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# FINAL REPORT



**Delaware City School District**  
Enrollment Projection Study  
December 9, 2025

### INTRODUCTION

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

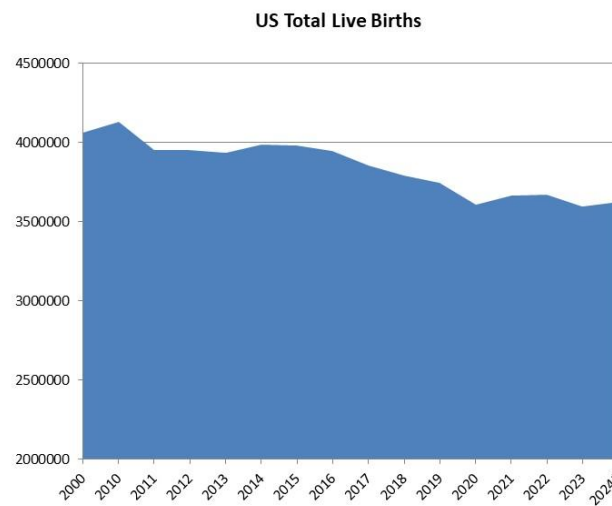
This report contains ten-year enrollment projections, which were developed for the Delaware City School District by analyzing the following data:

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

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

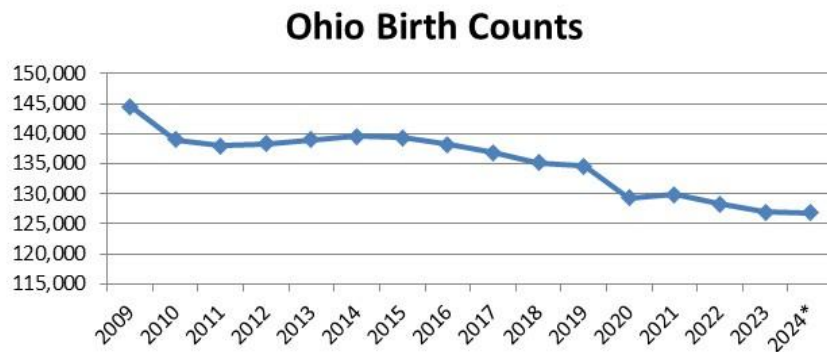
### NATIONAL & OHIO TRENDS IN ENROLLMENT

The United States as a whole continues to undergo major shifts in public student enrollment. Births are a significant part of this shift. From 2000 to 2010, births increased, then declined from 2011 to 2013. In 2014, there was a slight uptick. Since 2014, there has been steady decline. The decrease from 2019 to 2020 was approximately 4 percent. However, in 2021, there was a slight uptick of 1.5 percent. Since, birth counts reached an all-time low in 2023 and had another slight uptick in 2024 of less than 1 percent.



Source: CDC, NVSS, Vital Statistics Rapid Release, Report No. 38, April 2025  
\*provisional

From 2009 to 2011, Ohio births declined by 12,760 and then somewhat leveled off through 2014. Since 2014, births have dropped each year with a slight uptick from 2020 to 2021. From 2019 to 2024, births declined by approximately 6 percent.

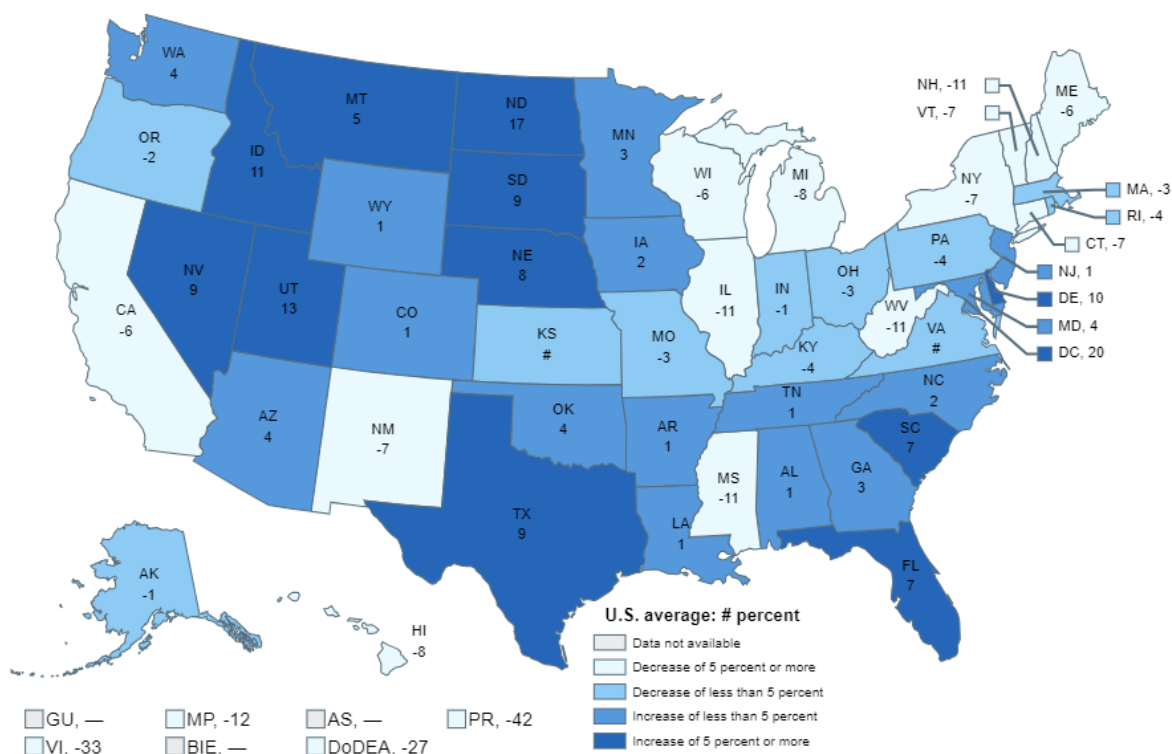


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In addition to births dropping in Ohio, the state is also aging. The median age in 2023 was 39.9 years of age while the national median age was 38.9 years. In 2010, the median age in Ohio was 38.3 years.

The figure below illustrates the change in Pre-K - 12 public school enrollment from the 2012-13 to the 2022-23 school year. States with growth in enrollment were primarily in the southeast and west. Ohio experienced a decrease of 3 percent.

**Figure 2. Percentage change in public elementary and secondary school enrollment, by state or jurisdiction: Fall 2012 to fall 2022**



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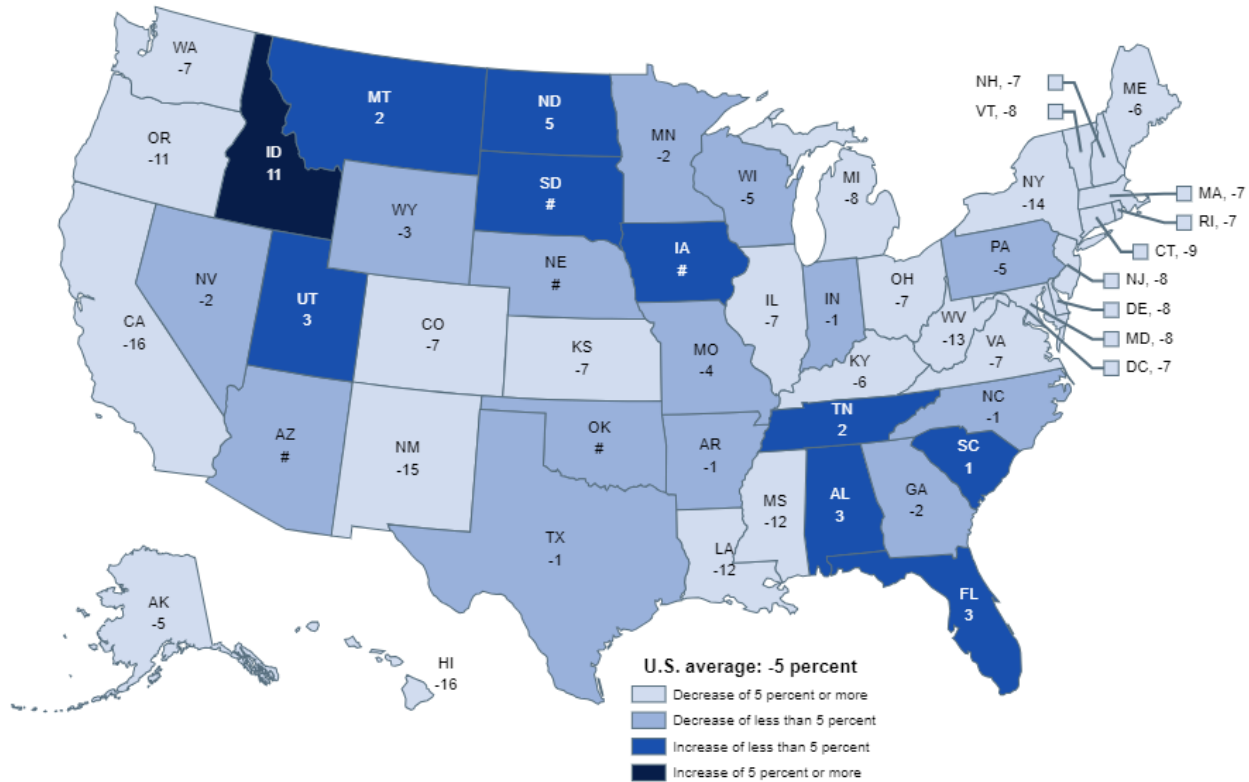
NOTE: U.S. average is for the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Data include both traditional public schools and public charter schools. Includes imputations for nonreported prekindergarten enrollment in California and Oregon for fall 2022. Figures are plotted based on unrounded data.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data (CCD), "State Nonfiscal Survey of Public Elementary/Secondary Education," 2012–13 and 2022–23. Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Data Center, Enrollment Data, 2012 and 2022, retrieved December 12, 2022, from <https://www.dodea.edu/datacenter/enrollment.cfm>. See *Digest of Education Statistics 2023*, table 203.20.

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The figure below illustrates the projected change in Pre-K-12 public school enrollment from the 2022-23 to the 2031-32 school year. Growth is expected in only 10 states over this time period. Ohio is projected to experience a decrease of 7 percent.

