



# 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

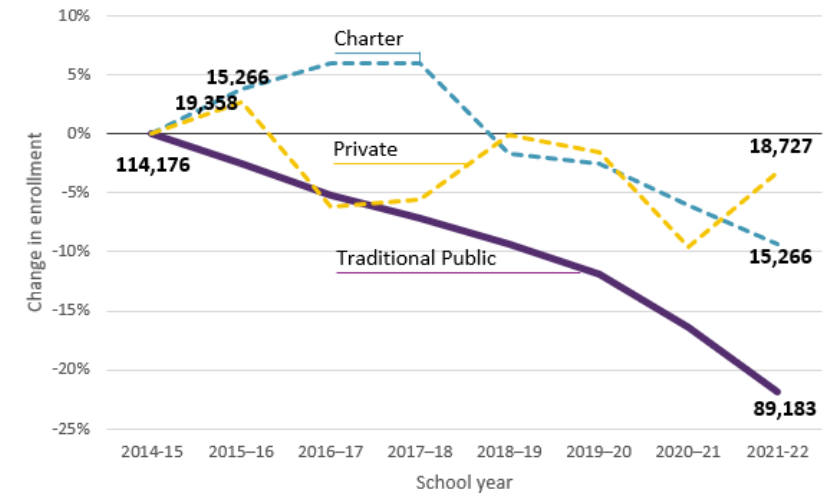
Cumulative Percent Change in Enrollment in Santa Clara County's K-12 Schools



- 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.

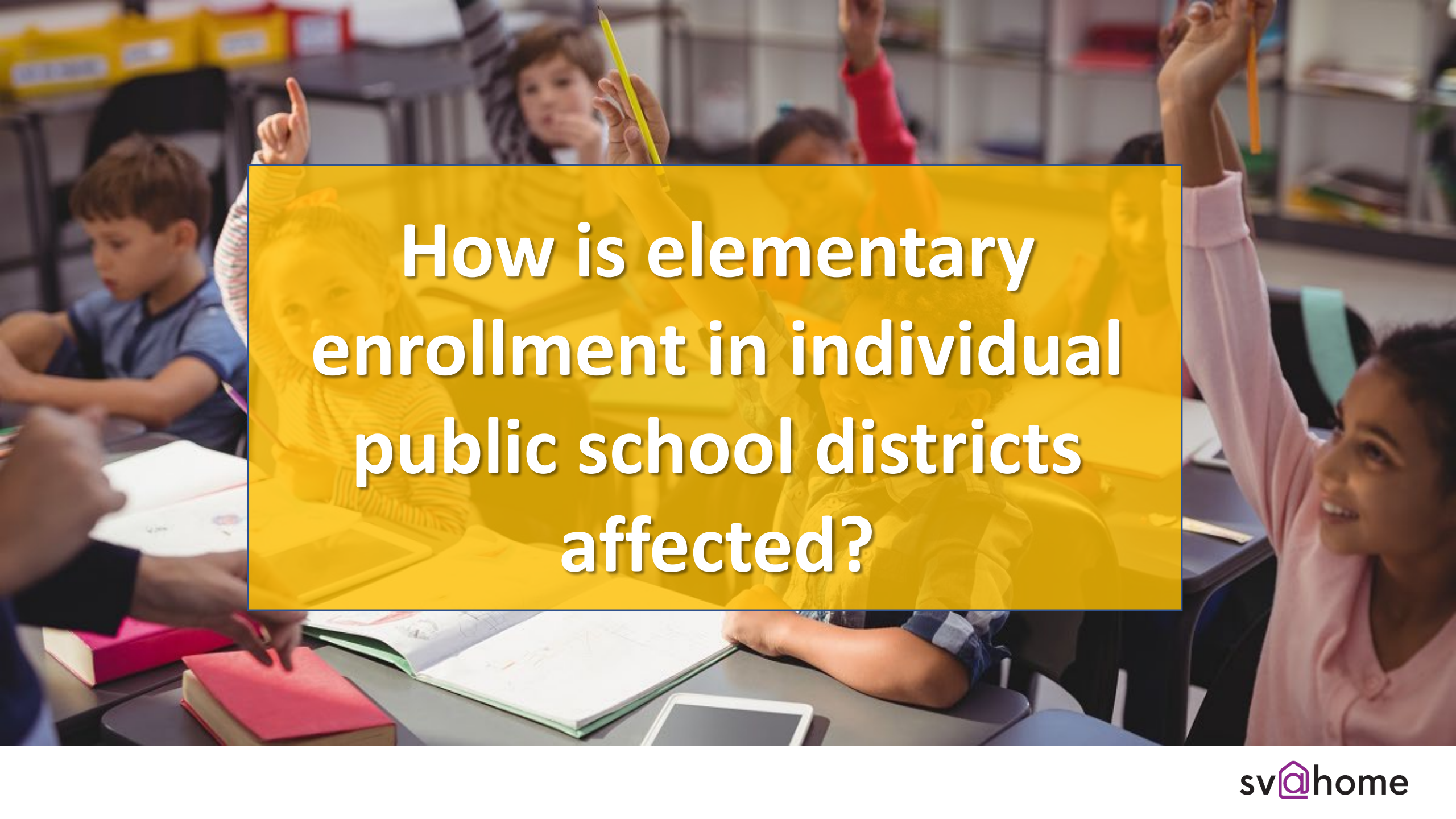
# What's ahead?



