

District 21

Data Summary

2026-2027 Strategic Planning Data Considerations

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CITYWIDE ENROLLMENT (DISTRICT AND CHARTER), 2015-16 TO 2024-25

New York City Public Schools (NYCPS) is committed to thoughtful collaboration with districts and communities to collectively strengthen schools, support students and families, and respond to demographic and population changes in New York City.



Source: Audited Register and Charter Headcount; includes district and charter school enrollment only

- Enrollment in D1-32 schools decreased slightly in 2024-2025, remaining approximately stable compared to the steeper declines following the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Citywide, K-12 enrollment in District 1-32 schools and charter schools has declined by about 10% since its peak in the 2016-2017 school year.

DISTRICT ENROLLMENT

District 21 Enrollment by Grade Level and Year (District Schools Only)

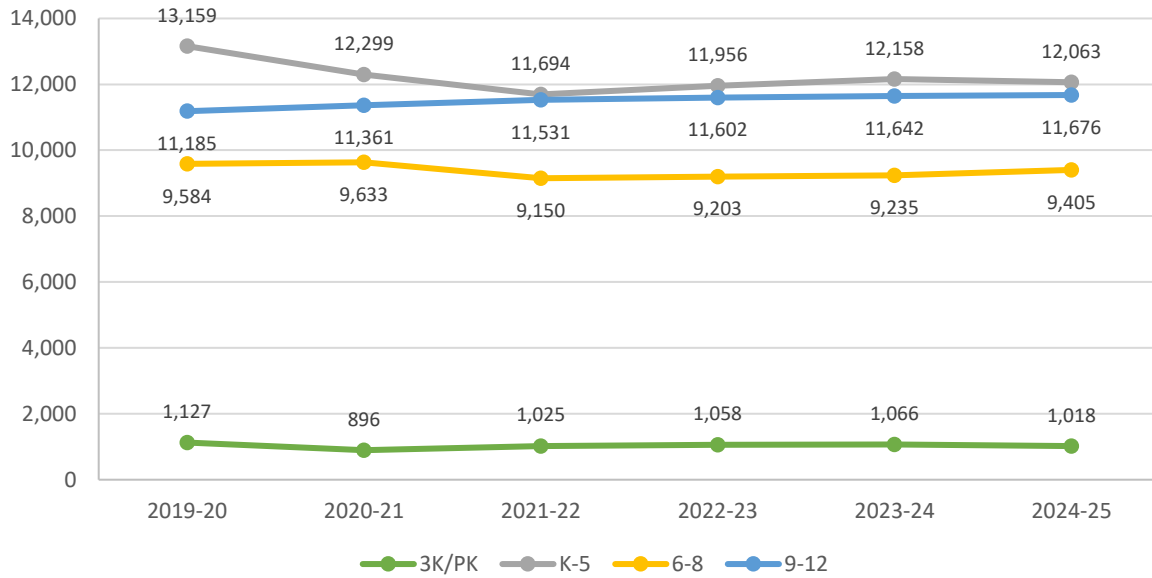


Table 1: District 21 Enrollment - 2019-20 to 2024-25

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	1yr Change	5yr Change
3K	-	9	213	243	266	268	1%	-
PK	1,127	887	812	815	800	750	-6%	-33%
K-5	13,159	12,299	11,694	11,956	12,158	12,063	-1%	-8%
6-8	9,584	9,633	9,150	9,203	9,235	9,405	2%	-2%
9-12	11,185	11,361	11,531	11,602	11,642	11,676	0%	4%
Total	35,055	34,189	33,400	33,819	34,101	34,162	0%	-3%
% Change YoY		-2.5%	-2.3%	1.3%	0.8%	0.2%		

Table 2: District 21 Entry Grade Enrollment - 2019-20 to 2024-25

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	1yr Change	5yr Change
K	2,208	1,924	1,930	1,888	1,911	1,908	-0.2%	-14%
6	3,240	3,304	2,973	2,979	3,151	3,116	-1.1%	-4%
9	3,423	3,261	3,601	3,414	3,366	3,380	0.4%	-1%