**Figure 3. Projected percentage change in public elementary and secondary school enrollment, by state: Fall 2022 to fall 2031**



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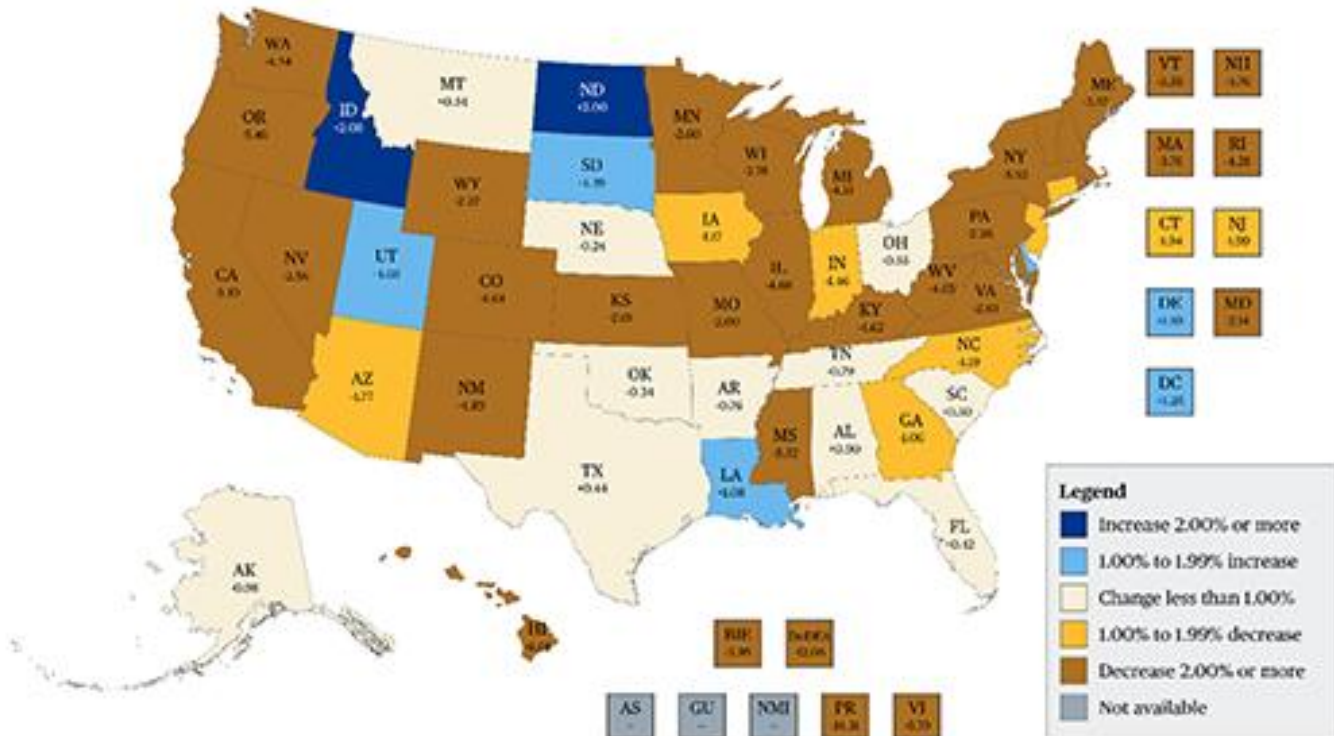
NOTE: U.S. average is for the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Projected enrollment data are not available for the other U.S. jurisdictions. Data include both traditional public schools and public charter schools. Includes imputations for nonreported prekindergarten enrollment in California and Oregon for fall 2022. Projections in this figure were calculated after the onset of the coronavirus pandemic and take into account the expected impacts of the pandemic. Projections for fall 2023 through fall 2031 are based on historical data through fall 2021, only. Figures are plotted based on unrounded data.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data (CCD), "State Nonfiscal Survey of Public Elementary/Secondary Education," 2022-23; and State Public Elementary and Secondary Enrollment Projection Model, through 2031. See *Digest of Education Statistics 2023*, table 203.20.

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The figure below illustrates the change in Pre-K-12 public school enrollment from the 2019-20 to the 2022-23 school year. All but 5 states lost enrollment during the “Covid years.” Ohio lost less than 1 percent.

**Figure 1. Percentage Change in Public School Enrollment Between Fall 2019 and 2022**



NOTE: "Fall 2019 enrollment for California and fall 2022 enrollment for California and Oregon include imputations for non reported prekindergarten enrollment.  
 SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data (CCD), "State Nonfiscal Survey of Public Elementary/Secondary Education," 2019-20 and 2022-23; Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Data Center, Enrollment Data, fall 2019 and fall 2022, retrieved December 12, 2022, from <https://dodea.edu/education/research-accountability-and-evaluation/enrollment-management>.

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From 2015-16 to 2024-25, public school enrollment declined by 115,310 students or approximately 6% statewide. In 2021-22, there was a slight uptick of 5,810 or less than 0.5 percent.

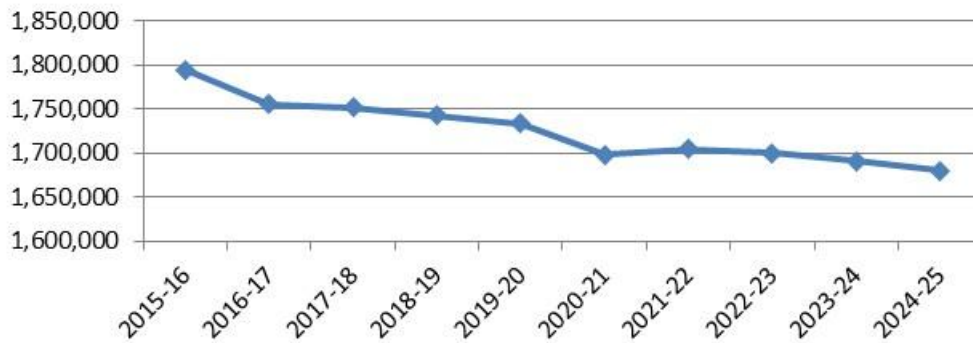
### Ohio Public School Enrollment 2015-16 - 2024-25

Year	October Headcount*
2015-16	1,795,339
2016-17	1,755,552
2017-18	1,751,888
2018-19	1,742,715
2019-20	1,733,911
2020-21	1,698,925
2021-22	1,704,735
2022-23	1,699,957
2023-24	1,691,726
2024-25	1,680,029

Source: Ohio Department of Education & Workforce

\*includes grades K-12 and ungraded

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From 2015-16 to 2024-25, non-public school enrollment increased by 6,703 students or approximately 4 percent. From 2020-21 to 2024-25, non-public school enrollment has increased by over 18,000 students or approximately 11 percent.

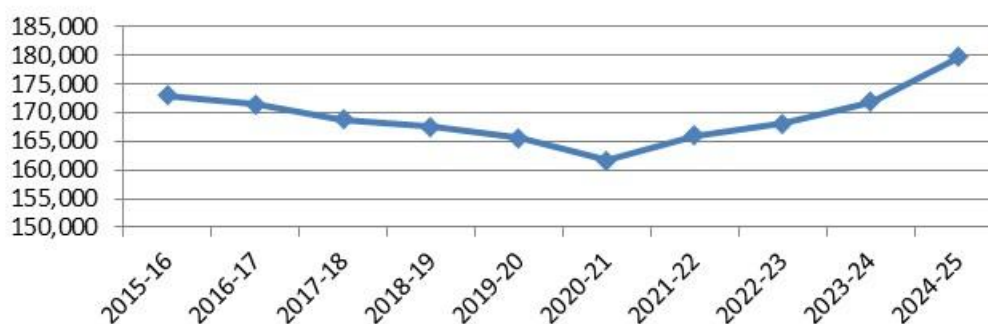
### Ohio Chartered Non-Public School Enrollment 2015-16 - 2024-25

Year	October ADM*
2015-16	172,990
2016-17	171,426
2017-18	168,857
2018-19	167,558
2019-20	165,511
2020-21	161,664
2021-22	166,013
2022-23	168,111
2023-24	171,830
2024-25	179,693

Source: Ohio Department of Education & Workforce

\*includes grades K-12

### Ohio Non-Public School Enrollment



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Out of 607 school districts, only 92 (or approximately 15%) gained enrollment in grades K - 12 from the 2014-15 to the 2024-25 school year. Please note 5 districts had either 0 students in 2014-15 or in 2024-25 and were not included in the count.

Of the 515 school districts who lost enrollment, 58 (or approximately 13%) lost less than 5 percent, and 118 districts (or approximately 23%) lost between 5 and 10 percent. Approximately 33% (or 172 districts) lost between 11 and 20 percent, and approximately 32% (or 167 districts) lost more than 20 percent.

Of those districts that gained enrollment, 39 (or approximately 42%) increased by less than 5 percent, and 22 (or approximately 24%) increased between 5 and 10 percent. Twenty-three districts (or approximately 25%) increased between 10 and 20%, and 8 districts (or approximately 9%) increased over 20 percent.

Analyzing enrollment from a county perspective, only 10 of the 88 counties in Ohio gained K – 12 enrollment from the 2014-15 to the 2024-25 school year. Delaware County gained approximately 17%, while the rest gained approximately 5% or less.

County	2024-25 K-12 Total	2015-16 K-12 Total	Difference	% Change
Delaware	35,030	30,023	5,007	16.7%
Seneca	6,493	6,170	323	5.2%
Licking	27,264	25,977	1,287	5.0%
Fairfield	25,361	24,251	1,110	4.6%
Union	7,881	7,679	202	2.6%
Mercer	7,951	7,754	197	2.5%
Warren	36,645	35,942	703	2.0%
Pickaway	9,234	9,104	130	1.4%
Franklin	169,025	167,801	1,224	0.7%
Madison	6,450	6,438	12	0.2%

Clinton County had the highest percentage loss of students at 25 percent. Fifty-six percent of the counties (49 total) experienced a decline of greater than 10 percent. The map on the following page illustrates the gain/loss for each county from the 2014-15 to the 2024-25 school year.



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### HISTORICAL ENROLLMENT

Over the past ten years, student enrollment in the Delaware City School District has increased by 41 students in grades Pre-K – 12, including ungraded students. Total enrollment for the 2025-26 school year is 5,667 students.

