



New England School Development Council

**New Fairfield Public Schools
New Fairfield, CT**

School Year 2025-26 Enrollment Projection Report

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Enrollment Summary

NESDEC is pleased to send you this report displaying the past, present, and projected enrollments for your District. It is important to update enrollment projections every year to identify changes in enrollment patterns. Ten-year projections are designed to provide your District with yearly, up-to-date enrollment information that can be used by boards and administrators for effective planning and allocation of resources. We received the enrollment data from the District, and we assume that the method of collecting this data has been consistent from year to year.

Birth data informs Kindergarten enrollment. Each year, NESDEC secures birth data from State sources, providing a snapshot in time as to actual and provisional births as reported by the State, and then uses this birth data to predict Kindergarten enrollments. We only use annual birth data to assure consistency in reporting from year to year. Estimated births, which are an average of the previous five years of birth data, are based on this same snapshot. NESDEC acknowledges the variability of the provisional and the estimated birth data, and notes that the projected Kindergarten enrollments may serve as a guide to future planning.

Enrollment projections are more reliable in Years #1-3 in the future. Projections four to ten years out may serve as a guide to future enrollments and are useful for planning purposes. For more information, please refer to the Projection Methodology and Reliability section of this document.

The NESDEC enrollment projection fell within 1 student of the K-12 total, 2,013 students projected vs. 2,014 enrolled. Note: Ungraded students are not included in K-12 total.

Births increased by 12 from a previous ten-year average of 99 to a projected average of 111. In most districts, Grades 1-8 are very stable in enrollments. However, there have been increases in 8 of the 8 most recent years, leading to a net increase averaging 26 students per year.

Over the next three years, Grades K-5 enrollments are projected to increase by 66 students, Grades K-2 enrollments are projected to increase by 72 students, Grades 3-5 enrollments are expected to decrease by 6 students, Grades 6-8 enrollments are projected to decrease by 30 students, and Grades 9-12 enrollments are projected to decrease by 42 students, as students move through the grades.



Historical Enrollment

School District: New Fairfield, CT

10/27/2025

| Historical Enrollment By Grade | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|-------------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-------|
| Birth Year | Births* | School Year | PK | K | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | UNGR | K-12 | PK-12 |
| 2010 | 117 | 2015-16 | 67 | 153 | 130 | 151 | 165 | 173 | 152 | 193 | 198 | 199 | 230 | 213 | 228 | 245 | | 2430 | 2497 |
| 2011 | 102 | 2016-17 | 77 | 136 | 153 | 138 | 152 | 164 | 172 | 152 | 190 | 201 | 188 | 226 | 211 | 235 | | 2318 | 2395 |
| 2012 | 100 | 2017-18 | 74 | 150 | 139 | 153 | 137 | 153 | 170 | 180 | 154 | 190 | 190 | 186 | 225 | 206 | | 2233 | 2307 |
| 2013 | 85 | 2018-19 | 77 | 112 | 157 | 139 | 156 | 141 | 161 | 174 | 184 | 158 | 183 | 189 | 194 | 223 | | 2171 | 2248 |
| 2014 | 95 | 2019-20 | 89 | 143 | 115 | 152 | 144 | 161 | 139 | 174 | 175 | 189 | 152 | 179 | 185 | 187 | | 2095 | 2184 |
| 2015 | 95 | 2020-21 | 71 | 119 | 149 | 116 | 153 | 149 | 169 | 144 | 179 | 174 | 181 | 151 | 182 | 194 | | 2060 | 2131 |
| 2016 | 93 | 2021-22 | 68 | 129 | 137 | 153 | 132 | 159 | 153 | 176 | 160 | 183 | 169 | 178 | 147 | 189 | | 2065 | 2133 |
| 2017 | 98 | 2022-23 | 76 | 126 | 140 | 142 | 156 | 135 | 169 | 157 | 179 | 160 | 183 | 178 | 182 | 164 | | 2071 | 2147 |
| 2018 | 110 | 2023-24 | 84 | 146 | 128 | 146 | 138 | 156 | 142 | 173 | 157 | 180 | 160 | 177 | 176 | 191 | | 2070 | 2154 |
| 2019 | 97 | 2024-25 | 83 | 123 | 151 | 132 | 145 | 146 | 167 | 137 | 174 | 156 | 188 | 163 | 176 | 181 | | 2039 | 2122 |
| 2020 | 91 | 2025-26 | 80 | 124 | 123 | 153 | 134 | 147 | 152 | 171 | 138 | 177 | 153 | 189 | 164 | 189 | | 2014 | 2094 |

*Birth data provided by Public Health Vital Records Departments in each state.

