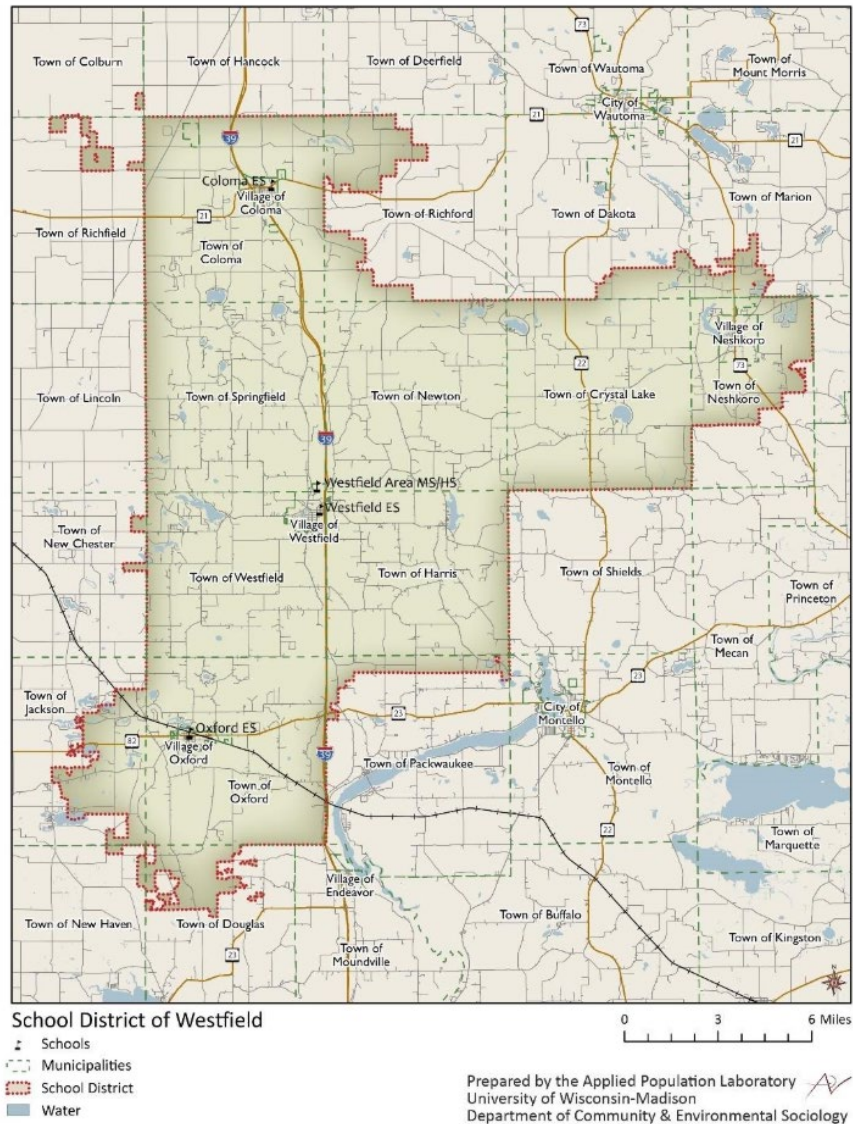


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School Enrollment Projections School District of Westfield

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Executive Summary

This report provides an enrollment projections analysis for the School District of Westfield by the Applied Population Laboratory (APL) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Enrollment projections are provided for the district, individually for each grade, and for grade groupings at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. This report takes into consideration past enrollment, recent and projected births, and population trends to predict future student change over the coming five to ten years.

Some highlights of this report are:

The district's 2025-26 enrollment for 4K through 12th grade was 1,011 students. Total district enrollment has decreased by 39 students or -3.7% since 2016-17.

- The elementary school's 2025-26 enrollment of 416 is 40 fewer students (-9%) than in the 2016-17 school year. 4K has remained steady in the last ten years.
- The middle school's 2025-26 enrollment of 223 increased then decreased the last three years, with only an increase of two students (+1%) since the 2016-17 school year.
- The high school's enrollment of 322 declined then began to increase after 2020-21, with an increase of seven students (+2%) over the last ten years.

From 2010 to 2020, as measured by the decennial Censuses, the number of households with children in the district decreased by 53. The district area has, on average, seen twenty-one new single-family homes annually.

Long-term trends in births and trends in kindergarten enrollment have been decreasing, while recent birth trends have remained steady.

The 4K-12th grade enrollment, at 1,011 in 2025-26, is projected to range from 923 to 966 in five years (2030-31 school year), a numeric decrease of 88 to 45 students or -8.7% to -4.5%.

- The elementary school enrollment is projected to range from 372 to 407 in five years, a numeric decrease of 44 to 9 students or -11% to -2%.
- The middle school classes are projected to range from 200 to 218 in five years, a numeric decrease of 23 to 5 students or -10% to -2%.
- The high school classes are projected to range from 286 to 317 in five years, a numeric decrease of 36 to 5 students or -11% to -2%.



Enrollment History

Figure 1-A and Table 1-A display the last ten years of enrollment history for the School District of Westfield. Total district 4K-12th enrollment decreased by 3.7% with a loss of thirty-nine students over the decade.

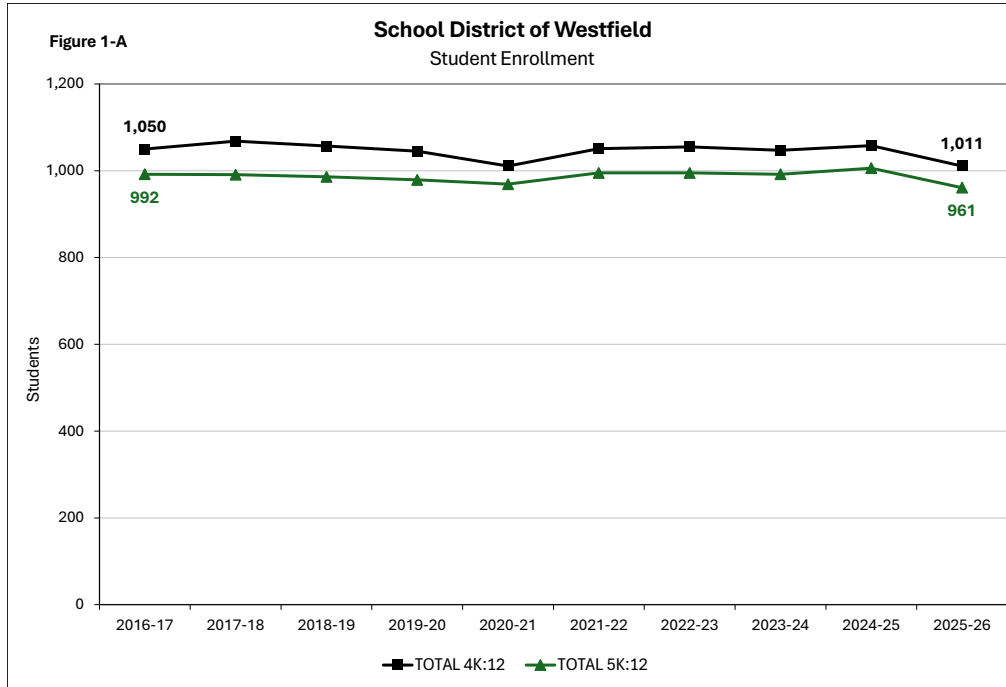


TABLE 1-A
Student Enrollment
School District of Westfield

Grades	SCHOOL YEAR									
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
4K	58	77	71	66	42	56	60	55	52	50
5K	88	63	76	77	68	69	64	72	73	56
1	82	94	61	79	74	82	73	62	71	68
2	69	86	90	62	77	80	88	69	62	70
3	88	71	87	83	56	79	85	86	73	64
4	76	83	64	95	76	63	80	81	88	71
5	53	86	87	68	96	84	66	80	78	87
6	81	62	93	89	64	89	81	63	80	79
7	68	87	61	88	98	74	92	88	67	81
8	72	65	96	60	91	98	73	92	88	63
9	71	79	76	98	74	101	100	82	105	89
10	83	62	70	65	86	56	78	92	62	90
11	84	77	54	61	55	72	53	72	87	57
12	77	76	71	54	54	48	62	53	72	86
TOTAL	1,050	1,068	1,057	1,045	1,011	1,051	1,055	1,047	1,058	1,011
5K-12	992	991	986	979	969	995	995	992	1,006	961
5K-5	456	483	465	464	447	457	456	450	445	416
6-8	221	214	250	237	253	261	246	243	235	223
9-12	315	294	271	278	269	277	293	299	326	322



While total enrollment has decreased slightly since 2016-17, variation is seen in the district's grade groupings and across time. Figure 1-B shows enrollment history of these grade groupings. Table 1-B displays change across the decade and in three time spans. Elementary grades decreased by almost 9%, while middle school grades increased by almost 1% and high school grades increased by 2%.

