



Housing Affordability & Declining School Enrollment

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Santa Clara County Elementary Enrollment is Declining in All School Types

Enrollment declines were widespread before the pandemic

Both public and private K-12 schools are losing students

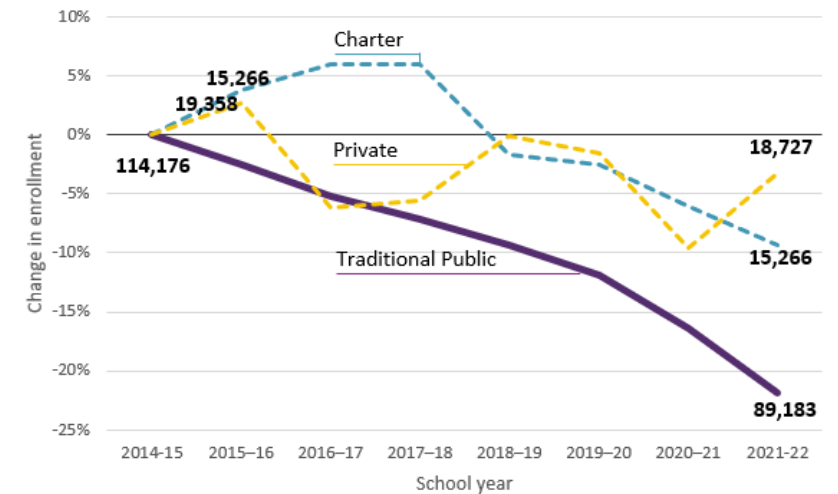
Cumulative Percent Change in Enrollment in Santa Clara County's K-12 Schools



- 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.

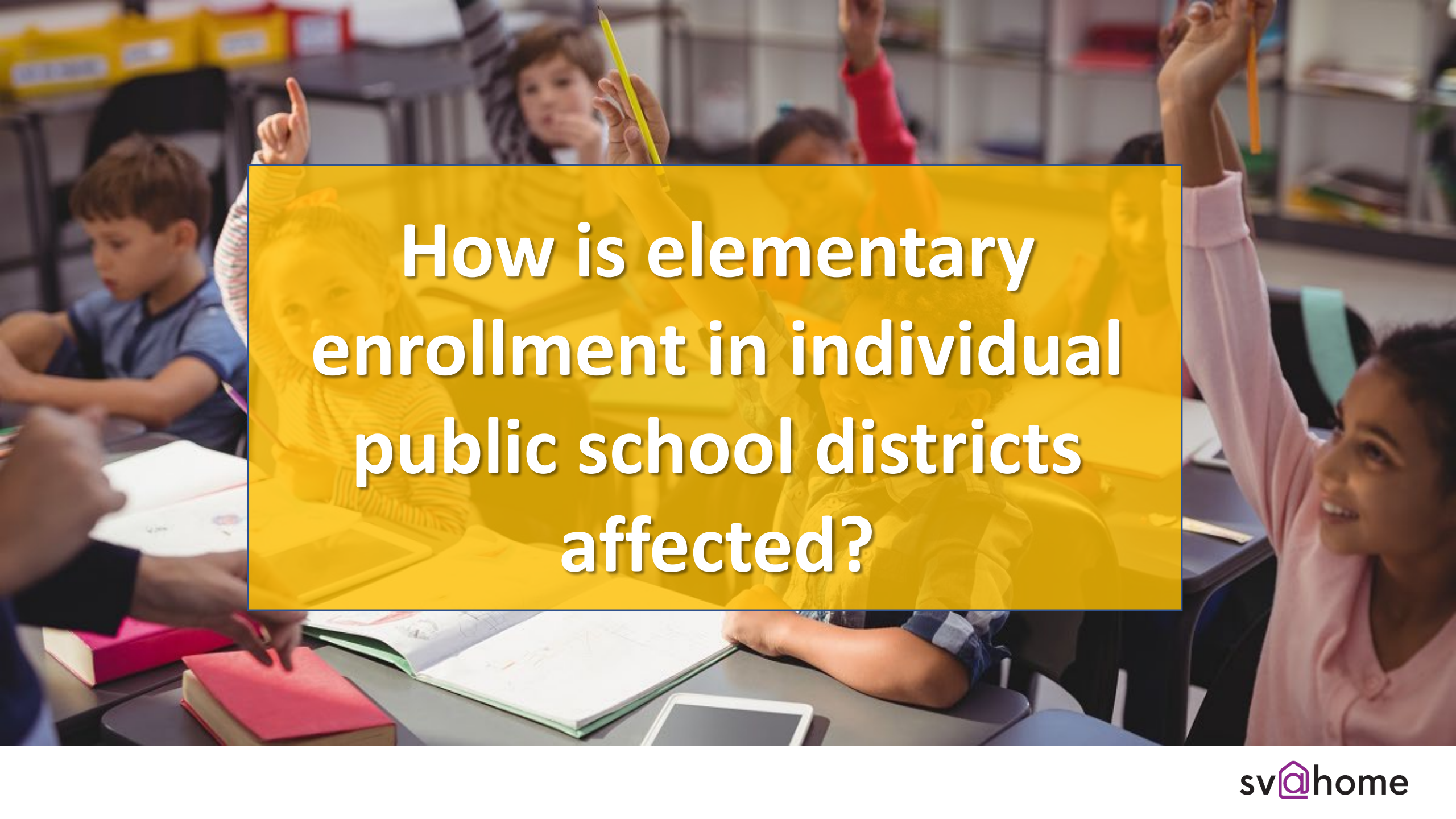
What's ahead?



