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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, and to 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 and five-year school-by-school enrollment projections, and to identify demographic factors that affect the student enrollments in the SAU #42, Nashua Public Schools, New Hampshire.

Nashua is a “vibrant community situated along the Merrimack and Nashua Rivers and is just 45 minutes away from Boston and 60 minutes from the New Hampshire Seacoast. Whether you're a local, a new resident or just passing through, Nashua is sure to offer something for everyone to enjoy. Nashua's neighborhoods offer a great diversity in compactness, affordability, open space, housing-type, ethnicity, culture, history, architecture, and street character. Nashua is committed to building a welcoming and neighborly atmosphere in our community, focusing on the economic growth of the community, strategies to ensure that all of Nashua's children reach their full potential, strong municipal infrastructure, steady progress toward a net zero Nashua, and the cultivation of a 21st century arts, cultural, and residential neighborhood in Nashua.” (source: <https://www.nashuanh.gov/>) According to the U.S. Census, 75.1% of the Nashua population identifies as white, 7.6% identifies as Asian, 14% as Hispanic, and 2.7% as Black. The median household income is \$92,457 per year, with 71.5% of the population over 16 in the civilian labor force.

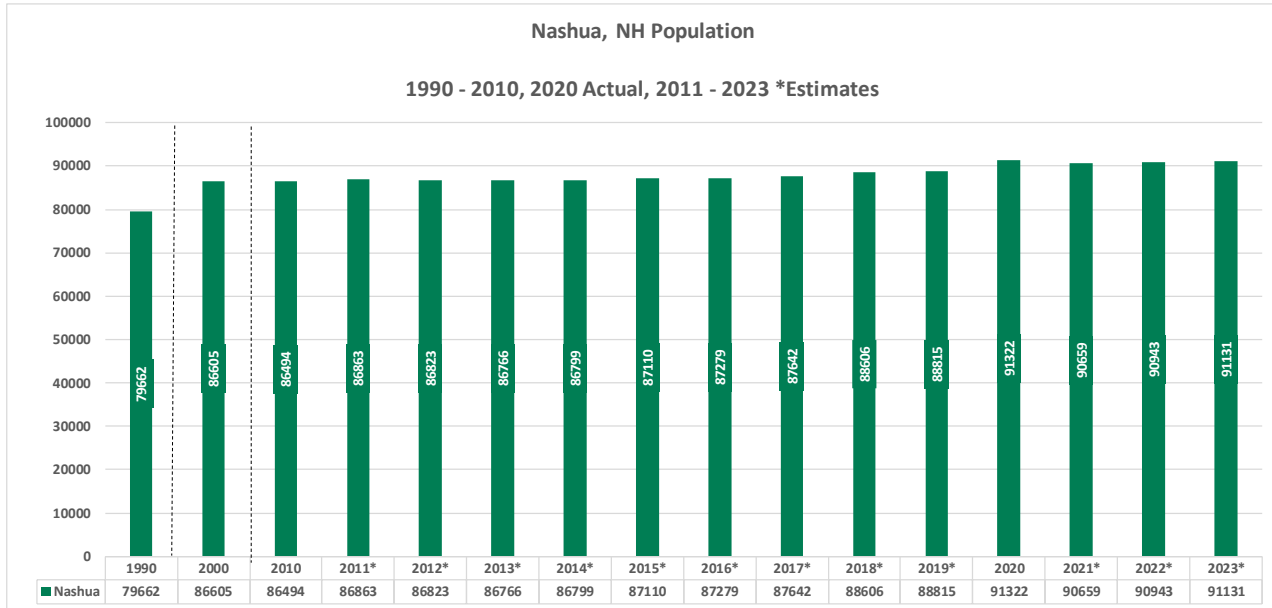
This Report opens with a review of information pertaining to trends in state and local population and includes data regarding factors that influence school enrollments, such as birth rates and their relationship to Kindergarten enrollment, local real estate and new housing trends. An updated 10-year Grades K-12 Enrollment Projection Report, an updated five-year School-by-School Enrollment Projection Report, 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 New Hampshire 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 14.63% increase in overall population growth for Nashua. Population estimates for 2021-2023 are noted as relatively stable.



Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Annual 5-Year Estimates Populations S0101, 8.12.25

MEDIAN AGE OF THE POPULATION

Tracking the median age can illustrate population trends for Nashua. In comparison to the 2020 New Hampshire and Hillsborough County median age of 43 and 40.8 respectively, the Nashua median age of 39.5 is lower than the county and state median age. Note: 2023 is included for reference.

Over the past twenty years from 2000 to 2020, Nashua average median age has increased by 3.7 years.

The increased median age could indicate 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
New Hampshire	37.1	41.1	43.0	43.2
Hillsborough County	35.9	39.3	40.8	41.0
Nashua City	35.8	38.5	39.5	39.7

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 5-Year data, 8.12.25

NEW ENGLAND'S PK-12 ENROLLMENT TRENDS

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. New Hampshire is projected to experience a 7.3% decline in PK-12 enrollments through 2031, similar to Vermont and Massachusetts.

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 Nashua. 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.

Nashua General Population – According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in 2023, Nashua had an estimated population of 91,131, increasing 5.03% over the past ten years. Estimated age breakouts from the U.S. Census American Community Survey can inform K-12 enrollment trends.

Population Trends Nashua, NH			
	2013	2018	2023
Total Population	86,766	88,606	91,131
Ages 5 to 19			
Ages 5 to 9	6.7%	6.1%	4.6%
Ages 10 to 14	5.4%	5.1%	5.2%
Ages 15 to 19	6.1%	5.4%	5.3%
Other age breakouts			
Under 5	6.6%	5.0%	5.8%
Under 18	22.4%	19.4%	18.9%
18 to 64	64.7%	65.5%	64.7%
65 +	12.9%	15.1%	16.4%

Source: U.S. Census, 2013-2023 U.S. Census American Community Survey S0101 5-Year Estimate, 8.18.25