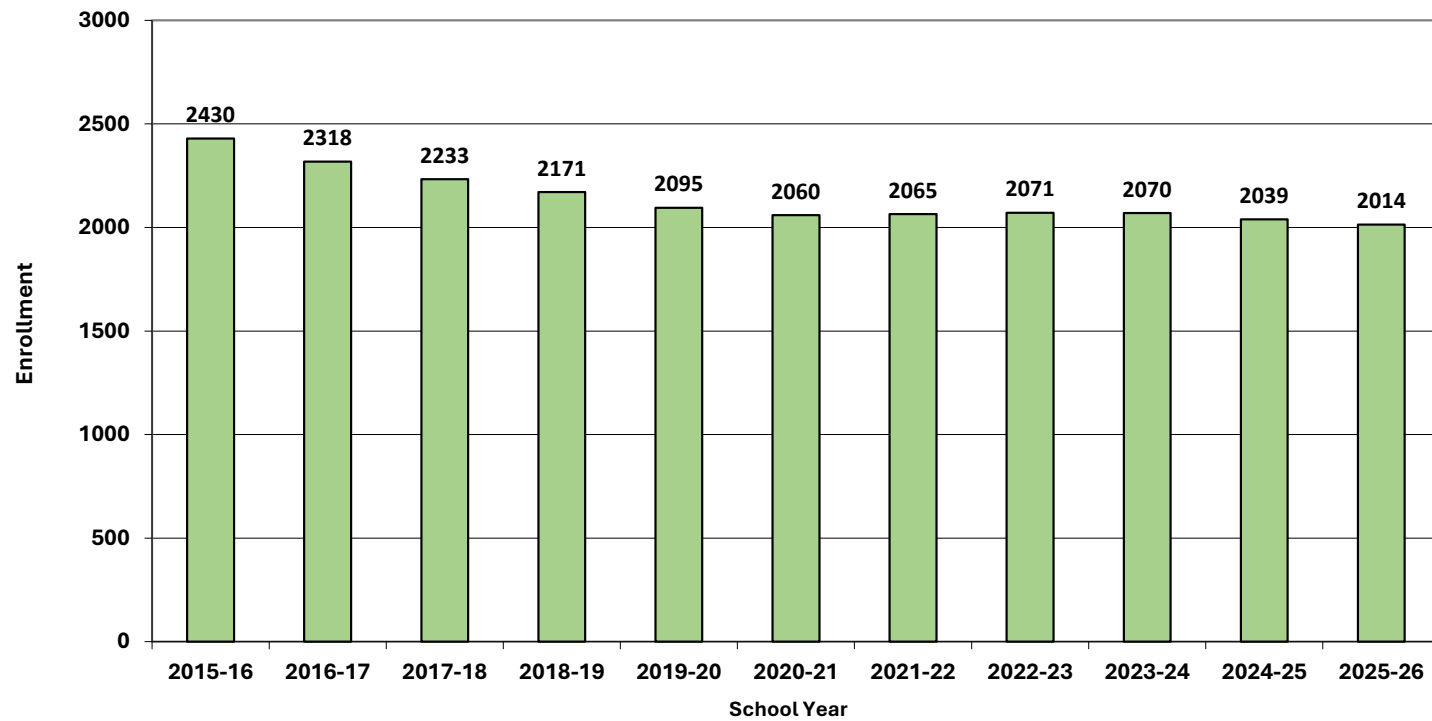
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| Historical Enrollment in Grade Combinations | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|
| School Year | PK-5 | K-5 | PK-2 | K-2 | 3-5 | 6-8 | K-8 | PK-8 | 6-12 | 9-12 |
| 2015-16 | 991 | 924 | 501 | 434 | 490 | 590 | 1514 | 1581 | 1506 | 916 |
| 2016-17 | 992 | 915 | 504 | 427 | 488 | 543 | 1458 | 1535 | 1403 | 860 |
| 2017-18 | 976 | 902 | 516 | 442 | 460 | 524 | 1426 | 1500 | 1331 | 807 |
| 2018-19 | 943 | 866 | 485 | 408 | 458 | 516 | 1382 | 1459 | 1305 | 789 |
| 2019-20 | 943 | 854 | 499 | 410 | 444 | 538 | 1392 | 1481 | 1241 | 703 |
| 2020-21 | 926 | 855 | 455 | 384 | 471 | 497 | 1352 | 1423 | 1205 | 708 |
| 2021-22 | 931 | 863 | 487 | 419 | 444 | 519 | 1382 | 1450 | 1202 | 683 |
| 2022-23 | 944 | 868 | 484 | 408 | 460 | 496 | 1364 | 1440 | 1203 | 707 |
| 2023-24 | 940 | 856 | 504 | 420 | 436 | 510 | 1366 | 1450 | 1214 | 704 |
| 2024-25 | 947 | 864 | 489 | 406 | 458 | 467 | 1331 | 1414 | 1175 | 708 |
| 2025-26 | 913 | 833 | 480 | 400 | 433 | 486 | 1319 | 1399 | 1181 | 695 |

| Historical Percentage Changes | | | |
|-------------------------------|------|-------|--------|
| School Year | K-12 | Diff. | % |
| 2015-16 | 2430 | | |
| 2016-17 | 2318 | -112 | -4.6% |
| 2017-18 | 2233 | -85 | -3.7% |
| 2018-19 | 2171 | -62 | -2.8% |
| 2019-20 | 2095 | -76 | -3.5% |
| 2020-21 | 2060 | -35 | -1.7% |
| 2021-22 | 2065 | 5 | 0.2% |
| 2022-23 | 2071 | 6 | 0.3% |
| 2023-24 | 2070 | -1 | 0.0% |
| 2024-25 | 2039 | -31 | -1.5% |
| 2025-26 | 2014 | -25 | -1.2% |
| Change | | -416 | -17.1% |



