



Wilton Public Schools

# 10-Year Enrollment Projections

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# Enrollment Drivers

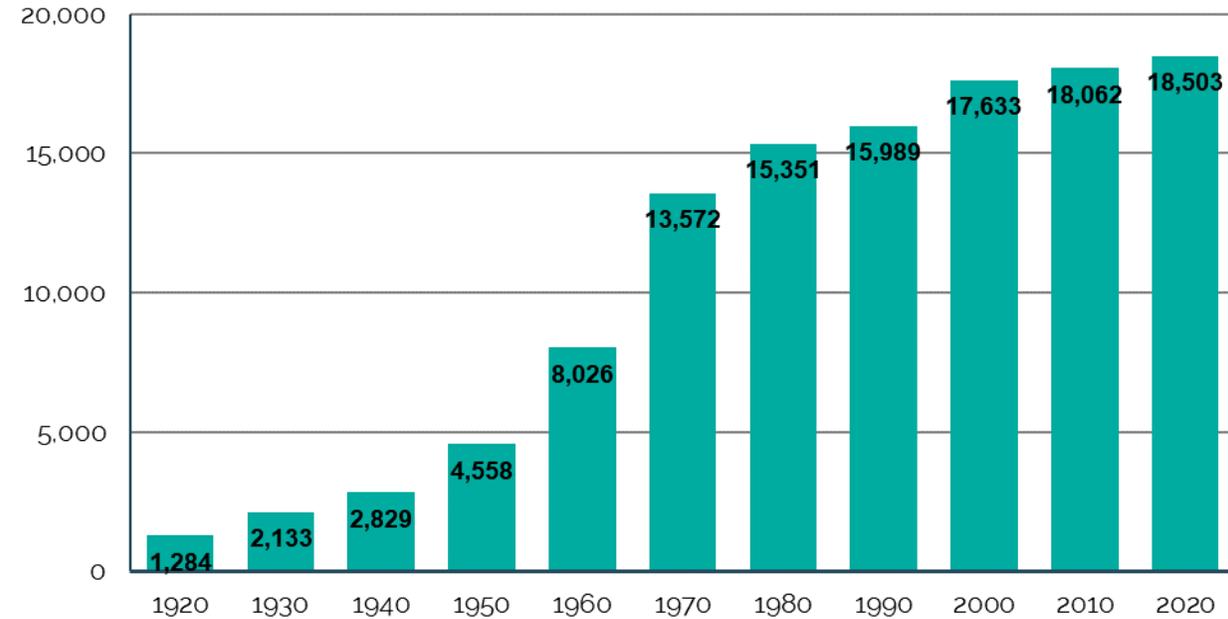
## Enrollment Drivers



# Wilton's Population

- According to 2020 Decennial Census, Wilton's total population grew by 441 or 2.4% over the last decade.
  - Similar rate of growth as Wilton experienced between 2000 and 2010
- Impacts from the pandemic over the last 40 months not captured in 2020 census counts
- According to 2022 population estimates from the CT Department of Public Health, Wilton's population has remained stable since 2020 at roughly 18,500 residents

Town of Wilton Total Population



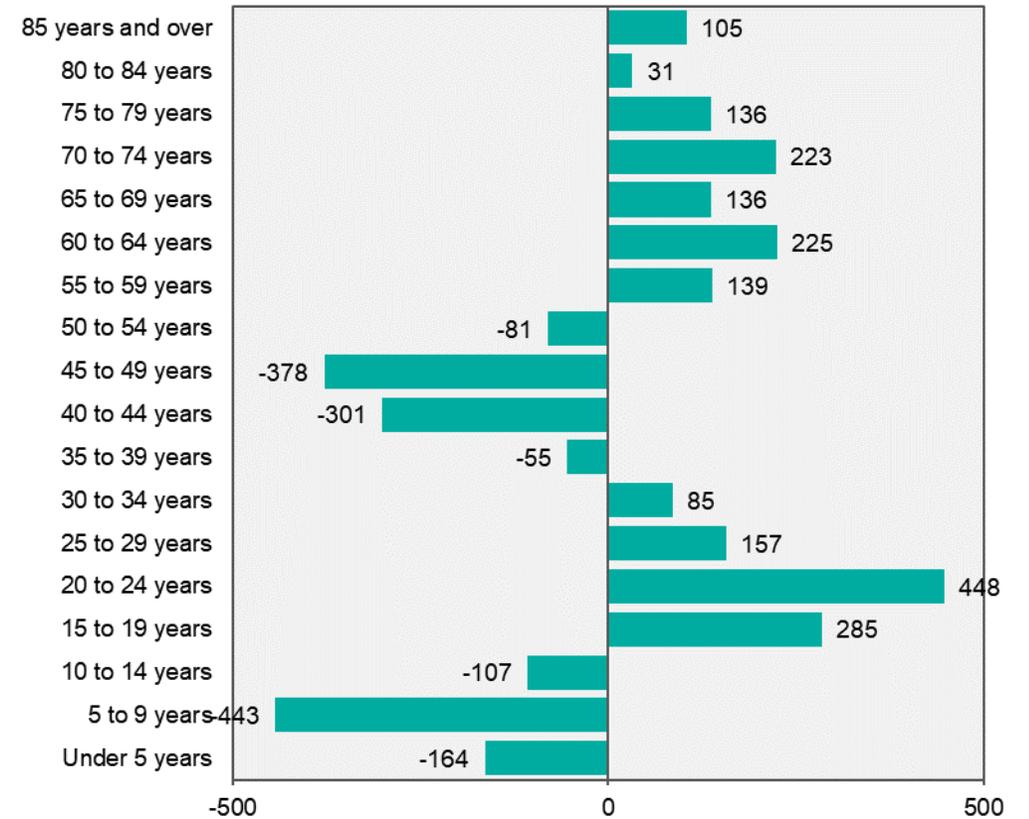
Source: Decennial Census 1920-2020.



# Wilton's Population

- While Wilton's total population grew relatively slowly since 2010, there were notable shifts in the age composition of the community
- Growing senior population – population age 65 years old and over increased by 25% between 2010 and 2020 and now make up ~17% of the total population.
- Growing young adult population (20 to 34 years old), particularly to 20 to 24 age group.
- Decrease in the number of middle-aged adults (35 to 54 years old)

Population Change, by Age Group  
2010 to 2020

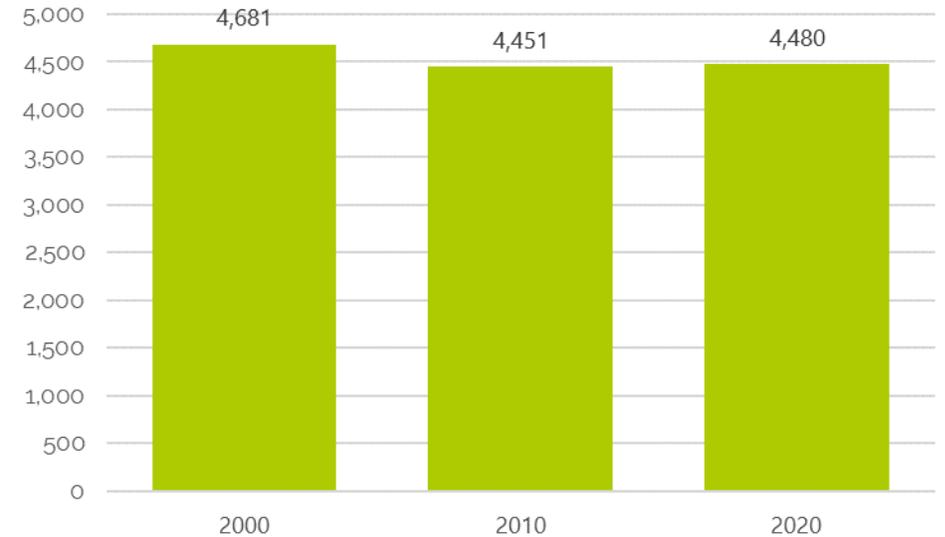




# Wilton's Population

- Females of childbearing age (FOCBA) typically strongly correlates with births.
  - Connecticut's highest fertility rates are in the 30- to 39-year-old age cohorts.
- Decrease in FOCBA between 2000 and 2010 (including age groups with highest fertility rates) corresponds to a period of decreasing births.
- FOCBA stable between 2010 and 2020 at about 4,500 people, including stable population in age groups with highest fertility rates.
  - Relatively stable births between 2010 and 2020

### Females of Childbearing Age (20 to 49)



Source: Decennial Census 2000 to 2020

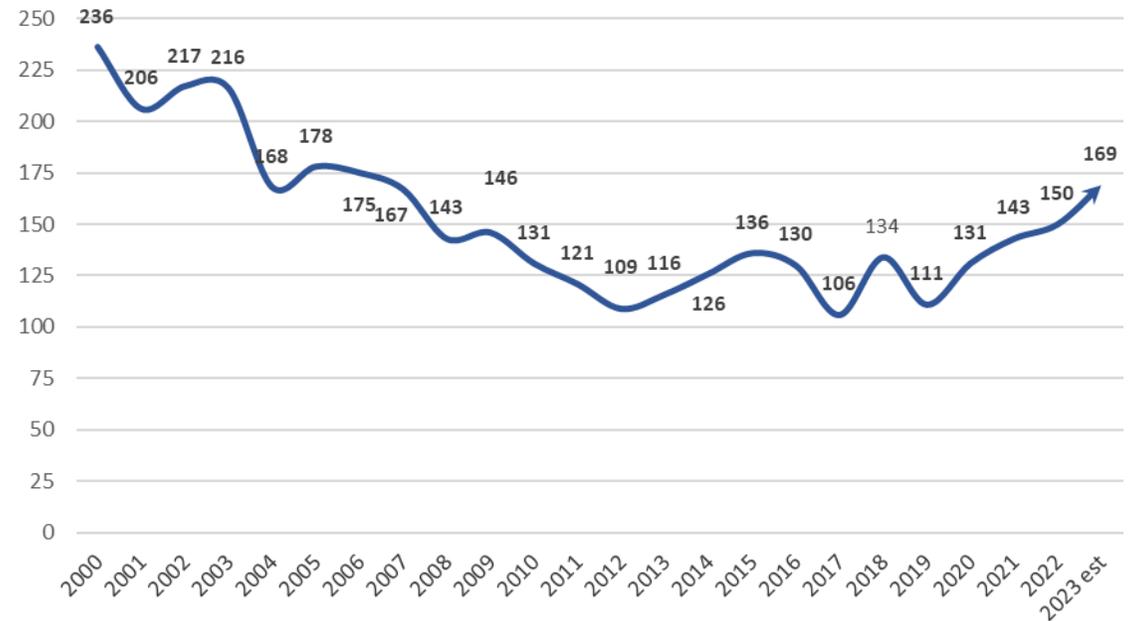
Age Group	2000	2010	2020	2010 to 2020 Change
20 to 24 years	173	215	435	220
25 to 29 years	188	140	205	65
30 to 34 years	472	238	286	48
35 to 39 years	840	509	473	-36
40 to 44 years	936	872	694	-178
45 to 49 years	851	955	718	-237
<b>Total FOCBA</b>	<b>4,681</b>	<b>4,451</b>	<b>4,480</b>	<b>29</b>



# Births

- Births last peaked in 2000 at 236 births and consistently decreased reaching 109 births in 2012.
- Period of relatively stable births between 2012 and 2019, averaging about 121 annually.
- Since 2020, Wilton has experienced a period of increased births, averaging 141 annually between 2020 and 2022.
- YTD births for 2023 exceed 2020 to 2022 levels and are on pace for 169 for the full year.

