the total housing units; total housing units in Topsham increased by 16.73% and the percentage of owner-occupied housing increased by 8.1% to 79.1% of the total housing units. The increase in the total housing units and the stability of owner-occupied housing in all four communities could indicate a stable housing market. Additionally, the 2020 average household size of owner-occupied units for all four towns ranged from 2.03-2.36, a decrease from 2000 but this range could still indicate housing with children.

HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS

| Household Characteristics | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| | Occupied Housing Units | Family Households | % Family Households | Non-Family Households | % Non-Family Households | Persons Living Alone 65+ | % Persons Living Alone 65+ | Average Household size |
| Bowdoin | | | | | | | | |
| 2000 | 987 | 766 | 77.6% | 221 | 22.4% | 56 | 5.7% | 2.76 |
| 2010 | 1,143 | 867 | 75.9% | 276 | 24.1% | 69 | 6.0% | 2.67 |
| 2020 *ACS | 1,388 | 1,043 | 75.1% | 345 | 24.9% | 136 | 9.8% | n/a |
| 2023 *ACS | 1,366 | 1,044 | 76.4% | 322 | 23.6% | 163 | 11.9% | n/a |
| Bowdoinham | | | | | | | | |
| 2000 | 1,027 | 753 | 73.3% | 274 | 26.7% | 58 | 5.6% | 2.54 |
| 2010 | 1,179 | 844 | 71.6% | 335 | 28.4% | 86 | 7.3% | 2.45 |
| 2020 *ACS | 1,329 | 1,144 | 86.1% | 185 | 13.9% | 66 | 5.0% | n/a |
| 2023 *ACS | 1,240 | 1,028 | 82.9% | 212 | 17.1% | 66 | 5.3% | n/a |
| Harpswell | | | | | | | | |
| 2000 | 2,340 | 1,533 | 65.5% | 807 | 34.5% | 255 | 10.9% | 2.24 |
| 2010 | 2,218 | 1,450 | 65.4% | 768 | 34.6% | 284 | 12.8% | 2.13 |
| 2020 *ACS | 2,382 | 1,526 | 64.1% | 856 | 35.9% | 356 | 14.9% | n/a |
| 2023 *ACS | 2,557 | 1,567 | 61.3% | 990 | 38.7% | 440 | 17.2% | n/a |
| Topsham | | | | | | | | |
| 2000 | 3,424 | 2,463 | 71.9% | 961 | 28.1% | 318 | 9.3% | 2.62 |
| 2010 | 3,720 | 2,453 | 65.9% | 1,267 | 34.1% | 465 | 12.5% | 2.32 |
| 2020 *ACS | 3,864 | 2,485 | 64.3% | 1,379 | 35.7% | 538 | 13.9% | n/a |
| 2023 *ACS | 4,054 | 2,543 | 62.7% | 1,511 | 37.3% | 577 | 14.2% | n/a |

Source: U.S. Census 2000, 2010 Housing Occupancy and Tenure, Table 7

2020, 2023 U.S. Census American Community Survey S2501

* 2020, 2023 data is estimated and limited. 7.15.25

Additionally, from 2000-2020, the percentage of family households can be another indicator of school-aged children in the community. In Bowdoinham, the percentage of family households increased by 12.8% but declined by 1.5% in Bowdoin, by 1.4% in Harpswell, and by 7.6% in Topsham. Of note, over the same time period, the percentage of persons living alone 65+ increased in every community except Bowdoinham, another indicator of an aging population.

BEDROOMS PER HOUSEHOLD

Reviewing the number of bedrooms per household can highlight the homes that could house families with children. In Bowdoin, 79.5% percent of the housing stock consists of 3-4+ bedroom homes, 59.1% of the housing stock in Bowdoinham comprises 3–4+ bedroom homes, in Harpswell 59.5% of the housing stock comprises 3-4+ bedroom homes and in Topsham 60.7% percent of the housing stock comprises 3–4+ bedroom homes.

2023 Bedrooms Per Household

| | Total housing Units | No Bedrooms | 1 Bedroom | 2 Bedroom | 3 Bedroom | 4 or More Bedrooms |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|
| Bowdoin | | | | | | |
| Count | 1,426 | 0 | 59 | 233 | 737 | 397 |
| Percentage | | 0.0% | 4.1% | 16.3% | 51.7% | 27.8% |
| | | | | | | |
| Bowdoinham | | | | | | |
| Count | 1,355 | 0 | 41 | 513 | 694 | 107 |
| Percentage | | 0.0% | 3.0% | 37.9% | 51.2% | 7.9% |
| | | | | | | |
| Harpswell | | | | | | |
| Count | 4,290 | 12 | 604 | 1,121 | 1,782 | 771 |
| Percentage | | 0.3% | 14.1% | 26.1% | 41.5% | 18.0% |
| | | | | | | |
| Topsham | | | | | | |
| Count | 4,389 | 15 | 402 | 1,310 | 1,944 | 718 |
| Percentage | | 0.3% | 9.2% | 29.8% | 44.3% | 16.4% |

Source: U.S. Census, 2023 U.S. Census American Community Survey DP04, 7.15.25

SUMMARY OF DEMOGRAPHIC FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS

General Population – Over the past thirty years, U.S. Census figures from 1990-2020 indicate a 42.09% increase in overall population growth for Bowdoin; a 39% increase in overall population growth for Bowdoinham; a 0.38% increase in overall population growth for Harpswell; and a 9.3% increase in overall population growth for Topsham. Population estimates for 2021-2023 for all four communities is noted as relatively stable.

Median Age – Over the past twenty years from 2000 to 2020, Bowdoin average median age has increased by 10.7 years, Bowdoinham average median age has increased by 14.5 years, Harpswell average median age has increased by 16 years, and Topsham average median age has increased by 9.1 years. The increased median age for these four communities indicates an aging population, which can also be a factor in predicting the number of future births, which is an indicator for Kindergarten enrollments.