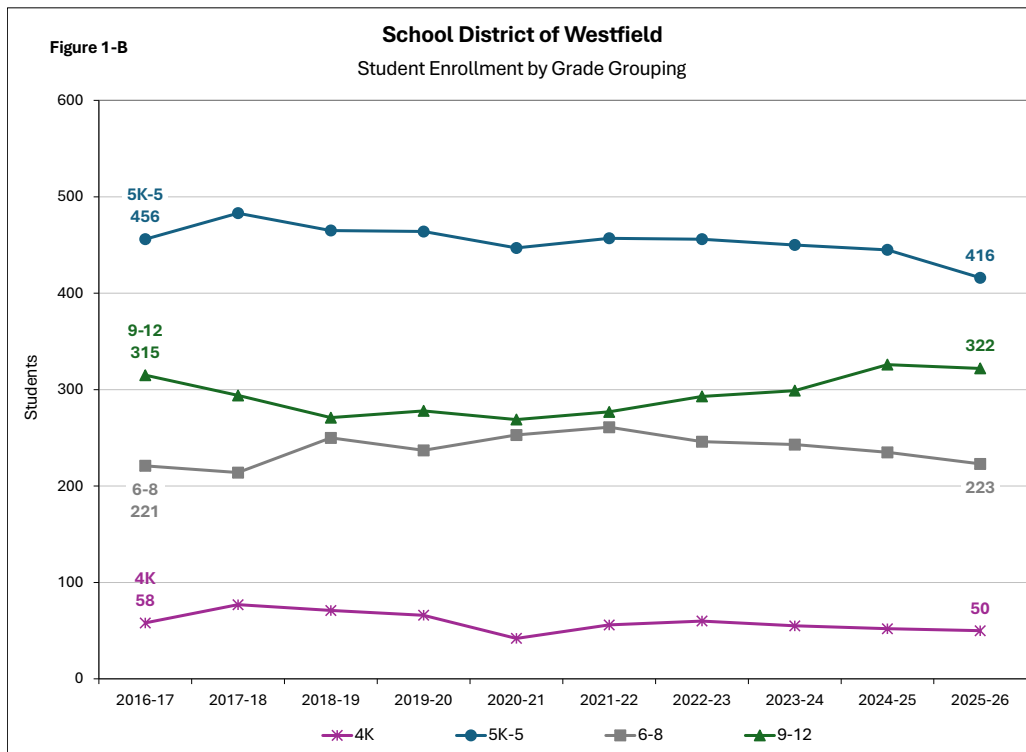


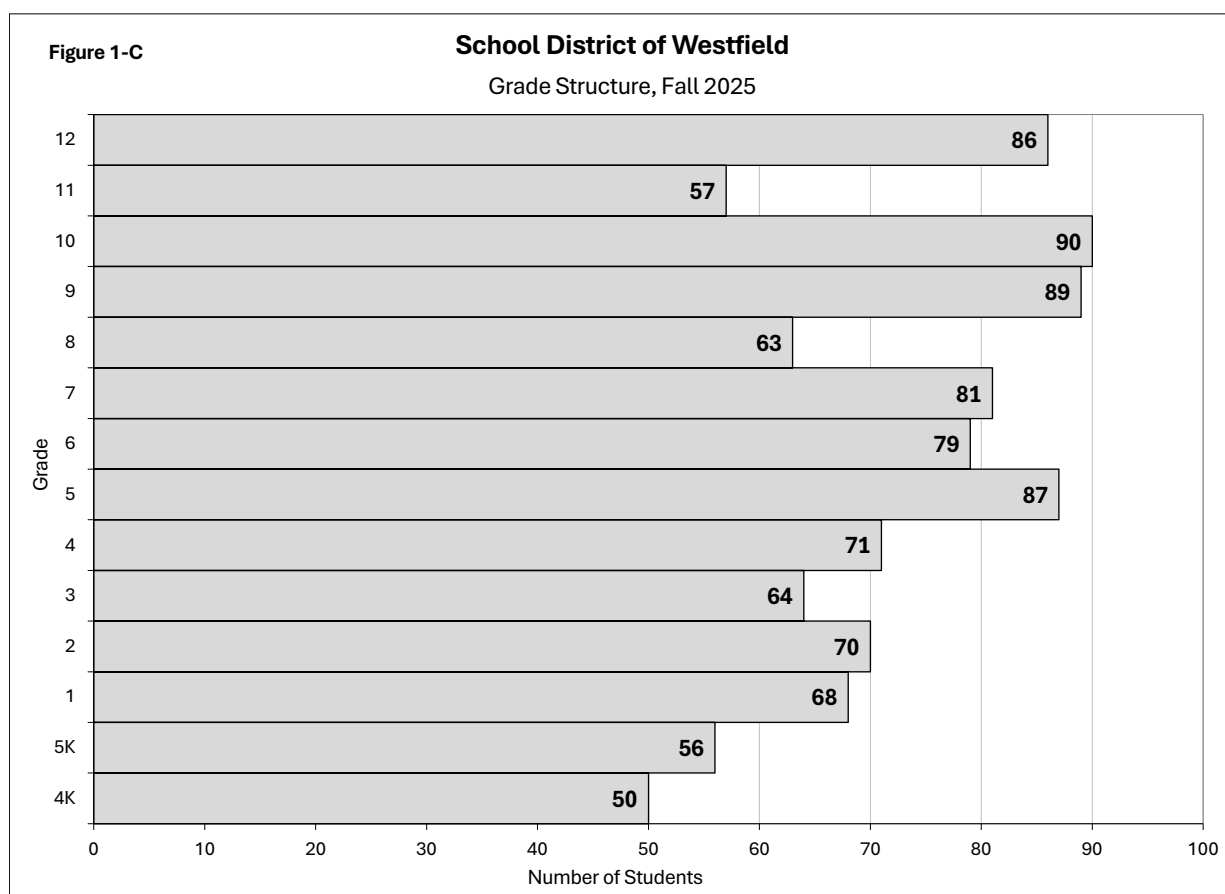
TABLE 1-B
Student Enrollment Changes
School District of Westfield

Grades	NUMERIC CHANGE Three Year Periods				PERCENT CHANGE				AVERAGE ANNUAL PERCENT CHANGE			
	'16 to '25	'16 to '19	'19 to '22	'22 to '25	'16 to '25	'16 to '19	'19 to '22	'22 to '25	'16 to '25	'16 to '19	'19 to '22	'22 to '25
4K	-8	8	-6	-10	-14%	14%	-9%	-17%	-2%	5%	-3%	-6%
5K	-32	-11	-13	-8	-36%	-13%	-17%	-13%	-4%	-4%	-6%	-4%
1	-14	-3	-6	-5	-17%	-4%	-8%	-7%	-2%	-1%	-3%	-2%
2	1	-7	26	-18	1%	-10%	42%	-20%	0%	-3%	14%	-7%
3	-24	-5	2	-21	-27%	-6%	2%	-25%	-3%	-2%	1%	-8%
4	-5	19	-15	-9	-7%	25%	-16%	-11%	-1%	8%	-5%	-4%
5	34	15	-2	21	64%	28%	-3%	32%	7%	9%	-1%	11%
6	-2	8	-8	-2	-2%	10%	-9%	-2%	0%	3%	-3%	-1%
7	13	20	4	-11	19%	29%	5%	-12%	2%	10%	2%	-4%
8	-9	-12	13	-10	-13%	-17%	22%	-14%	-1%	-6%	7%	-5%
9	18	27	2	-11	25%	38%	2%	-11%	3%	13%	1%	-4%
10	7	-18	13	12	8%	-22%	20%	15%	1%	-7%	7%	5%
11	-27	-23	-8	4	-32%	-27%	-13%	8%	-4%	-9%	-4%	3%
12	9	-23	8	24	12%	-30%	15%	39%	1%	-10%	5%	13%
TOTAL	-39	-5	10	-44	-3.7%	-0.5%	1.0%	-4.2%	-0.4%	-0.2%	0.3%	-1.4%
5K-12	-31	-13	16	-34	-3.1%	-1%	2%	-3%	-0.3%	-0.4%	0.5%	-1.1%
5K-5	-40	8	-8	-40	-8.8%	2%	-2%	-9%	-1.0%	0.6%	-0.6%	-2.9%
6-8	2	16	9	-23	0.9%	7%	4%	-9%	0.1%	2.4%	1.3%	-3.1%
9-12	7	-37	15	29	2.2%	-12%	5%	10%	0.2%	-3.9%	1.8%	3.3%



Figure 1-C shows the age structure in Fall 2025 of the student population with the number of 4-year-old kindergarteners at the bottom and the number of 12th graders at the top.

