

# Housing Affordability & Declining School Enrollment

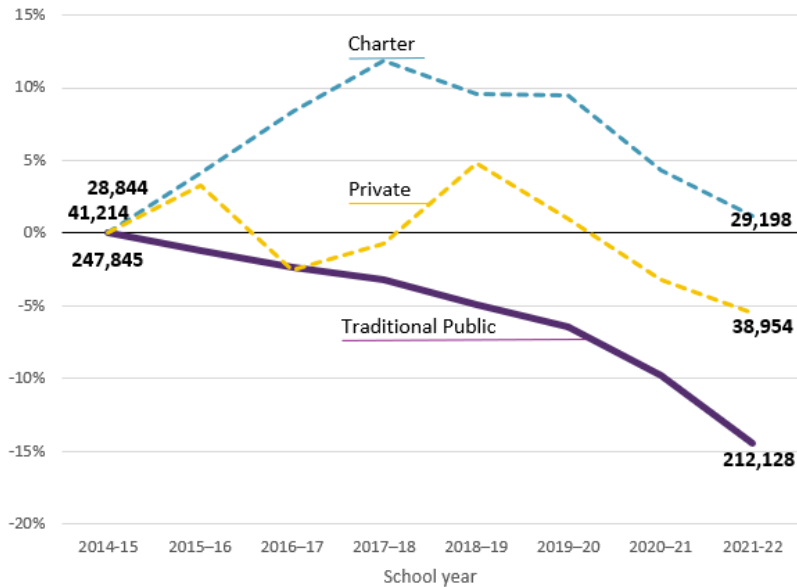
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# Santa Clara County Elementary Enrollment is Declining in All School Types

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## Both public and private K-12 schools are losing students

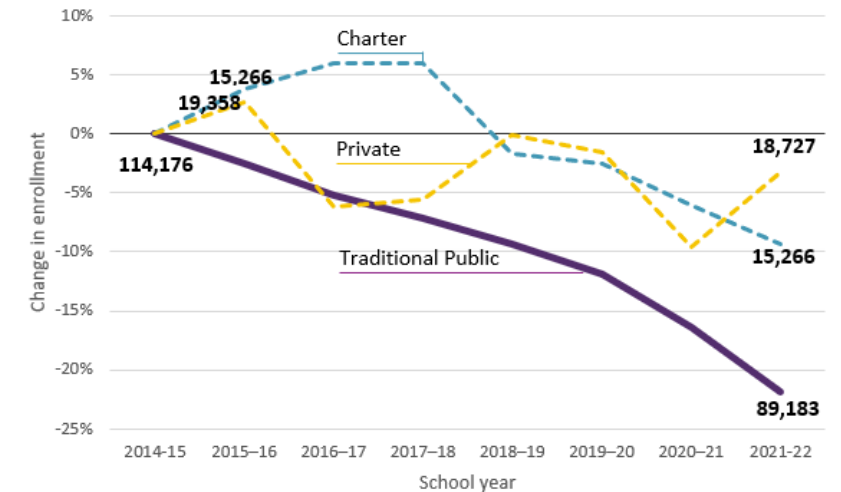
Cumulative Percent Change in Enrollment in Santa Clara County's K-12 Schools



- K-12 Enrollment has fallen 12% over the 7 years since 2014-15, a loss of more than 37,600 children.
- Elementary schools, serving younger children, are seeing larger declines.
- Enrollment declines were widespread before the pandemic began: the 2019-20 enrollment census was taken in October 2019.

