



Western Suffolk BOCES Public School Enrollment 2014 through 2023

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WESTERN SUFFOLK BOCES REGIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT 2014-2023

During the historical period 2014 - 2020, there was an overall 10.5% decline (8,788 students) in enrollment in the Western Suffolk BOCES region - from a period high of 83,324 students in 2014 to a period low of 74,536 students in 2020. The greatest decline was in the elementary (K - 5) grade configuration, with a loss of 11.3% (3,954 students); the middle (6 - 8) and high school (9 - 12) grades recorded losses of 10.4% (2,047 students) and 9.8% (2,743 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 2,308 students, or 3.0%. This has been attributed to the pandemic; there are indications of increases in both non-public school enrollment and in the number of children being home-schooled due to parental concerns regarding Covid.

Smithtown remains the district with the largest enrollment (8,111 students), while Babylon is the smallest district, with 1,525 students in 2020. Between 2019 and 2020, enrollment losses of 1.1 - 5.2% were recorded in all districts. For the six years between 2014 and 2020, a gain was recorded in one district (Wyandanch), while losses were recorded in 16 districts; enrollment remained stable (change of less than 4.5%) in one district (Huntington).

Overall regional enrollment is projected to further decline by 1,839 students (2.5%) over the next three years. A small gain is projected in the elementary grades; however, losses will continue in the middle and high school grades, as smaller cohorts progress through the system.

- The elementary (K - 5) enrollment is projected to remain relatively stable over the next three years, with a gain of 254 students, or 0.8 percent, between 2020 and 2023.
- The middle school (6 - 8) enrollment is projected to decline by 5.9% over the next three years, with a loss of 1,040 students between 2020 and 2023.
- The secondary (9 - 12) enrollment is projected to decline by 4.1%, or 1,047 students, between 2020 and 2023.

Lower birth levels result in smaller kindergarten cohorts. Suffolk County births have declined almost 24% during the last two decades, dropping from 19,921 births in 1998 to 15,241 births in 2018. 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 2018 and 2019 in two towns - Huntington (+3%) and Smithtown (+10%), while housing turnover in Babylon remained stable during this period. Increases in the median sale prices of 3 - 6% were recorded in the three towns between 2018 and 2019. Recent growth in median sale prices in many areas has been attributed to 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 the services available through the Office of School Planning and Research, please visit our website: <http://www.wsboces.org/planning>.

