



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

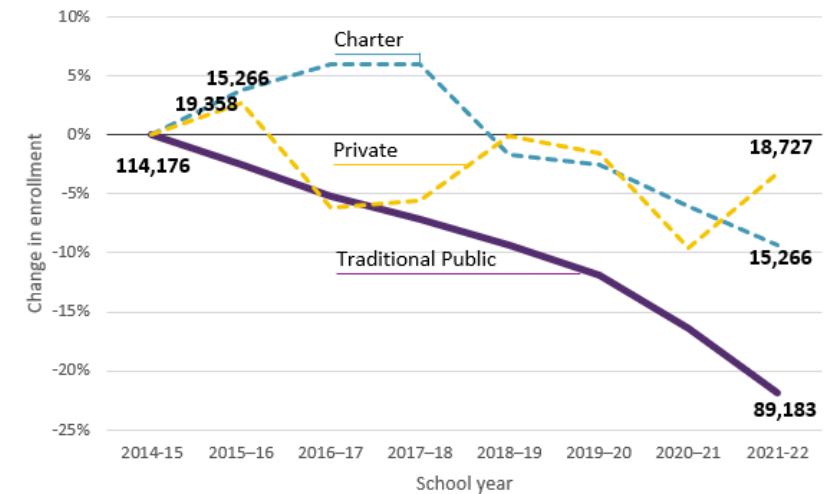
Cumulative Percent Change in Enrollment in Santa Clara County's K-12 Schools



- 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.

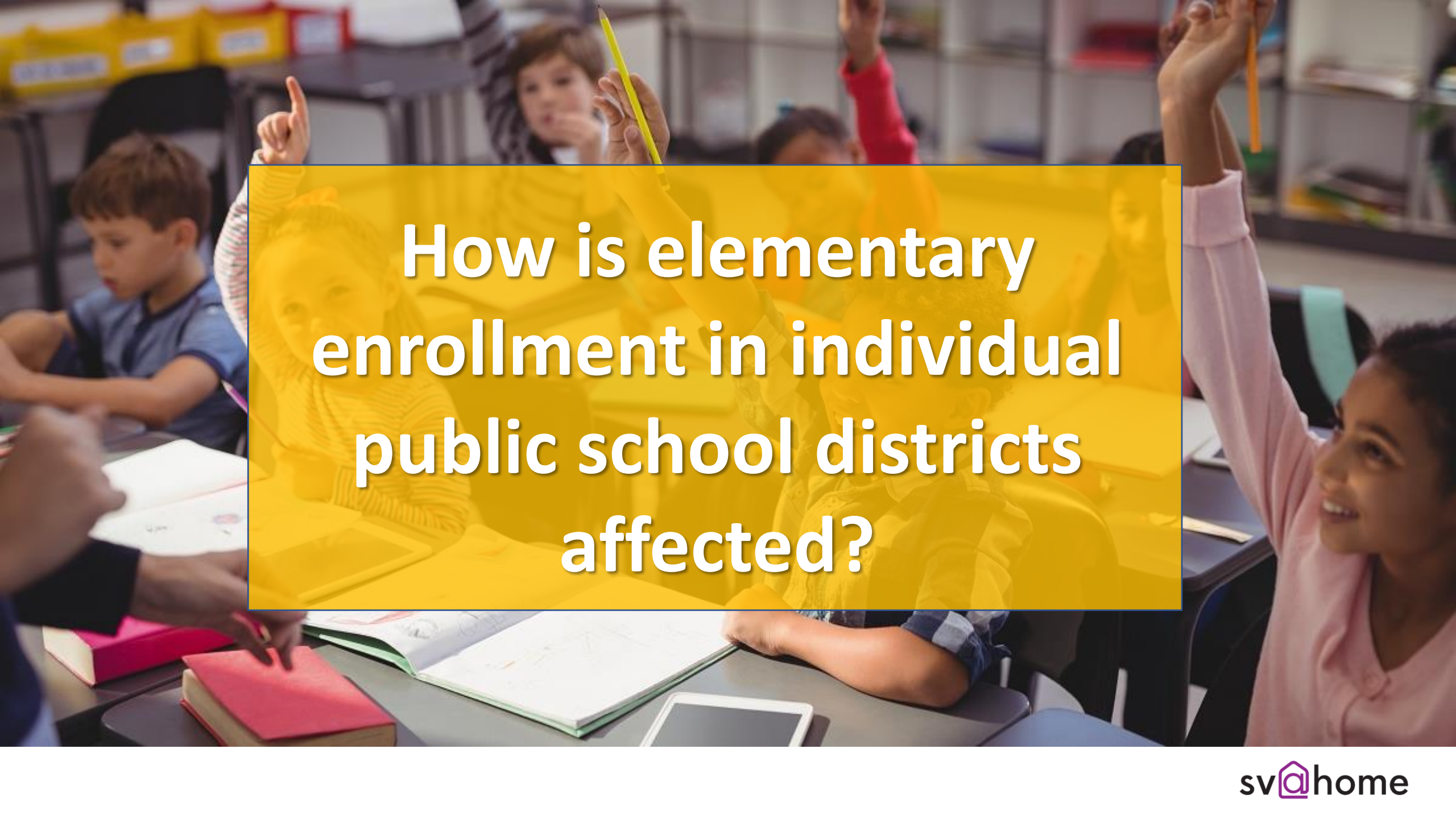
What's ahead?



