



New England School Development Council

**SAU #39 Amherst
Amherst, NH**

**School Year 2025-26 Enrollment Projection Report
Grades PK - 8**

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Amherst, NH 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 9 students of the K-8 total, 1,278 students projected vs. 1,269 enrolled. A variance of 15 students occurred at Grade 1, 153 projected vs. 138 enrolled. Ratios have been adjusted.

Births increased by 8 from a previous ten-year average of 85 to a projected average of 93. 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 48 students per year.

Over the next three years, Grades K-4 enrollments are projected to increase by 45 students, Grades 5-6 enrollments are projected to increase by 11 students, and Grades 7-8 enrollments are projected to decrease by 38 students, as students move through the grades.



Historical Enrollment

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Historical Enrollment By Grade														
Birth Year	Births*	School Year	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		PK-8
2010	83	2015-16	36	96	119	130	124	119	130	137	172	185		1248
2011	83	2016-17	33	125	121	128	138	128	129	137	176	169		1251
2012	80	2017-18	35	108	138	116	132	143	136	142	174	185		1274
2013	89	2018-19	33	126	122	140	123	137	148	144	166	179		1285
2014	68	2019-20	39	97	142	128	140	139	138	154	168	163		1269
2015	84	2020-21	19	109	104	144	125	143	129	134	185	164		1237
2016	93	2021-22	37	117	121	122	146	128	149	134	178	187		1282
2017	92	2022-23	46	121	140	132	123	157	138	152	170	182		1315
2018	80	2023-24	58	107	135	137	131	129	153	136	184	172		1284
2019	97	2024-25	30	137	113	137	133	127	124	152	174	184		1281
2020	89	2025-26	34	120	138	117	139	137	128	122	187	181		1269
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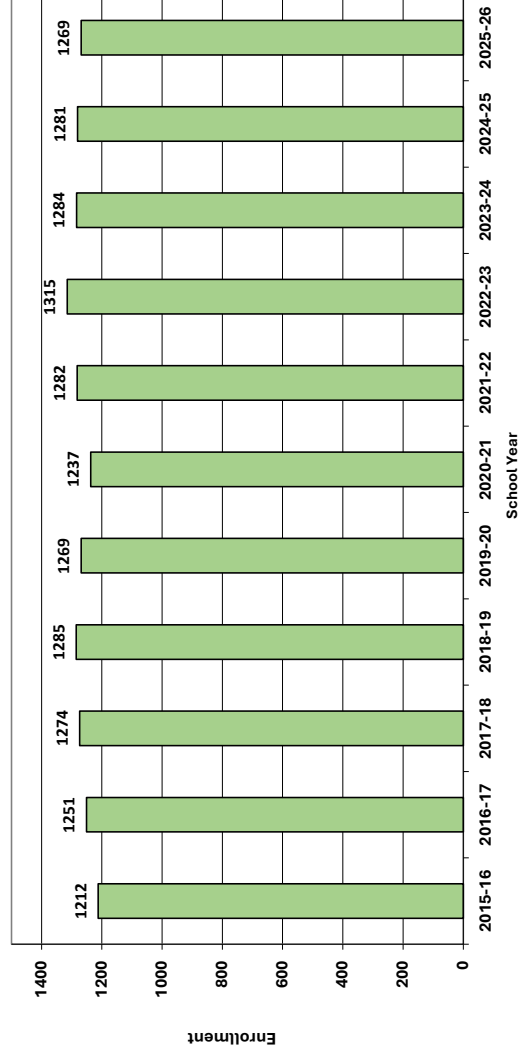
*Birth data provided by Public Health Vital Records Departments in each state.

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Historical Enrollment in Grade Combinations														
School Year	PK-4	PK-6	K-6	5-8	K-8	PK-8	7-8	5-6	Historical Percentage Changes					
									School Year	K-8	Diff.	%		
2015-16	624	588	891	855	624	1212	1248	357	2015-16	1212				
2016-17	673	640	939	906	611	1251	1284	345	2016-17	1251	39	3.2%		
2017-18	672	637	950	915	637	1274	1309	359	2017-18	1274	23	1.8%		
2018-19	681	648	973	940	637	1285	1318	345	2018-19	1285	11	0.9%		
2019-20	685	646	977	936	623	1269	1308	331	2019-20	1269	-16	-1.2%		
2020-21	644	625	907	888	612	1237	1256	349	2020-21	1237	-32	-2.5%		
2021-22	671	634	954	917	648	1282	1319	365	2021-22	1282	45	3.6%		
2022-23	719	673	1009	963	642	1315	1361	352	2022-23	1315	33	2.6%		
2023-24	697	639	986	928	645	1284	1342	356	2023-24	1284	-31	-2.4%		
2024-25	677	647	953	923	634	1281	1311	358	2024-25	1281	-3	-0.2%		
2025-26	685	651	935	901	618	1269	1303	368	2025-26	1269	-12	-0.9%		
									Change		57	4.7%		