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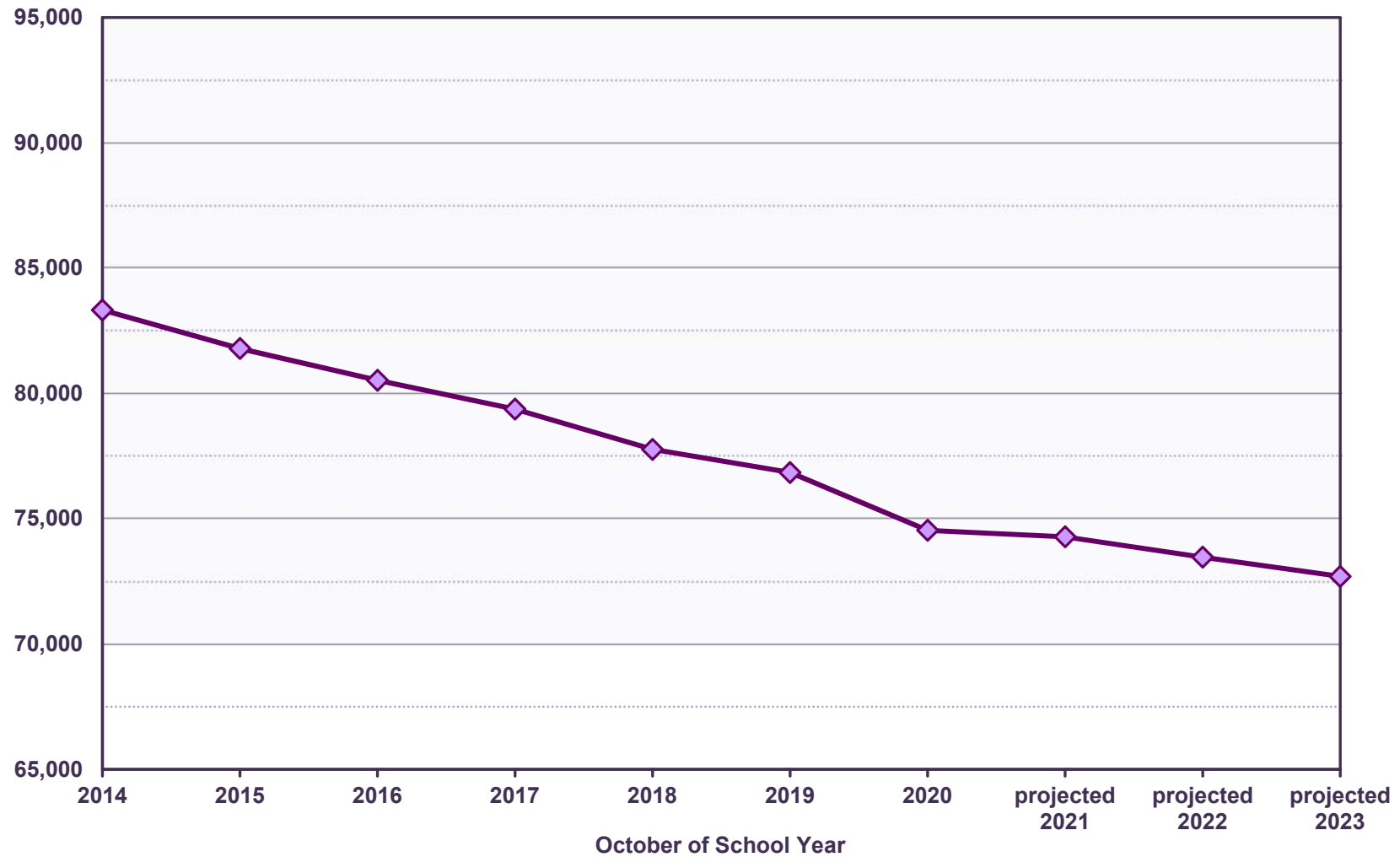
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Western Suffolk BOCES Component School Districts

