



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

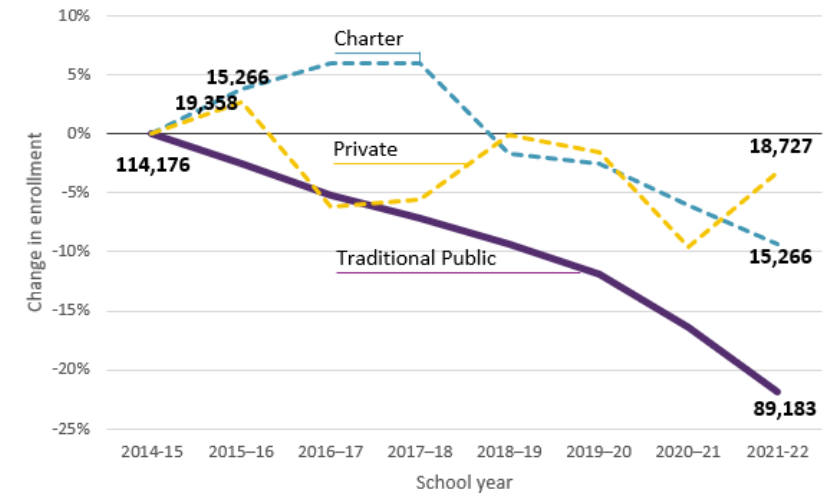
Cumulative Percent Change in Enrollment in Santa Clara County's K-12 Schools



- 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.

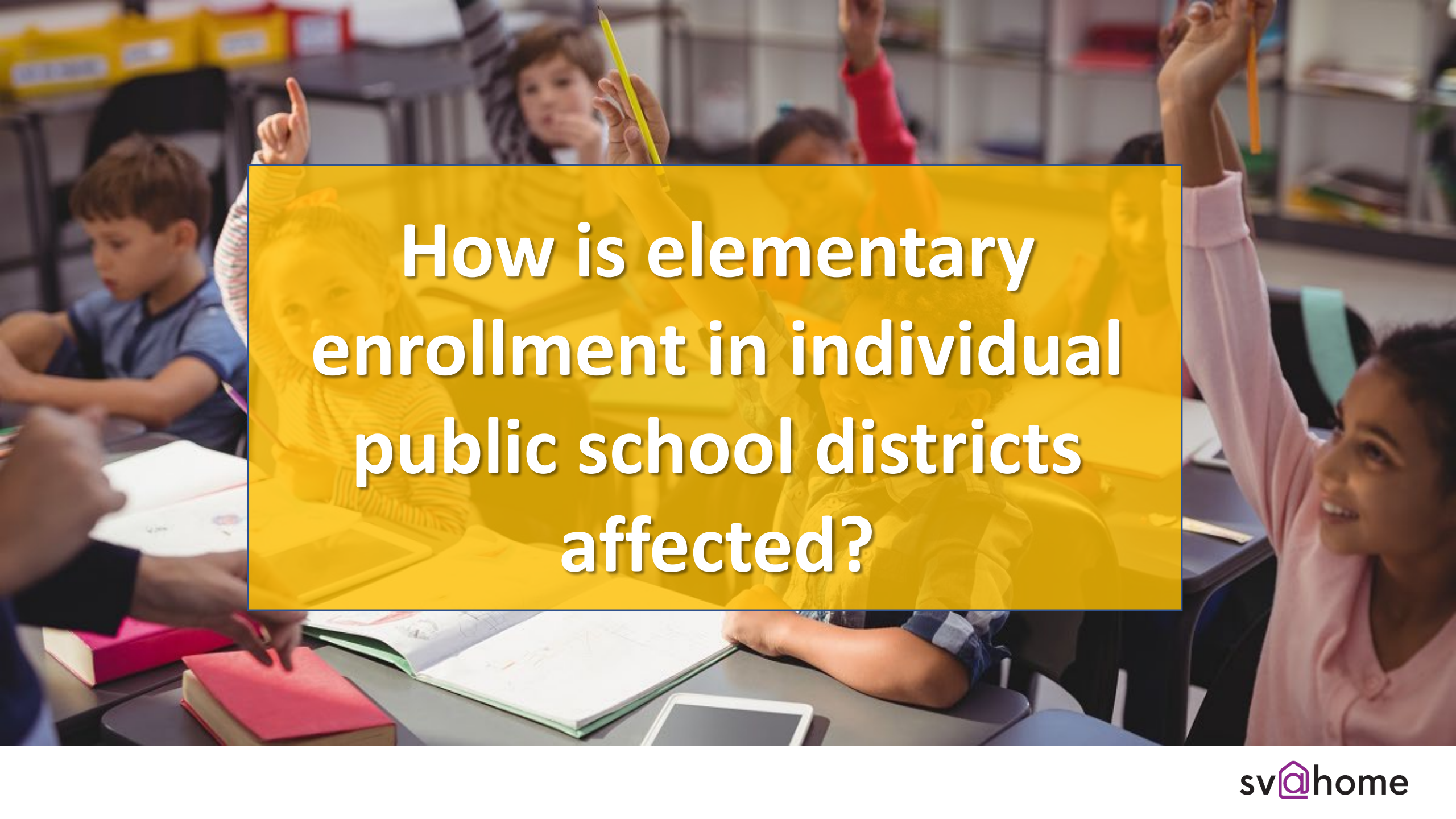
What's ahead?