Grades K- 12 Historical Enrollment





Projected Enrollment

School District: New Fairfield, CT

10/27/2025

| Enrollment Projections By Grade* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|-------------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-------|
| Birth Year | Births* | | School Year | PK | K | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | UNGR | K-12 | PK-12 |
| 2020 | 91 | | 2025-26 | 80 | 124 | 123 | 153 | 134 | 147 | 152 | 171 | 138 | 177 | 153 | 189 | 164 | 189 | | 2014 | 2094 |
| 2021 | 134 | | 2026-27 | 80 | 177 | 128 | 127 | 153 | 137 | 154 | 153 | 172 | 139 | 178 | 153 | 189 | 172 | | 2032 | 2112 |
| 2022 | 99 | (prov.) | 2027-28 | 80 | 131 | 183 | 132 | 127 | 157 | 144 | 155 | 154 | 173 | 140 | 178 | 153 | 199 | | 2026 | 2106 |
| 2023 | 113 | (prov.) | 2028-29 | 80 | 149 | 135 | 188 | 132 | 130 | 165 | 145 | 156 | 155 | 174 | 140 | 178 | 161 | | 2008 | 2088 |
| 2024 | 114 | (prov.) | 2029-30 | 81 | 150 | 154 | 139 | 188 | 135 | 137 | 167 | 146 | 157 | 156 | 174 | 140 | 187 | | 2030 | 2111 |
| 2025 | 110 | (est.) | 2030-31 | 81 | 145 | 155 | 158 | 139 | 192 | 142 | 138 | 168 | 147 | 158 | 156 | 174 | 147 | | 2019 | 2100 |
| 2026 | 114 | (est.) | 2031-32 | 81 | 150 | 150 | 160 | 158 | 142 | 202 | 143 | 139 | 169 | 148 | 158 | 156 | 183 | | 2058 | 2139 |
| 2027 | 110 | (est.) | 2032-33 | 81 | 145 | 155 | 154 | 160 | 162 | 149 | 204 | 144 | 140 | 170 | 148 | 158 | 164 | | 2053 | 2134 |
| 2028 | 112 | (est.) | 2033-34 | 82 | 148 | 150 | 160 | 154 | 164 | 170 | 150 | 206 | 145 | 141 | 170 | 148 | 166 | | 2072 | 2154 |
| 2029 | 112 | (est.) | 2034-35 | 82 | 148 | 153 | 154 | 160 | 158 | 172 | 172 | 151 | 207 | 146 | 141 | 170 | 155 | | 2087 | 2169 |
| 2030 | 112 | (est.) | 2035-36 | 82 | 147 | 153 | 157 | 154 | 164 | 166 | 174 | 173 | 152 | 208 | 146 | 141 | 179 | | 2114 | 2196 |

Note: Ungraded students (UNGR) often are high school students whose anticipated years of graduation are unknown, or students with special needs - UNGR not included in Grade Combinations for 7-12, 9-12, etc.