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

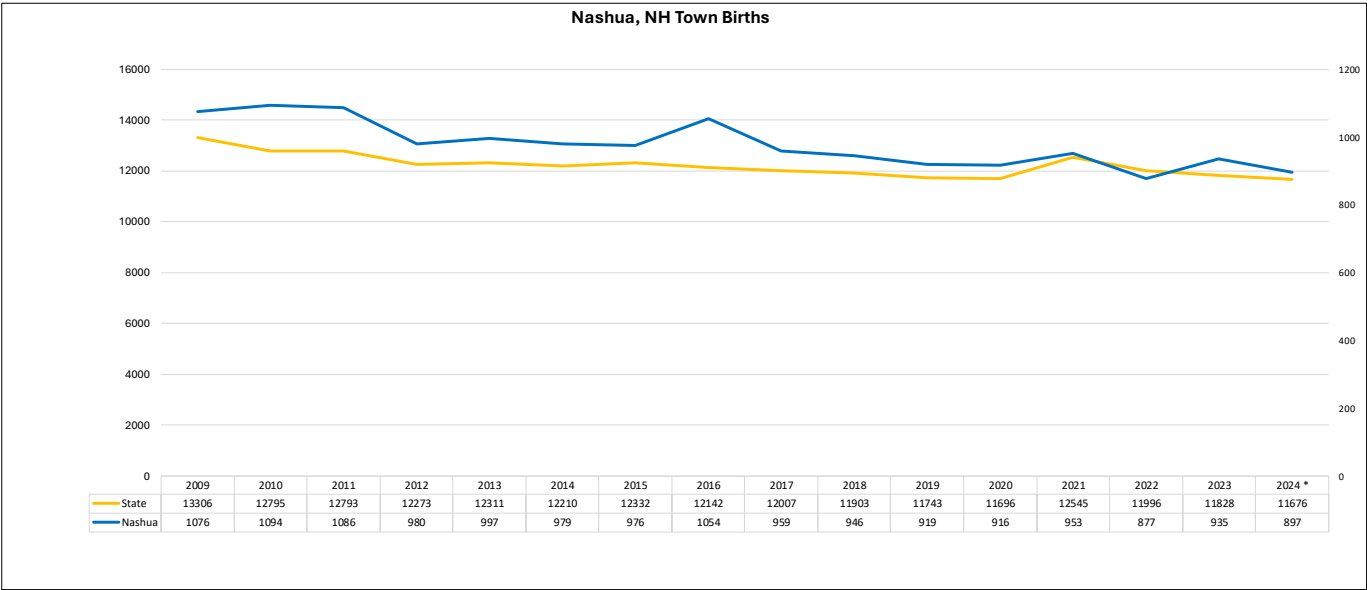
- Ages 5-9 have decreased by 2.1%, indicating a slight decline in early elementary enrollments over this time period.
- Ages 10-14 have decreased by 0.2%, an indicator of a slight decline in middle school enrollments.
- Ages 15-19 have decreased by 0.8%, indicating a slight decline in high school enrollments over the past 10 years.

Additionally,

- Over the past 10 years, the Nashua population under 5 has decreased by 0.8%, indicating a slight decrease in this age group. (This population is future Kindergarteners.) The population under 18 has decreased by 3.5%, indicating a small decline in the overall school-aged population. Additionally, the population between 18-64 has remained stable, while the population over 65 has increased by 3.5%, a slight increase in this portion of the population. To note, the 2023 K-12 population comprised 15.1% 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 New Hampshire Division of Vital Records and Administration, 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 New Hampshire Division of Vital Records Administration, 8.12.25
*2024 provisional

New Hampshire

- Between 2009-2019, New Hampshire births declined by 11.7% and averaged 12,347 per year
- From 2020-2023, births averaged per year 12,016
- Provisional births for 2024 are projected at 11,676

Nashua

- Between 2009-2019, Nasha births declined by 14.59% and averaged 1,006 per year
- From 2020-2023, births averaged 920 per year
- Provisional births for 2024 are projected at 897

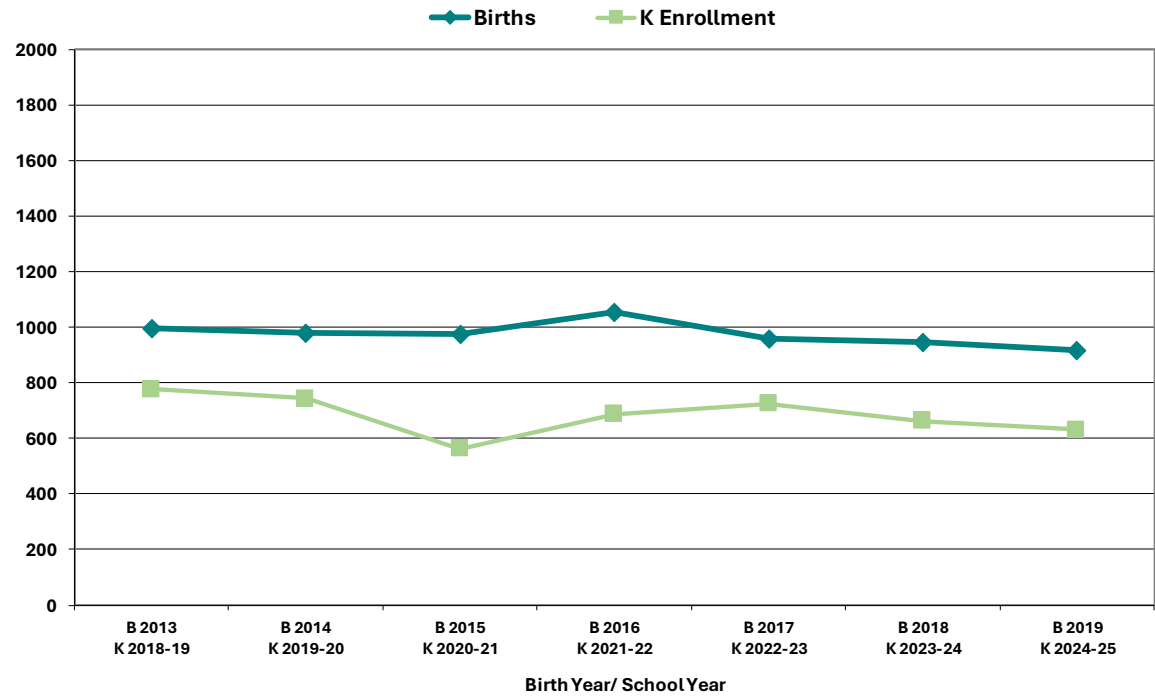
Births have declined over the past 15 years, which could lead to a decline in Kindergarten enrollments going forward, and an overall decline in future K-12 enrollments, as students move through the grades.

BIRTH-TO-KINDERGARTEN RELATIONSHIP

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 Nashua.

Nashua, NH Birth-to-Kindergarten Relationship

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



	B 2013	B 2014	B 2015	B 2016	B 2017	B 2018	B 2019
	K 2018-19	K 2019-20	K 2020-21	K 2021-22	K 2022-23	K 2023-24	K 2024-25
Births	997	979	976	1054	959	946	919
Kindergarten	778	743	563	687	725	662	631

REAL ESTATE TRENDS

Every day across America, 10,000 citizens celebrate their 65th birthday, 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

New Hampshire REALTORS www.nhra.com

Single-Family Sales

Nashua, NH

- From 2021-2025, the median sales price ranged from \$400,000 in 2021 to a high of \$549,500 in 2025, and averaged 11-17 days on the market
- Between 2021 and 2025, home sales ranged from a low of 263 in 2024 to a high of 442 in 2021.