Age Span – Over the past ten years,

- The Bowdoin population under 5 has increased by 2.3%, possibly indicating a slight increase in this age group. (This population is future Kindergarteners.) The population under 18 has decreased by 5.4%, indicating a decline in the overall school-aged population. Additionally, the population between 18-64 has decreased by 2.6%, while the population over 65 has increased by 8%, a possible indicator of an aging population coupled with a decreasing K-12 population overall. To note, the 2023 K-12 population comprised 12.5% of the overall population.
- The Bowdoinham population under 5 has increased by 2.2%, possibly indicating a slight increase in this age group. (This population is future Kindergarteners.) The population under 18 has decreased by 4.8%, indicating a decline in the overall school-aged population. Additionally, the population between 18-64 has decreased by 2.9%, while the population over 65 has increased by 7.7%, a possible indicator of an aging population coupled with a decreasing K-12 population overall. To note, the 2023 K-12 population comprised 13.2% of the overall population.
- The Harpswell population under 5 has decreased by 4.6% to 1.2% of the population, indicating a decline in this age group. (This population is future Kindergarteners.) The population under 18 has decreased by 7.4%, indicating a decline in the overall school-aged population. Additionally, the population between 18-64 has increased minimally by 0.2%, while the population over 65 has increased by 7.2%, a possible indicator of an aging population coupled with a decreasing K-12 population overall. To note, the 2023 K-12 population comprised 10.5% of the overall population.
- The Topsham population under 5 has decreased by 1%, possibly indicating a slight decrease in this age group. (This population is future Kindergarteners.) The population under 18 has decreased by 2.6%, indicating a slight decline in the overall school-aged population. Additionally, the population between 18-64 has decreased by 3.9%, while the population over 65 has increased by 6.5%, a possible indicator of an aging population coupled with a decreasing K-12 population overall. To note, the 2023 K-12 population comprised 15.9% of the overall population.

Births – Births have declined over the past 15 years in all four communities, which could lead to a continued decline in Kindergarten enrollments going forward, and an overall decline in future K-12 enrollments, as students move through the grades.

Birth-to-Kindergarten relationship – in all four towns, the school’s enrollment of Kindergarteners in relation to the number of births is varied, from the same number to fewer or more Kindergarteners as births.

Housing Detail – Over the past ten years, the increase in the total housing units and the stability of owner-occupied housing in all four communities could indicate a stable housing market. Additionally, the 2020 average household size of owner-occupied units for all four towns ranged from 2.03-2.36, a decrease from 2000 but this range could still indicate housing with children.

Bedrooms per household – In Bowdoin, 79.5% percent of the housing stock consists of 3-4+ bedroom homes, 59.1% of the housing stock in Bowdoinham comprises 3–4+ bedroom homes, in Harpswell 59.5% of the housing stock comprises 3-4+ bedroom homes and in Topsham 60.7% percent of the housing stock comprises 3–4+ bedroom homes.

Real estate trends – Real estate sales remain strong according to local realtors and Realtor.com.

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Analyzing New Residential Construction

NESDEC reviewed information submitted by the MSAD #75 member Town Planners to determine the impact to enrollment from residential construction.

The following categories were reviewed:

- Approved Projects Currently Under Construction
- Approved Projects Not Currently Under Construction
- Projects in the Approval Pipeline

Important to note, *Projected Student Yield* is calculated for *Approved Projects Currently Under Construction*. *Potential Student Yield* is calculated for *Approved Projects Not Currently Under Construction and Projects in the Approval Pipeline* as our experience has shown that sometimes these projects are not built or are delayed.

NOTE: The “student yield” is calculated by considering the potential number of school-aged children who might occupy any new housing currently under construction. It is distributed over a three- to five-year period, based on anticipated occupancy. NESDEC uses a proprietary algorithm based on U.S. Census and architectural firm ratios to calculate the impact to student enrollment based on the number of bedrooms per unit. We assign the “student yield” to grade level spans without certainty of the actual age of the potential students. Of note, the smaller the number of the “student yield,” the more difficult it is to forecast the enrollments. (Forecast is based on currently available new residential construction included in this report.)

When reviewing new residential projects for Projected and Potential Student Yield, it is important to consider:

- Number of bedrooms per unit:
 - 1-bedroom units do not have an impact on student enrollment
 - 2-bedroom units have a minimal impact on student enrollment
 - 3-bedroom units will have an impact on student enrollment, as these are typically purchased by families with children
- Density of the area: the higher the density (close to highway, industrial areas, etc.), there is a likelihood of fewer children.
- Housing costs: the higher the rent/mortgage, the less likely the unit will have school-aged children.
- Our past experience indicates that approximately 70% of any potential student yield could be elementary-school aged students, 20% middle-school aged students, and 10% high-school aged students.

INFORMATION GAINED FROM THE MSAD #75 BUILDING DEPARTMENTS

This report contains currently available information regarding new residential construction, as of August 12, 2025. It includes construction timelines and the number of bedrooms per unit, where available. NESDEC only includes projects with 5 or more units when calculating any impact to school enrollment.

Thank you to the Town Planners in each community for their review and submission of this data.

Bowdoin

There are currently no **Approved Projects Under Construction, Approved Projects Not Currently Under Construction** or **Projects in the Approval Pipeline**.

Bowdoinham

There are currently no Approved Projects Currently Under Construction or Projects in the Approval Pipeline.

Bowdoinham Approved Projects Not Currently Under Construction

Sammco, apartments

- 14 two-bedroom units

Potential Student Yield (*noted here as potential* as our experience has shown that sometimes these projects are delayed or not constructed):

- Grades K-12: minimal, less than 8

Harpwell

There are currently no Approved Projects Under Construction, Approved Projects Not Currently Under Construction or Projects in the Approval Pipeline.

Topsham

The Town notes “Zoning ReCode: allows denser development along Main Street Corridor, Topsham Fair Mall, and Crooker parcel.”

Approved Projects Currently Under Construction

Mallett Woods Subdivision Phase 3B, single family homes

- 11 three-bedroom units
 - 3 units constructed, 8 units awaiting construction, estimated completion 2026

Eagle River Subdivision Phase 3, single family/apartment/condo

- 9 two-bedroom units
- 31 three-bedroom units
 - 2 units constructed, 38 units awaiting construction, estimated completion 2027

Projected Student Yield:

Impact to Enrollment over the next 2-3 years

(dependent on timeline of project completion)

- Grades K-5: 19-25 students
- Grades 6-8: 5-7 students
- Grades 9-12: 2-3 students

We assign the “student yield” to grade level spans without certainty of the actual age of the potential students.

Topsham Approved Projects Not Currently Under Construction

Residences at Park Drive, apartments

- 80 two-bedroom units
- Estimated timeline for completion, 2027

Potential Student Yield (noted here as *potential* as our experience has shown that sometimes these projects are delayed or not constructed):

- Grades K-5: 11-13 students
- Grades 6-8: 3-5 students
- Grades 9-12: 1-2 students

We assign the “student yield” to grade level spans without certainty of the actual age of the potential students.