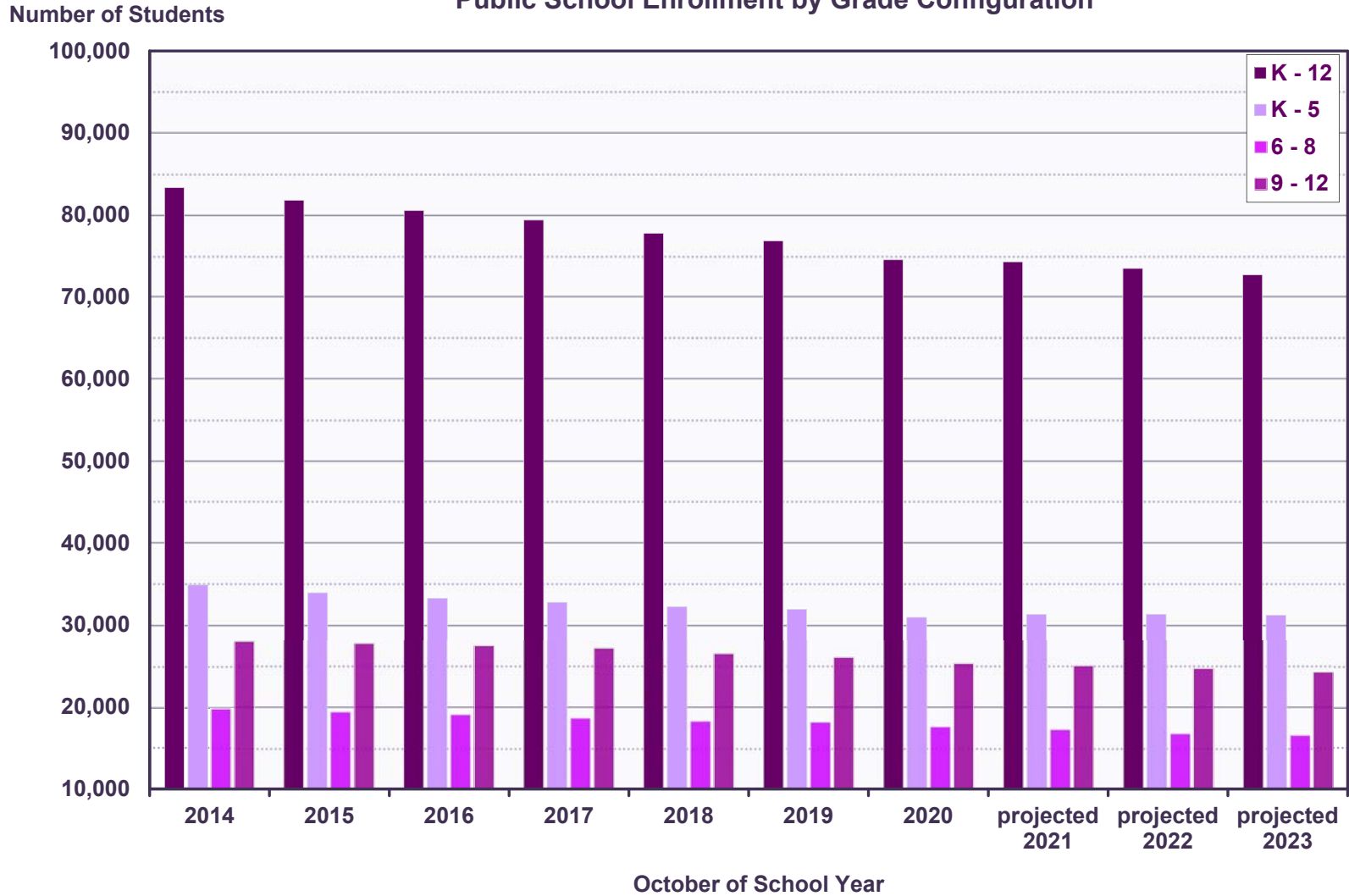
	Historical Enrollment.....							prn BEDS	Projected Enrollment.....		
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		2021	2022	2023
Kindergarten	5,305	5,104	4,973	5,180	5,072	5,130	4,701	5,123	5,040	4,963	
First	5,561	5,402	5,229	5,059	5,187	5,191	5,112	4,871	5,195	5,111	
Second	5,825	5,601	5,472	5,329	5,170	5,257	5,171	5,265	4,953	5,283	
Third	5,872	5,824	5,684	5,492	5,342	5,236	5,245	5,296	5,309	4,995	
Fourth	6,001	5,941	5,893	5,750	5,622	5,436	5,242	5,373	5,382	5,395	
Fifth	6,313	6,041	5,993	5,951	5,828	5,643	5,452	5,352	5,421	5,430	
Sixth	6,441	6,348	6,090	6,059	6,063	5,933	5,638	5,552	5,427	5,497	
Seventh	6,550	6,488	6,418	6,155	6,130	6,101	5,956	5,749	5,605	5,479	
Eighth	6,742	6,587	6,601	6,528	6,172	6,221	6,092	6,048	5,816	5,670	
Ninth	7,217	6,830	6,685	6,682	6,446	6,369	6,148	6,197	6,112	5,877	
Tenth	6,978	7,044	6,857	6,714	6,646	6,411	6,247	6,204	6,184	6,099	
Eleventh	6,921	6,843	6,941	6,751	6,554	6,545	6,308	6,188	6,091	6,072	
Twelfth	6,919	7,010	6,986	7,020	6,852	6,722	6,589	6,417	6,295	6,197	
Ungraded	679	728	700	703	682	649	635	643	636	629	
K - 12	83,324	81,791	80,522	79,373	77,766	76,844	74,536	74,278	73,466	72,697	
% Change		-1.8%	-1.6%	-1.4%	-2.0%	-1.2%	-3.0%	-0.3%	-1.1%	-1.0%	
K - 5	34,877	33,913	33,244	32,761	32,221	31,893	30,923	31,280	31,300	31,177	
% Change		-2.8%	-2.0%	-1.5%	-1.6%	-1.0%	-3.0%	1.2%	0.1%	-0.4%	
6 - 8	19,733	19,423	19,109	18,742	18,365	18,255	17,686	17,349	16,848	16,646	
% Change		-1.6%	-1.6%	-1.9%	-2.0%	-0.6%	-3.1%	-1.9%	-2.9%	-1.2%	
9 - 12	28,035	27,727	27,469	27,167	26,498	26,047	25,292	25,006	24,682	24,245	
% Change		-1.1%	-0.9%	-1.1%	-2.5%	-1.7%	-2.9%	-1.1%	-1.3%	-1.8%	