## Elementary school enrollment has declined across traditional public schools, charter schools, & private schools.

Cumulative Percent Change in Enrollment in Santa Clara County's Elementary Schools



From California Department of Education: Enrollment Multi-Year Summary by Grade and Private School Affidavit Information

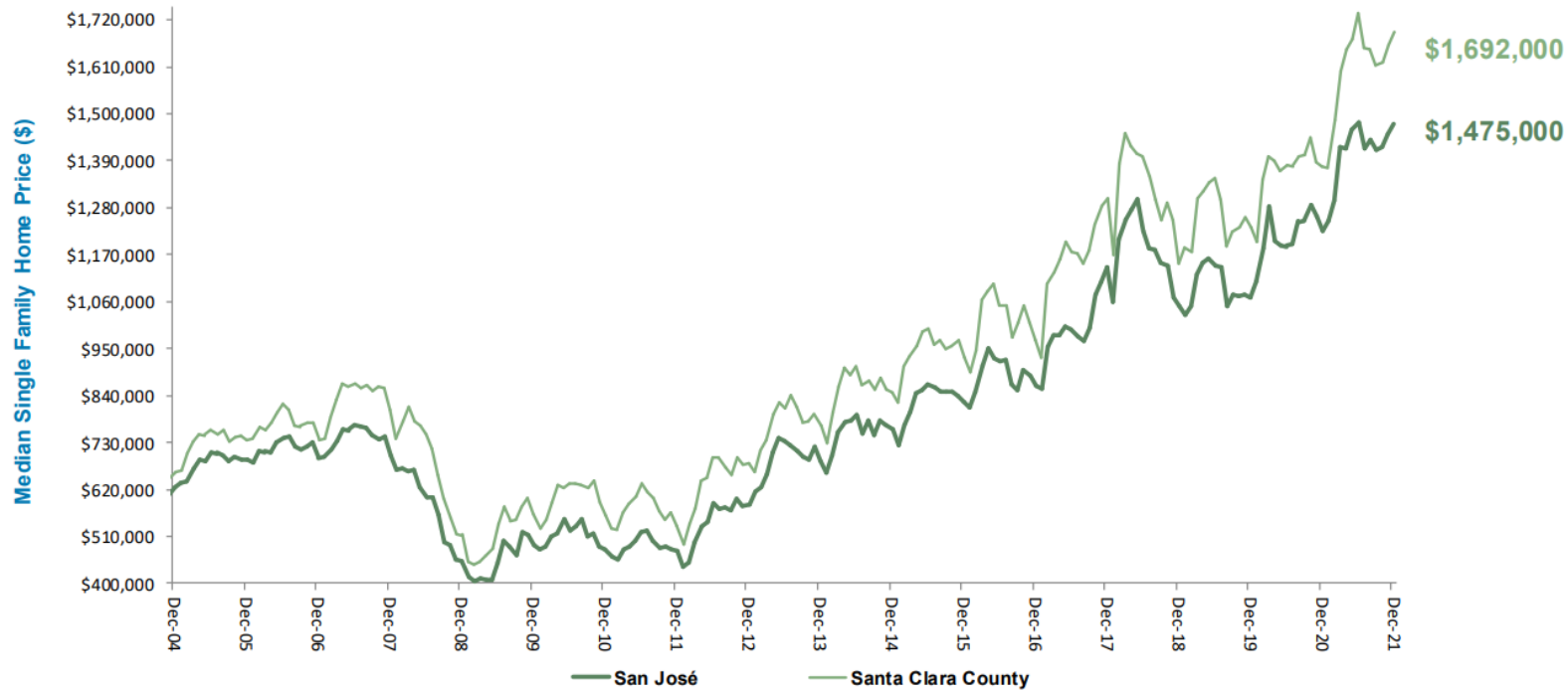
# The enrollment problem is widespread

- In our public schools countywide, elementary enrollment has declined every year since 2014.
- All but one elementary district is experiencing enrollment decline - most over 20%.
- This represents a loss of almost 25,000 elementary students.
- Both wealthy school districts and school districts in lower-income communities are suffering.

