

# Trends in Enrollment Data

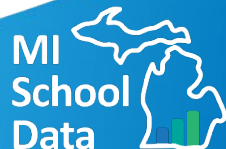
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# Road Map

- What's happening with enrollment trends?
- How has enrollment shifted?

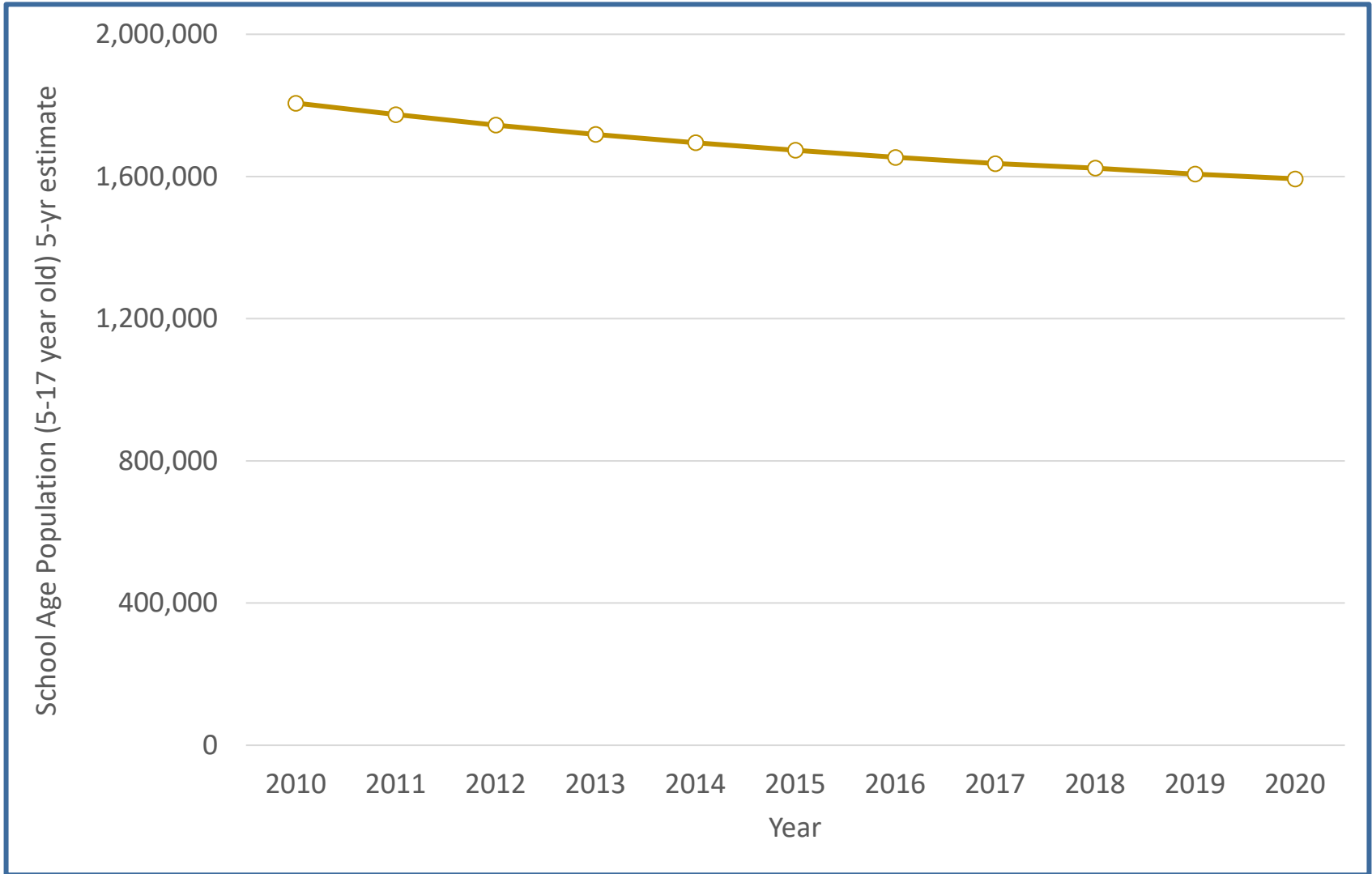
# What's happening with enrollment trends?



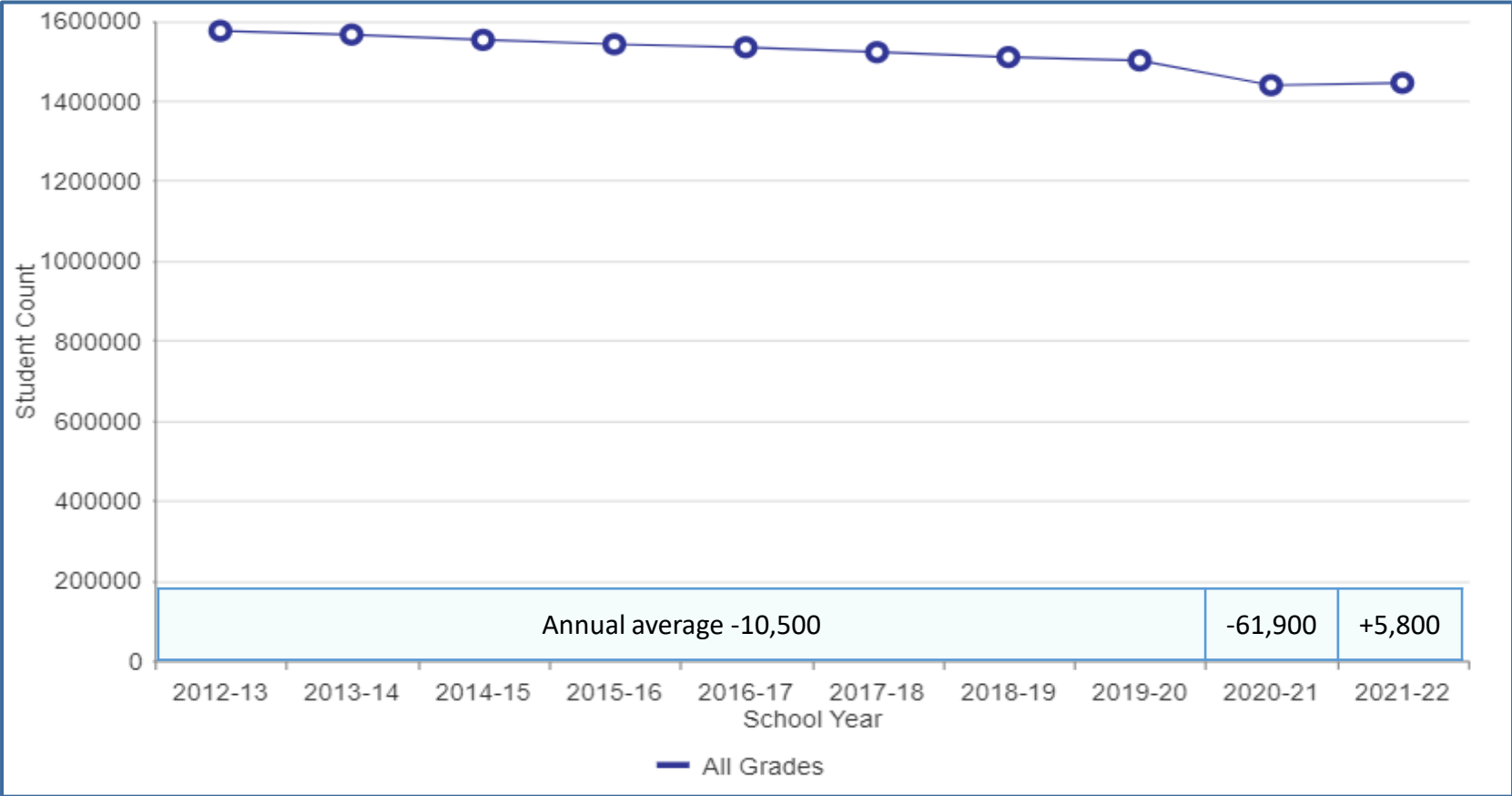
# Preview

- For more than a decade, broad demographic trends were mirrored in enrollment, which was gradually falling, on average, 0.8% each year.
- Fall 2020 saw the largest observed decline.
- Fall 2021 saw signs of recovery in some grades.
- Additional years of data are needed to identify a return to norms or the emergence of new patterns.