REALTOR INFORMATION

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

- Well priced homes in the \$400,000-\$700,000 sell quickly
- Very little inventory is currently available
- For some homeowners thinking of putting their house on the market, the current interest rate makes it difficult to give up a low percentage rate for a higher rate as it could double or triple the mortgage payment, which freezes out potential buyers.
- In the last month, homes are remaining on the market for a longer time, three weeks or more
- New buyers are young professionals, some are relocating from Massachusetts
- Over age 65 sellers are looking to move to one-level living, although there is not much inventory available
- Seeing more buyers looking for multi-generational options, attached independent living
- State passed legislation for homes to add accessory dwelling units (ADU) to existing homes

The real estate market remains strong despite rising interest rates.

HOUSING DETAIL

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

Nashua, NH Housing Details				
	2000	2010	2020 *ACS	2023 *ACS
Total Housing Units	35,387	37,168	37,767	38,462
Occupied Housing Units	34,614	35,044	36,446	36,907
Owner-occupied	19,703	20,667	19,927	20,798
% units Owner-occupied	56.9%	59.0%	54.7%	56.4%
Avg. household size of owner-occupied	2.66	2.57	2.62	2.64
Renter-occupied	14,911	14,377	16,519	16,109
% units Renter-occupied	43.1%	41.0%	45.3%	43.6%
Avg. household size of renter-occupied	2.20	2.20	2.13	2.16
Vacant	773	2,124	1,321	1,555
For Seasonal use	188	163	n/a	n/a
Rental vacancy rate	1.6%	7.2%	1.6%	1.6%

Source: U.S. Census 2000, 2010 Housing Occupancy and Tenure,
2020, 2023 U.S. Census American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimate data, DP04

* 2020, 2023 data is estimated and limited. 8.12.25

From 2000-2020, total housing units in Nashua increased by 6.73% and the percentage of owner-occupied housing decreased by 2.2% to 54.7% of the total housing units. The increase in the total housing units and the relative stability of owner-occupied housing could indicate a stable housing market. Additionally, the 2020 average household size of owner-occupied units was 2.62, a slight decrease from 2000 but this range could still indicate housing with children.

HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS

Nashua, NH Household Characteristics				
	2000	2010	2020 *ACS	2023 *ACS
Occupied Housing Units	34,614	35,044	36,446	36,907
Family Households	22,083	21,876	21,512	22,014
% Family Households	63.8%	62.4%	59.0%	59.6%
Non-Family Households	12,531	13,168	14,934	14,893
% Non-Family Households	36.2%	37.6%	41.0%	40.4%
Persons Living Alone 65+	3,022	3,349	4,937	4,473
% Persons Living Alone 65+	8.7%	9.6%	13.5%	12.1%
Average Household size	2.46	2.42	n/a	n/a

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

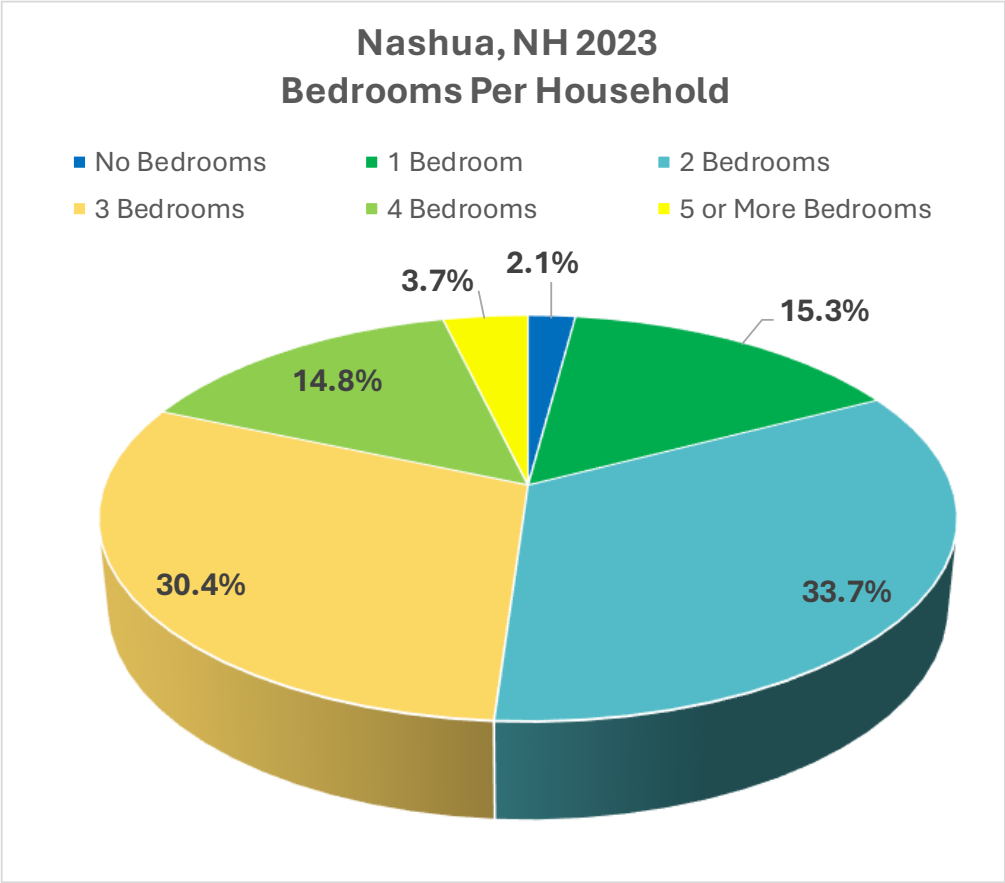
2020, 2023 U.S. Census American Community Survey, 5-Year estimated data, S2501

* 2020, 2023 data is estimated and limited. 8.12.25

From 2000-2020, the percentage of family households in Nashua decreased by 4.8% to 59% of households. Of note, over the same time period, the percentage of non-family households increased by 4.8%, a possible indicator of a decrease in school-aged populations.

BEDROOMS PER HOUSEHOLD

Reviewing the number of bedrooms per household can highlight the homes that could house families with children. In Nashua, 48.9% percent of the housing stock consists of 3-4+ bedroom homes.



SUMMARY OF DEMOGRAPHIC FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS

General Population – Over the past thirty years, U.S. Census figures from 1990-2020 indicate a 14.63% increase in overall population growth for Nashua. Population estimates for 2021-2023 are noted as relatively stable.