From California Department of Education: [Public Schools and Districts, Enrollment Multi-Year Summary by Grade, and Free and Reduced-Price Meal Eligibility](#)

SCC K-5 Elementary Enrollment Decline by School District	
	Cumulative 7-Year Enrollment Change
Mount Pleasant Elementary	-36%
Los Altos Elementary	-33%
Franklin-McKinley Elementary	-32%
Alum Rock Union Elementary	-32%
Evergreen Elementary	-30%
Luther Burbank	-29%
Lakeside Joint	-29%
Cupertino Union	-28%
Campbell Union	-26%
Palo Alto Unified School District	-26%
Los Gatos Union Elementary	-24%
San Jose Unified	-24%
Moreland	-23%
Saratoga Union Elementary	-22%
Sunnyvale	-21%
Oak Grove Elementary	-20%
Orchard Elementary	-18%
Berryessa Union Elementary	-17%
Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary	-16%
Gilroy Unified School District	-15%
Santa Clara Unified School District	-15%
Mountain View Whisman	-15%
Morgan Hill Unified	-14%
Union Elementary	-4%
Milpitas Unified	-1%
Cambrian	15%

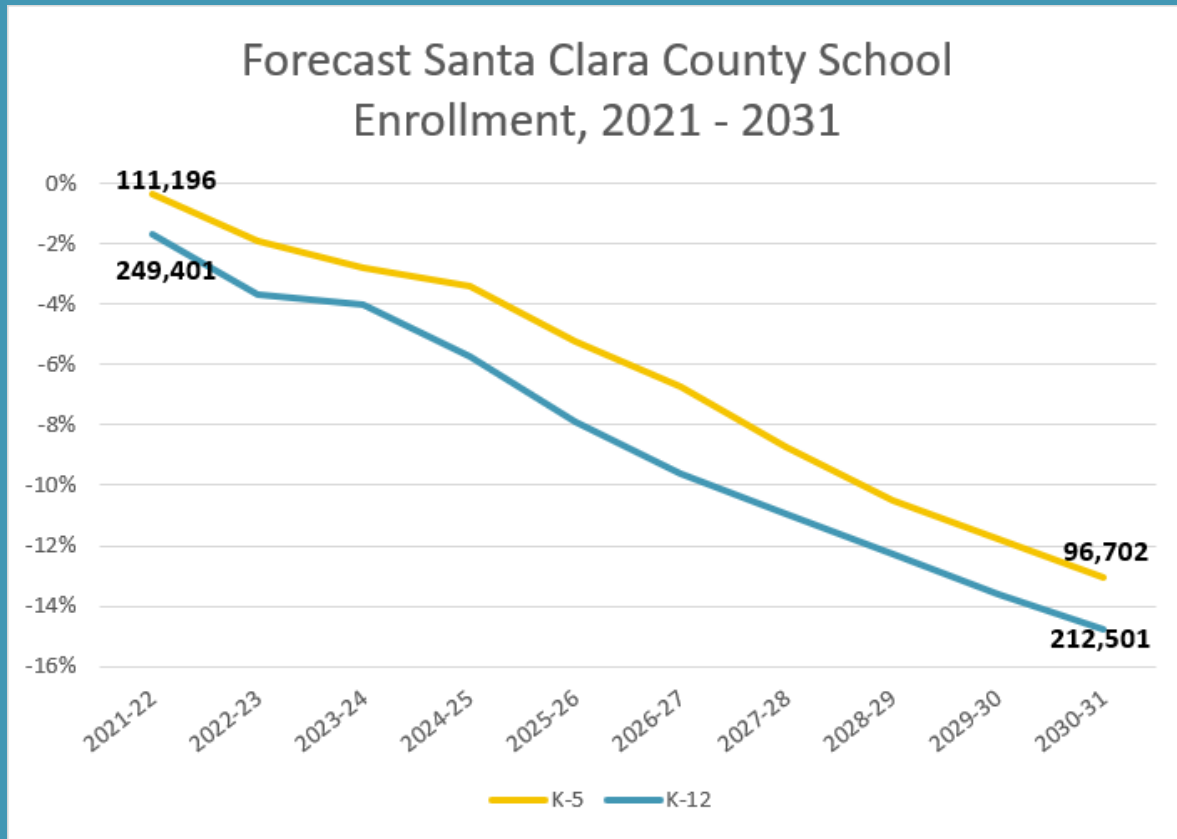
# Rapid Growth in Rent and Home Prices Caused by Housing Shortage is Displacing Families



SOURCE: Santa Clara County Association of Realtors December 2021.