Topsham Projects in the Approval Pipeline

None at this time

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) single-family and multi-unit residential building permits, as reported by each town, are provided below. NESDEC includes this information as an additional source to review single-family and multi-unit housing as reported by the town to HUD.

| Bowdoin, ME | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------|------|-----------------|-------------|-------|-----------------|-------------|
| Year | Single - Family | Multi-Units | Year | Single - Family | Multi-Units | Year | Single - Family | Multi-Units |
| 2000 | 0 | 0 | 2010 | 17 | 0 | 2020 | 15 | 0 |
| 2001 | 0 | 0 | 2011 | 11 | 0 | 2021 | 10 | 0 |
| 2002 | 19 | 0 | 2012 | 4 | 0 | 2022 | 9 | 0 |
| 2003 | 23 | 0 | 2013 | 11 | 0 | 2023 | 10 | 0 |
| 2004 | 33 | 0 | 2014 | 10 | 0 | 2024 | 5 | 0 |
| 2005 | 31 | 0 | 2015 | 10 | 0 | 2025* | 3 | 0 |
| 2006 | 27 | 0 | 2016 | 16 | 0 | | | |
| 2007 | 26 | 0 | 2017 | 16 | 0 | | | |
| 2008 | 3 | 0 | 2018 | 7 | 0 | | | |
| 2009 | 18 | 0 | 2019 | 8 | 0 | | | |

Source: HUD - Does not include permits for renovations

* 2025 HUD data is preliminary and dependent upon town data submission to HUD.

| Bowdoinham, ME | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------|------|-----------------|-------------|-------|-----------------|-------------|
| Year | Single - Family | Multi-Units | Year | Single - Family | Multi-Units | Year | Single - Family | Multi-Units |
| 2000 | 15 | 0 | 2010 | 10 | 0 | 2020 | 20 | 0 |
| 2001 | 16 | 0 | 2011 | 6 | 0 | 2021 | 20 | 0 |
| 2002 | 18 | 0 | 2012 | 4 | 0 | 2022 | 17 | 0 |
| 2003 | 19 | 0 | 2013 | 13 | 0 | 2023 | 11 | 0 |
| 2004 | 18 | 0 | 2014 | 13 | 0 | 2024 | 10 | 0 |
| 2005 | 18 | 0 | 2015 | 9 | 0 | 2025* | 4 | 0 |
| 2006 | 17 | 0 | 2016 | 20 | 0 | | | |
| 2007 | 14 | 0 | 2017 | 19 | 0 | | | |
| 2008 | 7 | 0 | 2018 | 19 | 0 | | | |
| 2009 | 10 | 0 | 2019 | 19 | 0 | | | |

Source: HUD - Does not include permits for renovations

* 2025 HUD data is preliminary and dependent upon town data submission to HUD.

| Harpswell, ME | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------|------|-----------------|-------------|-------|-----------------|-------------|
| Year | Single - Family | Multi-Units | Year | Single - Family | Multi-Units | Year | Single - Family | Multi-Units |
| 2000 | 0 | 0 | 2010 | 20 | 0 | 2020 | 39 | 0 |
| 2001 | 0 | 0 | 2011 | 15 | 0 | 2021 | 20 | 0 |
| 2002 | 76 | 0 | 2012 | 14 | 0 | 2022 | 25 | 0 |
| 2003 | 60 | 0 | 2013 | 33 | 0 | 2023 | 19 | 0 |
| 2004 | 12 | 0 | 2014 | 25 | 0 | 2024 | 31 | 0 |
| 2005 | 31 | 0 | 2015 | 21 | 0 | 2025* | 7 | 0 |
| 2006 | 31 | 0 | 2016 | 32 | 0 | | | |
| 2007 | 43 | 0 | 2017 | 41 | 0 | | | |
| 2008 | 28 | 0 | 2018 | 32 | 0 | | | |
| 2009 | 18 | 0 | 2019 | 20 | 0 | | | |

Source: HUD - Does not include permits for renovations

* 2025 HUD data is preliminary and dependent upon town data submission to HUD.

| Topsham, ME | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------|------|-----------------|-------------|-------|-----------------|-------------|
| Year | Single - Family | Multi-Units | Year | Single - Family | Multi-Units | Year | Single - Family | Multi-Units |
| 2000 | 62 | 0 | 2010 | 15 | 0 | 2020 | 10 | 8 |
| 2001 | 53 | 12 | 2011 | 10 | 0 | 2021 | 40 | 4 |
| 2002 | 54 | 0 | 2012 | 14 | 0 | 2022 | 27 | 2 |
| 2003 | 87 | 8 | 2013 | 22 | 0 | 2023 | 34 | 38 |
| 2004 | 87 | 4 | 2014 | 24 | 0 | 2024 | 32 | 40 |
| 2005 | 85 | 8 | 2015 | 19 | 0 | 2025* | 8 | 0 |
| 2006 | 53 | 8 | 2016 | 20 | 0 | | | |
| 2007 | 19 | 0 | 2017 | 28 | 0 | | | |
| 2008 | 14 | 0 | 2018 | 11 | 0 | | | |
| 2009 | 12 | 0 | 2019 | 18 | 0 | | | |

Source: HUD - Does not include permits for renovations

* 2025 HUD data is preliminary and dependent upon town data submission to HUD.

ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

DEMOGRAPHIC STUDY AND ENROLLMENT PROJECTION METHODOLOGY

NESDEC uses a modified cohort component (survival) technique to prepare enrollment projections, which incorporates the cumulative effect of several factors, including:

- Births as they relate to Kindergarten enrollments. Birth rates are projected based on historical data provided by the State of Maine. Official birth data for 2023 is not yet available; therefore, from 2023-2030 we have estimated the birth rate using a rolling average of the previous five years.
- Student migration, in or out of the schools, including District reported movement to/from private schools; and school choice enrollments (both in and out)
- Review of the stability of Grades 1-8, in- or out-migration of students

Official grade counts are usually reported annually, and NESDEC uses annually reported data for our projections (publicly available at the state level.) Percentages are calculated from the historical enrollment data to determine a reliable percentage of increase or decrease in enrollment between any two grades. Ratios are calculated between each pair of grades or years in school over several recent years.

After study and analysis of the historical ratios and based upon a reasonable set of assumptions regarding births, migration rates, retention rates, etc., ratios most indicative of future growth patterns are determined for each pair of grades.

The ratios thus selected are applied to the present enrollment statistics to project into future years. The ratios are the key factors in the reliability of the projections, assuming validity of the data at the starting point.

Enrollment projections are more reliable in Years #1-3 in the future, and less reliable in the “out years.” Projections four to ten years out may serve as a guide to future enrollments and are useful for planning purposes. Projections are based on current economic trends. Annual updates of enrollment projections assure accuracy and reliability.

It is important to note that this analysis is based on existing data and trends. The data used in this report was accurate as of this writing and could be subject to change.

ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

MSAD #75, ME Historical Enrollment

School District: MSAD #75, ME

7/9/2025

| Historical Enrollment By Grade | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|-------------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-------|
| Birth Year | Births* | School Year | PK | K | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | UNGR | K-12 | PK-12 |
| 2009 | 206 | 2014-15 | 0 | 206 | 175 | 164 | 192 | 189 | 212 | 192 | 183 | 182 | 195 | 200 | 184 | 209 | 0 | 2483 | 2483 |
| 2010 | 213 | 2015-16 | 0 | 168 | 216 | 181 | 168 | 191 | 190 | 193 | 186 | 181 | 171 | 191 | 199 | 178 | 0 | 2413 | 2413 |
| 2011 | 147 | 2016-17 | 0 | 188 | 168 | 210 | 179 | 176 | 198 | 188 | 199 | 192 | 182 | 163 | 188 | 197 | 0 | 2428 | 2428 |
| 2012 | 168 | 2017-18 | 0 | 180 | 180 | 174 | 211 | 181 | 171 | 195 | 184 | 199 | 184 | 172 | 166 | 187 | 0 | 2384 | 2384 |
| 2013 | 169 | 2018-19 | 32 | 175 | 180 | 188 | 178 | 219 | 184 | 173 | 190 | 190 | 191 | 187 | 180 | 171 | 0 | 2406 | 2438 |
| 2014 | 179 | 2019-20 | 32 | 191 | 175 | 183 | 199 | 182 | 217 | 185 | 173 | 184 | 183 | 194 | 180 | 174 | 0 | 2420 | 2452 |
| 2015 | 165 | 2020-21 | 23 | 161 | 181 | 172 | 180 | 194 | 183 | 214 | 182 | 177 | 182 | 185 | 197 | 178 | 0 | 2386 | 2409 |
| 2016 | 145 | 2021-22 | 25 | 173 | 177 | 187 | 184 | 182 | 187 | 181 | 213 | 177 | 167 | 180 | 186 | 196 | 0 | 2390 | 2415 |
| 2017 | 164 | 2022-23 | 23 | 158 | 174 | 186 | 185 | 184 | 183 | 191 | 180 | 206 | 176 | 166 | 186 | 182 | 0 | 2357 | 2380 |
| 2018 | 160 | 2023-24 | 27 | 162 | 150 | 171 | 181 | 192 | 182 | 177 | 183 | 169 | 209 | 181 | 164 | 194 | 0 | 2315 | 2342 |
| 2019 | 180 | 2024-25 | 33 | 156 | 157 | 148 | 173 | 178 | 191 | 179 | 183 | 181 | 176 | 209 | 178 | 170 | 0 | 2269 | 2302 |

*Birth data provided by Public Health Vital Records Departments in each state.

** < 10 Not reported, to protect subgroups with fewer than 10 students.

| Historical Enrollment in Grade Combinations | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------|------|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-----|------|------|
| School Year | PK-5 | K-5 | K-2 | 3-5 | 6-8 | K-8 | PK-8 | 7-8 | 6-12 | 9-12 |
| 2014-15 | 1138 | 1138 | 545 | 593 | 557 | 1695 | 1695 | 365 | 1345 | 788 |
| 2015-16 | 1114 | 1114 | 565 | 549 | 560 | 1674 | 1674 | 367 | 1299 | 739 |
| 2016-17 | 1119 | 1119 | 566 | 553 | 579 | 1698 | 1698 | 391 | 1309 | 730 |
| 2017-18 | 1097 | 1097 | 534 | 563 | 578 | 1675 | 1675 | 383 | 1287 | 709 |
| 2018-19 | 1156 | 1124 | 543 | 581 | 553 | 1677 | 1709 | 380 | 1282 | 729 |
| 2019-20 | 1179 | 1147 | 549 | 598 | 542 | 1689 | 1721 | 357 | 1273 | 731 |
| 2020-21 | 1094 | 1071 | 514 | 557 | 573 | 1644 | 1667 | 359 | 1315 | 742 |
| 2021-22 | 1115 | 1090 | 537 | 553 | 571 | 1661 | 1686 | 390 | 1300 | 729 |
| 2022-23 | 1093 | 1070 | 518 | 552 | 577 | 1647 | 1670 | 386 | 1287 | 710 |
| 2023-24 | 1065 | 1038 | 483 | 555 | 529 | 1567 | 1594 | 352 | 1277 | 748 |
| 2024-25 | 1036 | 1003 | 461 | 542 | 533 | 1536 | 1569 | 354 | 1266 | 733 |

| Historical Percentage Changes | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------|--------------|
| School Year | K-12 | Diff. | % |
| 2014-15 | 2483 | | |
| 2015-16 | 2413 | -70 | -2.8% |
| 2016-17 | 2428 | 15 | 0.6% |
| 2017-18 | 2384 | -44 | -1.8% |
| 2018-19 | 2406 | 22 | 0.9% |
| 2019-20 | 2420 | 14 | 0.6% |
| 2020-21 | 2386 | -34 | -1.4% |
| 2021-22 | 2390 | 4 | 0.2% |
| 2022-23 | 2357 | -33 | -1.4% |
| 2023-24 | 2315 | -42 | -1.8% |
| 2024-25 | 2269 | -46 | -2.0% |
| Change | -214 | | -8.6% |

Over the past ten years, MSAD #75 Grades K-12 enrollments have declined by 8.6%.

MSAD #75, ME Projected Enrollment

School District: **MSAD #75, ME**

7/9/2025

| Enrollment Projections By Grade* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-------|
| Birth Year | Births* | School Year | PK | K | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | UNGR | K-12 | PK-12 |
| 2019 | 180 | 2024-25 | 33 | 156 | 157 | 148 | 173 | 178 | 191 | 179 | 173 | 181 | 176 | 209 | 178 | 170 | 0 | 2269 | 2302 |
| 2020 | 148 | 2025-26 | 33 | 144 | 152 | 158 | 147 | 174 | 177 | 189 | 175 | 167 | 183 | 177 | 207 | 181 | 0 | 2231 | 2264 |
| 2021 | 137 | 2026-27 | 33 | 133 | 140 | 153 | 157 | 148 | 173 | 175 | 185 | 169 | 169 | 184 | 175 | 211 | 0 | 2172 | 2205 |
| 2022 | 154 | 2027-28 | 34 | 149 | 130 | 141 | 152 | 158 | 147 | 171 | 172 | 179 | 171 | 170 | 182 | 178 | 0 | 2100 | 2134 |
| 2023 | 148 (prov.) | 2028-29 | 34 | 144 | 145 | 131 | 140 | 153 | 157 | 146 | 168 | 166 | 181 | 172 | 168 | 186 | 0 | 2057 | 2091 |
| 2024 | 153 (est.) | 2029-30 | 34 | 149 | 140 | 146 | 130 | 141 | 152 | 155 | 143 | 162 | 168 | 182 | 170 | 171 | 0 | 2009 | 2043 |
| 2025 | 148 (est.) | 2030-31 | 35 | 144 | 145 | 141 | 145 | 131 | 141 | 151 | 152 | 138 | 164 | 169 | 180 | 173 | 0 | 1974 | 2009 |
| 2026 | 148 (est.) | 2031-32 | 35 | 144 | 140 | 146 | 140 | 146 | 131 | 140 | 148 | 147 | 139 | 165 | 167 | 183 | 0 | 1936 | 1971 |
| 2027 | 150 (est.) | 2032-33 | 35 | 146 | 140 | 141 | 145 | 141 | 145 | 130 | 137 | 143 | 148 | 140 | 163 | 170 | 0 | 1889 | 1924 |
| 2028 | 150 (est.) | 2033-34 | 36 | 145 | 142 | 141 | 140 | 146 | 141 | 144 | 127 | 132 | 144 | 149 | 139 | 166 | 0 | 1856 | 1892 |
| 2029 | 150 (est.) | 2034-35 | 36 | 145 | 141 | 143 | 140 | 141 | 145 | 140 | 141 | 123 | 133 | 145 | 148 | 142 | 0 | 1827 | 1863 |

Note: Ungraded students (UNGR) often are high school students whose anticipated years of graduation are unknown, or students with special needs - UNGR not included in Grade Combinations for 7-12, 9-12, etc.

