

Enrollment Trends

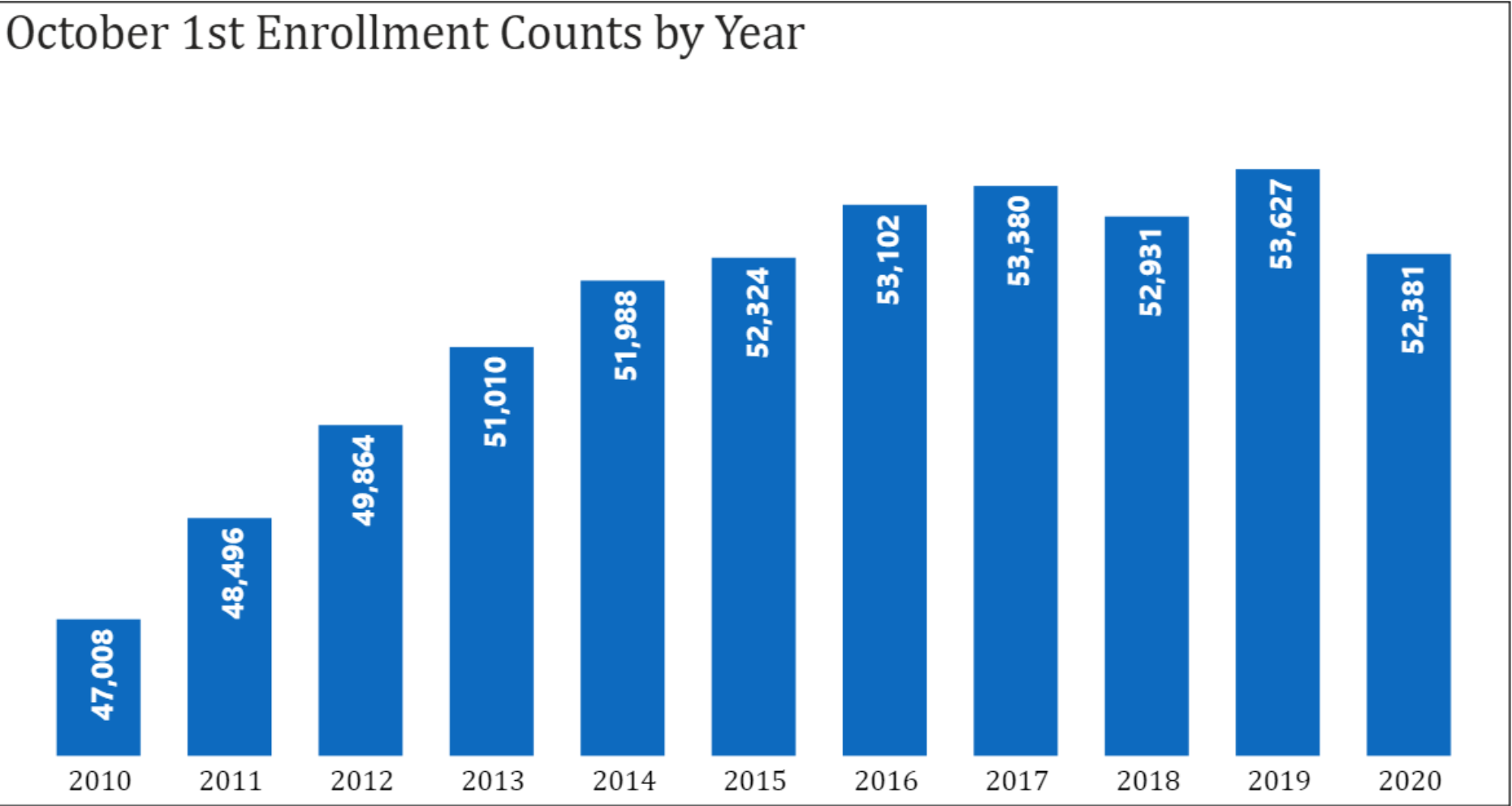
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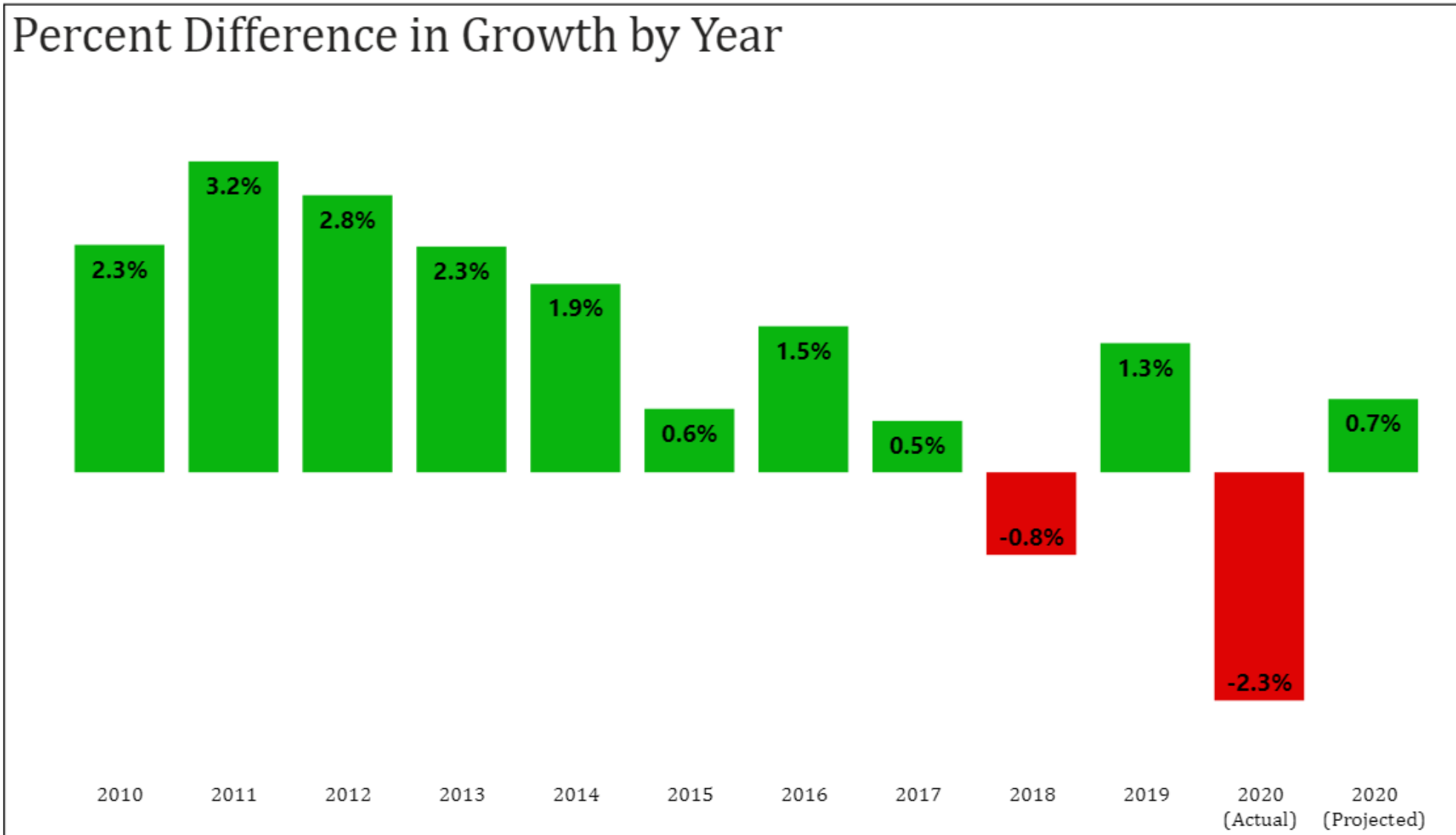


