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**Sanderson Academy  
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.

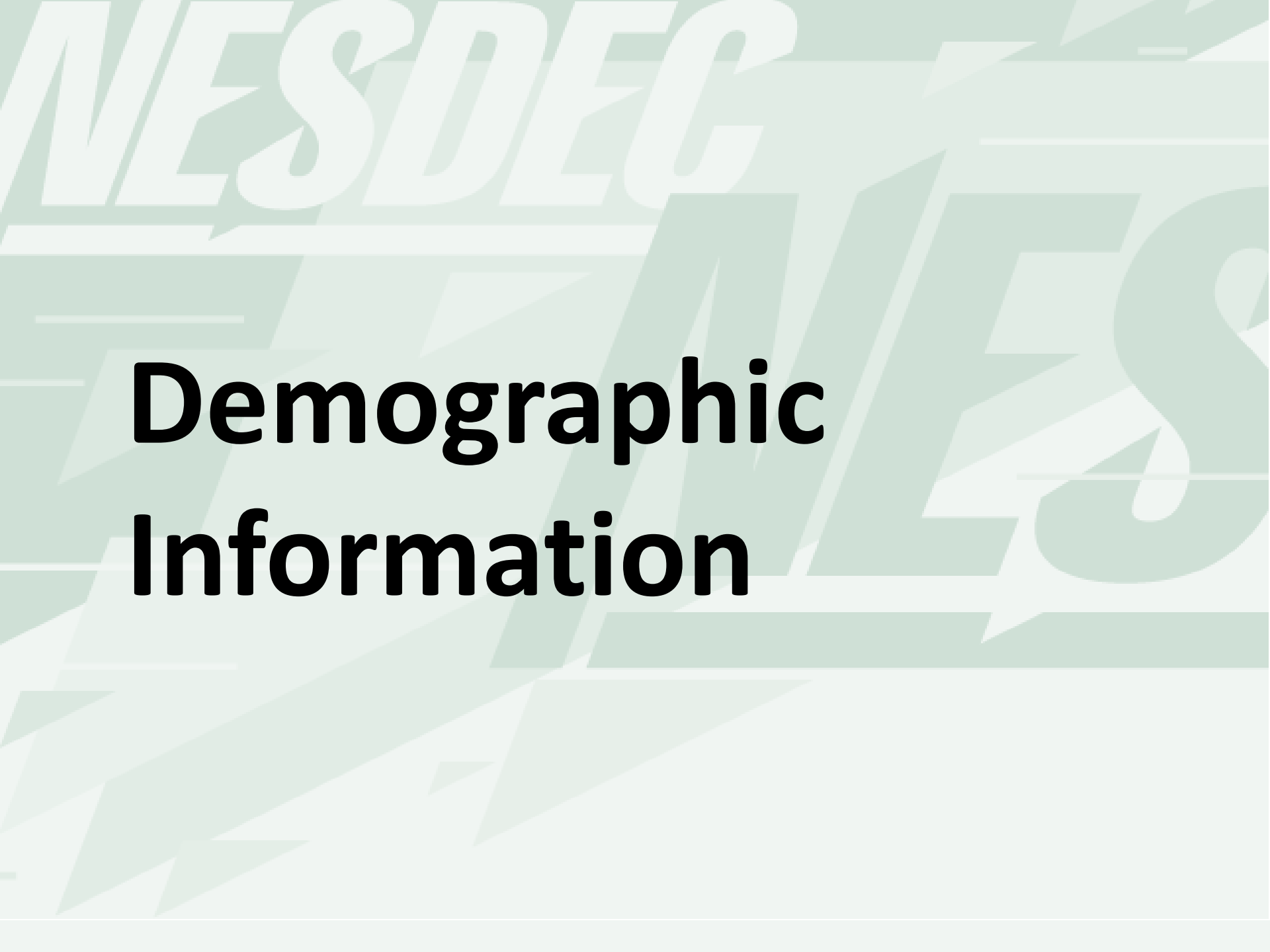
A NESDEC demographic study can provide the information and insight needed for long-range planning. This report is for Sanderson Academy.

# 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 **Sanderson Academy, 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.](#)

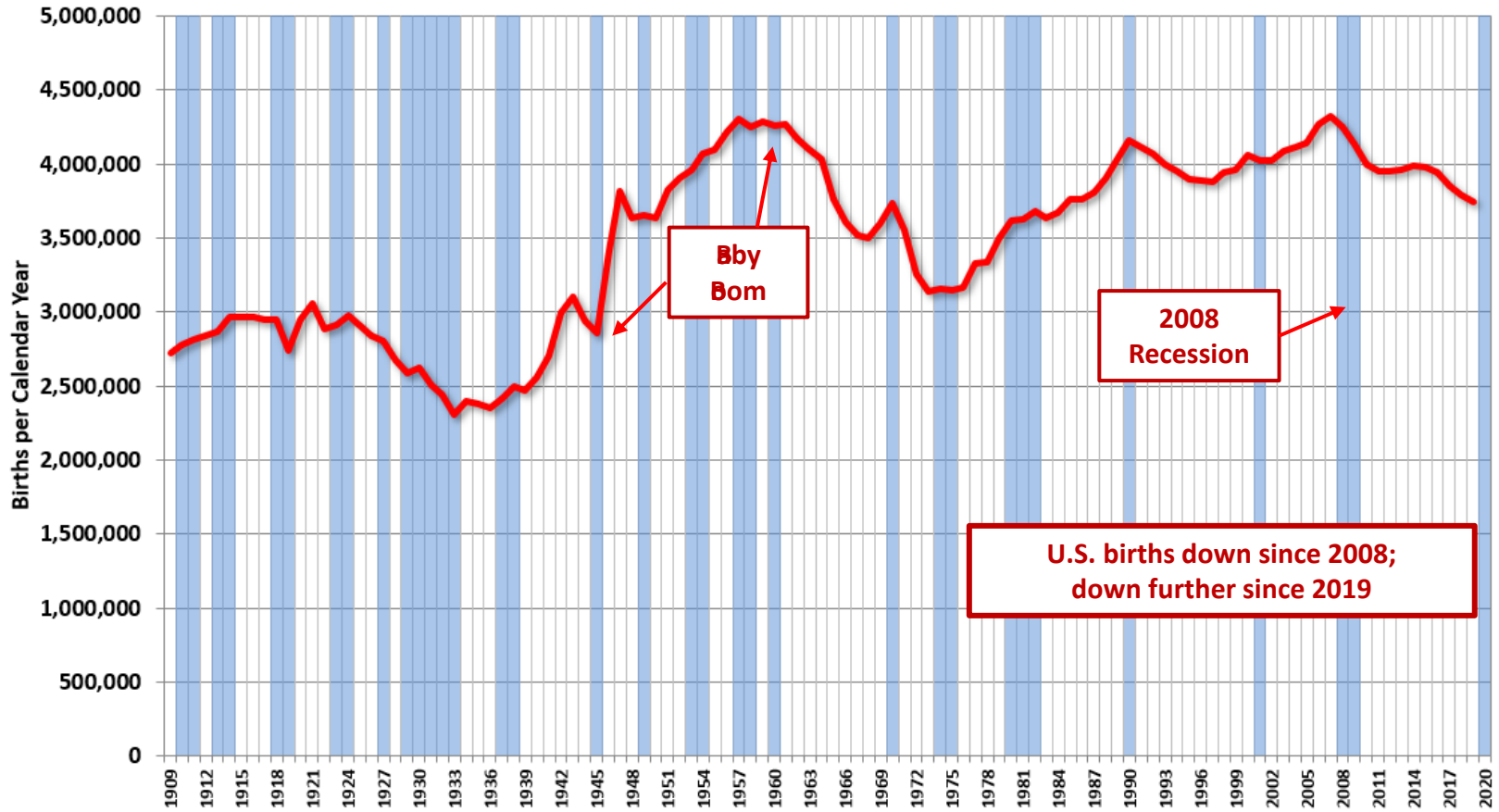
The Report opens with information pertaining to trends in population and data regarding factors that influence school enrollments. NESDEC provides an updated 10-year Enrollment Projection Report, including an analysis of expected "student yield" from any proposed residential construction, if applicable.