Median Age – In comparison to the 2020 New Hampshire and Hillsborough County median age of 38.2 and 43 respectively, the Nashua median age of 39.5 is lower than the county and state median age.

Age Span – Over the past 10 years, the Nashua population under 5 has decreased by 0.8%, indicating a slight decrease in this age group. (This population is future Kindergarteners.) The population under 18 has decreased by 3.5%, indicating a small decline in the overall school-aged population. Additionally, the population between 18-64 has remained stable, while the population over 65 has increased by 3.5%, a possible indicator of an increase in an aging population. To note, the 2023 K-12 population comprised 15.1% of the overall population.

Births – Births have declined over the past 15, which could lead to a 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 Nashua, the schools enroll fewer or the same number of Kindergarteners than the number of recorded births.

Housing Detail – From 2000-2020, total housing units in Nashua increased by 6.72% and the percentage of owner-occupied housing decreased by 2.2% to 54.7% of the total housing units. The increase in the total housing units and the relative stability of owner-occupied housing could indicate a stable housing market. Additionally, the 2020 average household size of owner-occupied units was 2.62, a slight decrease from 2000 but this range could still indicate housing with children. Additionally, from 2000-2020, the percentage of family households decreased by 4.8% in Nashua to 59% of households. Of note, over the same time period, the percentage of non-family households increased by 4.8%, a possible indicator of a decrease in school-aged populations.

Bedrooms per household – In Nashua, 48.9% percent of the housing stock consists of 3-4+ bedroom homes, which could indicate families with school-aged children.

Real estate trends – Real estate sales remain strong according to local realtors and New Hampshire Realtors (www.nhar.org).

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Analyzing New Residential Construction

NESDEC reviewed information submitted by the Nashua Building Department (August 29, 2025) 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 NASHUA BUILDING DEPARTMENT

This report contains currently available information regarding new residential construction, as of August 29, 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 Connor Muise from the Nashua Planning Department for the review and submission of this data.

Approved Projects Currently Under Construction

Camp Doucet, single family detached condominiums

- 83 units, 9 affordable units
 - 10 two-bedroom units
 - 73 three-bedroom units
- Estimated completion end of 2025-early 2026

Avery Lane Apartments

- 95 total units, 95 affordable units
 - 48 one-bedroom units
 - 47 two-bedroom units
- Estimated completion end of 2025-early 2026

Onyx Place, townhouses

- 7 townhouses
 - 7 two-bedroom units
- Estimated completion end of 2025-early 2026

Hanger Mill, multi-family apartments

- 92 total units
 - 4 studio units
 - 36 one-bedroom units
 - 52 two-bedroom units
- Estimated completion end of 2025-early 2026

Projected Student Yield:

Impact to Enrollment over the next 2-3 years

(dependent on timeline of project completion)

- Grades K-5: 52-63 students
- Grades 6-8: 15-18 students
- Grades 9-12: 7-9 students

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

Approved Projects that are Not Currently Under Construction

Mohawk, multi-family condominium apartments

- 546 total units, 34 affordable units
 - 38 studio units
 - 162 one-bedroom units
 - 346 two-bedroom units

Maynard Homes, multi-family apartments

- 274 total units, 274 affordable units
 - 100 one-bedroom units
 - 102 two-bedroom units
 - 72 three-bedroom units

Marguerites Place, multi-family apartments

- 15 total units, 15 affordable units
 - 12 two-bedroom units
 - 3 three-bedroom units

152 Temple Street, multi-family apartments

- 168 total units
 - 101 one-bedroom units
 - 67 two-bedroom units

East Otterson, multi-family apartments

- 40 total units
 - 1 studio unit
 - 35 one-bedroom units
 - 4 two-bedroom units

Mulberry, multi-family apartments

- 64 total units
 - 32 one-bedroom units
 - 32 two-bedroom units

Lefavor Apartments

- 385 total units
 - 77 studio units
 - 218 one-bedroom units
 - 90 two-bedroom units

Potential Student Yield: (Noted here as potential as our experience has shown that these projects are sometimes not approved.

(dependent on timeline of project completion)

- Grades K-5: 140-146 students
- Grades 6-8: 40-42 students
- Grades 9-12: 20-21 students

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

Projects in the Approval Pipeline

There are currently no projects in the approval pipeline.

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) single-family and multi-unit residential building permits, as reported by 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.

Nashua, NH								
Year	Single - Family	Multi-Units	Year	Single - Family	Multi-Units	Year	Single - Family	Multi-Units
2000	125	34	2010	53	142	2020	25	6
2001	115	40	2011	59	36	2021	53	2
2002	121	55	2012	51	184	2022	29	32
2003	113	64	2013	89	0	2023	19	350
2004	139	66	2014	58	338	2024	44	102
2005	130	95	2015	62	68	2025*	32	2
2006	95	64	2016	64	182			
2007	79	99	2017	65	47			
2008	57	155	2018	86	223			
2009	48	101	2019	54	9			

Source: HUD - Does not include permits for renovations

* 2025 HUD data is preliminary and dependent upon town data submission to HUD 8.12.25

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 New Hampshire. Official birth data for 2024 is not yet available; therefore, from 2024-2029 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

Nashua, NH Historical Enrollment

School District: SAU #42, Nashua, NH

8/25/2025

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
2013	997	2018-19	326	778	779	783	809	802	922	825	802	788	1001	942	870	735	0	10836	11162
2014	979	2019-20	356	743	790	765	794	803	794	836	828	792	965	891	817	851	0	10669	11025
2015	976	2020-21	165	563	699	736	737	752	745	697	805	816	1004	880	827	738	0	9999	10164
2016	1054	2021-22	310	687	691	681	726	724	713	678	688	791	1098	858	774	719	0	9828	10138
2017	959	2022-23	328	725	731	683	683	733	714	637	680	677	966	900	684	773	0	9586	9914
2018	946	2023-24	312	662	766	717	692	696	715	642	654	702	745	840	836	793	0	9460	9772
2019	919	2024-25	291	631	690	765	724	696	687	684	642	677	766	746	846	854	0	9408	9699

*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
2018-19	5199	4873	2340	2533	2415	7288	7614	1590	5963	3548
2019-20	5045	4689	2298	2391	2456	7145	7501	1620	5980	3524
2020-21	4397	4232	1998	2234	2318	6550	6715	1621	5767	3449
2021-22	4532	4222	2059	2163	2157	6379	6689	1479	5606	3449
2022-23	4597	4269	2139	2130	1994	6263	6591	1357	5317	3323
2023-24	4560	4248	2145	2103	1998	6246	6558	1356	5212	3214
2024-25	4484	4193	2086	2107	2003	6196	6487	1319	5215	3212

Historical Percentage Changes			
School Year	K-12	Diff.	%
2018-19	10836		
2019-20	10669	-167	-1.5%
2020-21	9999	-670	-6.3%
2021-22	9828	-171	-1.7%
2022-23	9586	-242	-2.5%
2023-24	9460	-126	-1.3%
2024-25	9408	-52	-0.5%
Change	-1428		-13.2%

Over the past seven years, Nashua, NH Grades K-12 enrollments have declined by 13.2%.