# Overall population of 5 to 17-year-olds

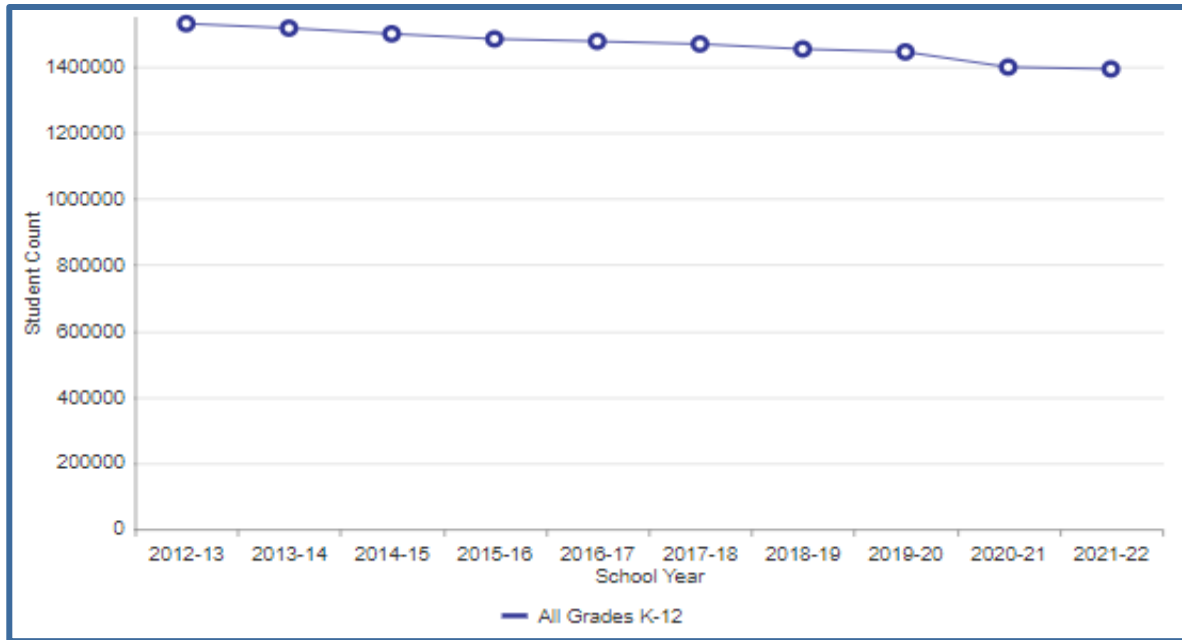


# Overall student enrollment



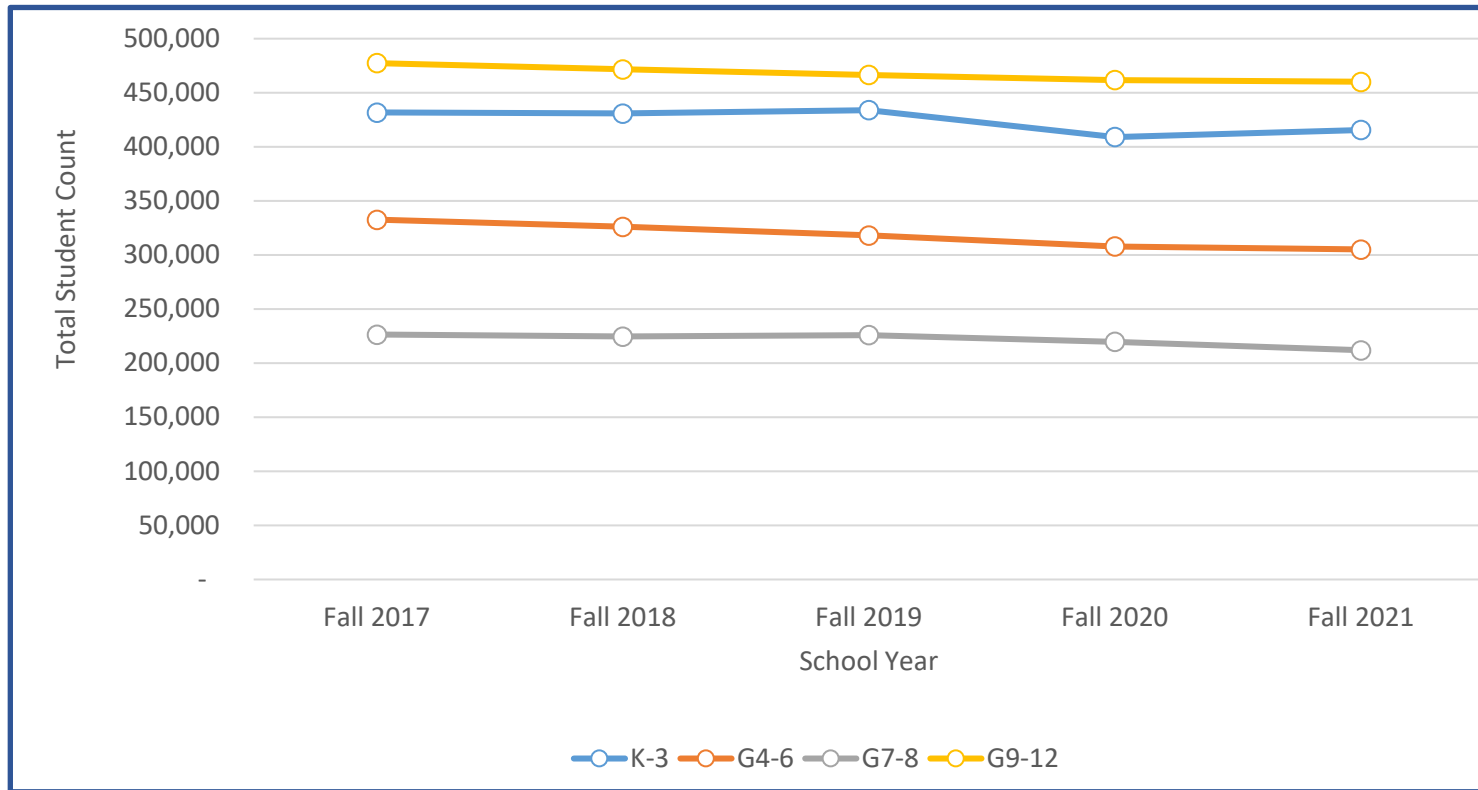
*Includes all students in PreK, K-12, and 18–26-year-old transitional special education services*

# K-12 enrollment



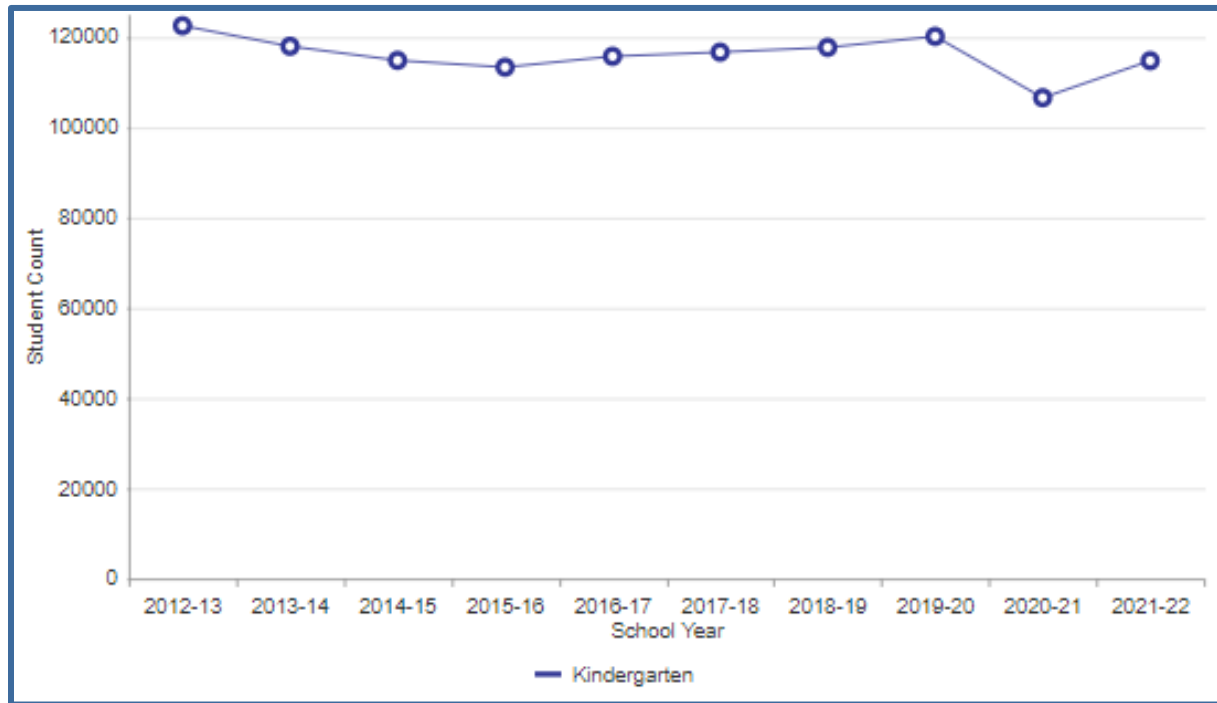
School Year	K-12 Fall Student Count	Change from Prior Year
2021-22	1,392,700	- 0.41%
2020-21	1,398,455	- 3.18%
2019-20	1,444,313	- 0.61%
2018-19	1,453,135	- 1.03%
2017-18	1,468,256	- 0.55%
2016-17	1,476,450	- 0.48%