# **Demographic Information**

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

Births per Year in the U.S., Source: www.cdc.gov



<http://www.calculatedriskblog.com/> Note: recessions are marked as full year.

# 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.

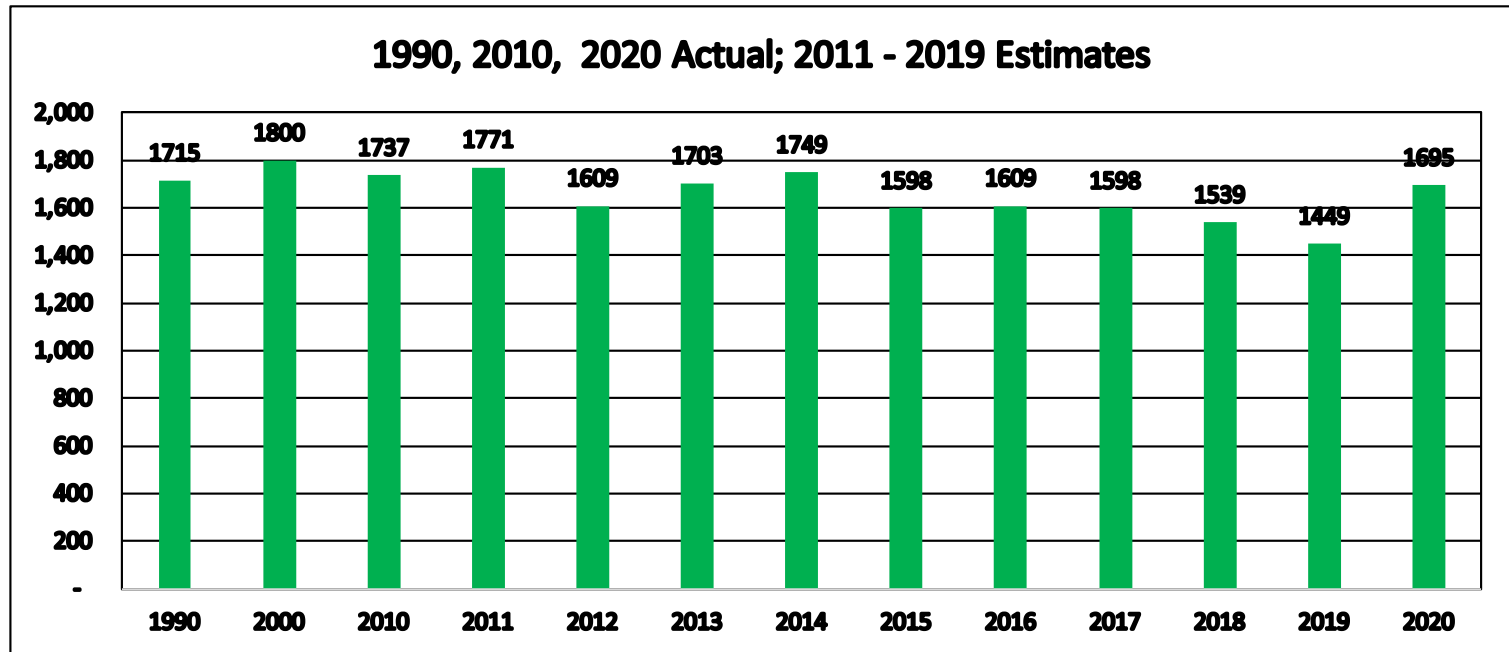
State	Fall 2020 PK - 12	Fall 2030 Projected	PK-12 Decline	% Change 2020-2030
CT	509,058	475,600	-33,458	-6.6%
ME	172,455	161,800	-10,655	-6.2%
MA	921,712	879,900	-41,812	-4.5%
NH	169,027	144,600	-24,427	-14.5%
RI	139,184	130,200	-8,984	-6.5%
VT	82,401	74,600	-7,801	-9.5%