Based on an estimate of births

Based on children already born

Based on students already enrolled

*Birth data provided by Public Health Vital Records Departments in each state.

** < 10 Not reported, to protect subgroups with fewer than 10 students.

| Projected Enrollment in Grade Combinations* | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------|------|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-----|------|------|
| School Year | PK-5 | K-5 | K-2 | 3-5 | 6-8 | K-8 | PK-8 | 7-8 | 6-12 | 9-12 |
| 2024-25 | 1036 | 1003 | 461 | 542 | 533 | 1536 | 1569 | 354 | 1266 | 733 |
| 2025-26 | 985 | 952 | 454 | 498 | 531 | 1483 | 1516 | 342 | 1279 | 748 |
| 2026-27 | 937 | 904 | 426 | 478 | 529 | 1433 | 1466 | 354 | 1268 | 739 |
| 2027-28 | 911 | 877 | 420 | 457 | 522 | 1399 | 1433 | 351 | 1223 | 701 |
| 2028-29 | 904 | 870 | 420 | 450 | 480 | 1350 | 1384 | 334 | 1187 | 707 |
| 2029-30 | 892 | 858 | 435 | 423 | 460 | 1318 | 1352 | 305 | 1151 | 691 |
| 2030-31 | 882 | 847 | 430 | 417 | 441 | 1288 | 1323 | 290 | 1127 | 686 |
| 2031-32 | 882 | 847 | 430 | 417 | 435 | 1282 | 1317 | 295 | 1089 | 654 |
| 2032-33 | 893 | 858 | 427 | 431 | 410 | 1268 | 1303 | 280 | 1031 | 621 |
| 2033-34 | 891 | 855 | 428 | 427 | 403 | 1258 | 1294 | 259 | 1001 | 598 |
| 2034-35 | 891 | 855 | 429 | 426 | 404 | 1259 | 1295 | 264 | 972 | 568 |

| Projected Percentage Changes | | | |
|------------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------|
| School Year | K-12 | Diff. | % |
| 2024-25 | 2269 | | |
| 2025-26 | 2231 | -38 | -1.7% |
| 2026-27 | 2172 | -59 | -2.6% |
| 2027-28 | 2100 | -72 | -3.3% |
| 2028-29 | 2057 | -43 | -2.0% |
| 2029-30 | 2009 | -48 | -2.3% |
| 2030-31 | 1974 | -35 | -1.7% |
| 2031-32 | 1936 | -38 | -1.9% |
| 2032-33 | 1889 | -47 | -2.4% |
| 2033-34 | 1856 | -33 | -1.7% |
| 2034-35 | 1827 | -29 | -1.6% |
| Change | -442 | -19.5% | |

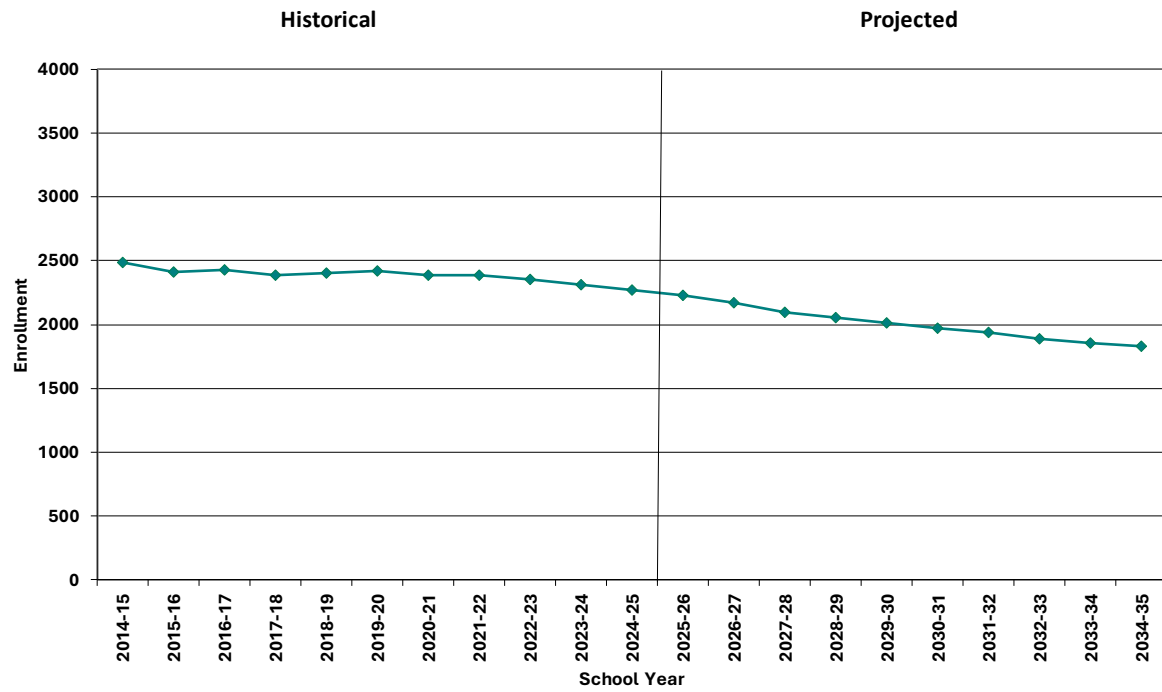
*Projections should be updated annually to reflect changes in in/out-migration of families, births, and similar factors.

Over the next three years, MSAD #75 Grades K-5 enrollments are projected to decrease by 126 students (12.56%), Grades 6-8 are projected to decrease by 11 students (2.06%), and Grades 9-12 are projected to decrease by 32 students (4.37%), as students move through the grades. Overall, Grades K-12 enrollments are projected to decrease by 169 students (7.45%) over the next three years.

Note: Enrollment projections are more reliable in years #1-3, and less reliable in the “out years.” Projections four to ten years out may serve as a guide to future enrollments and are useful for planning purposes. These projections incorporate estimated birth rates for 2024-2029, based on a five-year rolling average, and could be subject to change, which could have an impact on Kindergarten enrollment.

