



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

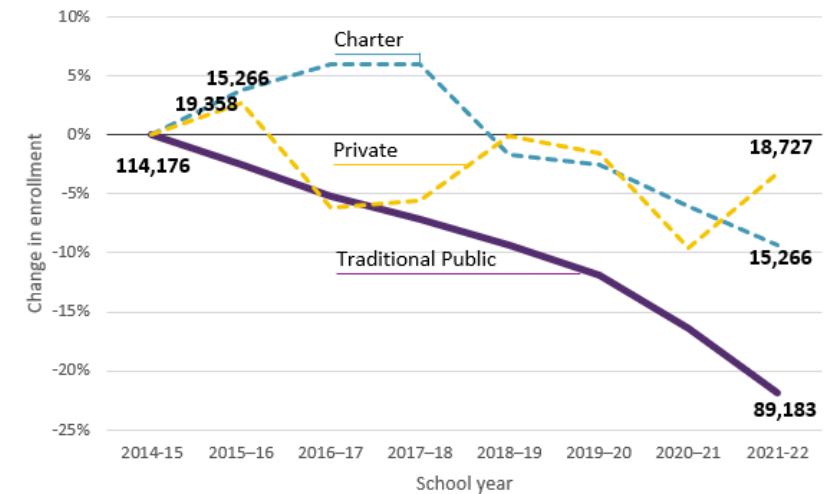
Cumulative Percent Change in Enrollment in Santa Clara County's K-12 Schools



- 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 children. In the foreground, a girl in a pink shirt is raising her hand. To her left, a boy in a blue shirt is looking down at a book. In the background, other children are visible, some with their hands raised. A large yellow rectangular overlay is centered over the image, containing the text "What does this look like at the city level?".

**What does this look like
at the city level?**

Elementary Schools in the Town of Los Gatos Face Declining Enrollment

| Changes in Elementary School Enrollment in Los Gatos Schools | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------------------------------|
| | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | Cumulative 7-Year Change by School |
| *Loma Prieta Elementary | 300 | 285 | 281 | 274 | 265 | 282 | 247 | 254 | -15% |
| **Blossom Hill Elementary | 669 | 668 | 640 | 605 | 584 | 566 | 526 | 515 | -23% |
| **Daves Avenue Elementary | 580 | 584 | 548 | 538 | 491 | 490 | 448 | 468 | -19% |
| **Lexington Elementary | 157 | 163 | 158 | 151 | 144 | 139 | 128 | 126 | -20% |
| **Louise Van Meter Elementary | 668 | 656 | 608 | 578 | 536 | 520 | 462 | 453 | -32% |
| † Alta Vista Elementary | 619 | 647 | 642 | 655 | 649 | 620 | 654 | 587 | -5% |
| Total | 2993 | 3003 | 2877 | 2801 | 2669 | 2617 | 2465 | 2403 | |
| Annual change | | 0% | -4% | -3% | -5% | -2% | -6% | -3% | |
| Citywide Cumulative 7-Year Change | | 0% | -4% | -6% | -11% | -13% | -18% | -20% | |

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

* School in Loma Prieta Joint Union School District

** Schools in Los Gatos Union Elementary School District

† School in Union Elementary School District

- Elementary enrollment has fallen every year since 2014, a total drop of 20%.
- All 6 schools have seen enrollment declines, ranging from -5% to -32%.
- This represents a loss of nearly 600 elementary students.