Seattle School District

Enrollment and Demographic Trends District Forecast

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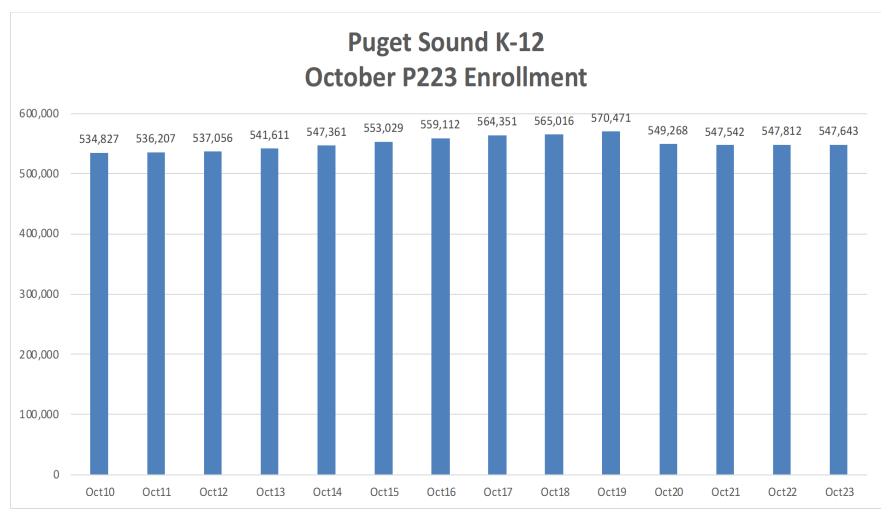


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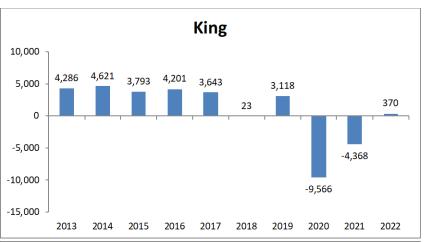
Puget Sound Enrollment Trends (Four County Region)

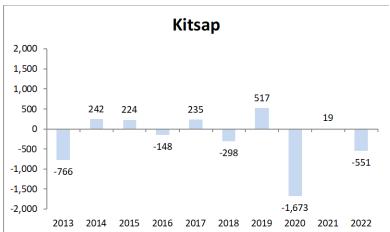
Enrollment in the four-county Puget Sound region is still about 23,000 students less than what it was prior to the pandemic.

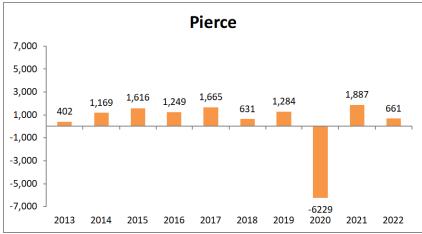


Annual Net Change in Enrollment by County Since 2012

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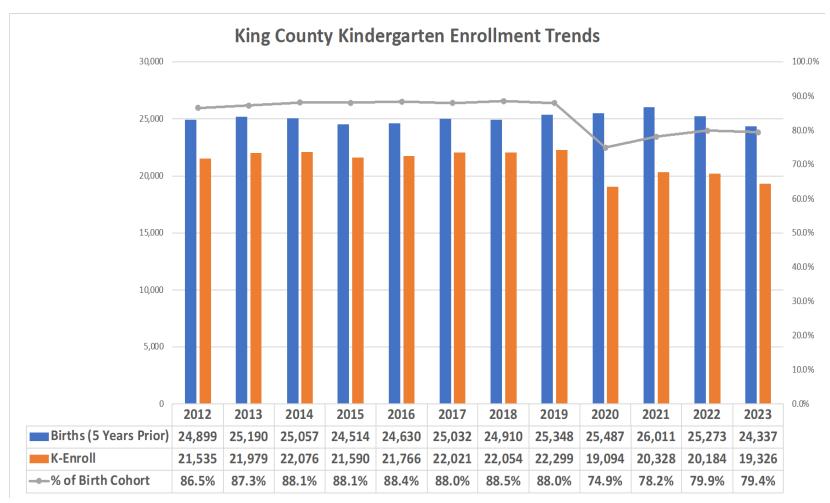
King County Public School Districts P223