Enrollment is Forecast to Continue to Decline Without New Housing

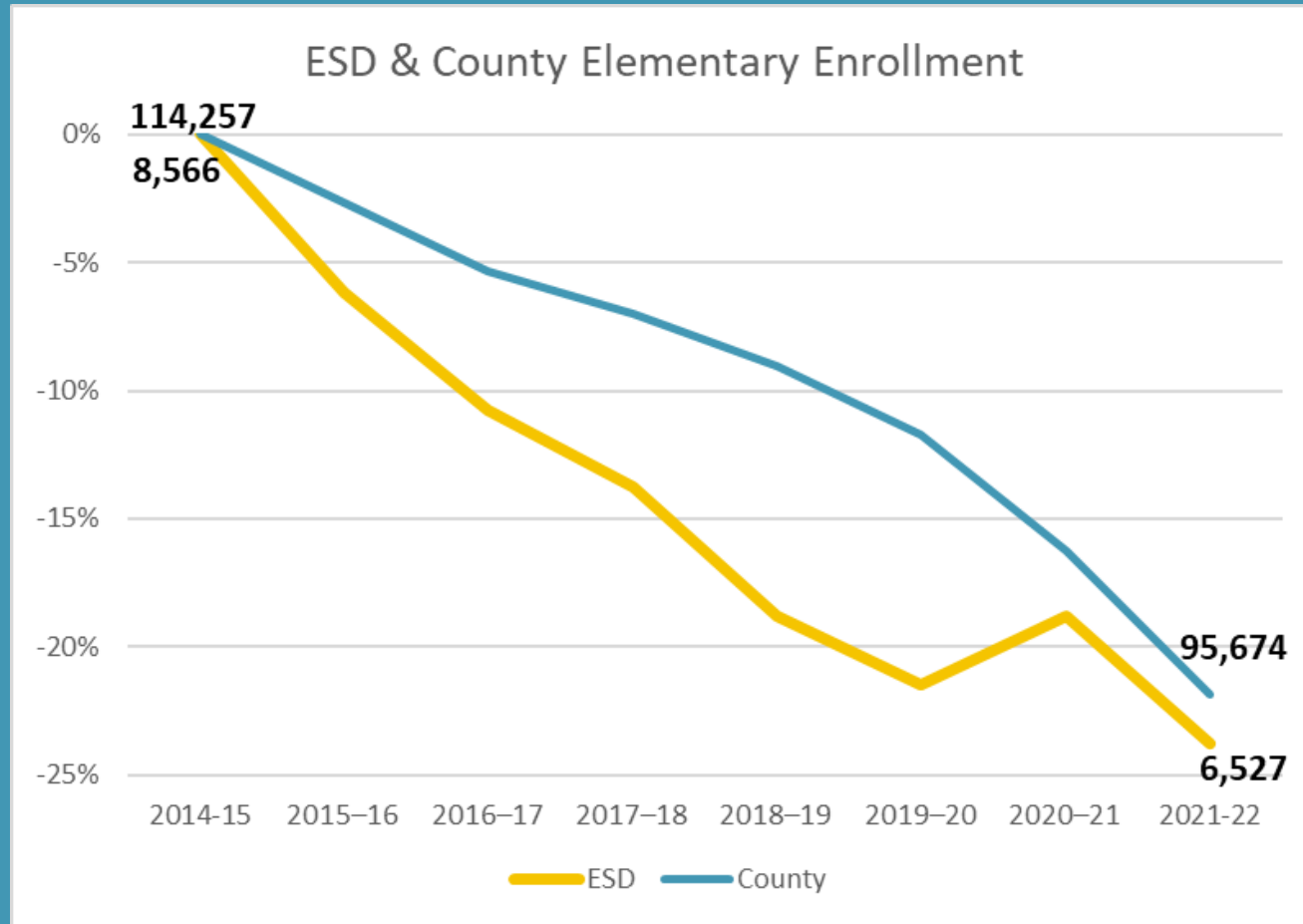
- Elementary school enrollment across traditional public, private, and charter schools will continue to decline 13% over the next decade.
- K-12 school enrollment will decline 15% over the next decade- a loss of more than 41,000 students.