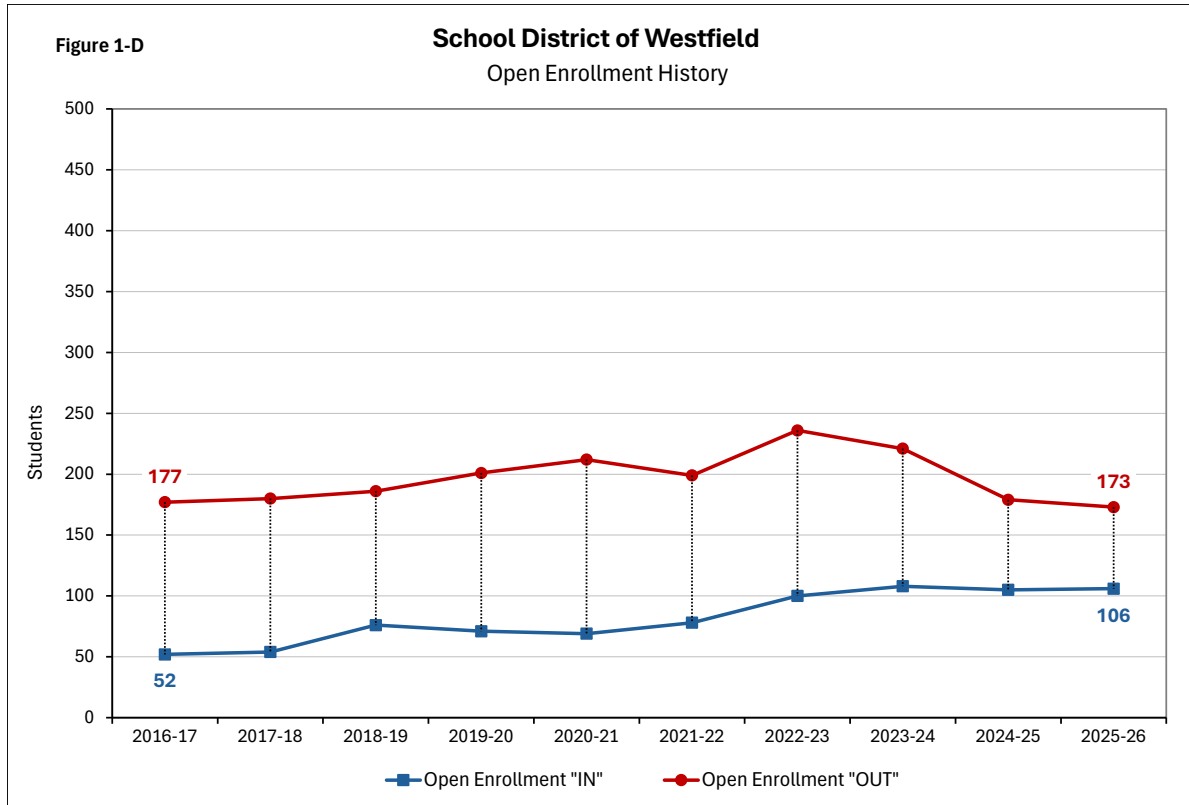
- The average class size for high school grades is 81, with 10th grade being the largest of the four grades.
- The average class size for middle school grades is 74 with 7th grade being the largest of the three grades.
- The average class size for elementary school grades is the smallest at 69 with 5th grade being the largest grade.



The Open Enrollment (OE) Program has impacted the district's student counts. Over the past ten years, the School District of Westfield has experienced a net outflow all ten years. As illustrated in Table 1-D and Figure 1-D, the differences have ranged from -67 to -143 numerically with the highest negative value occurring in 2020-21, the first full school year of the pandemic.

TABLE 1-D
Open Enrollment Transfers
School District of Westfield
 (Grades 4K-12)

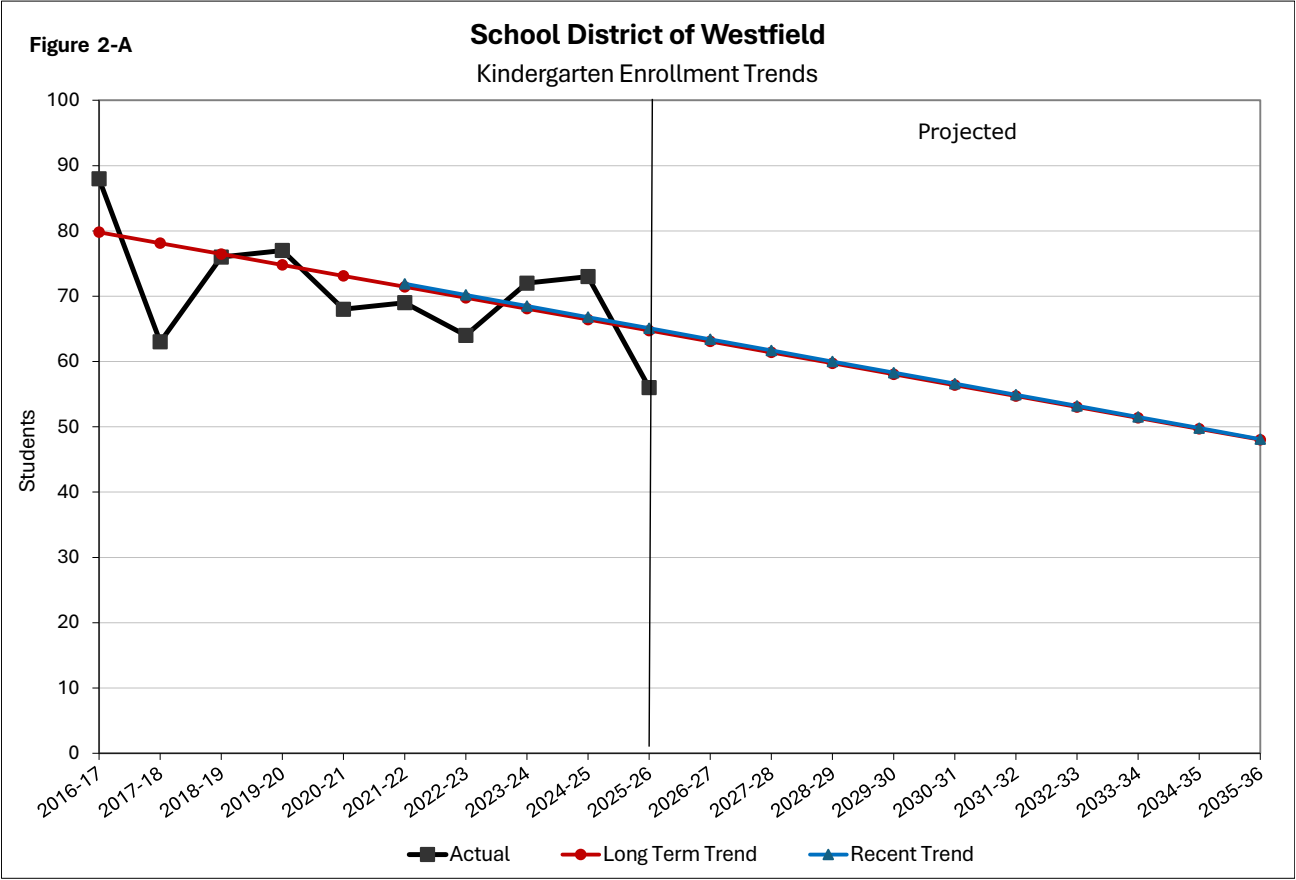
School Year	In	Out	Net
2016-17	52	177	-125
2017-18	54	180	-126
2018-19	76	186	-110
2019-20	71	201	-130
2020-21	69	212	-143
2021-22	78	199	-121
2022-23	100	236	-136
2023-24	108	221	-113
2024-25	105	179	-74
2025-26	106	173	-67



Kindergarten Enrollment Trends

Examining trends in kindergarten enrollment is particularly informative for gaining perspective on future district enrollment, as today’s kindergarteners will gradually make up tomorrow’s students at the higher grade levels as they age and move through the school system. When 5K enrollment is decreasing, the number of elementary school students might be expected to decrease in the near term, while middle school enrollment may decrease farther in the future.

Figure 2-A shows the district’s 5K enrollment history in black, and trend lines depicting projected 5K enrollment in red and blue. The “Long Term Trend” line (shown in red) averages kindergarten changes from 2016-17 through 2025-26. The “Recent Trend” line (shown in blue) emphasizes 5K changes over the last five years. The long-range and recent trends predict an annual decline of two 5K students per year.

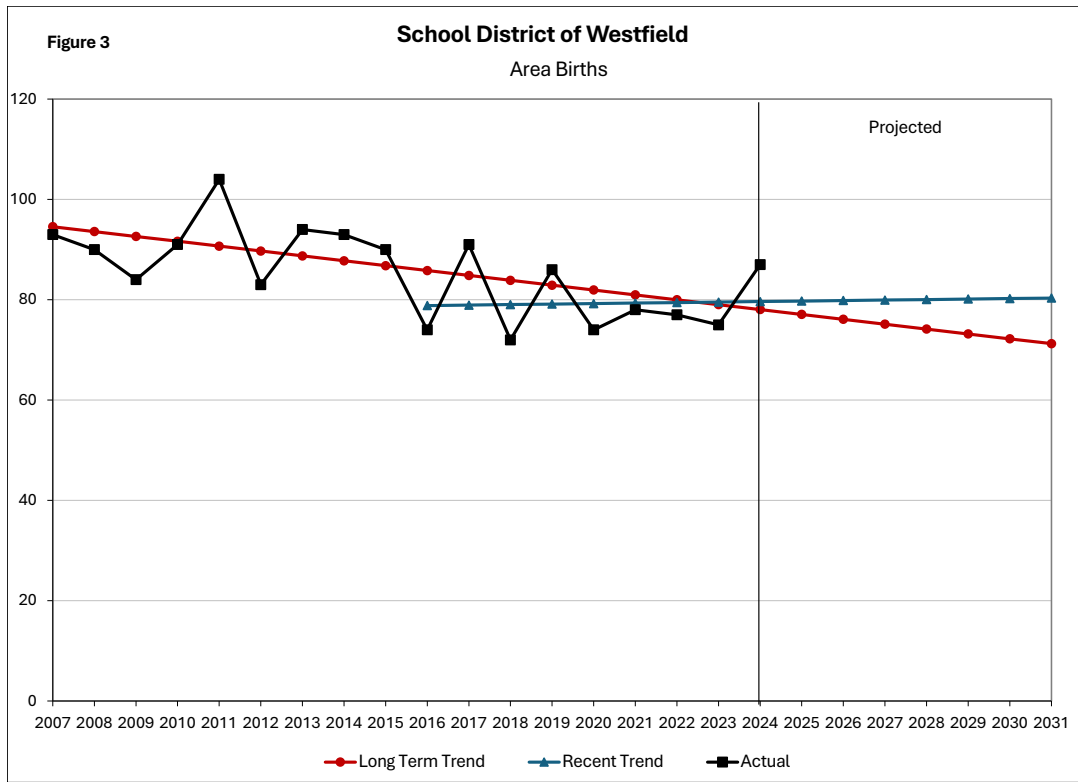


Birth Trends and Projections

We use historical and projected birth data to forecast 4K and 5K students who will enroll in the School District of Westfield in future years. Birth data, as collected and summarized by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, is available only for municipalities. Thus, the birth history presented here includes the villages of Coloma, Neshkoro, Oxford and Westfield and the towns of Coloma, Crystal Lake, Harris, Neshkoro, Newton, Oxford, Springfield and Westfield. Figure 3 shows (in black) the number of births to mothers living in these municipalities.