Change in Enrollment: Oct 2019 to Oct 2023

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							Change Oct22	Change Oct19
King County Districts	Oct 2019	Oct 2020	Oct 2021	Oct 2022	Oct 2023		to Oct23	to Oct23
Auburn	16,906	16,194	16,601	17,061	17,239	*	178	333
Bellevue	20,323	19,496	18,750	18,353	18,769		416	-1,554
Enumclaw	4,104	3,951	4,046	4,236	4,309	*	73	205
Federal Way	21,624	20,609	20,175	20,436	20,552	*	116	-1,072
Highline	18,189	17,745	17,476	17,341	17,069		-272	-1,120
Issaquah	20,470	19,442	18,905	18,902	18,800	*	-102	-1,670
Kent	25,913	24,587	24,153	24,481	24,447		-34	-1,466
Lake Washington	31,106	30,648	30,553	30,423	30,605		182	-501
Mercer Island	4,387	4,125	4,007	4,012	3,932		-80	-455
Northshore	22,943	22,686	22,419	22,320	22,391		71	-552
Renton	15,176	14,922	14,595	14,387	14,128		-259	-1,048
Riverview	3,268	3,001	2,983	3,035	2,988		-47	-280
Seattle	53,628	52,383	50,192	50,065	49,230		-835	-4,398
Shoreline	9,604	9,271	9,078	9,150	9,128		-22	-476
Skykomish	51	48	38	35	42		7	-9
Snoqualmie	7,021	6,704	6,965	6,897	6,982		85	-39
Tahoma	8,846	8,415	8,621	8,831	8,874		43	28
Tukwila	2,758	2,650	2,529	2,511	2,624		113	-134
Vashon Island	1,469	1,439	1,465	1,475	1,434		-41	-35
LW Technical	204	175	166	165	154		-11	-50
Renton Technical	1	1	0	0	0		0	-1
CHARTER SCHOOLS					0		0	
Summit Atlas	344	453	479	458	545		87	201
Rainier Prep	350	346	327	334	335		1	-15
Summit Sierra	507	379	314	232	222		-10	-285
Rainier Valley Leadership Academy (Green Dot)	378	162	161	145	163		18	-215
Impact Salish Elementary		130	300	351	324		-27	324
Impact Public Schools	283	415	607	594	485		-109	202
Impact Black River Elementary	0	0	0	0	132		132	132
Ashe	90	0	0	0	0		0	-90
Why Not You Academy			<u>104</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>186</u>		37	186
Total	289,943	280,377	276,009	276,379	276,089		-290	-13,854
Change		-9,566	-4,368	370	-290			

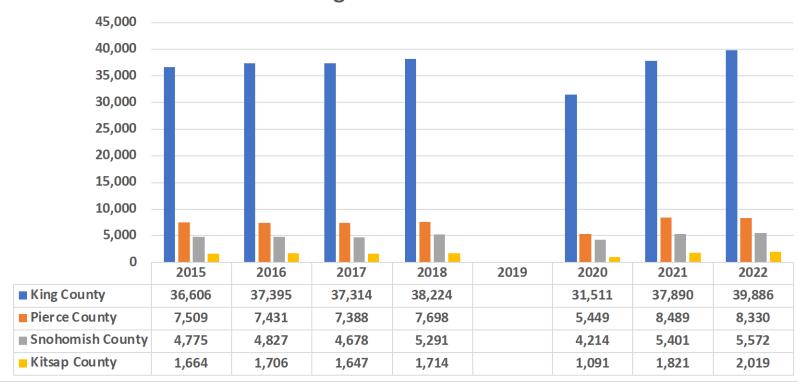
Kindergarten Enrollment Trends King County Public Schools