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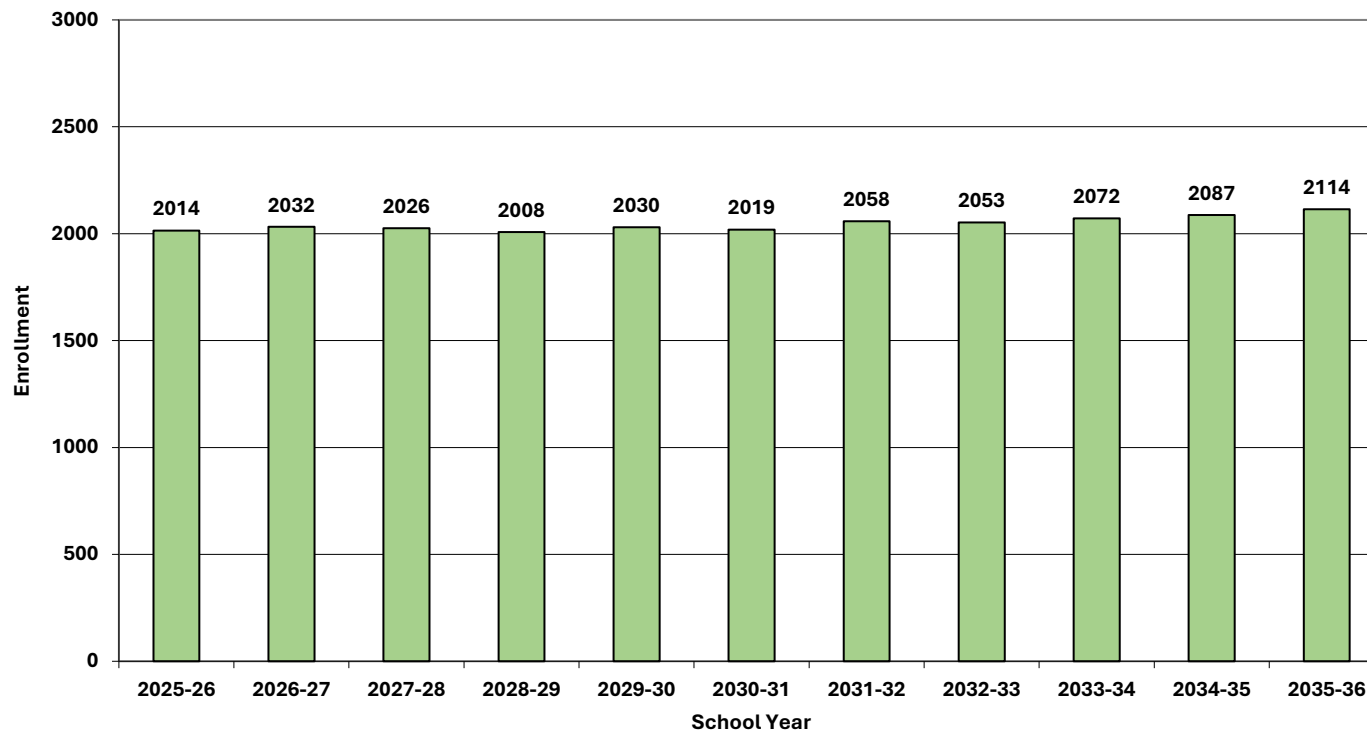
| Projected Enrollment in Grade Combinations* | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|
| School Year | PK-5 | K-5 | PK-2 | K-2 | 3-5 | 6-8 | K-8 | PK-8 | 6-12 | 9-12 |
| 2025-26 | 913 | 833 | 480 | 400 | 433 | 486 | 1319 | 1399 | 1181 | 695 |
| 2026-27 | 956 | 876 | 512 | 432 | 444 | 464 | 1340 | 1420 | 1156 | 692 |
| 2027-28 | 954 | 874 | 526 | 446 | 428 | 482 | 1356 | 1436 | 1152 | 670 |
| 2028-29 | 979 | 899 | 552 | 472 | 427 | 456 | 1355 | 1435 | 1109 | 653 |
| 2029-30 | 984 | 903 | 524 | 443 | 460 | 470 | 1373 | 1454 | 1127 | 657 |
| 2030-31 | 1012 | 931 | 539 | 458 | 473 | 453 | 1384 | 1465 | 1088 | 635 |
| 2031-32 | 1043 | 962 | 541 | 460 | 502 | 451 | 1413 | 1494 | 1096 | 645 |
| 2032-33 | 1006 | 925 | 535 | 454 | 471 | 488 | 1413 | 1494 | 1128 | 640 |
| 2033-34 | 1028 | 946 | 540 | 458 | 488 | 501 | 1447 | 1529 | 1126 | 625 |
| 2034-35 | 1027 | 945 | 537 | 455 | 490 | 530 | 1475 | 1557 | 1142 | 612 |
| 2035-36 | 1023 | 941 | 539 | 457 | 484 | 499 | 1440 | 1522 | 1173 | 674 |

*Projections should be updated annually to reflect changes in in/out-migration of families, births, and similar factors.

| Projected Percentage Changes | | | |
|------------------------------|------|-------|-------|
| School Year | K-12 | Diff. | % |
| 2025-26 | 2014 | | |
| 2026-27 | 2032 | 18 | 0.9% |
| 2027-28 | 2026 | -6 | -0.3% |
| 2028-29 | 2008 | -18 | -0.9% |
| 2029-30 | 2030 | 22 | 1.1% |
| 2030-31 | 2019 | -11 | -0.5% |
| 2031-32 | 2058 | 39 | 1.9% |
| 2032-33 | 2053 | -5 | -0.2% |
| 2033-34 | 2072 | 19 | 0.9% |
| 2034-35 | 2087 | 15 | 0.7% |
| 2035-36 | 2114 | 27 | 1.3% |
| Change | 100 | | 5.0% |