Birth rates are projected based on historical data provided by the State of Maine. Official birth data for 2023 is not yet available; therefore, from 2023-2030 we have estimated the birth rate using a rolling average of the previous five years. Of note, over the past ten years, births averaged 171. Over the next ten years, births are projected to average 151, a decrease that will have an impact on Kindergarten enrollments in the future. Recorded births for 2021 numbered 137, which will impact Kindergarten enrollments for School Year 2026-2027.

MSAD #75, ME Grades K-12 Historical & Projected Enrollment



SCHOOL-BY-SCHOOL ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

MSAD #75, Bowdoin Central School, ME Grades K-5 Historical & Projected Enrollment

SCHOOL: Bowdoin Central School

DATE: 8/14/2025

| SCHOOL | PK | K | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | PK-5 TOTAL |
|---------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---------------|
| 2020-21 | 0 | 25 | 34 | 36 | 37 | 40 | 30 | 202 |
| 2021-22 | 0 | 36 | 30 | 37 | 42 | 37 | 38 | 220 |
| 2022-23 | 0 | 21 | 37 | 33 | 38 | 41 | 38 | 208 |
| 2023-24 | 11 | 19 | 21 | 33 | 31 | 41 | 41 | 197 |
| 2024-25 | 16 | 29 | 20 | 22 | 35 | 29 | 43 | 194 |
| 2025-26 | 10 | 21 | 28 | 20 | 22 | 35 | 29 | 165 |
| 2026-27 | 10 | 19 | 20 | 28 | 20 | 22 | 35 | 155 |
| 2027-28 | 10 | 22 | 19 | 20 | 28 | 20 | 22 | 141 |
| 2028-29 | 10 | 21 | 21 | 19 | 20 | 28 | 20 | 139 |
| 2029-30 | 10 | 22 | 20 | 21 | 19 | 20 | 28 | 140 |

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Over the next three years, PK-5 enrollments are projected to decline by 53 students.

MSAD #75, Bowdoinham Community School, ME Grades K-5 Historical & Projected Enrollment

SCHOOL: Bowdoinham Community School

DATE: 8/14/2025

| SCHOOL | | | | | | | K-5 |
|---------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| YEAR | K | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | TOTAL |
| 2020-21 | 30 | 24 | 29 | 26 | 31 | 27 | 167 |
| 2021-22 | 35 | 34 | 29 | 31 | 28 | 32 | 189 |
| 2022-23 | 38 | 35 | 34 | 26 | 37 | 27 | 197 |
| 2023-24 | 27 | 32 | 36 | 32 | 26 | 36 | 189 |
| 2024-25 | 35 | 26 | 31 | 37 | 36 | 27 | 192 |
| 2025-26 | 30 | 34 | 26 | 31 | 37 | 36 | 195 |
| 2026-27 | 28 | 30 | 34 | 26 | 31 | 37 | 186 |
| 2027-28 | 31 | 27 | 30 | 34 | 26 | 31 | 180 |
| 2028-29 | 30 | 31 | 28 | 30 | 34 | 26 | 179 |
| 2029-30 | 31 | 30 | 31 | 27 | 30 | 34 | 183 |

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Over the next three years, K-5 enrollments are projected to decline by 12 students.

MSAD #75, Harpswell Community School, ME Grades K-5 Historical & Projected Enrollment

SCHOOL: Harpswell Community School

DATE: 8/14/2025

| SCHOOL | | | | | | | K-5 |
|---------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| YEAR | K | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | TOTAL |
| 2020-21 | 22 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 23 | 23 | 128 |
| 2021-22 | 21 | 21 | 20 | 20 | 22 | 21 | 125 |
| 2022-23 | 21 | 19 | 23 | 20 | 15 | 24 | 122 |
| 2023-24 | 32 | 18 | 19 | 24 | 21 | 15 | 129 |
| 2024-25 | 21 | 30 | 18 | 17 | 23 | 23 | 132 |
| 2025-26 | 22 | 21 | 30 | 18 | 17 | 23 | 131 |
| 2026-27 | 21 | 22 | 21 | 30 | 18 | 17 | 128 |
| 2027-28 | 23 | 20 | 22 | 21 | 30 | 18 | 134 |
| 2028-29 | 22 | 23 | 20 | 22 | 21 | 30 | 138 |
| 2029-30 | 23 | 22 | 23 | 20 | 22 | 21 | 130 |

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Over the next three years, K-5 enrollments are projected to increase by 2 students.

MSAD #75, Williams-Cone Elementary School, ME Grades K-5 Historical & Projected Enrollment

SCHOOL: Williams-Cone Elementary School

DATE: 8/14/2025

| SCHOOL | | | | | | | | PK-5 |
|---------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| YEAR | PK | K | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | TOTAL |
| 2020-21 | 23 | 29 | 46 | 35 | 45 | 43 | 44 | 265 |
| 2021-22 | 25 | 32 | 35 | 45 | 38 | 44 | 42 | 261 |
| 2022-23 | 23 | 34 | 34 | 37 | 42 | 36 | 46 | 252 |
| 2023-24 | 16 | 33 | 33 | 37 | 35 | 44 | 34 | 232 |
| 2024-25 | 17 | 29 | 35 | 32 | 39 | 31 | 41 | 224 |
| 2025-26 | 23 | 29 | 28 | 35 | 32 | 39 | 31 | 217 |
| 2026-27 | 23 | 27 | 28 | 28 | 35 | 32 | 39 | 213 |
| 2027-28 | 24 | 30 | 26 | 28 | 28 | 35 | 32 | 204 |
| 2028-29 | 24 | 29 | 29 | 26 | 28 | 28 | 35 | 200 |
| 2029-30 | 24 | 30 | 28 | 29 | 26 | 28 | 28 | 194 |

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Over the next three years, PK-5 enrollments are projected to decline by 20 students.

