



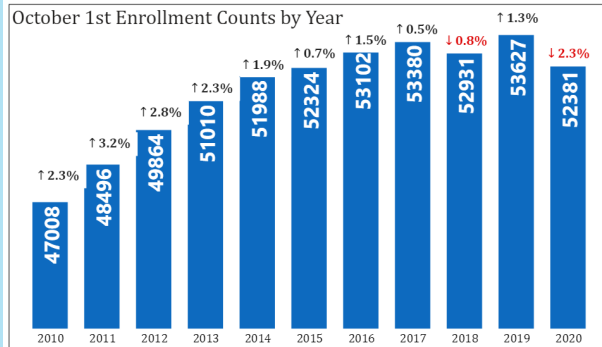
# Enrollment and Equity

## Demographer Newsletter

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### Enrollment News

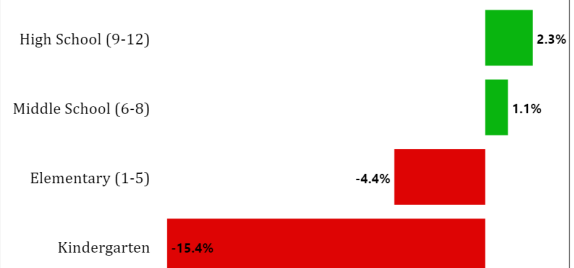
#### School Enrollment



**From 2019-20 to 2020-21, district enrollment has dropped by 1,246 students (a 2.3% drop).**

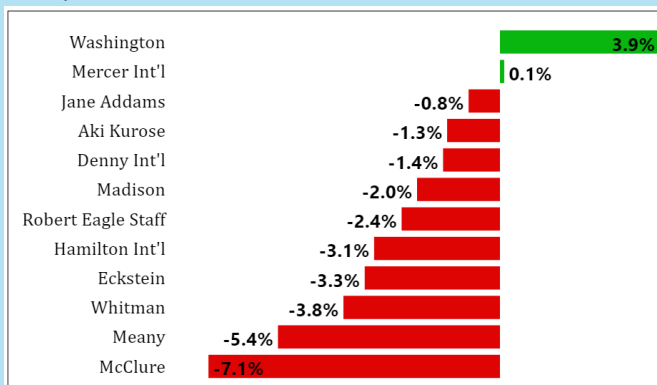
Enrollment in the district has fallen in the 2020-21 school year as a result of COVID-19. The largest drop in enrollment occurred after the announcement to continue remote learning in Fall 2020. Districts across the country have experienced similar declines in enrollment.

#### Percent Change in Enrollment by Grade (2019-20 to 2020-21)



In our district, enrollment decreases have been limited to K-5, while Middle and High School enrollment has grown slightly. Kindergarten had the largest percent drop in enrollment from last year.

#### Student Resident Decline/Growth by Service Area (from 2019-20 to 2020-21)



**Although most service areas saw a decrease in the number of student residents this year, Washington and Mercer continue to grow.**

[View a Map of the Service Areas](#)

#### Capacity Relief Engagement

Although 2020 enrollment numbers 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. It is anticipated that enrollment numbers will continue to match closely with previous projections.

As a result, Enrollment Planning has continued with capacity relief work so that the district is prepared for the return of in-person teaching. The district has begun engaging with communities to explore capacity relief methods in areas where students experience overcrowding.

[View Boundary Change Updates](#)

## Seattle Housing

### Seattle Housing Authority Partnership

In the last few months, Seattle Public Schools and the Seattle Housing Authority have updated our Data Sharing Agreement and have shared data to ensure that students that are the furthest from educational justice have access to the services they need. [View the Seattle Housing Authority Website](#)

### New Housing:

**Yesler Family Housing**, Estimated Completion in 2021

**Impacted Schools: Bailey Gatzert Elementary, Washington Middle School, and Garfield High School**

Seattle Housing Authority (SHA), Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority (SCIDpda), and Capitol Hill Housing (CHH) will be developing 158 units of affordable homes in and around the communities of Yesler Terrace, Little Saigon, and the Central district. This development is expected to include around 100 two or more bedroom units. More information can be found on the [SCIDpda website](#).

**North Lot**, Estimated Completion in 2023

**Impacted Schools: Beacon Hill Int'l School, Mercer Int'l Middle School, and Franklin High School**

SCIDpda is developing a mixed-use community development that is projected to begin construction in 2021. The development will include 160 units of affordable, family-sized housing. The new development is expected to include about 85 two or more bedroom units. More information can be found on the [SCIDpda website](#).

## News and Updates

### What's Happening in the District

- The Office of African American Male Achievement has launched the Kingmakers of Seattle Extended Program (KOSE). This elective program, for Black male 7th through 12th grade students, is led by Black male facilitators in a traditional school setting. Schools offering the program include Aki Kurose, Denny, and Mercer middle schools and Interagency Academy in partnership with the City of Seattle. More information about how to apply can be found on the [district website](#).
- Seattle Public Schools is committed to amplifying the stories of our amazing LGBTQ+ students and staff. Check out the "Our Students, Their Stories" Project on the [district website](#).

### What's Happening Outside the District

- [Seattle Parks opens seven learning hubs for Seattle students](#)
- [The City of Seattle is opening the 2021 round of applications for the Technology Matching Fund \(TMF\) grants](#)
- [People of color weigh in on bike, transit improvements](#)

## Meet Our Staff



### **Meet our new Housing Partnerships Manager, Selam Misgano!**

"I am responsible for managing the partnership and implementation strategies between Seattle Public Schools, Seattle Housing Authority, and other affordable housing providers. In this role, I connect the shared resources of SPS and affordable housing providers to help our students and families attain the education and life success they aspire for themselves.

As alumni of the Seattle Public Schools, I am excited to join the Equity, Partnership and Engagement division to contribute to SPS's mission of becoming a more inclusive district where all students thrive.

I earned a dual master's degree in public health and public policy from the University of Michigan. As an undergraduate at the University of Washington, I studied race relations and community health.

Currently, I live South Seattle where my husband and I are raising our young daughter." - **Selam Misgano**

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