



New England School Development Council

**Colrain Central School
Mohawk Regional Schools
Demographic Study
Report**

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Introduction

NESDEC entered into an agreement with MARS/Mohawk Regional School District to complete a Demographic Study of:

- Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School,
- Colrain Central School,
- Sanderson Academy, and
- Mohawk Trail Regional School.

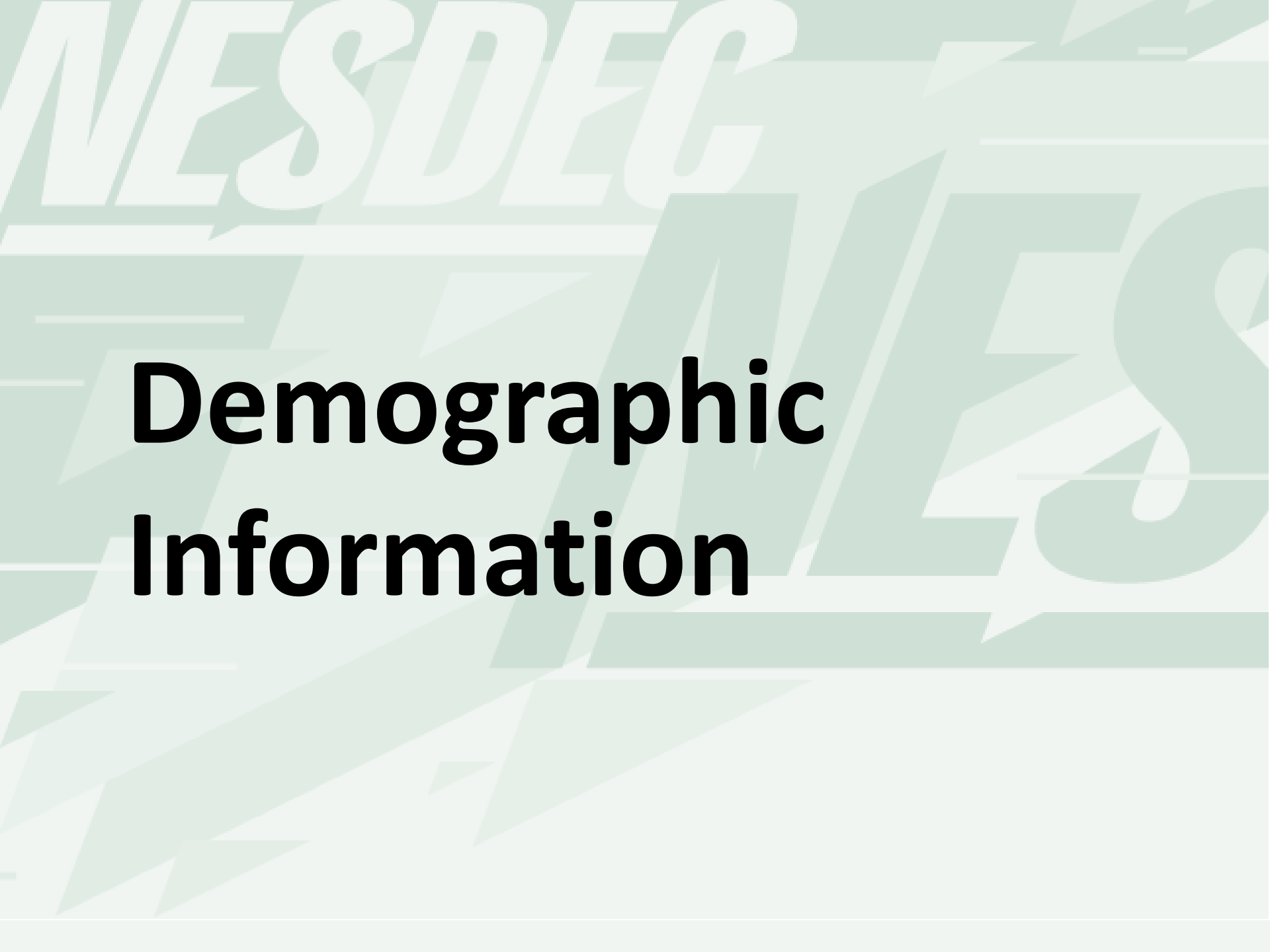
A NESDEC demographic study can provide the information and insight needed for long-range planning. This report is for Colrain Central School.

Scope of the Report – Demography and Enrollment Projections

NESDEC was asked to prepare enrollment projections and to identify demographic factors that affect the student enrollments at **Colrain Central School, part of the Mohawk, MA Regional School District**.

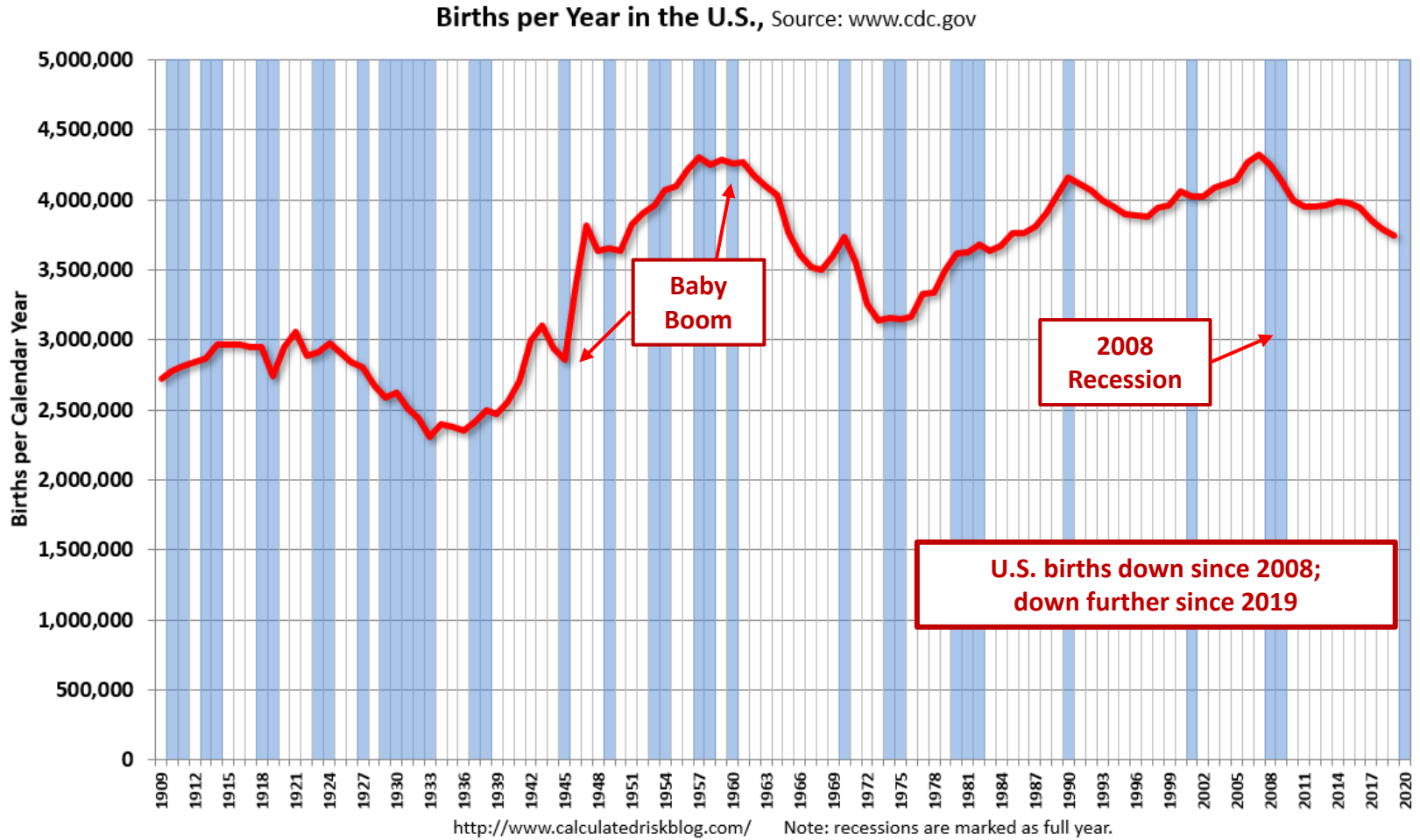
The NESDEC Team analyzed District and municipal records, including data provided by Mohawk Regional Public Schools, the U.S. Census Bureau population trends and birth rates, The Warren Group, HUD, Massachusetts State Department of Education, Town Administrators, The Building Department, and local realtors. [The U.S. Census Bureau continues to incrementally release the 2020 Decennial Census data. In this report, the date for 2020 Decennial Census data retrieval is listed at the bottom of each table/chart.](#)