Source: Audited Register; includes enrollment in district schools only

RESIDENTIAL POPULATION AND DISTRICT RETENTION

District 21 K-12 Enrollment vs. Residential Population

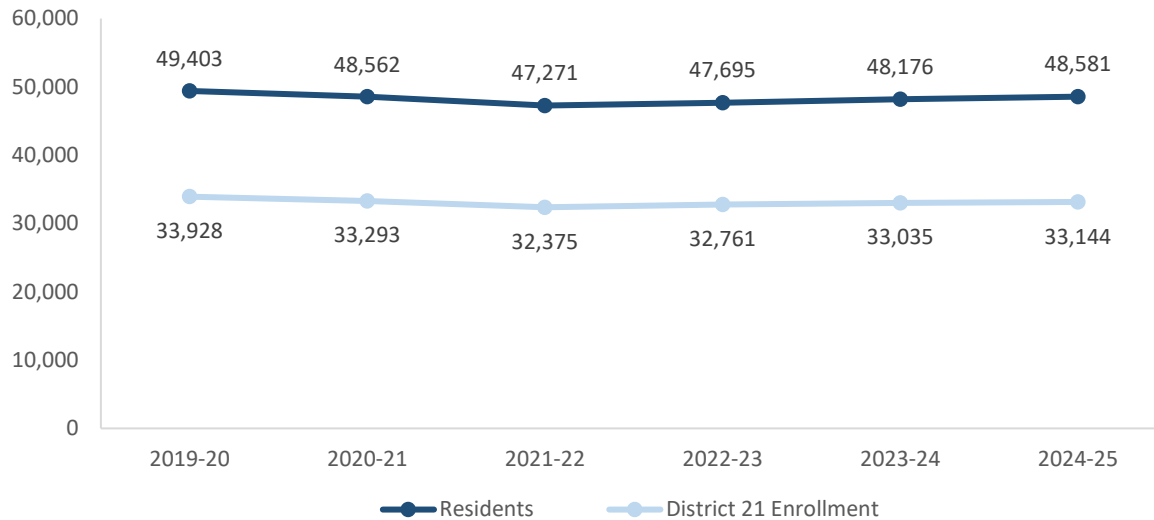


Table 3: District 21 Student Residential Population - 2019-20 to 2024-25

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	1yr Change	5yr Change
K-5	23,060	22,302	21,619	21,838	22,001	21,998	0%	-5%
6-8	11,500	11,593	11,306	11,398	11,289	11,359	1%	-1%
9-12	14,843	14,667	14,346	14,459	14,886	15,224	2%	3%
Total	49,403	48,562	47,271	47,695	48,176	48,581	1%	-2%
% Change YoY		-1.7%	-2.7%	0.9%	1.0%	0.8%		

- Between 2019-20 and 2024-25, the K-5 residential population in District 21 declined by 5%.
- During this time, the 6-8 residential population in District 21 remained approximately stable.
- Citywide, the K-12 residential population declined by 8% since 2019-20.

Source: Residential population is the sum of students attending any NYCPS school, charter or non-public school; as such, this metric will not capture students who are home schooled, have dropped out, or are otherwise not enrolled in these school options.

Table 4: Elementary School District Retention (Where District 21 Residents Enroll in School)

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	% of Residents	
							2019-20	2024-25
District 21 Schools	12,526	11,696	11,127	11,371	11,547	11,366	54%	52%
Other District Schools	1,289	1,147	1,041	1,101	1,108	1,145	6%	5%
Charter Schools	1,287	1,433	1,502	1,596	1,733	1,782	6%	8%
Non-Public Schools	7,658	7,764	7,695	7,475	7,311	7,384	33%	34%
Other	300	262	254	295	302	321	1%	1%
Total	23,060	22,302	21,619	21,838	22,001	21,998	100%	100%
% Change YoY		-3.3%	-3.1%	1.0%	0.7%	0.0%		

Table 5: Middle School District Retention (Where District 21 Residents Enroll in School)

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	% of Residents	
							2019-20	2024-25
District 21 Schools	6,495	6,574	6,225	6,275	6,273	6,343	56%	56%
Other District Schools	811	792	734	788	759	735	7%	6%
Charter Schools	315	333	360	392	455	466	3%	4%
Non-Public Schools	3,769	3,774	3,866	3,826	3,664	3,672	33%	32%
Other	110	120	121	117	138	143	1%	1%
Total	11,500	11,593	11,306	11,398	11,289	11,359	100%	100%
% Change YoY		0.8%	-2.5%	0.8%	-1.0%	0.6%		