- Home prices have increased close to 300% in the last decade.
- Since 2012, rent has increased more than 75%.
- The housing shortage creates a market where young families are “priced out.”
- Lower and moderate income families are increasingly displaced by rising rents.

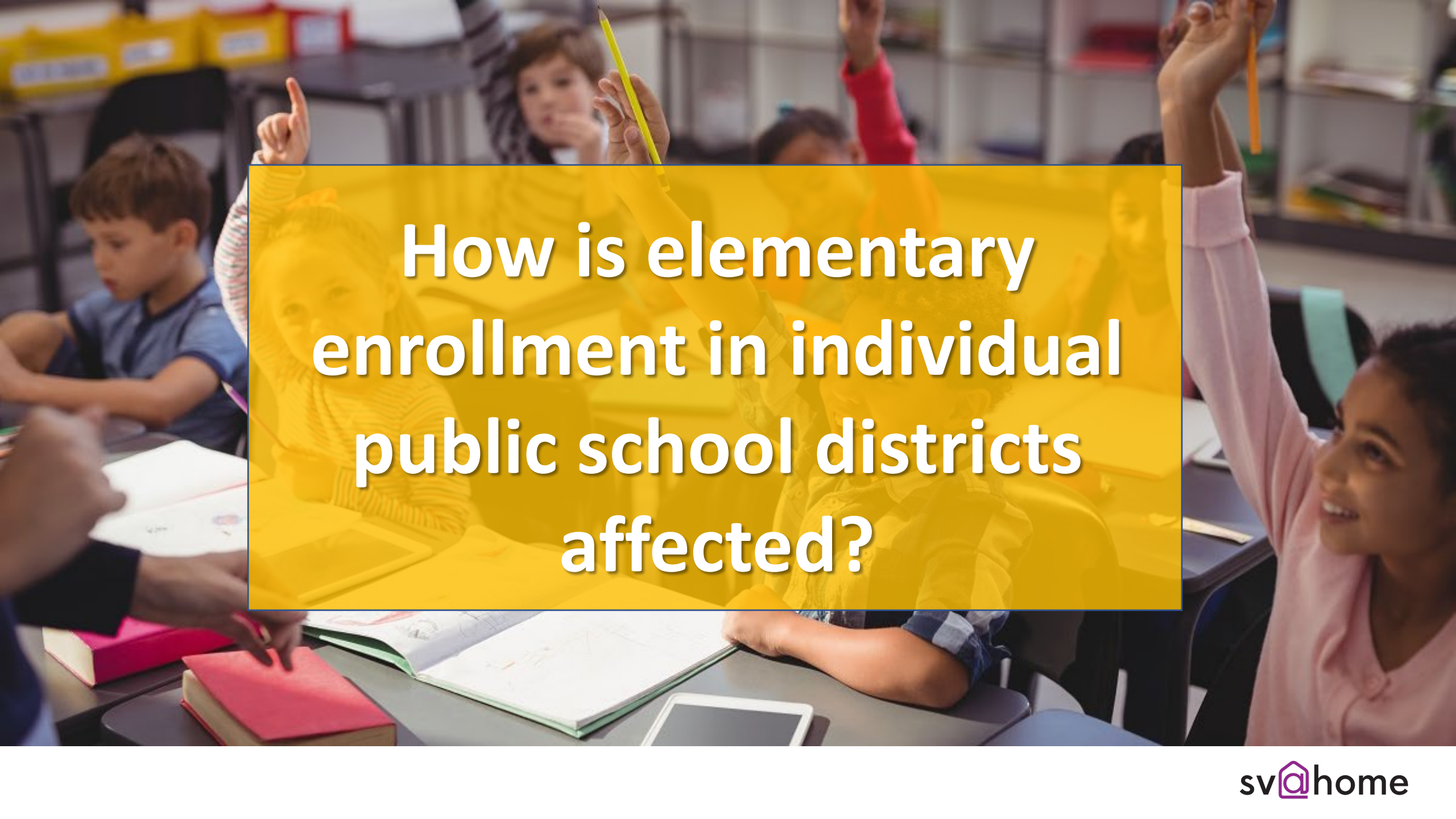
# What's ahead?