Grades K-8 Historical Enrollment





Projected Enrollment

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Enrollment Projections By Grade*													
Birth Year	Births*	School Year	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	PK-8
2020	89	2025-26	34	120	138	117	139	137	128	122	187	181	1269
2021	97	2026-27	34	131	127	142	116	142	138	127	151	190	1264
2022	106	2027-28	34	143	139	131	141	118	143	137	157	154	1263
2023	94	2028-29	34	127	152	143	130	144	119	142	170	160	1287
2024	79	2029-30	35	107	135	157	142	133	145	118	176	173	1286
2025	93	2030-31	35	126	113	139	156	145	134	144	146	179	1281
2026	94	2031-32	35	127	134	116	138	159	146	133	179	149	1282
2027	93	2032-33	35	126	135	138	115	141	160	145	165	182	1307
2028	91	2033-34	36	123	134	139	137	117	142	158	180	168	1298
2029	90	2034-35	36	122	130	138	138	140	118	141	196	183	1306
2030	92	2035-36	36	125	129	134	137	141	141	117	175	199	1298
2031	92	2036-37	36	125	129	134	137	141	141	117	175	199	1298

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

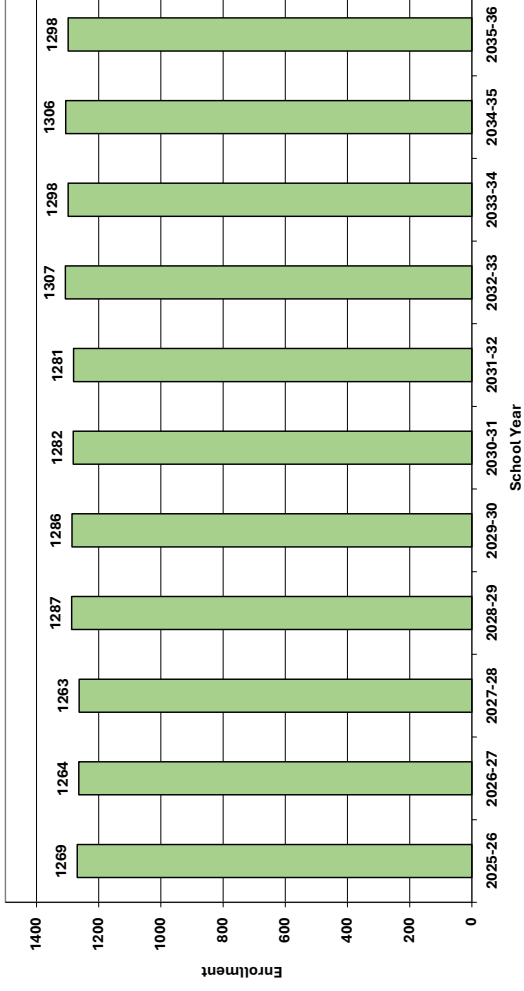
Projected Enrollment in Grade Combinations*										
School Year	PK-4	K-4	PK-6	K-6	5-8	K-8	PK-8	7-8	5-6	
2025-26	685	651	935	901	618	1269	1303	368	250	
2026-27	692	658	957	923	606	1264	1298	341	265	
2027-28	706	672	966	952	591	1263	1297	311	260	
2028-29	730	696	961	957	591	1287	1321	330	261	
2029-30	709	674	972	937	612	1286	1321	349	263	
2030-31	714	679	982	957	603	1282	1317	325	278	
2031-32	709	674	988	953	607	1281	1316	328	279	
2032-33	690	655	995	960	652	1307	1342	347	305	
2033-34	688	650	986	950	648	1298	1334	348	300	
2034-35	704	668	963	927	638	1306	1342	379	259	
2035-36	702	666	960	924	632	1298	1334	374	258	

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

Projected Percentage Changes				
School Year	K-8	Diff.	%	
2025-26	1269			
2026-27	1264	-5	-0.4%	
2027-28	1263	-1	-0.1%	
2028-29	1287	24	1.9%	
2029-30	1286	-1	-0.1%	
2030-31	1282	-4	-0.3%	
2031-32	1281	-1	-0.1%	
2032-33	1307	26	2.0%	
2033-34	1298	-9	-0.7%	
2034-35	1306	8	0.6%	
2035-36	1298	-8	-0.6%	
Change		29	2.3%	