# K-12 enrollment groups



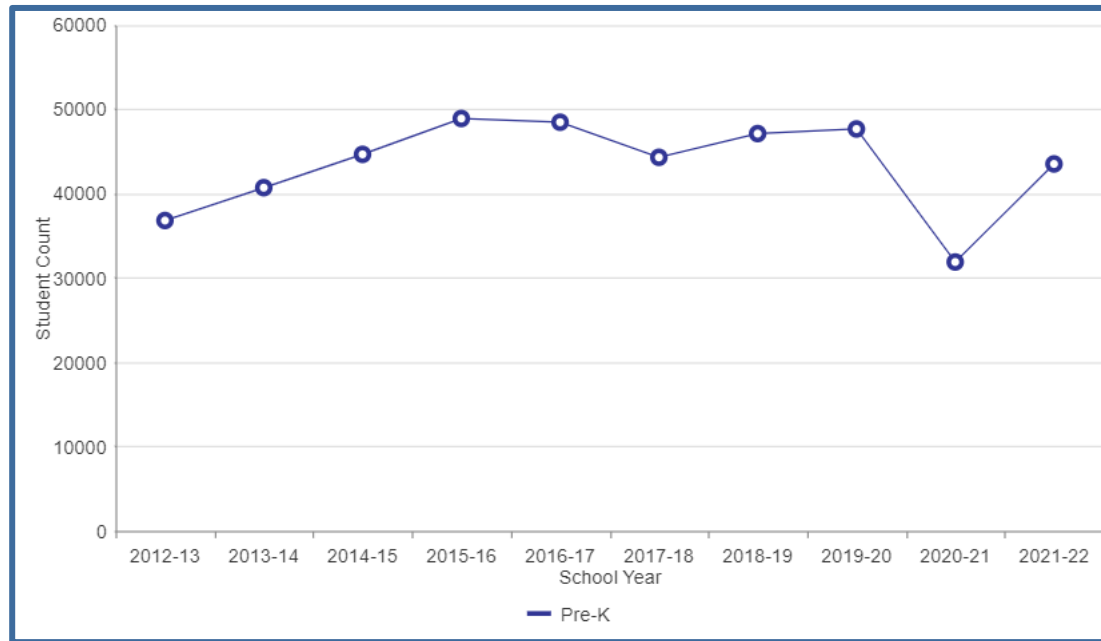
School Year	Grades K-3	Grades 4-6	Grades 7-8	Grades 9-12
Fall 2021	415,631	305,104	211,774	460,191
Fall 2020	409,150	307,810	219,670	461,825
Fall 2019	433,921	318,047	225,824	466,521
Fall 2018	430,863	326,072	224,500	471,700
Fall 2017	431,784	332,619	226,364	477,489

# Kindergarten enrollment



School Year	Fall Kindergarten Student Count	Change from Prior Year
2021-22	114,744	+ 7.70%
2020-21	106,539	- 11.32%
2019-20	120,133	+ 2.07%
2018-19	117,694	+ 0.91%
2017-18	116,636	+ 0.80%
2016-17	115,715	+ 2.13%

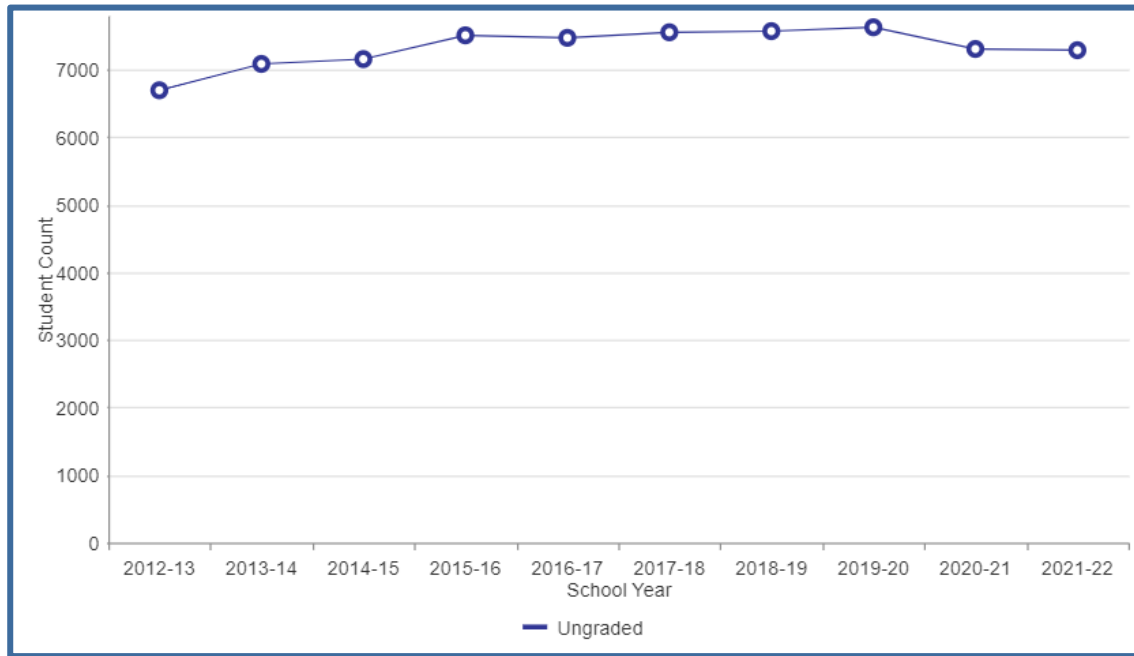
# Pre-kindergarten enrollment



School Year	Fall Pre-Kindergarten* Student Count	Change from Prior Year
2021-22	43,470	+ 36.47%
2020-21	31,853	- 33.10%
2019-20	47,614	+ 1.16%
2018-19	47,069	+ 6.35%
2017-18	44,258	- 8.59%
2016-17	48,416	- 0.90%

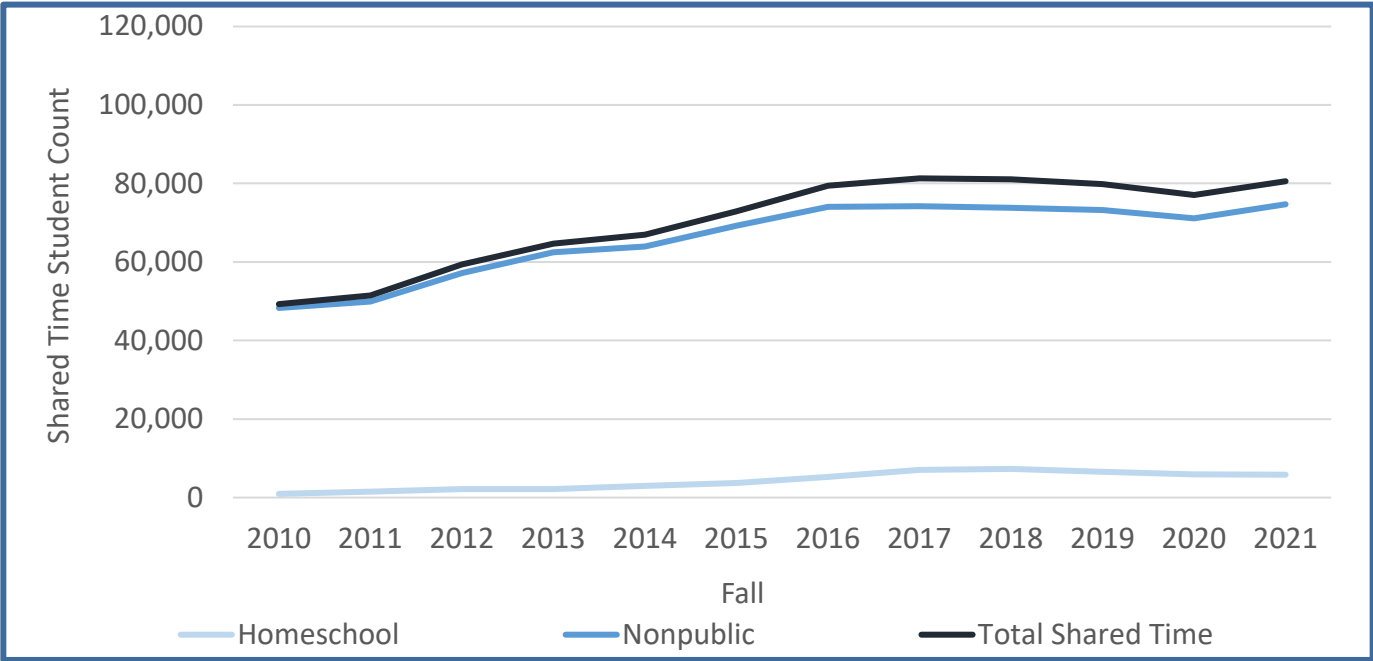
*PreK headcount includes GSRP, Head Start, GSRP/Head Start Blend, Title I preschool, Early Head Start, and school-based special education services*