Historical Enrollment

October 1st Enrollment Counts by Year



District Enrollment Growth Rate



Introduction

- Enrollment has fallen due to COVID-19
- The largest drop in enrollment occurred after the announcement of online learning for Fall 2020
- Districts across the US have experienced similar decreases in enrollment
- This presentation highlights enrollment changes in the district by grade band and changes in student residence by service area

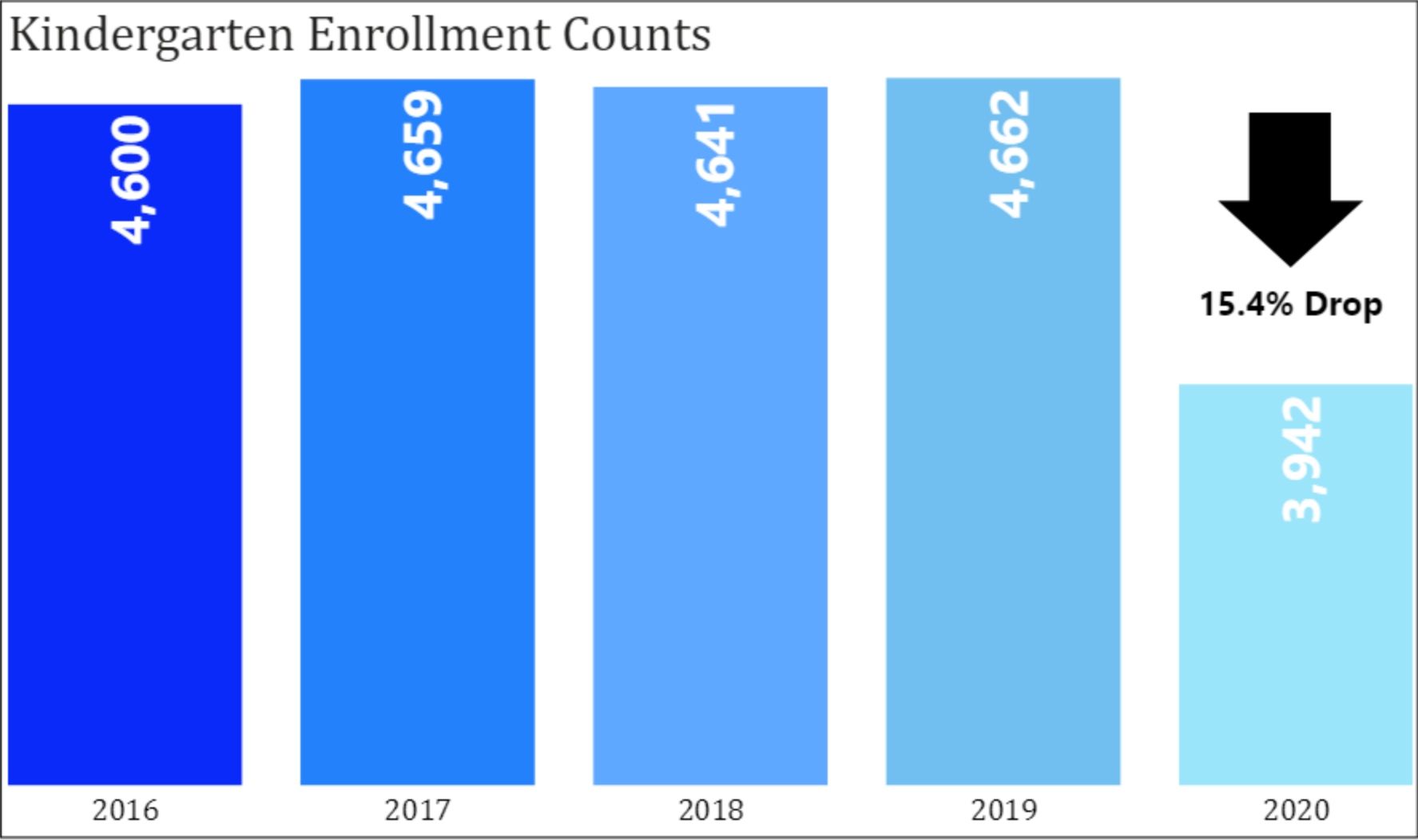