Nashua, NH Projected Enrollment

School District: **SAU #42, Nashua, NH**

8/25/2025

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	919	2024-25	291	631	690	765	724	696	687	684	642	677	766	746	846	854	0	9408	9699
2020	916	2025-26	290	641	663	683	773	732	682	632	687	653	745	689	686	871	0	9137	9427
2021	953	2026-27	290	667	673	656	690	782	717	627	635	699	718	671	634	707	0	8876	9166
2022	877	2027-28	290	614	700	666	663	698	766	660	630	646	769	646	617	653	0	8728	9018
2023	935	2028-29	291	655	645	693	673	671	684	705	663	641	711	692	594	636	0	8663	8954
2024	897	(prov.) 2029-30	291	628	688	639	700	681	658	629	708	674	705	640	637	612	0	8599	8890
2025	916	(est.) 2030-31	291	641	659	681	645	708	667	605	632	720	741	635	589	656	0	8579	8870
2026	916	(est.) 2031-32	292	641	673	652	688	652	694	614	608	643	792	667	584	607	0	8515	8807
2027	908	(est.) 2032-33	292	636	673	666	659	696	639	638	617	618	707	713	614	602	0	8478	8770
2028	914	(est.) 2033-34	292	640	668	666	673	667	682	588	641	628	680	636	656	632	0	8457	8749
2029	910	(est.) 2034-35	292	637	672	661	673	681	654	627	590	652	691	612	585	676	0	8411	8703

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.

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

Based on an estimate of births
Based on children already born
Based on students already enrolled
** < 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	4484	4193	2086	2107	2003	6196	6487	1319	5215	3212
2025-26	4464	4174	1987	2187	1972	6146	6436	1340	4963	2991
2026-27	4475	4185	1996	2189	1961	6146	6436	1334	4691	2730
2027-28	4397	4107	1980	2127	1936	6043	6333	1276	4621	2685
2028-29	4312	4021	1993	2028	2009	6030	6321	1304	4642	2633
2029-30	4285	3994	1955	2039	2011	6005	6296	1382	4605	2594
2030-31	4292	4001	1981	2020	1957	5958	6249	1352	4578	2621
2031-32	4292	4000	1966	2034	1865	5865	6157	1251	4515	2650
2032-33	4261	3969	1975	1994	1873	5842	6134	1235	4509	2636
2033-34	4288	3996	1974	2022	1857	5853	6145	1269	4461	2604
2034-35	4270	3978	1970	2008	1869	5847	6139	1242	4433	2564

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

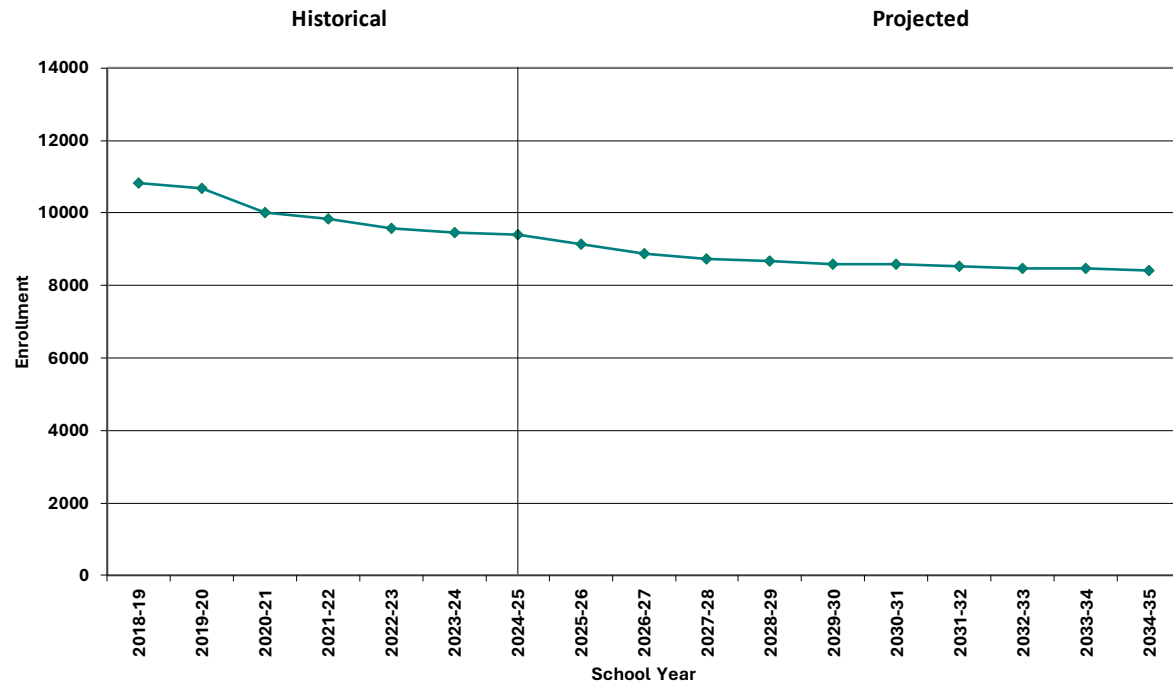
Projected Percentage Changes			
School Year	K-12	Diff.	%
2024-25	9408		
2025-26	9137	-271	-2.9%
2026-27	8876	-261	-2.9%
2027-28	8728	-148	-1.7%
2028-29	8663	-65	-0.7%
2029-30	8599	-64	-0.7%
2030-31	8579	-20	-0.2%
2031-32	8515	-64	-0.7%
2032-33	8478	-37	-0.4%
2033-34	8457	-21	-0.2%
2034-35	8411	-46	-0.5%
Change	-997		-10.6%

Over the next three years, Nashua, NH Grades K-5 enrollments are projected to decrease by 86 students (2.05%), Grades 6-8 are projected to decrease by 67 students (3.34%) and Grades 9-12 are projected to decrease by 527 students (16.41%), as students move through the grades. Overall, Grades K-12 enrollments are projected to decrease by 680 students (7.23%) 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 New Hampshire. Official birth data for 2024 is provisional; therefore, from 2024-2029 we have estimated the birth rate using a rolling average of the previous five years.