# Special Ed Transition Services (18-26)



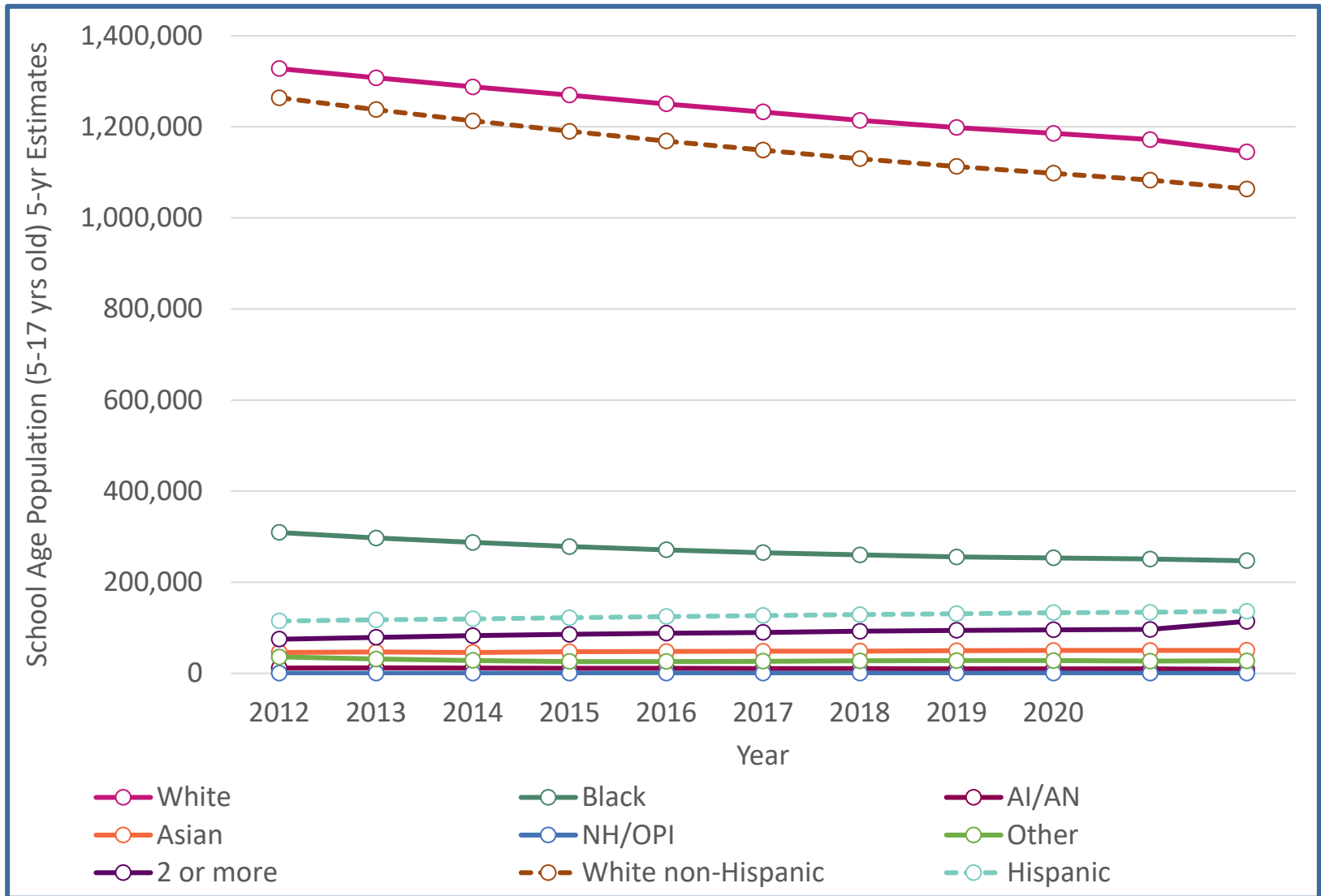
School Year	Special Ed Transition Services Student Count	Change from Prior Year
2021-22	7,286	- 0.25%
2020-21	7,304	- 4.21%
2019-20	7,625	+ 0.75%
2018-19	7,568	+ 0.23%
2017-18	7,551	+ 1.10%
2016-17	7,469	- 0.49%

# Shared-time enrollment

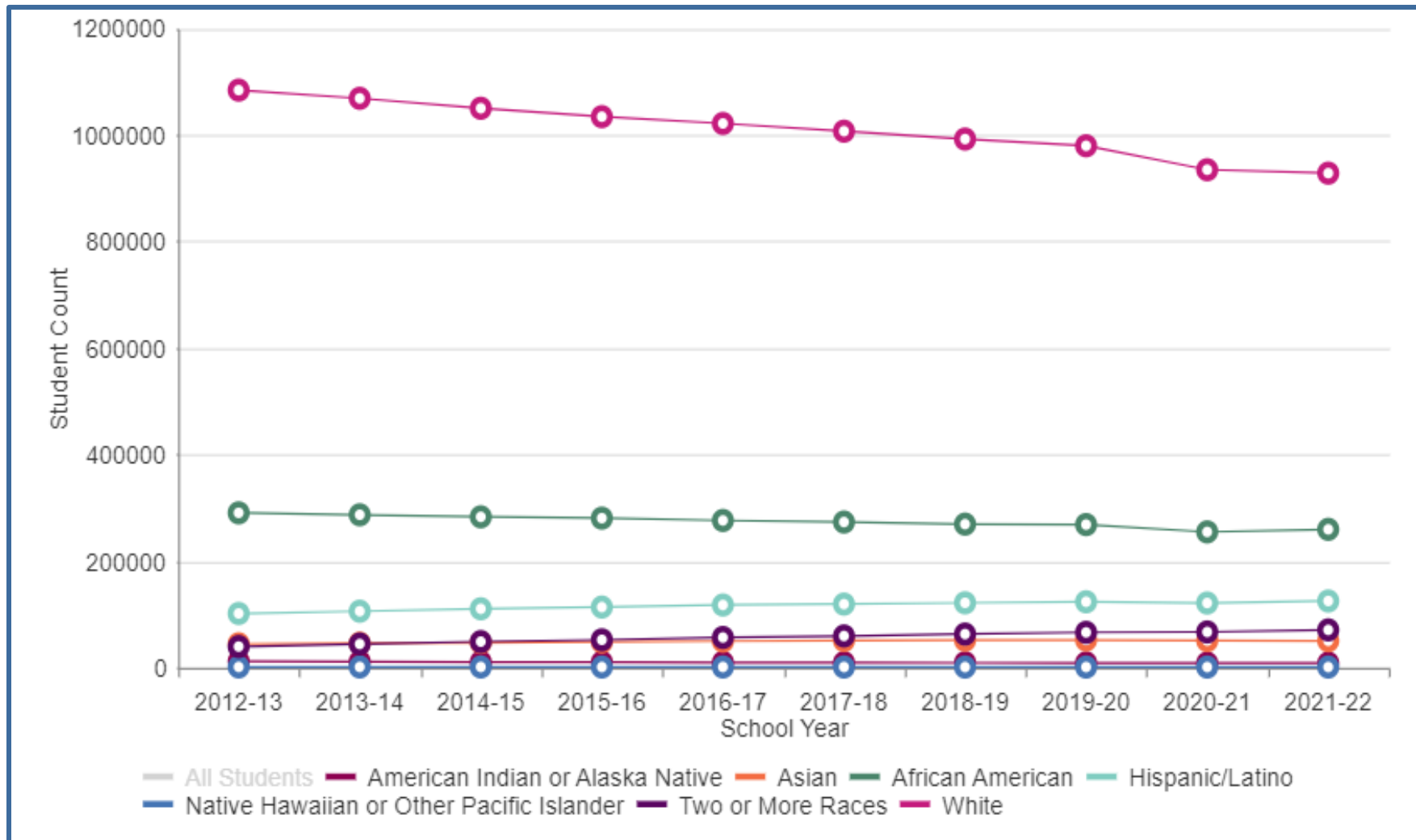


School Year	Total Shared Time Student Count	Change from Prior Year
2021-22	80,564	+ 4.57%
2020-21	77,043	- 3.49%
2019-20	79,827	- 1.56%
2018-19	81,093	- 0.29%
2017-18	81,327	+ 2.44%
2016-17	79,391	

