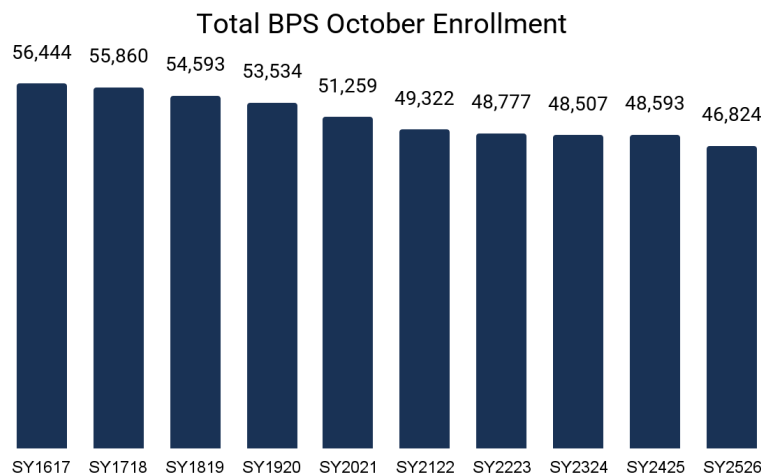


To: Boston School Committee
From: Monica Hogan, Chief of Data, Information and Systems Improvement
CC: Mary Skipper, Superintendent
Subject: SY25-26 Student Enrollment Trends Update
Date: December 12, 2025

This memo provides an update on overall student enrollment trends in BPS..

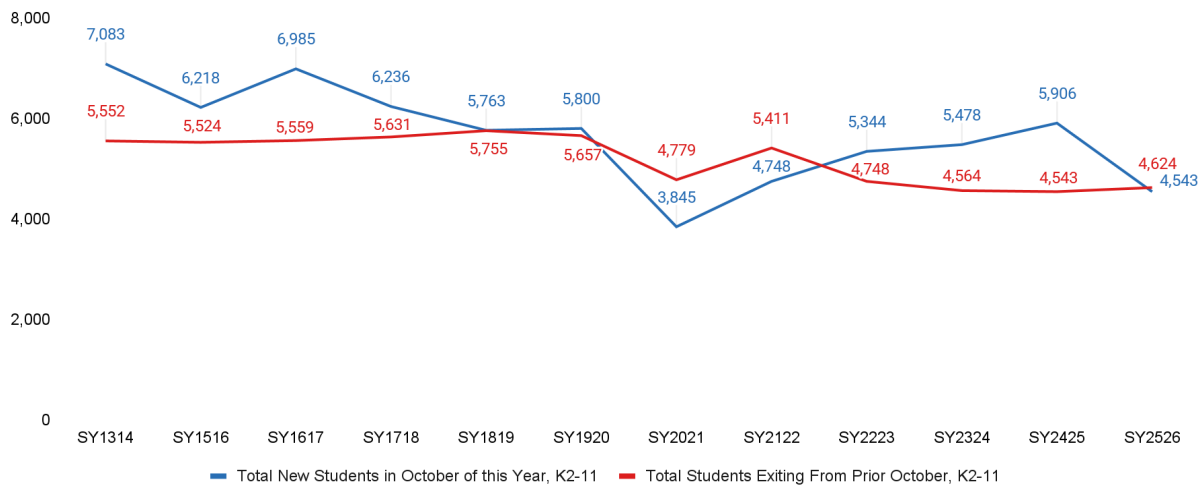
Overall Student Enrollment Trends

Total enrollment in BPS has declined by 9,620 students (17%) over the last 9 years. In October 2025, enrollment in BPS was down by roughly 1,700 students following three years of stable enrollment.