The following tables and graph illustrate the District’s Pre-K – 12 enrollment history from 2016-17 through 2025-26.

**Delaware City School District  
Historical Enrollment**

Grade	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Pre-K	135	230	243	235	112	161	163	258	259	230
K	442	418	420	442	402	446	393	403	421	413
1	436	446	417	410	402	395	466	397	413	424
2	393	423	437	429	386	404	394	469	405	414
3	456	370	419	419	410	395	419	396	469	403
4	452	442	376	416	406	409	396	404	400	469
5	451	447	442	376	394	424	419	415	413	410
6	412	443	453	447	361	401	440	422	427	418
7	409	413	438	455	435	367	414	421	413	428
8	381	417	404	429	445	438	391	397	406	423
9	457	372	443	413	433	445	451	386	396	417
10	410	456	381	441	401	441	446	449	367	400
11	428	401	462	383	436	402	438	428	425	377
12	364	411	399	455	378	436	393	416	429	434
Pre-K - 12 Total	5,626	5,689	5,734	5,750	5,401	5,564	5,623	5,661	5,643	5,660
Ungraded	0	0	0	0	58	63	47	6	10	7
Grand Total	5,626	5,689	5,734	5,750	5,459	5,627	5,670	5,667	5,653	5,667

Source: Delaware City School District

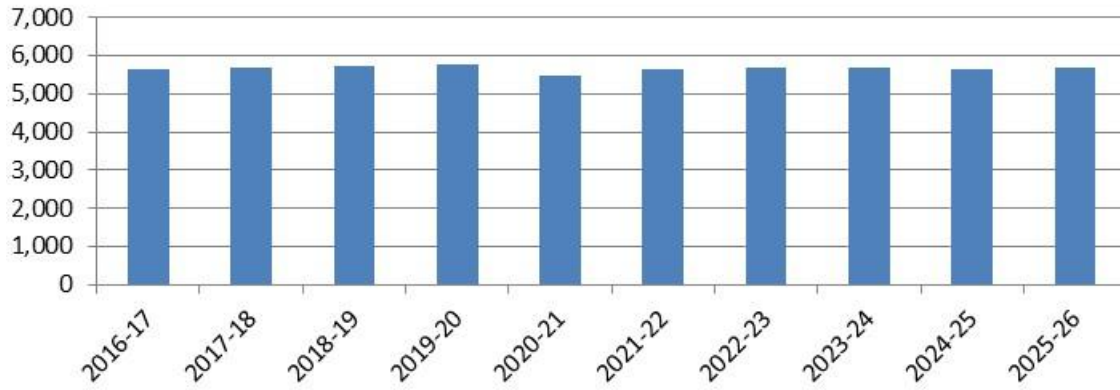
**Delaware City School District  
Historical Enrollment by Grade Group**

Grade	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Pre-K - 5	2,765	2,776	2,754	2,727	2,512	2,634	2,650	2,742	2,780	2,763
6 - 8	1,202	1,273	1,295	1,331	1,241	1,206	1,245	1,240	1,246	1,269
9 - 12	1,659	1,640	1,685	1,692	1,648	1,724	1,728	1,679	1,617	1,628
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Source: Delaware City School District

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Historical Enrollment



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### ACTUAL VS. PROJECTED ENROLLMENT

In September 2024, a set of enrollment projections was developed for the Delaware City School District. The table below illustrates the difference between the actual and projected enrollment by grade for the 2025-26 school year. The biggest differences were with 9<sup>th</sup> grade and Kindergarten students. Overall, the projections were within 112 students (or 2%) of the actual enrollment.

**Delaware City School District  
Actual vs. Projected Enrollment**

Grade	2025-26 Actual	2025-26 EP	Difference	Percentage
Pre-K	230	239	-9	-3.91%
K	413	398	15	3.63%
1	424	430	-6	-1.42%
2	414	422	-8	-1.93%
3	403	413	-10	-2.48%
4	469	480	-11	-2.35%
5	410	411	-1	-0.24%
6	418	429	-11	-2.63%
7	428	436	-8	-1.87%
8	423	426	-3	-0.71%
9	417	437	-20	-4.80%
10	400	410	-10	-2.50%
11	377	388	-11	-2.92%
12	434	445	-11	-2.53%
Pre-K - 12 Total	5,660	5,764	-104	-1.84%
Ungraded	7	15	-8	-114.29%
Grand Total	5,667	5,779	-112	-1.98%

Source: Delaware City School District, FutureThink

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### OPEN ENROLLMENT

Since 2016-17, the number of Delaware City School District students “open enrolling” into the District has increased from 55 to 118 students with some fluctuation. The number of students “open enrolling” out of the District has decreased from 81 to 69 students with some fluctuation. Significant changes in the number of students “open enrolling” into or out of the District from year to year can impact enrollment projections and should be monitored.

**Delaware City School District  
Open Enrollment - IN**

Grade	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Pre-K - 12 Total	55	90	134	87	167	182	127	157	132	118

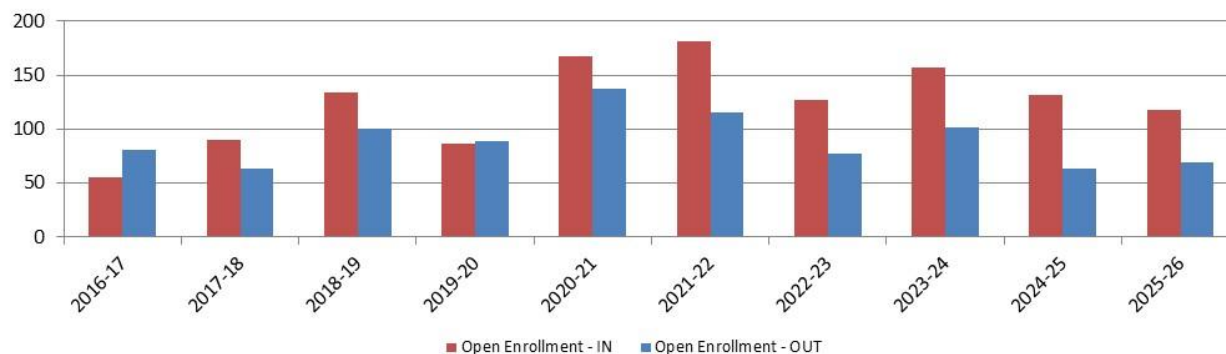
Source: Delaware City School District

**Delaware City School District  
Open Enrollment - OUT**

Grade	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Pre-K - 12 Total	81	63	100	89	137	115	77	102	63	69

Source: Delaware City School District

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Open Enrollment**



### LIVE BIRTH DATA

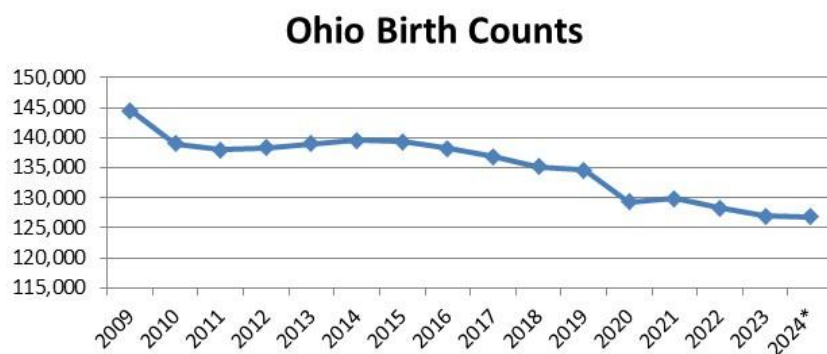
Utilization of live birth data is recommended when projecting future kindergarten enrollments as it provides a helpful overall trend. The live birth counts are used in determining a birth-to-kindergarten survival ratio. This ratio identifies the percentage of children born in a representative area who attend kindergarten in the District five years later. The survival ratios for birth-to-kindergarten as well as grades 1-12 can be found later in this report.

The Ohio Department of Health [ODH] information warehouse provides information about live birth events for Ohio residents. Information about events occurring outside of Ohio to Ohio residents is included. Information about events occurring inside Ohio to non-Ohio residents is not included.

Data is arranged by the residence of the mother. For example, if a mother lives in Powell, Delaware County but delivers her baby in Columbus, Franklin County, the birth is counted in Powell, Delaware County.

Live birth counts are different from live birth rates. The live birth count is the actual number of live births. A birth rate is the number of births per 1,000 women in a specified population group. Birth rates are provided for counties only and for 9 age groups from 10-14 years to 45+ years.

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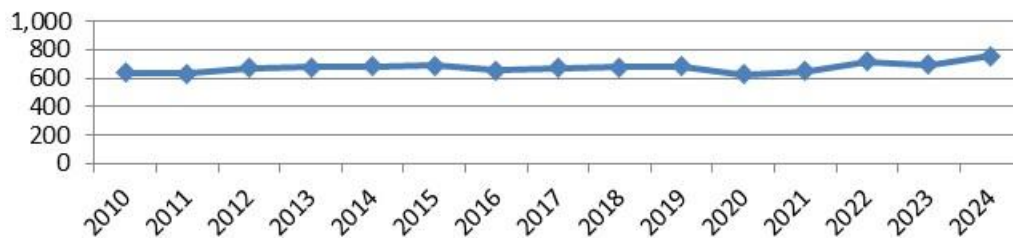
The following table and graph include the live birth counts for zip code 43015.