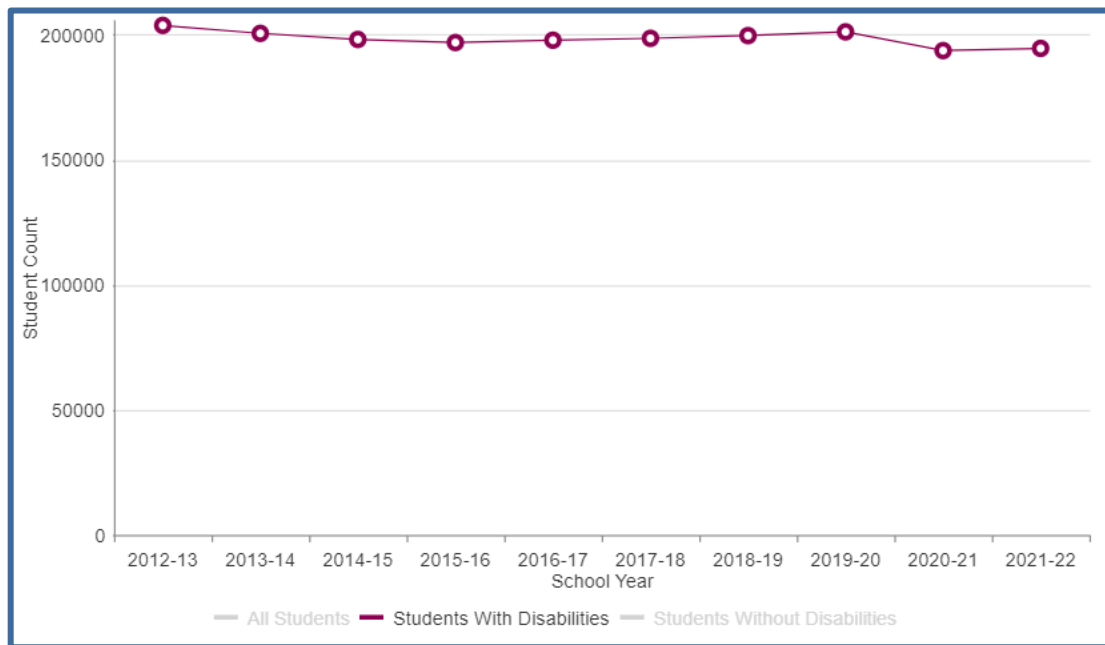
# Census Race/Ethnicity of 5 to 17-year-olds



# Students by Race/Ethnicity

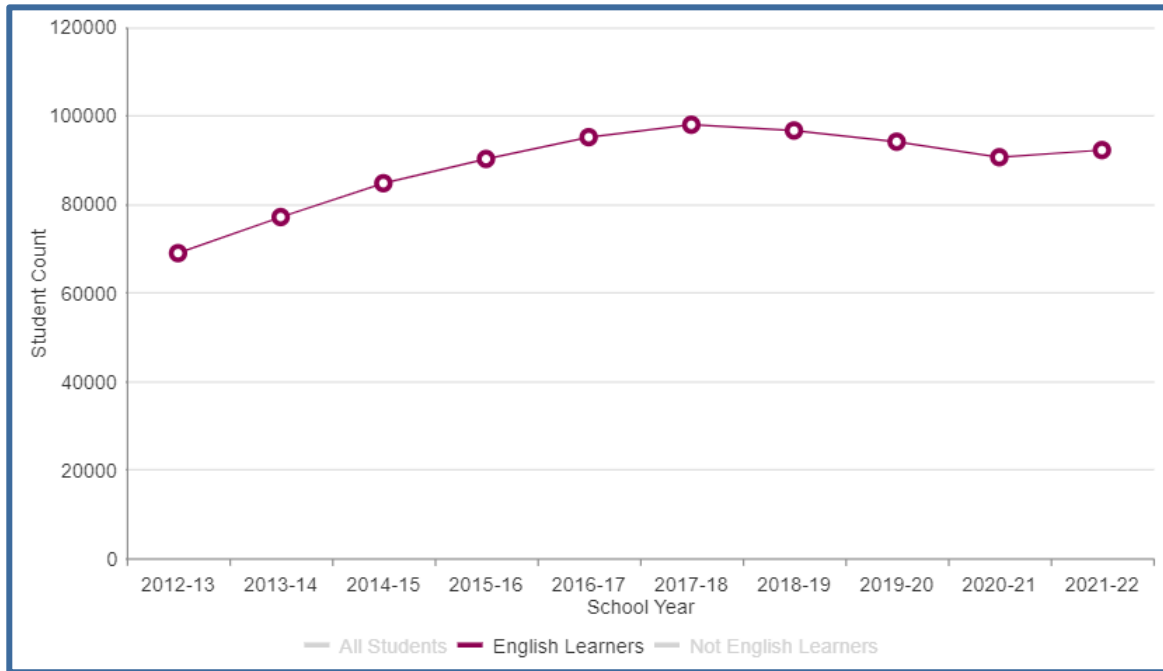


# Special Education



School Year	Count of Students with Disabilities	Percent of Total Student Count
2021-22	194,514	13.48%
2020-21	193,628	13.47%
2019-20	201,122	13.41%
2018-19	199,620	13.24%
2017-18	198,536	13.06%
2016-17	197,788	12.91%

# English Learners



School Year	Count of English Learners	Percent of Total Student Count
2021-22	92,119	6.38%
2020-21	90,508	6.30%
2019-20	94,010	6.27%
2018-19	96,537	6.40%
2017-18	97,838	6.44%
2016-17	95,037	6.20%

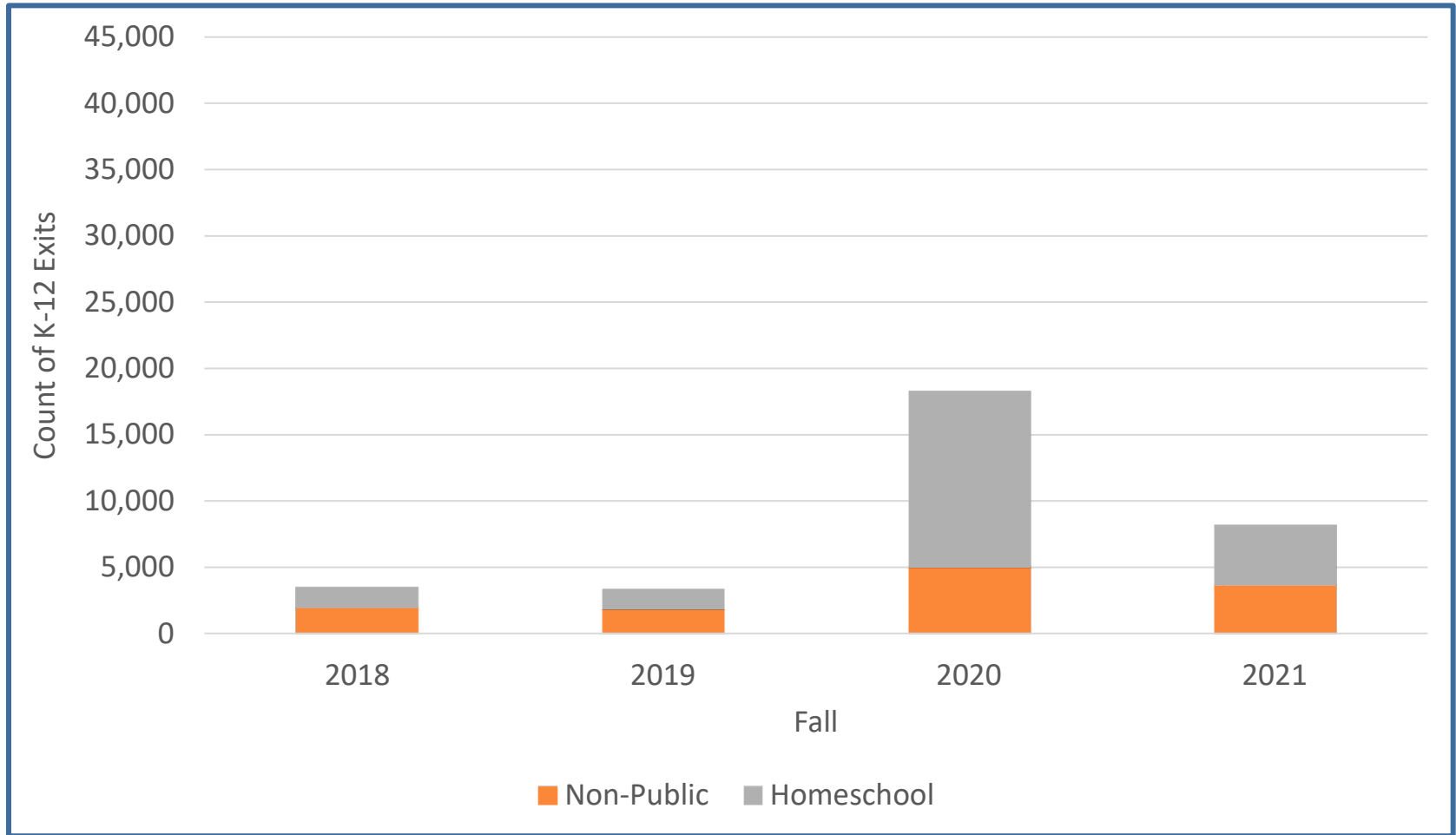
# Recap: What's happening to enrollment?