2020-2021 Projected vs. Actual

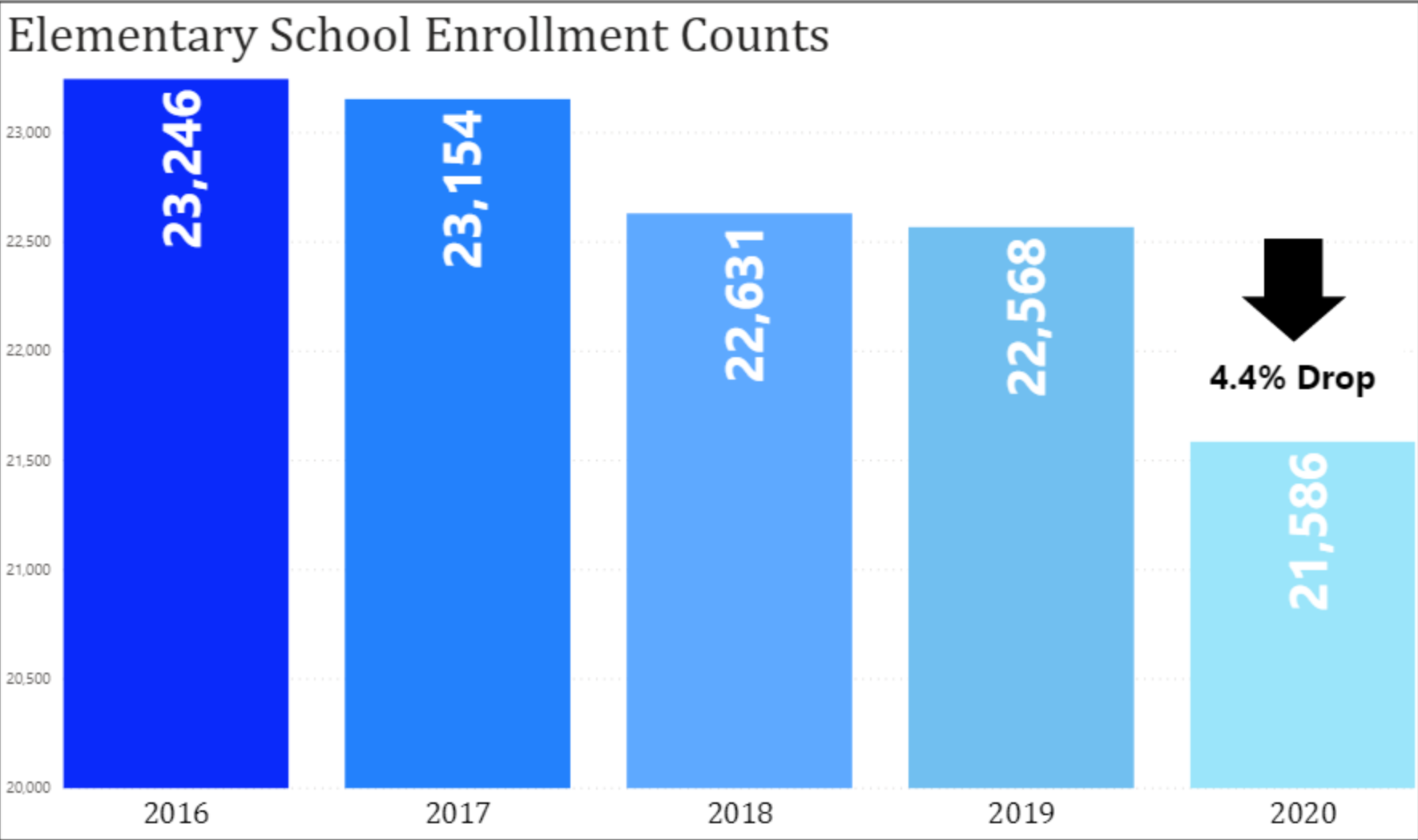
Grade(s)	Oct 2019 Official Count	2020 Projection	Oct 2020 Official Count	Count Difference (2020-2019)	Projection Difference (2020 Projection vs. 2020 Count)	Projection Percent Difference
K	4,662	4,629	3,942	-720	-687	-14.8%
1-5	22,568	22,291	21,586	-982	-705	-3.2%
6-8	11,897	12,229	12,025	+128	-204	-1.7%
9-12	14,500	14,878	14,828	+328	-50	-0.3%
Total	53,627	54,027	52,381	-1,246	-1,646	-3%