**Delaware City School District  
Live Birth Counts by Zip Code  
2010-2024**

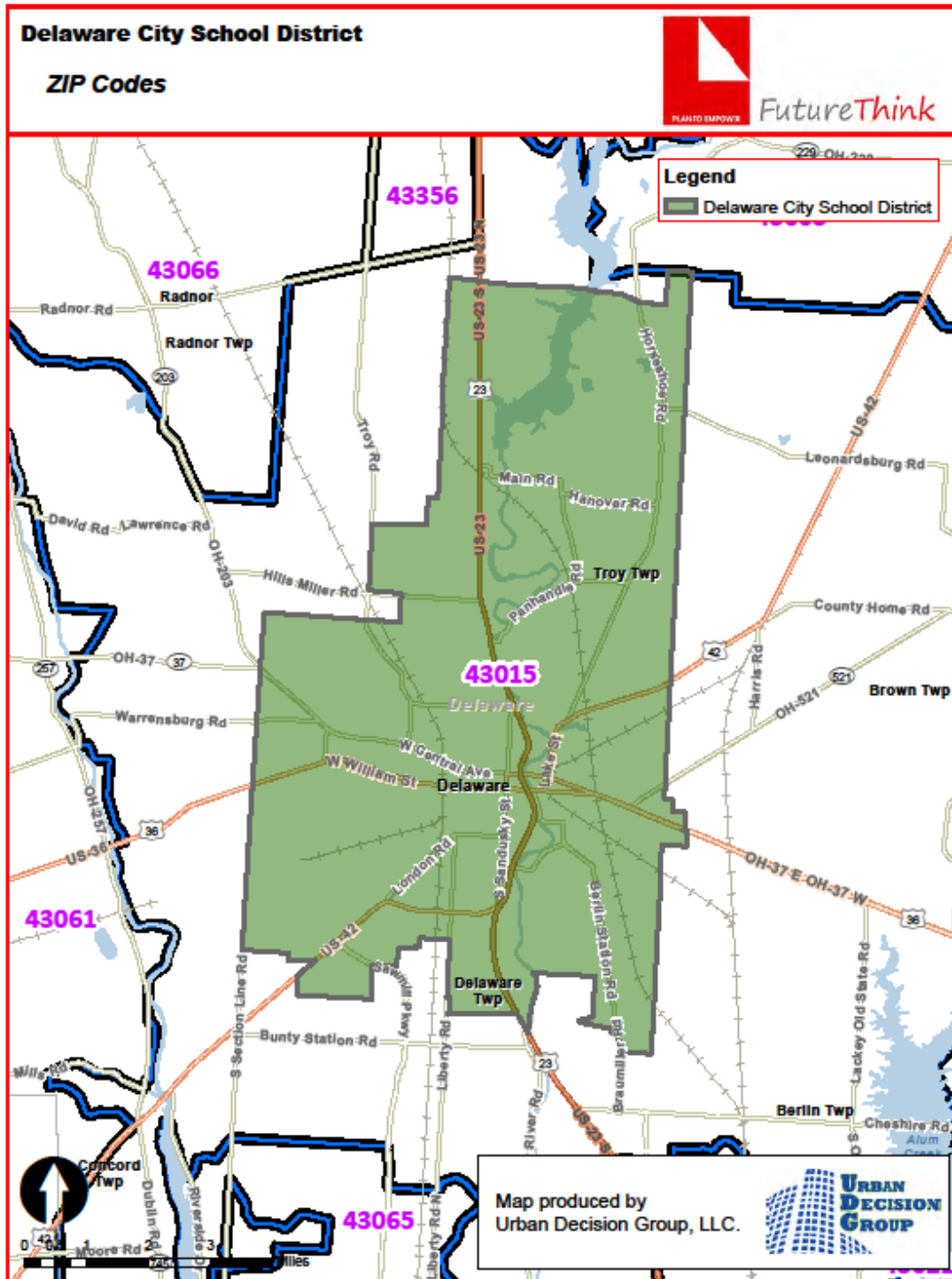
Year	43015
2010	640
2011	631
2012	669
2013	680
2014	682
2015	689
2016	655
2017	670
2018	679
2019	685
2020	629
2021	651
2022	714
2023	692
2024	754

Source: Ohio Department of Health, Data Warehouse

**Delaware City School District  
Live Birth Counts by Zip Code**



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## DEMOGRAPHICS

The Delaware City School District is comprised of Delaware City, Delaware Township, and Troy Township in Delaware County. General demographic data is included in the following tables for the areas located completely or partially in the District.

## General Demographic Information

	Delaware County	State of Ohio
Per Capita Income	\$59,263	\$39,395
Median Household Income	\$126,513	\$67,769
Persons Below Poverty	5.5%	13.3%

Source: US Census, American Community Survey, 2023 1-Year Estimates

## Total Population

	2010 Census	2020 Census
Delaware County	174,214	214,124
Delaware City	34,753	41,302
Delaware Township	1,964	2,713
Troy Township	2,115	2,105

Source: 2010: DEC Summary File 2; 2020 Decennial Census

Also included are block group estimates and projections provided by ESRI. ESRI uses a time series of estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau that includes the latest estimates and inter-censal estimates adjusted for error of closure. The Census Bureau's time series is consistent, but testing has revealed improved accuracy by using a variety of sources to track county population trends.

ESRI also employs a time series of building permits and housing starts plus residential deliveries. Data sources are integrated and then analyzed by Census Block Groups.

Sources of data include:

- ▶ Supplementary Surveys of the Census Bureau
- ▶ Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) Local Area Unemployment Statistics
- ▶ BLS Occupational Employment Statistics
- ▶ *InfoUSA*
- ▶ U.S. Bureau of the Census' Current Population Survey
- ▶ National Planning Association Data Service

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Below is a list of definitions as they appear on the U.S. Census Bureau website, to aid in interpretation of the following tables and maps.

**Household:**

*A household includes all the people who occupy a housing unit as their usual place of residence.*

**Average family size:**

*A measure obtained by dividing the number of members of families by the total number of families (or family householders).*

**Family household (Family):**

*A family includes a householder and one or more people living in the same household who are related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption. All people who are related to the householder are regarded as members of his or her family. A family household may contain people not related to the householder, but those people are not included as part of the householder's family in census tabulations. Thus, the number of family households is equal to the number of families, but family households may include more members than do families. A household can contain only one family for purposes of census tabulations. Not all households contain families since a household may comprise a group of unrelated people or one person living alone.*

**Householder:**

*The person, or one of the people, in whose name the home is owned, being bought, or rented. If there is no such person present, any household member 15 years old and over can serve as the householder for the purposes of the census. Two types of householders are distinguished: a family householder and a nonfamily householder. A family householder is a householder living with one or more people related to him or her by birth, marriage, or adoption. The householder and all people in the household related to him are family members. A nonfamily householder is a householder living alone or with nonrelatives only.*

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The following tables illustrate the current estimates and 5-year population projections based on block groups that comprise the state and school district, indicating areas of current and projected growth. The tables have been developed to determine selected age group projections and projections for household income, family size, and total households.

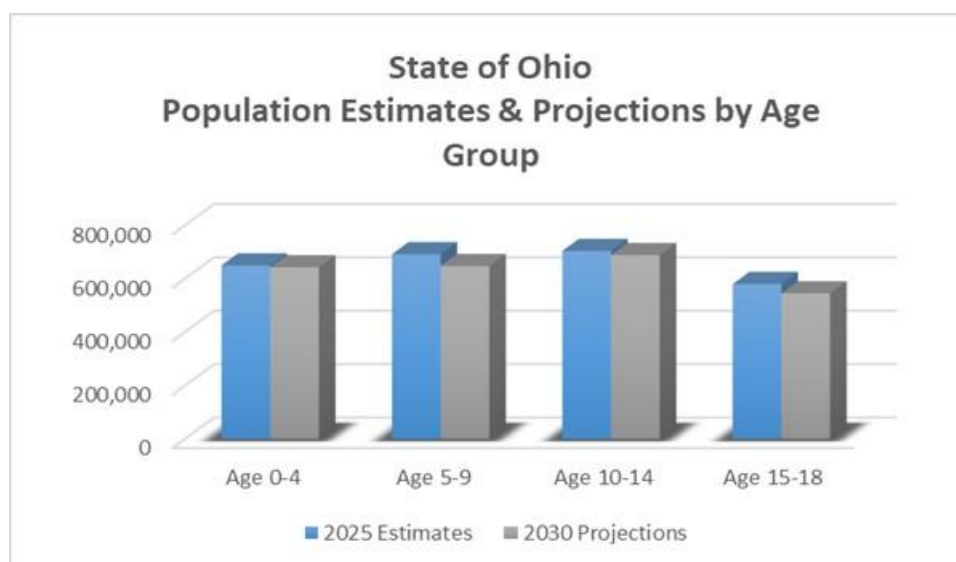
The total population in the State of Ohio is 11,855,695. This population is projected to increase by 51,917 people, or less than 1% over a 5-year period.

The 0-18-year-old population in the State currently totals 2,624,704. This population is projected to decrease by 102,202 children, or approximately 4 percent.

The median age is projected to increase by approximately 2% from 40.5 to 41.4 years of age.

State of Ohio	2025 Estimates	2030 Projections	Change 2025-30	Change 2025-30 (%)
Total Population	11,855,695	11,907,612	51,917	0.4%
Age 0-4	649,600	642,406	-7,194	-1.1%
Age 5-9	691,593	647,324	-44,269	-6.4%
Age 10-14	703,671	688,157	-15,514	-2.2%
Age 15-18	579,840	544,615	-35,225	-6.1%
Total Age 0-18	2,624,704	2,522,502	-102,202	-3.9%
Median Age	40.5	41.4	0.9	2.2%

Source: Esri

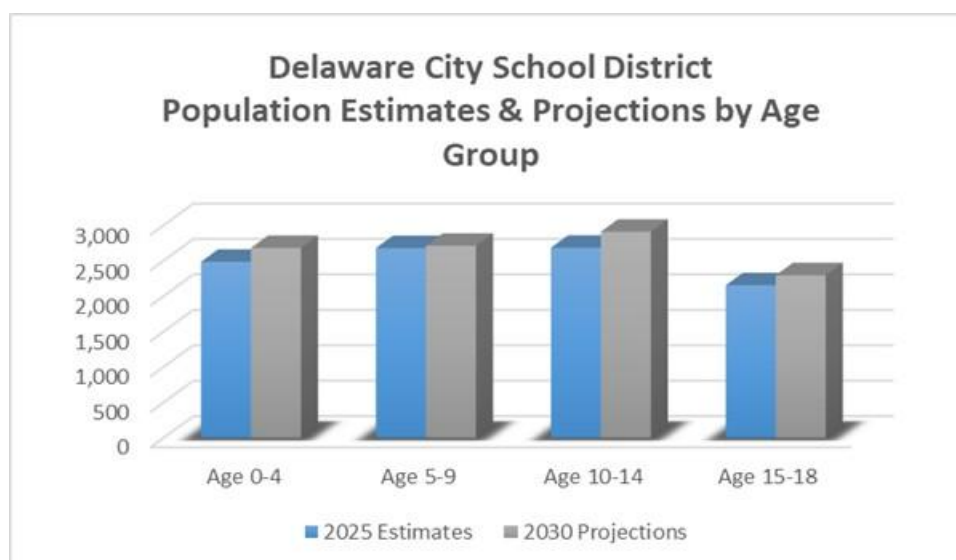


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The total population in the District is 42,001. This population is projected to increase by 4,317 people, or approximately 10% over a 5-year period. The 0-18-year-old population in the District currently totals 10,005. This population is projected to increase by 596 people, or 6 percent. The median age is projected to increase by approximately 3%, from 38.4 to 39.7 years of age.

