



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

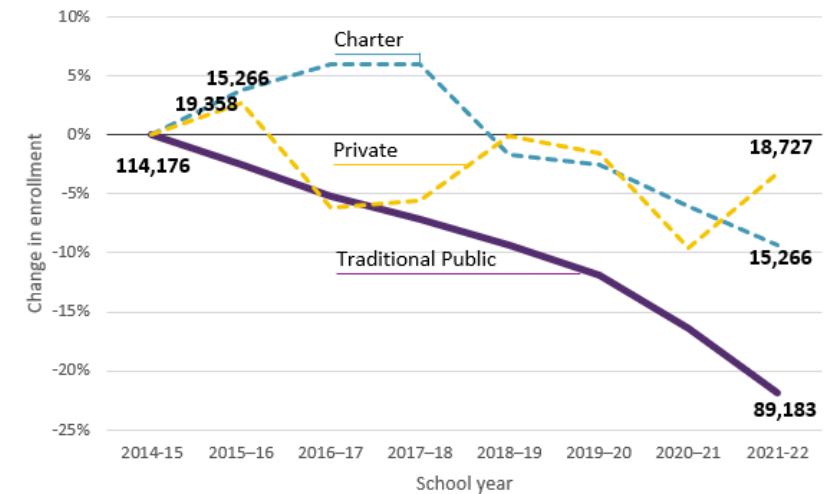
Cumulative Percent Change in Enrollment in Santa Clara County's K-12 Schools



- 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.

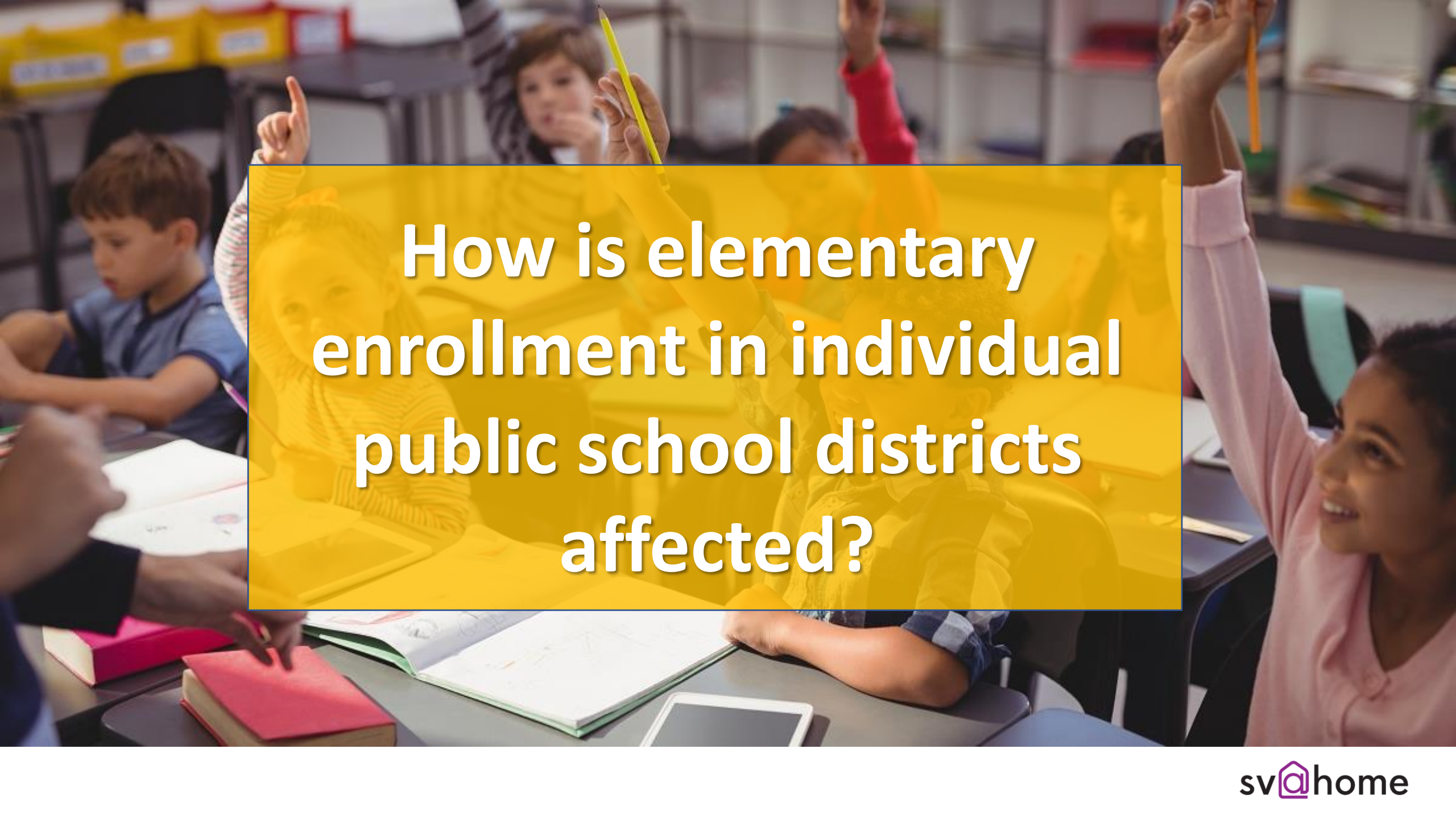
What's ahead?