### Wilton Births: 2000 to 2023



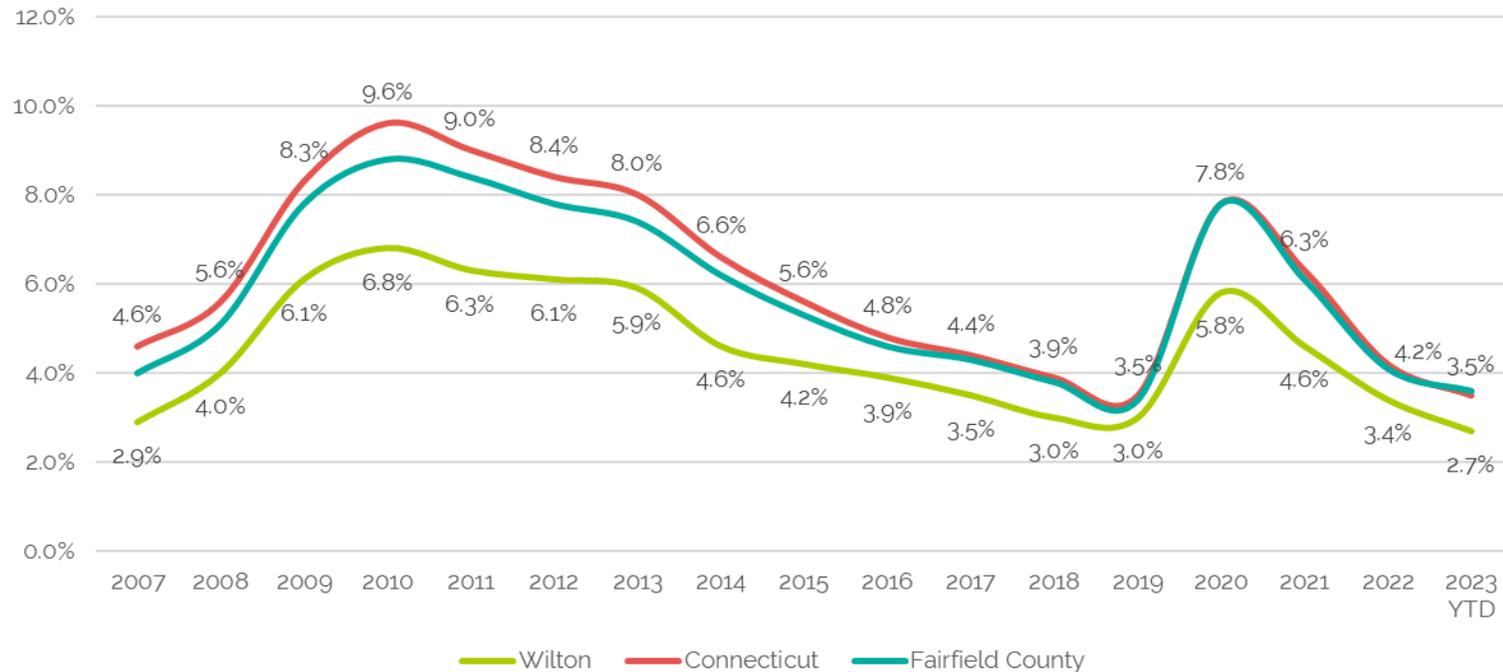
Source: Connecticut Department of Public Health. Data for 2000-2022. Wilton Town Clerk - YTD 2023  
 2023 is based on Preliminary CTDPH YTD from Jan-September data (125 births) extrapolated for the full year 2023.



# Unemployment

- After sharp uptick in unemployment in 2020 due to pandemic, town, county, and state have largely recovered.
- Unemployment rate has returned to pre-pandemic levels with local unemployment rate at 2.7% as of August 2023.
- Historically, Wilton's unemployment rate is about 1 to 2% below the state and county.

Wilton, Fairfield County & CT Unemployment Rates, 2007 - 2023 YTD

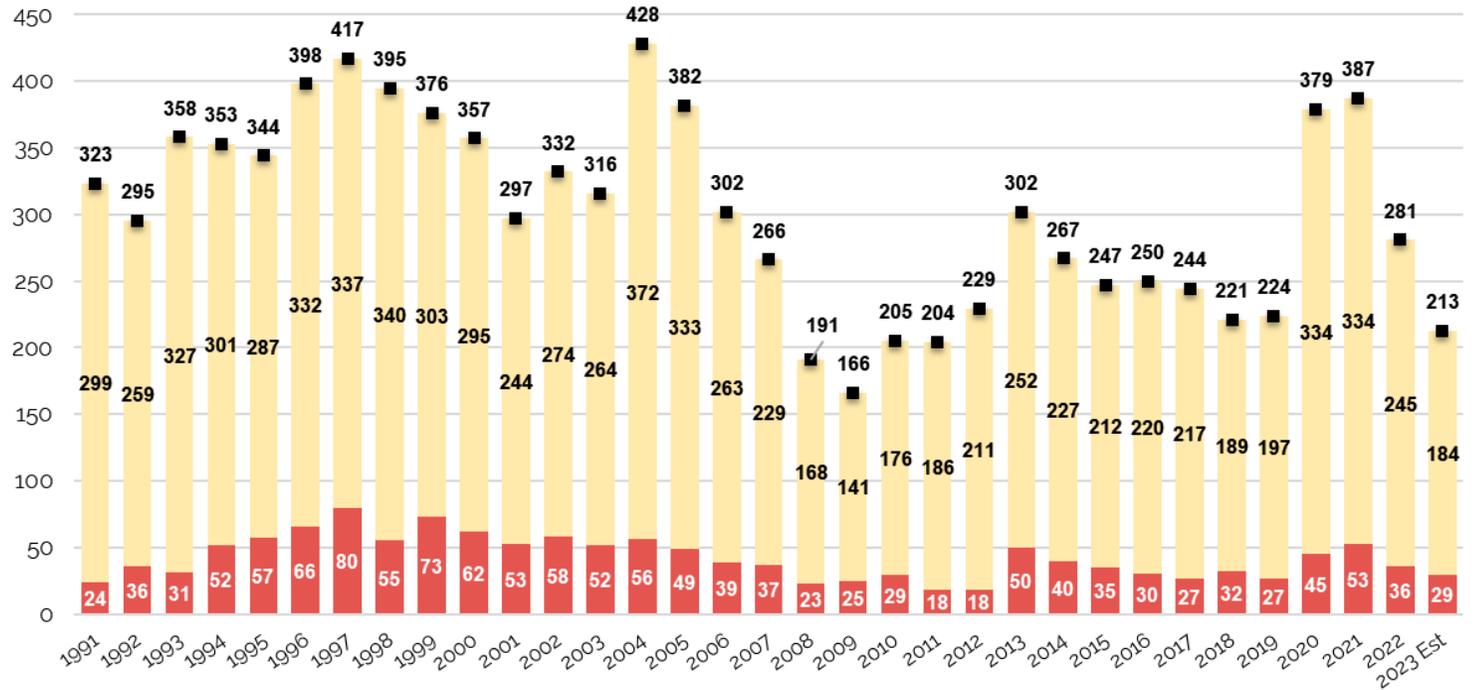




# Housing Market

- In the five years prior to the pandemic, Wilton averaged 237 total home sales annually, 207 of which were single-family
- Rapid increase in sales in 2020 and 2021, peaking at 387 total sales and 334 single-family sales in 2021.
- Sales decreased in 2022, but were still higher than pre-pandemic levels.
- 2023 YTD sales through August are lowest since 2010 - on pace for 213 total sales, and 184 single-family sales.
  - Well below 2022 sales levels.
  - High mortgage interest rates, low inventory, and high sale prices are likely all contributing factors

### Wilton Single Family Home & Condo Sales (1991-2023)



Source: Warren Group Town Stats, 1987-2022; 2023 Jan.-Aug.  
 YTD extrapolated full year

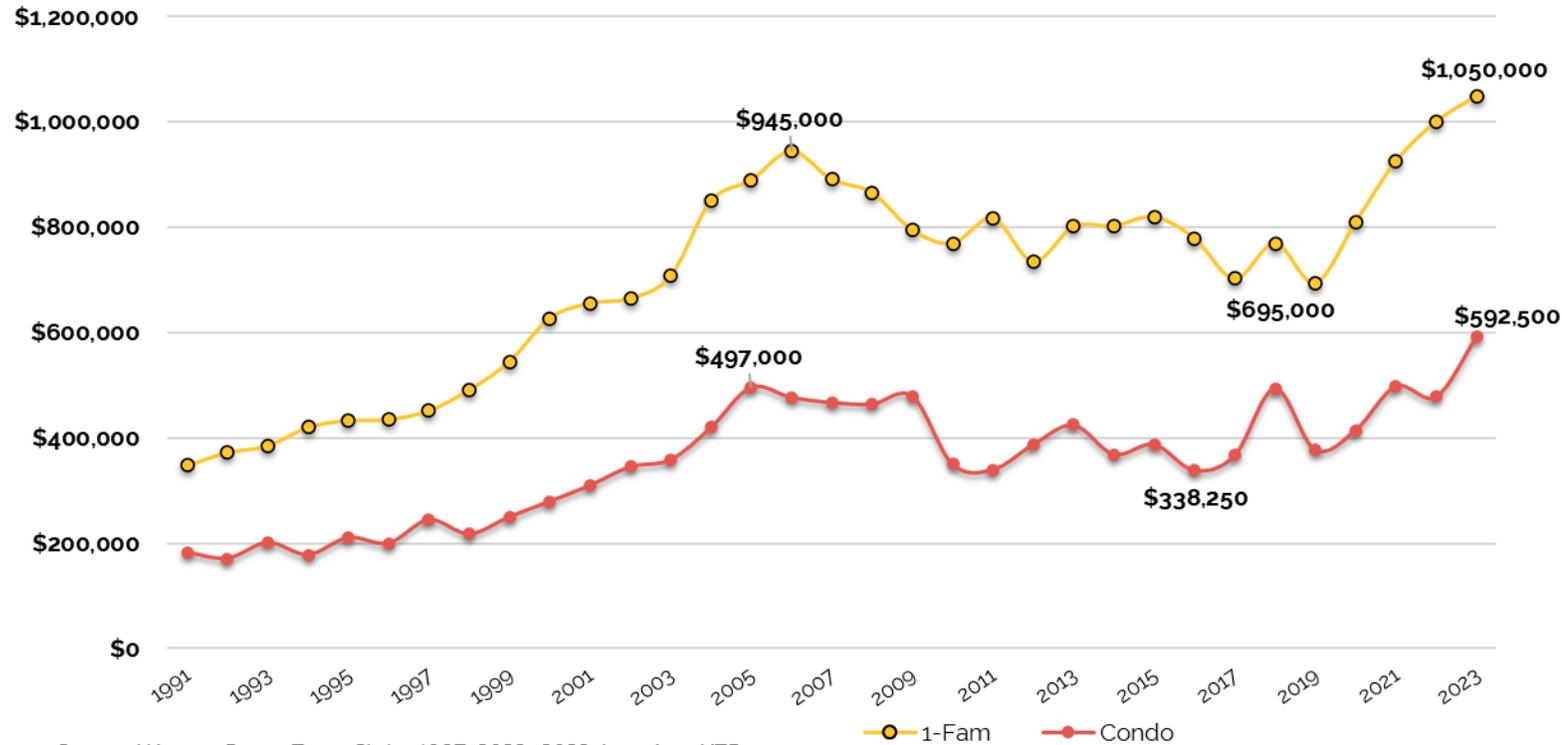
■ Condo ■ 1-Fam ■ Total



# Housing Market

- 2023 YTD median SF sale price has increased to \$1,050,000 up from \$695,000 in 2019.
  - Level of increase is beginning to flatten after five years of rapid appreciation
- Similarly, condominium sales prices are at record levels of \$592,500 as of 2023 YTD.
- Other area towns are experiencing similar trends since the pandemic, with sale prices now exceeding levels seen in the early to mid 2000s prior to the Great Recession.