**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.



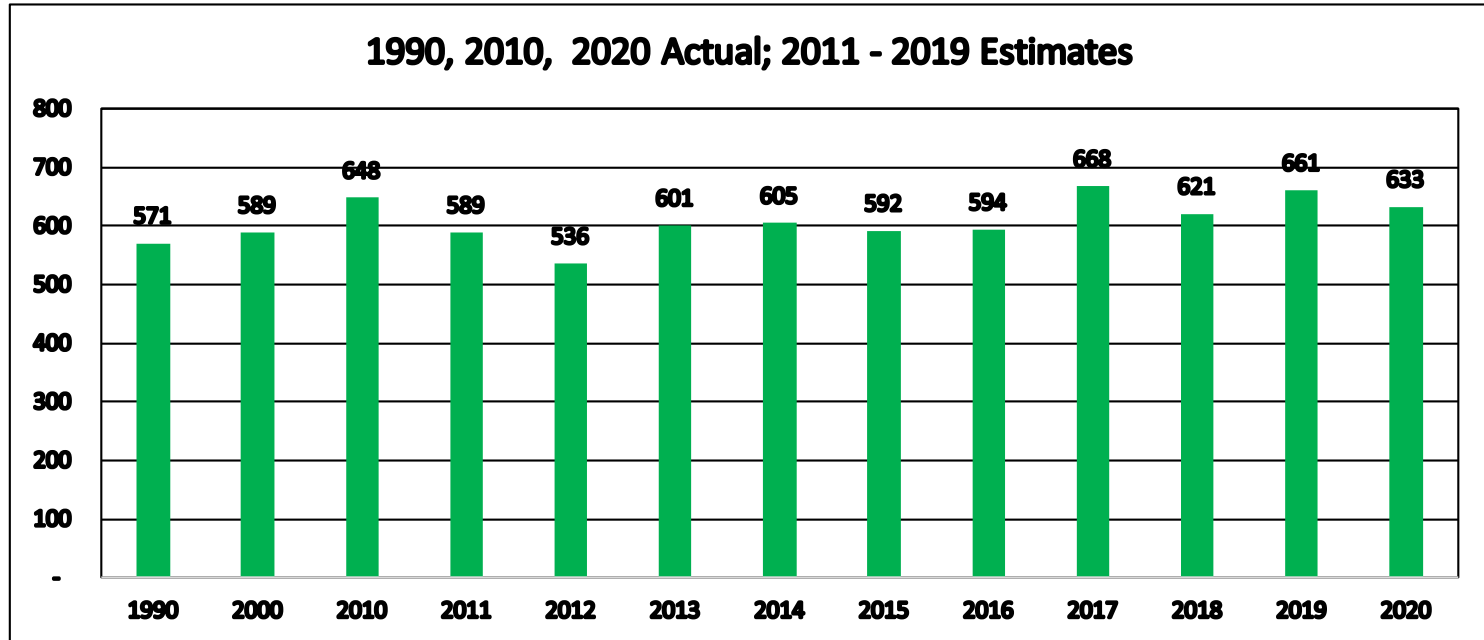
# Ashfield, MA Population Data



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

NOTE: Since 2011, Ashfield has experienced a range in population from 1,449 to 1,771 residents. During the 2015-2018 years, the population remained in the low 1,600 to 1,500 citizens. In 2019 the population decreased to 1,449; in 2020 the population increased to 1,696, an increase of 147 residents from the previous year.

# Plainfield, MA Population Data



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

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NOTE: Since 2011, Plainfield has experienced a range in population from 536 to 668 residents. In the past 4 years, the population has totaled in the 600s, with the 2018 population totaling 621 citizens; the 2019 population increased to 661 citizens; and the 2020 population declined to 633 residents.

# Mohawk Trail RSD, MA

## Median Age of Population by Town

	2000 Actual	2010 Actual	2020 Est.
<b>United States</b>	35.3	37.2	38.2
<b>Massachusetts</b>	36.5	39.1	39.6
<b>Franklin County</b>	39.5	44.2	47.1
<b>Ashfield</b>	41.8	48.9	57.1
<b>Plainfield</b>	42.3	48.3	49.4

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, Ashfield's median age is 57.1, 10 years higher than Franklin County, and Plainfield's median age is 49.1, close to 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 Ashfield and Plainfield is aging overall.

# Ashfield Population Trends

**General Population** – According to the U.S. Census Bureau, **Ashfield, MA** had a population of 1,695 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: 10.5%:

5 - 9 years: 3.7%

10 - 14 years: 2.2%

15 - 19 years: 4.6%

Other Age Breakouts:

Under 5 Years: 2.1%

Under 18 Years: 10.7%

18 - 64 Years: 65.5%

65 Years and Over: 23.8%

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

# Plainfield Population Trends

**General Population** – According to the U.S. Census Bureau, **Plainfield, MA** had a population of 633 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: 20.6%:

5 - 9 years: 3.6%

10 - 14 years: 9.3%

15 - 19 years: 7.7%

Other Age Breakouts:

Under 5 Years: 3.9%

Under 18 Years: 20.3%

18 - 64 Years: 51.1%

65 Years and Over: 28.6%

*\* 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 Ashfield:

YEAR	TOTAL HOUSING UNITS	PUBLIC K-12 ENROLLMENT	K-12 STUDENTS PER HOUSEHOLD
2010	877	345	0.39
2020	880	178	0.20

## Town of Plainfield:

YEAR	TOTAL HOUSING UNITS	PUBLIC K-12 ENROLLMENT	K-12 STUDENTS PER HOUSEHOLD
2010	237	98	0.41
2020	285	130	0.46

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

The percentage of K-12 students per household in Ashfield has declined from 39% in 2010 to 20% in 2020. The percentage of K-12 students per household in Plainfield has increased from 41% in 2010 to 46% in 2020.