Enrollment is Forecast to Continue to Decline Without New Housing

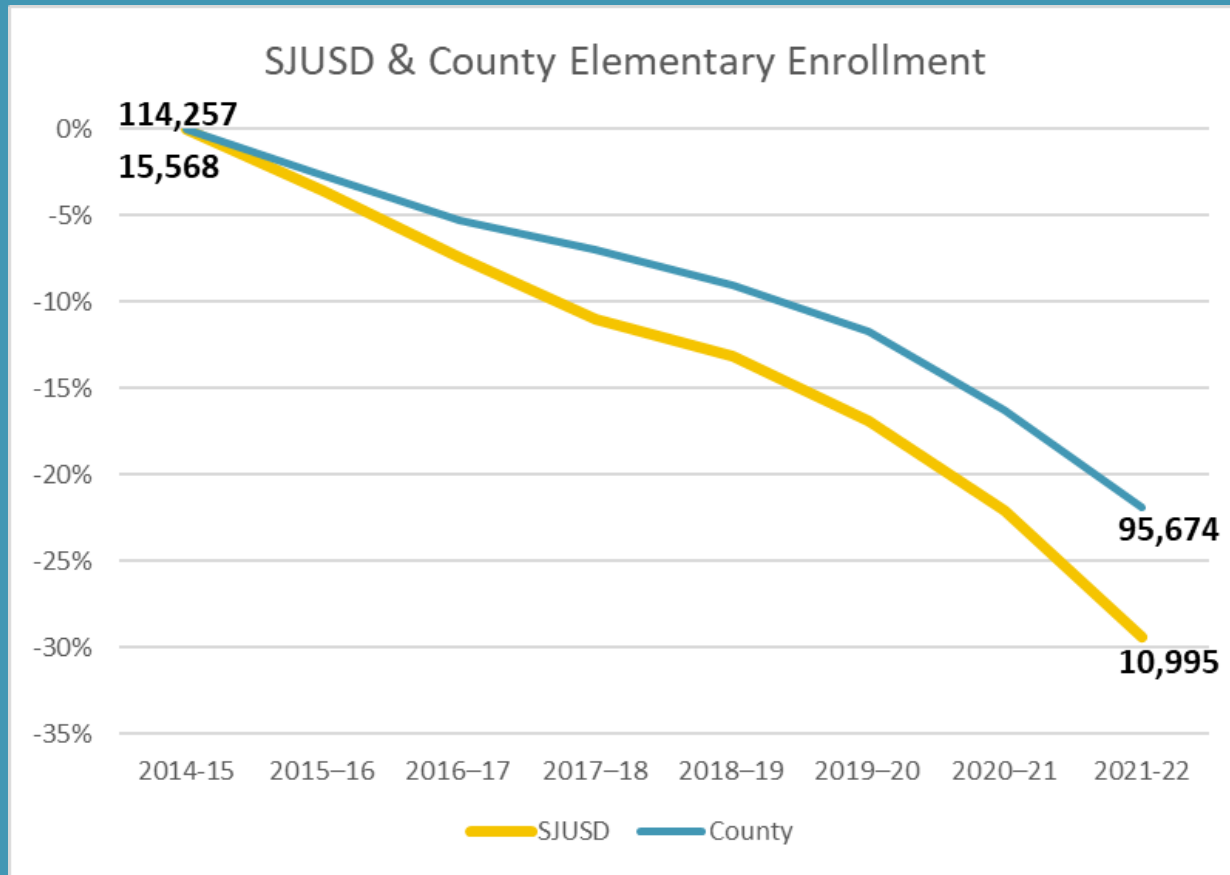
- Elementary school enrollment across traditional public, private, and charter schools will continue to decline 13% over the next decade.
- K-12 school enrollment will decline 15% over the next decade- a loss of more than 41,000 students.