### Wilton Median Sale Price Single Family Homes (1991-2023 YTD)



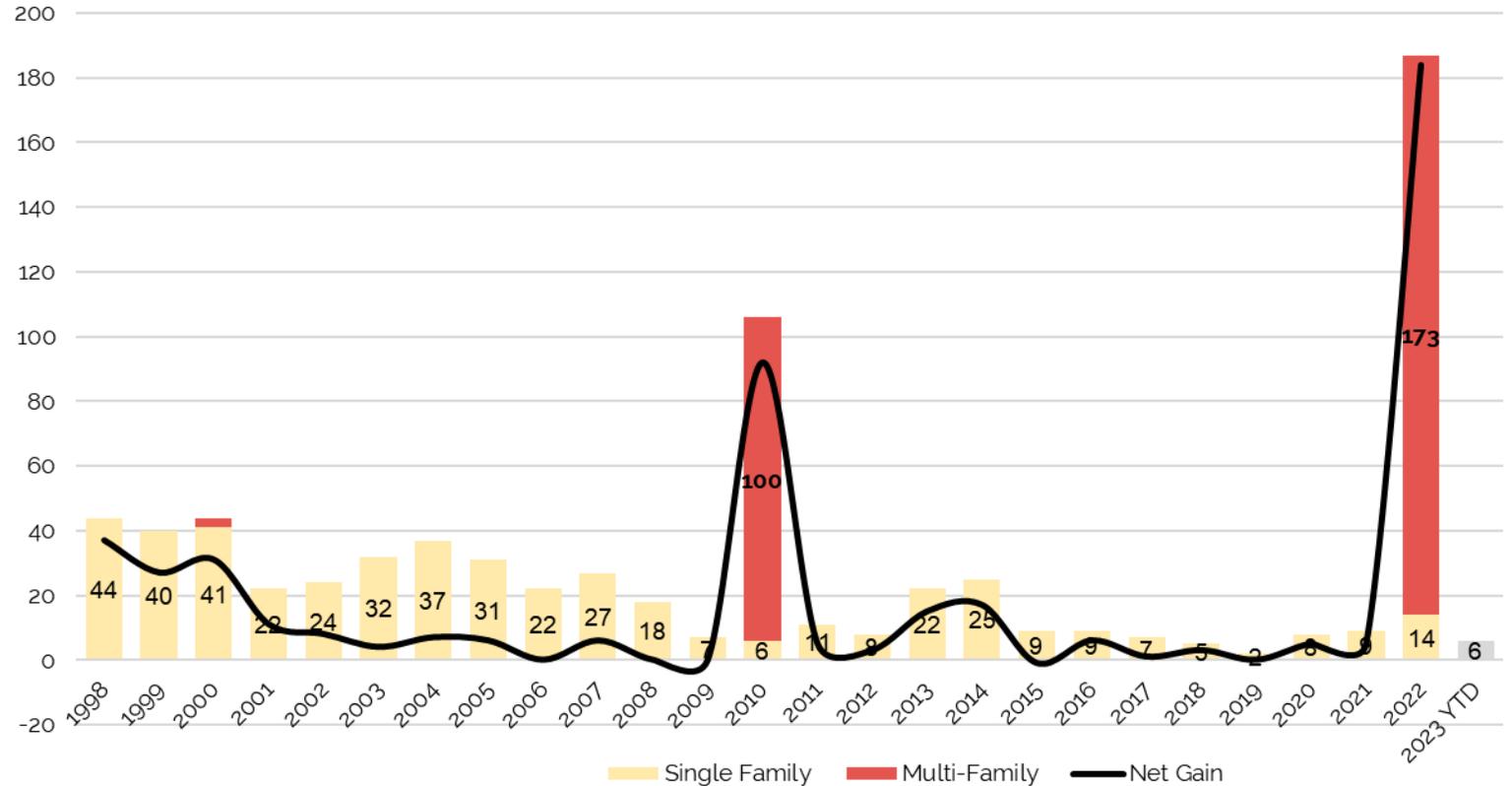
Source: Warren Group Town Stats, 1987-2023; 2023 Jan.-Aug. YTD



# Housing Trends

- Since 2015, Wilton has averaged about 7 new single-family units annually, with a roughly even split between new construction and “tear-down rebuilds.”
- Large spikes in permit activity in 2010 and 2022 align with permitting of larger multi-family housing developments.
  - White Oaks at Wilton (2010) and 141 Danbury Road (2022)

Wilton Housing Permitting Activity, 1990 - 2023 YTD



Source: CT DECD Building Permits 1999-2023, 2023 building permits through May YTD DECD.



# Future Residential Development

## Recent and Approved

Name	Type	Total Units	Studio	1BR	2BR	3BR	Type	Status
200 Danbury Road	Multi-Family Mixed Use	26	4	7	15	-	Luxury	Complete
2 Hollyhock Road	Multi-Family (Conversion)	17	6	6	5	-	Affordable	Under Construction
141 Danbury Rd	Multi-Family	173	-	37	122	14	Market w/ 10% Affordable	Under Construction
300 Danbury Road	Multi-Family Mixed Use	74	-	-	74	-	Market	Approved - Stalled
12 Godfrey Place	Multi-Family	40	-	9	21	10	30% Affordable	Approved
64 Danbury Road	Multi-Family Mixed Use	93	-	31	57	5	Market	Proposed
131 Danbury Road	Multi-Family	208	-	87	113	8	Market	Proposed
15 Old Danbury Road	Multi-Family	200	TBD				Market	Proposed
Kimco Development	Multi-Family Mixed Use	153	TBD				Market	Proposed

Source: Town of Wilton Planning and Zoning Department October 2023. Information on Proposed Developments based on Pre-Application information and is subject to change based on approval

- Several large multi-family projects either under construction, approved, or in the planning stage.
  - 216 units are either recently completed or under construction
  - 114 units are approved and not yet under construction
  - 654 units have been proposed, but not yet approved.
- New housing is concentrated in Danbury Road corridor and Wilton Center.
- Units are primarily 1- and 2-bedroom units.
- A few projects contain some affordable units, but most units are market rate.



# Future Residential Development

- A student generation analysis was undertaken for residential developments of “scale” that are currently under construction or approved.
  - Students from these developments have been phased into the projections based on estimated construction, certificates of occupancy and lease up periods. The first students start impacting the projections in 2024-25, and are incrementally added thereafter, reaching the total yield of 66 students by 2030-31.
- Estimated student generation for proposed developments has been provided for planning purposes, but not added to the projections. These can be added in future updates if/when approved.

## Approved Developments

Approved Developments			Estimated Student Generation			
Name	Type	Total Units	K-5	6-8	9-12	K-12 Total
2 Hollyhock Road	Multi-Family (Conversion)	17	2	1	1	4
141 Danbury Rd	Multi-Family	173	20	6	11	37
300 Danbury Road	Multi-Family Mixed Use	74	9	3	4	16
12 Godfrey Place	Multi-Family	40	5	2	2	9
<b>Approved/Under Construction Total</b>		<b>304</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>66</b>

## Proposed Developments

Proposed Developments			Estimated Student Generation			
Name	Type	Total Units	K-5	6-8	9-12	K-12 Total
64 Danbury Road	Multi-Family Mixed Use	93	11	4	6	21
131 Danbury Road	Multi-Family	208	25	8	12	45
15 Old Danbury Road	Multi-Family	200	24	8	12	44
Kimco Development	Multi-Family Mixed Use	153	18	6	9	33
<b>Proposed Units (not added to projections)</b>		<b>654</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>143</b>

## Estimated Student Generation per Housing Unit

	Housing Multipliers (Students Per Unit)			
Multipliers	Elementary	Middle	High	Total
Adj. ESI Multi-Family (5+ Units)	0.12	0.04	0.06	0.22
	Estimated Student Generation			
Estimated Students	Elementary	Middle	High	Total
Adj. ESI Multi-Family (5+ Units)	36	12	18	66

**ESI Multipliers** - School-aged children estimates for Connecticut developed by Econsult Solutions, Inc. (ESI) in 2015. ESI multipliers estimate that each unit in a multifamily development (5+ units in building) would produce 0.22 school-age children.



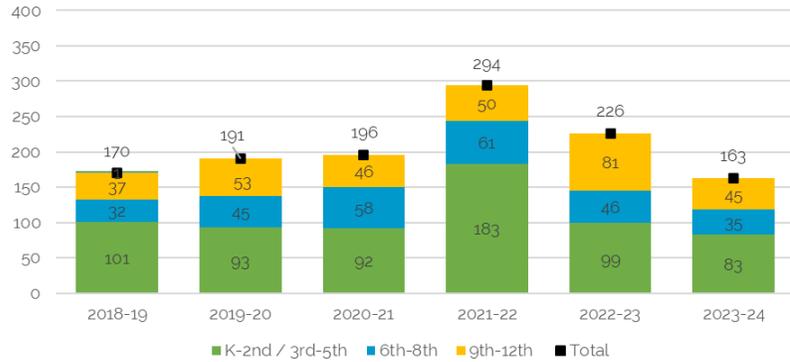
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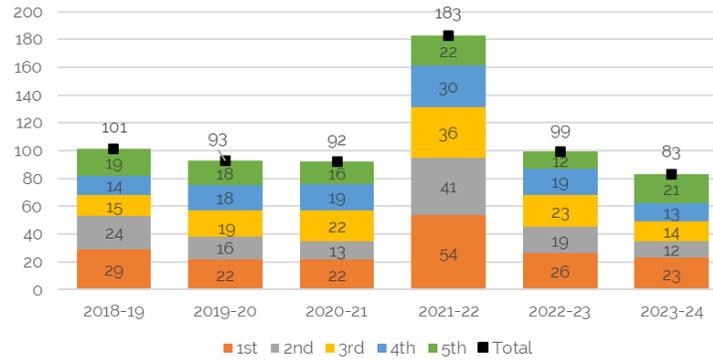


# Student In-Migration Analysis

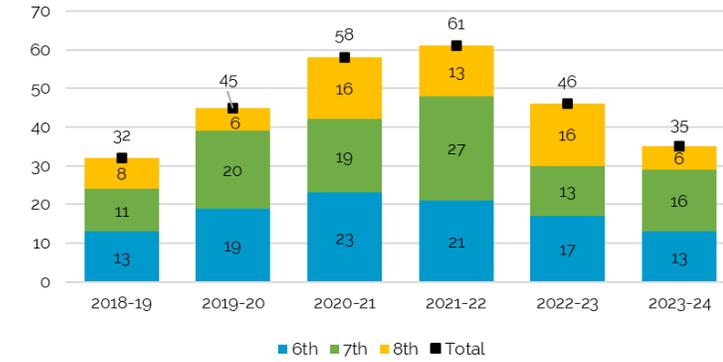
### New-to-District Students By Grade Grouping



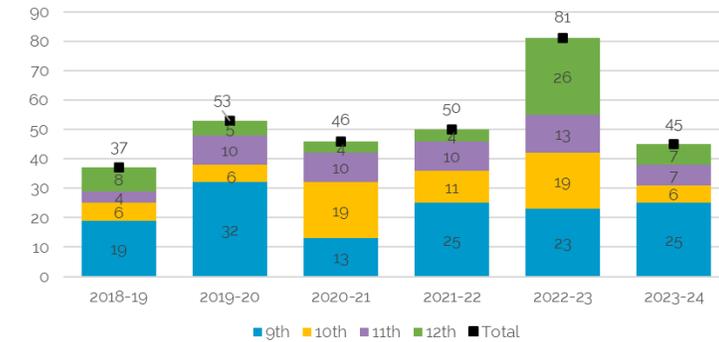
### New-to-District Students (Grades 1st-5th)



### New-to-District Students (Grades 6th-8th)



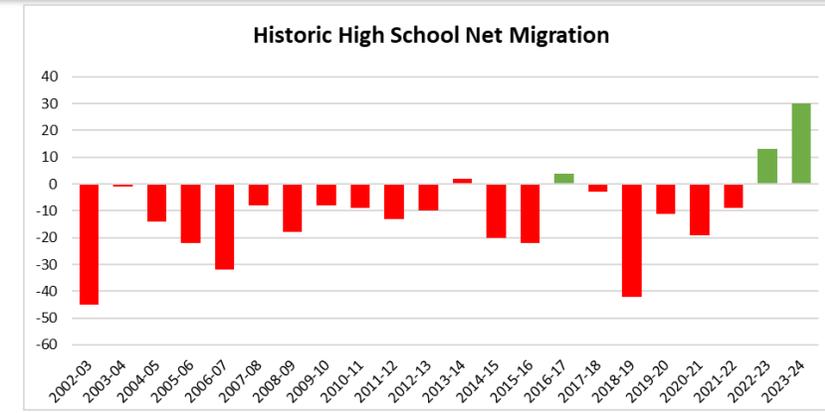
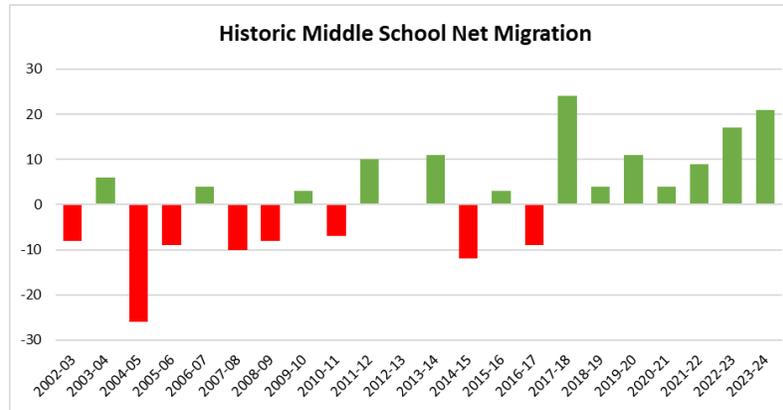
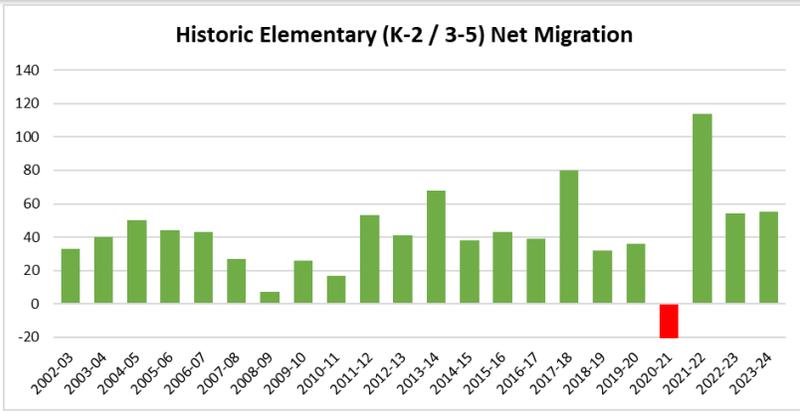
### New-to-District Students (9th-12th)