## Enrollment is Forecast to Continue to Decline Without New Housing

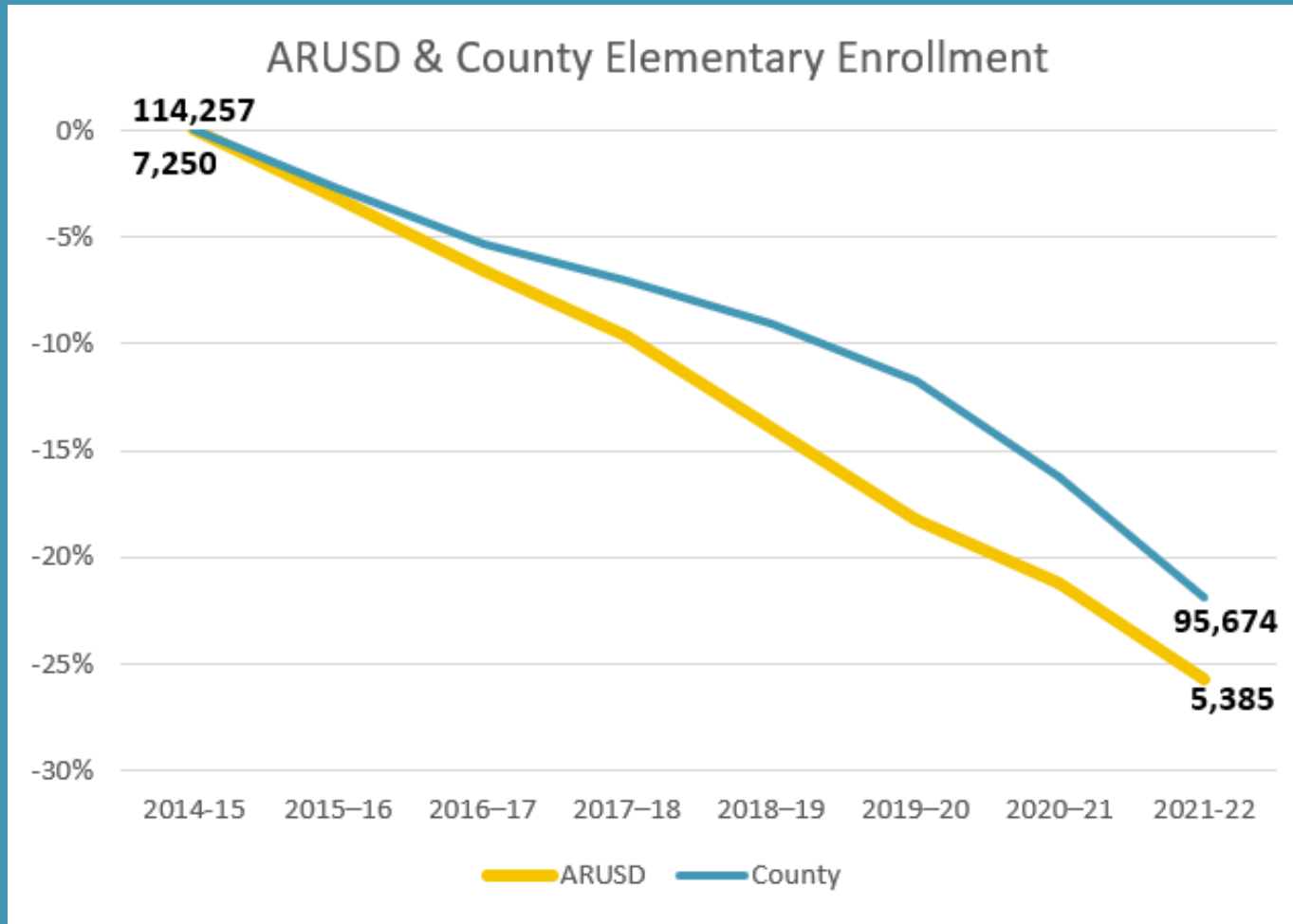
- Elementary school enrollment across traditional public, private, and charter schools will continue to decline 13% over the next decade.
- K-12 school enrollment will decline 15% over the next decade- a loss of more than 41,000 students.