# Demographic Analysis

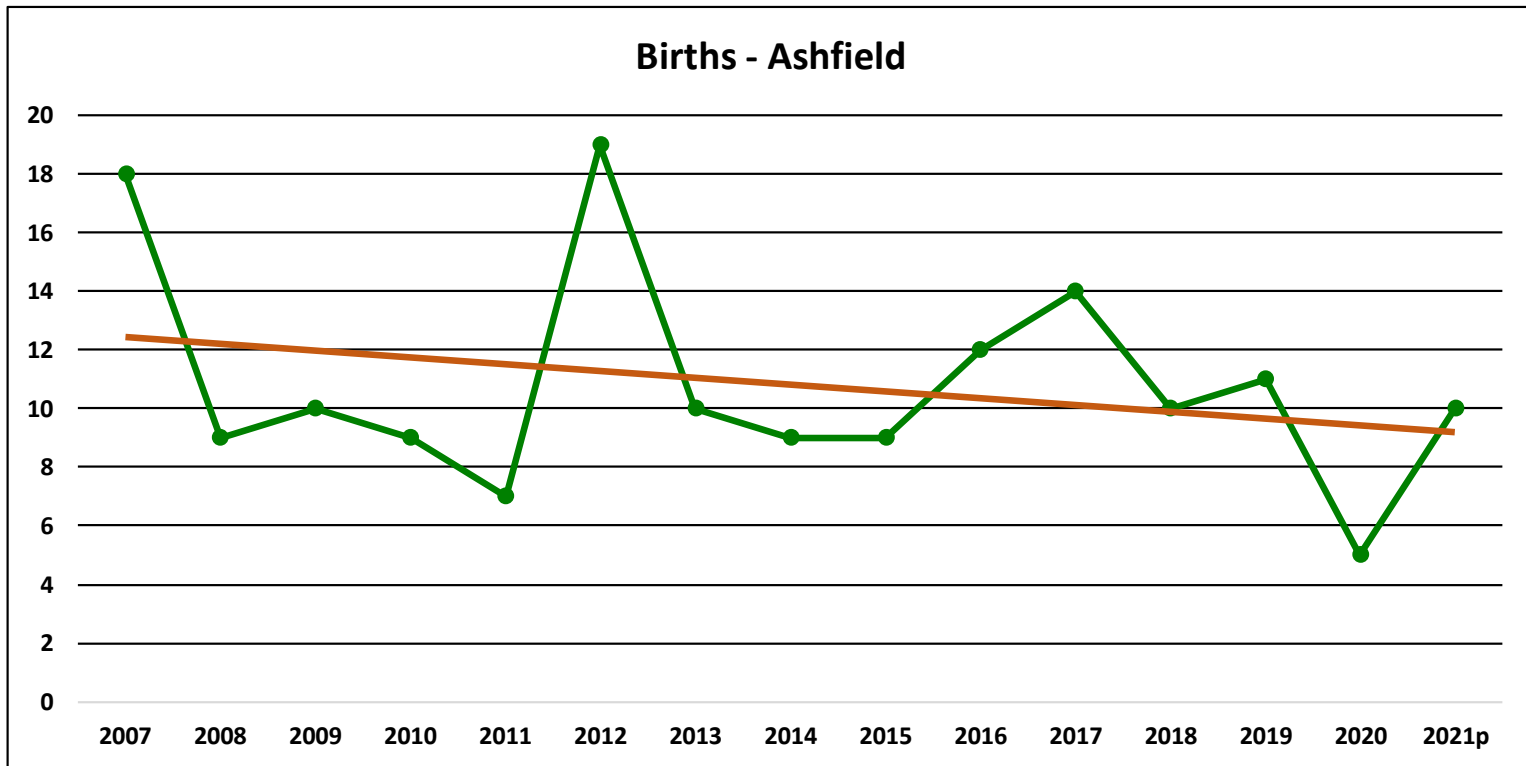
## Ashfield Brths – Data provided by the State Vital Records Department

- Between 2007 and 2012, Ashfield births averaged 12 per year.
- From 2013 to 2020, average births decreased to 10 per year.
- In 2021, the provisional births\* were 10.

Over the past 15 years, births have ranged from a high of 19 (2012), to a low of 5 (2020) which does have an impact on Kindergarten enrollments. See graph.

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

# Ashfield Births



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



# Demographic Analysis

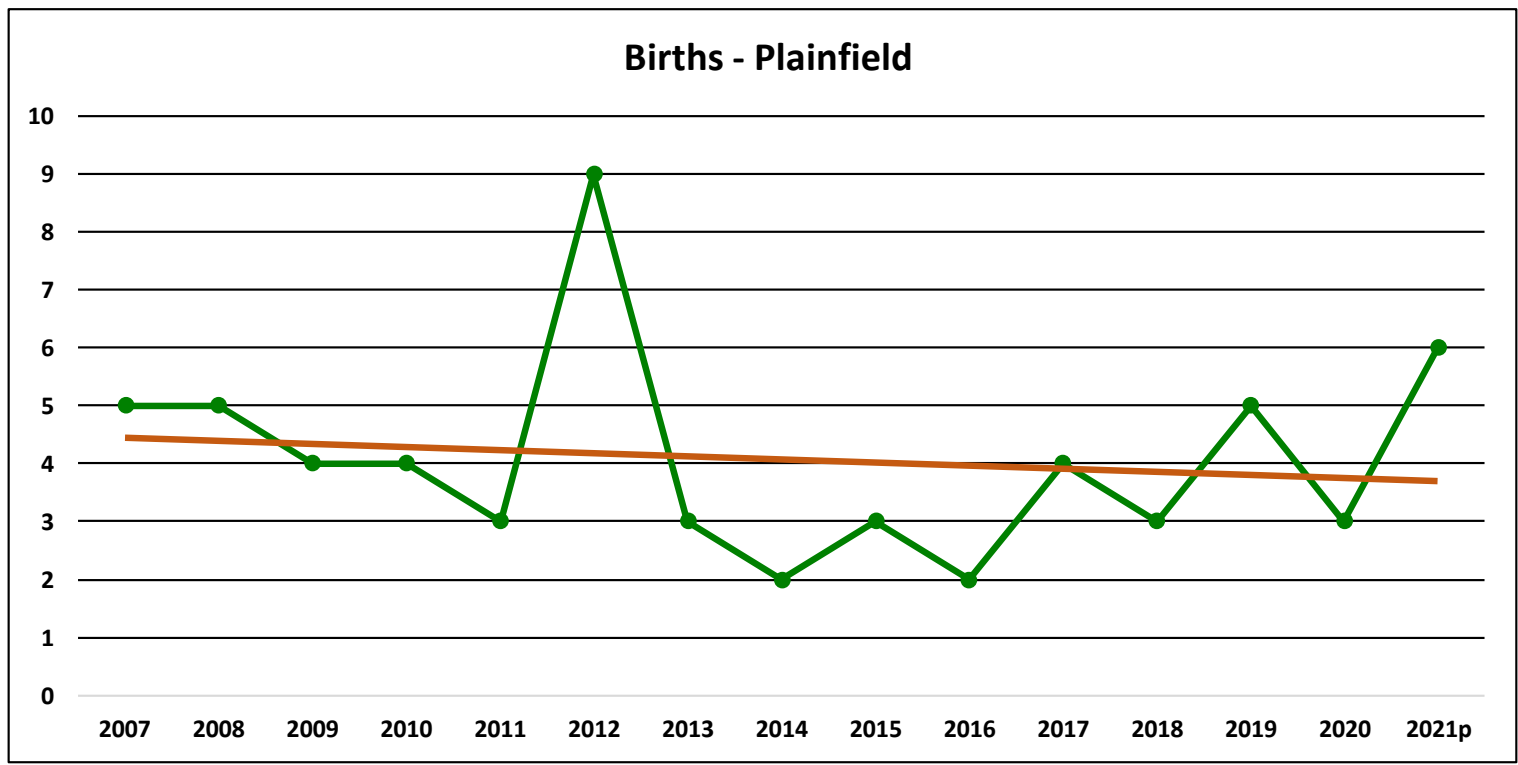
## Plainfield Brths – Data provided by the State Vital Records Department

- Between 2007 and 2012, Plainfield births averaged 5 per year.
- From 2013 to 2020, average births decreased to 3 per year.
- In 2021, the provisional births\* were 6.