- “New-to-District (NTD) Students” are identified by comparing unique student identifiers (SASID’s) that were not enrolled the previous year, for students in grades 1-12
- After major uptick in 2021-22 (nearly 300 students) there have been a decreasing number of NTD students over the last 2 years. For 2023-24, there were 163 NTD students, which is slightly below pre-pandemic levels
- For 2023-24, NTD students in grades 1-5 were the lowest levels over the last six years. 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade NTD levels are also decreasing.
- Overall 9<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grade on par with recent historic trend after large uptick in 2022-23



# Net Migration

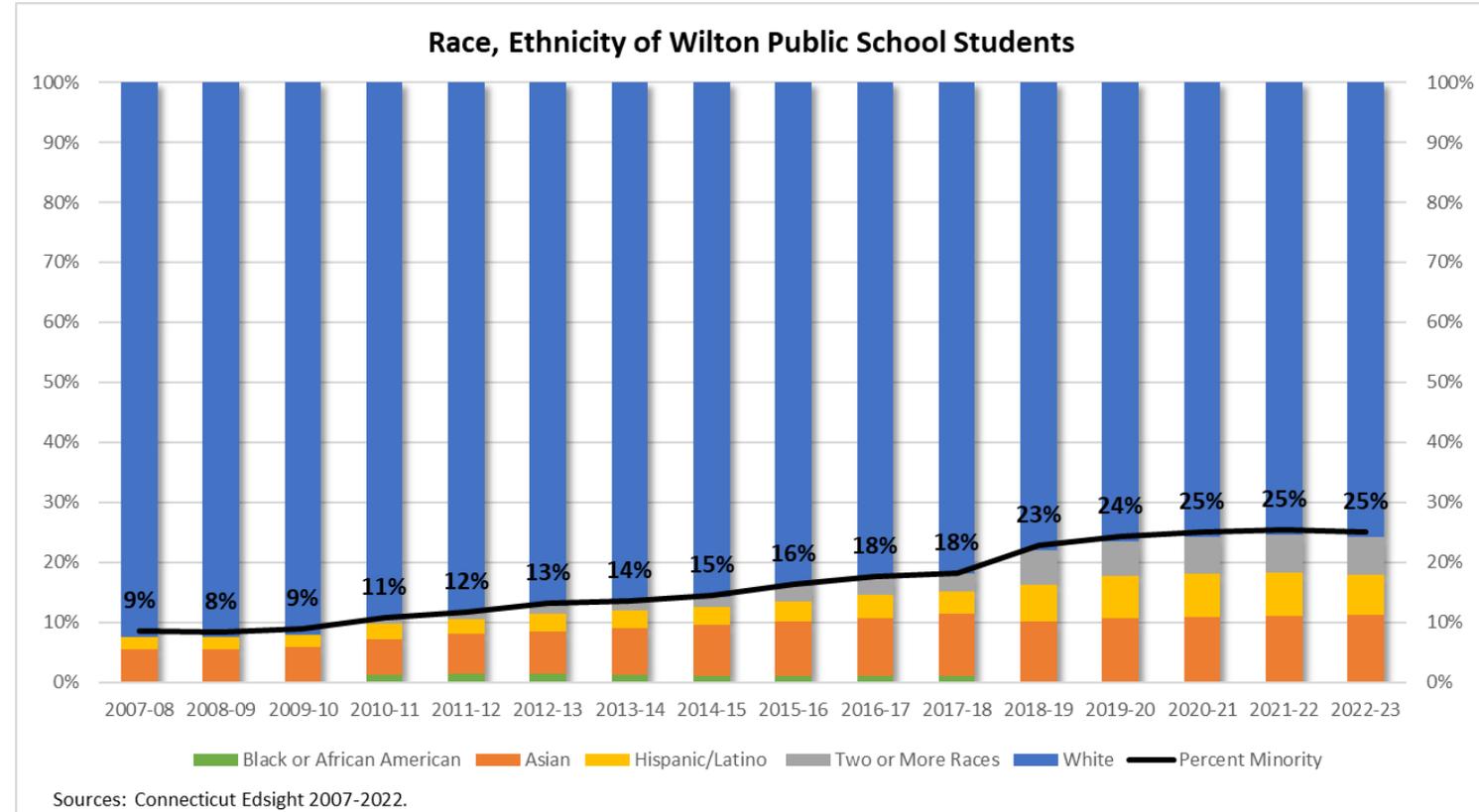


- K-2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> has returned to historic levels of net in-migration after historic low in 2020-21 and historic high in 2021-22. The last two years have averaged +55 students annually
- Middle School (6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>) has recorded seven successive years of net in-migration with an average of +13, students, with an average of +19 students over the last two years.
- High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) has historically experienced net out-migration with an average of -19 per year from 2012-13 to 2021-22. However, over the last two years, the district has seen net in-migration, including a high of +30 students in 2023-24.
- Despite decreasing NTD students for 2023-24, net in-migration remains high, indicating that fewer students are also moving out of WPS (such as higher retention in transition grades).



# Historic Enrollment Composition

- Wilton's student body has become more diverse over the last decade. Based on 2022-23 data, WPS is at 25% minority, which compares to 14% in 2013-14. Student demographics have stabilized over the last three years.
- Over the last decade, the largest growth occurred in the following cohorts:
  - Two or more races (+266%)
  - Hispanic/Latino (+103%)
  - Asian (+26%)
- Official 2023-24 racial balance data from the State Department of Education is not yet available

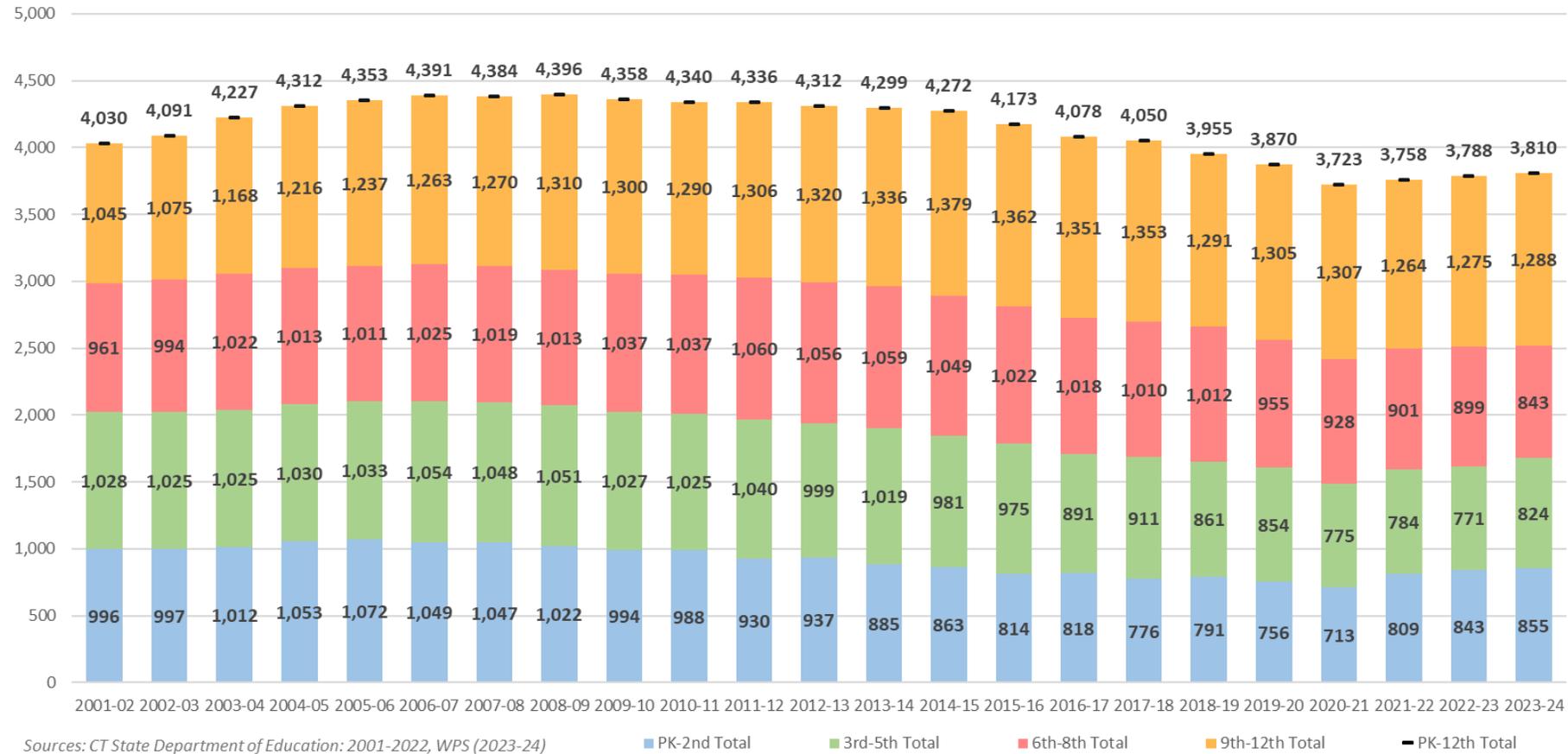




# Historic Enrollments

- Historic enrollment grew through the early 2000s to a peak in 2008-09, followed by a steady average annual decline of 1.2% through 2020-21.
- Enrollment reached its most recent low in 2020-21 at 3,723 students.
- Over the last three years, enrollment has grown slowly by ~90 students, reaching 3,810 students in 2023-24