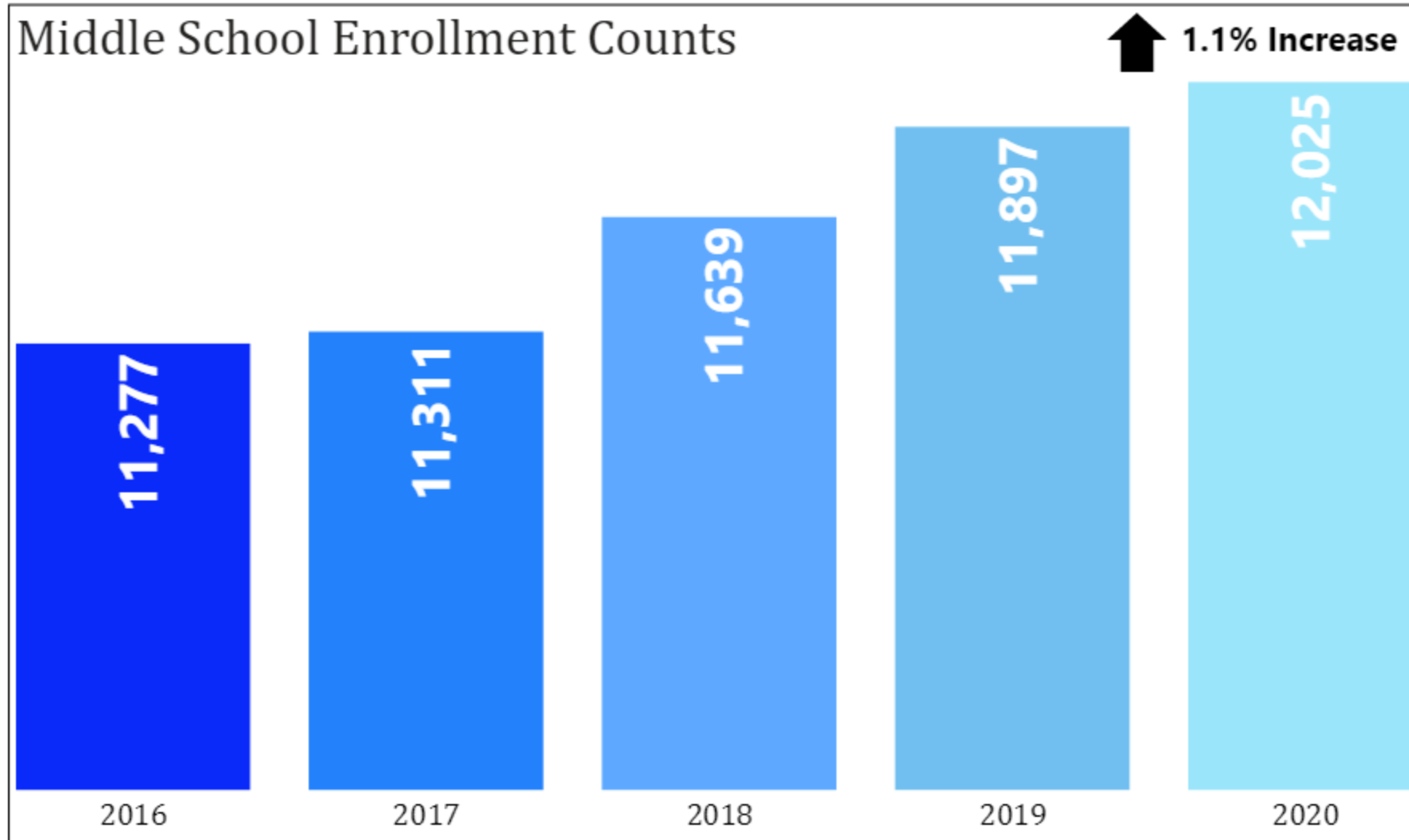
Enrollment by Grade Band (K)