The Report opens with information pertaining to trends in population and data regarding factors that influence school enrollments. NESDEC provides an updated 10-year Enrollment Projection Report, including an analysis of expected "student yield" from any proposed residential construction, if applicable.



Demographic Information

U. S. Births And Economic Cycles (Source: ww.cdc.gov)



New England's PK-12 Enrollment Trends

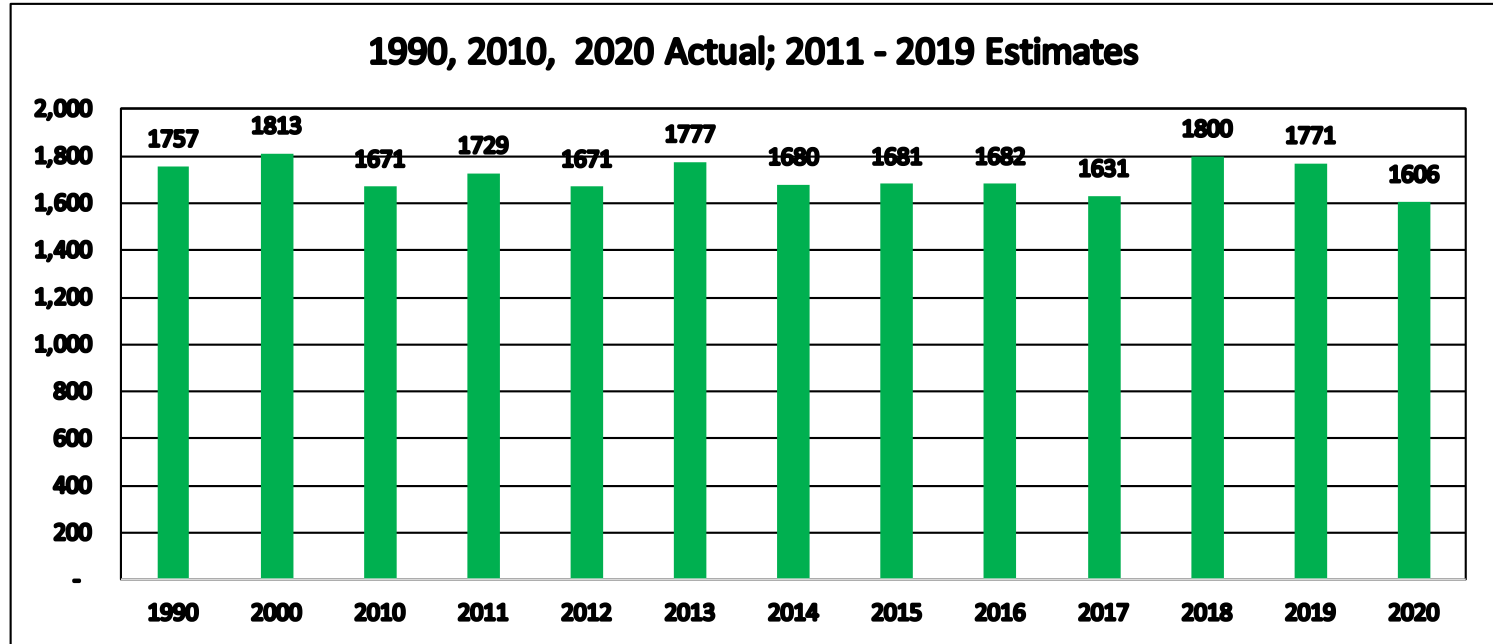
From 2020 to 2030, the US Department of Education anticipates changes in PK-12 enrollment of -2.4% in the South, -6.5% in the West, -3.8% in the Midwest, -6.2% in the Northeast, and a total of -4.3% nationwide.

State	Fall 2020 PK - 12	Fall 2030 Projected	PK-12 Decline	% Change 2020-2030
CT	509,058	475,600	-33,458	-6.6%
ME	172,455	161,800	-10,655	-6.2%
MA	921,712	879,900	-41,812	-4.5%
NH	169,027	144,600	-24,427	-14.5%
RI	139,184	130,200	-8,984	-6.5%
VT	82,401	74,600	-7,801	-9.5%

Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Enrollment In Public Schools fall 1990 to fall 2030*, Table 203.20, March 2022.

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.