Wilton PK-12 District Enrollment Trends by Grade Level  
2001-02 to 2023-24

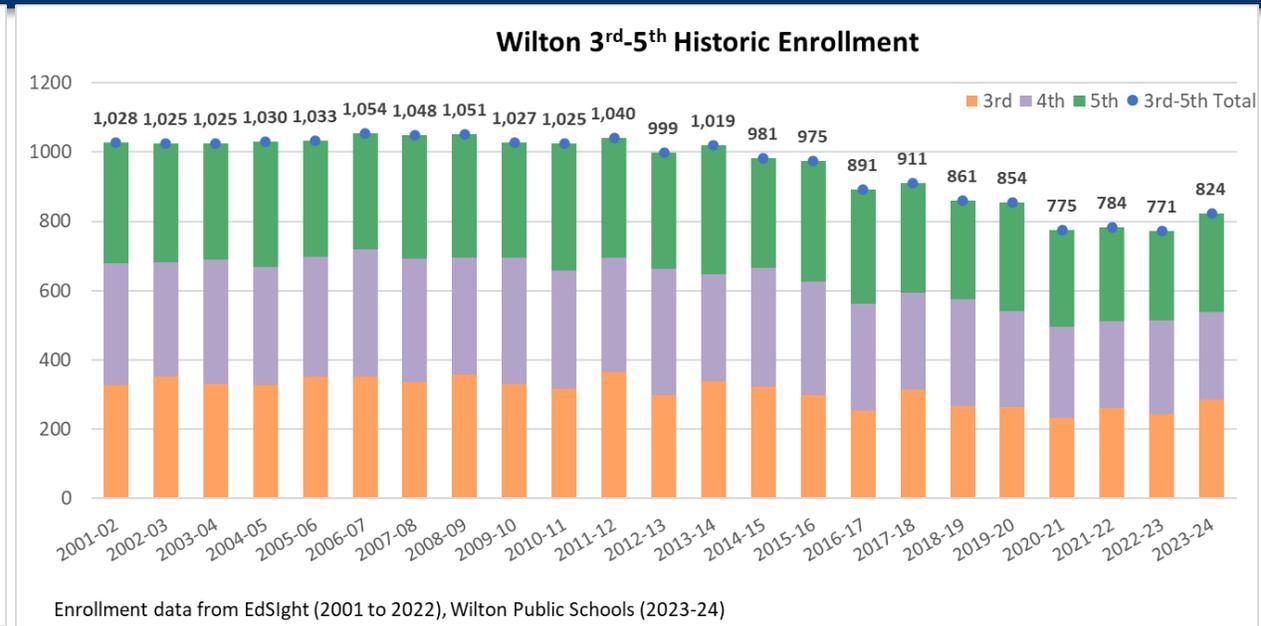
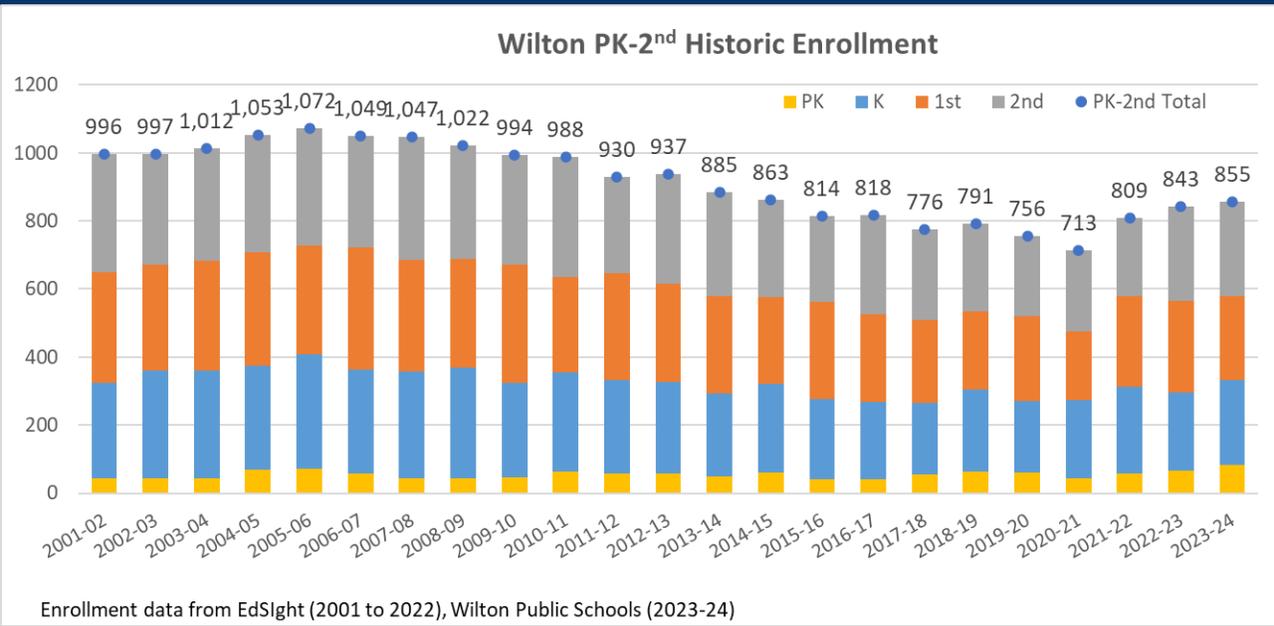


Sources: CT State Department of Education: 2001-2022, WPS (2023-24)

■ PK-2nd Total ■ 3rd-5th Total ■ 6th-8th Total ■ 9th-12th Total ■ PK-12th Total



# Miller Driscoll (PK-2<sup>nd</sup>) & Cider Mill (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>)

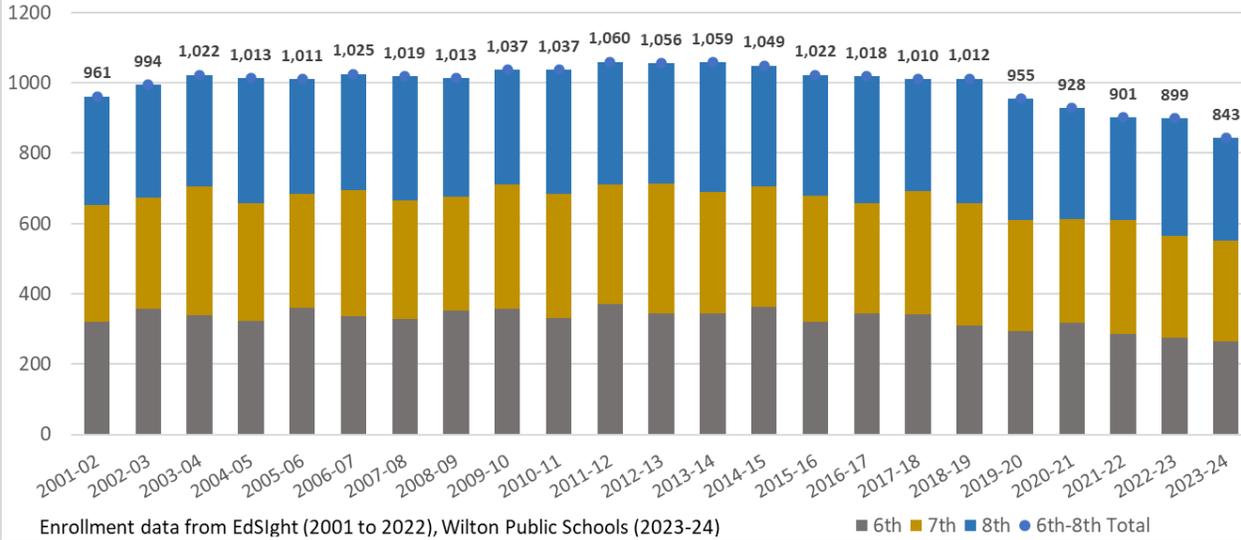


- Since 2020-21, PK-2<sup>nd</sup> enrollment grew by 20% while 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> enrollment experienced a more modest 6% growth rate.
- Over the past three years, the PK-2<sup>nd</sup> enrollment increase has been driven by increased in-migration, larger kindergarten cohorts, and PK program growth.
- Enrollment growth at the 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> level is primarily due to increased in-migration.

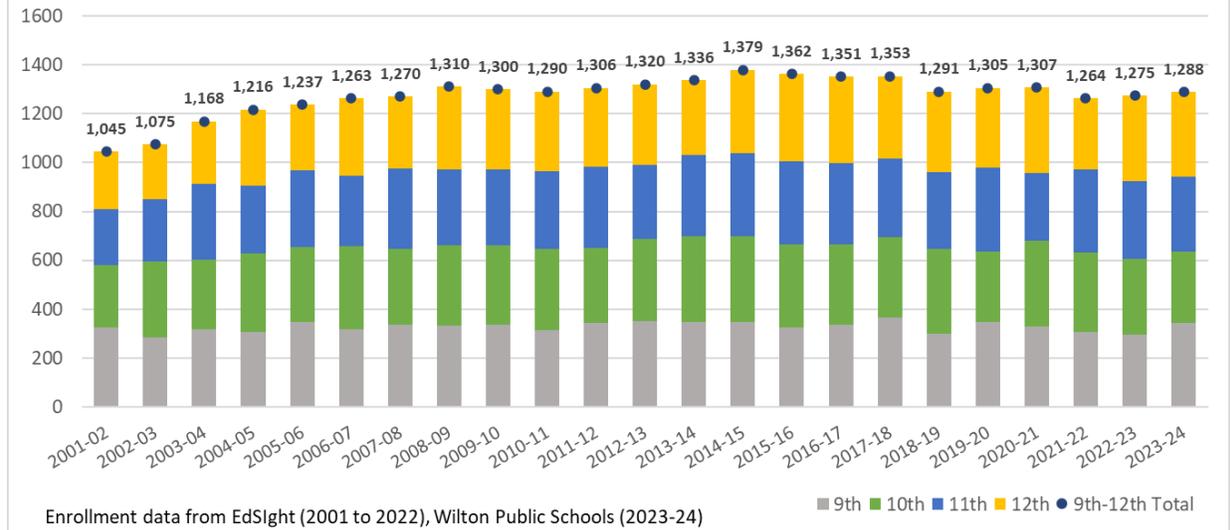


# Middlebrook (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) & Wilton HS (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

### Wilton 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Historic Enrollment



### Wilton 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Historic Enrollment



- For 2023-24, middle school enrollment experienced a decline of 6.2%, and high school enrollment stayed relatively stable. Middle school decrease driven by matriculation of large 8<sup>th</sup> grade class to 9<sup>th</sup> grade for 2023-24
- Over the last 5-years, middle school enrollment averaged 905 students and declined by 12%. High school averaged 1,288 students, and declined by 1% over the same period
- Note that 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> enrollment also includes students enrolled in special programs (Genesis, Community Steps, Out-of-District placements). This population is growing and will be accounted for in the projections separately from WHS going forward.



# Enrollment Projections

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# Projections Primer

- Based on Cohort Survival Methodology – Standard method accepted by the OSCG&R for school construction projects
- The cohort survival methodology **relies on observed data from the recent past in order to project the near future**
- Persistency Ratios calculated from historic enrollment data to determine growth or loss in a class as it progresses through the school system
- Persistency Ratio of 1.0 means cohort size remains the same; 1.05 means the cohort size increases by 5%, or a cohort of 100 grows to 105 the following year
- Persistency Ratios account for the various external factors affecting enrollments: housing characteristics, residential development, economic conditions, student transfers in and out of system, and student mobility
- Changes in population, housing stock and tenure, and economic conditions help explain persistency ratios
- Changes in programming affect persistency ratios of individual schools
- Recent impacts due to the pandemic adds variability to student migration, enrollment trends, housing market conditions, residential mobility and overall economic conditions and labor market.



# Persistency Ratios

Kindergarten through 12th Grade Persistency Ratios by School Year  
2002-03 to 2023-24

Year	Birth-K	K-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8	8-9	9-10	10-11	11-12	Est of Migration (1-7 to 2-8)
2002-03	1.5644	1.1139	1.0062	1.0086	1.0153	0.9744	1.0200	0.9875	0.9668	0.9256	0.9509	0.9922	0.9826	-0.30%
2003-04	1.5366	1.0190	1.0543	1.0215	1.0228	1.0060	0.9912	1.0252	1.0000	0.9938	0.9965	1.0000	1.0079	1.71%
2004-05	1.2845	1.0603	1.0683	0.9970	1.0211	1.0084	0.9701	0.9853	0.9699	0.9716	1.0094	0.9649	1.0065	0.21%
2005-06	1.4195	1.0423	1.0299	1.0262	1.0456	0.9912	0.9945	1.0031	0.9760	0.9831	0.9903	0.9813	0.9745	0.93%
2006-07	1.4783	1.0687	1.0219	1.0233	1.0397	0.9738	1.0000	0.9944	1.0185	0.9693	0.9828	0.9443	1.0032	1.01%
2007-08	1.4450	1.0686	1.0112	1.0306	1.0114	0.9673	0.9791	1.0060	0.9860	1.0121	0.9873	0.9563	1.0243	-0.16%
2008-09	1.5116	1.0127	1.0214	0.9862	1.0000	1.0028	0.9915	0.9909	0.9941	0.9462	0.9731	1.0000	1.0305	-0.21%
2009-10	1.6199	1.0677	1.0157	0.9940	1.0140	0.9881	1.0000	1.0057	1.0031	1.0000	0.9701	0.9601	1.0481	0.29%
2010-11	1.6497	1.0181	1.0144	0.9815	1.0271	1.0110	0.9970	0.9860	0.9972	0.9632	0.9911	0.9846	1.0351	0.21%
2011-12	1.5714	1.0719	1.0106	1.0398	1.0377	1.0088	1.0137	1.0271	0.9886	0.9688	0.9841	0.9940	1.0157	1.79%
2012-13	1.5952	1.0509	1.0288	1.0491	0.9973	1.0152	0.9971	0.9973	1.0059	1.0057	0.9825	0.9871	0.9940	1.15%
2013-14	1.7063	1.0709	1.0554	1.0559	1.0301	1.0164	1.0239	1.0117	0.9973	1.0175	0.9971	0.9881	1.0033	2.58%
2014-15	1.7945	1.0369	1.0035	1.0590	1.0118	1.0195	0.9757	1.0000	0.9914	0.9377	1.0057	0.9828	1.0211	0.74%
2015-16	1.8015	1.0916	0.9960	1.0347	1.0186	1.0116	1.0159	0.9945	1.0000	0.9506	0.9798	0.9630	1.0437	0.99%
2016-17	1.8926	1.0847	1.0245	1.0040	1.0403	0.9970	0.9856	0.9875	1.0000	0.9796	1.0061	0.9764	1.0503	0.46%
2017-18	1.9358	1.0611	1.0430	1.0751	1.1067	1.0194	1.0427	1.0204	1.0095	1.0139	0.9792	0.9757	1.0211	4.29%
2018-19	2.0862	1.0900	1.0576	0.9963	0.9810	1.0214	0.9842	1.0146	1.0114	0.9403	0.9534	0.9574	1.0249	0.80%
2019-20	1.6667	1.0372	1.0217	1.0272	1.0376	1.0162	1.0280	1.0161	0.9942	0.9859	0.9565	0.9943	1.0286	1.89%
2020-21	1.6912	0.9524	0.9522	0.9915	0.9962	1.0109	1.0127	1.0034	0.9968	0.9507	1.0086	0.9720	1.0087	-0.41%
2021-22	1.9692	1.1522	1.1500	1.0962	1.0730	1.0342	1.0287	1.0157	0.9864	0.9778	0.9878	0.9631	1.0540	4.82%
2022-23	2.1792	1.0469	1.0491	1.0609	1.0344	1.0240	1.0074	1.0174	1.0310	1.0172	1.0097	0.9815	1.0324	3.12%
2023-24	1.8582	1.0736	1.0261	1.0288	1.0369	1.0517	1.0313	1.0511	0.9966	1.0360	0.9831	0.9904	1.0818	3.13%