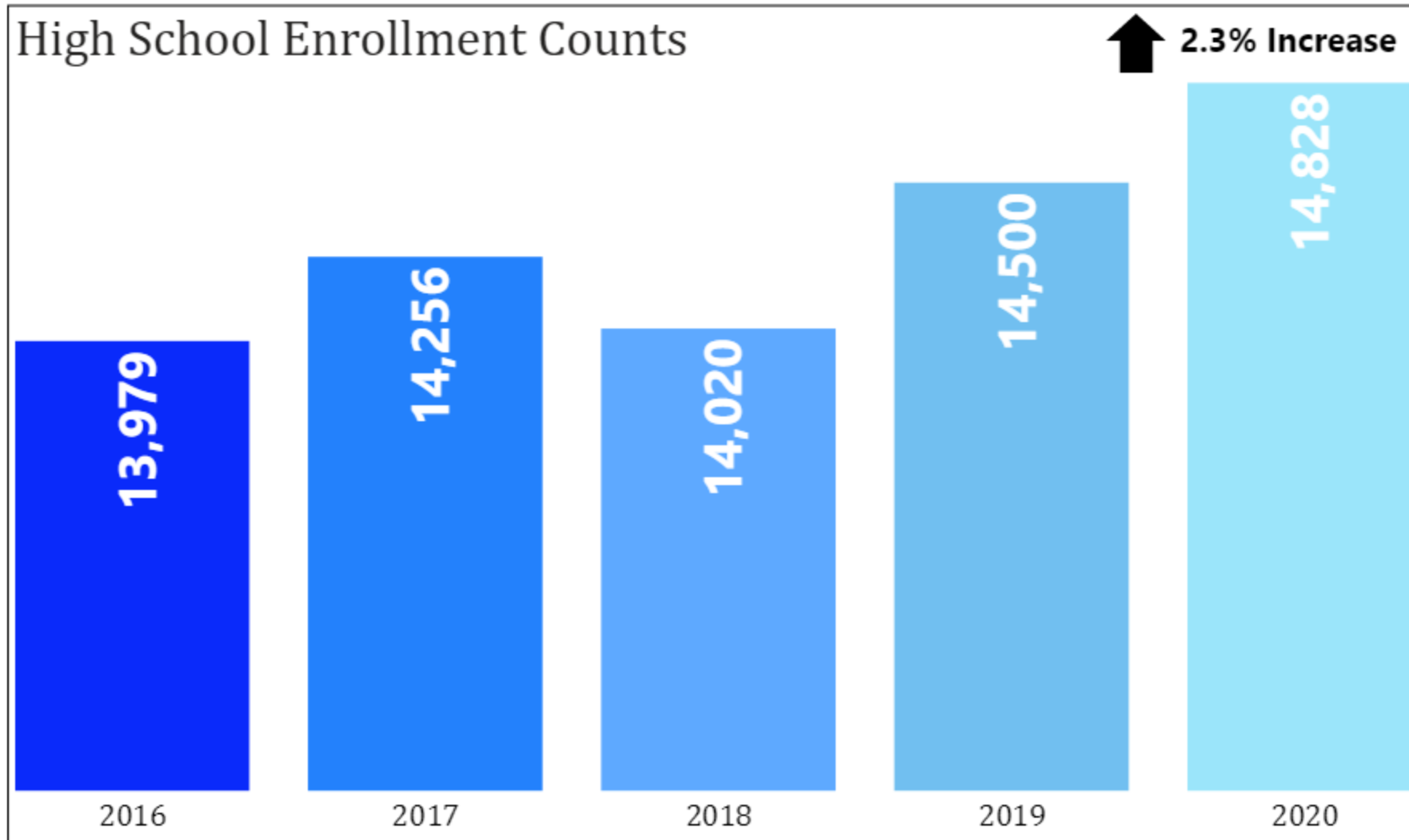
Enrollment by Grade Band (1-5)



Enrollment by Grade Band (6-8)



Enrollment by Grade Band (9-12)



Summary of Grade Band Analysis

- Kindergarten enrollment dropped by the largest percentage, falling 15.4% from last year
- Elementary (1-5) enrollment dropped by 4.4% from last year
- Middle and High school enrollment saw slight increases in 2020
- Enrollment decreases for K-5 are likely due to remote learning in Fall 2020
 - Some families with children that would have entered Kindergarten in 2020 have decided to wait