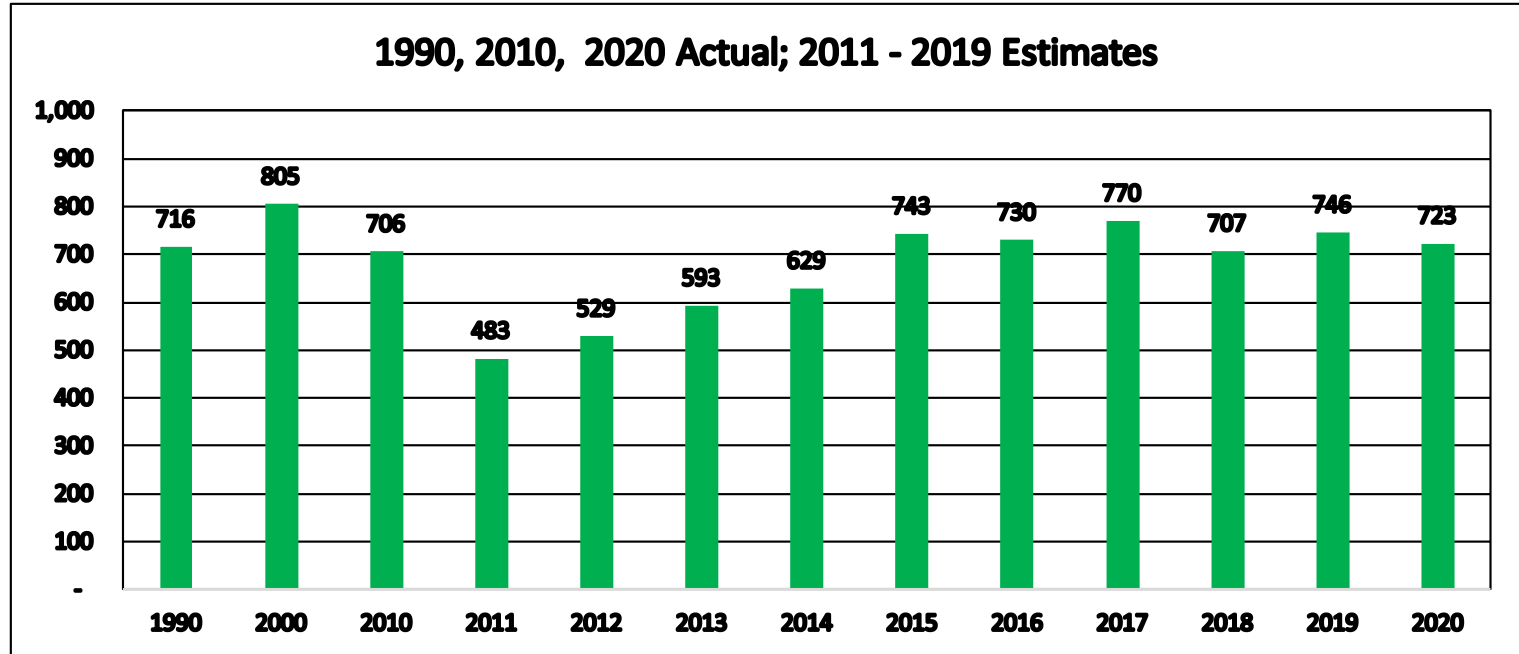
Colrain, MA Population Data



Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Annual Estimates of Populations, 11/1/22

NOTE: Since 2011, Colrain has experienced a range in population from 1,606 to 1,800 residents. During the 2015-2018 years, the population remained in the low 1,600 to 1,800 residents. In 2019 the population was 1,771 residents; in 2020 the population decreased to 1,606, a decrease of 165 residents from the previous year.

Heath, MA Population Data



Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Annual Estimates of Populations, 11/1/22

NOTE: Since 2011, Heath has experienced a range in population from 483 to 770 residents. In 2019 the population was 746; in 2020 the population decreased to 723, a decline of 23 residents from the previous year.

Mohawk Trail RSD, MA

Median Age of Population by Town

	2000 Actual	2010 Actual	2020 Est.
United States	35.3	37.2	38.2
Massachusetts	36.5	39.1	39.6
Franklin County	39.5	44.2	47.1
Colrain	37.8	46.1	49.4
Heath	39.3	49.8	56.4

Median Age can be a factor in predicting the number of future births.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2000, 2010 Actual Data, 2020 Estimate Data.

Data obtained 11/1/22.

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NOTE: In comparison to the 2020 Massachusetts median age of 39.6 and Franklin County median age of 47.1, Colrain’s median age is 49.4, similar to Franklin County, and Heath’s median age is 56.4, 9.3 years higher than the median age for Franklin County. A review of the 2000, 2010 and 2020 median ages for these cohorts reveals that the median age for both Colrain and Heath is aging overall.

Colrain Population Trends

General Population – According to the U.S. Census Bureau, **Colrain, MA** had a population of 1,606 as of April 1, 2020 (Decennial Census).

The 2020 U.S. Census American Community Survey estimated age breakouts are as follows:

School-Aged Populations: 5 - 19 years: 14.2%

5 - 9 years: 3.3%

10 - 14 years: 6.9%

15 - 19 years: 4.0%

Other Age Breakouts:

Under 5 Years: 5.8%

Under 18 Years: 17.0%

18 - 64 Years: 55.4%

65 Years and Over: 27.6%

** Source: U.S. Census Bureau, updated 11/1/22*

Heath Population Trends

General Population – According to the U.S. Census Bureau, **Heath, MA** had a population of 723 as of April 1, 2020 (Decennial Census).

The 2020 U.S. Census American Community Survey estimated age breakouts are as follows:

School-Aged Populations: 5 - 19 years: 8.3%

5 - 9 years: 2.7%

10 - 14 years: 1.9%

15 - 19 years: 3.7%

Other Age Breakouts:

Under 5 Years: 4.0%

Under 18 Years: 11.6%

18 - 64 Years: 50.6%

65 Years and Over: 37.8%

** Source: U.S. Census Bureau, updated 11/1/22*

Number of K-12 Students Per Housing Unit

Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

YEAR	TOTAL HOUSING UNITS	PUBLIC K-12 ENROLLMENT	K-12 STUDENTS PER HOUSEHOLD
2010	2,547,075	926,940	0.36
2020	2,998,537	911,465	0.30

Town of Colrain:

YEAR	TOTAL HOUSING UNITS	PUBLIC K-12 ENROLLMENT	K-12 STUDENTS PER HOUSEHOLD
2010	797	327	0.41
2020	796	228	0.29

Town of Heath:

YEAR	TOTAL HOUSING UNITS	PUBLIC K-12 ENROLLMENT	K-12 STUDENTS PER HOUSEHOLD
2010	670	104	0.16
2020	578	60	0.10

Sources: U.S. Census 2000, 2010 Housing Occupancy and Tenure;
2020 U.S. Census American Community Survey Estimated Data, 11/1/22
MA DESE enrollment data 2000, 2010, 2020

NOTE: The percentage of K-12 students per household in Colrain has declined from 41% in 2010 to 29% in 2020. The percentage of K-12 students per household in Heath has decreased from 16% in 2010 to 10% in 2020.

Demographic Analysis

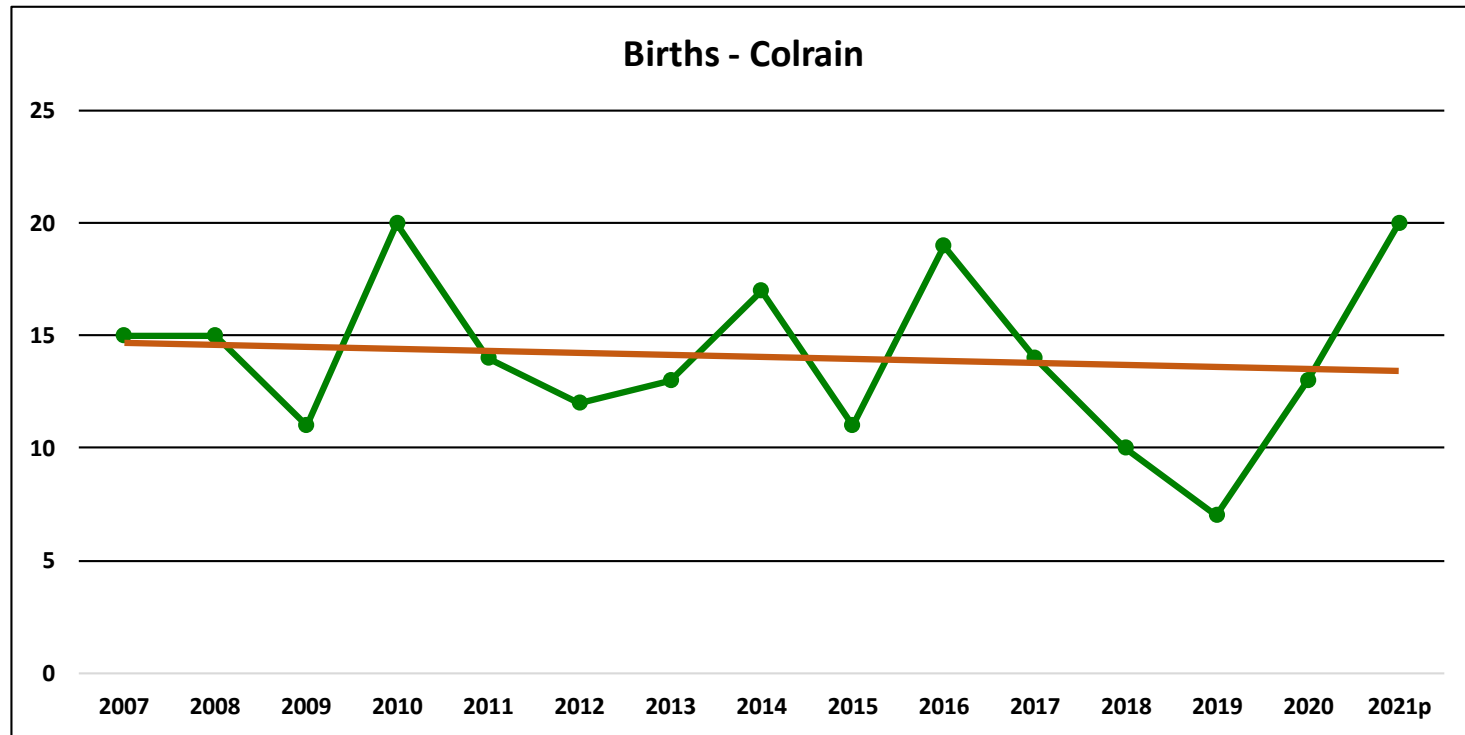
Colrain Births – Data provided by the State Vital Records Department