Delaware City School District	2025 Estimates	2030 Projections	Change 2025-30	Change 2025-30 (%)
Total Population	42,001	46,318	4,317	10.3%
Age 0-4	2,486	2,682	196	7.9%
Age 5-9	2,680	2,713	33	1.2%
Age 10-14	2,684	2,910	226	8.4%
Age 15-18	2,155	2,296	141	6.5%
Total Age 0-18	10,005	10,601	596	6.0%
Median Age	38.4	39.7	1.3	3.4%

Source: Esri



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Median and average household incomes in the State are both projected to increase by approximately 12% over a 5-year period. The average family size is projected to stay the same, and the total number of family households is projected to decrease by less than 1 percent.

<b>State of Ohio</b>	<b>2025 Estimates</b>	<b>2030 Projections</b>	<b>Change 2025-30</b>	<b>Change 2025-30 (%)</b>
Median Household Income	\$71,022	\$79,764	\$8,742	12.3%
Average Household Income	\$100,017	\$112,180	\$12,163	12.2%
Average Family Size	3.03	3.03	0.00	0.0%
Total Family Households	2,960,120	2,959,878	-242	0.1%

Source: Esri

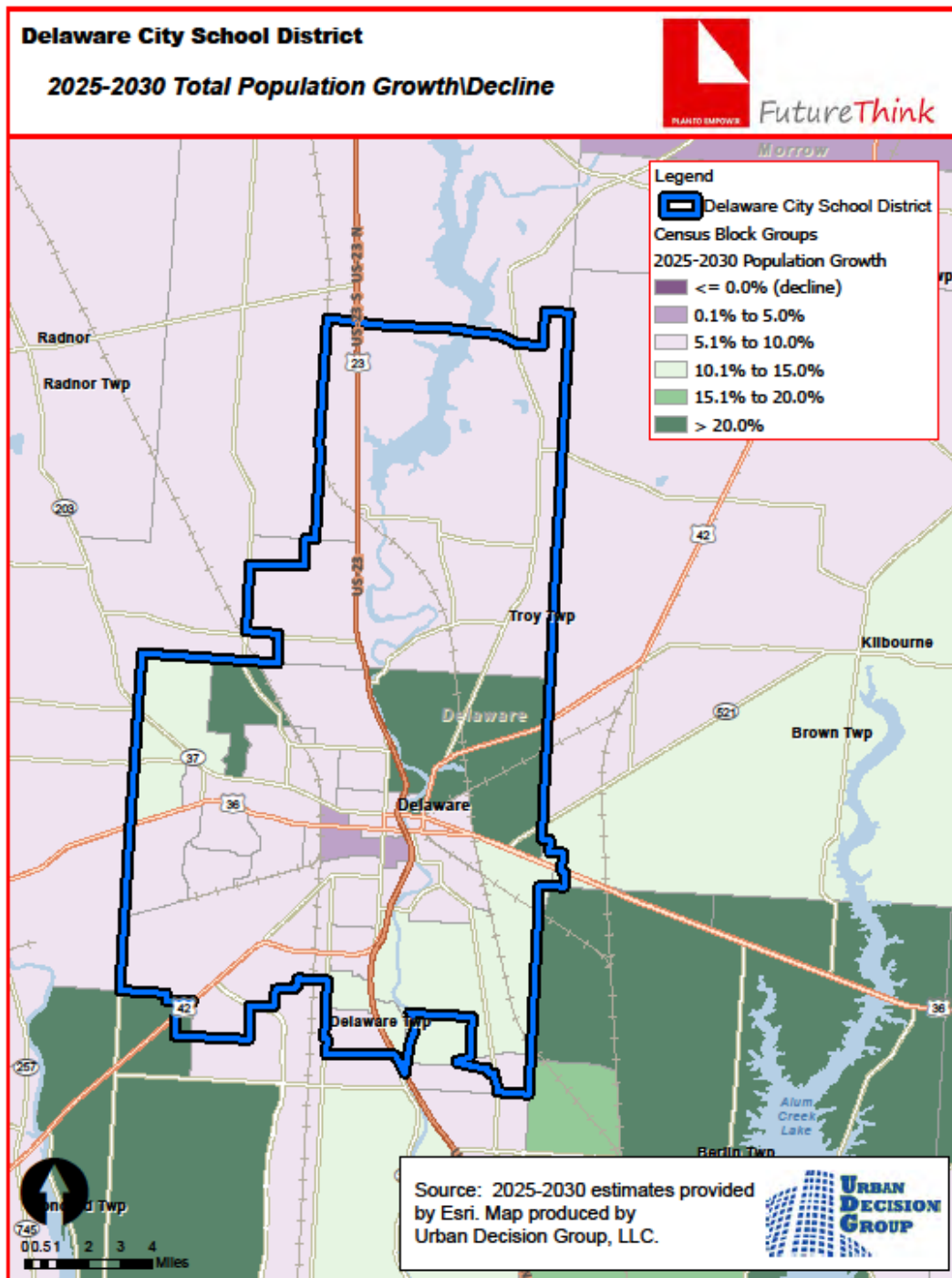
Median and average household incomes in the District are projected to increase by approximately 13% and 14%, respectively, over a 5-year period. The average family size is projected to increase slightly, and the total number of family households is projected to increase by approximately 10 percent.

<b>Delaware City School District</b>	<b>2025 Estimates</b>	<b>2030 Projections</b>	<b>Change 2025-30</b>	<b>Change 2025-30 (%)</b>
Median Household Income	\$83,033	\$93,432	\$10,399	12.5%
Average Household Income	\$108,075	\$123,057	\$14,982	13.9%
Average Family Size	3.03	3.04	0.01	0.3%
Total Family Households	10,513	11,539	1,026	9.8%

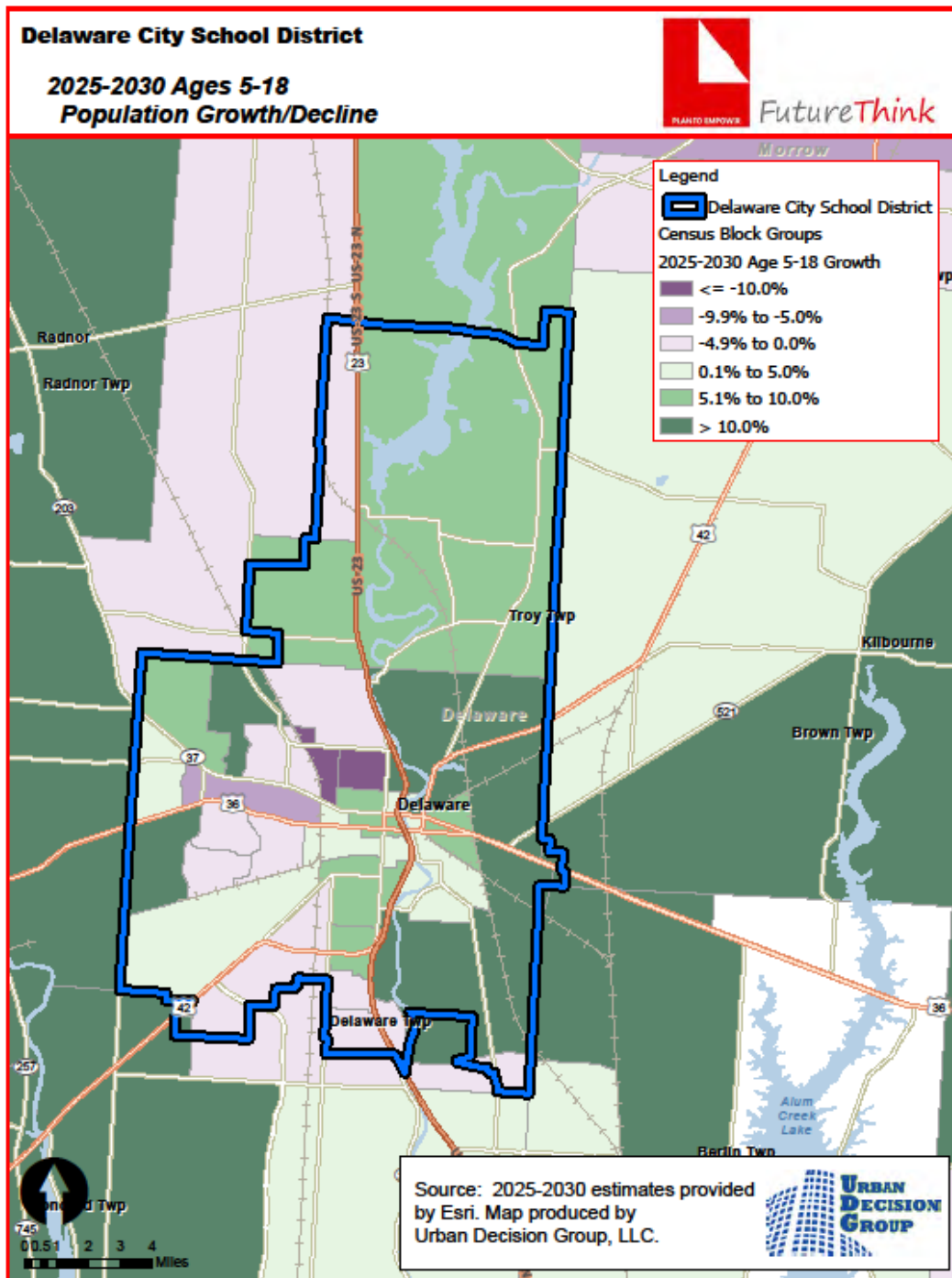
Source: Esri

The maps on the following pages illustrate the data identified in the tables. The color coding identifies areas within the District that may be increasing or decreasing at different rates than others.