Private School Data

Note: Data not available for 2019

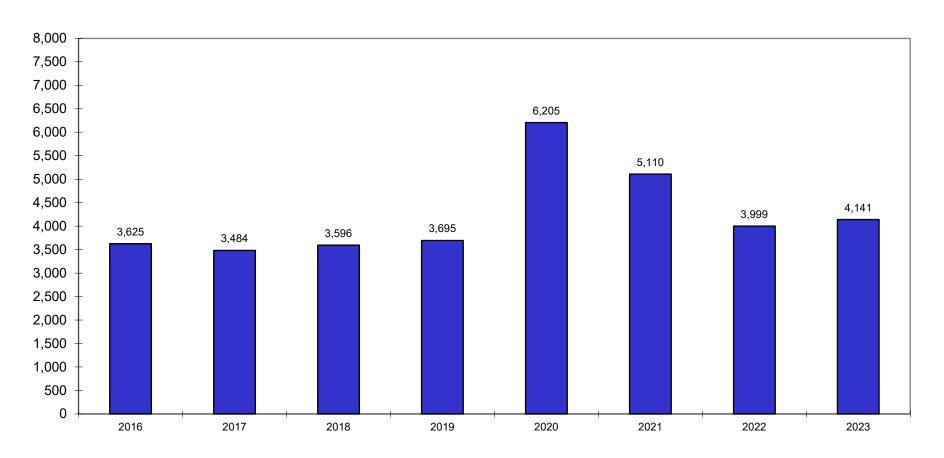
Private School Enrollment Data K-12 Only OSPI and Washington State Board of Education



Home-Based Instruction

King County Districts Combined

OSPI Home-Based Instruction Reports

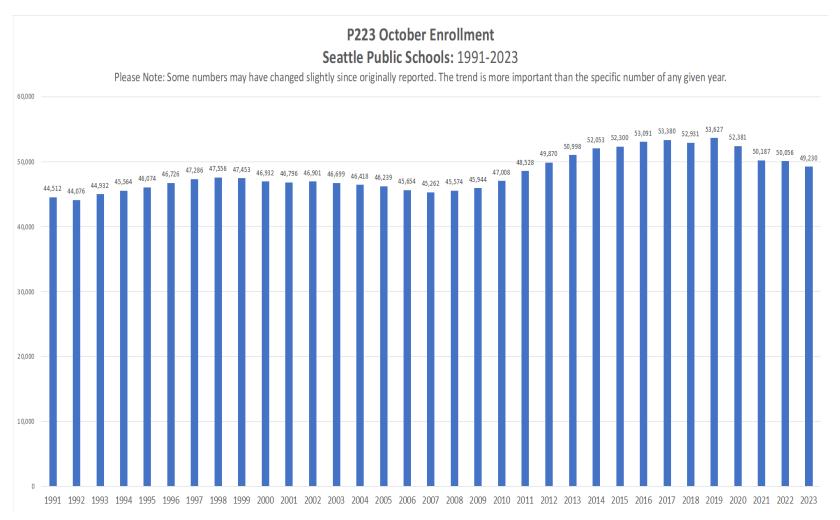


Focusing on Seattle

District Enrollment Trend

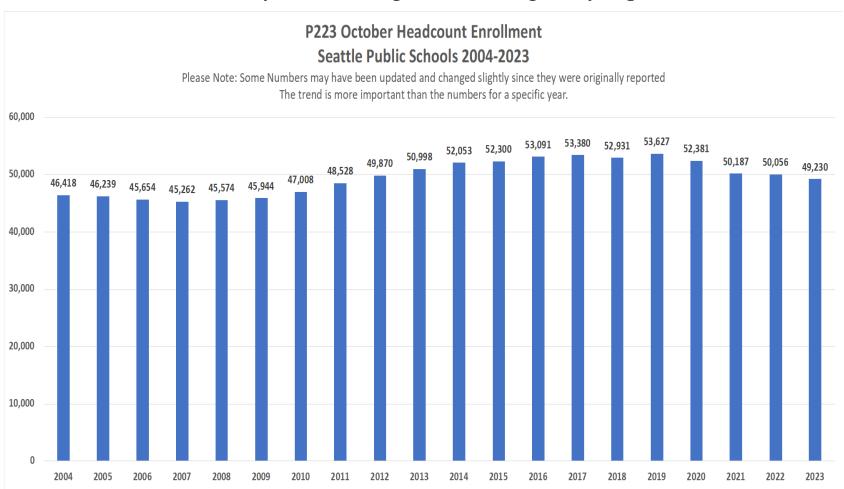
P223 Enrollment (October)