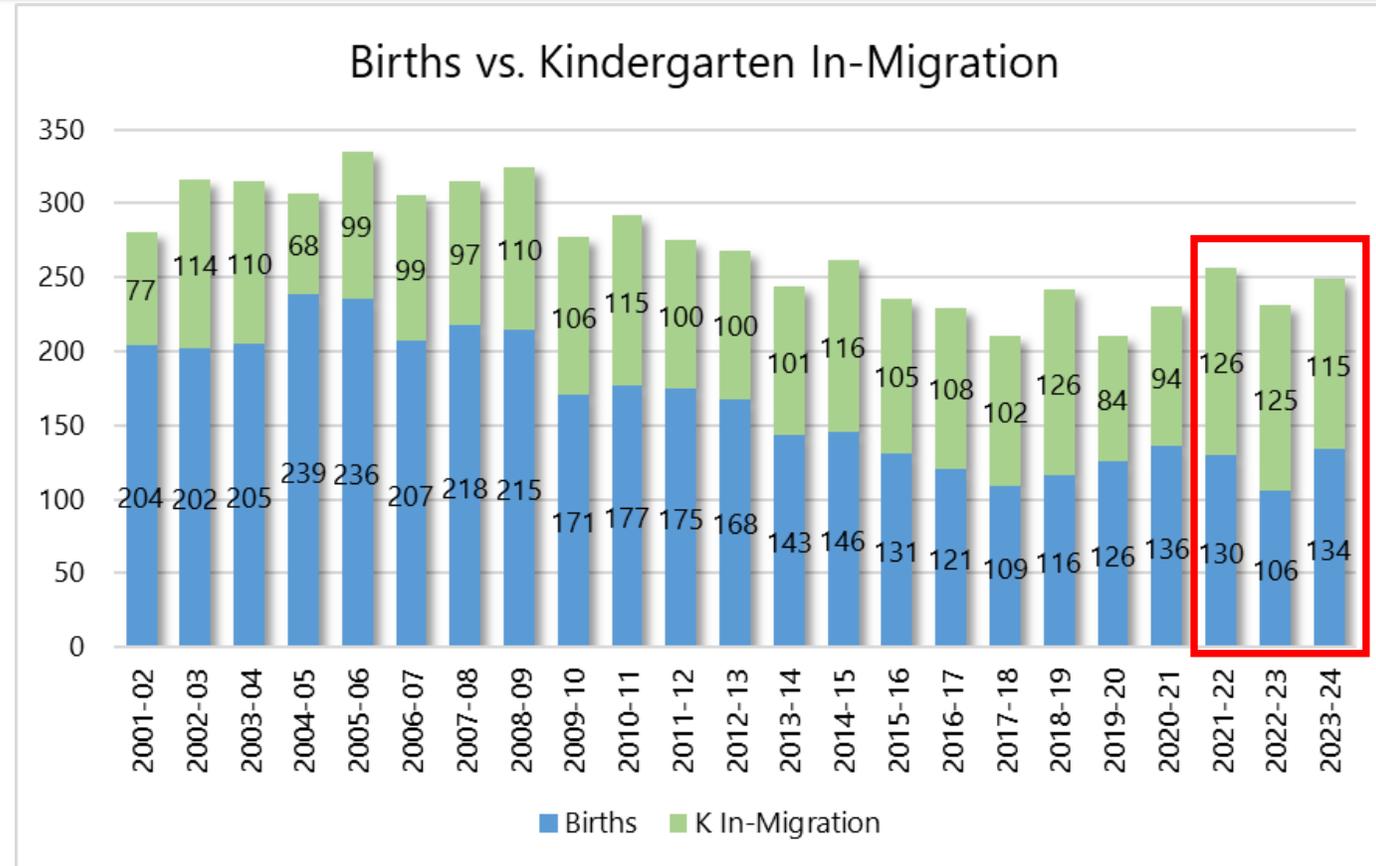
Sources: CT State Department of Education 2002-03 to 2022-23. WPS 2023-24, CTDPH Births

- This year's Birth to K was 1.86, which is below record high in 2022-23, but still in line with 10-year average.
- Net in-migration over the last three years remains well above the historic long-term average.
- Over the last two years, WPS has seen net in-migration as students transition from 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Historically, WPS has lost students to this transition.
- Similarly, historically high 11-12 persistency ratio over the last three years reflects growing enrollment in special programs (many of whom are categorized as 12<sup>th</sup> graders).



# Birth-K Analysis

- For 2023-24, it is estimated that 46% of the K cohort were not born in Wilton. This follows a record share of 54% in 2022-23
- Over the last ten years, 47% of the K cohort has been comprised of children not born in Wilton. This is a notable increase when compared to the ten years prior (2004-05 to 2013-14) when just 34% were not born in Wilton.
- Historically, smaller birth cohorts see a larger share of in-migration compared to larger birth cohorts

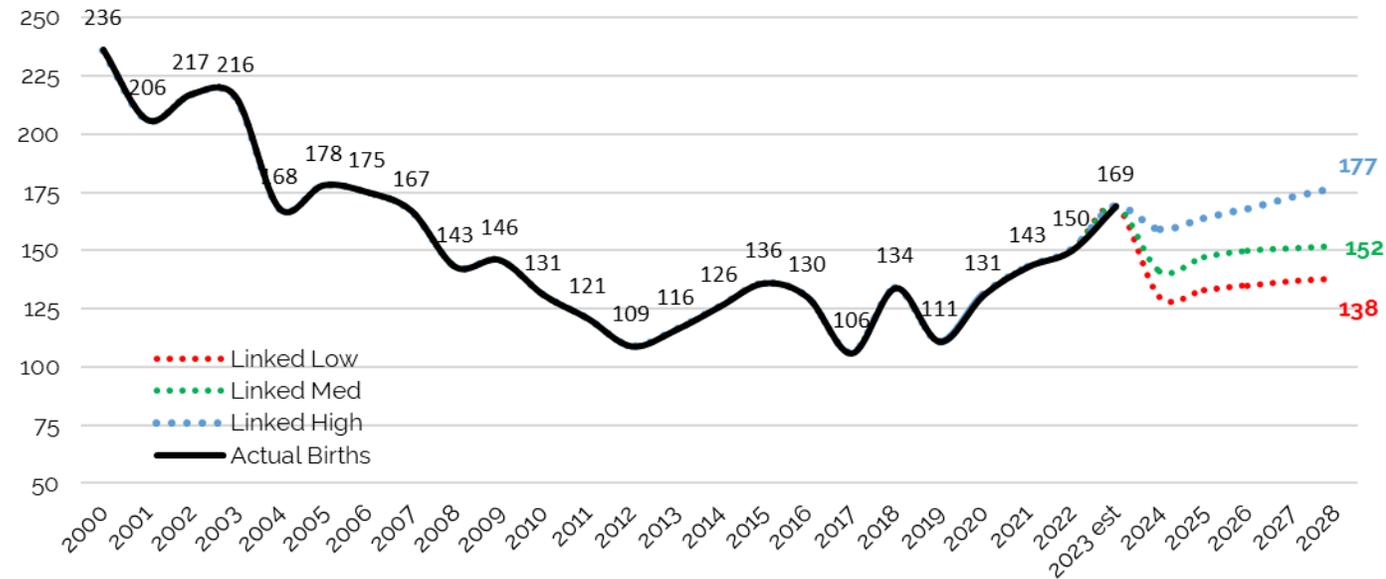




# Birth Projections

- Year-to-date births through September (125) are greatest since 2008. On pace for an estimated 169 births for the full year
- Demographic model prepared using 2020 census data does not account for the uptick in births in 2021 through 2023, therefore, a blend of demographic and trend-based models were used.
- All three models yield a continuation of the elevated births for 2024-28
  - Low model: avg. 135 (130-138)
  - Medium model: avg. 148 (141-152)
  - High model: avg. 168 (159-177)

Wilton Actual and Projected Births: 2000 to 2028



Source: Connecticut Department of Public Health. Data for 2000-2022. 2023 is based on Town Clerk Births from Jan-Sept (125 births) extrapolated for the full year 2023.



# Kindergarten Assumptions

- New Kindergarten entry date becomes effective for 2024-25 school year per state law.
  - Cutoff date shifts from January 1<sup>st</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 2024-25 kindergarten class will have a smaller eligibility window (8 months) as cutoff date transitions to September 1<sup>st</sup>. Subsequent years will return to a 12-month eligibility window.
- State law allows for an exception process to enter kindergarten if a child turns 5 years old after September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- WPS has indicated that they will likely admit students who turn 5 years old between September 2<sup>nd</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> into the 2024-25 kindergarten class upon parental request and readiness, although this has not been finalized.
  - Exemption process adds uncertainty to the kindergarten projections, as WPS's policy is not yet finalized, and one cannot accurately forecast the number of parents that will request an exception.
- Based on SLAM's analysis of historic kindergarten enrollment, we estimate that there are ~32 students who turn 5 years old between September 2<sup>nd</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> who could request an exception to enter kindergarten for 2024-25. Our assumptions for the projections are as follows:
  - Low model assumes 40% of eligible students are granted exceptions
  - Medium model assumes 60% of eligible students are granted exceptions
  - High model assumes 80% of eligible students are granted exceptions
- Our projections assume an increase in demand for Pre-K seats for 2024-25 before returning to historic levels. All three models assume an additional 10 Pre-K seats compared to 2023-24 before returning to prior levels for 2025-26 and beyond



# Projections Assumptions

These projections are predicated on the following assumptions:

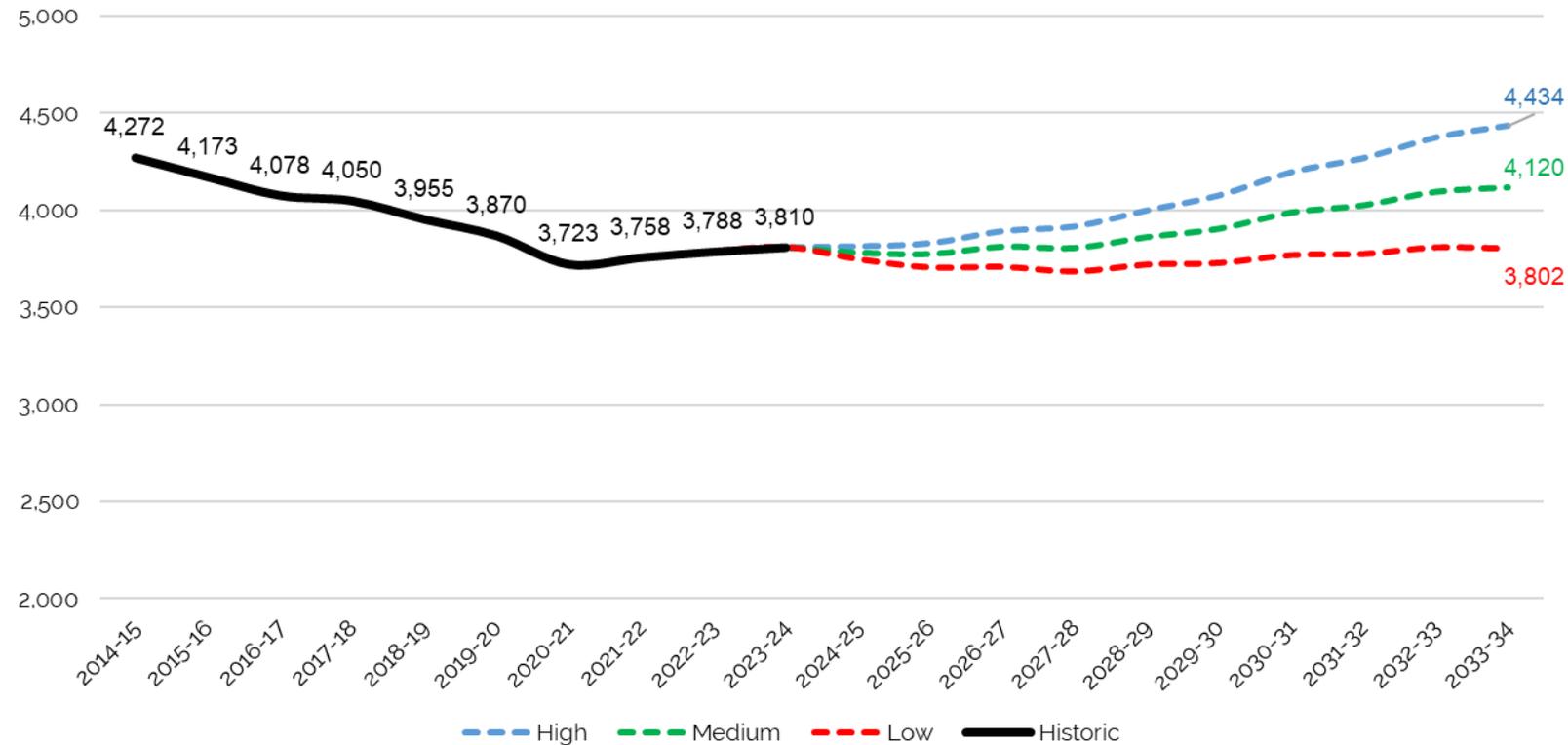
- Pre-K enrollment will increase by 10 students for 2024-25 before returning to 2023-24 levels (83 students) from 2025-26 through 2033-34 to account for increased demand due to K entry age change.
- Housing, student generation, and future birth assumptions at the districtwide level will prove to be accurate
- Housing multipliers for approved developments of “scale” not captured in baseline projections have been applied to all projection models. The recent pace of new residential construction will continue.
- Variable Birth-K (BK) assumptions used in each model due to fluctuating births in recent years and increased percentage of kindergartners not born in town.
- **High projections:** Assume high birth projections (average 168 annually) and return to elevated home sales. Student in-migration averages 3.5%, which is well above the recent historic average of 2.5%.
- **Medium projections:** Assume medium birth projections (average 148 annually) and return to long-term average home sales. Student in-migration averages 2.9%, which is slightly above the recent historic average
- **Low projections:** Assume low birth projections (average 135 annually) and sales activity remains below historic averages. Student in-migration averages 2.0%, which is below the recent historic levels.



# Districtwide Projections

- **Recent housing conditions, demographics and enrollment in-migration align best with Medium Model and represents the most likely direction**
- Under the medium model, PK-12<sup>th</sup> enrollment is projected to decline slightly and “bottom out” in 2025-26 at 3,777 students, then grow by about 9% through 2033-34, reaching 4,120 students
- Recent changes to the housing market conditions bear watching (declining home sales, several large proposed developments).

Wilton Public Schools (PK-12) Historic Enrollment and Districtwide Projections: 2014-15 to 2033-34

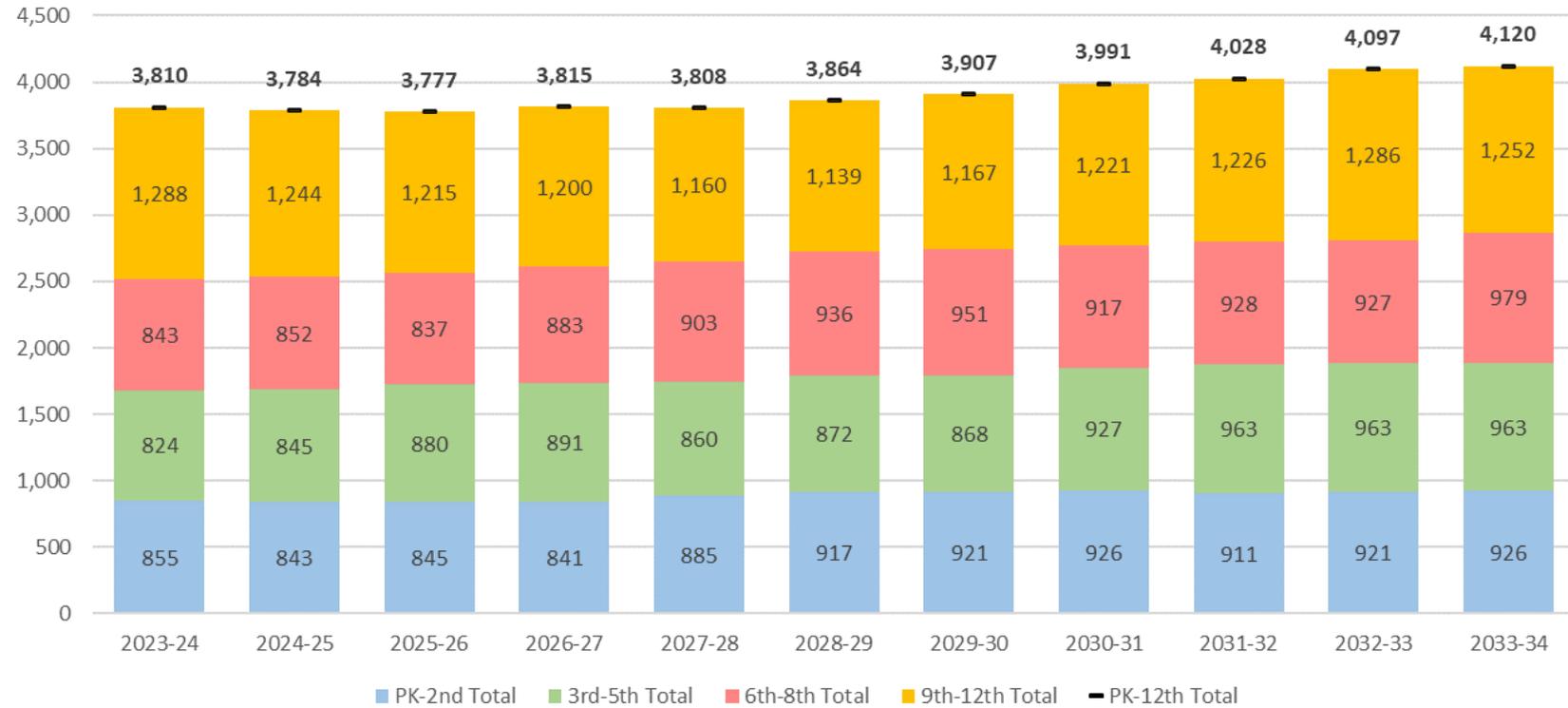




# Districtwide Projections

- PK-2<sup>nd</sup> enrollment is projected to grow by 8.3% over the next decade to roughly 926 students by 2033-34.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> enrollment is projected to grow by 17% over the next 7-years, then level off at 963 students over the last 3 years
- 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> enrollment is projected to trough in 2025-26. followed by projected growth to 979 students by 2033-34
- 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> enrollment is projected to continue to decline until reaching a low in 2028-29 at 1,139 students, and rebounding over the final five years, reaching just under 1,300 students in 2033-34

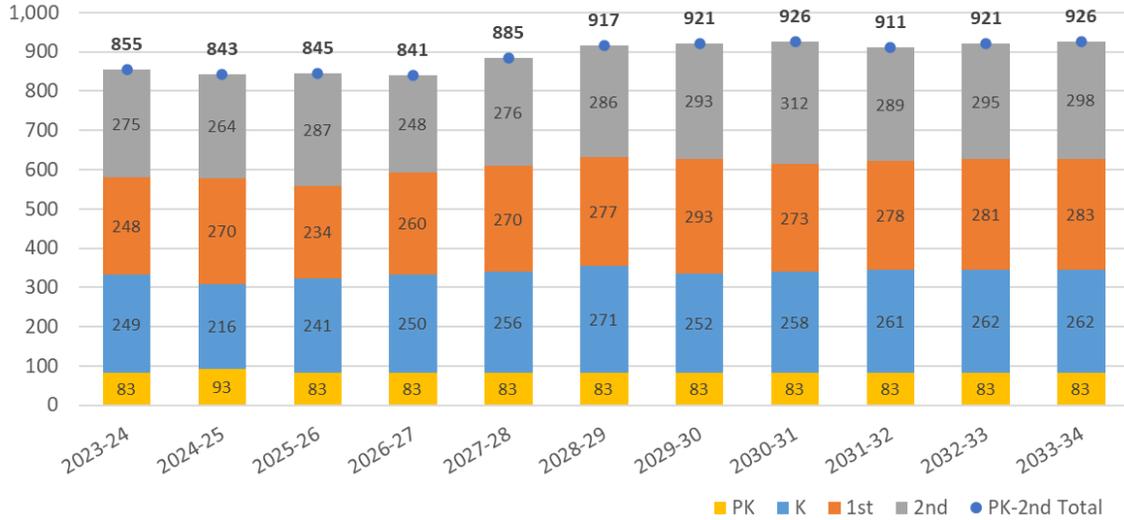
**Wilton PK-12 Projected Enrollment by Grade Level (Medium Model): 2023-24 to 2033-34**