We extrapolate long-and short-range birth trends into the future to correspond with our Baseline and Recent Trend projection models, using the B:K progression ratios to transform births (B) into future kindergarteners (K).

- The red line represents the birth trend over the past 18 years and is utilized in the Baseline method projections later in this report. The long-term trend is slightly downward and predicts a decrease of one birth annually through 2031.
- The blue line denotes birth patterns for the last nine years and is applied in the Five-Year and Three-Year Trend projection models shown later. This short-range trend projects steady births.



Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
# of Births	93	90	84	91	104	83	94	93	90
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
# of Births	74	91	72	86	74	78	77	75	87

Source: WI Department of Health Services



Population Estimates and Age Structure

This section examines population trends of the recent past for the School District of Westfield. Changes in the total population of the district area, particularly when examined by age, provide clues into how the school-age population may be changing.

Table 3 provides the Census population counts for 2010 and 2020 and the Wisconsin Department of Administration's estimates for 2015 and 2025 for the district's primary municipalities. The aggregate population is estimated to have decreased by 191 or -4% since 2010. While the district area has declined, Marquette County and the State of Wisconsin have increased.

Table 3
Total Population, Area Municipalities: 2010-2025
School District of Westfield

Municipality	POPULATION				PERCENT CHANGE			
	Census 2010	Estimate 2015	Census 2020	Estimate 2025	2010 to 2015	2015 to 2020	2020 to 2025	2010 to 2025
Coloma village	450	458	448	444	1.8%	-2.2%	-0.9%	-1.3%
Neshkoro village	434	429	412	405	-1.2%	-4.0%	-1.7%	-6.7%
Oxford village	607	599	537	529	-1.3%	-10.4%	-1.5%	-12.9%
Westfield village	1,254	1,263	1,302	1,280	0.7%	3.1%	-1.7%	2.1%
Coloma town	753	747	730	720	-0.8%	-2.3%	-1.4%	-4.4%
Crystal Lake town	484	492	452	452	1.7%	-8.1%	0.0%	-6.6%
Harris town	790	796	748	751	0.8%	-6.0%	0.4%	-4.9%
Neshkoro town	561	554	565	556	-1.2%	2.0%	-1.6%	-0.9%
Newton town	547	547	529	533	0.0%	-3.3%	0.8%	-2.6%
Oxford town	885	888	930	945	0.3%	4.7%	1.6%	6.8%
Springfield town	830	833	811	815	0.4%	-2.6%	0.5%	-1.8%
Westfield town	866	879	789	787	1.5%	-10.2%	-0.3%	-9.1%
District Area	4,772	4,784	4,629	4,581	0.3%	-3.2%	-1.0%	-4.0%
Marquette County	15,404	15,431	15,592	15,589	0.2%	1.0%	0.0%	1.2%
State of Wisconsin	5,686,986	5,753,324	5,893,718	6,033,500	1.2%	2.4%	2.4%	6.1%

Source: U. S. Census Bureau & Demographic Services Center, WI Dept. of Administration



In terms of total population for the district—available through the decennial Census—the School District of Westfield decreased from 9,184 residents in 2010 to 9,049 in 2020, a loss of 135 residents. Table 4 and Figure 4 illustrate the population by age for the district as enumerated at the 2010 and 2020 Censuses, showing the change in age structure. In specific age groups:

- The number of young people ages 0-14 decreased by 67 or -4.5% with the number of children under age five falling by 86. These youngest children are now in or entering elementary grades.
- Older teens and early adults in the college-aged cohort of 15-24 decreased by 129 or -14%.
- Adults ages 25-44 decreased by 106 or almost -6%.
- Middle-aged adults ages 45-64 decreased by 247 or -8%.
- Adults ages 65 and over are the only age category that increased, growing by 414 or +21%. This change is attributable mostly to the aging of the Baby Boom generation. The 65-and-over population's share of the district's residents rose from 21.7% to 26.6%.

TABLE 4
Population by Age, 2010 & 2020
School District of Westfield

Age	2010	2020	Difference
Under 5	474	388	-86
5 to 9	472	525	53
10 to 14	543	509	-34
15 to 19	529	466	-63
20 to 24	404	338	-66
25 to 29	391	350	-41
30 to 34	432	435	3
35 to 39	447	468	21
40 to 44	542	453	-89
45 to 49	754	516	-238
50 to 54	754	566	-188
55 to 59	742	800	58
60 to 64	710	831	121
65 to 69	641	812	171
70 to 74	515	680	165
75 to 79	357	429	72
80 to 84	297	298	1
85plus	180	185	5
Total	9,184	9,049	-135

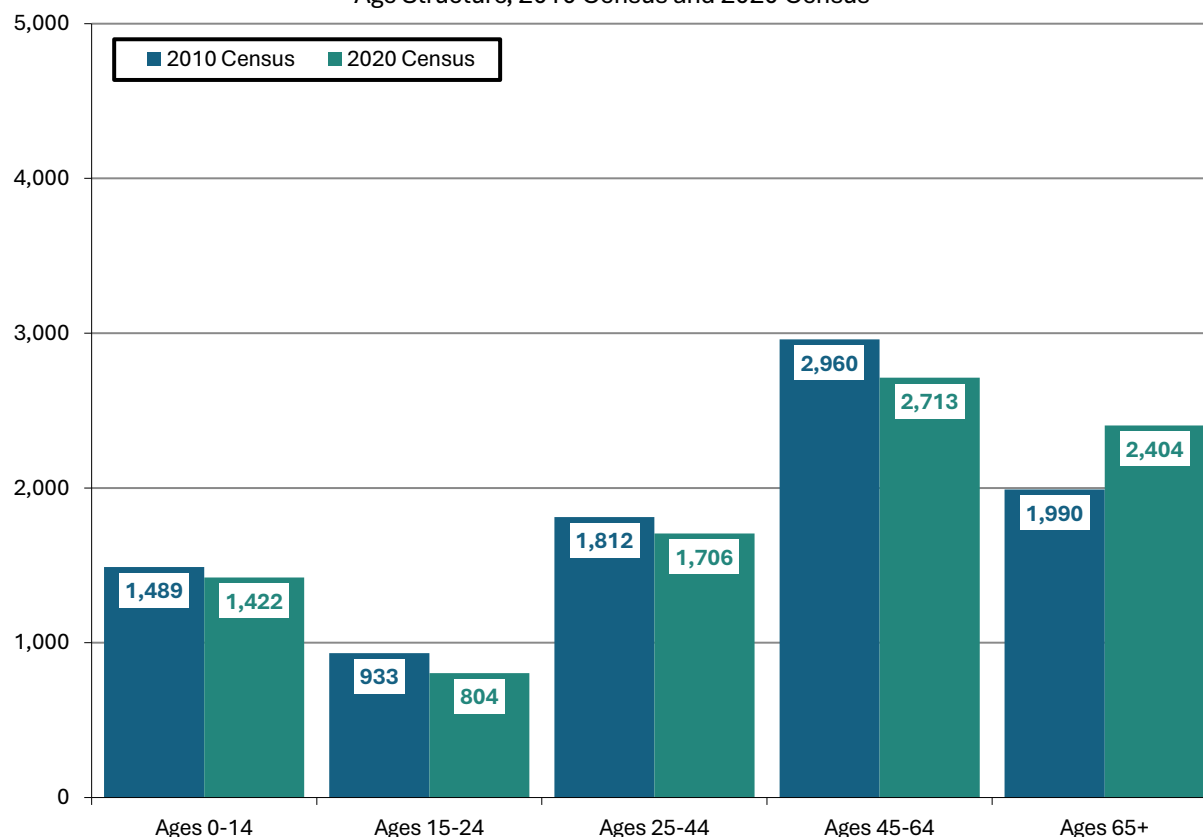
Source: U. S. Census Bureau



Figure 4

School District of Westfield

Age Structure, 2010 Census and 2020 Census



Residential Development

Examining trends in recent housing development can help to explain how migration in the school district area might be affecting enrollment. If housing starts in the district area are expected to be reasonably consistent for the next several years, then we assume that migration of school-age children will also remain relatively consistent. If housing starts are expected to increase significantly above and beyond recent levels, in-migration may play an increasing role in enrollment. However, it is important to recognize that the number of housing starts in any given year is dependent upon many confounding variables (decisions of local, county, and state policy makers, residential developers, interest rates, demand for housing, etc.), making future growth patterns difficult to predict on the basis of housing change.

Table 5-A shows the housing starts in the primary municipalities by type and year since 2014. There are no two-family or multi-family units in the district. Annual housing unit construction has averaged twenty-one over this ten-year period. The percentage housing growth has been greatest in the Town of Crystal Lake followed by the Town of Oxford.