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

A background image of a classroom with several young students. Some students are raising their hands, and one student in the foreground is holding a yellow pencil. The scene is brightly lit, and the students appear to be engaged in a lesson. A semi-transparent yellow rectangle is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the text.

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

San Jose Unified School District's Elementary Enrollment is Declining



- Elementary enrollment has fallen every year since 2014, a total drop of 29%.
- San Jose Unified'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](#)

San Jose Unified School District's Elementary Enrollment is Declining

Changes in Elementary School Enrollment in San Jose 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
Allen at Steinbeck	763	724	653	528	520	466	438	365	-52%
Almaden Elementary	389	368	343	314	303	300	288	266	-32%
Anne Darling Elementary	462	441	415	404	376	341	293	268	-42%
Booksin Elementary	851	848	823	869	839	849	769	710	-17%
Canoas Elementary	373	321	338	277	261	244	244	217	-42%
Empire Gardens Elementary	438	394	340	309	291	285	263	223	-49%
Ernesto Galarza Elementary	505	480	450	426	397	354	322	316	-37%
Gardner Elementary	477	426	390	360	387	376	344	324	-32%
Grant Elementary	587	565	542	508	473	453	425	359	-39%
Graystone Elementary	687	651	605	582	571	539	523	493	-28%
Hacienda Science/Environmental Magnet	729	731	745	729	706	713	699	625	-14%
Hammer Montessori at Galarza Elementary	326	325	325	313	326	327	333	299	-8%
Horace Mann Elementary	516	468	443	424	402	378	347	308	-40%
Los Alamitos Elementary	722	749	736	737	731	675	653	611	-15%
Lowell Elementary	409	368	320	302	286	286	257	228	-44%
Merritt Trace Elementary	979	966	941	913	926	873	847	808	-17%
Rachel Carson Elementary	396	354	315	307	291	265	238	201	-49%
Reed Elementary	513	459	448	457	445	435	391	362	-29%
River Glen	526	526	518	515	520	493	473	439	-17%
Schallenger Elementary	531	522	552	544	570	570	537	484	-9%
Selma Olinder Elementary	469	441	395	398	353	325	291	272	-42%
Simonds Elementary	745	737	716	673	651	615	573	515	-31%
Terrell Elementary	501	452	422	391	399	377	321	277	-45%
Walter L. Bachrodt Elementary	700	739	703	655	618	542	509	416	-41%
Washington Elementary	483	479	467	463	446	439	393	358	-26%
Williams Elementary	688	693	675	679	682	656	630	564	-18%
Willow Glen Elementary	803	782	791	780	756	765	730	687	-14%
Total Enrollment	15,568	15,009	14,411	13,857	13,526	12,941	12,131	10,995	
Annual Change		-4%	-4%	-4%	-2%	-4%	-6%	-9%	
Districtwide Cumulative 7-Year Change		-4%	-7%	-11%	-13%	-17%	-22%	-29%	

- Every elementary school in this very large district has seen enrollment declines, with the average school experiencing a decline of 29%.
- Individual schools have seen declines of up to 52%.
- San Jose Unified has 4,573 fewer elementary students than it did in 2014.

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