Table 6: Where District 21 Students Live - Grades K-5

	K-5		% of Students	
	2019-20	2024-25	2019-20	2024-25
District 21	12,526	11,366	95%	94%
Other District	633	697	5%	6%
	13,159	12,063	100%	100%

Table 7: Where District 21 Students Live - Grades 6-8

	6-8		% of Students	
	2019-20	2024-25	2019-20	2024-25
District 21	6,495	6,343	68%	67%
Other District	3,089	3,062	32%	33%
	9,584	9,405	100%	100%

Citywide Trends

- Citywide, the average **District Retention Rate** (the percent of students living in a district who enroll in a district school in that district) is 54% for ES and 49% for MS.
- Citywide, the average **District Enrollment Rate** (the percent of students enrolled in district schools who live in that district) is 83% for ES and 79% for MS.

Source: Audited Register for NYCPS and charter schools; NYCPS administrative data for non-public schools

DISTRICT ES AND MS ENROLLMENT MODEL ("IN-OUT MODEL")

The table below depicts the prevailing trends for students coming into the district ("IN") and leaving the district ("OUT") to help identify the primary drivers of district school enrollment change.

Table 8: In-Out Model - ES and MS

	ES			MS		
	2019-20	2024-25	% Chg	2019-20	2024-25	% Chg
Residents of District 21	23,060	21,998	-5%	11,500	11,359	-1%
- OUT to other districts	-1,289	-1,145	-11%	-811	-735	-9%
- OUT to D75/D79	-300	-321	7%	-110	-143	30%
- OUT to charters	-1,287	-1,782	38%	-315	-466	48%
- OUT to Non-Public Schools	-7,658	-7,384	-4%	-3,769	-3,672	-3%
Total OUT	-10,534	-10,632	1%	-5,005	-5,016	0%
+ IN from other districts	+633	+697	10%	+3,089	+3,062	-1%
D21 Enrollment	13,159	12,063	-8%	9,584	9,405	-2%

Source: Audited Register for NYCPS and charter schools; NYCPS administrative data for non-public schools

Students Leaving the District:

- At the elementary school level, the largest number of students leaving District 21 enroll in non-public schools. Since 2019-20, this number has decreased by 4%, as compared to the overall number of elementary school-aged residents, which has decreased by 5%.
- At the middle school level, the largest number of students leaving District 21 enroll in non-public schools. Since 2019-20, this number has remained about the same, as compared to the overall number of middle school-aged residents, which has likewise remained about the same.

Students Coming into the District:

- At the elementary school level, a smaller number of students living in other districts come into District 21 schools (697) than District 21 residents who leave for other district schools (1,145).
- At the middle school level, a greater number of students living in other districts come into District 21 schools (3,062) than District 21 residents who leave for other district schools (735).

ARTICULATION TRENDS

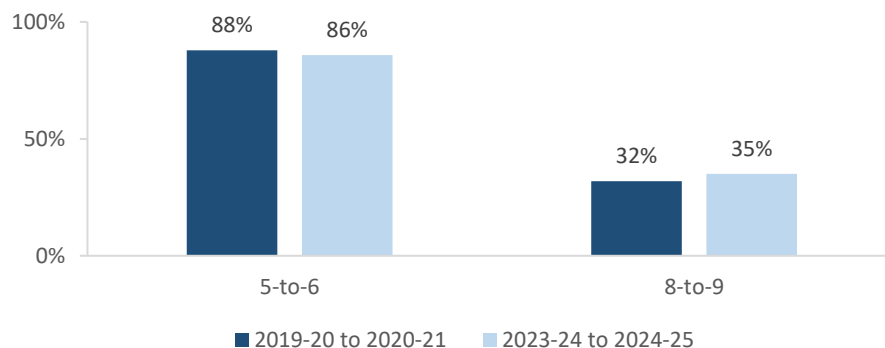
Table 9: 5-to-6 Articulation (Where District 21 5th Graders Enrolled the Following Year)