Western Suffolk BOCES Component School Districts, K - 12 Public School Enrollment

Number of Students



Western Suffolk BOCES Component School Districts Public School Enrollment by Grade Configuration

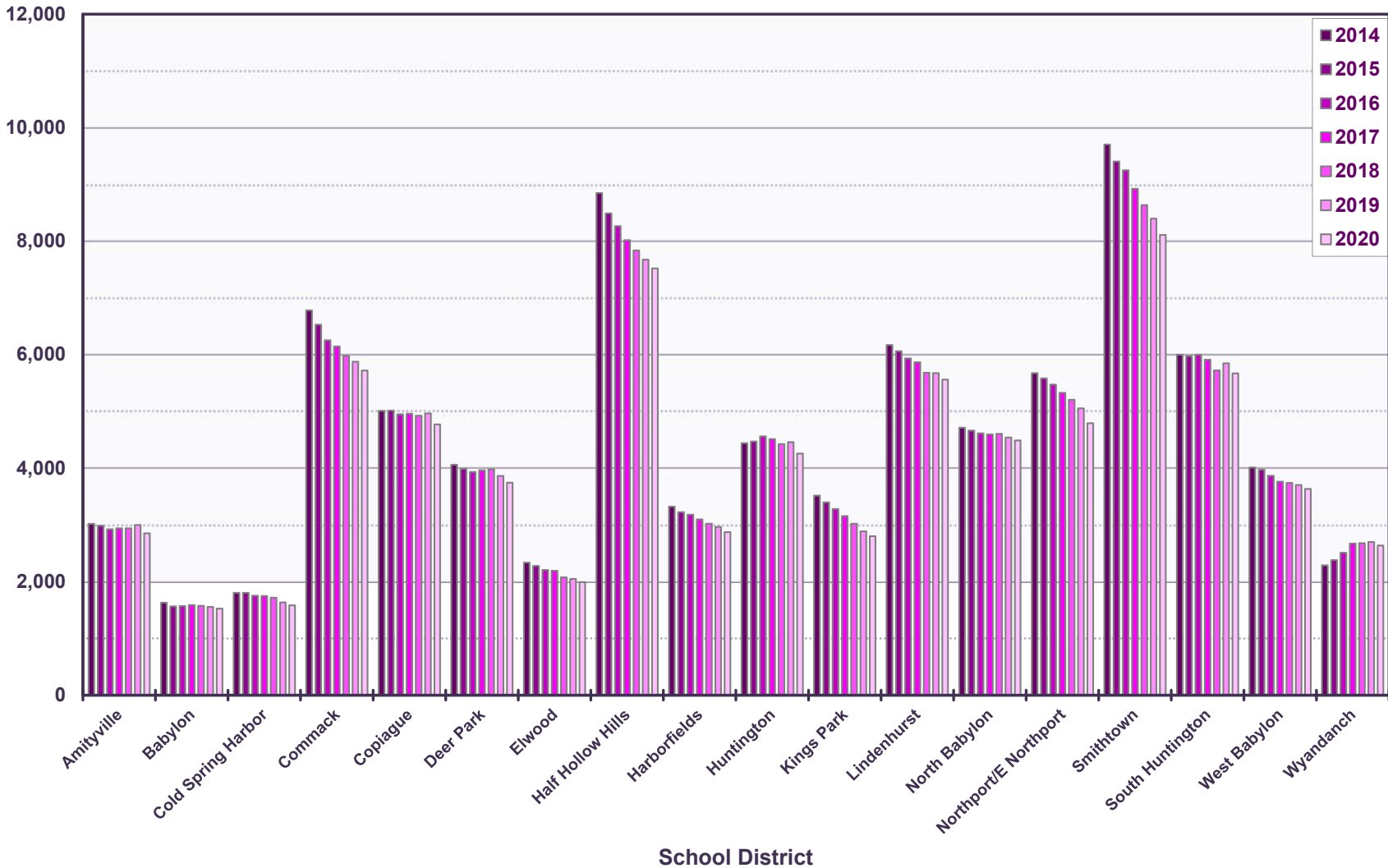


Western Suffolk BOCES Regional Enrollment - Component Districts

	Historical Enrollment						prelim BEDS
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Amityville	3,019	2,986	2,923	2,941	2,941	2,997	2,852
Babylon	1,630	1,565	1,570	1,588	1,573	1,555	1,525
Cold Spring Harbor	1,803	1,804	1,752	1,748	1,717	1,635	1,584
Commack	6,781	6,528	6,253	6,144	5,981	5,875	5,721
Copiague	5,010	5,015	4,951	4,959	4,924	4,965	4,772
Deer Park	4,061	3,989	3,933	3,963	3,979	3,864	3,743
Elwood	2,335	2,279	2,207	2,193	2,077	2,049	1,992
Half Hollow Hills	8,850	8,491	8,266	8,017	7,836	7,676	7,520
Harborfields	3,322	3,226	3,181	3,097	3,022	2,965	2,873
Huntington	4,440	4,471	4,561	4,513	4,425	4,459	4,257
Kings Park	3,516	3,398	3,281	3,156	3,021	2,886	2,802
Lindenhurst	6,169	6,062	5,934	5,866	5,681	5,674	5,560
North Babylon	4,713	4,662	4,614	4,595	4,605	4,539	4,489
Northport/E Northport	5,675	5,581	5,473	5,327	5,205	5,053	4,792
Smithtown	9,704	9,405	9,249	8,922	8,635	8,398	8,111
South Huntington	5,998	5,976	5,998	5,911	5,724	5,849	5,671
West Babylon	4,011	3,973	3,867	3,761	3,741	3,705	3,635
Wyandanch	2,287	2,380	2,509	2,672	2,679	2,700	2,637
K - 12	83,324	81,791	80,522	79,373	77,766	76,844	74,536
		-1.8%	-1.6%	-1.4%	-2.0%	-1.2%	-3.0%

Western Suffolk BOCES Component District Historical Enrollment

