# SCHOOL ENROLLMENT ANALYSIS

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# Enrollment Trends (2007-2027)

| School Year | PreK | ECC K-1/2 | MRHE | MS (7-8) | HS (9-12) | K-12 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2006 - 2007 | 59 | 148 | 387 | 160 | 329 | 1024 |
| 2011 - 2012 | 120 | 221 | 388 | 146 | 333 | 1088 |
| 2016 – 2017* | 112 | 250 | 533 | 182 | 314 | 1279 |
| 2021 – 2022 | 140 | 344 | 422 | 240 | 402 | 1408 |
| 2022 – 2023 | 144 | 325 | 417 | 220 | 413 | 1375 |
| 2023 – 2024 | 159 | 338 | 411 | 215 | 432 | 1396 |
| 2024 – 2025 | 145 | 308 | 436 | 197 | 439 | 1380 |
| 2025 – 2026 | 108 | 322 | 448 | 205 | 427 | 1402 |
| 2026 – 2027* | 100 | 306 | 426 | 216 | 413 | 1361 |

# Grade Level Analysis: Sept 2025 v Sept 2026

| GRADE LEVEL | 9/24/2025 | 9/30/2026 | Net Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Kdg | 119 | 101 | -18 |
| 1st | 96 | 111 | +15 |
| 2nd | 107 | 94 | -13 |
| 3rd | 111 | 103 | -8 |
| 4th | 116 | 108 | -8 |
| 5th | 103 | 111 | +8 |
| 6th | 118 | 104 | -14 |
| 7th | 103 | 111 | +8 |
| 8th | 102 | 105 | +3 |
| 9th | 93 | 99 | +6 |
| 10th | 114 | 95 | -19 |
| 11th | 111 | 112 | +1 |
| 12th | 109 | 107 | -2 |
| **Total** | **1402** | **1361** | **-41 (-2.9%)** |

# Cohort Analysis: Sept 2025 v Sept 2026

| GRADE LEVEL | 9/24/2025 | 9/30/2026 | Net Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1st | 119 | 111 | -8 |
| 2nd | 96 | 94 | -2 |
| 3rd | 107 | 103 | -4 |
| 4th | 111 | 108 | -3 |
| 5th | 116 | 111 | -5 |
| 6th | 103 | 104 | +1 |
| 7th | 118 | 111 | -7 |
| 8th | 103 | 105 | +2 |
| 9th | 102 | 99 | -3 |
| 10th | 93 | 95 | +2 |
| 11th | 114 | 112 | -2 |
| 12th | 111 | 107 | -4 |
| **Total** | | | **-33** |

# Transfer Analysis: *Where are Students Transferring To?*

| School (or School District) Type | Number | Percentage |
|---|---|---|
| STL County School Districts | 42 | 37.8 % |
| Private | 20 | 18.0% |
| Moved out of State/Country | 11 | 10.0% |
| STL City (SLPS or STL Charter Schools) | 14 | 12.6% |
| Neighboring Counties | 7 | 6.3% |
| Home School | 5 | 4.5% |
| Metro East (IL) | 4 | 3.6% |
| Virtual Learning (MOCAP) | 3 | 2.7% |
| Out State (MO) | 3 | 2.7% |
| Early Graduates | 2 | 1.8% |
| Total | 111 | |

# Transfer Analysis: *Private School Transfer Outs by Grade Level*

| Grade Level (26-27) | Number | Percentage |
|---|---|---|
| 1st | 2 | 10.0% |
| 2nd | 0 | 0.0% |
| 3rd | 1 | 5.0% |
| 4th | 1 | 5.0% |
| 5th | 1 | 5.0% |
| 6th | 2 | 10.0% |
| 7th | 2 | 10.0% |
| 8th | 0 | 0.0% |
| 9th | 8 | 40.0% |
| 10th | 2 | 10.0% |
| 11th | 1 | 5.0% |

# Transfer Analysis: *Where are Students Transferring From?*

| School (or School District) Type | Number | Percentage |
|---|---|---|
| STL County Districts | 29 | 37.7% |
| STL City (SLPS Charters) | 13 | 16.9% |
| Out of State/International | 12 | 15.6% |
| Private | 10 | 13.0% |
| Adjacent Counties (Jeff/St. Charles) | 6 | 7.8% |
| Home School | 4 | 5.2% |
| Metro East (IL) | 1 | 1.3% |
| Out State (MO) | 1 | 1.3% |
| Virtual Learning (MOCAP) | 1 | 1.3% |
| Total | 77 | |

# Transfer Analysis/STL County Transfers

| School District | Transfer Out | Transfer In |
|---|---|---|
| Affton | 2 | 0 |
| Bayless | 1 | 2 |
| Brentwood | 0 | 2 |
| Clayton | 2 | 0 |
| Ferguson Florissant | 4 | 3 |
| Hazelwood | 3 | 6 |
| Ladue | 1 | 0 |
| Lindbergh | 3 | 2 |
| Mehlville | 2 | 1 |
| Normandy | 2 | 1 |
| Parkway | 0 | 5 |
| Ritenour | 5 | 1 |
| Riverview Gardens | 7 | 5 |
| Rockwood | 1 | 0 |
| Special School District | 2 | 0 |
| University City | 5 | 0 |
| Webster Groves | 2 | 1 |

# KEY TAKEAWAYS: More Unpacking

- **District Enrollment Plateau/Leveling off**
  - 1361 represents the lowest district enrollment number since 2017-18
  - 1361 is a 5.4% decrease from our high water mark in 2019-20

- **Cohort sizes are smaller than 2025:**
  - Last year our net cohort loss was -1.
  - This year it was -33

- **Kdg bump may be ending:**
  - Our district enrollment increase was partly attributable to larger numbers of students entering Kdg than the number of seniors graduating. This year our outgoing class of seniors (by+8) was larger than the incoming class of Kdg students

- **More unpacking:** Housing market trends; looking at affordability metrics for transfers

Civic Blueprint

# The Demographic Winter

**Briefing Context:** Insights from Dr. Ness Sandoval

The St. Louis region is now in "demographic winter": deaths outnumber births, births are declining, and the child population is shrinking. New data show the K–12 pipeline is already tightening without strong in-migration.

**30,879** children under 15 lost since 2020 across the entire STL region

**80,000** fewer K–12/under-15 students projected over 20 years

**Deaths now outnumber births**

**2025: 29,719 deaths vs. 27,322 births**

**Early-childhood pipeline also shrinking:**
143,519 births, 2021–2025; fewer than 147,506 children under age 5 in 2024

**Watch before board briefings: "Why Millions Are Choosing Not to Have Children: The Population Bust"**

**OPEN VIDEO**

**We have a 5-year window to act**
**before demographic realities render current systemic fixed costs and overhead entirely unsustainable.**