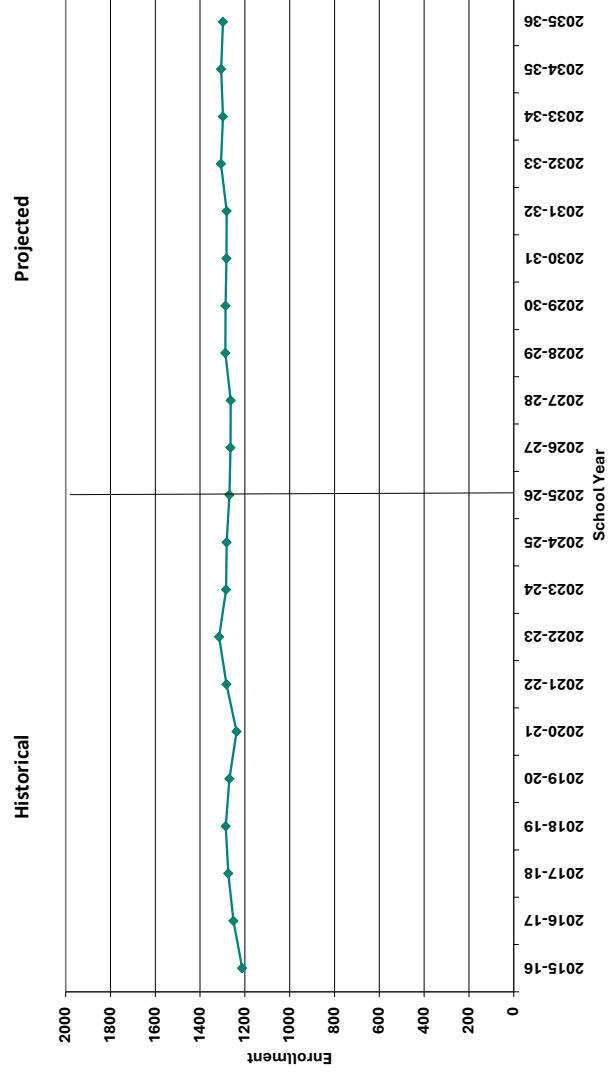


Grades K-8 Projected Enrollment





Grades K-8 Historical & Projected Enrollment



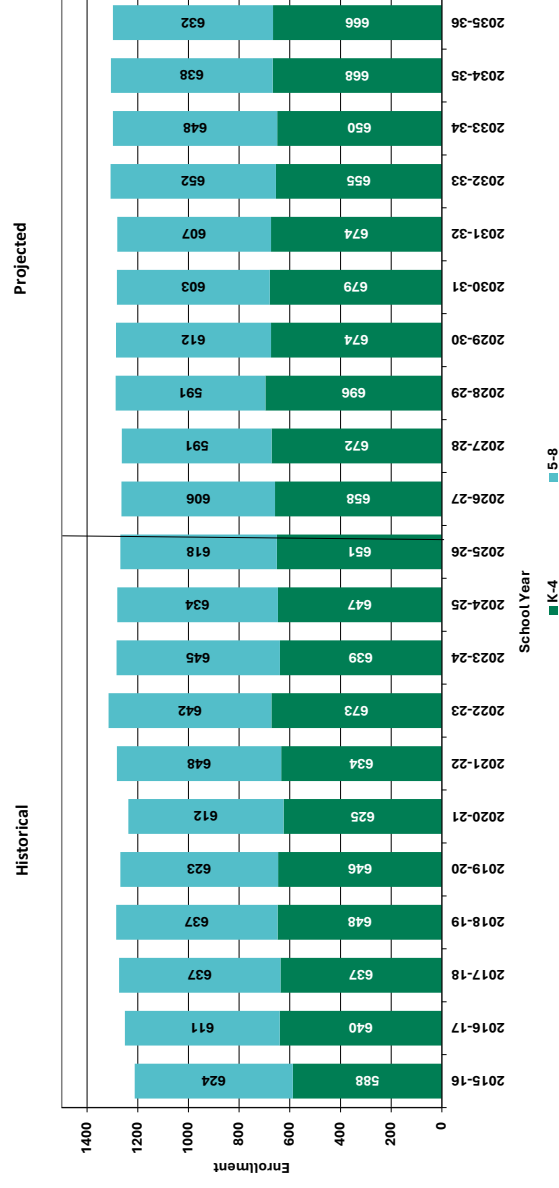


Historical & Projected Enrollment in Grade Combinations





Historical & Projected Enrollment in Grade Combinations



Birth to Kindergarten Relationship



	B 2010	B 2011	B 2012	B 2013	B 2014	B 2015	B 2016	B 2017	B 2018	B 2019	B 2020
Births	83	83	80	89	68	84	93	92	80	97	89
Kindergarten	96	125	108	126	97	109	117	121	107	137	120



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	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0
2022-23	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	18
2023-24	n/a	n/a	< 10 **	66	< 10 **	n/a
2024-25	n/a	n/a	11	72	< 10 **	n/a
2025-26	n/a	n/a	82	n/a	< 10 **	n/a

* Data provided by District.

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

** < 10 Not reported, to protect subgroups with fewer than 10 students.



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 **bom 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.