Enrollment is Forecast to Continue to Decline Without New Housing

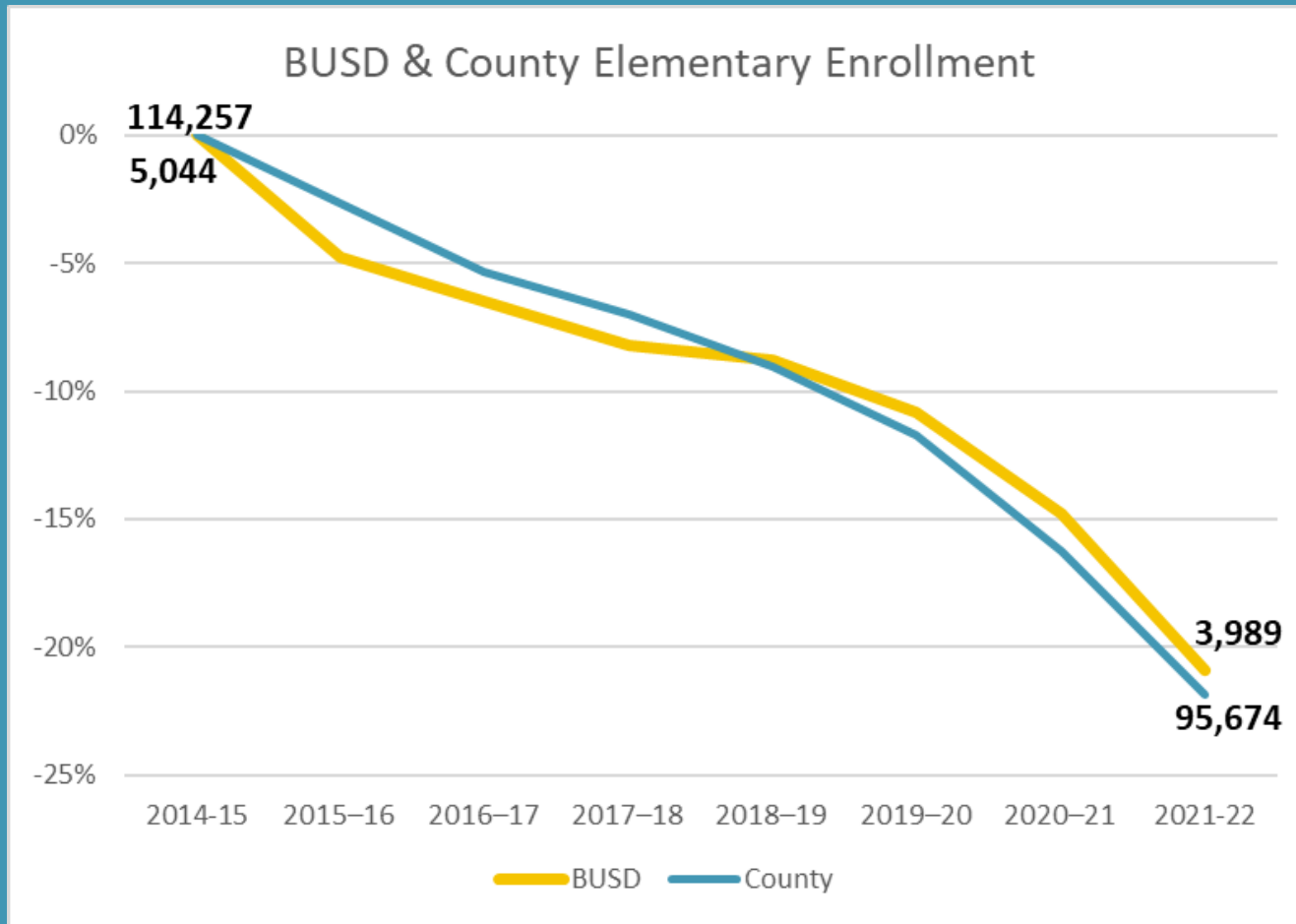
- Elementary school enrollment across traditional public, private, and charter schools will continue to decline 13% over the next decade.
- K-12 school enrollment will decline 15% over the next decade- a loss of more than 41,000 students.

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

A blurred background image of a classroom. Several young students are seated at desks, and several of them have their hands raised in the air, indicating an active learning environment. A yellow semi-transparent rectangular box is centered over the image, containing white text.

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

Berryessa Union School District's Elementary School Enrollment is Declining



- Elementary enrollment has fallen every year since 2014, a total drop of 21%.
- Berryessa Union has 1,055 fewer elementary students than it did in 2014.

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

Berryessa Union School District's Elementary School Enrollment is Declining

Changes in Elementary School Enrollment in Berryessa Union School District									
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Cumulative 7-Year Change by School
Brooktree Elementary	515	475	471	446	461	450	426	382	-26%
Cherrywood Elementary	423	375	348	314	391	434	448	445	5%
Laneview Elementary	435	385	393	381	373	349	334	320	-26%
Majestic Way Elementary	553	525	532	516	518	486	473	465	-16%
Noble Elementary	561	545	512	488	456	421	423	374	-33%
Northwood Elementary	450	462	484	567	574	584	542	488	8%
Ruskin Elementary	661	632	628	602	568	537	491	434	-34%
Summerdale Elementary	498	462	433	410	403	369	358	308	-38%
Toyon Elementary	321	326	311	320	292	299	268	241	-25%
Vinci Park Elementary	627	616	605	587	564	568	534	532	-15%
Total	5044	4803	4717	4631	4600	4497	4297	3989	
Annual change		-5%	-2%	-2%	-1%	-2%	-4%	-7%	
Districtwide Cumulative 7-Year Change		-5%	-6%	-8%	-9%	-11%	-15%	-21%	

- All but 2 elementary schools have seen enrollment declines, ranging from -15% to -38%.
- Elementary enrollment has declined every year since 2014, a drop of 21%.

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