	2019-20 to 2020-21		2023-24 to 2024-25	
	#	%	#	%
District 21 Schools	1,983	88%	1,791	86%
Other District Schools	147	7%	174	8%
D75 Schools	1	0%	2	0%
D79 Schools	0	0%	0	0%
Charter Schools	11	0%	17	1%
Non-Public Schools	19	1%	14	1%
Out of NYC	84	4%	69	3%
Other	13	1%	19	1%
Total	2,258	100%	2,086	100%

Table 10: 8-to-9 Articulation (Where District 21 8th Graders Enrolled the Following Year)

	2019-20 to 2020-21		2023-24 to 2024-25	
	#	%	#	%
District 21 Schools	995	32%	1,088	35%
Other District Schools	1,909	61%	1,796	58%
D75 Schools	3	0%	2	0%
D79 Schools	0	0%	0	0%
Charter Schools	17	1%	31	1%
Non-Public Schools	65	2%	65	2%
Out of NYC	96	3%	97	3%
Other	30	1%	28	1%
Total	3,115	100%	3,107	100%

District 21 Students Remaining in District the Following Year



- Citywide, the average percent of graduating 5th graders who remain at a district school in the same district for 6th grade is 73%; for graduating 8th graders, the average percent of students who remain in the same district for 9th grade is 37%.

SCHOOL COUNTS BY ENROLLMENT RANGE

Table 11: District 21 School Counts by Enrollment Range

Enrollment Range	School Level							
	ECC	ES	MS	HS	K-8	6-12	K-12	Total
Less than 150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
150-249	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	4
250-349	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
350-449	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	5
450-549	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	5
550+	0	7	5	5	5	2	0	24
<i>Total</i>	0	14	6	10	8	2	0	40

Number of Schools with Enrollment in Bottom 25% by School District - 2024-25



Source: Audited Register; includes district schools only; excludes pre-K centers and transfer schools.

ENROLLMENT VS. CAPACITY

Table 12: District 21 Enrollment vs. Capacity - Grades K-5

	Neighborhood(s)	Count of Schools	Enrollment	Capacity	Seat Excess / (Deficit)
District 21	N/A	22	12,063	11,553	(510)
Sub-District 1	Coney Island	7	3,338	3,492	154
Sub-District 2	Gravesend	9	5,797	5,367	(430)
Sub-District 3	Gravesend, Ocean Pkwy	6	2,928	2,694	(234)

Table 13: District 21 Enrollment vs. Capacity - Grades 6-8

	Neighborhood(s)	Count of Schools	Enrollment	Capacity	Seat Excess / (Deficit)
District 21	N/A	16	9,405	9,501	96
Sub-District 1	Coney Island	5	3,778	4,355	577
Sub-District 2	Gravesend	6	3,890	3,486	(404)
Sub-District 3	Gravesend, Ocean Pkwy	5	1,737	1,660	(77)

Source: Enrollment from 2024-25 Audited Register and grade-level capacity estimated from 2023-24 Blue Book; does not include new or planned capacity in 2024-25 and beyond.

BUILDING UTILIZATION

Each year, the SCA publishes the Blue Book, a report analyzing the capacity and enrollment for every NYCPS building across the city. "Under-Utilized Buildings" reflects the projected count of buildings that have at least 150 excess seats.

Table 14: Count of NYCPS Buildings by Utilization Status

	District 21	Brooklyn
Count of Buildings	44	489
Under-Utilized (UU) Buildings	6	196
150-299 Excess Seats	0	74
300+ Excess Seats	6	122
Over-Utilized Buildings	20	98

Source: Enrollment and capacity from 2023-24 Blue Book; UU status is from a preliminary 2024-25 UU analysis, and accounts for building enrollment and planning changes implemented in 2024-25 and after.

DISTRICT 75

NYCPS's District 75 provides specialized instructional support for students with significant challenges, such as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), significant cognitive delays, emotional disability, sensory impairment, and multiple disabilities. District 75 serves students through a number of different program models.