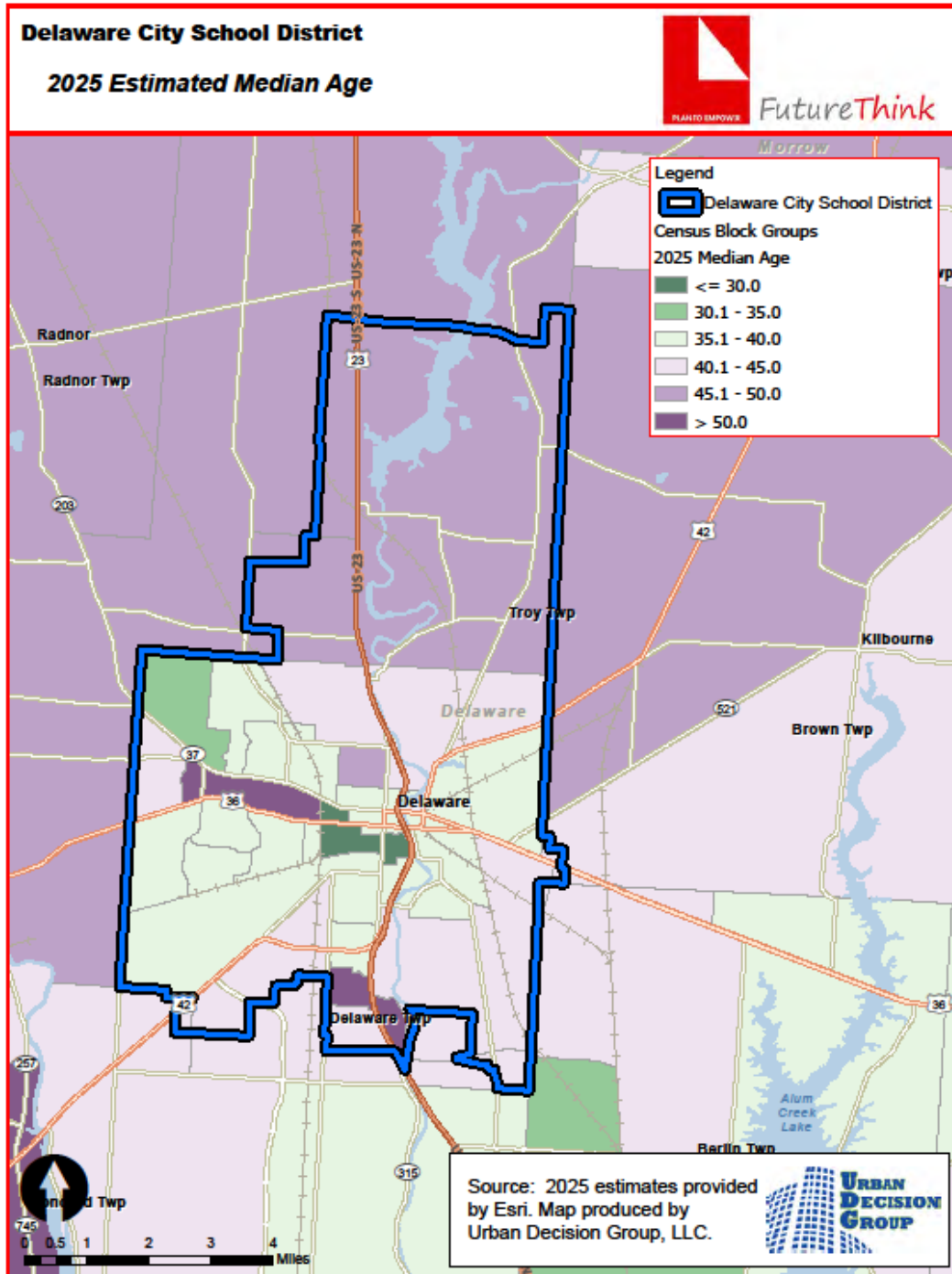
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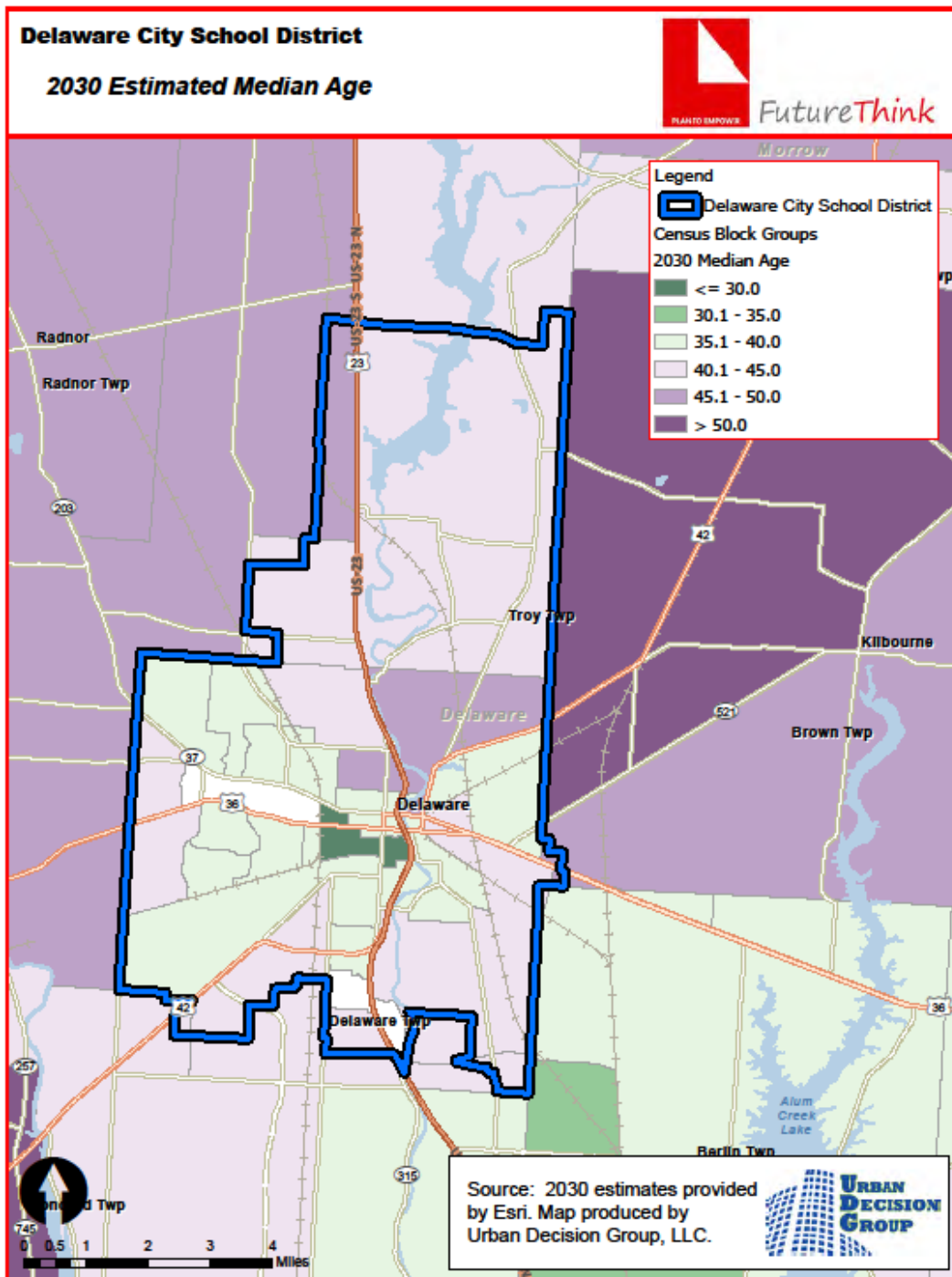
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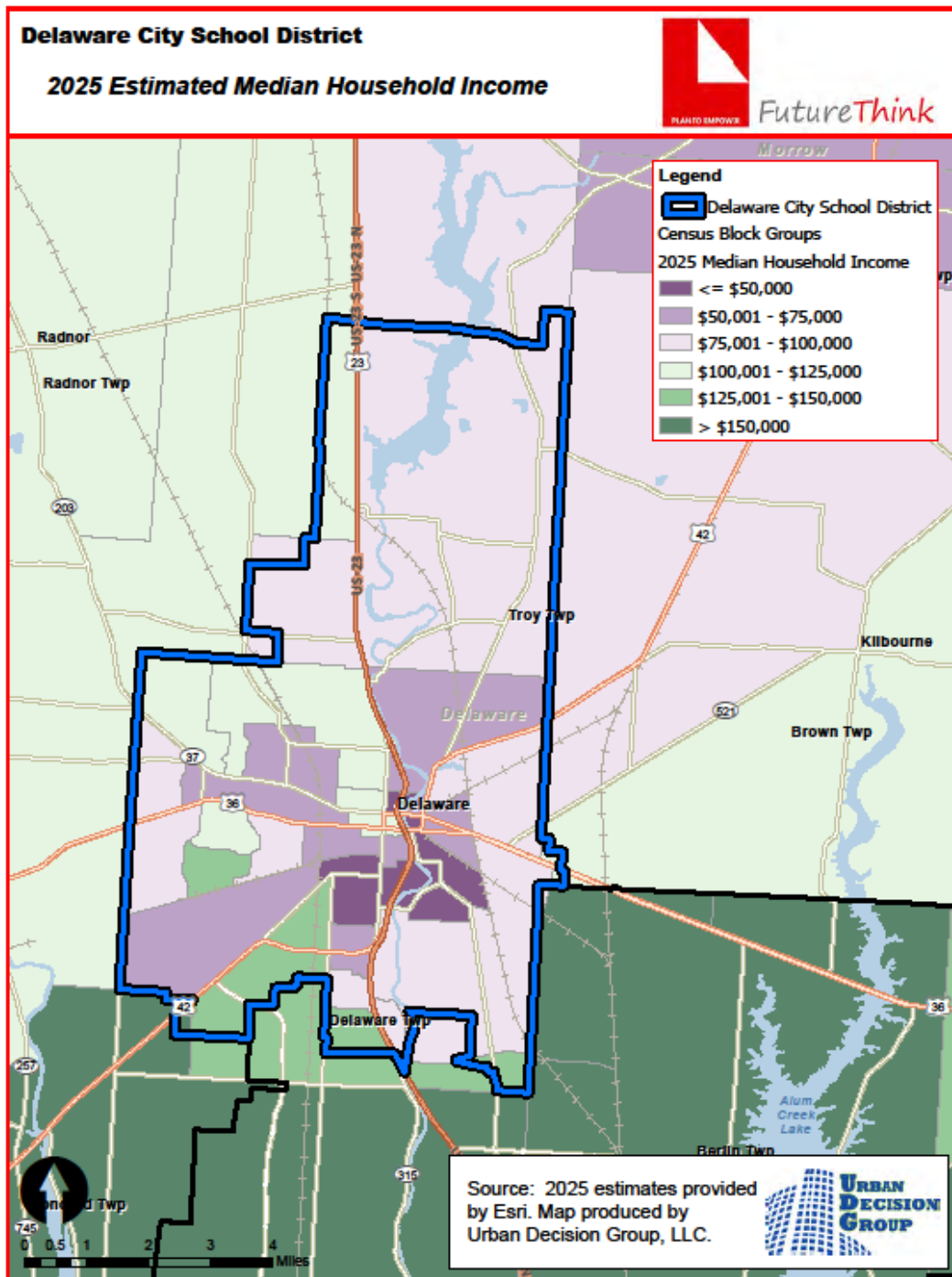
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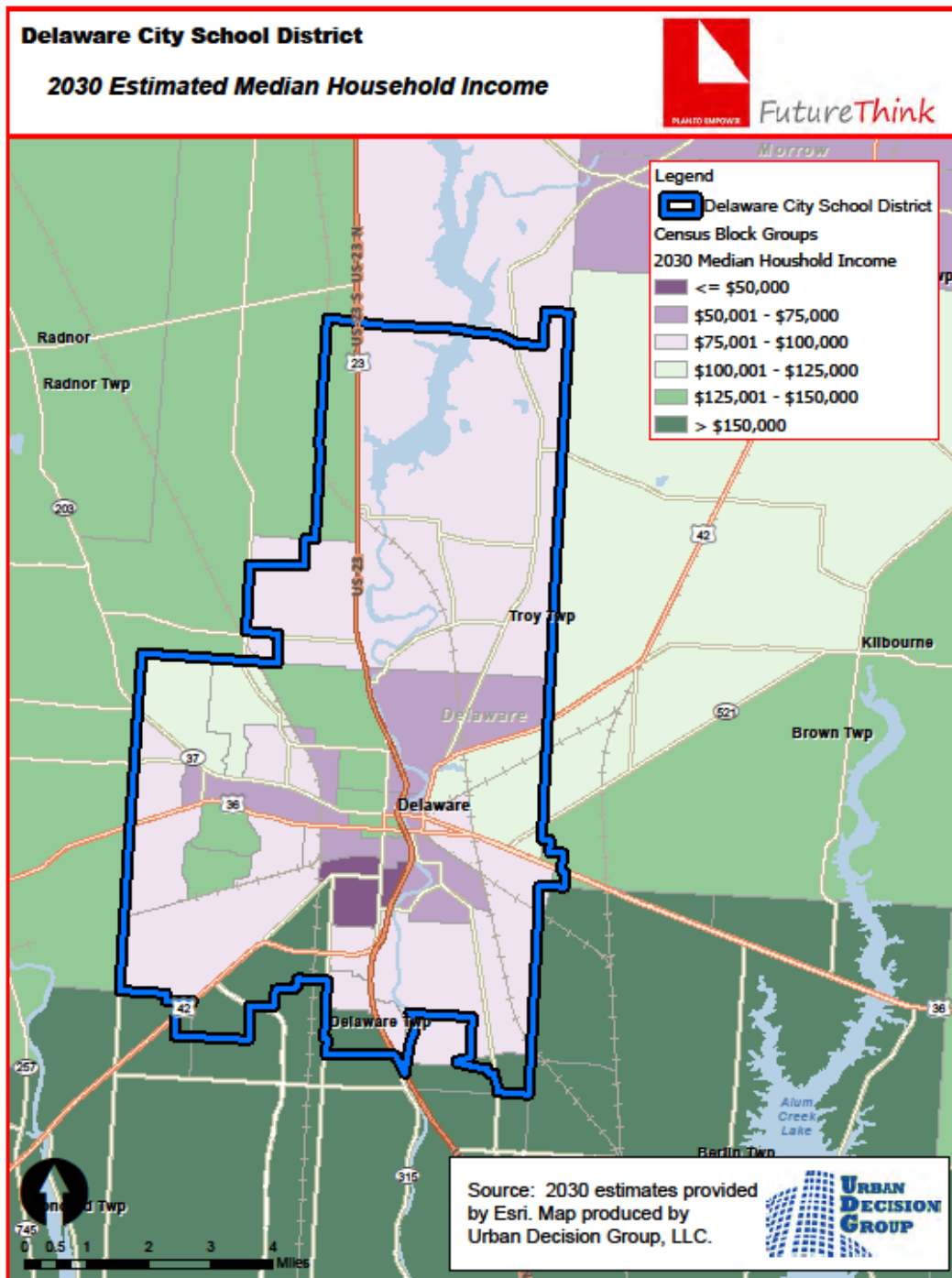
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### HOUSING INFORMATION