An average of 5 births per year during 2007-2012 decreased to an average of 3 per year for 2013-2020. The provisional births are projected to increase to 6 (2018-2020), which could impact Kindergarten enrollment.

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

# Plainfield 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 65<sup>th</sup> 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 - Ashfield

## Residential Sales

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

- Between 2001 and 2007, Ashfield had an average of 19 single-family home sales, with an average median sales price of \$200,664.
- From 2008-2012, during the housing downturn, Ashfield single-family home sales averaged 12 units, with an average median sales price of \$214,180.
- From 2013-2020, single-family home sales in Ashfield increased to an average of 13 units per year, with an average median sales price of \$235,688.
- For 2021, Ashfield has sold 17 single-family homes, with a median sales price of \$355,000.

NOTE: Median home sales have increased to pre-2008 recession numbers, and the median sales price has increased to a high of \$355,000 for 2021.

## Home and Condo Sales - Ashfield

Year	Single-Family	S-F Median Sales Price	# Condo Units	Year	Single-Family	S-F Median Sales Price	# Condo Units
1999	15	\$139,000		2011	15	\$245,000	
2000	25	\$125,000		2012	13	\$207,000	1
2001	27	\$139,000		2013	13	\$210,000	
2002	20	\$160,000		2014	13	\$220,000	
2003	18	\$156,750	1	2015	9	\$198,000	
2004	17	\$225,000		2016	12	\$245,000	
2005	19	\$209,000		2017	11	\$256,000	
2006	16	\$249,900		2018	20	\$280,500	1
2007	16	\$265,000		2019	12	\$244,500	
2008	13	\$199,900		2020	14	\$231,500	
2009	9	\$229,000		2021	17	\$355,000	
2010	11	\$190,000		2022*	7	\$289,000	

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 - Plainfield

## Residential Sales

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

- Between 2001 and 2007, Plainfield had an average of 6 single-family home sales, with an average median sales price of \$187,858.
- From 2008-2012, during the housing downturn, Plainfield single-family home sales averaged 3 units, with an average median sales price of \$219,869.
- From 2013-2020, single-family home sales in Plainfield increased to an average of 6 units per year, with an average median sales price of \$184,666.
- For 2021, Plainfield has sold 4 single-family homes, with a median sales price of \$402,500.

NOTE: Median home sales have increased to pre-2008 recession numbers, and the median sales price has increased to a high of \$402,500 for 2021.

## Home and Condo Sales - Plainfield

Year	Single-Family	S-F Median Sales Price	# Condo Units	Year	Single-Family	S-F Median Sales Price	# Condo Units
1999	5	\$65,000	0	2011	3	\$285,000	0
2000	5	\$75,000	0	2012	4	\$192,875	0
2001	8	\$110,000	0	2013	5	\$185,000	0
2002	7	\$168,900	0	2014	3	\$114,000	0
2003	7	\$280,000	0	2015	8	\$157,380	0
2004	8	\$167,250	0	2016	7	\$194,782	0
2005	5	\$167,000	0	2017	8	\$151,000	0
2006	1	N/A	0	2018	1	N/A	0
2007	5	\$234,000	0	2019	5	\$214,000	0
2008	5	\$165,000	0	2020	8	\$276,500	0
2009	3	\$236,600	0	2021	4	\$402,500	0
2010	2	N/A	0	2022*	4	\$300,000	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 Ashfield and Plainfield Officials**

NESDEC contacted numerous officials in Ashfield and Plainfield 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, Ashfield reported 4 single-family home permits and Plainfield reported 1 single-family home permit; and in 2021, Ashfield reported 2 single-family home permits and Plainfield reported 3 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 Ashfield and Plainfield, MA

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

Ashfield is a 40 square mile town in the Berkshire foothills in the southwestern corner of Franklin County.

For decades, Ashfield was a quiet farming community with dozens of dairy and apple farms dotting the hillsides and lowlands. In the past 40 years, however, several farms have disappeared and the open fields and pastures have returned to wooded areas. It is only in the last 20 years that more people have been moving to Ashfield than leaving it.

People from all walks of life have moved from the cities: bankers, attorneys, artisans, craftspeople, writers, artists, tradesmen, technicians and others have turned Ashfield into a cultural center. Through all the years, the common theme has been that small is better and that Ashfield's role in the world is to be a haven from the world.

*Source: The Warren Group*

# Profile of the Town of Plainfield

Plainfield is a small hill town situated on the northwestern border of Hampshire County, about 25 miles east of Pittsfield and 30 miles northwest of Northampton.

There is a rich medley of all ages and occupations, of farmers and writers, tradespeople and artists, craftworkers and homemakers, healthcare workers, builders, secretaries and others.

The town is dedicated to careful planning to assure a growth rate that the community can handle given the condition of town roads, availability of services and continued protection of natural resources.

*Source: The Warren Group*

## Ashfield and Plainfield - 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	Ashfield	821	741	584	78.8%	157	21.2%	80	n/a	n/a
	Plainfield	311	243	208	85.6%	35	14.4%	68	n/a	n/a
2010	Ashfield	877	760	615	80.9%	145	19.1%	117	n/a	n/a
	Plainfield	329	269	237	88.1%	32	11.9%	60	n/a	n/a
2020	Ashfield	880	771	651	84.5%	120	15.5%	109	n/a	n/a
	Plainfield	335	285	248	86.9%	37	13.1%	50	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: Sanderson Academy

10/25/2022

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	23	2012-13	0	17	12	16	21	20	12	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	117	117
2008	14	2013-14	0	13	15	12	16	18	21	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	106	106
2009	14	2014-15	0	18	16	18	12	17	20	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	125
2010	13	2015-16	38	11	17	15	19	12	13	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	111	149
2011	10	2016-17	41	19	12	18	14	17	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	102	143
2012	28	2017-18	37	31	19	12	18	14	18	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	122	159
2013	13	2018-19	29	22	28	20	12	18	13	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	159
2014	11	2019-20	25	15	21	27	21	13	20	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	155
2015	12	2020-21	20	10	13	19	20	20	10	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	130
2016	14	2021-22	30	9	10	14	17	21	16	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96	126
2017	18	2022-23	33	17	13	12	13	15	22	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	143

