

Common School Long Range Projection (*Unofficial*)

Caseload Forecast Council,
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Common School FTE enrollment* is projected to change annually as follows:

School Year	Change	% Change
2023-24	4,255	0.4%
2024-25	2,663	0.2%
2025-26	-3,301	-0.3%
2026-27	-7,739	-0.7%
2027-28	-3,309	-0.3%
2028-29	-2,648	-0.2%

* includes Running Start, Private, Homebased, Summer School, UW Transition program, Open Door

The February 2021 Long-Range Projection for Common Schools is for school years 2023-24 through 2030-31.

Enrollment is expected to decrease, on average, by 0.1% per year through the 2028-29 school year.

The Long-Range Common School Projection is derived from the February 2021 Common School enrollment forecast and Office of Financial Management's (OFM) state population forecast (November 2020). (The February 2021 Common School enrollment forecast extends through the 2022-2023 school year.) The Long-Range Projection includes K-12, private and home-based school enrollment, summer school enrollment, Running Start, and UW Transition Program enrollment components for a period beyond the current standard budget forecast. It excludes Charter School enrollment. The projection is expressed in terms of full-time equivalents (FTE) and headcounts (HC): one FTE is the equivalent of one student attending school full-time.

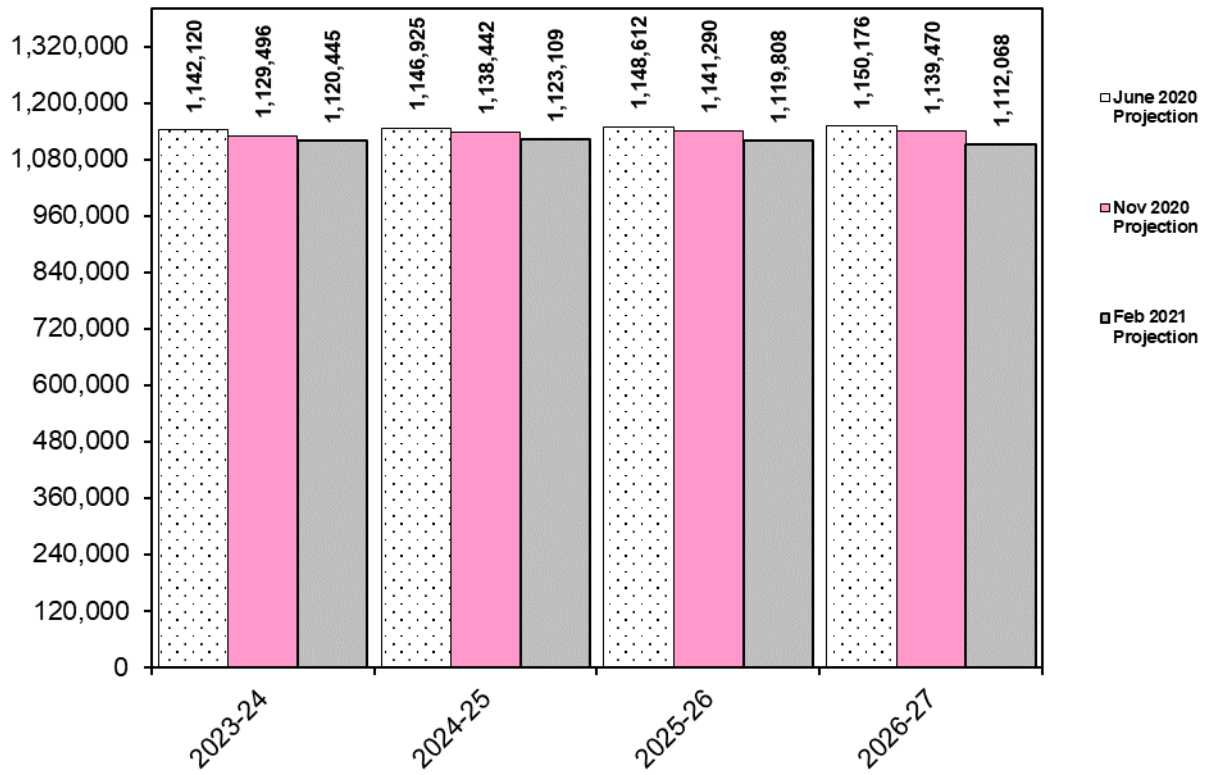
The Long Range Projection is based on participation rates which are then applied to the current OFM population forecast (November 2020). For this projection, to simplify the model, it is assumed that all children in a single grade are of a single age. The participation rate is the ratio of enrolled children to total children of that age/grade. For example, if it is assumed that all 8th graders are 13, then the participation rate for 8th grade reduces to the ratio of 8th graders to children age 13. The Long-Range Projection of 8th graders is this ratio multiplied by OFM's forecast of 13-year-olds. The Long-Range Projection is produced from participation rates estimated for each age/grade.

School Year (AA FTE and Oct HC)

Year	Projected (AA FTE*)	Projected (OCT HC*)
2023-24	1,120,445	1,139,846
2024-25	1,123,109	1,143,550
2025-26	1,119,808	1,140,977
2026-27	1,112,068	1,133,127
2027-28	1,108,759	1,129,801
2028-29	1,106,112	1,127,248

* includes Running Start, Private, Homebased, Summer, UW, Open Door.

K12 Long Range Projections (FTEs)



Long Term October Headcount Projections