From California Department of Finance: California Public K-12 Graded Enrollment and High School Graduate Projections by County — 2021 Series

A photograph of a classroom with several children sitting at desks. Some children have their hands raised, indicating they want to answer a question or participate. The scene is brightly lit, and the children appear engaged. A large yellow semi-transparent box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the main text.

# How is elementary enrollment in individual public school districts affected?

# Alum Rock Union School District's Elementary School Enrollment is Declining



- Elementary enrollment has fallen every year since 2014, a total drop of 26%.
- Alum Rock Union's elementary enrollment declines are above the average for the county.

From California Department of Education:  
[Public Schools and Districts and Enrollment Multi-Year Summary by Grade](#)

# Alum Rock Union School District's Elementary School Enrollment is Declining

Changes in Elementary School Enrollment in Alum Rock Elementary School District

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Cumulative 7-Year Change by School
A. J. Dorsa Elementary	500	489	418	371	371	351	365	313	-37%
Adelante Dual Language Academy	562	586	603	513	528	522	522	489	-13%
Adelante Dual Language Academy II	0	0	0	118	172	225	263	292	NEW
Ben Painter Elementary	420	401	379	374	334	299	296	311	-26%
Cesar Chavez Elementary	462	456	397	373	344	305	262	446	-3%
Donald J. Meyer Elementary	548	522	436	379	369	356	320	269	-51%
Horace Cureton Elementary	527	506	500	425	385	376	329	276	-48%
Learning in an Urban Community with High Achievement (L.U.C.H.A.)	243	249	289	305	283	269	275	248	2%
Linda Vista Elementary	594	569	546	527	512	419	471	433	-27%
Lyndale Elementary	477	427	411	395	334	297	283	289	-39%
Millard McCollam Elementary	438	423	434	493	502	525	481	424	-3%
O. S. Hubbard Elementary	506	525	588	594	622	592	523	467	-8%
Russo/McEntee Academy	628	589	558	523	446	409	391	339	-46%
San Antonio Elementary	461	441	404	390	344	323	294	253	-45%
Sylvia Cassell Elementary	452	418	427	406	389	362	336	292	-35%
Thomas P. Ryan Elementary	432	418	385	364	305	300	301	244	-44%
Total Enrollment	7250	7019	6775	6550	6240	5930	5712	5385	
Annual Change		-3%	-3%	-3%	-5%	-5%	-4%	-6%	
<b>Districtwide Cumulative 7-Year Change</b>		<b>-3%</b>	<b>-7%</b>	<b>-10%</b>	<b>-14%</b>	<b>-18%</b>	<b>-21%</b>	<b>-26%</b>	

- Enrollment has dropped at all but 2 elementary schools, with the average school experiencing a decline of 26%.
- Alum Rock has 1,865 fewer elementary students than it did in 2014.

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