TABLE 5-A
School District Area Housing Starts
School District of Westfield

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
District Area										
TOTAL	18	18	27	21	18	20	20	30	24	22
Single Family	18	18	27	21	17	20	19	29	24	22
Two Family	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Multi-family	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mobile Homes	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
Coloma village										
TOTAL	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	1	0	0
Single Family	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	1	0	0
Mobile Homes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neshkoro village										
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Single Family	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mobile Homes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oxford village										
TOTAL	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Single Family	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Mobile Homes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Westfield village										
TOTAL	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
Single Family	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
Mobile Homes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coloma town										
TOTAL	1	2	3	2	3	3	1	1	3	2
Single Family	1	2	3	2	3	3	1	1	3	2
Mobile Homes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crystal Lake town										
TOTAL	2	3	9	2	3	5	4	5	7	5
Single Family	2	3	9	2	3	5	4	5	7	5
Mobile Homes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harris town										
TOTAL	1	2	2	1	3	3	3	4	3	2
Single Family	1	2	2	1	3	3	2	3	3	2
Mobile Homes	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Neshkoro town										
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Single Family	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Mobile Homes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newton town										
TOTAL	3	1	4	2	2	2	2	0	1	5
Single Family	3	1	4	2	2	2	2	0	1	5
Mobile Homes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oxford town										
TOTAL	3	3	3	3	4	1	5	7	3	4
Single Family	3	3	3	3	3	1	5	7	3	4
Mobile Homes	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Springfield town										
TOTAL	4	3	3	4	0	3	3	6	5	1
Single Family	4	3	3	4	0	3	3	6	5	1
Mobile Homes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Westfield town										
TOTAL	3	4	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	2
Single Family	3	4	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	2
Mobile Homes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Source: Demographic Services Center, WI Dept. of Administration



Across the past full decade, the Census Bureau enumerated 74 fewer households (-1%) living in the district. The percentage of owner-occupied and renter-occupied units remained mostly the same with a slight growth in owner-occupied units and a slight decline in renter-occupied units. The average household size slipped slightly (-.05%) and the number of households with children declined by 53 households or a decrease of 5.6%.

Table 5-B
Housing Unit and Household Changes, 2010-2020
School District of Westfield

	Housing Units	Occupied Units (Households)	Percent Occupied	Owner Occupied	Renter Occupied	Percent Owner	Percent Renter	Average Household Size	Households with Children
Census 2010	6,020	3,955	65.7%	3,226	729	82%	18%	2.31	944
Census 2020	5,946	3,972	66.8%	3,253	719	82%	18%	2.26	891
Change	-74	17	1.1%	27	-10	0%	0%	-0.05	-53

Source: U.S. Census Bureau



Projection Method

To generate school enrollment projections, we rely on a common demographic technique called the “cohort survival method,” also referred to as the “grade progression ratio method” when applied in an educational setting. This method advances current students through the school system over time and applies rates of transfer (or “survival”) as the students who are now in school age from year to year and grade to grade. It is through these rates of transfer that we make assumptions about how migration into and out of the district and transfers to and from private schools or home schooling will impact future enrollment. To project incoming 4K and 5K students, we gather data on births from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and assume that, based on recent historical patterns, a certain percentage of the children born to mothers residing in the school district area will enroll in the kindergarten programs four to five years later.

Grade Progression Ratios

To predict future enrollment under different growth assumptions, three sets of grade progression ratios are calculated:

- Baseline averages ten years of progression ratios, with outlying ratios (those outside of one standard deviation of the mean) excluded;
- Five-Year Trend averages the past five years of progression ratios;
- Three-Year Trend averages the past three years of progression ratios.

Table 6 shows the grade progression ratios for the district.

TABLE 6
Grade Progression Ratios
School District of Westfield

Year-to-Year	B:5K	5K:1	1:2	2:3	3:4	4:5	5:6	6:7	7:8	8:9	9:10	10:11	11:12
2016-17 / 2017-18	0.700	1.068	1.049	1.029	0.943	1.132	1.170	1.074	0.956	1.097	0.873	0.928	0.905
2017-18 / 2018-19	0.841	0.968	0.957	1.012	0.901	1.048	1.081	0.984	1.103	1.169	0.886	0.871	0.922
2018-19 / 2019-20	0.825	1.039	1.016	0.922	1.092	1.063	1.023	0.946	0.984	1.021	0.855	0.871	1.000
2019-20 / 2020-21	0.747	0.961	0.975	0.903	0.916	1.011	0.941	1.101	1.034	1.233	0.878	0.846	0.885
2020-21 / 2021-22	0.869	1.206	1.081	1.026	1.125	1.105	0.927	1.156	1.000	1.110	0.757	0.837	0.873
2021-22 / 2022-23	0.750	1.058	1.073	1.063	1.013	1.048	0.964	1.034	0.986	1.020	0.772	0.946	0.861
2022-23 / 2023-24	0.919	0.969	0.945	0.977	0.953	1.000	0.955	1.086	1.000	1.123	0.920	0.923	1.000
2023-24 / 2024-25	0.898	0.986	1.000	1.058	1.023	0.963	1.000	1.063	1.000	1.141	0.756	0.946	1.000
2024-25 / 2025-26	0.718	0.932	0.986	1.032	0.973	0.989	1.013	1.013	0.940	1.011	0.857	0.919	0.989
Baseline	0.807	1.007	1.005	1.022	0.981	1.026	0.997	1.062	0.994	1.128	0.870	0.903	0.925
Five-Year Trend	0.831	1.030	1.017	1.031	1.017	1.021	0.972	1.070	0.985	1.081	0.812	0.914	0.944
Three-Year Trend	0.845	0.962	0.977	1.023	0.983	0.984	0.989	1.054	0.980	1.092	0.844	0.929	0.996

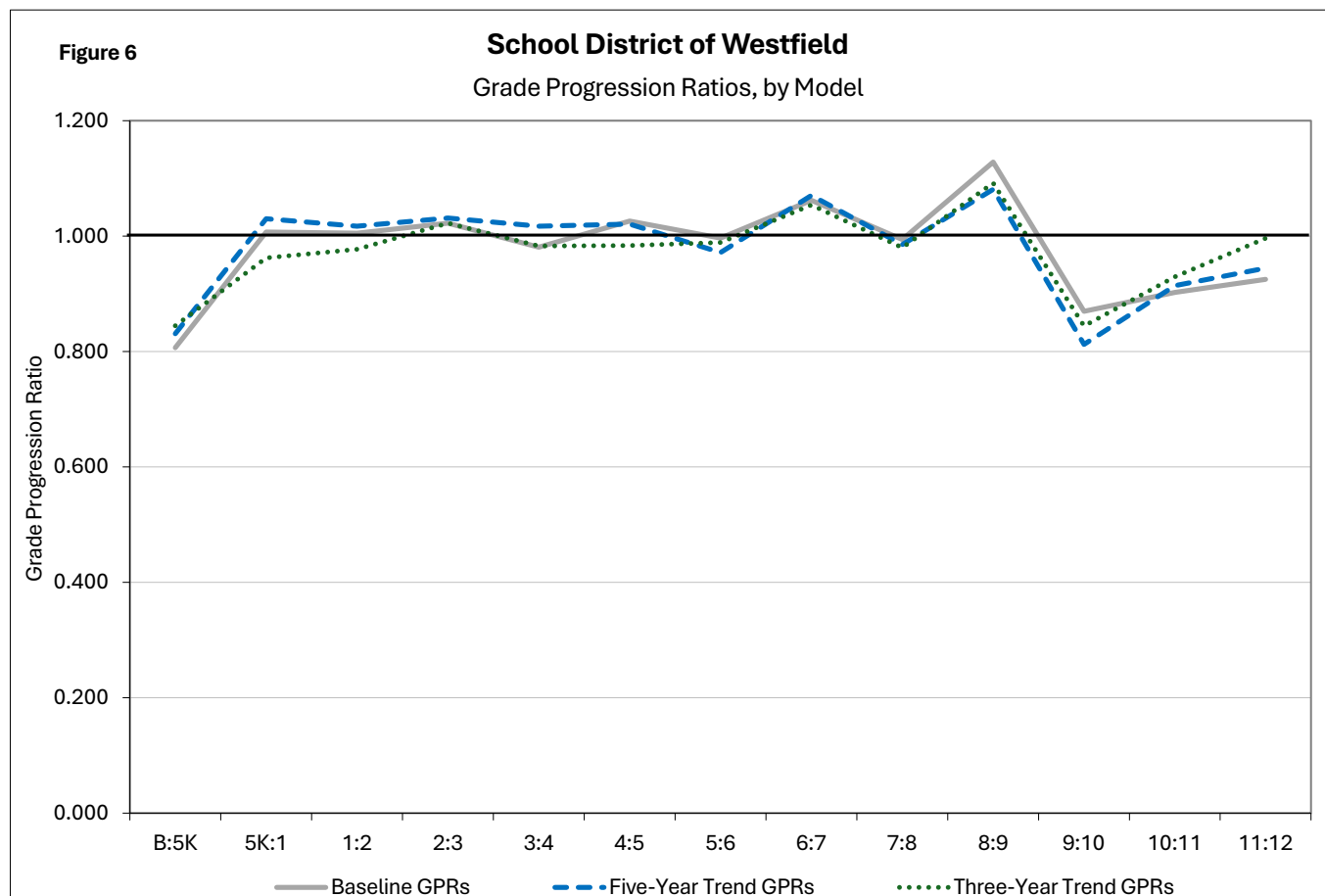
*Shaded progression ratios are excluded from the Baseline Average



As examples, the grade progression ratios can be interpreted in the following manner:

- The Five-Year ratio for 8:9 is 1.081. This means that, in the School District of Westfield over the past ten years, ninth grade has been on average approximately 8% larger than eighth-grade of the previous year.
- The Three-Year Trend ratio for B:5K is .845. This means that, over the past three years, 84.5% of area births on average attend kindergarten in the district.