Nashua, NH Grades K-12 Historical & Projected Enrollment



SCHOOL-BY-SCHOOL ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

SAU #42 – Amherst Street School, NH, Grades K-5 Historical & Projected Enrollment

SCHOOL: Amherst Street School

DATE: 9/2/2025

SCHOOL							K-5
YEAR	K	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
2020-21	50	38	48	47	44	39	266
2021-22	51	47	36	45	43	45	267
2022-23	51	57	48	45	45	47	293
2023-24	38	54	58	49	47	40	286
2024-25	36	47	54	58	45	50	290
2025-26	39	38	47	55	59	44	281
2026-27	41	42	38	47	55	58	280
2027-28	38	43	41	38	48	54	262
2028-29	40	40	43	42	39	47	250
2029-30	39	43	40	43	42	38	244

Projections assume no changes in method of assigning students to schools. District projections are more reliable than School-by-School projections due to larger numbers of students in the cohort ("N"). SBS totals may differ from District projections due to rounding of numbers. Enrollment projections are more reliable in Years #1-3 in the future.

Over the next three, K-5 enrollments are projected to decrease by a total of 28 students.

SAU #42 - Bicentennial Elementary School, NH, Grades PK-K-5 Historical & Projected Enrollment

SCHOOL: Bicentennial Elementary School

DATE: 9/2/2025

SCHOOL								PK-5
YEAR	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
2020-21	15	33	72	86	79	85	88	458
2021-22	43	86	82	68	81	81	79	520
2022-23	45	97	94	76	79	73	77	541
2023-24	0	80	102	89	76	81	78	506
2024-25	0	71	74	96	93	75	72	481
2025-26	0	78	75	73	97	94	73	491
2026-27	0	82	82	74	74	98	92	502
2027-28	0	75	85	81	75	75	96	488
2028-29	0	80	79	85	82	76	73	475
2029-30	0	77	84	78	85	83	74	481

Projections assume no changes in method of assigning students to schools. District projections are more reliable than School-by-School projections due to larger numbers of students in the cohort ("N"). SBS totals may differ from District projections due to rounding of numbers. Enrollment projections are more reliable in Years #1-3 in the future.

Over the next three years, PK-5 enrollments are projected to increase by a total of 7 students.

SAU #42 - Birch Hill Elementary School, NH, Grades PK-K-5 Historical & Projected Enrollment

SCHOOL: Birch Hill Elementary School

DATE: 9/2/2025

SCHOOL								PK-5
YEAR	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
2020-21	4	35	61	66	55	59	53	333
2021-22	3	51	45	62	63	54	54	332
2022-23	0	55	60	44	62	58	53	332
2023-24	0	40	56	54	42	70	54	316
2024-25	0	64	47	56	53	44	68	332
2025-26	0	51	66	46	57	54	43	317
2026-27	0	53	53	66	47	57	52	329
2027-28	0	49	55	53	66	48	56	327
2028-29	0	52	51	55	53	67	47	325
2029-30	0	50	54	51	55	54	66	330

Projections assume no changes in method of assigning students to schools. District projections are more reliable than School-by-School projections due to larger numbers of students in the cohort ("N"). SBS totals may differ from District projections due to rounding of numbers. Enrollment projections are more reliable in Years #1-3 in the future.

Over the next three years, K-5 enrollments are projected to decrease by a total of 5 students.

SAU #42 - Broad Street Elementary School, NH, Grades PK-K-5 Historical & Projected Enrollment

SCHOOL: Broad Street Elementary School

DATE: 9/2/2025

SCHOOL								K-5
YEAR	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
2020-21	56	39	40	38	44	34	33	284
2021-22	0	40	42	32	36	45	39	234
2022-23	0	46	38	41	34	40	50	249
2023-24	0	39	45	35	47	39	38	243
2024-25	0	38	44	47	39	49	39	256
2025-26	0	39	40	44	47	39	48	258
2026-27	0	41	41	39	44	48	39	252
2027-28	0	37	43	40	40	44	47	252
2028-29	0	40	39	42	41	40	44	246
2029-30	0	38	42	39	43	41	40	242

Projections assume no changes in method of assigning students to schools. District projections are more reliable than School-by-School projections due to larger numbers of students in the cohort ("N"). SBS totals may differ from District projections due to rounding of numbers. Enrollment projections are more reliable in Years #1-3 in the future.

Over the next three years, K-5 enrollments are projected to decrease by a total of 4 students.

SAU #42 - Charlotte Ave Elementary School, NH, Grades K-5 Historical & Projected Enrollment

SCHOOL: Charlotte Ave Elementary School

DATE: 9/2/2025

SCHOOL							K-5
YEAR	K	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
2020-21	45	58	70	56	76	68	373
2021-22	49	52	51	62	56	71	341
2022-23	52	61	54	47	67	52	333
2023-24	59	66	65	64	52	69	375
2024-25	51	67	69	70	56	49	362
2025-26	52	54	66	70	71	55	367
2026-27	54	54	53	67	70	69	368
2027-28	49	57	54	54	68	69	350
2028-29	53	52	56	54	54	66	336
2029-30	51	56	52	57	55	53	323

Projections assume no changes in method of assigning students to schools. District projections are more reliable than School-by-School projections due to larger numbers of students in the cohort ("N"). SBS totals may differ from District projections due to rounding of numbers. Enrollment projections are more reliable in Years #1-3 in the future.

Over the next three years, K-5 enrollments are projected to decrease by a total of 12 students.

SAU #42 – Dr. Norman W. Crisp School, NH, Grades K-5 Historical & Projected Enrollment

SCHOOL: Dr. Norman W. Crisp School

DATE: 9/2/2025

SCHOOL							K-5
YEAR	K	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
2020-21	41	50	67	77	76	68	379
2021-22	55	52	62	58	78	66	371
2022-23	69	64	55	59	58	80	385
2023-24	63	78	58	51	67	60	377
2024-25	57	57	62	63	54	68	361
2025-26	60	60	56	63	64	53	355
2026-27	62	63	59	57	63	62	367
2027-28	57	65	62	60	58	62	364
2028-29	61	60	65	63	60	56	366
2029-30	59	64	60	65	63	59	371

Projections assume no changes in method of assigning students to schools. District projections are more reliable than School-by-School projections due to larger numbers of students in the cohort ("N"). SBS totals may differ from District projections due to rounding of numbers. Enrollment projections are more reliable in Years #1-3 in the future.

Over the next three, K-5 enrollments are projected to increase by a total of 3 students.