Number of Students



2020/21 (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			12
Amityville	F	173	204	216	233	199	225	211	226	222	226	215	221	250	31	2,852
Babylon	F	135	99	125	106	108	123	122	123	121	105	122	117	107	12	1,525
Cold Spring Harbor	F	123	97	114	105	117	112	121	107	135	142	128	144	135	4	1,584
Commack	F	359	377	398	416	403	400	432	439	428	502	480	513	539	35	5,721
Copiague	F	320	339	329	406	355	357	394	359	395	405	394	314	401	4	4,772
Deer Park	F	232	259	264	264	256	280	289	328	304	303	285	293	347	39	3,743
Elwood	F	104	146	127	136	137	145	160	158	172	178	173	174	169	13	1,992
Half Hollow Hills	F	436	488	491	498	528	522	537	604	621	585	623	685	768	134	7,520
Harborfields	F	163	187	190	173	206	205	221	262	265	205	232	252	294	18	2,873
Huntington	F	283	295	295	291	300	303	321	358	316	385	393	340	340	37	4,257
Kings Park	F	212	174	162	208	193	227	204	215	233	212	219	278	250	15	2,802
Lindenhurst	F	354	409	380	395	401	415	396	462	443	439	495	440	471	60	5,560
North Babylon	F	280	309	326	326	317	331	393	350	388	350	353	378	350	38	4,489
Northport/E Northport	F	282	321	322	288	358	342	341	358	406	389	454	454	449	28	4,792
Smithtown	F	493	508	554	532	548	584	617	649	684	683	693	751	760	55	8,111
South Huntington	F	350	399	400	406	371	418	435	453	450	547	485	444	464	49	5,671
West Babylon	F	251	252	262	261	245	258	262	287	313	308	294	318	310	14	3,635
Wyandanch	F	151	249	216	201	200	205	182	218	196	184	209	192	185	49	2,637
TOTAL		4,701	5,112	5,171	5,245	5,242	5,452	5,638	5,956	6,092	6,148	6,247	6,308	6,589	635	74,536