Figure 6 illustrates the patterns among these three grade progression ratio averages. With a few exceptions, the progression ratios are at or above 1.0, indicating that class sizes in the district tend to increase as class cohorts progress through their schooling.



Given that the School District of Westfield has had a 4K program for many years, Baseline, Five-Year and Three-Year trends may be calculated that relate births to 4K enrollment.

Table 7 shows the observed progression ratios between births and 4K and between 4K and 5K. The same three grade progression techniques are applied similar to the 5K through 12th grade progressions. The 4K:5K ratios indicate that 5K classes are on average 20% larger than the preceding 4K class. The 4K:5K ratios are not used in the projections' calculations.

TABLE 7
4K Grade Progression Ratios
School District of Westfield

Year-to-Year	B:4K	4K:5K
2016-17 / 2017-18	0.853	1.086
2017-18 / 2018-19	0.761	0.987
2018-19 / 2019-20	0.725	1.085
2019-20 / 2020-21	0.529	1.030
2020-21 / 2021-22	0.656	1.643
2021-22 / 2022-23	0.766	1.143
2022-23 / 2023-24	0.676	1.200
2023-24 / 2024-25	0.666	1.327
2024-25 / 2025-26	0.652	1.077
Baseline	0.700	1.117
Five-Year Trend	0.683	1.278
Three-Year Trend	0.665	1.201

*Shaded progression ratios are excluded
from the Baseline Average



District Enrollment Projections

When considering all of the projections provided in this report for decision-making, it is important to recognize that population projections of all types, including school enrollment projections, are more accurate in the immediate future than they are farther into the future. This is especially true for grades 4K-5, because many of the students who may enroll in 4K starting in 2030-31 or 5K in 2030-31 have not yet been born, and those under age four have not yet entered the school system for the most part. Overall, our projections are more reliable over the next five years (through the 2030-31 school year) than they are in the latter half of the next decade.

Baseline Projection

The Baseline model (Table 8) projects enrollments using the assumption that relatively long-term progression ratios, year to year and grade to grade, will continue, as well as the longer-range trend in births. This model projects that 4K-12th enrollment in the School District of Westfield will decrease in the next five years, from 1,011 students in 2025-26 to 965 in 2030-31, a decline of 46 students or a 4.5% decrease. The model then predicts continued decreases through 2035-36.

TABLE 8
Baseline Projection Model
School District of Westfield

GRADE	SCHOOL YEAR									
	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35	2035-36
4K	54	53	58	56	54	53	52	51	51	50
5K	62	62	61	67	65	62	61	60	59	59
1	56	62	63	61	67	65	62	61	61	60
2	68	57	63	63	62	68	66	62	62	61
3	72	70	58	64	65	63	69	67	64	63
4	63	70	69	57	63	63	62	68	66	63
5	73	64	72	70	58	64	65	64	70	68
6	87	73	64	72	70	58	64	65	63	70
7	84	92	77	68	76	74	62	68	69	67
8	81	83	92	77	68	76	74	61	68	68
9	71	91	94	103	87	76	86	84	69	76
10	77	62	79	82	90	75	67	74	73	60
11	81	70	56	71	74	81	68	60	67	66
12	53	75	65	52	66	68	75	63	56	62
TOTAL	982	984	971	963	965	946	933	908	898	893
5K-12	928	931	913	907	911	893	881	857	847	843
5K-5	394	385	386	382	380	385	385	382	382	374
6-8	252	248	233	217	214	208	200	194	200	205
9-12	282	298	294	308	317	300	296	281	265	264



Five-Year Trend Projection

The Five-Year Trend model (Table 9) uses the district's average grade progression ratios for the five most recent years and the shorter-range trend in births to produce projected students. Applying these recent progression rates and birth trends, 4K-12th enrollment in the School District of Westfield is projected to decrease over the next five years, from 1,011 students in 2025-26 to 966 in 2030-31, a decline of 45 students or 4.5% decrease. The model then predicts continued decreases through 2035-36.

TABLE 9
Five-Year Trend Projection Model
School District of Westfield

GRADE	SCHOOL YEAR									
	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35	2035-36
4K	53	52	57	56	55	55	55	55	55	55
5K	64	64	63	69	68	66	66	66	67	67
1	58	66	66	65	71	70	68	68	68	69
2	69	59	67	67	66	72	72	69	70	70
3	72	71	60	69	69	68	74	74	72	72
4	65	73	73	62	70	71	69	76	75	73
5	72	66	75	74	63	71	72	71	77	77
6	85	70	65	73	72	61	69	70	69	75
7	85	90	75	69	78	77	65	74	75	73
8	80	83	89	74	68	77	76	64	73	74
9	68	86	90	96	80	74	83	82	70	79
10	72	55	70	73	78	65	60	68	67	57
11	82	66	51	64	67	72	60	55	62	61
12	54	78	62	48	61	63	68	56	52	58
TOTAL	979	979	963	959	966	962	957	948	952	960
5K-12	926	927	906	903	911	907	902	893	897	905
5K-5	400	399	404	406	407	418	421	424	429	428
6-8	250	243	229	216	218	215	210	208	217	222
9-12	276	285	273	281	286	274	271	261	251	255



Three-Year Trend Projection

The Three-Year Trend model (Table 10) uses the district's average grade progression ratios for the last three years and the shorter-range trend in births to produce projected students. For the Three-Year Trend model, 4K-12th enrollment in the School District of Westfield is projected to decrease from 1,011 students in 2025-26 to 923 in 2030-31, a decline of 88 students or 8.7% decrease. The model then predicts continued decreases through 2035-36.

TABLE 10
Three-Year Trend Projection Model
School District of Westfield

GRADE	SCHOOL YEAR									
	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35	2035-36
4K	51	50	55	55	53	53	53	53	53	53
5K	65	65	64	70	69	67	67	68	68	68
1	54	62	63	62	67	67	65	65	65	65
2	66	53	61	61	60	66	65	63	63	64
3	72	68	54	62	63	61	67	67	65	65
4	63	70	67	53	61	62	60	66	66	64
5	70	62	69	66	52	60	61	59	65	65
6	86	69	61	68	65	51	60	60	59	64
7	83	91	73	65	72	69	54	63	63	62
8	79	82	89	71	63	71	67	53	62	62
9	69	87	89	97	78	69	77	73	58	67
10	75	58	73	75	82	66	58	65	62	49
11	84	70	54	68	70	76	61	54	61	58
12	57	83	70	54	68	70	76	61	54	60
TOTAL	974	970	942	927	923	908	891	870	864	866
5K-12	923	920	887	872	870	855	838	817	811	813
5K-5	390	380	378	374	372	383	385	388	392	391
6-8	248	242	223	204	200	191	181	176	184	188
9-12	285	298	286	294	298	281	272	253	235	234



Kindergarten Trend Projection

For this method we perform a trend analysis to project the number of future 5K kindergarten students. Rather than relying upon the birth-to-5K progression ratios used in the previous three models, the kindergarten enrollment of the past ten years is trended forward. Then, the Five-Year Trend grade progression ratios are used for projecting the other grades (4K and 1-12) in the district. Thus, this model assumes that the number of new kindergarteners each year over the next decade will continue to follow a trend like that of kindergarten enrollment over the last decade, regardless of the number of observed births in the school district area.

According to this projection method (Table 11), 4K-12th enrollment in the School District of Westfield is projected to decrease over the next five years from 1,011 students in 2025-26 to 936 in 2030-31, a decline of 75 students or 7.4% decrease. The model then predicts continuing decreases through 2035-36.

TABLE 11
Kindergarten Trend Projection Model
School District of Westfield

GRADE	SCHOOL YEAR									
	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35	2035-36
4K	53	52	57	56	55	55	55	55	55	55
5K	63	61	60	58	56	55	53	51	50	48
1	58	65	63	62	60	58	56	55	53	51
2	69	59	66	64	63	61	59	57	56	54
3	72	71	60	68	66	65	63	61	59	57
4	65	73	73	62	69	67	66	64	62	60
5	72	66	75	74	63	71	69	67	65	63
6	85	70	65	73	72	61	69	67	65	63
7	85	90	75	69	78	77	65	74	72	70
8	80	83	89	74	68	77	76	64	73	71
9	68	86	90	96	80	74	83	82	70	78
10	72	55	70	73	78	65	60	68	67	57
11	82	66	51	64	67	72	60	55	62	61
12	54	78	62	48	61	63	68	56	52	58
TOTAL	978	975	956	941	936	921	902	876	861	846
5K-12	925	923	899	885	881	866	847	821	806	791
5K-5	399	395	397	388	377	377	366	355	345	333
6-8	250	243	229	216	218	215	210	205	210	204
9-12	276	285	273	281	286	274	271	261	251	254



Comparison of District-Level Projection Models

Figures 7-10 and accompanying Tables 12-15 compare the four enrollment projection models by total 4K-12th grades and broken down by current grade groupings.