- Between 2007 and 2012, Colrain births averaged 14 per year.
- From 2013 to 2020, the average births decreased to 13 per year.
- In 2021, the provisional births* were 20.

Average births have remained stable over the past 15 years, with a low of 7 births in 2019 and a high of 20 provisional births for 2021. These variances in birth numbers can lead to variances in Kindergarten enrollments.

*Note: Provisional births are a preliminary number that has yet to be certified by the state.

Colrain Births



Source: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Vital Records, updated 4/25/22. 2021 births are provisional.

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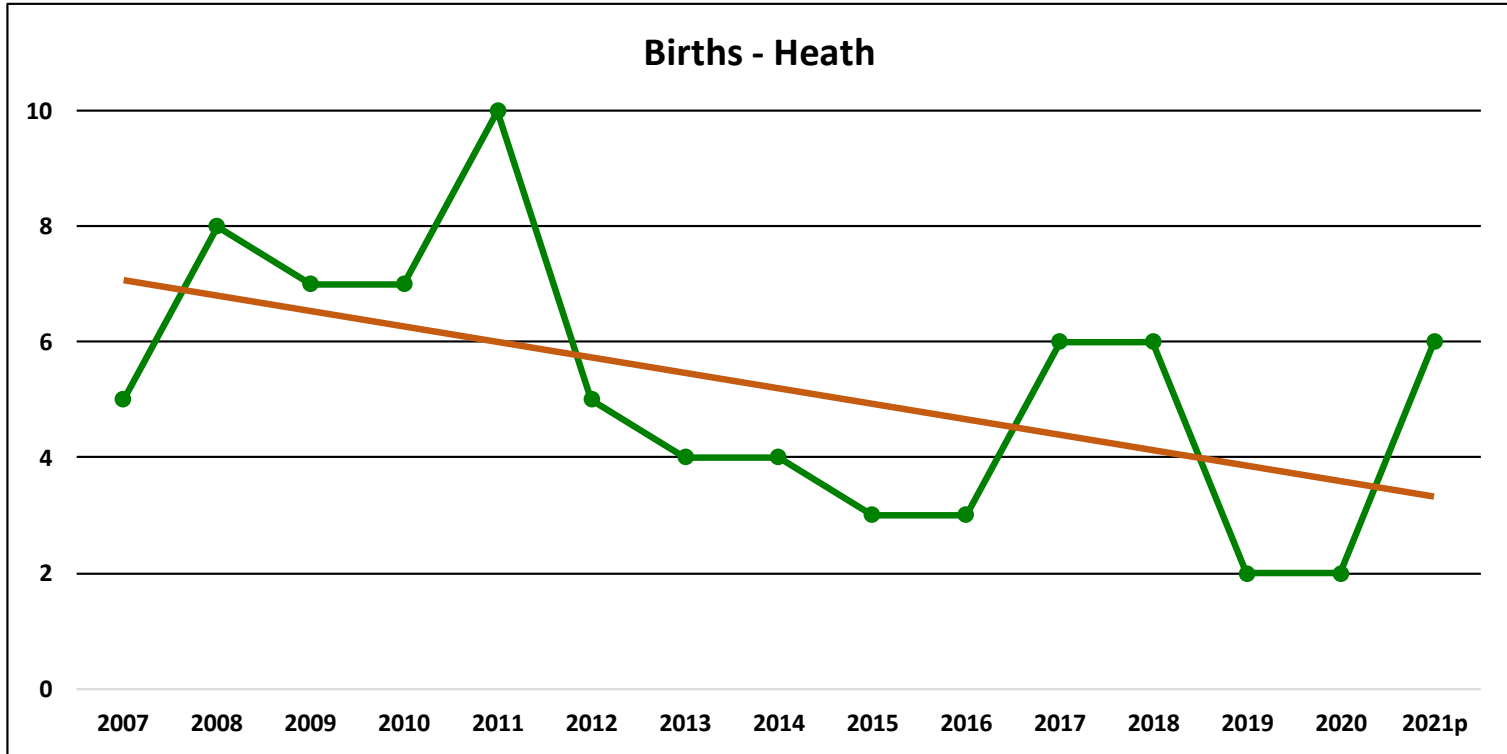
Heath Births – Data provided by the State Vital Records Department

- Between 2007 and 2012, Heath births averaged 7 per year.
- From 2012 – 2017, average births decreased to 3 per year.
- In 2021, the provisional births* were 6.

An average of 7 births per year during 2007-2012 decreased to an average of 3 births per year for 2013-2020. The 2021 provisional births are projected to increase to 6 per year, which could have an impact on Kindergarten enrollment going forward.

*Note: Provisional births are a preliminary number that has yet to be certified by the state.

Heath Births



Source: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Vital Records, updated 4/25/22. 2021 births are provisional.

Trends in Real Estate Sales

Every day across America, 10,000 citizens celebrate their 65th birthdays, a phenomenon that will continue for the foreseeable future. Current real estate trends indicate that a large share of these mature citizens had planned to “downsize” their living arrangements, but postponed putting homes on the market due to the fluctuating real estate trends. Thus, demand for apartment and condominium units is likely to increase, while the 3- and 4-bedroom homes vacated by these mature citizens will most likely be purchased by families with children.

School enrollments are influenced strongly by the number of real estate sales as new families move into the District. Generally, in our work we have become aware that the number of real estate sales is 4-5 times larger than the number of building permits for new residential construction; thus, the number of real estate sales can be a more important factor than the number of building permits.

The global pandemic continues to influence our nation’s public health and economic stability in unpredictable ways, especially for our schools.

Residential Sales and Real Estate Information - Colrain

Residential Sales

Warren Group Data – Single-Family Sales (Data obtained 11/1/22):

- Between 2001 and 2007, Colrain had an average of 14 single-family home sales, with an average median sales price of \$151,964.
- From 2008-2012, during the housing downturn, Colrain single-family home sales averaged 13 units, with an average median sales price of \$138,435.
- From 2013-2020, single-family home sales in Colrain increased to an average of 16 units per year, with an average median sales price of \$171,684.
- For 2021, Colrain has sold 16 single-family homes, with a median sales price of \$197,500.