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

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	2,997
Babylon	F	104	124	106	105	128	119	125	122	117	123	121	111	139	11	1,555
Cold Spring Harbor	F	97	111	114	117	111	118	102	142	143	129	150	135	163	3	1,635
Commack	F	366	382	416	397	387	426	436	422	519	472	516	540	557	39	5,875
Copiague	F	346	364	412	368	368	407	352	402	395	432	352	388	374	5	4,965
Deer Park	F	256	258	264	256	276	282	330	306	326	288	296	343	343	40	3,864
Elwood	F	141	133	135	130	142	160	159	170	182	177	173	166	171	10	2,049
Half Hollow Hills	F	474	493	472	516	500	526	581	617	611	623	683	770	675	135	7,676
Harborfields	F	188	182	175	208	209	215	261	271	223	233	256	294	229	21	2,965
Huntington	F	306	311	306	300	315	320	373	328	361	415	361	327	402	34	4,459
Kings Park	F	169	171	205	189	223	209	214	239	224	220	277	248	283	15	2,886
Lindenhurst	F	404	376	399	398	421	402	456	441	435	499	440	482	461	60	5,674
North Babylon	F	316	318	327	317	326	384	347	384	350	345	389	356	340	40	4,539
Northport/E Northport	F	337	329	299	359	342	346	361	403	395	454	455	449	497	27	5,053
Smithtown	F	507	529	534	554	583	617	651	689	697	686	751	749	796	55	8,398
South Huntington	F	399	410	396	377	414	437	454	456	508	550	452	469	472	55	5,849
West Babylon	F	258	266	256	240	253	264	276	305	312	301	318	306	334	16	3,705
Wyandanch	F	251	215	202	197	211	182	220	192	190	203	198	173	215	51	2,700
TOTAL		5,130	5,191	5,257	5,236	5,436	5,643	5,933	6,101	6,221	6,369	6,411	6,545	6,722	649	76,844

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

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

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	2,941
Babylon	F	124	104	103	121	119	124	121	114	130	122	111	140	132	8	1,573
Cold Spring Harbor	F	105	115	120	110	118	98	138	141	138	151	138	163	178	4	1,717
Commack	F	370	406	389	374	418	418	416	512	481	513	532	553	561	38	5,981
Copiague	F	346	388	348	352	406	348	385	383	376	375	434	362	412	9	4,924
Deer Park	F	260	261	240	288	280	334	311	328	302	295	343	344	354	39	3,979
Elwood	F	122	130	131	144	157	158	175	180	185	168	168	167	178	14	2,077
Half Hollow Hills	F	463	454	511	480	507	578	605	599	636	698	769	679	721	136	7,836
Harborfields	F	176	171	205	199	211	253	273	223	239	253	294	229	274	22	3,022
Huntington	F	316	301	305	308	322	354	333	341	349	383	372	373	335	33	4,425
Kings Park	F	166	200	182	219	212	215	241	227	236	276	252	274	305	16	3,021
Lindenhurst	F	362	390	384	417	405	441	432	433	483	432	475	449	507	71	5,681
North Babylon	F	313	328	315	327	381	352	384	355	355	393	357	349	353	43	4,605
Northport/E Northport	F	349	302	355	342	352	350	396	397	461	457	445	487	487	25	5,205
Smithtown	F	512	524	541	585	607	635	671	696	698	749	757	783	819	58	8,635
South Huntington	F	396	401	380	388	432	428	450	493	432	474	497	464	429	60	5,724
West Babylon	F	270	258	235	244	266	268	309	308	298	323	306	319	321	16	3,741
Wyandanch	F	216	215	219	213	196	241	202	182	175	184	166	183	227	60	2,679
TOTAL		5,072	5,187	5,170	5,342	5,622	5,828	6,063	6,130	6,172	6,446	6,646	6,554	6,852	682	77,766