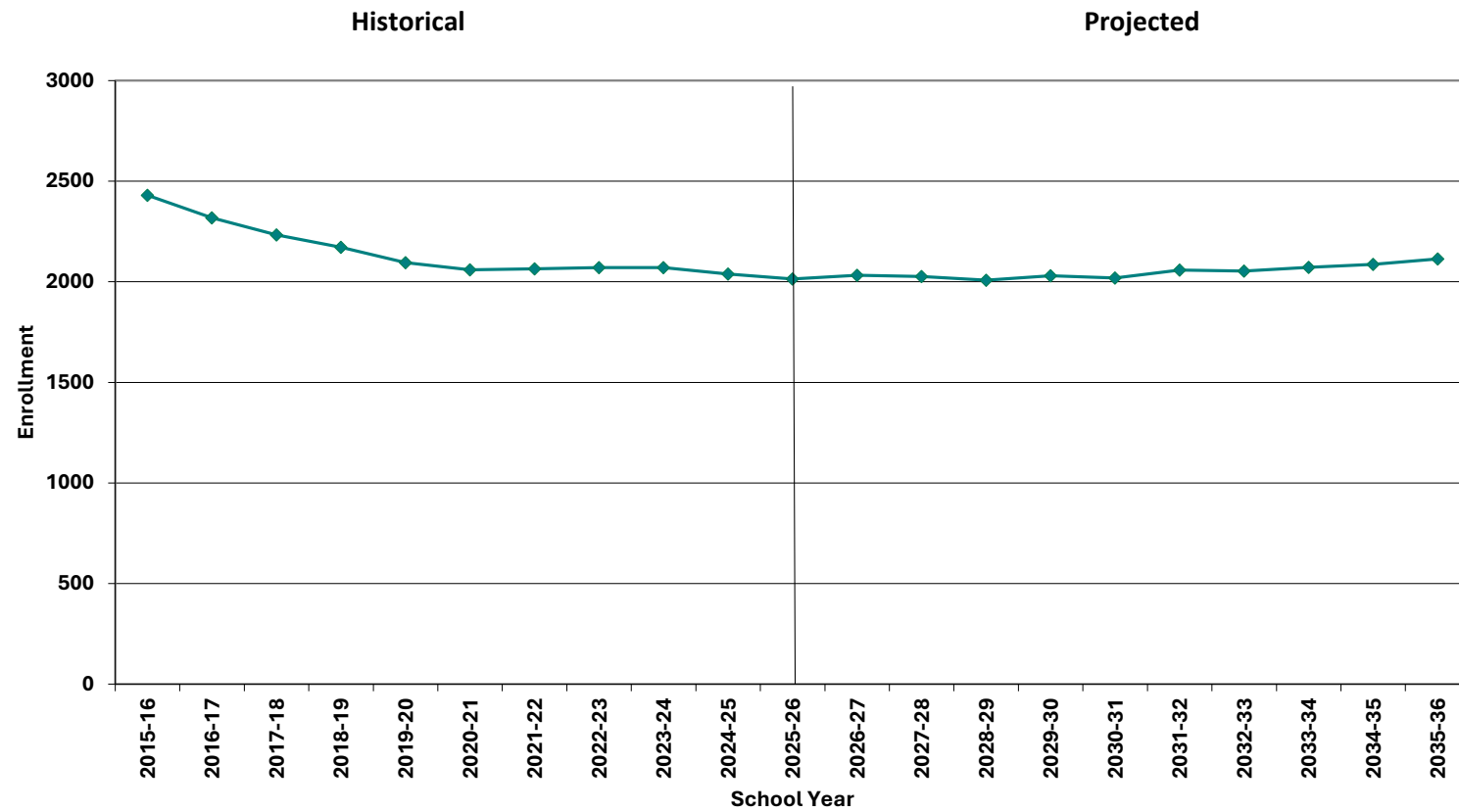


Grades K- 12 Projected Enrollment



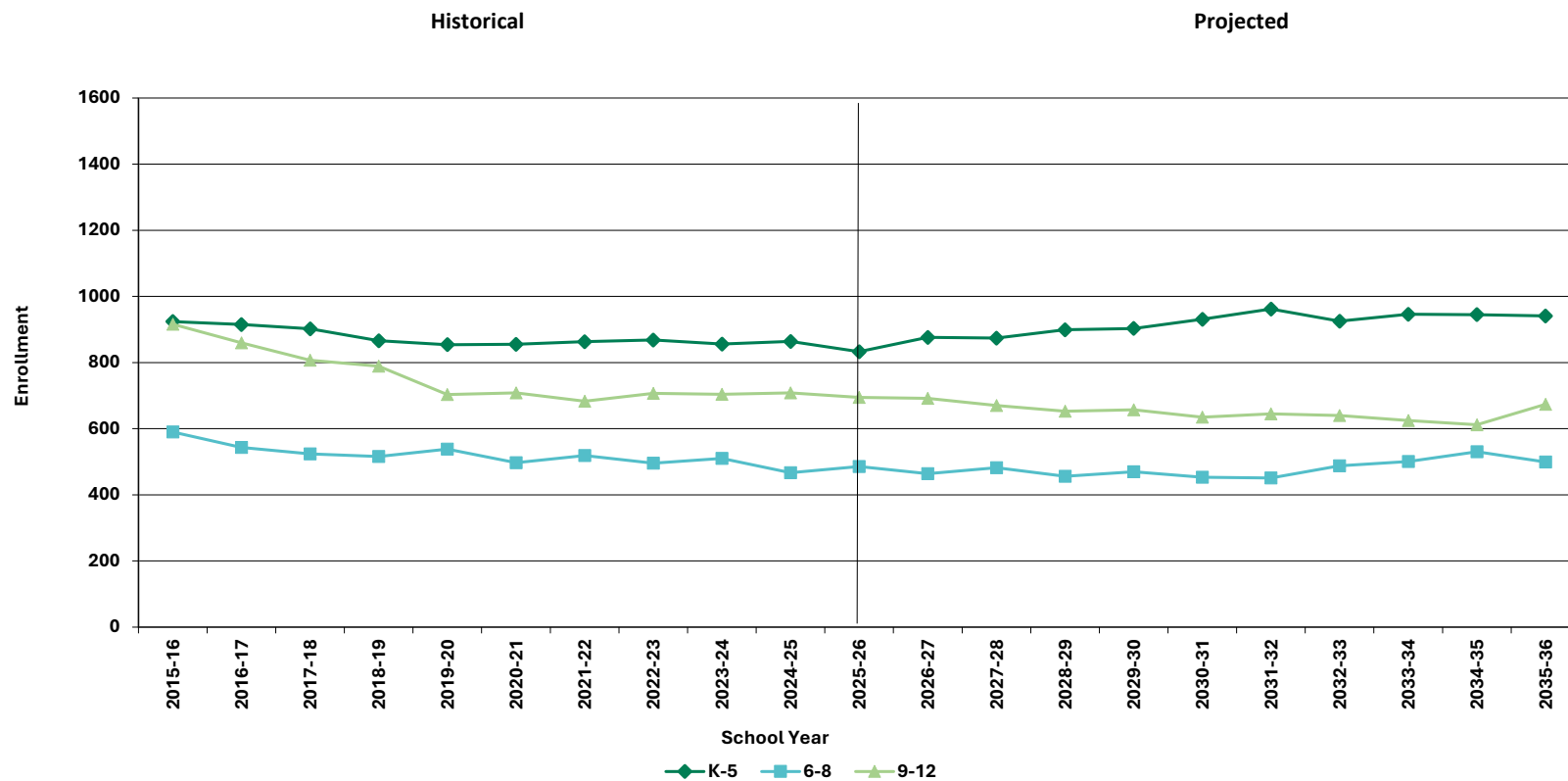


Grades K-12 Historical & Projected Enrollment



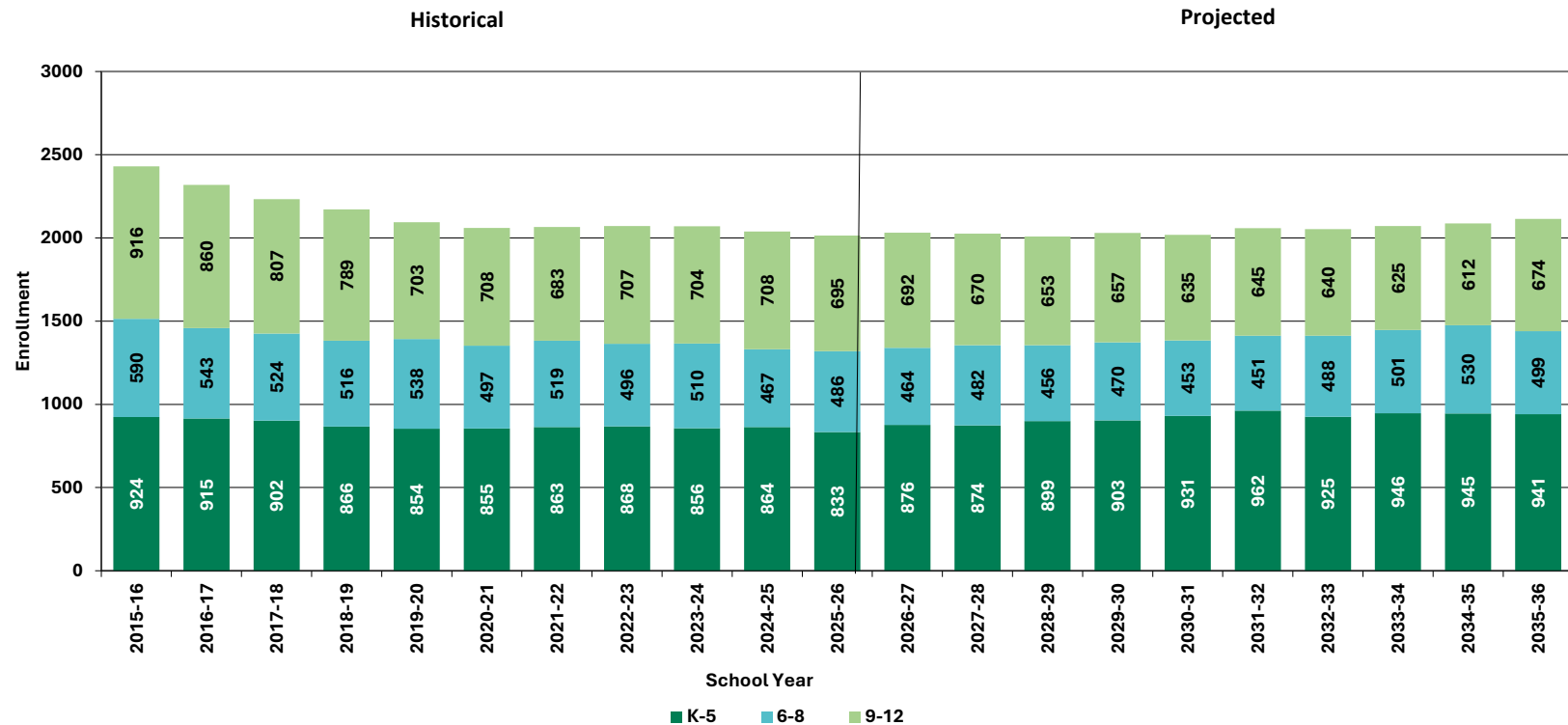


Historical & Projected Enrollment in Grade Combinations



