

Western Suffolk BOCES Public School Enrollment 2015 through 2024

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WESTERN SUFFOLK BOCES REGIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT 2015-2024

During the historical period 2015 - 2021, there was an overall 10.4% decline (8,484 students) in enrollment in the Western Suffolk BOCES region - from a period high of 81,791 students in 2015 to a period low of 73,307 students in 2021. Declines were recorded in all grade configurations: the elementary (K - 5) grade configuration recorded a loss of 9.2% (3,122 students); the middle (6 - 8) and high school (9 - 12) grades recorded losses of 11.4% (2,223 students) and 10.9% (3,024 students), respectively, during this period. The most significant year-to-year decline of the historical period was between 2019 and 2020, with a loss of 2,332 students, or 3.0; this has been attributed to the pandemic.

Smithtown remains the district with the largest enrollment (7,937 students), while Babylon is the smallest district, with 1,516 students. Between 2020 and 2021, enrollment remained stable (change of less than 1.5%) in nine districts, while losses of 1.6 - 3.8% were recorded in eight districts; a gain was noted in one district (Cold Spring Harbor). For the six years between 2015 and 2021, a gain was recorded in one district (9.4 % in Wyandanch), while losses ranging from 3.1 to 20.0 percent were recorded in all other districts.

Overall regional enrollment is projected to further decline by 2,437 students (3.3%) over the next three years.

The elementary (K - 5) enrollment is projected to remain relatively stable over the next three years, with a loss of 245 students, or 0.8 percent, between 2021 and 2024.

The middle grades (6 - 8) enrollment is projected to decline by 5.5% over the next three years, with a loss of 938 students between 2021 and 2024.

The secondary (9 - 12) enrollment is projected to decline by 5.1%, or 1,251 students, between 2021 and 2024.

Lower birth levels result in smaller kindergarten cohorts. Suffolk County births have declined 27% during the last two decades, dropping from 20,248 births in 2000 to 14,742 births in 2020. Consequently, a similar pattern has been seen in kindergarten enrollment in the Western Suffolk BOCES region. Total regional enrollment is expected to continue to decline as exiting twelfth grade classes will be replaced by significantly smaller entering kindergarten classes.

New housing construction or the re-sale of existing homes is one of the contributing factors when analyzing potential school enrollment. Records show increases in housing sales between 2019 and 2020 in two towns - Huntington (+2%) and Smithtown (+5%), while housing turnover in the Town of Babylon declined 2% during this period. Increases in the median sale prices of 5 - 9% were recorded in the three towns between 2019 and 2020. Recent growth in median sale prices in many areas has been attributed to strong buyer demand and a lack of available inventory.

During the last five years, the Western Suffolk BOCES Office of School Planning & Research has conducted over 200 planning studies for school districts on Long Island and in the Hudson Valley region. Comprehensive Long Range Planning Studies include analysis of demographic factors that have influenced historical enrollment or have the potential to impact future enrollment. For further information about t °

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2021/22 (preliminary BEDS) Western Suffolk BOCES - Component District Enrollment

District:		Grade:												UGD	K - 12
		K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
Amityville	F	220	184	209	205	237	197	209	206	224	235	227	225	227	23
Babylon	F	117	138	99	126	106	108	124	127	118	111	101	113	117	11
Cold Spring Harbor	F	107	133	115	125	121	130	121	126	107	135	136	124	145	2
Commack	F	350	371	391	385	421	417	416	440	445	401	501	480	512	42
Copiague	F	371	326	331	326	405	341	337	396	364	431	385	351	329	2
Deer Park	F	268	264	267	263	264	267	288	287	338	300	317	300	305	36
Elwood	F	127	110	149	132	139	136	147	166	159	165	174	172	182	16

2019/20 Western Suffolk BOCES - Component District Enrollment

District:		Grade:												UGD	K - 12	
		K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			12
Amityville	F	211	219	239	208	227	229	235	212	233	219	223	239	271	32	
Babylon	F	104	124	106	105	128	119	125	122	117	123	121	111	139	11	
Cold Spring Harbor	F	97	111	114	117	111	118	102	142	143	129	150	135	163	3	
Commack	F	366	382	416	397	387	426	436	422	519	472	516	540	557	39	
Copiague	F	346	364	412	368	368	407	352	402	395	432	352	388	374	5	
Deer Park	F	256	258	264	256	276	282	330	306	326	288	296	343	343	40	
Elwood	F	141	133	135	130	142	160	159	170	182	177	173	166	171	10	
Half Hollow Hills	F	474	493	472	516	500	526	581	617	611	623	683	770	675	135	
Harborfields	F	188	182	175	208	209	215	261	271	223	233	256	294	229	21	
Huntington	F	306	311	306	300	315	320	373	328	361	415	361	327	402	34	
Kings Park	F	169	171	205	189	223	209	214	239	224	220	277	248	283	15	
Lindenhurst	F	404	376	399	398	421	402	456	441	435	499	440	482	461	60	
North Babylon	F	316	318	327	317	326	384	347	384	350	345	389	356	340	40	
Northport/E Northport	F	337	329	299	359	342	346	361	403	395	454	455	449	497	27	
Smithtown	F	507	529	534	554	583	617	651	689	697	686	751	749	796	55	
South Huntington	F	399	410	396	377	414	437	454	456	508	550	452	469	472	55	
West Babylon	F	258	266	256	240	253	264	276	305	312	301	318	306	334	16	
Wyandanch	F	251	215	202	197	211	182	220	192	190	203	198	173	215	51	

TOTAL

Note: ** = F (Full Day Kindergarten), H (Half Day Kindergarten)

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2018/19 Western Suffolk BOCES - Component District Enrollment

District:		Grade:												UGD	K - 12	
		K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			12
Amityville	F	206	239	207	231	233	233	221	218	198	200	230	236	259	30	
Babylon	F	124	104	103	121	119	124	121	114	130	122	111	140	132	8	
Cold Spring Harbor	F	105	115	120	110	118	98	138	141	138	151	138	163	178	4	
Commack	F	370	406	389	374	418	418	416	512	481	513	532	553	561	38	
Copiague	F	346	388	348	352	406	348	385	383	376	375	434	362	412	9	
Deer Park	F	260	261	240	288	280	334	311	328	302	295	343	344	354	39	
Elwood	F	122	130	131	144	157	158	175	180	185	168	168	167	178	14	
Half Hollow Hills	F	463	454	511	480	507	578	605	599	636	698	769	679	721	136	
Harborfields	F	176	171	205	199	211	253	273	223	239	253	294	229	274	22	
Huntington	F	316	301	305	308	322	354	333	341	349	383	372	373	335	33	
Kings Park	F	166	200	182	219	212	215	241	227	236	276	252	274	305	16	
Lindenhurst	F	362	390	384	417	405	441	432	433	483	432	475	449	507	71	
North Babylon	F	313	328	315	327	381	352	384	355	355	393	357	349	353	43	
Northport/E Northport	F	349	302	355	342	352	350	396	397	461	457	445	487	487	25	
Smithtown	F	512	524	541	585	607	635	671	696	698	749	757	783	819	58	
South Huntington	F	396	401	380	388	432	428	450	493	432	474	497	464	429	60	
West Babylon	F	270	258	235	244	266	268	309	308	298	323	306	319	321	16	
Wyandanch	F	216	215	219	213	196	241	202	182	175	184	166	183	227	60	

TOTAL

Note: ** = F (Full Day Kindergarten), H (Half Day Kindergarten)

Count of Districts with Full Day Kindergarten: 18 of 18 districts