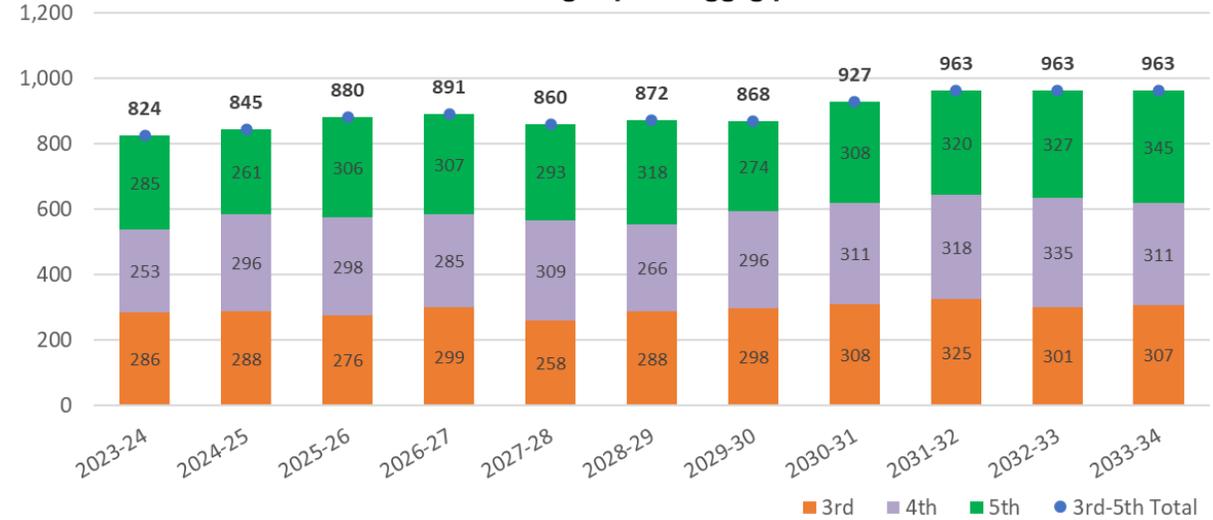


# Projections Miller Driscoll (PK-2<sup>nd</sup>) & Cider Mill (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>)

### Wilton PK-2nd Projected Enrollment by Grade (Medium Model) 2023-24 to 2033-34



### Wilton 3-5 Projected Enrollment by Grade (Medium Model) 2023-24 to 2033-34



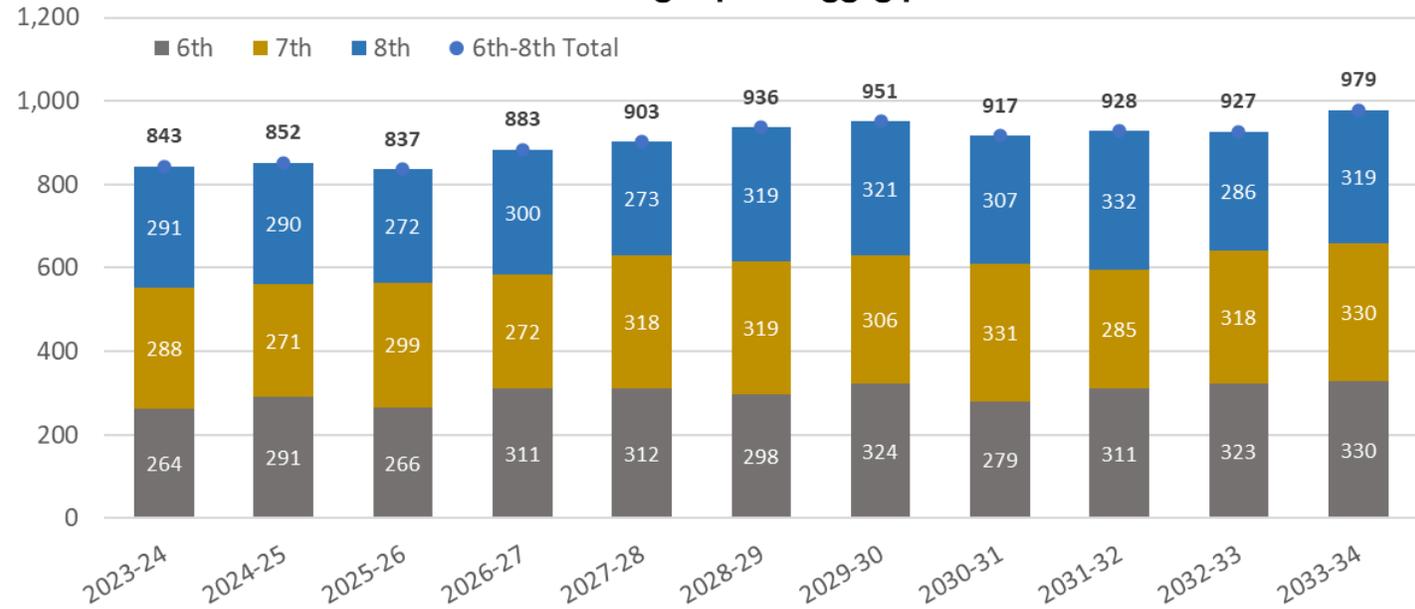
- Kindergarten cohort size is projected to increase over the next decade and average 253 students due to increasing births. Coupled with in-migration, enrollment at Miller Driscoll will slowly grow over the next decade, with most growth occurring from 2026-27 to 2028-29.
- Cider Mill projected to grow modestly over the next five years, followed by more significant growth over the last five years as larger cohorts begin entering, reaching 963 students.



# Projections: Middlebrook (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)

- Middlebrook's enrollment is projected to dip from 2023-24 through 2025-26 due to the matriculation of small cohorts through the middle school.
- Middlebrook's enrollment then rebounds to before averaging 940 students over the last 5-years of the projection horizon.
  - This is due to larger birth cohorts entering middle school.

**Wilton 6-8 Projected Enrollment by Grade (Medium Model)  
2023-24 to 2033-34**





# Projections: Wilton HS (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

- High school projection model updated to account for both WHS students as well as students in other special programs (Genesis, Community Steps, Outplaced students) that are included in WPS's official enrollment numbers.
- Overall enrollment at Wilton High School is projected to decrease through 2028-29, reaching a low of 1,095 students.
- High School enrollment begins rebounding over the last five years of the projections, reaching 1,242 students by 2032-33
- Projections assume continuation of special program enrollment at 2023-24 levels at 44 students (includes Genesis, Community Steps, and outplaced students).

Wilton 9-12th Projected Enrollment by Grade (Medium Model)  
2023-24 to 2033-34



Wilton High School (9-12) Enrollment Summary

Year	9	10	11	12	9-12 Total
2023-24	339	287	299	319	<b>1,244</b>
2024-25	292	334	276	298	<b>1,200</b>
2025-26	290	287	321	273	<b>1,171</b>
2026-27	272	287	276	321	<b>1,156</b>
2027-28	300	268	275	273	<b>1,116</b>
2028-29	272	295	257	271	<b>1,095</b>
2029-30	319	268	283	253	<b>1,123</b>
2030-31	322	316	258	281	<b>1,177</b>
2031-32	308	317	303	254	<b>1,182</b>
2032-33	334	303	304	301	<b>1,242</b>
2033-34	287	329	290	302	<b>1,208</b>

Grades 9-12 Other Program Enrollment Summary

Year	9	10	11	12	9-12 Total
2023-24	6	4	9	25	<b>44</b>
2024-25	6	4	9	25	<b>44</b>
2025-26	6	4	9	25	<b>44</b>
2026-27	6	4	9	25	<b>44</b>
2027-28	6	4	9	25	<b>44</b>
2028-29	6	4	9	25	<b>44</b>
2029-30	6	4	9	25	<b>44</b>
2030-31	6	4	9	25	<b>44</b>
2031-32	6	4	9	25	<b>44</b>
2032-33	6	4	9	25	<b>44</b>
2033-34	6	4	9	25	<b>44</b>

Includes Genesis, Community Steps, and Outplaced students in non WPS facilities



# Projection Takeaways

- All three models yield similar trends for the first 2-years with enrollment ranging from 3,704-3,832 PK-12 students
- Both the Medium and High Model project similar 10-year trends with total Pk-12 enrollment between 4,120 and 4,434 by 2033-34.
- The Low Model yields a divergent trend with enrollment largely staying stable at between 3,700 and 3,800 over the next decade.
- Medium Projection Model reflects the most likely trajectory for future enrollment. However, recent changes in housing market conditions bear watching. An improvement in conditions would trend towards the high model while a deterioration in conditions would trend towards the low model.
- Projection model updated to account for special program enrollment in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade.



# 10- Year Enrollment Projections (Update)

Appendices  
Low, Medium & High Projections



# Appendix: Districtwide Projections Low

Year	Birth Year	Births	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	PK	PK-12th Total	K-12th Total	PK-2nd Total	3rd-5th Total	6th-8th Total	9th-12th Total	
2023-24	2018	134	249	248	275	286	253	285	264	288	291	345	291	308	344	83	3,810	3,727	855	824	843	1,288	
2024-25	2019	111	207	268	262	285	294	259	288	269	288	295	336	283	320	93	3,747	3,654	830	838	845	1,234	
2025-26	2020	131	237	222	282	271	292	300	261	292	268	291	286	326	293	83	3,704	3,621	824	863	821	1,196	
2026-27	2021	143	246	254	233	291	277	298	302	265	291	271	282	277	337	83	3,707	3,624	816	866	858	1,167	
2027-28	2022	150	253	264	268	241	299	283	301	307	265	295	264	273	287	83	3,683	3,600	868	823	873	1,119	
2028-29	2023	169	266	271	278	277	248	305	286	305	306	268	286	256	284	83	3,719	3,636	898	830	897	1,094	
2029-30	2024	130	238	286	285	287	283	253	307	290	304	309	260	277	265	83	3,727	3,644	892	823	901	1,111	
2030-31	2025	133	241	256	302	296	296	291	255	311	289	308	301	252	287	83	3,768	3,685	882	883	855	1,148	
2031-32	2026	135	243	258	269	312	303	302	291	259	310	293	299	291	261	83	3,774	3,691	853	917	860	1,144	
2032-33	2027	137	245	260	271	278	319	309	302	295	258	314	284	289	301	83	3,808	3,725	859	906	855	1,188	
2033-34	2028	138	246	262	273	280	284	325	309	306	294	262	305	274	299	83	3,802	3,719	864	889	909	1,140	
																	<b>1st 5-Year Change</b>	-2.4%	-2.4%	5.0%	0.7%	6.4%	-15.1%
																	<b>2nd 5-Year Change</b>	2.2%	2.3%	-3.8%	7.1%	1.3%	4.2%
																	<b>10-Year Change</b>	-0.2%	-0.2%	1.1%	7.9%	7.8%	-11.5%



# Appendix: Districtwide Projections Medium

Year	Birth Year	Births	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	PK	PK-12th Total	K-12th Total	PK-2nd Total	3rd-5th Total	6th-8th Total	9th-12th Total	
2023-24	2018	134	249	248	275	286	253	285	264	288	291	345	291	308	344	83	3,810	3,727	855	824	843	1,288	
2024-25	2019	111	216	270	264	288	296	261	291	271	290	298	338	285	323	93	3,784	3,691	843	845	852	1,244	
2025-26	2020	131	241	234	287	276	298	306	266	299	272	296	291	330	298	83	3,777	3,694	845	880	837	1,215	
2026-27	2021	143	250	260	248	299	285	307	311	272	300	278	291	285	346	83	3,815	3,732	841	891	883	1,200	
2027-28	2022	150	256	270	276	258	309	293	312	318	273	306	272	284	298	83	3,808	3,725	885	860	903	1,160	
2028-29	2023	169	271	277	286	288	266	318	298	319	319	278	299	266	296	83	3,864	3,781	917	872	936	1,139	
2029-30	2024	141	252	293	293	298	296	274	324	306	321	325	272	292	278	83	3,907	3,824	921	868	951	1,167	
2030-31	2025	147	258	273	312	308	311	308	279	331	307	328	320	267	306	83	3,991	3,908	926	927	917	1,221	
2031-32	2026	150	261	278	289	325	318	320	311	285	332	314	321	312	279	83	4,028	3,945	911	963	928	1,226	
2032-33	2027	151	262	281	295	301	335	327	323	318	286	340	307	313	326	83	4,097	4,014	921	963	927	1,286	
2033-34	2028	152	262	283	298	307	311	345	330	330	319	293	333	299	327	83	4,120	4,037	926	963	979	1,252	
																	<b>1st 5-Year Change</b>	1.4%	1.4%	7.3%	5.8%	11.0%	-11.6%
																	<b>2nd 5-Year Change</b>	6.6%	6.8%	1.0%	10.4%	4.6%	9.9%
																	<b>10-Year Change</b>	8.1%	8.3%	8.3%	16.9%	16.1%	-2.8%



# Appendix: Districtwide Projections High

Year	Birth Year	Births	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	PK	PK-12th Total	K-12th Total	PK-2nd Total	3rd-5th Total	6th-8th Total	9th-12th Total	
2023-24	2018	134	249	248	275	286	253	285	264	288	291	345	291	308	344	83	3,810	3,727	855	824	843	1,288	
2024-25	2019	111	226	272	266	289	298	263	292	273	292	300	340	287	325	93	3,816	3,723	857	850	857	1,252	
2025-26	2020	131	244	246	291	280	301	310	270	301	276	300	295	334	301	83	3,832	3,749	864	891	847	1,230	
2026-27	2021	143	254	265	262	305	291	312	317	278	304	284	296	291	352	83	3,894	3,811	864	908	899	1,223	
2027-28	2022	150	261	277	284	275	318	301	320	327	282	313	280	291	306	83	3,918	3,835	905	894	929	1,190	
2028-29	2023	169	276	284	295	299	287	329	309	329	330	289	308	275	307	83	4,000	3,917	938	915	968	1,179	
2029-30	2024	159	272	301	302	309	309	297	337	319	333	339	284	303	289	83	4,077	3,994	958	915	989	1,215	
2030-31	2025	164	278	296	322	319	324	323	304	347	322	343	336	280	319	83	4,196	4,113	979	966	973	1,278	
2031-32	2026	168	281	302	316	337	331	335	328	313	350	331	338	329	294	83	4,268	4,185	982	1,003	991	1,292	
2032-33	2027	173	285	305	322	331	350	343	340	337	316	360	326	331	345	83	4,374	4,291	995	1,024	993	1,362	
2033-34	2028	177	289	309	325	337	344	362	348	350	340	325	354	320	348	83	4,434	4,351	1,006	1,043	1,038	1,347	
																	1st 5-Year Change	5.0%	5.1%	9.7%	11.0%	14.8%	-8.5%
																	2nd 5-Year Change	10.9%	11.1%	7.2%	14.0%	7.2%	14.2%
																	10-Year Change	16.4%	16.7%	17.7%	26.6%	23.1%	4.6%