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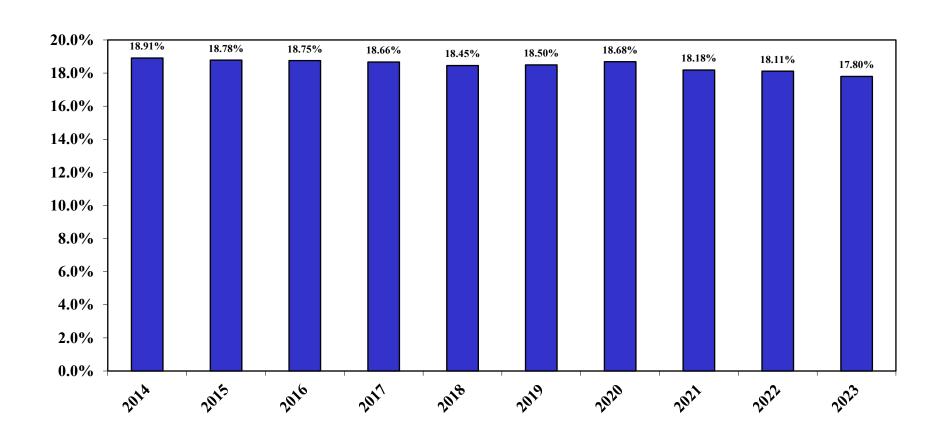


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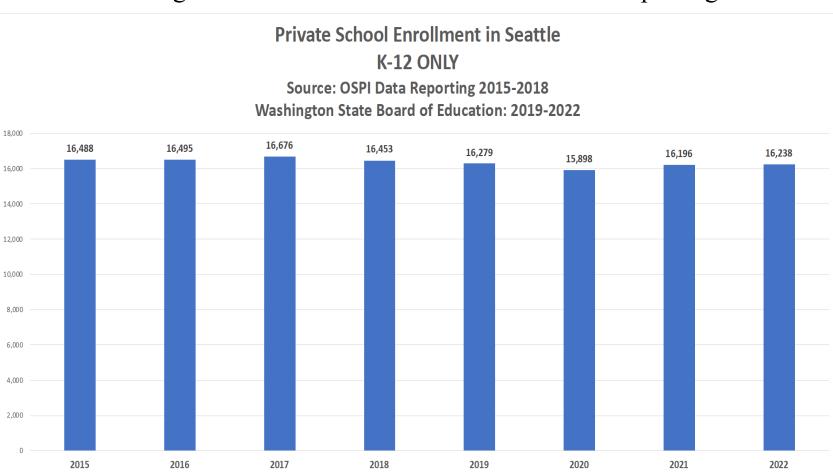
Seattle's Share of County K-12 Public School Enrollment



Private School Enrollment

Seattle Private Schools K-12 ONLY In the District Boundary Area

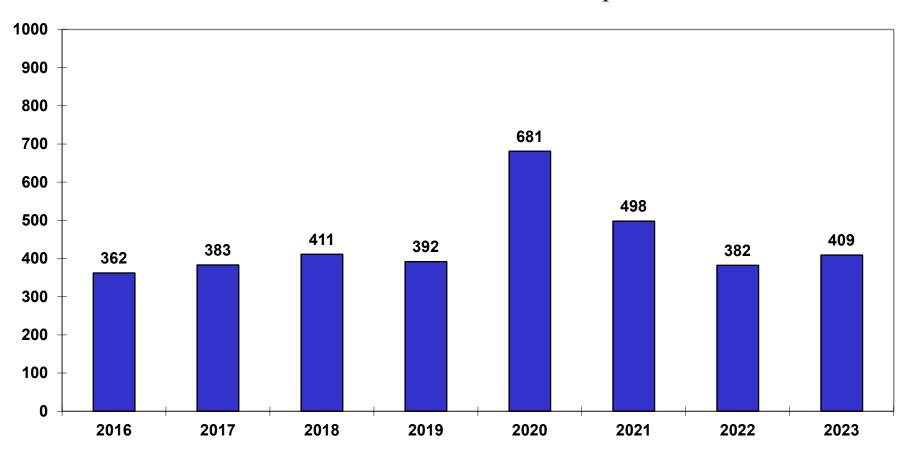
Washington State Board of Education and OSPI Reporting



Home-Based Instruction

Seattle School District Not in the District Schools or Programs

OSPI Home-Based Instruction Reports



Demographics and Enrollment

Seattle School District Census Data

Ce	ensus			OFM Estim.	Forecast
	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2030</u>
Population	564,130	609,471	737,763	780,001	836,267
Change		45,341	128,292	42,238	56,266
% Change		8.0%	21.0%	5.7 %	7.2%
Annual %		0.8%	2.1%	1.9%	1.0%
Housing Units	270,997	308,858	368,631	382,831	413,631
Change		37,861	59,773	14,200	30,800
Avg HH Size	2.08	1.97	2.00	2.04	2.02
K-12 Public	46,630	46,794	52,383	49,230	46,327
2 Per House (Public)	0.172	0.152	0.142	0.129	0.112

If the number of students per house drops like it did between 2000 and 2010, the last time births were flat or declining, the District would have about 11 students per 100 homes in 2030.