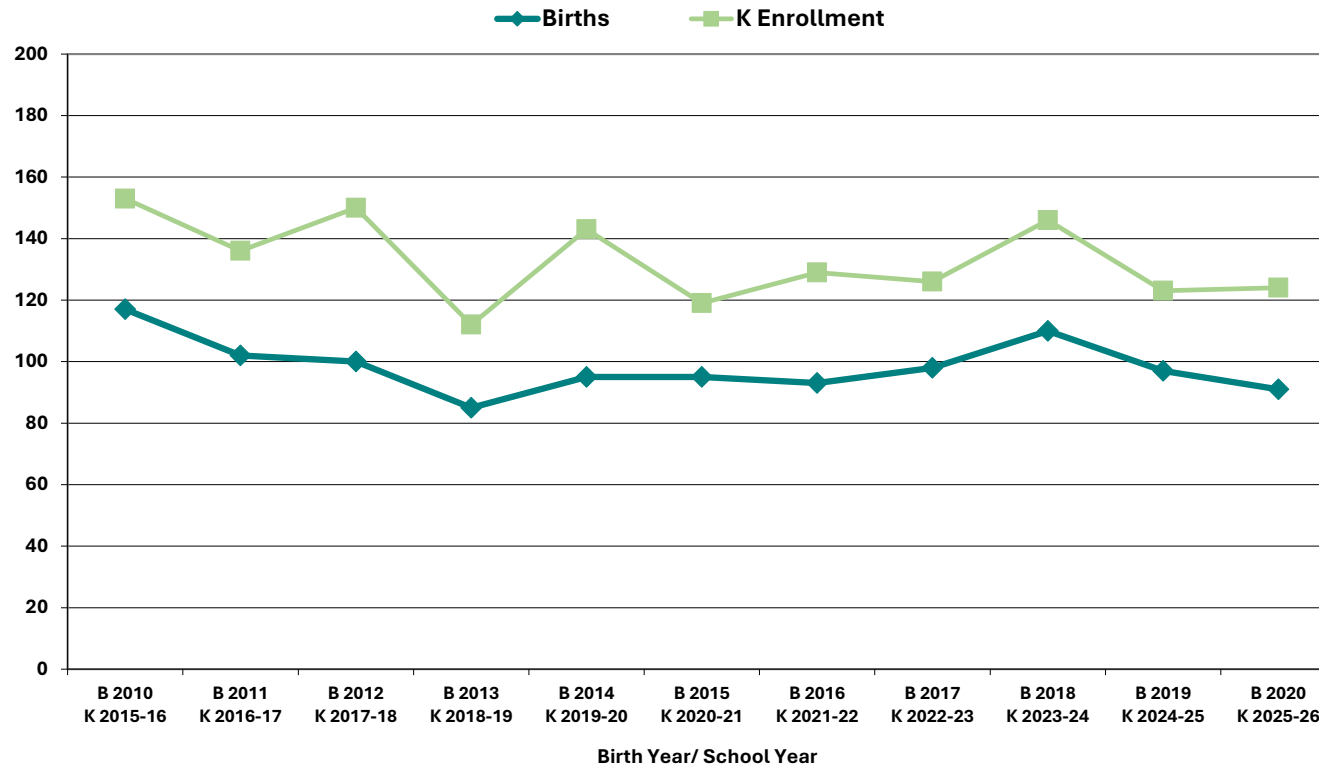


Historical & Projected Enrollment in Grade Combinations





Birth to Kindergarten Relationship



| | B 2010 K 2015-16 | B 2011 K 2016-17 | B 2012 K 2017-18 | B 2013 K 2018-19 | B 2014 K 2019-20 | B 2015 K 2020-21 | B 2016 K 2021-22 | B 2017 K 2022-23 | B 2018 K 2023-24 | B 2019 K 2024-25 | B 2020 K 2025-26 |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Births | 117 | 102 | 100 | 85 | 95 | 95 | 93 | 98 | 110 | 97 | 91 |
| Kindergarten | 153 | 136 | 150 | 112 | 143 | 119 | 129 | 126 | 146 | 123 | 124 |