MSAD #75, Woodside Elementary School, ME Grades K-5 Historical & Projected Enrollment

SCHOOL: Woodside Elementary School

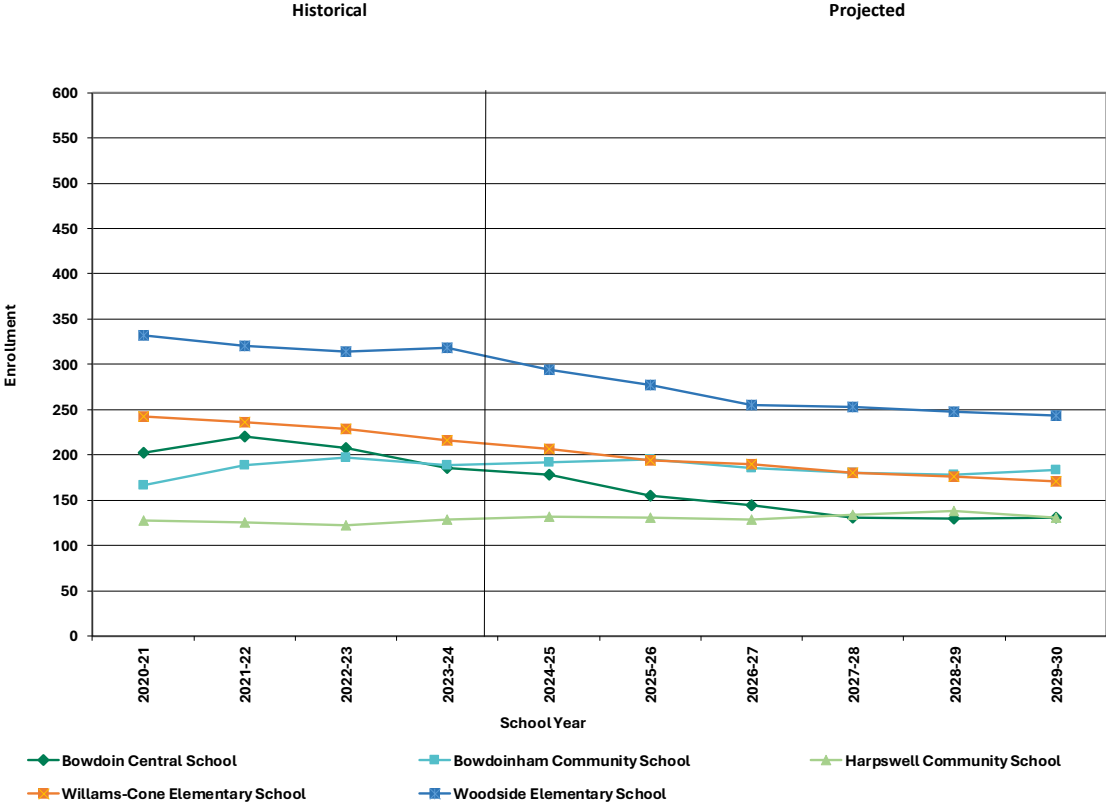
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| SCHOOL | | | | | | | K-5 |
|---------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| YEAR | K | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | TOTAL |
| 2020-21 | 55 | 56 | 52 | 53 | 57 | 59 | 332 |
| 2021-22 | 49 | 57 | 56 | 53 | 51 | 54 | 320 |
| 2022-23 | 44 | 49 | 59 | 59 | 55 | 48 | 314 |
| 2023-24 | 51 | 46 | 46 | 59 | 60 | 56 | 318 |
| 2024-25 | 42 | 46 | 45 | 45 | 59 | 57 | 294 |
| 2025-26 | 41 | 41 | 46 | 45 | 45 | 59 | 277 |
| 2026-27 | 38 | 40 | 41 | 46 | 45 | 45 | 256 |
| 2027-28 | 43 | 37 | 41 | 41 | 46 | 45 | 252 |
| 2028-29 | 41 | 42 | 38 | 40 | 41 | 46 | 248 |
| 2029-30 | 43 | 40 | 42 | 37 | 41 | 41 | 244 |

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Over the next three years, K-5 enrollments are projected to decline by 42 students.

MSAD #75, Grades PK-K-5 Historical & Projected Enrollment



MSAD #75, Ararat Middle School, ME Grades 6-8 Historical & Projected Enrollment

SCHOOL: Ararat Middle School

DATE: 8/14/2025

| SCHOOL | | | | 6-8 |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|
| YEAR | 6 | 7 | 8 | TOTAL |
| 2020-21 | 214 | 182 | 177 | 573 |
| 2021-22 | 181 | 213 | 177 | 571 |
| 2022-23 | 191 | 180 | 206 | 577 |
| 2023-24 | 177 | 183 | 169 | 529 |
| 2024-25 | 179 | 173 | 181 | 533 |
| 2025-26 | 189 | 175 | 167 | 531 |
| 2026-27 | 175 | 185 | 169 | 529 |
| 2027-28 | 171 | 172 | 179 | 522 |
| 2028-29 | 146 | 168 | 166 | 480 |
| 2029-30 | 155 | 143 | 162 | 460 |

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Over the next three years, Grades 6-8 enrollments are projected to decline by 11 students.

MSAD #75, Ararat High School, ME Grades 9-12 Historical & Projected Enrollment

SCHOOL: Ararat High School

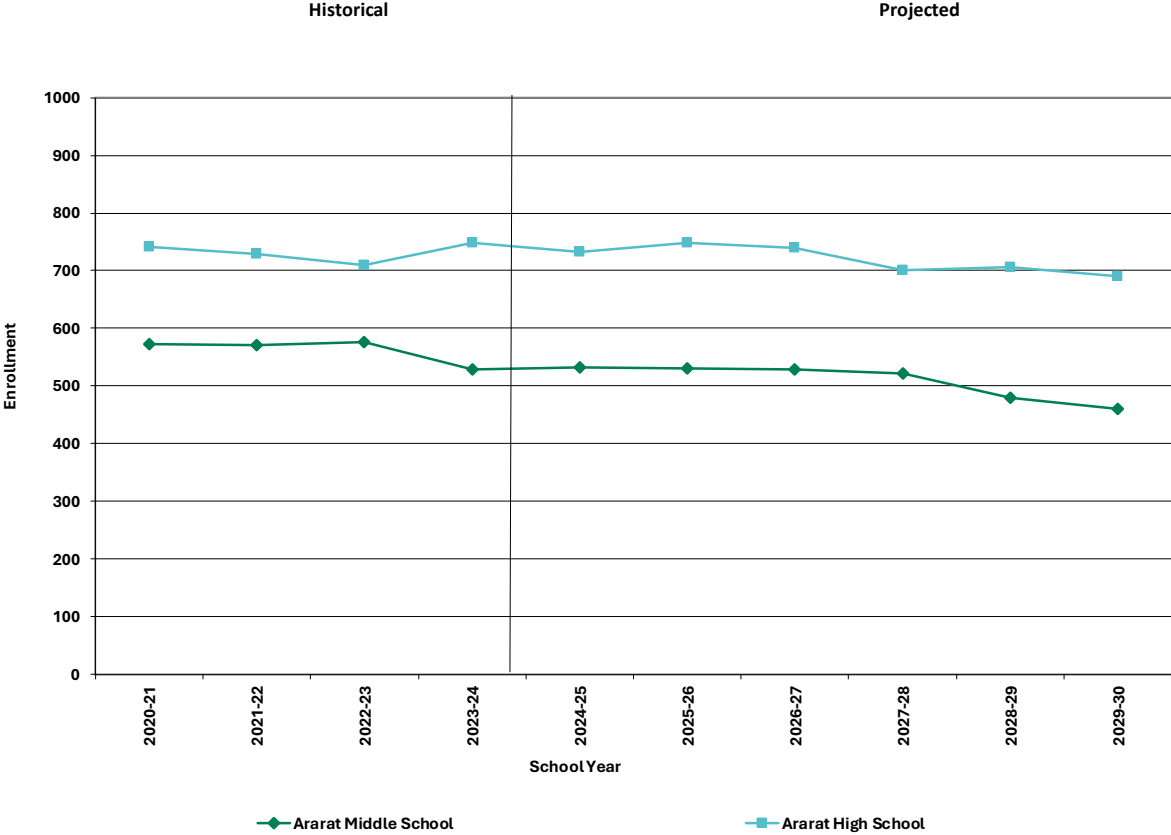
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| SCHOOL | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | TOTAL |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------|
| YEAR | | | | | TOTAL |
| 2020-21 | 182 | 185 | 197 | 178 | 742 |
| 2021-22 | 167 | 180 | 186 | 196 | 729 |
| 2022-23 | 176 | 166 | 186 | 182 | 710 |
| 2023-24 | 209 | 181 | 164 | 194 | 748 |
| 2024-25 | 176 | 209 | 178 | 170 | 733 |
| 2025-26 | 183 | 177 | 207 | 181 | 748 |
| 2026-27 | 169 | 184 | 175 | 211 | 739 |
| 2027-28 | 171 | 170 | 182 | 178 | 701 |
| 2028-29 | 181 | 172 | 168 | 186 | 707 |
| 2029-30 | 168 | 182 | 170 | 171 | 691 |