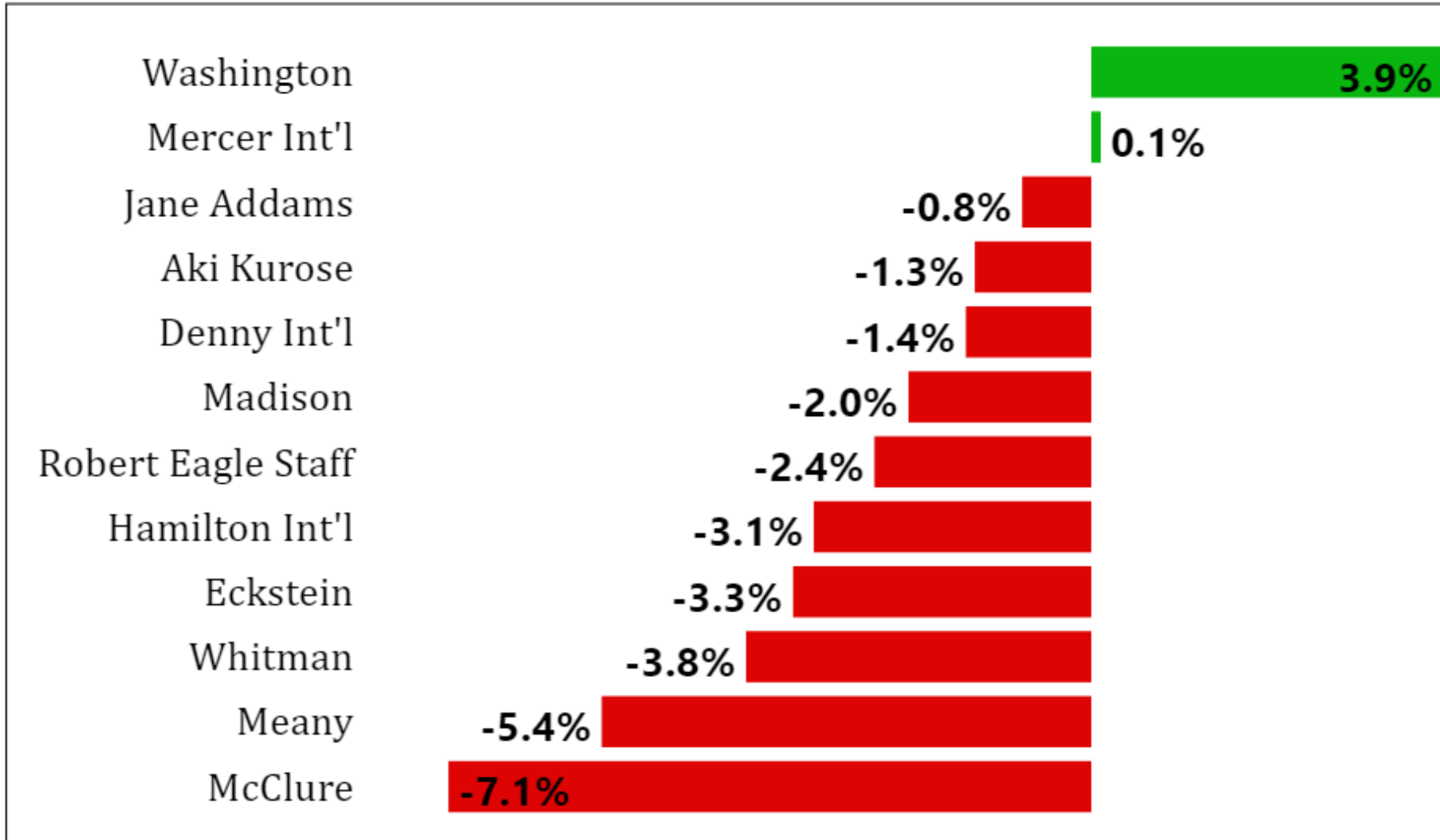
Enrollment Across Districts

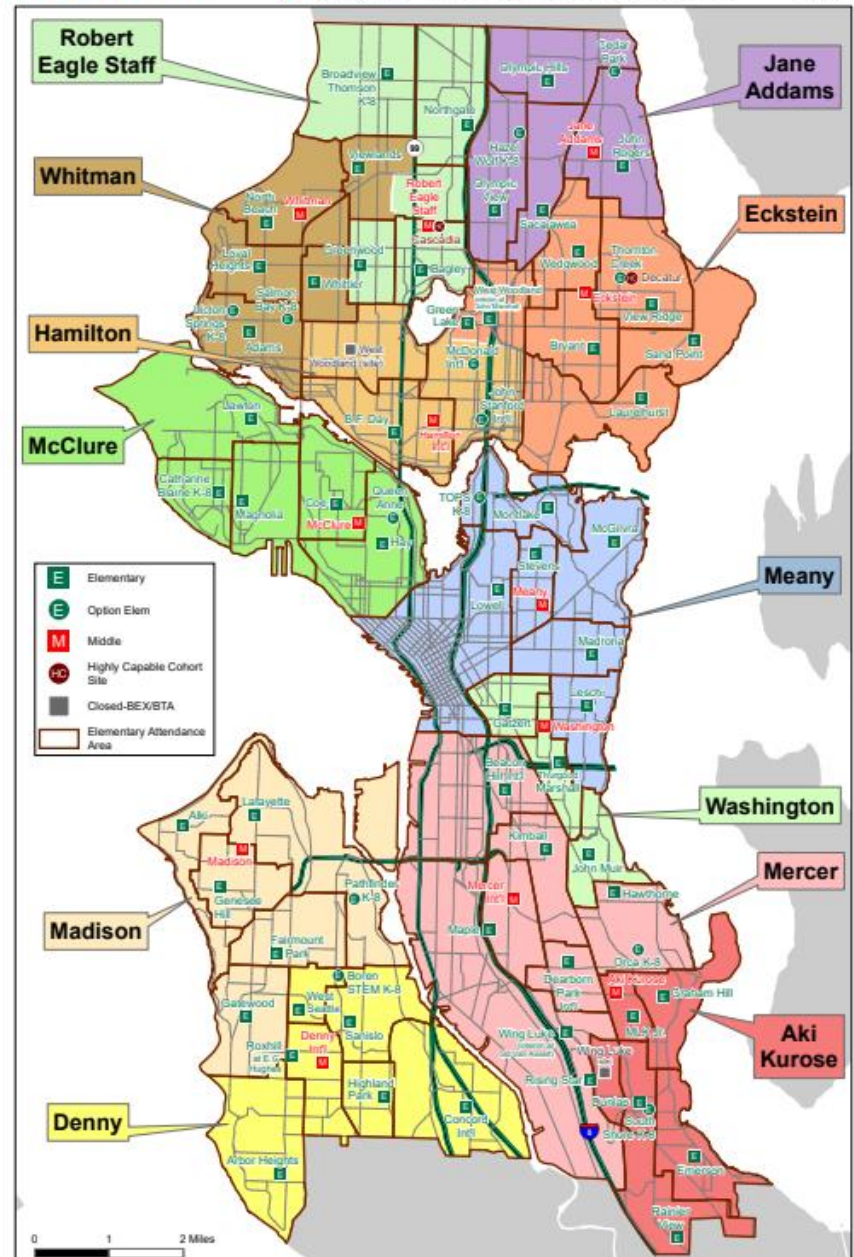
District	2018-19 Enrollment	2019-20 Enrollment	2020-21 Enrollment	Count Difference (From 2019-20 to 2020-21)	Percent Difference (From 2019-20 to 2020-21)
Denver	93,356	93,815	90,296	-3,519	-3.8%
Oakland	53,391	53,145	50,090	-3,055	-5.7%
Olympia	10,283	10,367	9,755	-612	-5.9%
Portland	49,550	49,478	47,314	-2,164	-4.4%
Renton	15,438	15,172	14,918	-254	-1.7%
San Francisco	60,390	61,031	59,944	-1,087	-1.8%
Seattle	52,931	53,627	52,381	-1,246	-2.3%
Tacoma	30,337	30,408	29,059	-1,349	-4.4%

