



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

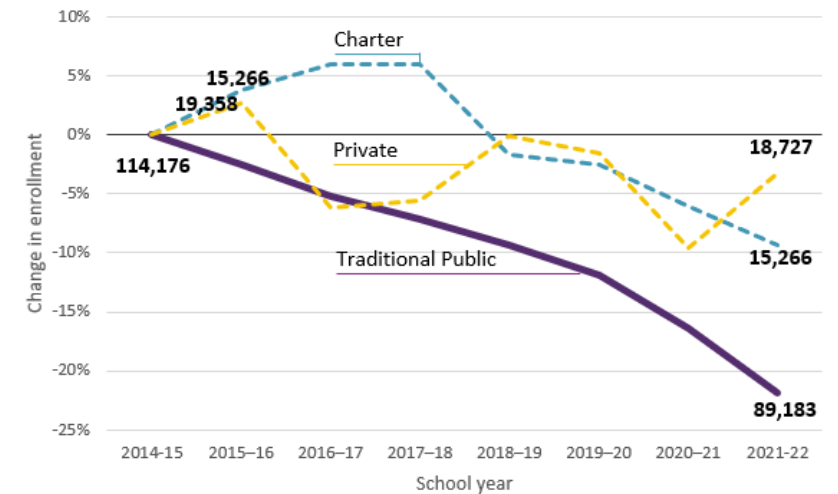
Cumulative Percent Change in Enrollment in Santa Clara County's K-12 Schools



- 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.

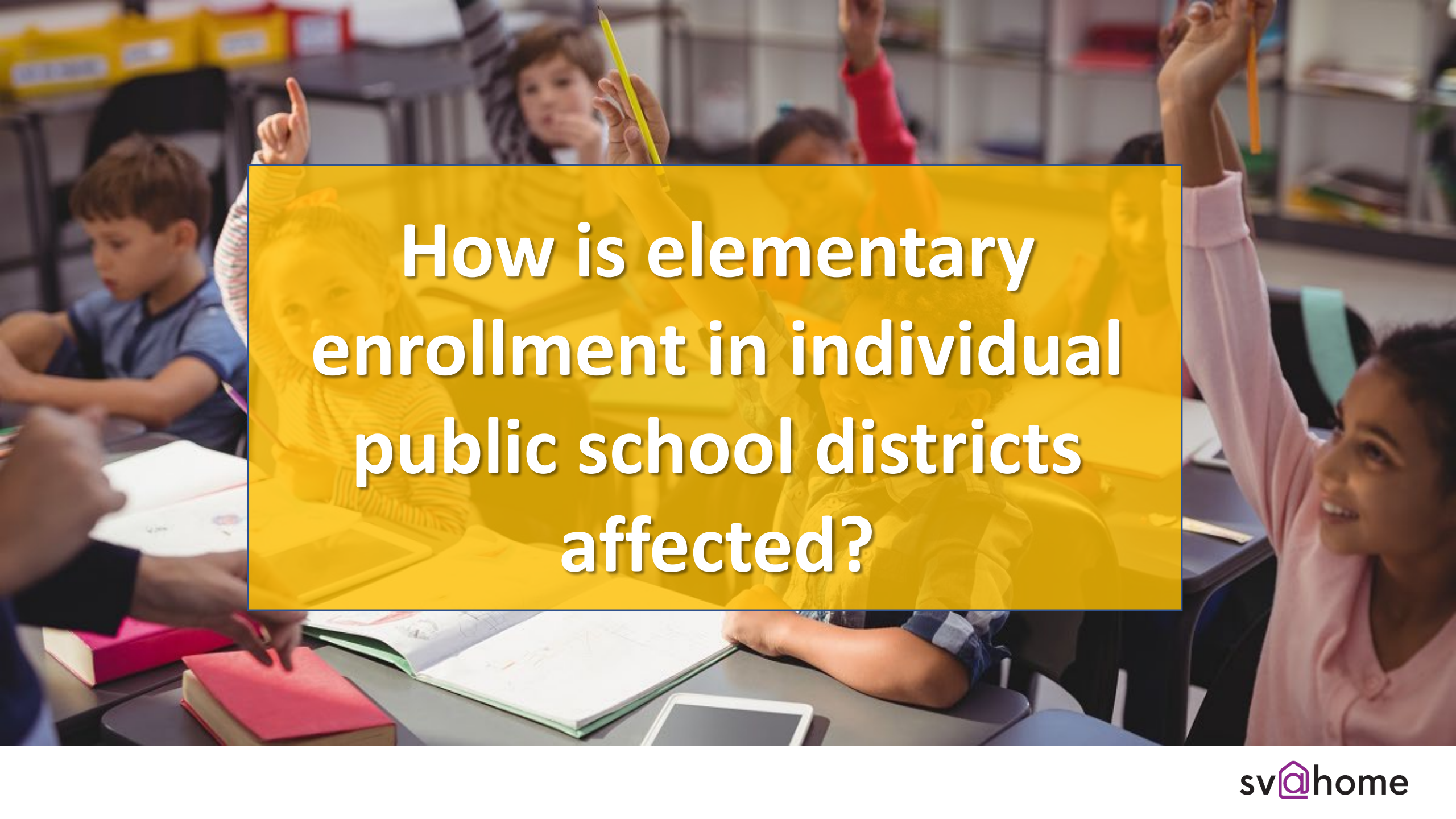
What's ahead?