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

**# of Building Permits Issued for Single Family Dwellings**

Year	Delaware City	Delaware Township	Troy Township	Total
2015	180	7	8	195
2016	223	4	7	234
2017	220	2	2	224
2018	364	20	4	388
2019	373	9	6	388
2020	390	6	2	398
2021	470	18	12	500
2022	471	9	12	492
2023	388	4	8	400
2024	535	3	9	547
2025*	292	n/a	n/a	292

Source: SOCDS Building Permits Database; Delaware County Regional Planning Commission Community Profile

\*preliminary through July 2025 for Delaware City

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

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**# of Building Permits Issued for Single & Multi-Family Dwellings**

Year	Single Family	Multi-Family
2016*	166	0
2017*	102	0
2018	232	214
2019	236	289
2020	220	64
2021	291	0
2022	261	0
2023	276	169
2024	309	283
2025**	269	67

Source: Delaware County Regional Planning Commission

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

\*\*through October 2025

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There are currently 36 housing developments with preliminary plans or under construction in the Delaware City School District with a total of 6,107 units. Of these, 4,532 are under construction or yet to be built: 2,011 single-family homes, 304 condos/townhomes, and 2,217 multi-family homes.

City of Delaware Housing Development in Delaware City Schools			
Development Name	Total Housing Units	Complete Dwelling Units	Remaining Unbuilt
<b>Single-Family</b>			
Addison Farms North	206	34	172
Four Seasons at Addison Farms*	143	15	128
Boulder Farms**	222	0	222
Donovan Farms	155	0	155
Farms at Berlin Station**	267	0	267
Glen Cannich Village	46	0	46
Homeport	8	0	8
Kingsbury Farms**	333	0	333
Limestone Ridge	77	61	16
Northwood (Sub-area B)**	251	0	251
Northwood (Sub-areas 1, 4, 5)	106	0	106
Parkview	182	130	52
Ravines of the Olentangy	166	149	17
Rutherford Acres	72	0	72
Simpkins A & B**	96	0	96
Springer Woods (Section 3)	129	117	12
Terra Alta	352	294	58
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>2,811</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>2,011</b>
<b>Condos/Townhomes</b>			
Addison Farms	146	4	142
Boulder Reserve	90	90	0
Enclave at Ravines of Olentangy	90	65	25
Homeport	20	0	20
Houk Road Condos	42	0	42
Terra Alta	132	57	75
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>304</b>
<b>Apartments</b>			
Boulder Farms**	398	0	398
Briar Hill Villas	62	0	62
Mill23 @ Coughlin's Crossing	178	178	0
Delaware Place	118	63	55
Donovan Farms**	360	0	360
Flats at Sugar Run	341	0	341
Greenwood Commons	252	0	252
Homeport	24	0	24
Lucy Ridge	270	145	125
Mill on Flax	162	162	0
Redwood at Addison Farms	280	11	269
Simpkins C**	216	0	216
Towns on Houk**	115	0	115
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>2,776</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>2,217</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,107</b>	<b>1,575</b>	<b>4,532</b>

Source: Delaware City Planning & Community Development

\* age-restricted (55+)

\*\* preliminary



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### SURVIVAL RATIOS

The chart below demonstrates the changes in enrollment as students move through the system. Percentages greater than 100 indicate that there are more students than there were in the previous grade the previous year. In other words, there was growth and new students entered the system. Percentages less than 100 indicate that there was decline with students leaving the system.

- ▶ Birth to Kindergarten: This ratio indicates the number of children born in the area who attend kindergarten in the District 5 years later. Percentages less than 100% result from movement out of the district, attendance at a non-public or charter school, or residence in another district within the same area.

The following table illustrates the survival ratios for the Delaware City School District.

from	to	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
2016	2017	62.5%	100.9%	97.0%	94.1%	96.9%	98.9%	98.2%	100.2%	102.0%	97.6%	99.8%	97.8%	96.0%
2017	2018	61.8%	99.8%	98.0%	99.1%	101.6%	100.0%	101.3%	98.9%	97.8%	106.2%	102.4%	101.3%	99.5%
2018	2019	64.8%	97.6%	102.9%	95.9%	99.3%	100.0%	101.1%	100.4%	97.9%	102.2%	99.5%	100.5%	98.5%
2019	2020	58.3%	91.0%	94.1%	95.6%	96.9%	94.7%	96.0%	97.3%	97.8%	100.9%	97.1%	98.9%	98.7%
2020	2021	68.1%	98.3%	100.5%	102.3%	99.8%	104.4%	101.8%	101.7%	100.7%	100.0%	101.8%	100.2%	100.0%
2021	2022	58.7%	104.5%	99.7%	103.7%	100.3%	102.4%	103.8%	103.2%	106.5%	103.0%	100.2%	99.3%	97.8%
2022	2023	59.4%	101.0%	100.6%	100.5%	96.4%	104.8%	100.7%	95.7%	95.9%	98.7%	99.6%	96.0%	95.0%
2023	2024	61.5%	102.5%	102.0%	100.0%	101.0%	102.2%	102.9%	97.9%	96.4%	99.7%	95.1%	94.7%	100.2%
2024	2025	65.7%	100.7%	100.2%	99.5%	100.0%	102.5%	101.2%	100.2%	102.4%	102.7%	101.0%	102.7%	102.1%
	average	62.29%	99.577%	99.46%	99.0%	99.13%	101.1%	100.8%	99.5%	99.7%	101.242%	99.618%	99.047%	98.644%
	standard deviation	3.158%	3.616%	2.533%	3.016%	1.806%	2.943%	2.219%	2.187%	3.259%	2.455%	2.164%	2.421%	2.062%

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### ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

Enrollment projections were developed after analyzing the data collected in this report. The projections indicate an increase of 627 students in grades Pre-K through 12, including ungraded students, from the 2025-26 to the 2035-36 school year. The following tables and graph illustrate projected enrollments by grade and by grade group through the 2035-36 school year.