Additional Information

| School Year | 9-12 CTE | K-12 Non-Public | K-12 Choice-In | K-12 Choice-Out | K-12 Out District SPED | K-12 Homeschool |
|-------------|----------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 2021-22 | 57 | n/a | 0 | 25 | < 10 ** | 25 |
| 2022-23 | 43 | n/a | 0 | 17 | < 10 ** | 14 |
| 2023-24 | 43 | n/a | 0 | 18 | < 10 ** | 14 |
| 2024-25 | 44 | n/a | 0 | 18 | 10 | 19 |
| 2025-26 | 39 | n/a | 0 | < 10 ** | 11 | 20 |

* Data provided by District.

"n/a" signifies that information was not provided by District.

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New England's PK-12 Enrollments Trends

| State | Fall 2013 PK - 12 | Fall 2019 PK - 12 | Fall 2022 PK - 12 | Fall 2023 PK - 12 | % Change 2013 - 23 | % Change 2019-23 | % Change 2022-23 |
|-------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| USA | 50,044,522 | 50,796,445 | 49,618,464 | 49,516,361 | -1.1% | -2.5% | -0.2% |
| CT | 546,200 | 523,690 | 513,513 | 512,652 | -6.1% | -2.1% | -0.2% |
| ME | 183,995 | 180,291 | 173,853 | 172,545 | -6.2% | -4.3% | -0.8% |
| MA | 955,739 | 959,394 | 923,349 | 914,958 | -4.3% | -4.6% | -0.9% |
| NH | 186,310 | 177,351 | 168,909 | 166,594 | -10.6% | -6.1% | -1.4% |
| RI | 142,008 | 143,557 | 137,449 | 136,154 | -4.1% | -5.2% | -0.9% |
| VT | 88,690 | 86,759 | 83,654 | 82,455 | -7.0% | -5.0% | -1.4% |

Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, by region, state, and jurisdiction: Selected years, fall 1990 through fall 2023, Table 203.20, Report Generated Oct. 2024, NESDEC 5.28.25

Although most New England Districts are seeing a decline in the number of births, NESDEC's experience indicates that the impact on enrollment varies from District to District. Almost half of New England Districts have been growing in PK-12 enrollment, and a similar number are declining (often in rural areas), with the other Districts remaining stable.



Projection Methodology and Reliability

PROJECTION METHODOLOGY

Cohort component (survival) technique is a frequently used method of preparing enrollment projections. NESDEC uses this method, but modifies it in order to move away from projections that are wholly computer- or formula-driven. Such modification permits the incorporation of important, current district-specific demographic information into the generation of enrollment projections (such as in/out-migration of students, resident births, etc.). Percentages are calculated from the historical enrollment data to determine a reliable percentage of increase or decrease in enrollment between any two grades. For example, if 100 students enrolled in Grade 1 in 2024-25 increased to 104 students in Grade 2 in 2025-26, the percentage of survival would be 104%, or a ratio of 1.04. Ratios are calculated between each pair of grades or years in school over several recent years.

After study and analysis of the historical ratios, and based upon a reasonable set of assumptions regarding births, migration rates, retention rates, etc., ratios most indicative of future growth patterns are determined for each pair of grades. The ratios thus selected are applied to the present enrollment statistics to project into future years. The ratios are the key factors in the reliability of the projections, assuming validity of the data at the starting point.

RELIABILITY OF ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

Projections can serve as useful guides to school administrators for educational planning. Enrollment projections are more reliable in Years #1-3 in the future and less reliable in the "out-years." Projections four to ten years out may serve as a guide to future enrollments and are useful for planning purposes, but they should be viewed as subject to change given the likelihood of potential shifts in underlying assumptions/trends, such as student migration, births as they relate to Kindergarten enrollment, and other factors.

Projections that are based upon **the children who already are in the district** (the current K-12 population only) will be the most reliable. The second level of reliability will be for those children already **born into the community but not yet old enough to be in school**. The least reliable category is the group for which an estimate must be made **to predict the number of births**, thereby adding additional uncertainty. See these three multi-colored groupings on the "Projected Enrollment" tab.

Annual updates allow for early identification of recent changes in historical trends. When the actual enrollment in a grade is significantly different (higher or lower) from the projected number, it is important (yet difficult) to determine whether this is a one-year aberration or whether a new trend may have begun. **In light of this possibility, NESDEC urges all school districts to have updated enrollment projections developed by NESDEC each October.** This service is available at no cost to affiliated school districts.