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

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

2017/18 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	236	199	239	220	227	218	215	197	202	213	251	227	260	37	2,941
Babylon	F	106	100	114	120	125	121	112	132	128	108	133	138	142	9	1,588
Cold Spring Harbor	F	106	107	109	113	98	133	137	135	160	144	166	178	158	4	1,748
Commack	F	399	373	378	400	415	407	505	479	532	535	550	557	575	39	6,144
Copiague	F	399	348	361	400	349	402	376	373	339	446	402	386	363	15	4,959
Deer Park	F	265	236	284	265	324	293	324	279	300	322	337	336	359	39	3,963
Elwood	F	137	132	150	157	150	169	185	189	192	171	169	184	191	17	2,193
Half Hollow Hills	F	421	485	476	479	566	571	579	621	700	765	669	715	822	148	8,017
Harborfields	F	161	201	185	207	247	264	224	235	263	297	226	274	295	18	3,097
Huntington	F	306	306	315	319	354	333	349	348	366	395	432	320	337	33	4,513
Kings Park	F	208	176	214	207	216	233	227	242	296	244	268	300	309	16	3,156
Lindenhurst	F	397	375	408	407	428	434	431	493	436	479	464	509	530	75	5,866
North Babylon	F	325	301	324	378	332	371	338	350	386	377	353	370	351	39	4,595
Northport/E Northport	F	291	342	342	346	344	380	384	449	463	449	491	488	533	25	5,327
Smithtown	F	516	522	571	583	642	656	696	707	773	749	791	813	840	63	8,922
South Huntington	F	413	401	402	429	431	455	490	439	467	519	509	425	470	61	5,911
West Babylon	F	264	235	246	262	263	304	288	303	340	300	308	305	327	16	3,761
Wyandanch	F	230	220	211	200	239	207	199	184	185	169	195	226	158	49	2,672
TOTAL		5,180	5,059	5,329	5,492	5,750	5,951	6,059	6,155	6,528	6,682	6,714	6,751	7,020	703	79,373

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

2016/17 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	187	227	225	239	225	225	195	199	203	235	231	239	260	33	2,923
Babylon	F	94	108	118	120	111	102	131	125	122	133	138	144	115	9	1,570
Cold Spring Harbor	F	94	102	104	94	131	138	133	150	145	157	178	157	166	3	1,752
Commack	F	362	372	389	399	394	494	478	526	542	542	564	570	578	43	6,253
Copiague	F	360	355	418	359	393	384	364	333	398	410	430	359	367	21	4,951
Deer Park	F	237	261	253	311	294	317	274	299	310	327	330	344	339	37	3,933
Elwood	F	126	141	144	139	161	176	189	187	188	172	179	192	197	16	2,207
Half Hollow Hills	F	458	462	456	534	558	567	608	681	790	658	710	818	823	143	8,266
Harborfields	F	188	176	201	243	256	222	236	261	308	223	273	296	282	16	3,181
Huntington	F	311	305	316	360	339	349	341	376	342	439	370	345	335	33	4,561
Kings Park	F	180	212	206	207	234	230	239	292	262	262	310	306	325	16	3,281
Lindenhurst	F	379	409	413	419	438	418	482	432	458	454	515	525	505	87	5,934
North Babylon	F	310	323	373	325	375	325	342	367	357	377	362	355	386	37	4,614
Northport/E Northport	F	333	340	350	338	378	384	441	456	453	490	485	536	464	25	5,473
Smithtown	F	494	567	575	642	646	690	711	775	783	789	812	836	864	65	9,249
South Huntington	F	398	412	445	443	460	495	442	440	481	550	452	458	466	56	5,998
West Babylon	F	251	248	270	266	295	283	301	343	314	300	298	316	366	16	3,867
Wyandanch	F	211	209	216	246	205	194	183	176	145	167	220	145	148	44	2,509
TOTAL		4,973	5,229	5,472	5,684	5,893	5,993	6,090	6,418	6,601	6,685	6,857	6,941	6,986	700	80,522