Enrollment is Forecast to Continue to Decline Without New Housing

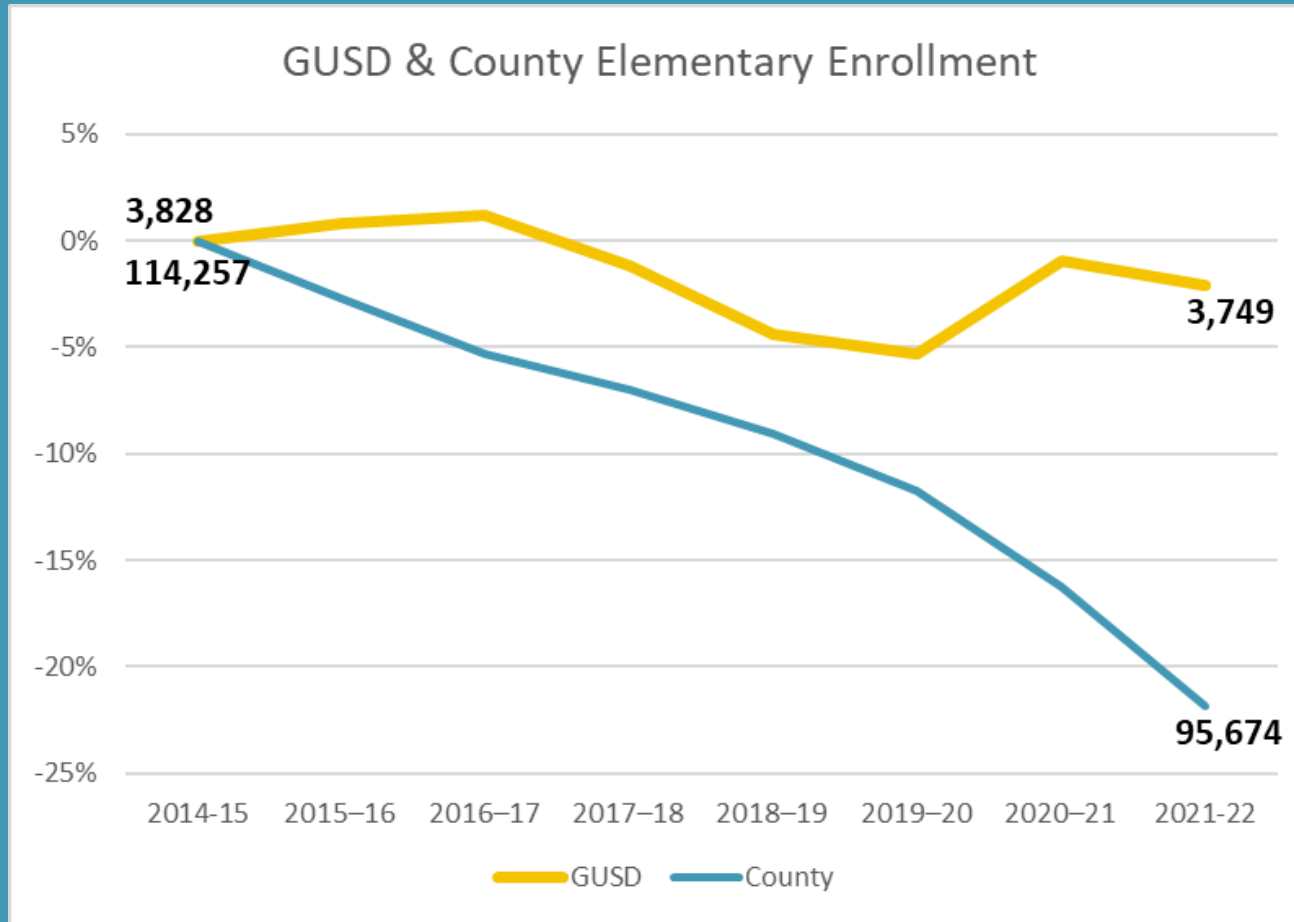
- Elementary school enrollment across traditional public, private, and charter schools will continue to decline 13% over the next decade.
- K-12 school enrollment will decline 15% over the next decade- a loss of more than 41,000 students.

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 the main text.

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

Gilroy Unified School District's Elementary Enrollment is Declining



- Elementary enrollment has fallen 2% since 2014.
- Enrollment decline has been less steep than the county, as the district gained students during the pandemic, but enrollment has begun to decline again this year.

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

Gilroy Unified School District's Elementary Enrollment is Declining

Changes in Elementary School Enrollment in Gilroy Unified School District									
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Cumulative 7-Year Change by School
El Roble Elementary	645	643	677	638	631	601	603	577	-11%
Eliot Elementary	535	493	493	464	439	487	484	513	-4%
Glen View Elementary	586	604	600	546	517	493	477	469	-20%
Las Animas Elementary	681	726	749	763	742	735	751	745	9%
Luigi Aprea Elementary	729	711	696	674	628	584	720	711	-2%
Rod Kelley Elementary	771	771	752	760	756	763	741	748	-3%
Rucker Elementary	526	554	585	576	577	564	619	563	7%
Total	3828	3859	3875	3783	3659	3626	3792	3749	
Annual change		1%	0%	-2%	-3%	-1%	5%	-1%	
Districtwide Cumulative 7-Year Change		1%	1%	-1%	-4%	-5%	-1%	-2%	

- All but two elementary schools have seen enrollment declines, one as high as 20%.
- Gilroy Unified has 79 fewer elementary students than it did in 2014.

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