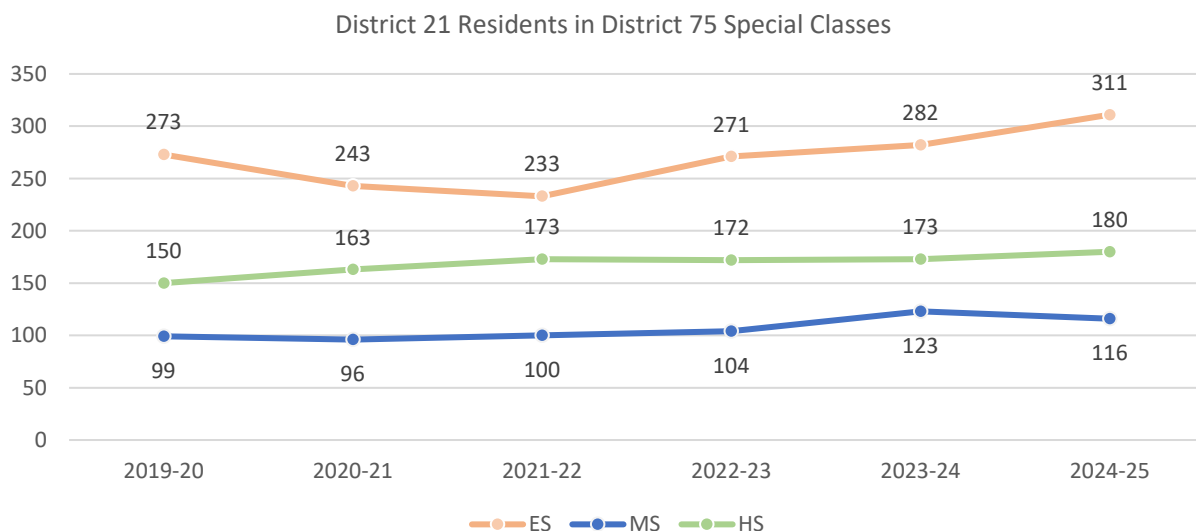
- Most District 75 students attend Special Class programs, which operate as distinct schools and may be located in standalone sites or co-located with district schools.
- A smaller number of students attend Inclusion Programs, in which students receive District 75 services within general education classes at a district school partner.

Table 15: District 75 Seat Need

	ES			MS			HS		
	District	Borough	City	District	Borough	City	District	Borough	City
Capacity	344	3,426	14,094	136	1,400	5,380	488	2,544	9,584
Residents	311	3,151	12,790	116	1,115	4,515	180	2,258	8,684
Deficit	No Deficit	No Deficit	No Deficit	No Deficit	No Deficit	No Deficit	No Deficit	No Deficit	No Deficit

Table 16: District 75 Residential Growth

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	5yr Change	1yr Change
ES	273	243	233	271	282	311	10%	14%
MS	99	96	100	104	123	116	-6%	17%
HS	150	163	173	172	173	180	4%	20%
All Grades	522	502	506	547	578	607	5%	16%



Source: Audited Register

DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHICS

Table 17: Ethnicity

	K-5			6-8			9-12		
	District	Borough	City	District	Borough	City	District	Borough	City
% Asian	28%	17%	17%	29%	18%	17%	19%	17%	16%
% Hispanic	25%	30%	42%	25%	31%	44%	30%	32%	44%
% Black	8%	29%	22%	7%	32%	23%	21%	33%	24%
% White	36%	20%	15%	37%	17%	13%	27%	15%	12%
% Other	2%	4%	4%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%

Table 18: Special Populations

	K-5			6-8			9-12		
	District	Borough	City	District	Borough	City	District	Borough	City
Students with Disabilities	19%	20%	21%	16%	21%	21%	18%	18%	19%
English Language Learners	29%	21%	22%	17%	14%	15%	18%	14%	15%
Economically Disadvantaged	82%	76%	76%	74%	79%	77%	78%	78%	77%
Students in Temporary Housing	5%	10%	12%	6%	11%	12%	9%	10%	11%

Source: 2024-25 Audited Register; includes charter schools located in the district and may differ slightly from the NYCPS Demographic Snapshot.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Table 19: District 21 Special Program Summary

	District 21	Brooklyn
Schools with ASD Programs	4	46
Horizon	2	19
Nest	2	28
Schools with G&T Programs	4	43
Schools with Bilingual Ed Programs	8	115
Dual Language (DL)	6	72
Transitional Bilingual Education (TBE)	0	10
DL/TBE	2	33

Note: Schools with both Horizon and Nest programs are counted once in the top row but separately in the Horizon and Nest rows beneath.