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2015/16 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	234	238	254	237	223	196	200	194	224	209	237	264	247	29	2,986
Babylon	F	99	113	112	109	102	131	121	122	133	129	148	118	119	9	1,565
Cold Spring Harbor	F	102	102	88	127	138	134	149	144	155	177	160	167	158	3	1,804
Commack	F	361	388	404	390	485	468	526	536	574	561	578	572	642	43	6,528
Copiague	F	354	422	353	397	397	372	339	395	374	458	373	370	388	23	5,015
Deer Park	F	258	252	310	287	308	279	297	302	328	316	352	321	340	39	3,989
Elwood	F	128	140	140	160	169	190	185	192	181	185	199	196	199	15	2,279
Half Hollow Hills	F	446	439	512	550	545	596	671	767	674	701	825	814	804	147	8,491
Harborfields	H	160	185	239	242	209	233	259	303	233	262	295	280	301	25	3,226
Huntington	F	308	327	345	340	346	324	362	318	372	400	375	315	303	36	4,471
Kings Park	F	211	202	197	231	230	236	295	262	290	307	297	325	293	22	3,398
Lindenhurst	F	418	423	415	428	414	475	414	454	443	517	530	492	553	86	6,062
North Babylon	F	321	363	323	378	329	342	370	349	375	369	367	376	368	32	4,662
Northport/E Northport	F	323	323	335	373	378	436	452	448	490	468	545	460	524	26	5,581
Smithtown	F	527	568	625	627	684	694	762	773	806	805	818	836	815	65	9,405
South Huntington	F	397	441	450	450	499	441	443	467	470	485	495	439	451	48	5,976
West Babylon	F	249	272	262	297	283	305	341	314	310	294	306	342	372	26	3,973
Wyandanch	F	208	204	237	201	202	189	162	148	155	187	144	156	133	54	2,380
TOTAL		5,104	5,402	5,601	5,824	5,941	6,041	6,348	6,488	6,587	6,830	7,044	6,843	7,010	728	81,791

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

Count of Districts with Full Day Kindergarten: 17 of 18 districts

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District:	**	Grade:													UGD	K - 12
		K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Amityville	F	247	265	257	232	210	203	191	226	202	217	265	243	238	23	3,019
Babylon	F	112	116	107	102	135	124	123	135	144	145	124	120	134	9	1,630
Cold Spring Harbor	F	90	83	112	136	131	146	141	146	178	159	167	157	154	3	1,803
Commack	F	378	395	381	473	459	529	532	581	579	572	591	639	627	45	6,781
Copiague	F	407	360	405	388	364	326	407	352	392	452	403	390	349	15	5,010
Deer Park	F	252	301	288	299	280	296	292	331	326	339	318	332	361	46	4,061
Elwood	H	126	134	154	160	190	183	191	185	189	208	202	194	204	15	2,335
Half Hollow Hills	F	442	503	538	534	595	666	742	675	714	840	812	798	853	138	8,850
Harborfields	H	165	236	227	206	230	253	300	232	285	288	278	304	292	26	3,322
Huntington	F	338	346	354	352	335	358	308	366	341	392	348	275	290	37	4,440
Kings Park	F	213	193	230	228	236	292	269	289	325	300	327	291	310	13	3,516
Lindenhurst	F	428	420	441	401	469	431	462	436	497	547	512	537	508	80	6,169
North Babylon	F	366	324	377	324	321	369	346	372	349	405	380	369	379	32	4,713
Northport/E Northport	H	263	333	369	372	431	442	444	490	472	547	461	517	510	24	5,675
Smithtown	F	563	606	614	674	689	763	774	813	839	803	827	809	869	61	9,704
South Huntington	F	440	443	466	488	434	435	459	454	441	552	467	436	431	52	5,998
West Babylon	F	270	256	297	289	301	335	310	308	303	301	333	360	327	21	4,011
Wyandanch	F	205	247	208	214	191	162	150	159	166	150	163	150	83	39	2,287
TOTAL		5,305	5,561	5,825	5,872	6,001	6,313	6,441	6,550	6,742	7,217	6,978	6,921	6,919	679	83,324

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Count of Districts with Full Day Kindergarten: 15 of 18 districts