\*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	37	51	117	117	0	0	0	0
2013-14	28	28	50	106	106	0	0	0	0
2014-15	34	30	61	125	125	0	0	0	0
2015-16	28	34	49	111	149	0	0	0	0
2016-17	31	32	39	102	143	0	0	0	0
2017-18	50	30	42	122	159	0	0	0	0
2018-19	50	32	48	130	159	0	0	0	0
2019-20	36	48	46	130	155	0	0	0	0
2020-21	23	39	48	110	130	0	0	0	0
2021-22	19	31	46	96	126	0	0	0	0
2022-23	30	25	55	110	143	0	0	0	0

Historical Percentage Changes			
Year	K-6	Diff.	%
2012-13	117	0	0.0%
2013-14	106	-11	-9.4%
2014-15	125	19	17.9%
2015-16	111	-14	-11.2%
2016-17	102	-9	-8.1%
2017-18	122	20	19.6%
2018-19	130	8	6.6%
2019-20	130	0	0.0%
2020-21	110	-20	-15.4%
2021-22	96	-14	-12.7%
2022-23	110	14	14.6%
<b>Change</b>		<b>-7</b>	<b>-6.0%</b>

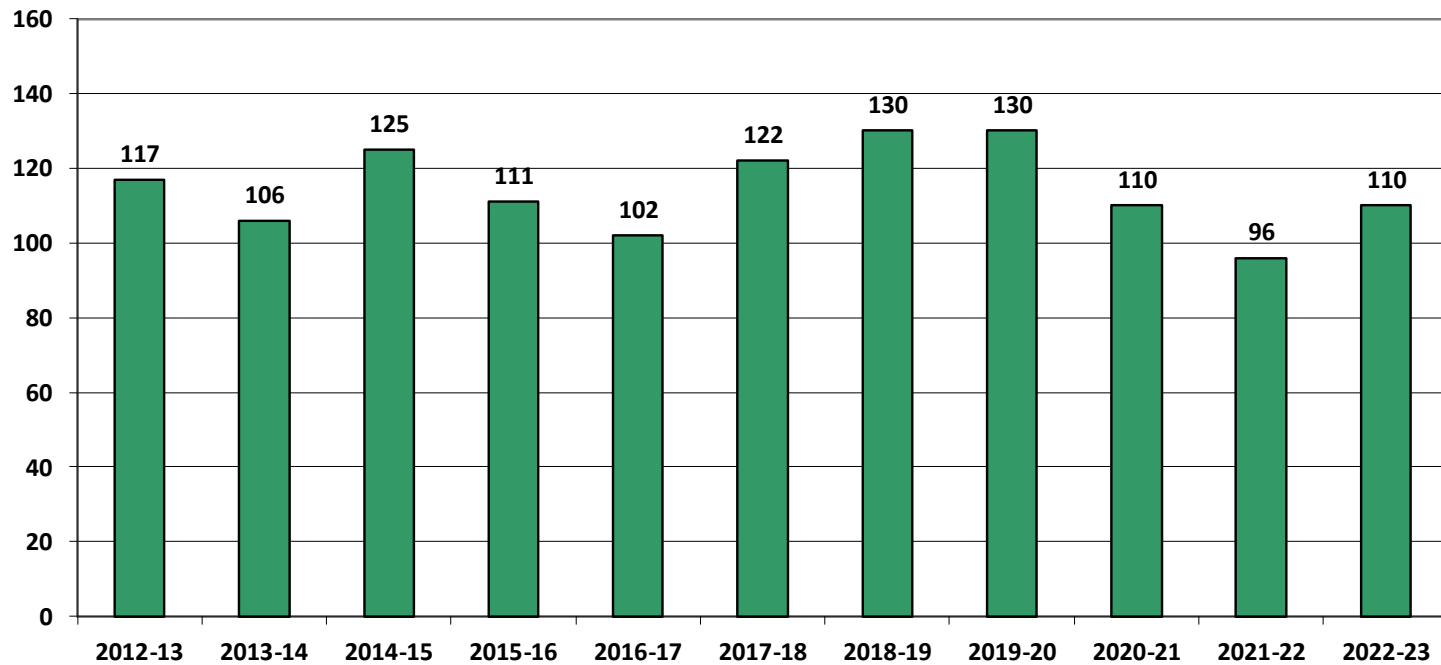
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NOTE: K-6 historical enrollment has ranged from 96-130 students, with a net decrease of 6% over the ten year period.



# Historical Enrollment

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



# Projected Enrollment

School District: Sanderson Academy

10/25/2022

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	18		2022-23	33	17	13	12	13	15	22	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	143
2018	13		2023-24	33	13	18	14	11	13	14	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	104	137
2019	16		2024-25	34	16	13	19	13	11	12	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	132
2020	8		2025-26	34	8	17	14	18	13	10	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	92	126
2021	16	(prov.)	2026-27	35	16	8	18	13	18	12	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	130
2022	14	(est.)	2027-28	35	14	17	8	17	13	17	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	133
2023	13	(est.)	2028-29	36	13	15	18	8	17	12	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	136
2024	14	(est.)	2029-30	36	13	13	16	17	8	16	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	131
2025	13	(est.)	2030-31	37	13	13	14	15	17	7	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	132
2026	14	(est.)	2031-32	37	14	13	14	13	15	16	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	92	129
2027	14	(est.)	2032-33	38	13	15	14	13	13	14	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	136

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	30	25	55	110	143	0	0	0	0
2023-24	31	25	48	104	137	0	0	0	0
2024-25	29	32	37	98	132	0	0	0	0
2025-26	25	32	35	92	126	0	0	0	0
2026-27	24	31	40	95	130	0	0	0	0
2027-28	31	25	42	98	133	0	0	0	0
2028-29	28	26	46	100	136	0	0	0	0
2029-30	26	33	36	95	131	0	0	0	0
2030-31	26	29	40	95	132	0	0	0	0
2031-32	27	27	38	92	129	0	0	0	0
2032-33	28	27	43	98	136	0	0	0	0

Projected Percentage Changes			
Year	K-6	Diff.	%
2022-23	110	0	0.0%
2023-24	104	-6	-5.5%
2024-25	98	-6	-5.8%
2025-26	92	-6	-6.1%
2026-27	95	3	3.3%
2027-28	98	3	3.2%
2028-29	100	2	2.0%
2029-30	95	-5	-5.0%
2030-31	95	0	0.0%
2031-32	92	-3	-3.2%
2032-33	98	6	6.5%
Change		-12	-10.9%

