



# 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

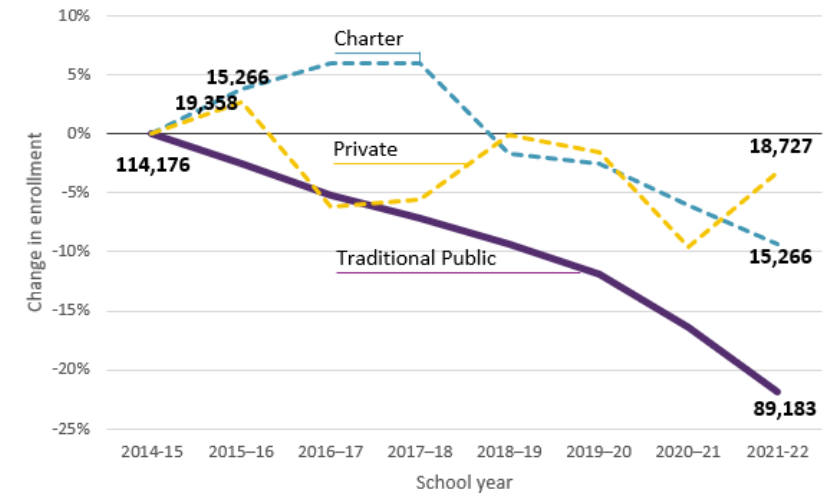
Cumulative Percent Change in Enrollment in Santa Clara County's K-12 Schools



- 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.

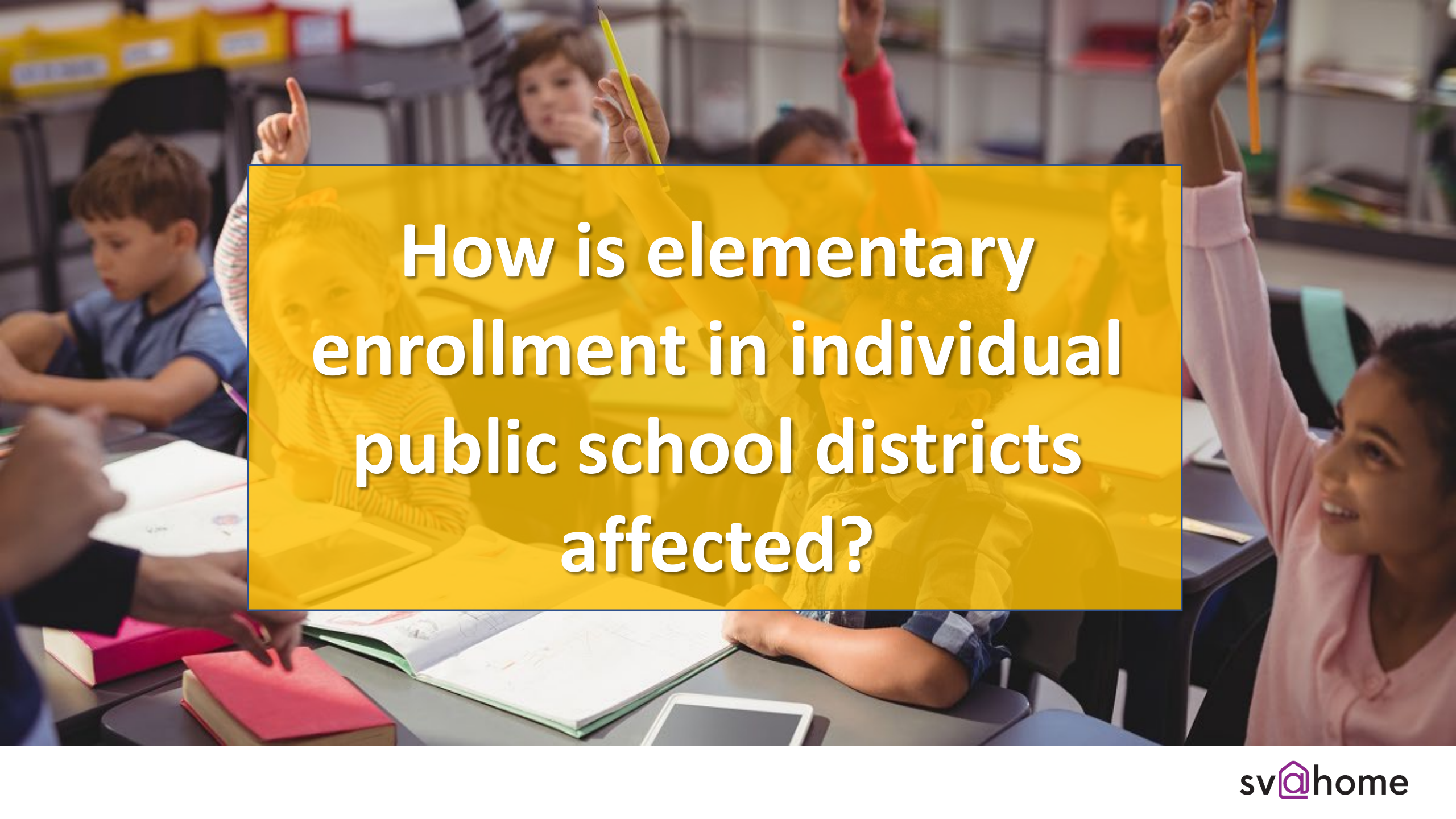
# What's ahead?