Note: 2020-21 enrollment numbers for some districts have not been posted on their official websites yet. Some numbers for this year are from outside sources.



2020-21 Change in Student Residence by Service Area





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Summary of Service Area Analysis

- 10 out of 12 of the service areas in the district saw decreases in student residence this year
- The greatest decrease occurred in the McClure service area (by 7.1%)
- The only two service areas that saw increases in student residence for 2020-21 were Washington and Mercer Int'l, both areas that have continued to grow in recent years



In/Out Migration - Definitions

- **IN Migration**: Current students who were not enrolled in SPS in grades K-4 last year, who are newly enrolled in SPS for 2020-21
- **OUT Migration**: Former students who were enrolled in SPS grades K-4 last year, who did not return to SPS for 2020-21



Widening K-5 Migration Gap

K-5	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
In Migration	1,921	1,886	1,656	1,758	1,269
Out Migration	-2,221	-2,212	-2,255	-1,996	-2,372
Difference	-300	-326	-599	-238	-1,103



Factors of Increased OUT Migration

- Out migration from 2019 to 2020 far exceeded in migration, and at a much higher rate than previous years
- COVID-19 and remote learning have led to large decreases in K-5 enrollment
- Families with children that the district expected to enter Kindergarten this year have not enrolled
- Economic downturn due to COVID-19 could be causing families to move out of the district



Impact of Remote Learning Announcement

Prior to Announcement (July 2020)	October 1st Enrollment Count
53,561	52,381

- After the announcement of remote learning for Fall 2020, district enrollment dropped by **1,180 students**



September Transfers In/Out

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
September Count	53,002	53,101	52,477
October Count	52,931	53,627	52,381
Difference	+71	+526	-96

- For the first time in the last few years, student enrollment dropped between September and October in 2020-21



Summary

- In 2020, enrollment in the district has decreased by 2-3% due to COVID-19 and online learning
 - A large portion of students dropped after the announcement of the remote learning plan for Fall 2020
- Out migration from 2019 to 2020 far exceeded in migration, and at a much higher rate than previous years
- September to October enrollment numbers decreased for the first time in the last few years
- Enrollment decreases have been limited to K-5, with Kindergarten experiencing the largest percent drop in enrollment from last year
- 10 out of 12 of the service areas in the district saw decreases in student residence this year, with the greatest decrease occurring in the McClure service area



Looking Forward

- Although 2020 enrollment numbers for district schools have been tracking lower than projected due to COVID-19 and online learning, the district does not expect this drop in enrollment to be a new trend
- Enrollment Planning anticipates that district schools' enrollment numbers will continue to match closely with our previous projections

