

# Common School Long-Range Projection (*Unofficial*)

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**Common School FTE enrollment\* is projected to change annually as follows:**

| <b>School Year</b> | <b>Change</b> | <b>% Change</b> |
|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 2025-26            | -1,031        | -0.1%           |
| 2026-27            | -4,686        | -0.4%           |
| 2027-28            | -3,763        | -0.4%           |
| 2028-29            | -4,561        | -0.4%           |

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

**The February 2024 Long-Range Projection for Common Schools is for school years 2025-26 through 2028-29.**

**Enrollment is expected, on average, to slightly decline by 0.3 percent over the four-year period.**

The Long-Range Common School Projection is derived from the February 2024 Common School enrollment forecast and Office of Financial Management's (OFM) state population forecast at time of publication (November 2023). (The February 2024 Common School enrollment forecast extends through the 2024-2025 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 four-year period beyond the current standard budget forecast. It excludes Charter School and Transition to Kindergarten 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.

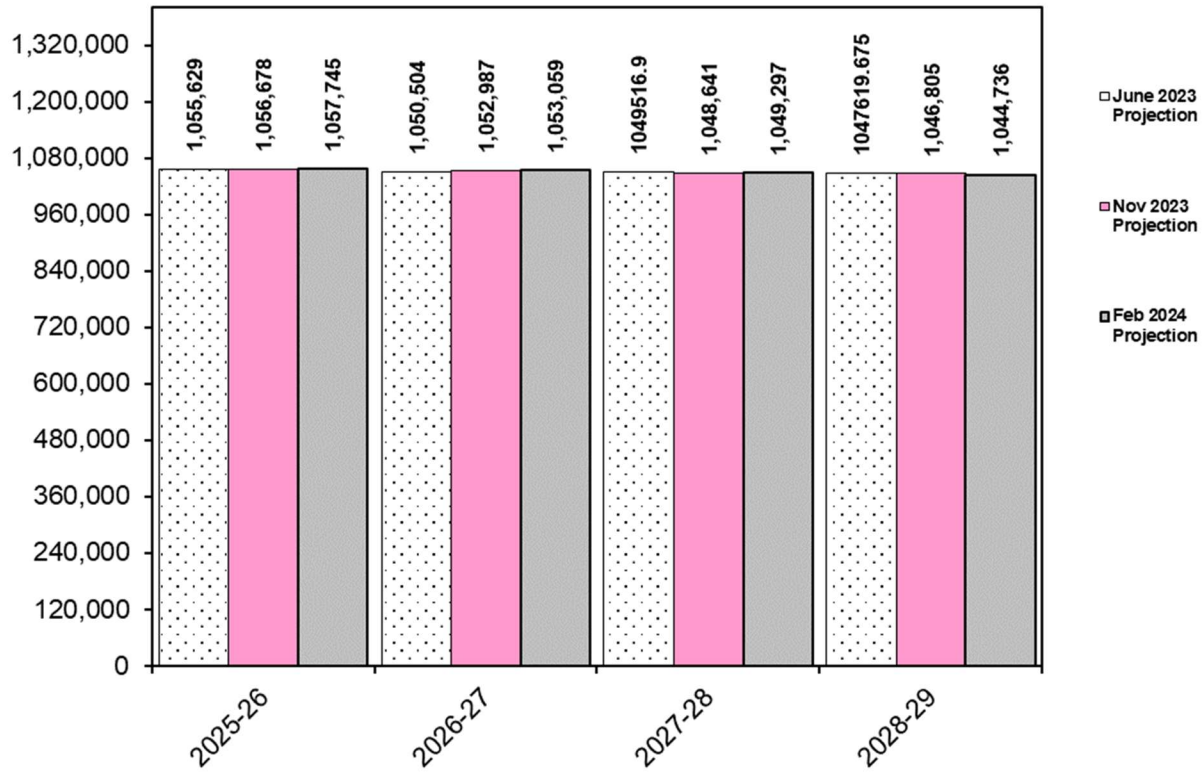
The Long-Range Projection is based on participation rates which are then applied to the current OFM population forecast (November 2023). For this projection, to simplify the model, it is assumed that all children in a single grade are of a single age. The participation rate is the ratio of enrolled children 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 aged 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)

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Projected (AA FTE*)</b> | <b>Projected (OCT HC*)</b> |
|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2025-26     | 1,057,745                  | 1,068,024                  |
| 2026-27     | 1,053,059                  | 1,062,458                  |
| 2027-28     | 1,049,297                  | 1,059,292                  |
| 2028-29     | 1,044,736                  | 1,054,617                  |

\*Includes Running Start, Private, Homebased, Summer, UW, Open Door.

### K12 Long Range Projections (FTEs)



### Long Term October Headcount Projections