NOTE: Average home sales have increased to 16 units per year (2013-21) from pre-2008 recession numbers of 14 units, and the median sales price has increased to a high of \$197,500 for 2021.

Home and Condo Sales - Colrain

Year	Single-Family	S-F Median Sales Price	# Condo Units	Year	Single-Family	S-F Median Sales Price	# Condo Units
1999	17	\$118,000	0	2011	14	\$127,825	0
2000	10	\$110,500	0	2012	17	\$97,850	0
2001	13	\$102,000	0	2013	12	\$193,025	0
2002	19	\$119,500	0	2014	13	\$140,000	0
2003	16	\$154,750	0	2015	16	\$170,000	0
2004	13	\$180,000	0	2016	15	\$155,000	0
2005	11	\$160,000	0	2017	16	\$168,250	0
2006	19	\$175,000	0	2018	18	\$175,000	0
2007	4	\$172,500	0	2019	18	\$172,250	0
2008	14	\$153,500	0	2020	16	\$199,950	0
2009	14	\$143,000	0	2021	16	\$197,500	0
2010	5	\$170,000	0	2022*	7	\$260,000	0

Source: The Warren Group

2022 Data is for January to September and is updated as of 11/1/22

Residential Sales and Real Estate Information - Heath

Residential Sales

Warren Group Data – Single-Family Sales (Data obtained 11/1/22)

- Between 2001 and 2007, Heath had an average of 11 single-family home sales, with an average median sales price of \$127,771.
- From 2008-2012, during the housing downturn, Heath single-family home sales averaged 5 units, with an average median sales price of \$162,425.
- From 2013-2020, single-family home sales in Heath increased to an average of 9 units per year, with an average median sales price of \$163,781.
- For 2021, Heath has sold 14 single-family homes, with a median sales price of \$213,750.

NOTE: Average home sales have increased to 9 units per year (2013-21), almost recovering to pre-2008 recession numbers of 11 units, and the median sales price has increased to a high of \$213,750 for 2021.

Home and Condo Sales - Heath

Year	Single-Family	S-F Median Sales Price	# Condo Units	Year	Single-Family	S-F Median Sales Price	# Condo Units
1999	8	\$117,500	0	2011	2	N/A	0
2000	10	\$113,250	0	2012	6	\$100,000	0
2001	11	\$79,000	0	2013	4	\$161,250	0
2002	17	\$63,000	0	2014	10	\$180,500	0
2003	12	\$129,500	0	2015	4	\$137,500	0
2004	13	\$85,000	0	2016	8	\$127,500	0
2005	7	\$264,900	0	2017	14	\$201,000	0
2006	9	\$137,000	0	2018	8	\$147,500	1
2007	7	\$136,000	0	2019	9	\$125,000	0
2008	4	\$139,750	0	2020	14	\$230,000	1
2009	4	\$134,950	0	2021	14	\$213,750	1
2010	7	\$275,000	0	2022*	8	\$166,000	0

Source: The Warren Group

2022 Data is for January to September and is updated as of 11/1/22

Review of Available Real Estate Sales and Trends

- Home sales have remained stable over the past 10 years
- Days on the market have increased since last year
- Inventory same as last year
- Rise in interest rates for buyers has caused some homes to sell below asking price, less waiving of home inspection, and a reduction in bidding situations

Information Gained from Colrain and Heath Officials

NESDEC contacted numerous officials in Colrain and Heath to determine if there were any major residential housing projects in either community that were permitted and under construction. NESDEC reviews this information to determine if there would be an impact to student enrollment, as there is a potential for K-12 students to move to these new residences. Since there are no major residential housing projects recorded in either community, there would be no impact to student enrollment (see Slide 32).

Additionally, Housing and Urban Development (HUD) reported data can be found on the next slide. The building permit information on this chart is submitted to HUD by the town officials. To review, in 2022, Colrain reported 3 single-family home permits and Heath reported 1 single-family home permit; and in 2021, Colrain and Heath reported no single-family home permits. Potential buyers of these single-family homes, who may have children, will have minimal impact on student enrollment.

Building Permit Data for Colrain and Heath, MA

		Colrain	Heath	TOTAL
2012	Single-family	0	1	1
	Multi-family	0	0	0
2015	Single-family	2	2	4
	Multi-family	0	0	0
2016	Single-family	5	2	7
	Multi-family	0	0	0
2017	Single-family	5	1	6
	Multi-family	0	0	0
2018	Single-family	5	1	6
	Multi-family	0	0	0
2019	Single-family	5	0	5
	Multi-family	0	0	0
2020	Single-family	5	2	7
	Multi-family	0	0	0
2021	Single-family	6	0	6
	Multi-family	0	0	0
2022*	Single-family	3	1	4
	Multi-family	0	0	0

Source: HUD. Does not include permits for renovations.

*2022 data is preliminary and dependent upon town submission to HUD.

Profile of the Town of Colrain

The town of Colrain abuts the Vermont state line several miles northwest of Greenfield, the northern terminus of the Connecticut River Valley, and just north of the Mohawk Trail.

Once known for its apples, and its sheep and dairy farms, Colrain, like all the hill towns of Western Massachusetts, has seen the decline of its agricultural base. Today, a half-dozen dairy farms, two commercial orchards and several specialty or niche farms (raising llamas, angora goats and organic produce) are the only ones remaining. However, despite the widespread loss of manufacturing jobs throughout the Commonwealth, a cotton bleachery and a cotton products factory provide employment for many townspeople.

Many craftspeople and artists, attracted by the fact that the town offers privacy but also access to nearby college communities for marketing and supplies, have built or purchased homes and studios in Colrain.

Source: The Warren Group

Profile of the Town of Heath

Heath is a Massachusetts hill town midway between the Connecticut River and the New York state line, along the Vermont Border. From any direction it is a climb to reach Heath's town center, which consists of the Heath Union Church, the Community Center, some town offices in the old Grange building, the library and the post office. Also on the windswept common are the old general store, which now serves as a home, the 1834 Town Hall and the 1844 one-room schoolhouse, both traditional white clapboard New England style buildings, and a large colonial house and barn. A mile to the north and higher on the hill are the Heath Fairgrounds.

The beauty of Heath's setting has attracted summer residents looking for country living in an attractive location. Many who summer here are so taken with its charm that they retire to Heath; others are local craftsmen and those who want to make their homes in Heath despite the rigorous commute.