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

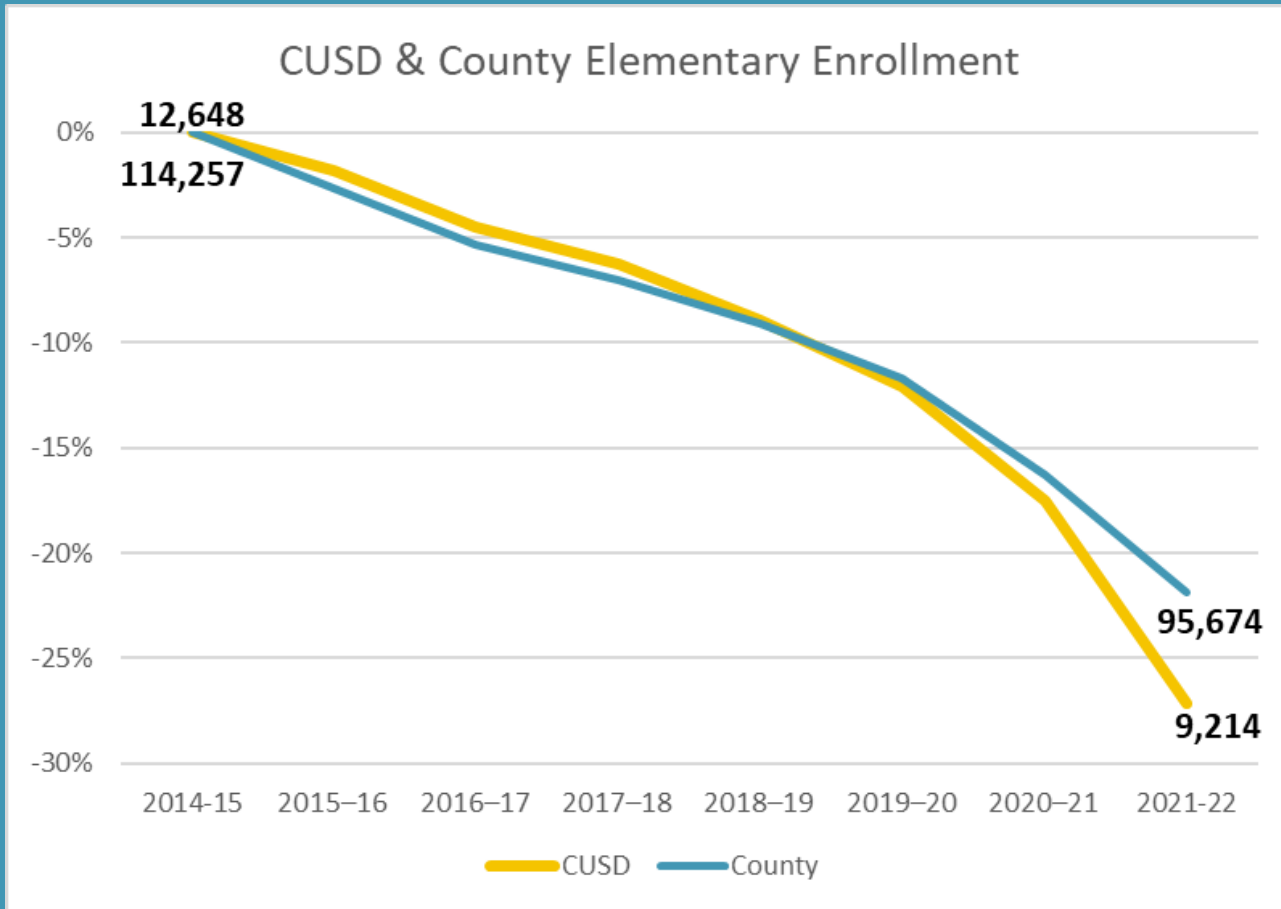
## Enrollment is Forecast to Continue to Decline Without New Housing