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

A photograph of a classroom with several young children sitting at desks. Some children have their hands raised, indicating they want to answer a question or participate. The scene is bright and active. A large yellow rectangular box is superimposed over the center of the image, containing white text.

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

Evergreen School District's Elementary School Enrollment is Declining



- Elementary enrollment has fallen in all but one year since 2014, a total drop of 24%.
- Evergreen'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

Evergreen School District's Elementary School Enrollment is Declining

Changes in Elementary School Enrollment in Evergreen School District									
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Cumulative 7-Year Change by School
Cadwallader Elementary	366	353	343	345	341	334	404	357	-2%
Carolyn A. Clark Elementary	807	732	678	631	581	553	612	607	-25%
Cedar Grove Elementary	742	669	644	619	590	594	556	533	-28%
Evergreen Elementary	800	787	778	768	738	750	659	578	-28%
Holly Oak Elementary	655	614	582	594	562	560	460	472	-28%
James Franklin Smith Elementary	798	742	706	683	642	620	665	626	-22%
John J. Montgomery Elementary	587	558	511	460	423	411	587	538	-8%
Katherine R. Smith Elementary	658	615	593	575	525	504	486	434	-34%
Millbrook Elementary	731	709	651	666	618	578	594	566	-23%
Norwood Creek Elementary	699	673	644	643	625	605	618	534	-24%
O. B. Whaley Elementary	582	523	487	408	385	354	328	295	-49%
Silver Oak Elementary	687	654	628	620	607	569	592	572	-17%
Tom Matsumoto Elementary	820	762	740	721	657	630	800	772	-6%
Total Enrollment	8566	8038	7642	7388	6953	6728	6957	6527	
Annual Change		-6%	-5%	-3%	-6%	-3%	3%	-6%	
Districtwide Cumulative 7-Year Change		-6%	-11%	-14%	-19%	-21%	-19%	-24%	

- Every elementary school has seen enrollment declines, with the average school experiencing a decline of 24%.
- Evergreen has 2,039 fewer elementary students than it did in 2014.

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