Delaware City School District  
Projected Enrollment

Grade	2025-26 Actual	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35	2035-36
Pre-K	230	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250
K	413	411	452	438	476	449	452	455	456	461	462
1	424	417	417	457	443	483	456	457	461	463	466
2	414	430	423	423	463	449	488	460	464	466	468
3	403	418	432	426	425	466	452	492	464	466	470
4	469	409	424	437	431	430	472	457	498	470	472
5	410	481	418	433	448	440	441	485	468	512	480
6	418	416	487	419	430	445	440	441	484	469	511
7	428	418	416	487	418	430	445	439	441	483	468
8	423	427	417	415	486	417	429	444	438	440	482
9	417	429	433	423	421	493	423	435	450	444	446
10	400	415	427	432	421	419	491	422	433	448	443
11	377	395	410	422	426	415	414	484	416	428	442
12	434	377	394	410	421	425	415	413	484	416	427
Pre-K - 12 Total	5,660	5,693	5,800	5,872	5,959	6,011	6,068	6,134	6,207	6,216	6,287
Ungraded	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Grand Total	5,667	5,700	5,807	5,879	5,966	6,018	6,075	6,141	6,214	6,223	6,294

Source: FutureThink

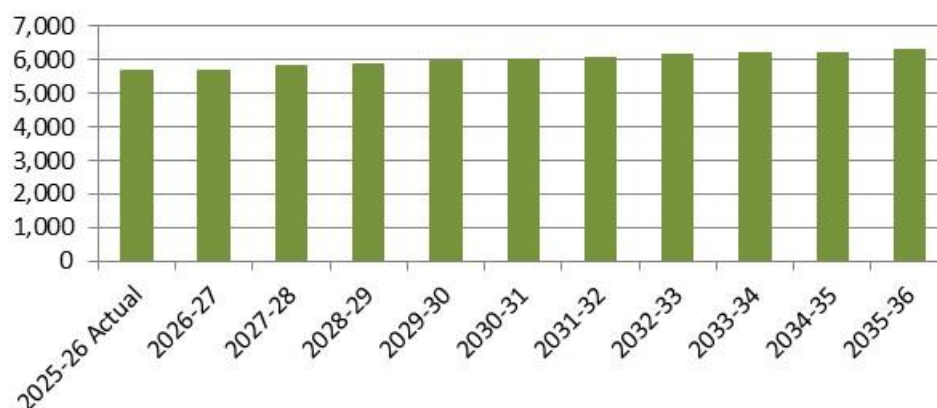
Delaware City School District  
Projected Enrollment by Grade Group

Grade	2025-26 Actual	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35	2035-36
Pre-K - 5	2,763	2,816	2,816	2,864	2,936	2,967	3,011	3,056	3,061	3,088	3,068
6 - 8	1,269	1,261	1,320	1,321	1,334	1,292	1,314	1,324	1,363	1,392	1,461
9 - 12	1,628	1,616	1,664	1,687	1,689	1,752	1,743	1,754	1,783	1,736	1,758
Pre-K - 12 Total	5,660	5,693	5,800	5,872	5,959	6,011	6,068	6,134	6,207	6,216	6,287
Ungraded	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Grand Total	5,667	5,700	5,807	5,879	5,966	6,018	6,075	6,141	6,214	6,223	6,294

Source: FutureThink

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### Delaware City School District Projected Enrollment



### Elementary School Projections

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

#### David Smith Elementary School Historical Enrollment

Grade	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
K	73	69	77	68	54	64	53	64	58	48
1	81	77	64	70	58	51	75	57	71	57
2	70	78	72	72	65	57	48	70	59	65
3	92	71	82	70	66	69	62	54	73	65
4	87	90	68	75	70	60	70	60	61	69
5	81	79	88	69	70	74	61	69	60	67
Grand Total	484	464	451	424	383	375	369	374	382	371

Source: Delaware City School District

#### David Smith Elementary School Projected Enrollment

Grade	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35	2035-36
K	55	61	59	64	60	61	61	61	62	62
1	51	58	64	62	68	64	64	65	65	65
2	55	49	56	62	60	65	61	62	62	62
3	71	60	53	61	67	65	71	67	67	68
4	66	72	61	54	62	68	66	72	68	68
5	70	67	73	61	54	63	69	67	73	68
Grand Total	368	367	366	364	371	386	392	394	397	393

Source: FutureThink

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### Evan Carlisle Elementary School Historical Enrollment

Grade	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
K	105	99	94	91	101	107	84	80	91	101
1	100	110	98	95	72	101	106	82	83	93
2	76	105	109	97	89	83	99	100	80	87
3	100	70	103	106	89	84	85	98	97	79
4	100	101	72	109	98	95	89	73	102	104
5	100	99	109	74	103	115	98	92	73	100
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>564</b>

Source: Delaware City School District

### Evan Carlisle Elementary School Projected Enrollment

Grade	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35	2035-36
K	91	100	97	105	99	100	100	101	102	102
1	102	92	101	98	107	101	101	102	102	103
2	94	103	93	102	98	107	101	102	102	103
3	85	92	101	91	100	97	105	99	100	100
4	83	90	96	106	95	105	101	110	104	105
5	106	84	91	98	108	97	107	103	113	106
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>619</b>

Source: FutureThink

### James Conger Elementary School Historical Enrollment

Grade	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Pre-K	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
K	65	67	72	72	66	75	81	72	85	76
1	64	68	73	68	74	69	75	77	73	85
2	66	65	63	76	65	70	71	76	81	74
3	77	62	62	54	73	68	73	71	73	80
4	77	78	67	60	55	74	66	76	67	74
5	76	83	73	67	60	48	68	68	75	72
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>461</b>

Source: Delaware City School District

### James Conger Elementary School Projected Enrollment

Grade	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35	2035-36
K	79	87	84	92	87	87	88	88	89	89
1	76	80	88	85	92	87	88	88	89	89
2	87	78	82	89	87	94	89	90	90	91
3	73	85	77	80	88	85	93	88	88	89
4	81	74	86	78	81	89	86	94	89	89
5	75	82	74	87	78	82	90	87	95	89
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>536</b>

Source: FutureThink

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### Laura Woodward Elementary School Historical Enrollment

Grade	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Pre-K	88	230	243	235	112	161	163	258	259	230
K	72	63	69	88	57	67	60	73	62	71
1	71	66	64	66	79	52	73	57	70	63
2	59	63	67	62	59	70	51	69	57	72
3	69	52	63	64	59	59	72	55	70	51
4	56	66	55	62	65	59	57	62	50	67
5	58	64	66	54	54	65	63	59	66	52
Grand Total	473	604	627	631	485	533	539	633	634	606

Source: Delaware City School District

### Laura Woodward Elementary School Projected Enrollment

Grade	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35	2035-36
Pre-K	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250
K	68	74	72	78	74	74	75	75	76	76
1	69	66	72	70	76	72	72	73	73	74
2	64	70	67	73	71	78	73	73	74	74
3	73	65	71	68	74	72	78	74	74	75
4	49	70	62	68	65	71	69	75	71	71
5	70	51	73	65	71	68	75	72	79	74
Grand Total	643	646	667	672	681	685	692	692	697	694

Source: FutureThink

### Robert F. Schultz Elementary School Historical Enrollment

Grade	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
K	127	120	108	123	124	133	115	114	125	117
1	120	125	118	111	119	122	137	124	116	126
2	122	112	126	122	108	124	125	154	128	116
3	118	115	109	125	123	115	127	118	156	128
4	132	107	114	110	118	121	114	133	120	155
5	136	122	106	112	107	122	129	127	139	119
Grand Total	755	701	681	703	699	737	747	770	784	761

Source: Delaware City School District

### Robert F. Schultz Elementary School Projected Enrollment

Grade	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35	2035-36
K	118	130	126	137	129	130	131	131	132	133
1	119	121	132	128	140	132	132	133	134	135
2	130	123	125	137	133	144	136	137	138	138
3	116	130	124	125	137	133	145	136	137	138
4	130	118	132	125	127	139	135	147	138	139
5	160	134	122	137	129	131	144	139	152	143
Grand Total	773	756	761	789	795	809	823	823	831	826

Source: FutureThink

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### John C. Dempsey Middle School Historical Enrollment

Grade	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
6	412	443	453	447	361	401	440	422	427	418
7	409	413	438	455	435	367	414	421	413	428
8	381	417	404	429	445	438	391	397	406	423
Grand Total	1,202	1,273	1,295	1,331	1,241	1,206	1,245	1,240	1,246	1,269

Source: Delaware City School District

### John C. Dempsey Middle School Projected Enrollment

Grade	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35	2035-36
6	416	487	419	430	445	440	441	484	469	511
7	418	416	487	418	430	445	439	441	483	468
8	427	417	415	486	417	429	444	438	440	482
Grand Total	1,261	1,320	1,321	1,334	1,292	1,314	1,324	1,363	1,392	1,461

Source: FutureThink

### Rutherford B. Hayes High School Historical Enrollment

Grade	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
9	457	372	443	413	433	445	451	386	396	417
10	410	456	381	441	401	441	446	449	367	400
11	428	401	462	383	436	402	438	428	425	377
12	364	411	399	455	378	436	393	416	429	434
Grand Total	1,659	1,640	1,685	1,692	1,648	1,724	1,728	1,679	1,617	1,628

Source: Delaware City School District

### Rutherford B. Hayes High School Projected Enrollment

Grade	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35	2035-36
9	429	433	423	421	493	423	435	450	444	446
10	415	427	432	421	419	491	422	433	448	443
11	395	410	422	426	415	414	484	416	428	442
12	377	394	410	421	425	415	413	484	416	427
Grand Total	1,616	1,664	1,687	1,689	1,752	1,743	1,754	1,783	1,736	1,758

Source: FutureThink

### CONCLUSION

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

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