Source: The Warren Group

Colrain and Heath - Housing Details by Town

		Total Housing Units	Occupied	Owner-Occupied	% Units Owner-occupied	Renter-Occupied	% Units Renter-Occupied	Vacant	For Seasonal Use	Rental Vacancy Rate
2000	Colrain	776	686	574	83.7%	112	16.3%	90	n/a	n/a
	Heath	648	292	251	86.0%	41	14.0%	356	n/a	n/a
2010	Colrain	797	683	570	83.5%	113	16.5%	114	n/a	n/a
	Heath	670	302	275	91.1%	27	8.9%	368	n/a	n/a
2020	Colrain	796	681	550	80.8%	131	19.2%	115	n/a	n/a
	Heath	578	306	302	98.7%	4	1.3%	272	n/a	n/a

Source: U.S. Census 2000, 2010 Housing Occupancy and Tenure; 2020 U.S. Census American Community Survey
 2020 Data is estimated and limited; data obtained 11/1/22



Enrollment Projections

Demographic Study and Enrollment Projection Methodology

The NESDEC enrollment projection for the District is based upon the cumulative effect of several factors, including:

- Student migration into or out of the schools, including District reported movement to/from private schools; and school choice enrollments (both in and out)
- Review of the stability of Grades 1-8, in- or out-migration of students
- Births as they relate to Kindergarten enrollments
- Housing and Urban Development (HUD) single-family and multi-unit residential building permits, as reported by town/city

Historical Enrollment

School District: Colrain Central School

10/31/2022

Historical Enrollment By Grade																			
Birth Year	Births*	School Year	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	UNGR	K-6	PK-6
2007	20	2012-13	14	12	17	11	12	21	11	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96	110
2008	23	2013-14	18	11	13	15	11	16	21	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	99	117
2009	18	2014-15	16	11	11	12	17	9	16	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97	113
2010	27	2015-16	12	21	14	8	12	16	9	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	92	104
2011	24	2016-17	12	13	19	19	9	13	17	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	112
2012	17	2017-18	13	6	13	20	15	9	11	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	93	106
2013	17	2018-19	14	12	6	13	18	18	10	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	92	106
2014	21	2019-20	18	11	16	5	14	17	18	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	91	109
2015	14	2020-21	13	11	7	11	4	7	15	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	80
2016	22	2021-22	18	9	13	10	12	8	11	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	95
2017	20	2022-23	19	12	9	15	8	14	15	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	107

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

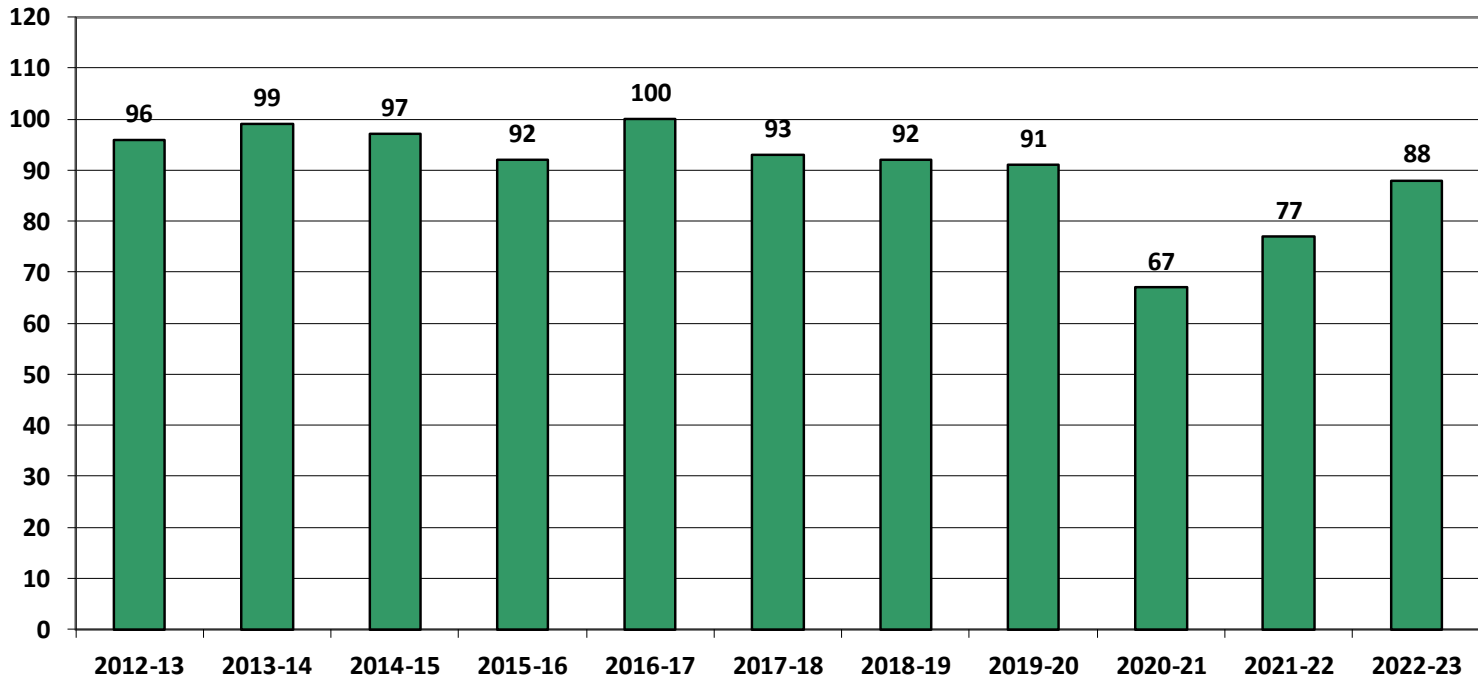
Historical Enrollment in Grade Combinations									
Year	K-1	2-3	4-6	K-6	PK-6	6-8	7-8	7-12	9-12
2012-13	29	23	44	96	110	0	0	0	0
2013-14	24	26	49	99	117	0	0	0	0
2014-15	22	29	46	97	113	0	0	0	0
2015-16	35	20	37	92	104	0	0	0	0
2016-17	32	28	40	100	112	0	0	0	0
2017-18	19	35	39	93	106	0	0	0	0
2018-19	18	31	43	92	106	0	0	0	0
2019-20	27	19	45	91	109	0	0	0	0
2020-21	18	15	34	67	80	0	0	0	0
2021-22	22	22	33	77	95	0	0	0	0
2022-23	21	23	44	88	107	0	0	0	0

Historical Percentage Changes			
Year	K-6	Diff.	%
2012-13	96	0	0.0%
2013-14	99	3	3.1%
2014-15	97	-2	-2.0%
2015-16	92	-5	-5.2%
2016-17	100	8	8.7%
2017-18	93	-7	-7.0%
2018-19	92	-1	-1.1%
2019-20	91	-1	-1.1%
2020-21	67	-24	-26.4%
2021-22	77	10	14.9%
2022-23	88	11	14.3%
Change		-8	-8.3%

NOTE: K-6 historical enrollment has ranged from 80-117 students, with a decrease of 8 students (8.3%) over the past ten years.

Historical Enrollment

K-6, School Years 2012-13 to 2022-23



Projected Enrollment

School District: Colrain Central School

10/31/2022

Note: Lower grade level enrollments are less statistically reliable due to the small grade level cohort size.

Enrollment Projections By Grade*																			
Birth Year	Births*	School Year	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	UNGR	K-6	PK-6
2017	20	2022-23	19	12	9	15	8	14	15	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	107
2018	16	2023-24	19	9	12	9	14	9	18	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86	105
2019	9	2024-25	19	5	9	12	8	16	11	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	98
2020	15	2025-26	20	9	5	9	11	9	20	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	94
2021	26	(prov.) 2026-27	20	15	9	5	8	12	11	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	100
2022	17	(est.) 2027-28	20	10	15	9	5	9	15	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	94
2023	17	(est.) 2028-29	21	10	10	15	8	6	11	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	96
2024	17	(est.) 2029-30	21	10	10	10	14	9	8	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	93
2025	18	(est.) 2030-31	21	11	10	10	9	16	11	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	96
2026	19	(est.) 2031-32	22	11	11	10	9	10	20	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	82	104
2027	18	(est.) 2032-33	22	10	11	11	9	10	13	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84	106

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.