SAU #42 – Fairgrounds Elementary School, NH, Grades K-5 Historical & Projected Enrollment

SCHOOL: Fairgrounds Elementary School

DATE: 9/2/2025

SCHOOL							K-5
YEAR	K	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
2020-21	74	85	90	75	79	84	487
2021-22	75	92	90	97	77	73	504
2022-23	80	78	88	91	91	72	500
2023-24	73	77	78	90	91	90	499
2024-25	51	68	77	73	84	92	445
2025-26	64	55	67	78	74	82	421
2026-27	67	68	54	68	79	72	408
2027-28	62	71	67	55	69	77	401
2028-29	66	65	70	68	56	67	392
2029-30	63	70	65	71	69	54	391

Projections assume no changes in method of assigning students to schools. District projections are more reliable than School-by-School projections due to larger numbers of students in the cohort ("N"). SBS totals may differ from District projections due to rounding of numbers. Enrollment projections are more reliable in Years #1-3 in the future.

Over the next three, K-5 enrollments are projected to decrease by a total of 44 students.

SAU #42 – Ledge Street School, NH, Grades K-5 Historical & Projected Enrollment

SCHOOL: Ledge Street School

DATE: 9/2/2025

SCHOOL							K-5
YEAR	K	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
2020-21	60	82	63	85	84	70	444
2021-22	72	65	81	62	81	80	441
2022-23	61	72	69	70	70	72	414
2023-24	84	62	69	64	65	68	412
2024-25	75	87	73	77	77	65	454
2025-26	70	78	86	74	78	76	462
2026-27	73	74	77	87	75	76	462
2027-28	68	77	73	78	88	73	456
2028-29	72	71	76	74	79	86	458
2029-30	69	75	70	77	74	78	443

Projections assume no changes in method of assigning students to schools. District projections are more reliable than School-by-School projections due to larger numbers of students in the cohort ("N"). SBS totals may differ from District projections due to rounding of numbers. Enrollment projections are more reliable in Years #1-3 in the future.

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

SAU #42 - Main Dunstable School, NH, Grades K-5 Historical & Projected Enrollment

SCHOOL: Main Dunstable School

DATE: 9/2/2025

SCHOOL							K-5
YEAR	K	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
2020-21	62	74	69	72	69	83	429
2021-22	63	74	69	78	70	64	418
2022-23	77	62	73	59	74	71	416
2023-24	47	76	58	67	50	62	360
2024-25	53	53	82	60	68	43	359
2025-26	56	56	52	83	61	67	374
2026-27	58	59	55	53	84	59	368
2027-28	53	61	58	56	54	82	364
2028-29	57	56	60	59	57	52	341
2029-30	55	60	56	61	59	55	346

Projections assume no changes in method of assigning students to schools. District projections are more reliable than School-by-School projections due to larger numbers of students in the cohort ("N"). SBS totals may differ from District projections due to rounding of numbers. Enrollment projections are more reliable in Years #1-3 in the future.

Over the next three, K-5 enrollments are projected to increase by a total of 5 students.

SAU #42 - Mt. Pleasant School, NH, Grades PK-K-5 Historical & Projected Enrollment

SCHOOL: Mt. Pleasant School

DATE: 9/2/2025

SCHOOL								K-5
YEAR	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
2020-21	10	38	45	42	45	49	48	277
2021-22	108	35	47	39	49	35	46	359
2022-23	24	38	41	46	37	59	41	286
2023-24	0	34	42	42	48	33	58	257
2024-25	0	43	32	44	37	55	39	250
2025-26	0	37	45	32	44	37	54	249
2026-27	0	38	39	45	32	45	37	235
2027-28	0	35	40	38	45	32	44	235
2028-29	0	38	37	40	39	45	32	230
2029-30	0	36	40	37	40	39	45	236

Projections assume no changes in method of assigning students to schools. District projections are more reliable than School-by-School projections due to larger numbers of students in the cohort ("N"). SBS totals may differ from District projections due to rounding of numbers. Enrollment projections are more reliable in Years #1-3 in the future.

Over the next three, K-5 enrollments are projected to decrease by a total of 15 students.

SAU #42 - New Searles School, NH, Grades PK-K-5 Historical & Projected Enrollment

SCHOOL: New Searles School

DATE: 9/2/2025

SCHOOL								K-5
YEAR	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
2020-21	46	36	32	31	49	44	49	287
2021-22	64	54	33	34	37	49	41	312
2022-23	73	37	48	30	35	40	44	307
2023-24	4	46	35	51	33	38	40	247
2024-25	9	39	53	34	45	34	42	256
2025-26	9	39	41	53	34	45	33	254
2026-27	9	41	41	40	53	35	45	263
2027-28	9	37	42	40	41	53	34	257
2028-29	9	40	39	42	41	41	53	265
2029-30	9	38	42	39	42	41	41	252

Projections assume no changes in method of assigning students to schools. District projections are more reliable than School-by-School projections due to larger numbers of students in the cohort ("N"). SBS totals may differ from District projections due to rounding of numbers. Enrollment projections are more reliable in Years #1-3 in the future.

Over the next three, PK-5 enrollments are projected to increase by a total of 1 student.

SAU #42 - Sunset Heights School, NH, Grades K-5 Historical & Projected Enrollment

SCHOOL: Sunset Heights School

DATE: 9/2/2025

SCHOOL							K-5
YEAR	K	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
2020-21	50	62	66	53	53	62	346
2021-22	56	60	57	58	55	55	341
2022-23	62	56	59	65	58	55	355
2023-24	59	73	60	61	63	58	374
2024-25	53	61	71	56	55	60	356
2025-26	55	56	60	72	57	54	354
2026-27	58	58	55	61	72	55	359
2027-28	53	60	57	56	62	71	359
2028-29	56	56	60	58	56	60	347
2029-30	54	59	55	60	59	55	343

Projections assume no changes in method of assigning students to schools. District projections are more reliable than School-by-School projections due to larger numbers of students in the cohort ("N"). SBS totals may differ from District projections due to rounding of numbers. Enrollment projections are more reliable in Years #1-3 in the future.

Over the next three, K-5 enrollments are projected to increase by a total of 3 students.

SAU #42 -Grade PK Historical & Projected Enrollment

SCHOOL: Franklin Preschool
DATE: 9/2/2025

SCHOOL	
YEAR	PK
2020-21	0
2021-22	0
2022-23	95
2023-24	213
2024-25	245
2025-26	244
2026-27	244
2027-28	244
2028-29	245
2029-30	245

SCHOOL: Purple Panthers Preschool
DATE: 9/2/2025

SCHOOL	
YEAR	PK
2020-21	0
2021-22	34
2022-23	35
2023-24	38
2024-25	37
2025-26	37
2026-27	37
2027-28	37
2028-29	37
2029-30	37

Projections assume no changes in method of assigning students to schools. District projections are more reliable than School-by-School projections due to larger numbers of students in the cohort ("N"). SBS totals may differ from District projections due to rounding of numbers. Enrollment projections are more reliable in Years #1-3 in the future.