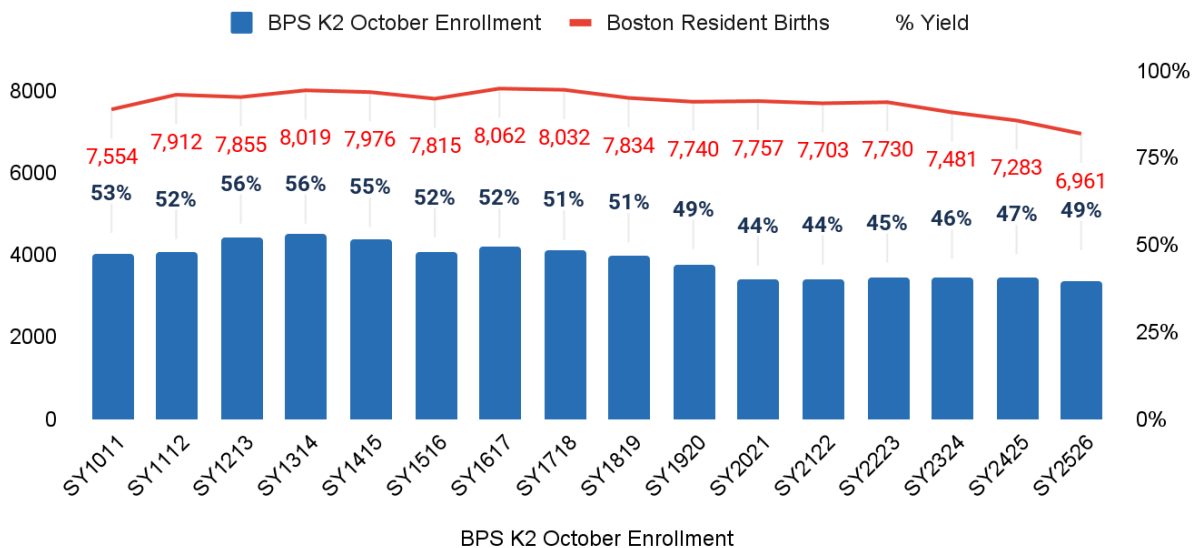
The large decline in enrollment is largely attributable to the decrease in international immigration, which for many years was high and compensated for the smaller cohorts of students aging up in Boston. After three years of more students entering than exiting, the number of students leaving is roughly the same as the number of new students.

Patterns of New and Exiting Students in BPS



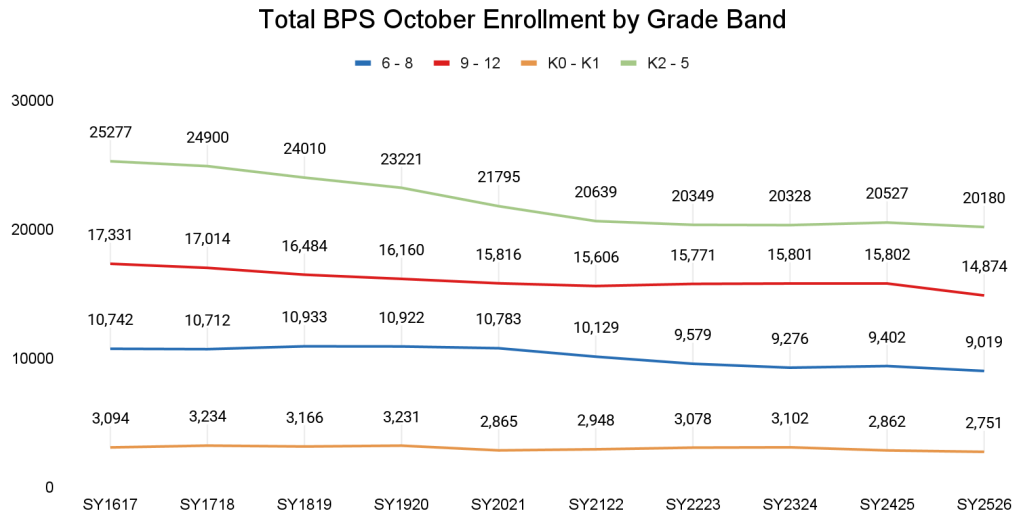
Elementary declines have been driven by fewer resident births and smaller K2 classes entering and moving through the system. There is a consistent relationship between the number of Boston resident births and the number of BPS K2 students 5 years later. Boston Resident Births have consistently declined over the last decade, leading to smaller K2 cohorts.

Boston Residents Births and BPS K2 Enrollment 5 Years Later



Elementary enrollment has stabilized, but prior year declines have begun to impact secondary enrollment.

- Enrollment in grades K2 to 5 has mostly stabilized, but is 5,097 students (20%) lower than in SY16-17.
- Enrollment in grades 6 to 8 also mostly leveled off, but is 1,764 students (16%) lower than 5 years ago.
- Grades 9 to 12 started to decline this year as smaller cohorts age up through the system, down 924 students from a year ago (6%).



As we begin planning for FY27, we anticipate that enrollment will continue to decline. These declines are driven by fewer newcomers and continued decline in the number of Boston resident births.