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Over the next three years, Grades 9-12 enrollments are projected to decline by 32 students.

MSAD #75, Grades 6-12 Historical & Projected Enrollment



ENROLLMENT FORECAST BASED ON INCREASED RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

Methodology

NESDEC analyzed public school enrollment data for the past ten years, with particular attention to the projected “student yield” of housing currently under construction, thus generating an *enrollment forecast*. This analysis was informed by the City Planner’s outline of any new residential construction currently under construction and the current real estate market as confirmed by local realtors.

The “student yield” is calculated by considering the potential number of school-aged children who might occupy any new housing under construction. It is distributed over a three to five-year period, based on anticipated occupancy. We assign the “student yield” to grade level spans without certainty of the actual age of the potential students. Of note, the smaller the number of the “student yield,” the more difficult it is to forecast the enrollments. (This Enrollment Forecast is based only on new residential units currently under construction included in this report.)

ENROLLMENT FORECAST

There are no approved projects currently under construction in Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, or Harpswell.

Topsham Approved Projects Currently Under Construction

Projected Student Yield:

Impact to Enrollment over the next 2-3 years

(dependent on timeline of project completion)

- Grades K-5: 19-25 students
- Grades 6-8: 5-7 students
- Grades 9-12: 2-3 students

We assign the “student yield” to grade level spans without certainty of the actual age of the potential students.

NOTE: Approved Projects Not Currently Under Construction and Projects in the Approval Pipeline are not included in the Enrollment Forecast as our experience has shown that sometimes these projects are not built, are delayed, or not approved.

MSAD #75 Public Schools should continue to monitor these projects going forward.

DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS SUMMARY AND ASSUMPTIONS

- We have utilized the most recent information available and cannot predict if current economic, political, social and environmental factors will shift.
- Over the past thirty years, U.S. Census figures from 1990-2020 indicate a 42.09% increase in overall population growth for Bowdoin; a 39% increase in overall population growth for Bowdoinham; a 0.37% increase in overall population growth for Harpswell; and a 9.3% increase in overall population growth for Topsham. Population estimates for 2021-2023 for all four communities is noted as relatively stable.
- Over the past twenty years from 2000 to 2020, Bowdoin average median age has increased by 10.7 years, Bowdoinham average median age has increased by 14.5 years, Harpswell average median age has increased by 16 years, and Topsham average median age has increased by 9.1 years. The increased median age for these four communities indicates an aging population, which can also be a factor in predicting the number of future births, which is an indicator for Kindergarten enrollments.
- Over the past ten years:
 - The Bowdoin population under 5 has increased by 2.3%, possibly indicating a slight increase in this age group. (This population is future Kindergarteners.) The population under 18 has decreased by 5.4%, indicating a decline in the overall school-aged population. Additionally, the population between 18-64 has decreased by 2.6%, while the population over 65 has increased by 8%, a possible indicator of an aging population coupled with a decreasing K-12 population overall. To note, the 2023 K-12 population comprised 12.5% of the overall population.
 - The Bowdoinham population under 5 has increased by 2.2%, possibly indicating a slight increase in this age group. (This population is future Kindergarteners.) The population under 18 has decreased by 4.8%, indicating a decline in the overall school-aged population. Additionally, the population between 18-64 has decreased by 2.9%, while the population over 65 has increased by 7.7%, a possible indicator of an aging population coupled with a decreasing K-12 population overall. To note, the 2023 K-12 population comprised 13.2% of the overall population.
 - The Harpswell population under 5 has decreased by 4.6% to 1.2% of the population, indicating a decline in this age group. (This population is future Kindergarteners.) The population under 18 has decreased by 7.4%, indicating a decline in the overall school-aged population. Additionally, the population between 18-64 has increased minimally by 0.2%, while the population over 65 has increased by 7.2%, a possible indicator of an aging population coupled with a decreasing K-12 population overall. To note, the 2023 K-12 population comprised 10.5% of the overall population.
 - The Topsham population under 5 has decreased by 1%, possibly indicating a slight decrease in this age group. (This population is future Kindergarteners.) The population under 18 has decreased by 2.6%, indicating a slight decline in the overall school-aged population. Additionally, the population between 18-64 has decreased by 3.9%, while the population over 65 has increased by 6.5%, a possible indicator of an aging population coupled with a decreasing K-12 population overall. To note, the 2023 K-12 population comprised 15.9% of the overall population.
- Over the next three years, MSAD #75 Grades K-5 enrollments are projected to decrease by 126 students (12.56%), Grades 6-8 are projected to decrease by 11 students (2.06%), and Grades 9-12 are projected to decrease by 32 students (4.37%), as students move through the grades. Overall,

Grades K-12 enrollments are projected to decrease by 169 students (7.45%) over the next three years. See report for school-by-school trends.

- Births have declined over the past 15 years in all four communities, which could lead to a continued decline in Kindergarten enrollments going forward, and an overall decline in future K-12 enrollments, as students move through the grades.
- Real estate sales remain strong according to local realtors and Realtor.com.
- New residential construction currently under construction in Topsham (as of August 12, 2025) could have impact on enrollments, while any Projects Not Currently Under Construction could potentially have an impact on future student enrollment. MSAD #75 Public Schools should continue to monitor these projects going forward.
- It is important to note that this analysis is based on existing data and trends. The data used in this report was accurate as of this writing and could be subject to change.