Based on an estimate of births

Based on children already born

Based on students already enrolled

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

Projected Enrollment in Grade Combinations*									
Year	K-1	2-3	4-6	K-6	PK-6	6-8	7-8	7-12	9-12
2022-23	21	23	44	88	107	0	0	0	0
2023-24	21	23	42	86	105	0	0	0	0
2024-25	14	20	45	79	98	0	0	0	0
2025-26	14	20	40	74	94	0	0	0	0
2026-27	24	13	43	80	100	0	0	0	0
2027-28	25	14	35	74	94	0	0	0	0
2028-29	20	23	32	75	96	0	0	0	0
2029-30	20	24	28	72	93	0	0	0	0
2030-31	21	19	35	75	96	0	0	0	0
2031-32	22	19	41	82	104	0	0	0	0
2032-33	21	20	43	84	106	0	0	0	0

Projected Percentage Changes			
Year	K-6	Diff.	%
2022-23	88	0	0.0%
2023-24	86	-2	-2.3%
2024-25	79	-7	-8.1%
2025-26	74	-5	-6.3%
2026-27	80	6	8.1%
2027-28	74	-6	-7.5%
2028-29	75	1	1.4%
2029-30	72	-3	-4.0%
2030-31	75	3	4.2%
2031-32	82	7	9.3%
2032-33	84	2	2.4%
Change		-4	-4.5%

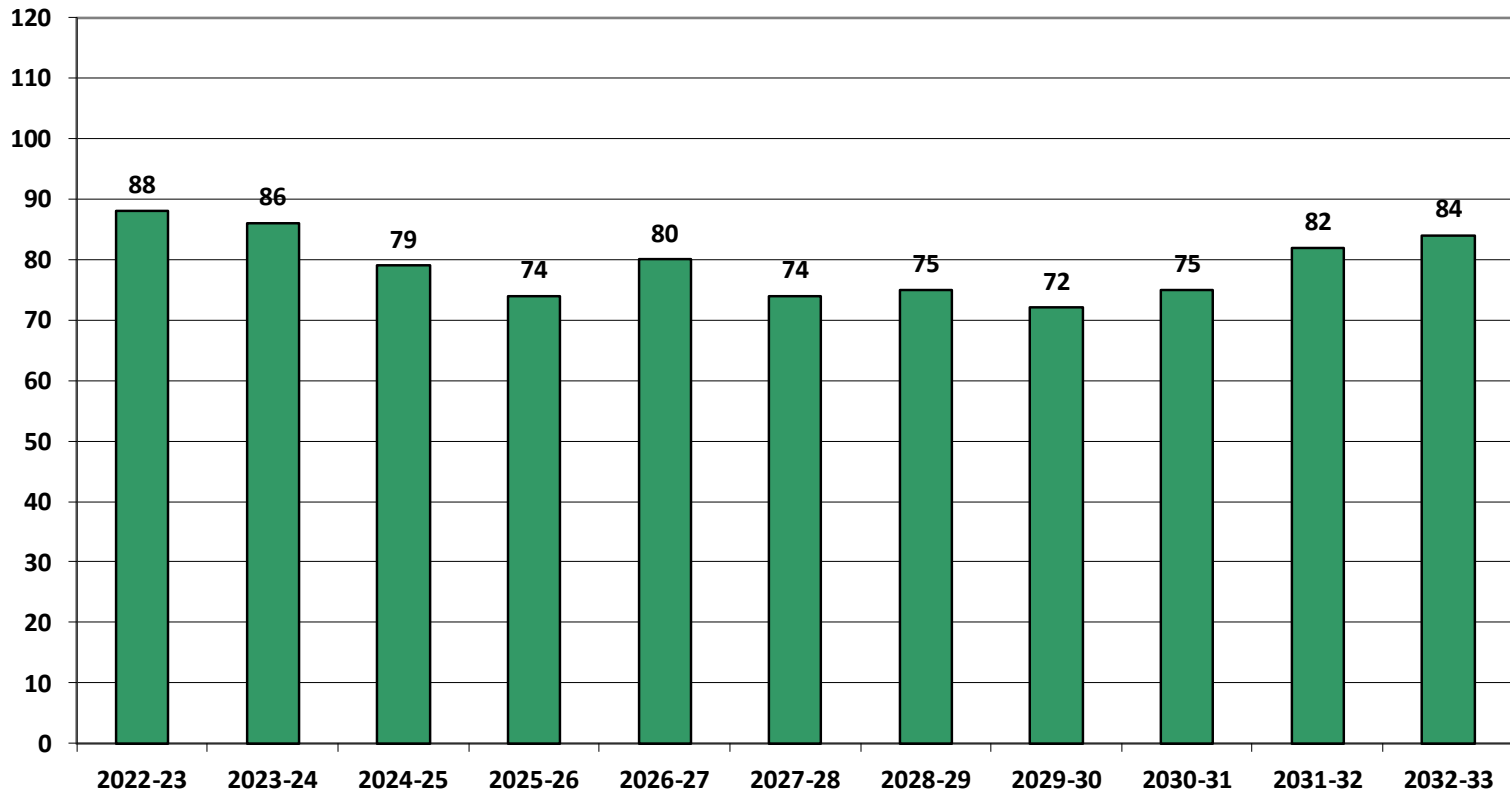
*Projections should be updated annually to reflect changes in in/out-migration of families, real estate sales, residential construction, births, and similar factors.

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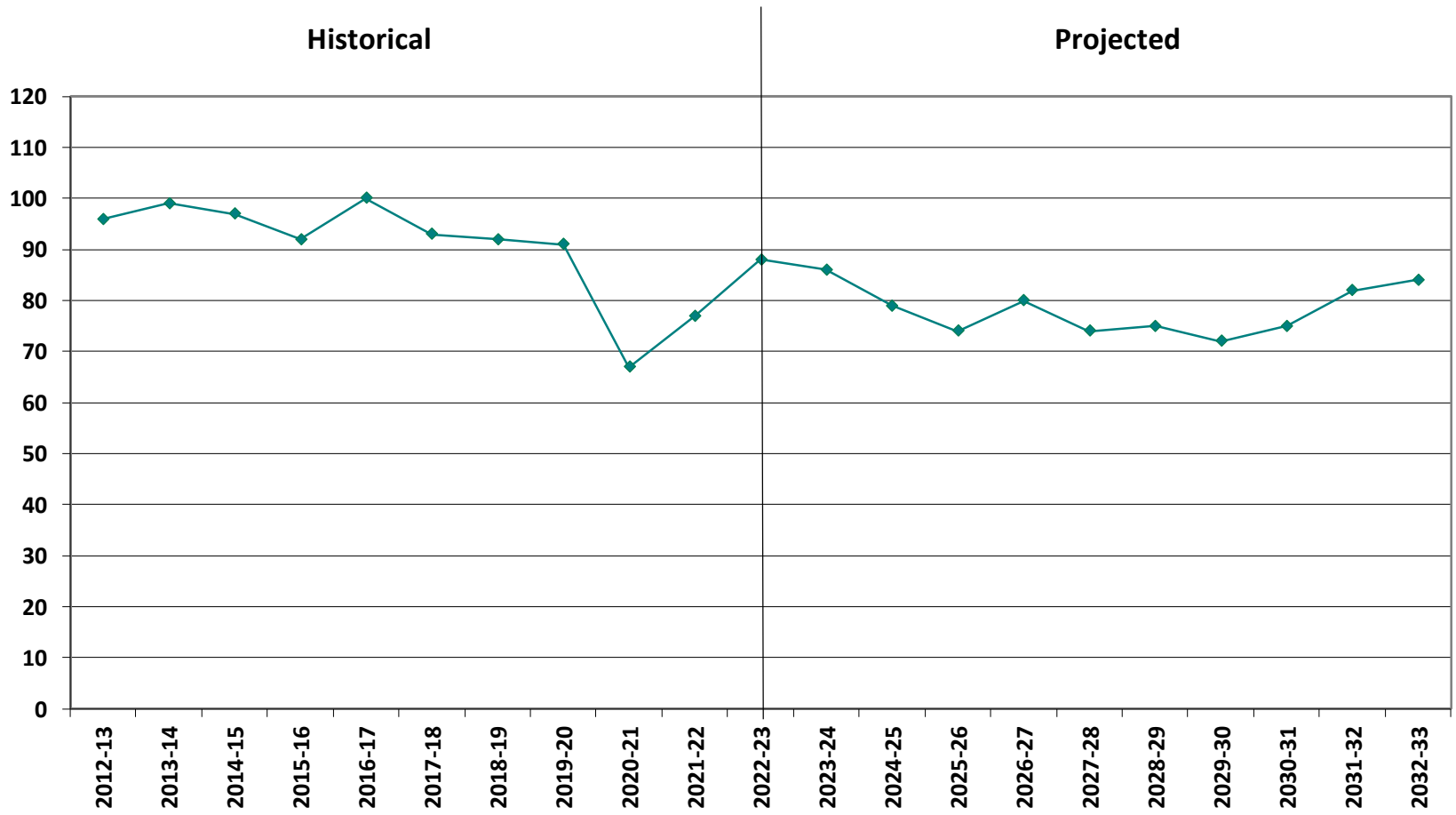
NOTE: Projections can serve as useful guides to school administrators for educational planning. Enrollment projections are more reliable in Years #1-4 in the future and less reliable in the “out-years.” Over the next three years, K-6 enrollments are projected to decrease by 14 students, as students move through the grades. Note: Lower grade level enrollments are less statistically reliable due to the small grade level cohort size.