- For more than a decade, broad demographic trends were mirrored in enrollment, which was gradually falling, on average, 0.8% each year.
- Fall 2020 saw the largest observed decline. Shifts contributing, above and beyond the average annual decline, include declines in PreK and K enrollment.
- Fall 2021 enrollment recovered slightly from Fall 2020, with some but not all trends from Fall 2020 potentially reversing.
- Enrollment trends vary by grade/subgroup. Additional years of data are needed to identify a return to norms or the emergence of new patterns.

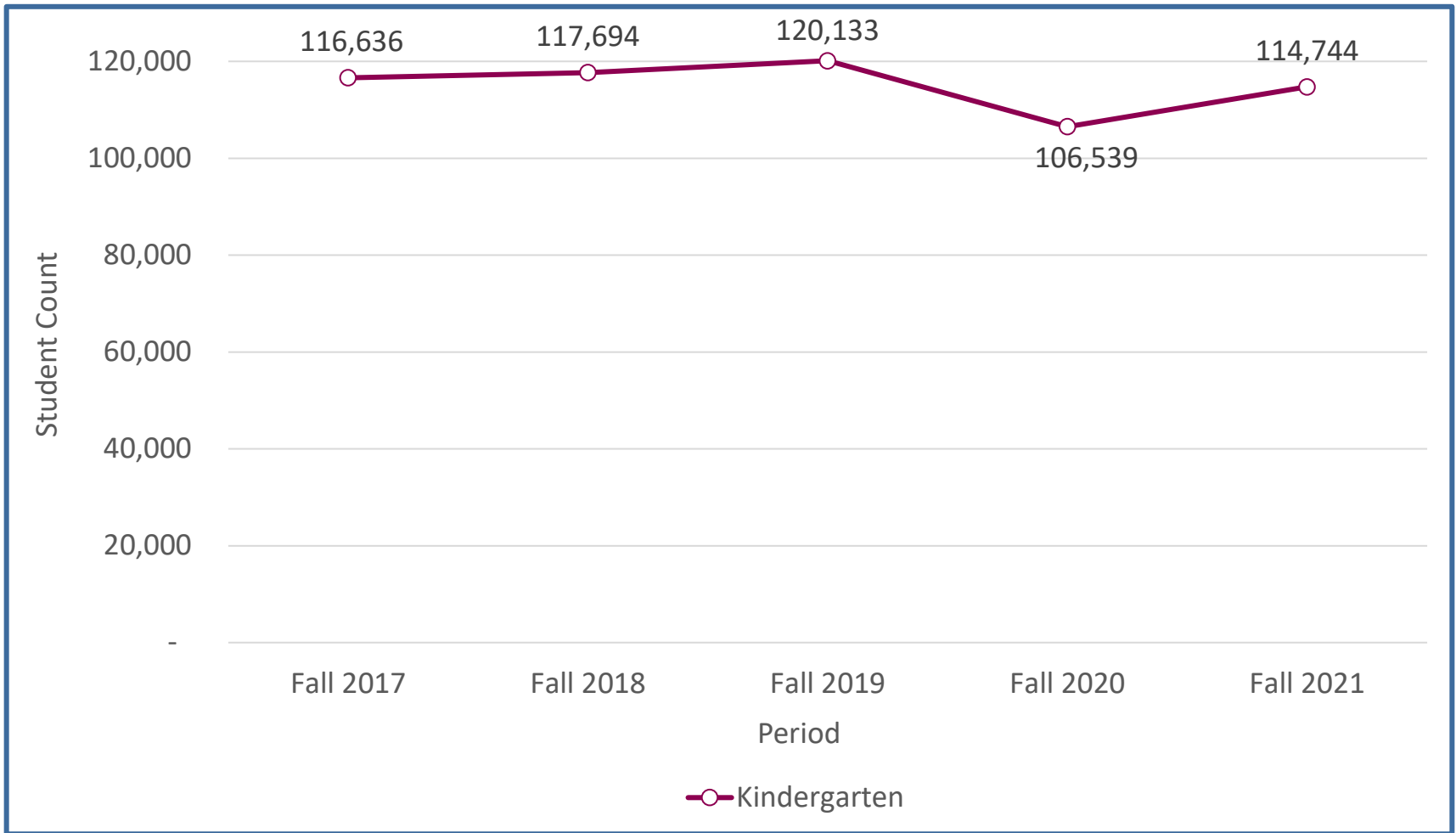
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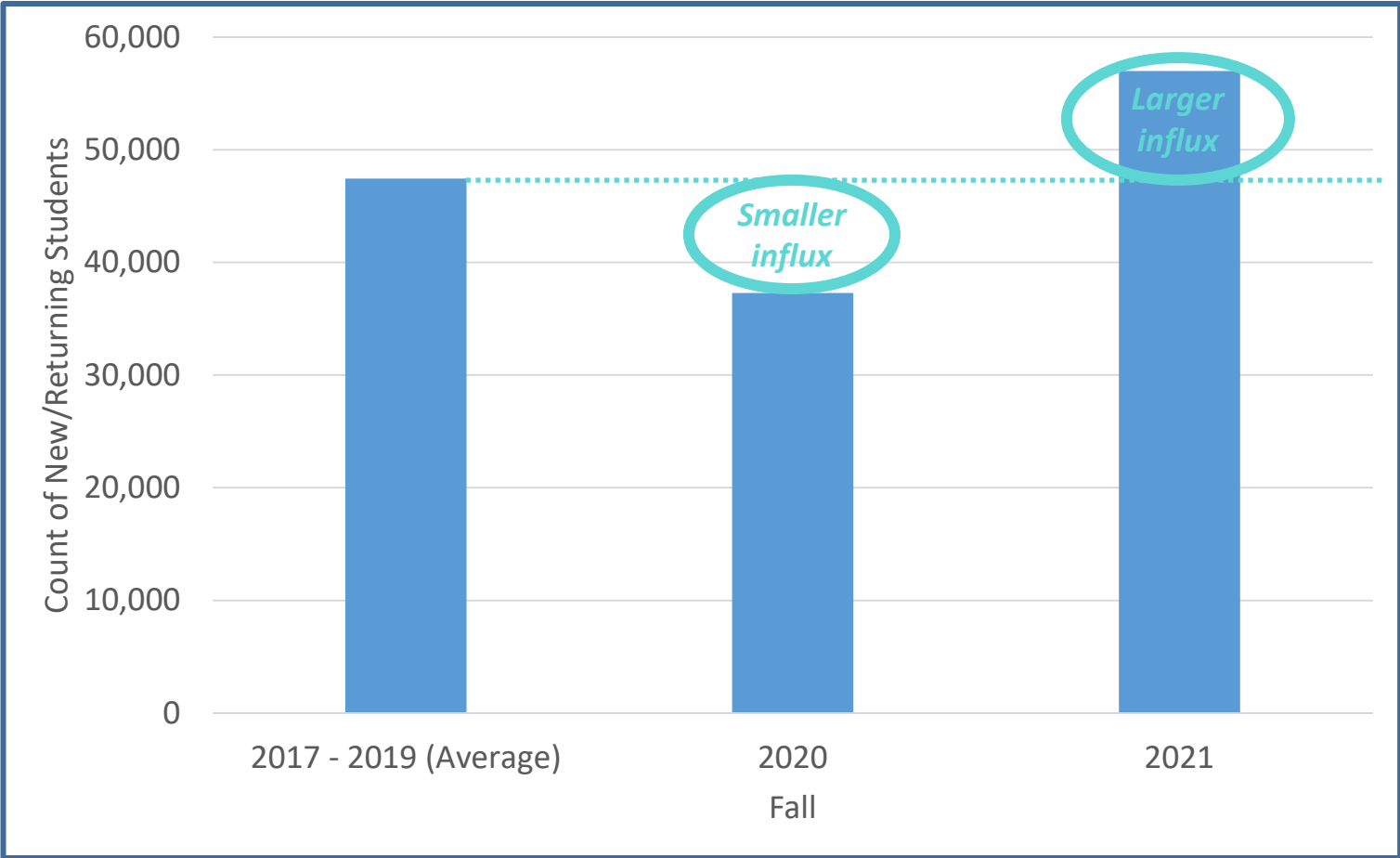
# Exit shifts