Demographic Predictors of Enrollment

Population growth

- Not a great predictor
- Many empty nesters and young singles in the City
- If the annual growth rate hits three percent you might see some effect on enrollment.

Housing

- Total amount of housing is poor predictor of enrollment
- Affordable housing especially apartments with two-plus bedrooms are more highly correlated with enrollment.
- Growth in some areas is offset by decline in others. Overall enrollment may not be affected by affordable housing development.

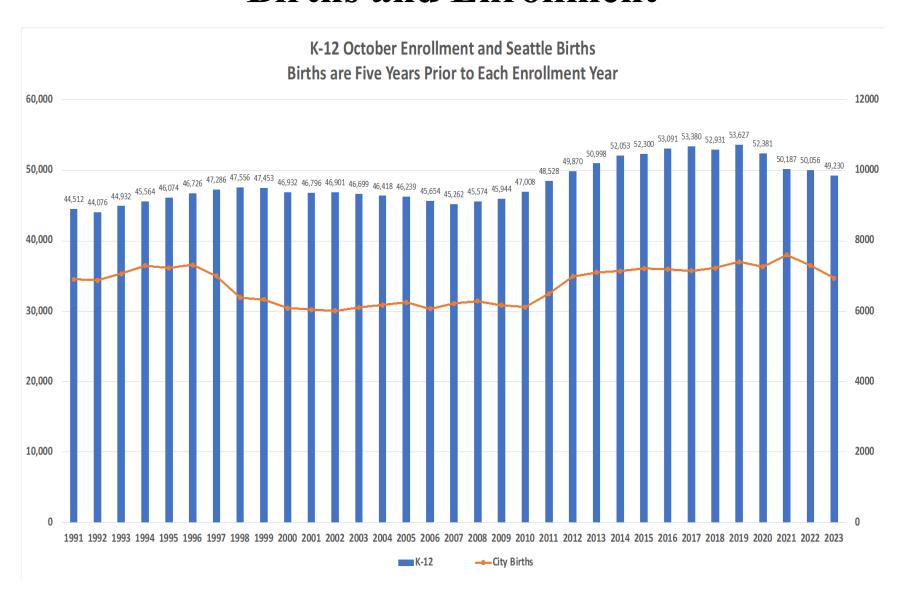
Births

 Best predictor of enrollment because of grade level trends; net losses at most grades as kids roll up.

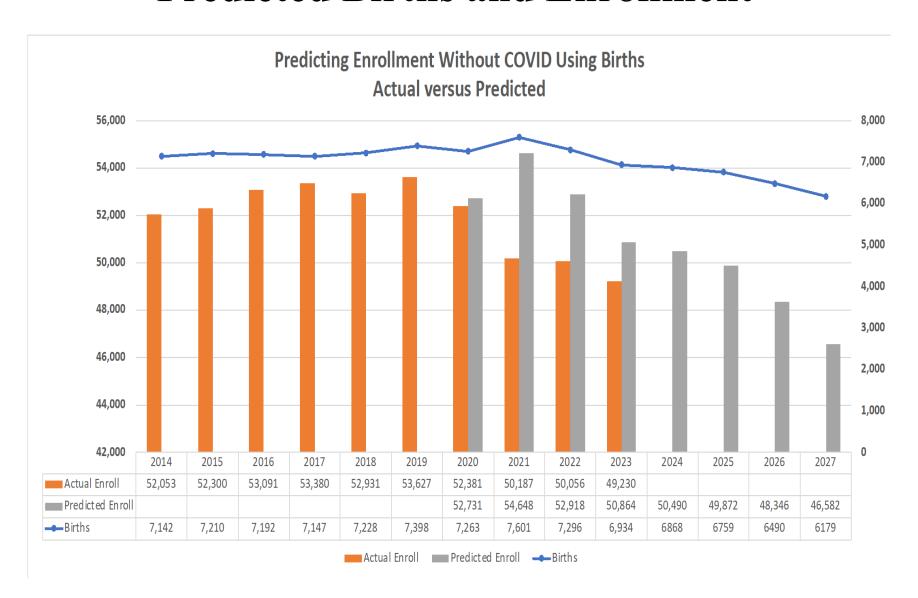
Migration

In and Out movement at the continuing grades also affects enrollment.