Over the next three years, enrollment at Franklin Preschool and Purple Panthers Preschool is projected to remain stable.

SAU #42 - Brian S. McCarthy Middle School, NH, Grades 6-8 Historical & Projected Enrollment

SCHOOL: Brian S. McCarthy Middle School
DATE: 9/2/2025

SCHOOL				6-8
YEAR	6	7	8	TOTAL
2020-21				
2021-22				
2022-23				
2023-24				
2024-25	231	207	211	649
2025-26	255	277	263	796
2026-27	253	256	282	791
2027-28	266	254	261	781
2028-29	284	267	259	810
2029-30	254	286	272	811

Projections assume no changes in method of assigning students to schools. District projections are more reliable than School-by-School projections due to larger numbers of students in the cohort ("N"). SBS totals may differ from District projections due to rounding of numbers. Enrollment projections are more reliable in Years #1-3 in the future.

Over the next three, Grades 6-8 enrollments are projected to increase by a total of 132 students.

SAU #42 - Fairgrounds Middle School, NH, Grades 6-8 Historical & Projected Enrollment

SCHOOL: Fairgrounds Middle School

DATE: 9/2/2025

SCHOOL				6-8
YEAR	6	7	8	TOTAL
2020-21	187	251	229	667
2021-22	189	189	243	621
2022-23	177	198	186	561
2023-24	159	179	208	546
2024-25	199	187	200	586
2025-26	178	194	184	557
2026-27	177	179	197	554
2027-28	186	178	182	547
2028-29	199	187	181	567
2029-30	178	200	190	568

Projections assume no changes in method of assigning students to schools. District projections are more reliable than School-by-School projections due to larger numbers of students in the cohort ("N"). SBS totals may differ from District projections due to rounding of numbers. Enrollment projections are more reliable in Years #1-3 in the future.

Over the next three, Grades 6-8 enrollments are projected to decrease by a total of 39 students.

SAU #42 - Pennichuck Middle School, NH, Grades 6-8 Historical & Projected Enrollment

SCHOOL: Pennichuck Middle School

DATE: 9/2/2025

SCHOOL				6-8
YEAR	6	7	8	TOTAL
2020-21	184	213	210	607
2021-22	182	198	204	584
2022-23	175	183	201	559
2023-24	180	181	196	557
2024-25	254	248	266	768
2025-26	199	216	205	620
2026-27	197	200	220	616
2027-28	207	198	203	608
2028-29	221	208	201	631
2029-30	198	222	212	632

Projections assume no changes in method of assigning students to schools. District projections are more reliable than School-by-School projections due to larger numbers of students in the cohort ("N"). SBS totals may differ from District projections due to rounding of numbers. Enrollment projections are more reliable in Years #1-3 in the future.

Over the next three, Grades 6-8 enrollments are projected to decrease by a total of 160 students.

SAU #42 - Nashua High School North, NH, Grades 9-12 Historical & Projected Enrollment**SCHOOL: Nashua North****DATE: 9/2/2025**

SCHOOL	9	10	11	12	
YEAR					TOTAL
2020-21	457	437	391	333	1618
2021-22	509	423	368	342	1642
2022-23	464	437	332	350	1583
2023-24	379	397	401	387	1564
2024-25	354	366	399	407	1526
2025-26	357	330	329	418	1434
2026-27	344	322	304	339	1309
2027-28	369	310	296	313	1287
2028-29	341	332	285	305	1262
2029-30	338	307	305	293	1243

Projections assume no changes in method of assigning students to schools. District projections are more reliable than School-by-School projections due to larger numbers of students in the cohort ("N"). SBS totals may differ from District projections due to rounding of numbers. Enrollment projections are more reliable in Years #1-3 in the future.

Over the next three, Grades 9-12 enrollments are projected to decrease by a total of 239 students.

SAU #42 - Nashua High School South, NH, Grades 9-12 Historical & Projected Enrollment**SCHOOL: Nashua South****DATE: 9/2/2025**

SCHOOL	9	10	11	12	
YEAR					TOTAL
2020-21	547	443	436	405	1831
2021-22	589	435	406	377	1807
2022-23	502	463	352	423	1740
2023-24	362	433	430	400	1625
2024-25	409	375	437	442	1663
2025-26	384	355	354	449	1542
2026-27	370	346	327	365	1408
2027-28	397	333	318	337	1385
2028-29	367	357	306	328	1358
2029-30	364	330	328	316	1338

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Over the next three, Grades 9-12 enrollments are projected to decrease by a total of 278 students.

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

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: 52-63 students
- Grades 6-8: 15-18 students
- Grades 9-12: 7-9 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. Nashua 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 14.63% increase in overall population growth for Nashua. Population estimates for 2021-2023 are noted as relatively stable.
- In comparison to the 2020 New Hampshire and Hillsborough County median age of 43 and 40.8 respectively, the Nashua median age of 39.5 is lower than the county and state median age.
- Over the past 10 years, the Nashua population under 5 has decreased by 0.8%, indicating a slight decrease in this age group. (This population is future Kindergarteners.) The population under 18 has decreased by 3.5%, indicating a small decline in the overall school-aged population. Additionally, the population between 18-64 has remained stable, while the population over 65 has increased by 3.5%, a possible indicator of an increase in an aging population. To note, the 2023 K-12 population comprised 15.1% of the overall population.
- From 2000-2020, total housing units in Nashua increased by 6.72% and the percentage of owner-occupied housing decreased by 2.2% to 54.7% of the total housing units. The increase in the total housing units and the relative stability of owner-occupied housing could indicate a stable housing market. The 2020 average household size of owner-occupied units was 2.62, a slight decrease from 2000 but this range could still indicate housing with children. Additionally, from 2000-2020, the percentage of family households decreased by 4.8% in Nashua to 59% of households. Of note, over the same time period, the percentage of non-family households increased by 4.8%, a possible indicator of a decrease in school-aged populations.
- Over the next three years, Nashua, NH Grades K-5 enrollments are projected to decrease by 86 students (2.05%), Grades 6-8 are projected to decrease by 67 students (3.35%) and Grades 9-12 are projected to decrease by 527 students (16.41%), as students move through the grades. Overall, Grades K-12 enrollments are projected to decrease by 680 students (7.23%) over the next three years.
- Nashua births have declined over the past 15 years, 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 New Hampshire REALTORS nhra.com.
- New residential construction currently under construction in Nashua (as of August 29, 2025) could have impact on enrollments, while any Approved Projects Not Currently Under Construction could potentially have an impact on future student enrollment. Nashua 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.