- 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.

A photograph of a classroom with several young children sitting at desks. Some children have their hands raised, and one child in the foreground is holding a yellow pencil. The background shows shelves with books and other classroom supplies. A large yellow rectangular box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing white text.

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

# Cupertino Union School District's Elementary School Enrollment is Declining



- Elementary enrollment has fallen every year since 2014, a total drop of 27%.
- Cupertino Union's elementary enrollment declines are higher than average for the county.

From California Department of Education:  
Public Schools and Districts and Enrollment  
Multi-Year Summary by Grade



# Cupertino Union School District's Elementary School Enrollment is Declining

Changes in Elementary School Enrollment in Cupertino 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
Abraham Lincoln Elementary	720	663	616	595	576	556	548	484	-33%
Blue Hills Elementary	438	383	346	319	339	361	318	280	-36%
C. B. Eaton Elementary	635	555	540	508	497	471	451	398	-37%
Chester W. Nimitz Elementary	733	721	673	668	628	604	517	417	-43%
Christa McAuliffe Elementary	468	486	506	500	493	490	505	607	30%
D. J. Sedgwick Elementary	631	644	686	676	617	554	519	439	-30%
Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary	702	668	660	625	574	556	561	449	-36%
Garden Gate Elementary	709	680	636	609	576	588	538	503	-29%
John Muir Elementary	443	400	390	358	354	307	248	237	-47%
L. P. Collins Elementary	710	719	698	717	702	636	593	502	-29%
Louis E. Stocklmeir Elementary	1211	1192	1174	1191	1106	1055	1028	886	-27%
Manuel De Vargas Elementary	514	591	551	569	519	478	414	366	-29%
Montclair Elementary	507	480	458	429	428	445	410	388	-23%
Murdock-Portal Elementary	575	573	571	576	570	575	573	551	-4%
Nelson S. Dilworth Elementary	467	460	446	414	435	437	372	297	-36%
R. I. Meyerholz Elementary	773	776	773	764	771	754	744	699	-10%
Stevens Creek Elementary	572	569	596	605	629	629	604	387	-32%
West Valley Elementary	628	633	591	560	554	514	444	364	-42%
William Faria Elementary	675	693	694	691	695	691	692	651	-4%
William Regnart Elementary	537	531	475	481	452	421	357	309	-42%
Total Enrollment	12648	12417	12080	11855	11515	11122	10436	9214	
Annual Change		-2%	-3%	-2%	-3%	-3%	-6%	-12%	
Districtwide Cumulative 7-Year Change		-2%	-4%	-6%	-9%	-12%	-17%	-27%	

- All but 3 elementary schools have seen enrollment declines, with the average school experiencing a decline of 27%.
- Cupertino Union has 3,434 fewer elementary students than it did in 2014.

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