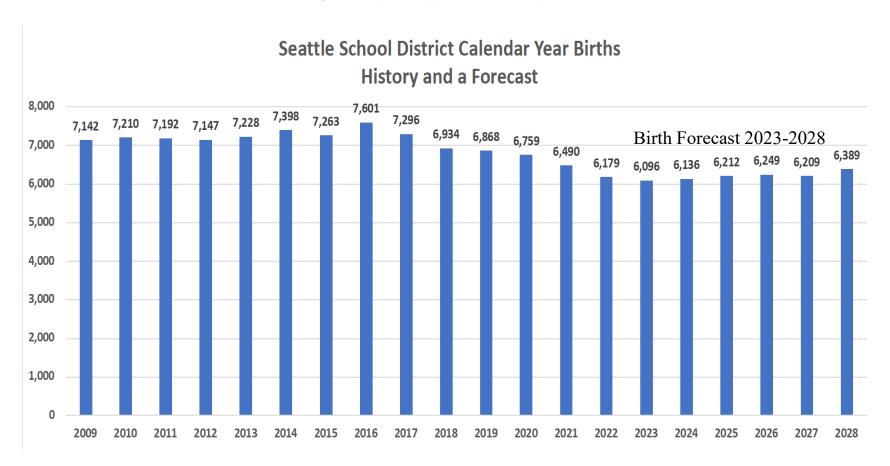
Births and Enrollment



Predicted Births and Enrollment

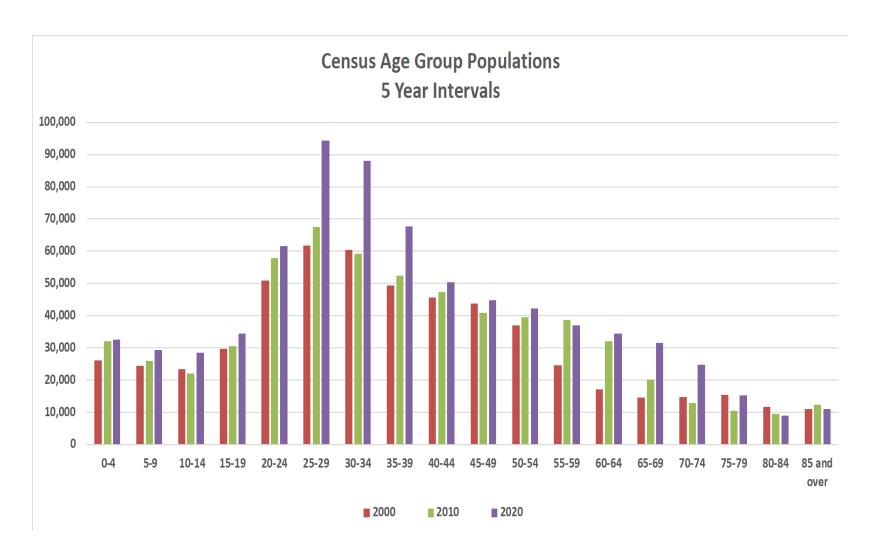


Seattle School District Births Calendar Year

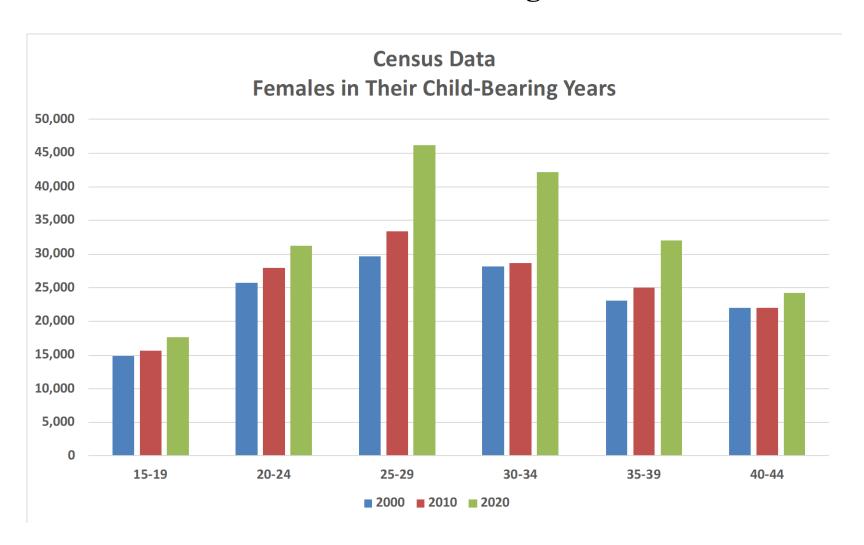


Comment: Based on the 2020 Census Data we would expect births to be higher, but so far they are trending low.

Seattle School District Age Group Census Data



Seattle School District Child-Bearing Females Census Data



Grade Progression Rates

Grade Progression (Cohort Rates)

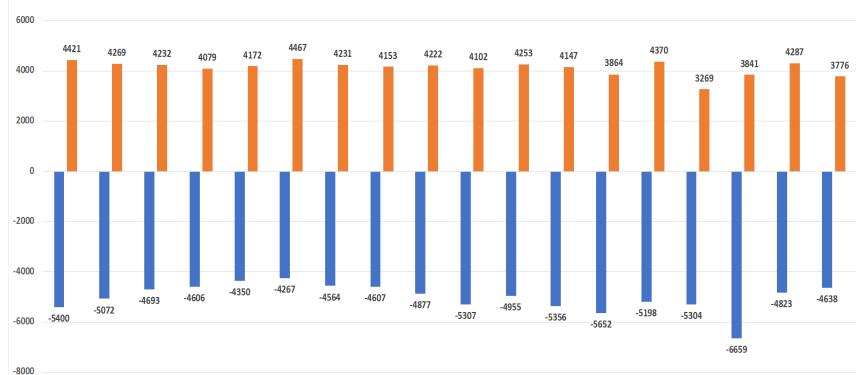
Rates Used

	Last Four Years			Cohort Averages			Average	Low-Out-Migration	Average Out-Migration
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2014-2019</u>	<u>2017-2019</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2024-2027</u>	<u>2028-2033</u>