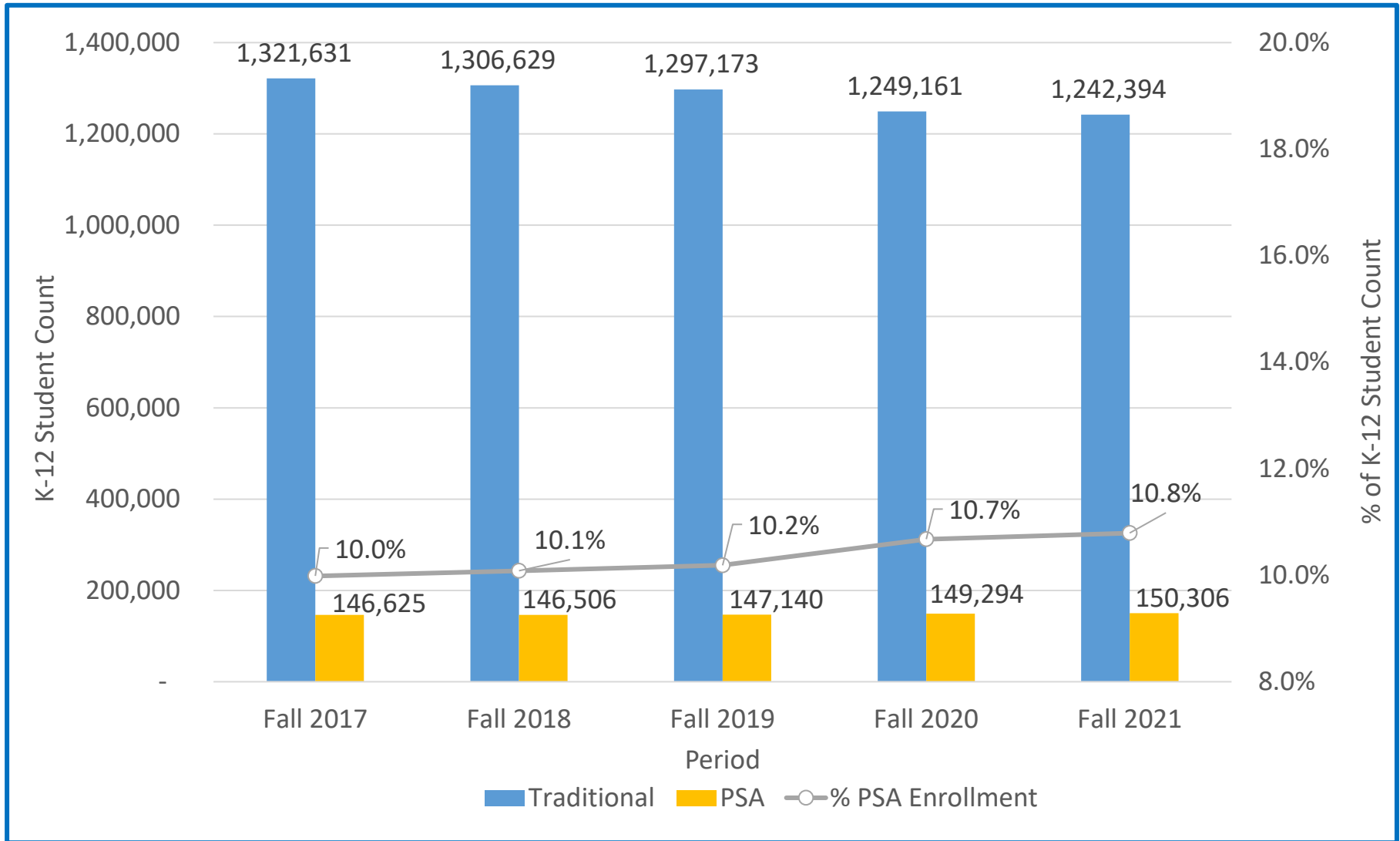
# Kindergarten influx



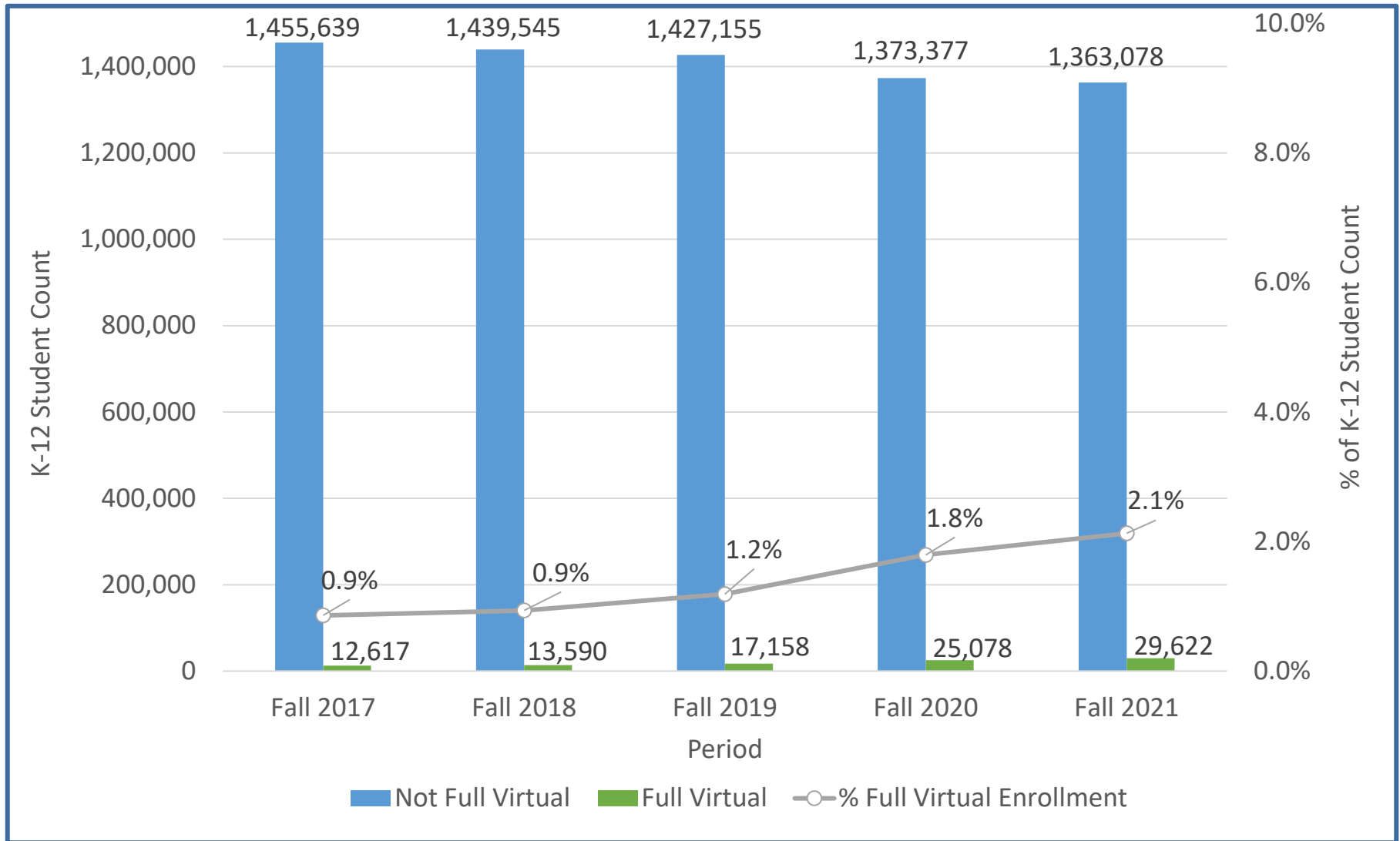
# Grade 1-12 influx



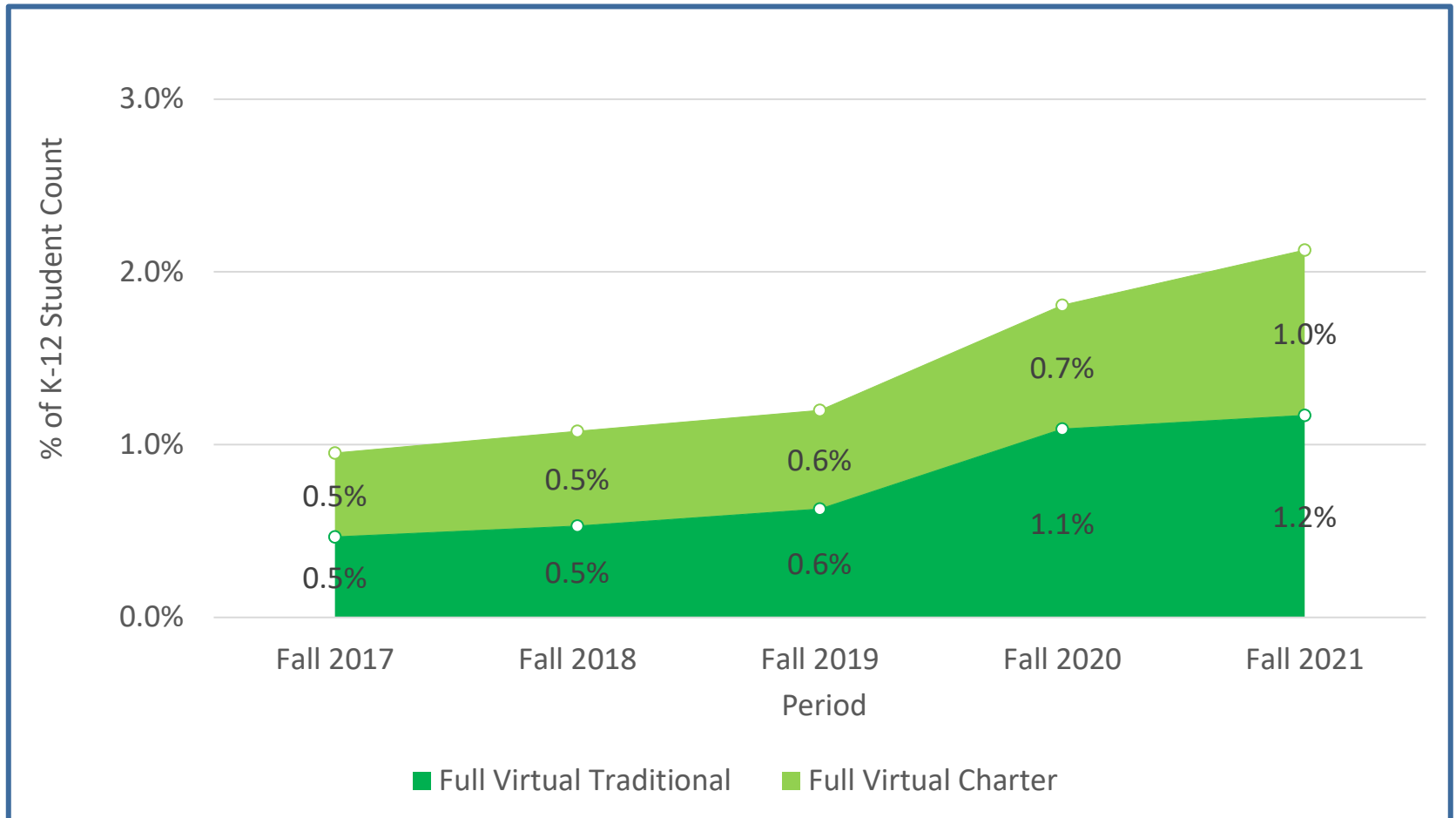
# Traditional v. charter



# Full virtual



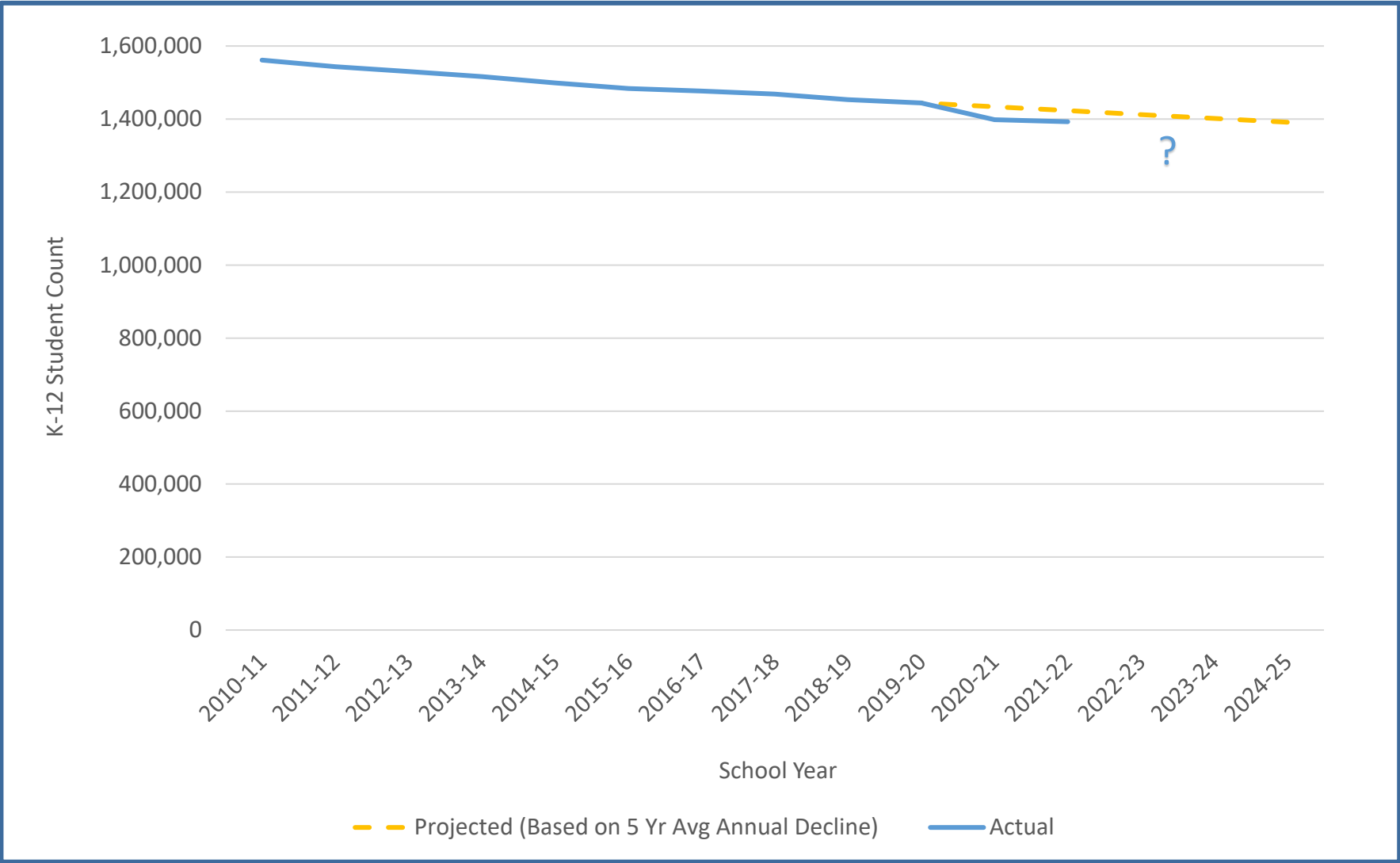
# Full virtual: Traditional v. charter



# Recap: How did enrollment shift?

- Exits to homeschool and nonpublic schools increased in Fall 2020 and have not yet returned to pre-pandemic levels.
- Kindergarten trends heavily influence K-12 trends.
- The influx of new/returning students into grades 1-12 slowed in Fall 2020 then increased to above pre-pandemic levels in Fall 2021. Additional years of data are needed.
- Charter enrollment and full virtual enrollment (at both traditional and charter schools) increased in Fall 2020 and again, more slowly, in Fall 2021.

# Where is enrollment headed?



# Thank You.



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