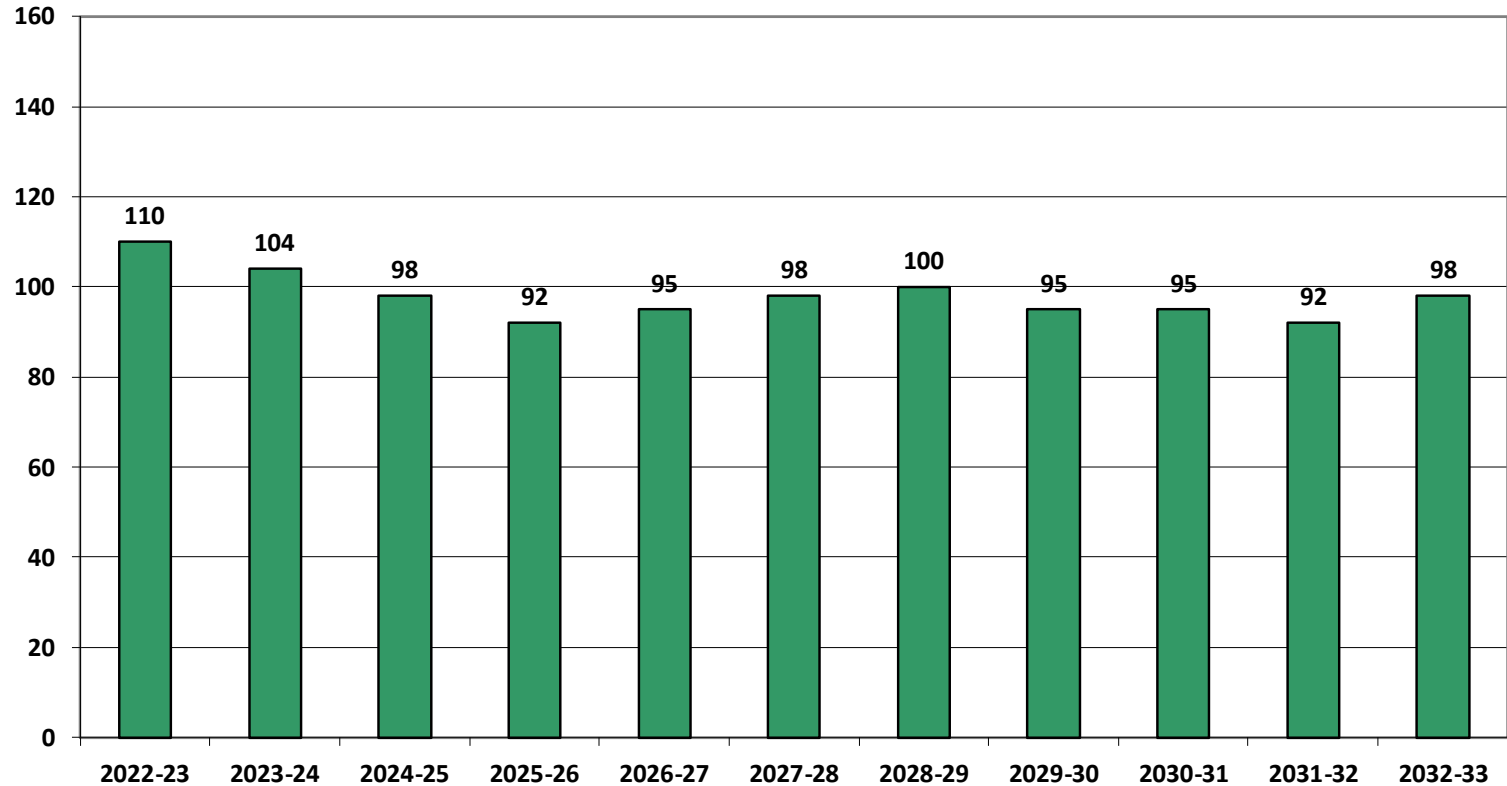
\*Projections should be updated annually to reflect changes in in/out-migration of families, real estate sales, residential construction, births, and similar factors.

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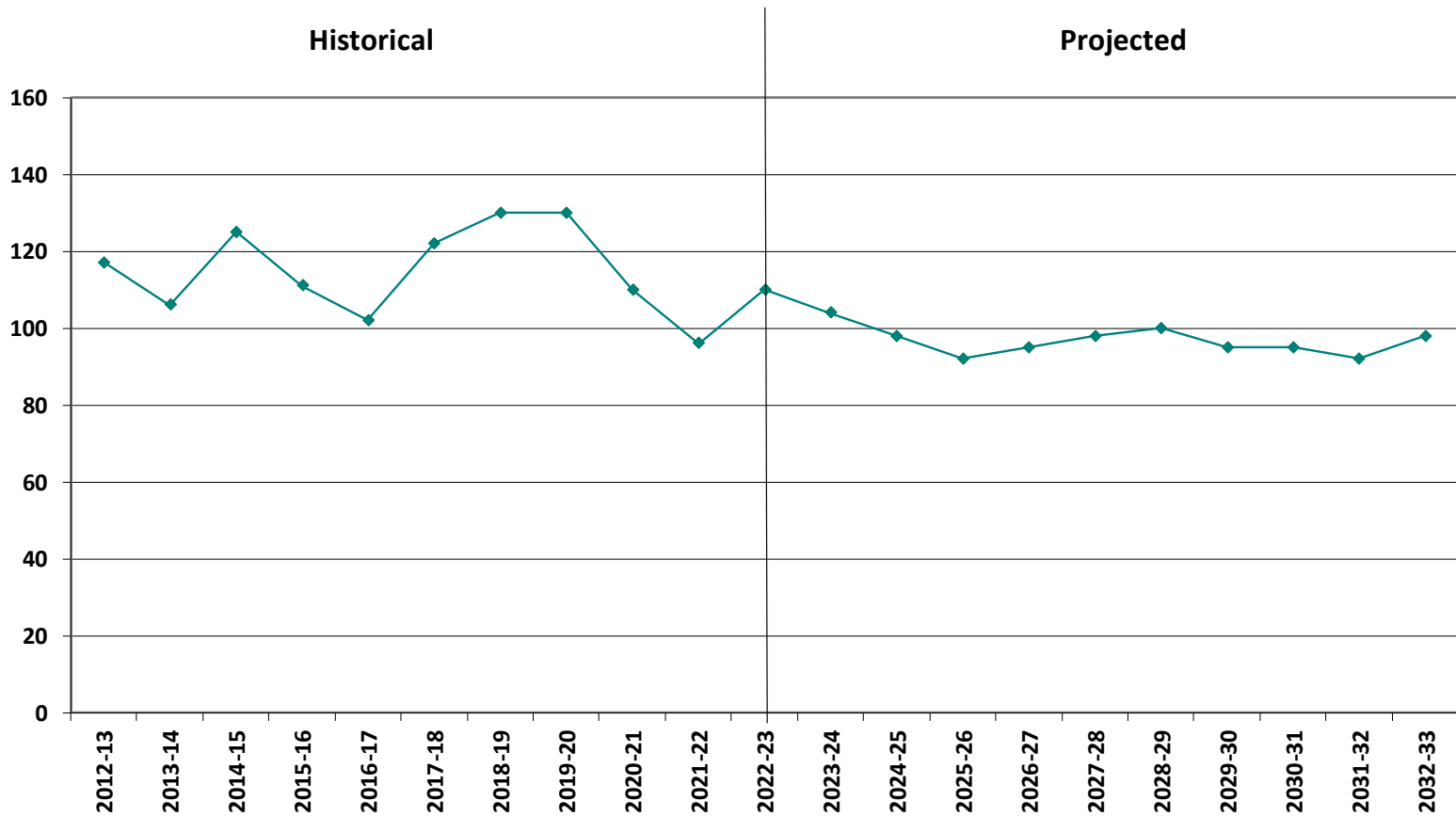
NOTE: Projections can serve as useful guides to school administrators for educational planning. Enrollment projections are more reliable in Years #1-4 in the future and less reliable in the “out-years.” Over the next three years, K-6 enrollments are projected to decrease by 18 students, as students move through the grades. Note: Lower grade level enrollments are less statistically reliable due to the small grade level cohort size. 34