Birth-to-K	0.543	0.522	0.538	0.536	0.653	0.641	0.537	0.540	0.573
K-1	0.959	0.958	1.019	0.997	0.998	0.998	1.008	1.003	1.001
1-2	0.949	0.918	0.995	0.992	0.978	0.975	0.993	0.993	0.985
2-3	0.942	0.913	0.980	0.984	0.977	0.979	0.982	0.983	0.979
3-4	0.954	0.940	0.998	0.990	0.983	0.985	0.994	0.992	0.987
4-5	0.951	0.934	0.987	0.985	0.978	0.972	0.986	0.986	0.975
5-6	0.894	0.858	0.898	0.907	0.910	0.900	0.902	0.905	0.904
6-7	0.976	0.944	0.999	0.978	0.990	0.990	0.989	0.990	0.990
7-8	0.989	0.953	0.996	0.996	0.990	0.989	0.996	0.996	0.990
8-9	1.000	0.977	1.012	0.998	1.003	0.994	1.005	1.002	1.001
9-10	1.019	0.985	1.013	1.015	1.001	1.017	1.014	1.015	1.012
10-11	0.952	0.959	0.986	0.966	0.953	0.956	0.976	0.971	0.966
11-12	1.038	1.076	1.046	1.030	1.050	1.048	1.038	1.038	1.038