Enrollment is Forecast to Continue to Decline Without New Housing

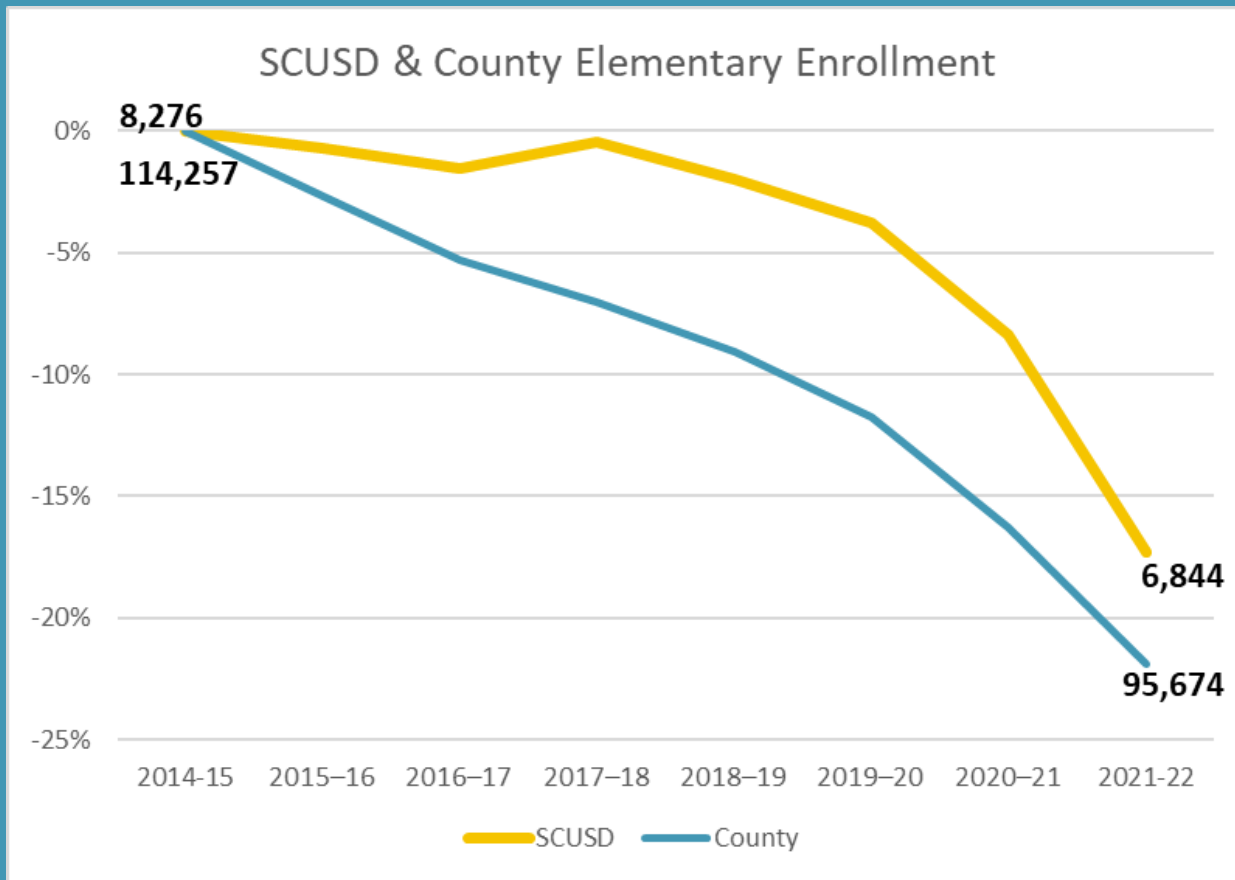
- Elementary school enrollment across traditional public, private, and charter schools will continue to decline 13% over the next decade.
- K-12 school enrollment will decline 15% over the next decade- a loss of more than 41,000 students.

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 brightly lit, and the children appear engaged. A large yellow rectangular overlay is centered over the image, containing white text.

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

Santa Clara Unified School District's Elementary Enrollment is Declining



- Elementary enrollment has fallen in all but one year since 2014, a total drop of 17%.

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

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Changes in Elementary School Enrollment in Santa Clara 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
Abram Agnew Elementary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	190	NEW
Bowers Elementary	327	321	314	274	282	271	257	230	-30%
Bracher Elementary	359	356	350	344	344	352	307	276	-23%
Braly Elementary	446	438	405	414	391	400	382	358	-20%
Briarwood Elementary	382	357	351	331	319	324	292	258	-32%
C. W. Haman Elementary	392	397	353	380	381	365	349	334	-15%
Central Park Elementary	0	0	239	325	399	445	445	404	NEW
Don Callejon	1018	976	963	954	912	836	806	707	-31%
George Mayne Elementary	539	534	512	511	493	466	420	305	-43%
Kathryn Hughes Elementary	444	452	419	416	407	404	370	292	-34%
Laurelwood Elementary	689	695	685	686	644	666	623	529	-23%
Millikin Elementary	488	522	526	532	558	564	563	505	3%
Montague Elementary	383	372	394	399	426	415	401	298	-22%
Pomeroy Elementary	500	514	440	450	421	369	344	287	-43%
Ponderosa Elementary	570	570	596	642	590	562	542	518	-9%
Scott Lane Elementary	455	465	418	395	368	378	369	360	-21%
Sutter Elementary	486	491	438	460	456	429	391	326	-33%
Washington Open Elementary	355	345	329	330	331	335	339	311	-12%
Westwood Elementary	443	410	415	394	392	382	383	356	-20%
Total Enrollment	8,276	8,215	8,147	8,237	8,114	7,963	7,583	6,844	
Annual Change		-1%	-1%	1%	-1%	-2%	-5%	-10%	
Districtwide Cumulative 7-Year Change		-1%	-2%	0%	-2%	-4%	-8%	-17%	

- All but 3 elementary schools in this large district have seen enrollment declines, ranging from -9% to -43%.
- Despite opening two new schools, overall district enrollment is down 17%.
- Santa Clara Unified has 1,432 fewer elementary students than it did in 2014.

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