# Projected Enrollment

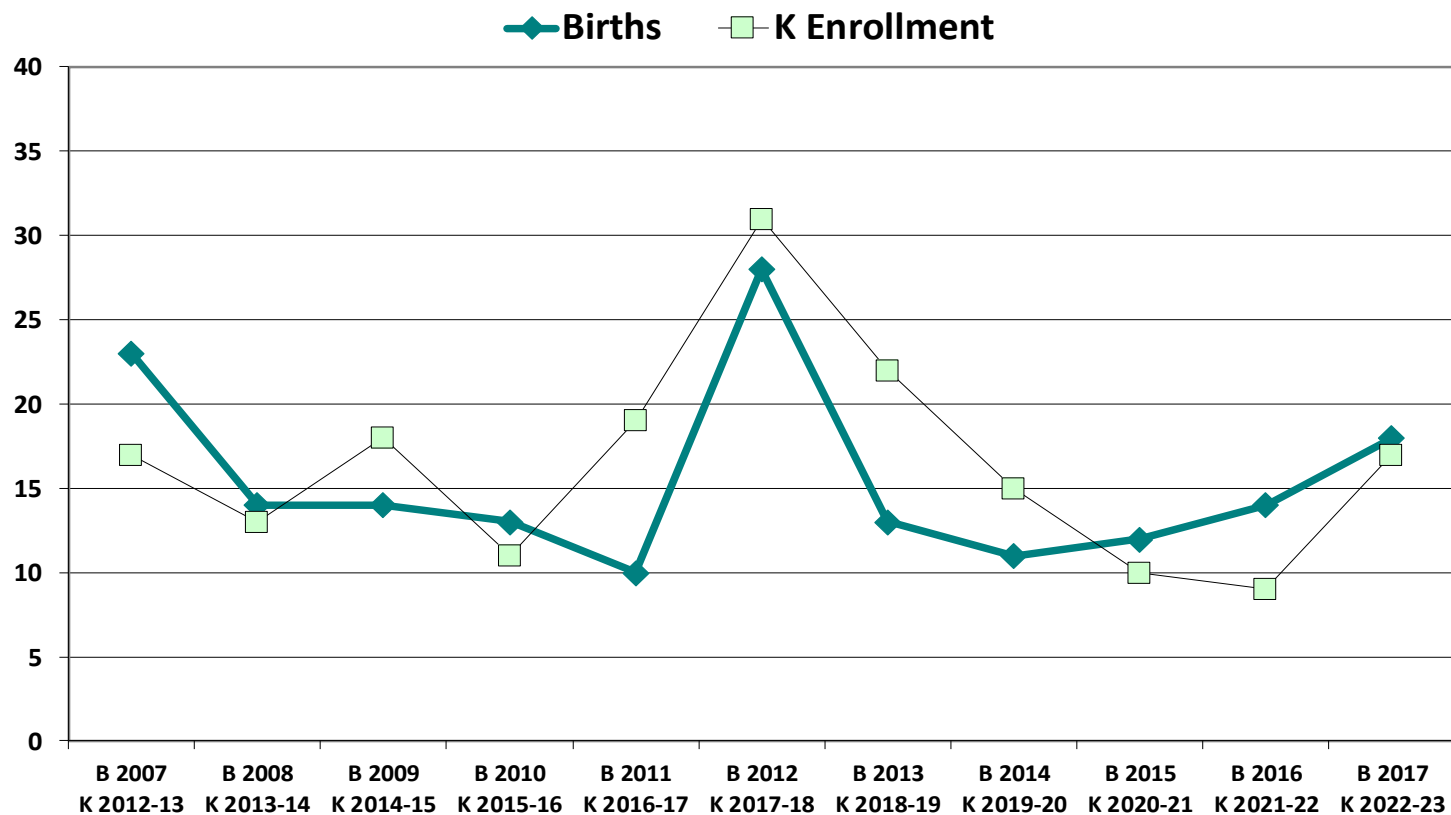
K-6, School Years 2022-23 to 2032-33



# Historical & Projected Enrollment



# Birth-to-Kindergarten Relationship



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Births over the past five years have ranged from 11-18, while Kindergarten enrollments over the last five years have experienced a range of 9-22 students. (This chart combines Ashfield and Plainfield births.)

# Additional Information

Building Permits Issued (Source: HUD)		
Year	Single-Family	Multi-Units
2012	2A 2P	0A 0P
2018	2A 3P	0A 0P
2019	2A 3P	0A 0P
2020	4A 3P	0A 0P
2021	2A 3P	0A 0P
2022	4A 1P to date	0A 0P to date

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

Note: A - Ashfield, P - Plainfield

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 Ashfield and Plainfield value the education of their students. There are some demographic factors to consider going forward:

- The population in Ashfield increased between 2019-2020, and the population in Plainfield has remained relatively stable.
- The median age of residents is aging overall.
- The percentage of K-12 students per housing unit is decreasing in Ashfield and increasing in Plainfield.
- Births are declining moderately 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.