Projected Enrollment

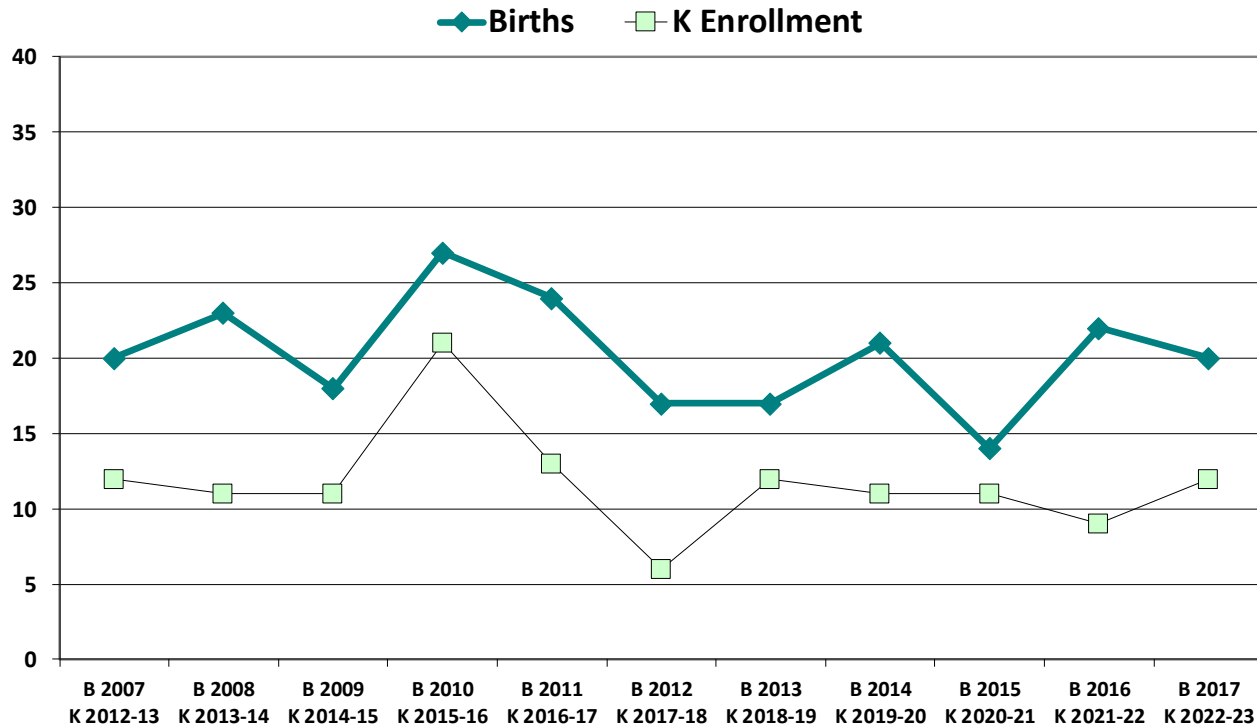
K-6, School Years 2022-23 to 2032-33



Historical & Projected Enrollment



Birth-to-Kindergarten Relationship



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NOTE: The relationship between births and Kindergarten enrollments is displayed on the B-K graph. Births decreased by 1, from a previous ten-year average of 18 to a projected average of 17. Births during the calendar years 2013-18 have ranged from 14-22. Kindergarten enrollments for school years 2018-22 have spanned a range of 9-12 students, lower than the births. This could possibly indicate that families are either moving out prior to enrolling in Kindergarten or are choosing other educational options. (For example, there were 20 births in 2017 and Kindergarten enrollment in school year 2021-22 was 12 students.)

Additional Information

Building Permits Issued (Source: HUD)		
Year	Single-Family	Multi-Units
2012	0C 1H	0C 0H
2018	5C 1H	0C 0H
2019	5C- 0H	0C 0H
2020	5C 2H	0C 0H
2021	6C 0H	0C 0H
2022	3C 1H to date	0C 0H to date

Note: C - Colrain, H - Heath

Enrollment History*		
Year	Career-Tech 9-12 Total	Non-Public K-12 Total
2012-13	n/a	n/a
2018-19	n/a	n/a
2019-20	n/a	n/a
2020-21	n/a	n/a
2021-22	n/a	n/a
2022-23	n/a	n/a

Residents in Non-Public Independent and Parochial Schools (General Education)*														
Oct. 1 Enrollment	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	K-12 TOTAL
	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

K-12 Home-Schooled Students*	
2022	n/a

K-12 Residents in Charter or Magnet Schools, or Choiced-out*	
2022	n/a

K-12 Special Education Outplaced Students*	
2022	n/a

K-12 Tuitioned-In, Choiced-In, & Other Non-Residents*	
2022	n/a

*The above data were provided by the District, with the exception of building permit data (provided by HUD).

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

Demographic Study Summary

The communities of Colrain and Heath value the education of their students. There are some demographic factors to consider going forward:

- The population in Colrain declined in 2020, and the population in Heath has decreased moderately.
- The median age of residents is aging overall.
- The percentage of K-12 students per housing unit is decreasing.
- Births are declining which has an impact on Kindergarten enrollments.
- Real estate sales have recovered to pre-recession levels.
- There are no major new residential construction projects.
- Enrollments are projected to decline over the next three years.

The MARS/School District deserves to be commended for commissioning this study. The town is engaged in thoughtful, data-based planning and prudent use of available resources. Planning for municipal and school needs begins with a firm grounding in community data and accurate forecasting of future population and school enrollments.