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

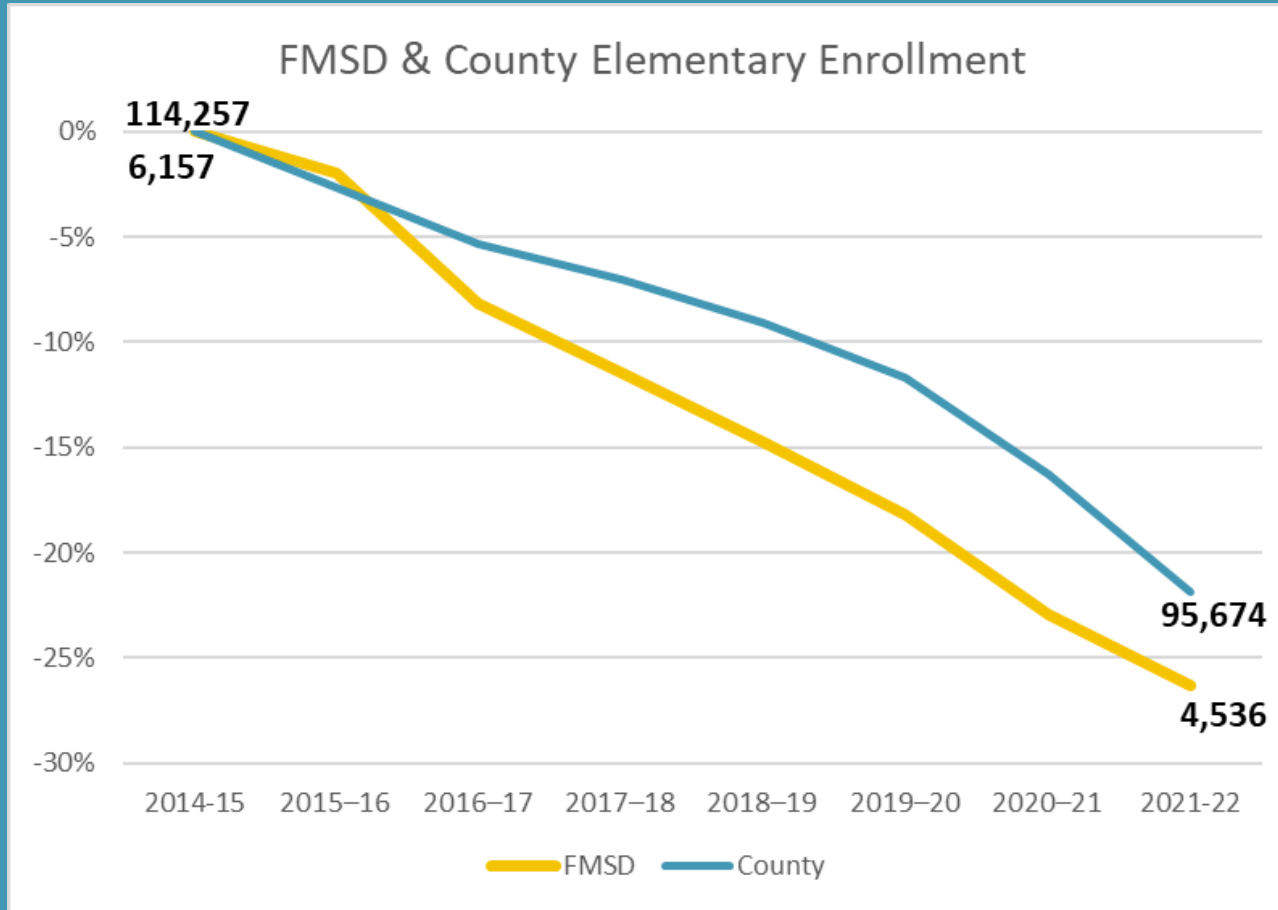
- Elementary school enrollment across traditional public, private, and charter schools will continue to decline 13% over the next decade.
- K-12 school enrollment will decline 15% over the next decade- a loss of more than 41,000 students.

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

A 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 the main text.

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

# Franklin McKinley School District's Elementary Enrollment is Declining



- Elementary enrollment has fallen every year since 2014, a total drop of 26%.
- Franklin McKinley'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](#)



# Franklin McKinley School District's Elementary School Enrollment is Declining

Changes in Elementary School Enrollment in Franklin-McKinley School District

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Cumulative 7-Year Change by School
Captain Jason M. Dahl Elementary	652	638	611	565	549	521	486	426	-35%
Franklin Elementary	796	783	726	680	665	603	567	525	-34%
G. W. Hellyer Elementary	434	420	384	407	402	402	374	363	-16%
Jeanne R. Meadows Elementary	507	541	533	521	501	481	491	459	-9%
Los Arboles Literacy and Technology Academy	489	479	399	370	353	310	247	225	-54%
McKinley Elementary	434	388	348	315	286	272	236	230	-47%
Ramblewood Elementary	413	390	368	371	351	346	312	275	-33%
Robert F. Kennedy Elementary	532	489	441	420	390	388	363	306	-42%
Santee Elementary	409	440	443	425	423	413	388	363	-11%
Shirakawa (George, Sr.) Elementary	871	873	814	799	759	703	664	793	-9%
Stonegate Elementary	688	717	728	705	681	636	594	536	-22%
Windmill Springs Elementary	584	517	470	437	440	481	508	461	-21%
Total Enrollment	6157	6037	5654	5450	5251	5035	4744	4536	
Annual Change		-2%	-6%	-4%	-4%	-4%	-6%	-4%	
Districtwide Cumulative 7-Year Change		-2%	-8%	-11%	-15%	-18%	-23%	-26%	

- Every elementary school has seen enrollment declines, ranging from -9% to -47%.
- The average school has experienced a decline of 24%.
- Franklin McKinley has 1,621 fewer elementary students than it did in 2014.

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