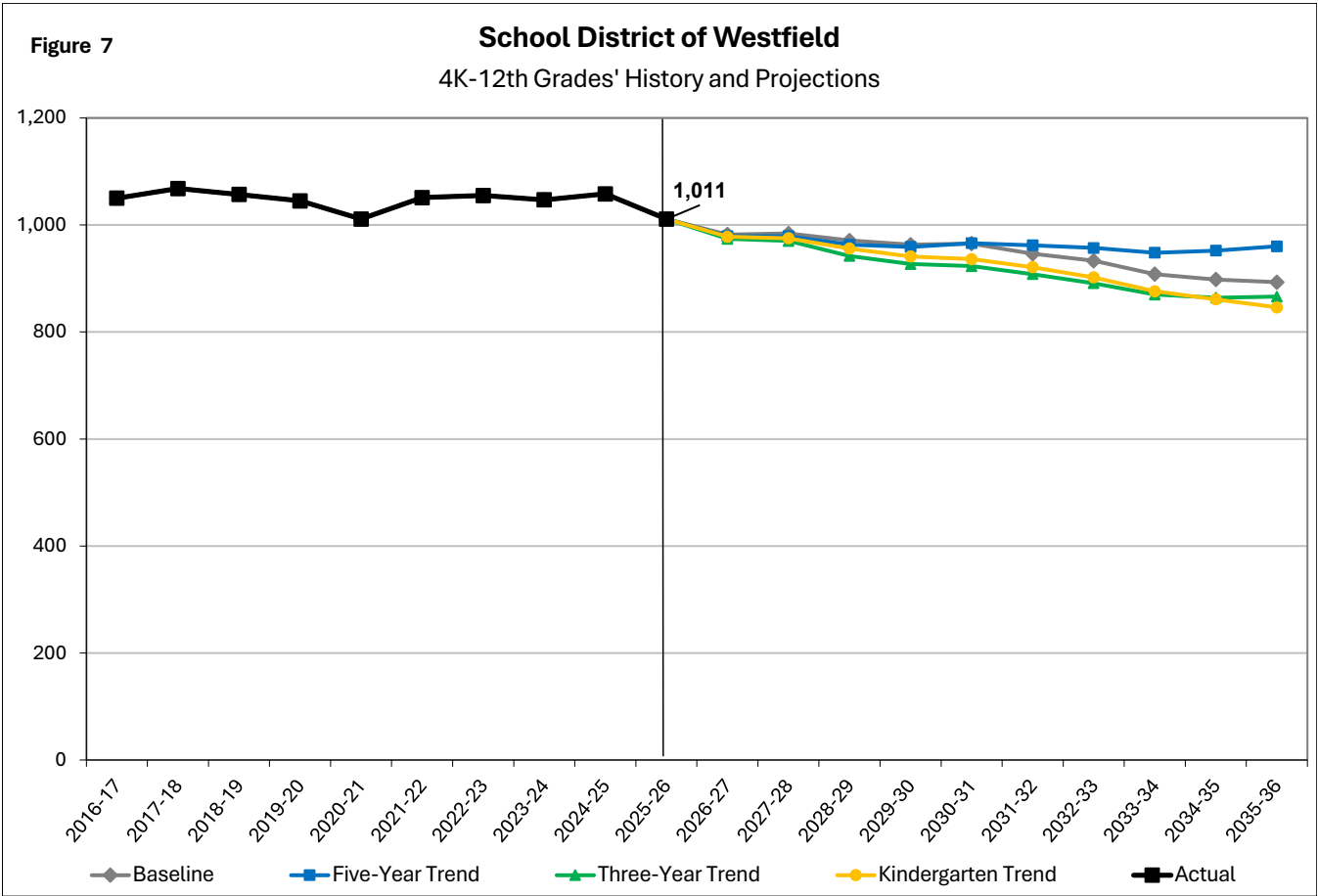


TABLE 12
Summary of 4K-12 Projections
School District of Westfield

	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35	2035-36
Baseline	982	984	971	963	965	946	933	908	898	893
Five-Year Trend	979	979	963	959	966	962	957	948	952	960
Three-Year Trend	974	970	942	927	923	908	891	870	864	866
Kindergarten Trend	978	975	956	941	936	921	902	876	861	846

From the 2025-26 enrollment of 1,011, all models show a steady decline over time. The models predict a range of 4K-12th students in five years from 923 to 966. Beyond 2030-31, the models project continued declining enrollment in the latter half of the decade with the Five-Year Trend showing less of a decline.

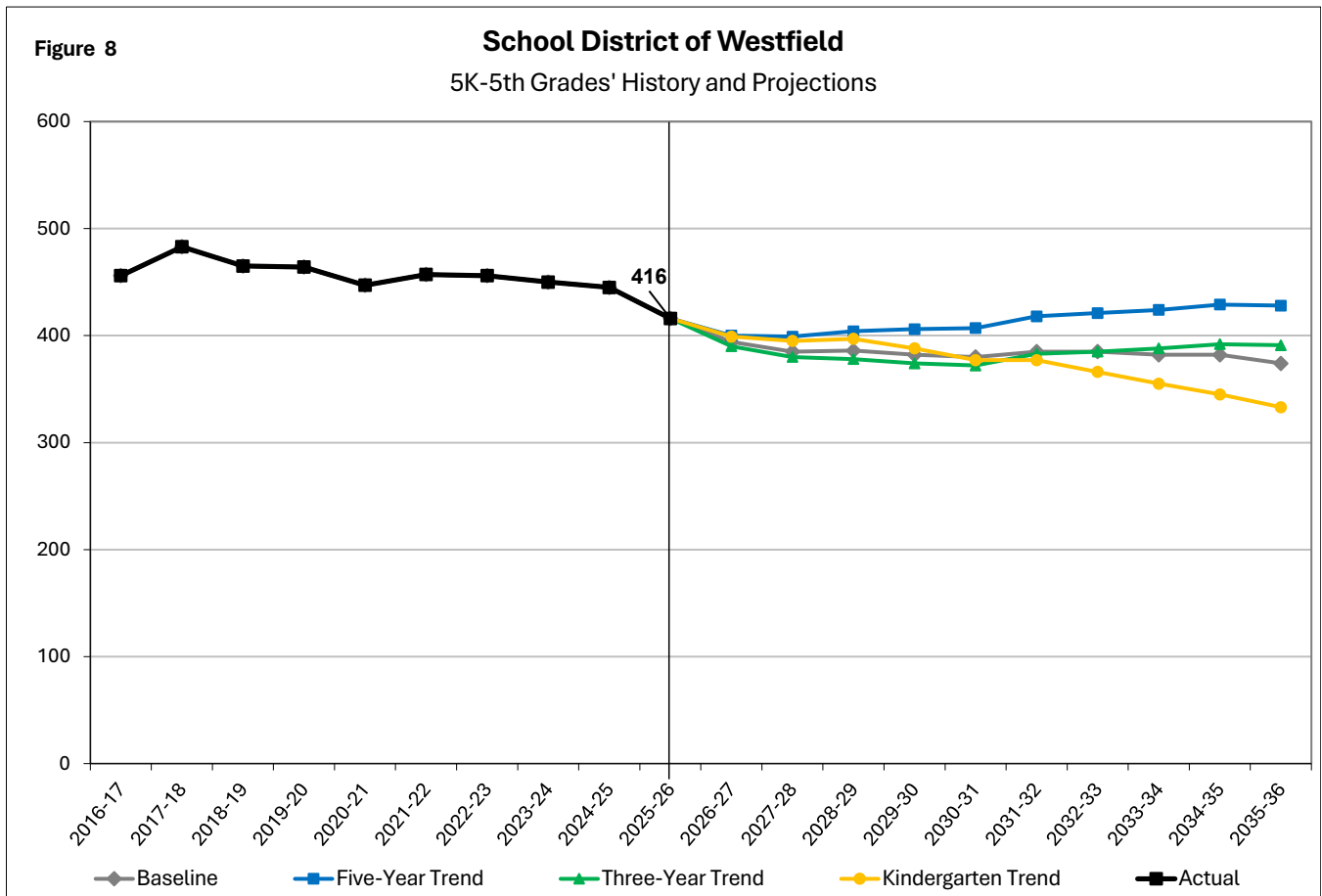


TABLE 13
Summary of 5K-5 Projections
School District of Westfield

	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35	2035-36
Baseline	394	385	386	382	380	385	385	382	382	374
Five-Year Trend	400	399	404	406	407	418	421	424	429	428
Three-Year Trend	390	380	378	374	372	383	385	388	392	391
Kindergarten Trend	399	395	397	388	377	377	366	355	345	333

From the 5K-5th grades' 2025-26 enrollment of 416, the Five-Year Trend model projects a smaller decrease in enrollment than the other three models. The projections suggest that elementary school enrollment will range from 372 to 407 in five years. Beyond 2030-31, the projects models show decline except the Five-Year Trend which shows a slight increase.