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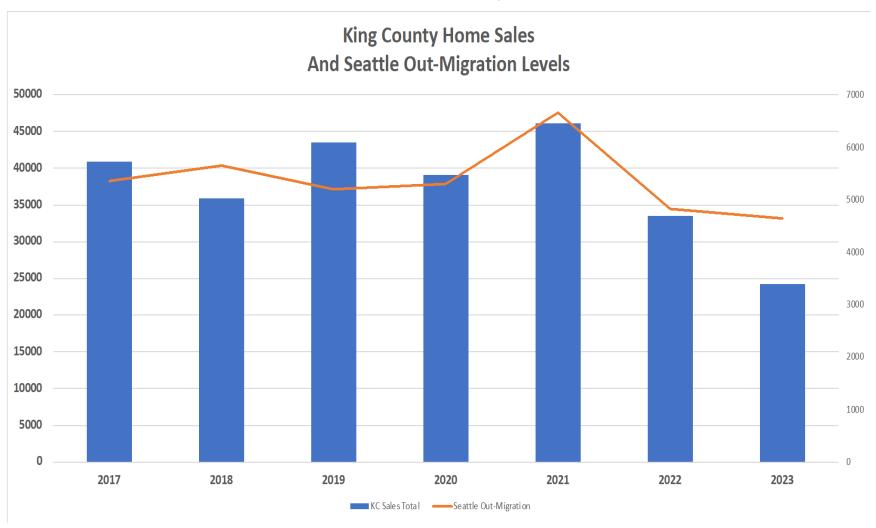
Movement into and out of the District (Excluding Kindergarten and 12th Grade)

Movement Into and Out of the District
Excluding Incoming Kindergarteners and Existing 12th Graders
October P223 Data

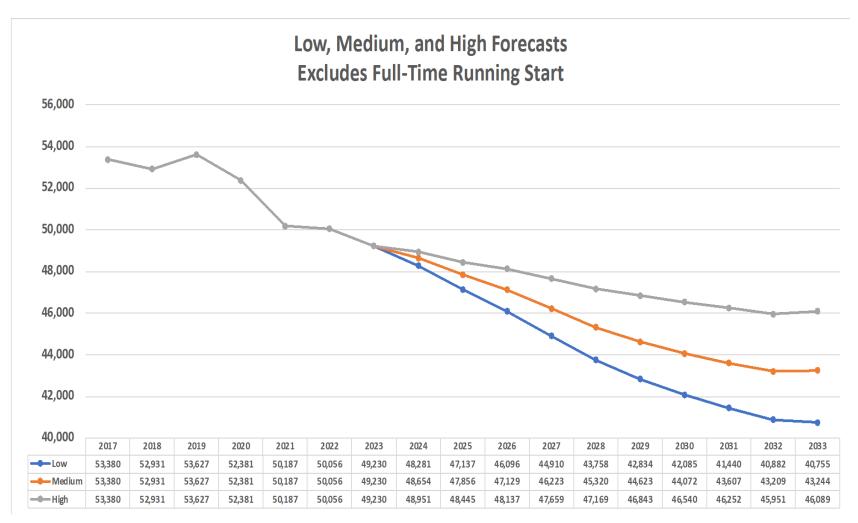


King County Home Sales and Out-Migration in the District

Food for Thought?



Forecasts Low, Medium, High



Key Indicators and Questions Things to Watch

Births in Seattle

- Births should be higher but they continue to trend lower
- Have young people moved out?
- Have they stopped having kids and starting families?

Birth-to-K Ratios

— Will market share go up or stay the same? Is this the new normal post-covid?

Real Estate Market

- Is there a price correction in the future?; if so, this could benefit Seattle, similar to what happened after the 2007 crash of home prices.
- Not as likely this time; developers in the outlying suburbs have been more careful about overbuilding since the bubble burst in 2007.

Migration

Anything that slows out-migration tends to help enrollment.

Consultant Background and Experience

Dr. Kendrick was the demographer for the Seattle Public schools from 1990 to 1997. In that capacity he provided enrollment projections to facilitate staffing and facilities planning and helped with the management of the student assignment system. He also provided analysis of the relationship between demographics and test scores.

Since 1997 he has worked as a consultant providing demographic analysis and enrollment projections for local school districts. Over the past 25 years his clients have included the following Districts: Auburn, Bainbridge Island, Bellingham, Bellevue, Bethel, Bremerton, Central Kitsap, Edmonds, Enumclaw, Federal Way, Marysville, Mercer Island, Monroe, North Kitsap, Olympia, Renton, Seattle, South Kitsap, Shoreline, Snoqualmie Valley, Sumner, Tahoma, and Tukwila. He also does annual enrollment projection work for the Everett, Highline, Mukilteo, Northshore, and Tacoma School Districts. He has worked in all four counties of the Puget Sound and is familiar with the different trends and patterns across the region.