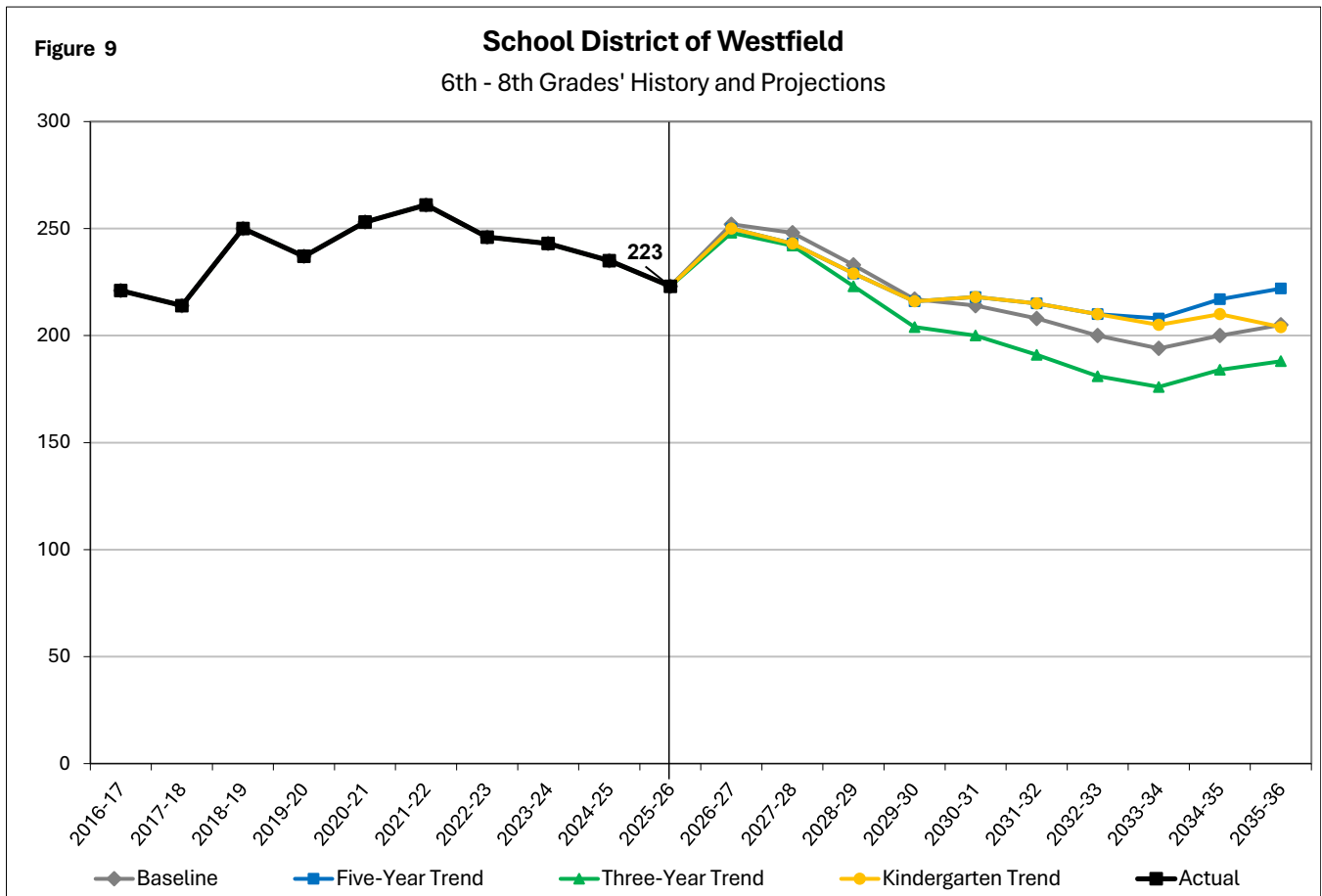


TABLE 14
Summary of 6-8 Projections
School District of Westfield

	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35	2035-36
Baseline	252	248	233	217	214	208	200	194	200	205
Five-Year Trend	250	243	229	216	218	215	210	208	217	222
Three-Year Trend	248	242	223	204	200	191	181	176	184	188
Kindergarten Trend	250	243	229	216	218	215	210	205	210	204

From the 6th-8th grades' 2025-26 enrollment of 223, the projections indicate an increase in enrollment next year followed by decline. The projections suggest that middle school enrollment will range from 200 to 218 in five years. Beyond 2030-31, the models show enrollment decreases followed by increases later in the decade.



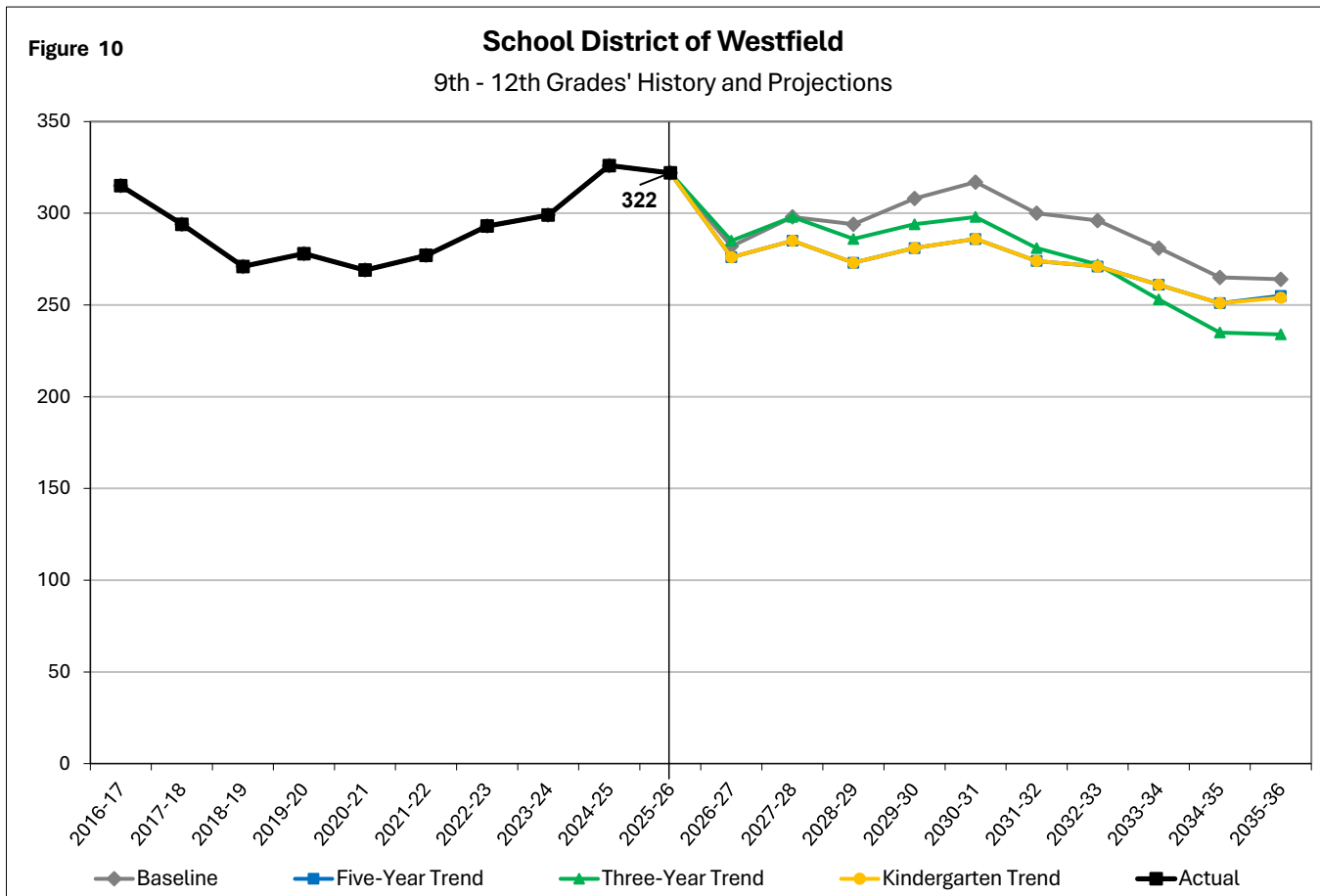


TABLE 15
Summary of 9-12 Projections
School District of Westfield

	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35	2035-36
Baseline	282	298	294	308	317	300	296	281	265	264
Five-Year Trend	276	285	273	281	286	274	271	261	251	255
Three-Year Trend	285	298	286	294	298	281	272	253	235	234
Kindergarten Trend	276	285	273	281	286	274	271	261	251	254

From the 9th-12th grades' 2025-26 enrollment of 322, the models predict that the number of high school students will decline next year followed by slight increases. The projections suggest a range of 286 to 317 in five years. Beyond 2030-31, all models project continued decline.



Conclusions

These district enrollment projections are based on models that incorporate past and current demographic information and the district's own enrollment data. Because most students in the district's schools over the next few years have already been born or are already in school, and because their grade progression from one year to another is reasonably predictable, the total projections should be viewed as having high accuracy over the next few years. After a few years, and increasingly for the lower elementary grades, actual enrollment figures will likely deviate from these projections by ever-increasing amounts. The reason for this divergence is that birth trends and migration of pre-school and school-aged children are more difficult to predict, making meaningful incorporation into enrollment projections a challenge. As with nearly all types of forecasts, accuracy in these enrollment projections decreases over time.

Because the projections found in this report incorporate the consequences of migration to and from the district, any significant and sustained change to current or recent migration patterns will erode these models' accuracy from the initiation point of the new pattern. With the number of births and 5K enrollment decreasing, the models that rely on birth trends to project future students (Baseline, Five-Year, Three-Year trend models) project a slight decrease in enrollment, while the Kindergarten Trend projections show more significant decline in enrollment.

In sum, these enrollment projections point to the School District of Westfield experiencing enrollment decline over the next five years. In particular:

- Overall 4K-12th grade enrollment, at 1,011 in 2025-26, is projected to range from 923 to 966 in five years (2030-31 school year), a numeric decrease of 88 to 45 students or -8.7% to -4.5%.
- The elementary school enrollment is projected to range from 372 to 407 in five years, a numeric decrease of 44 to 9 students or -11% to -2%.
- The middle school classes are projected to range from 200 to 218 in five years, a numeric decrease of 23 to 5 students or -10% to -2%.
- The high school classes are projected to range from 286 to 317 in five years, a numeric decrease of 36 to 5 students or -11% to -2%.

