PUBLIC SCHOOLS of BROOKLINE

PSB Enrollment Report

November 6, 2025

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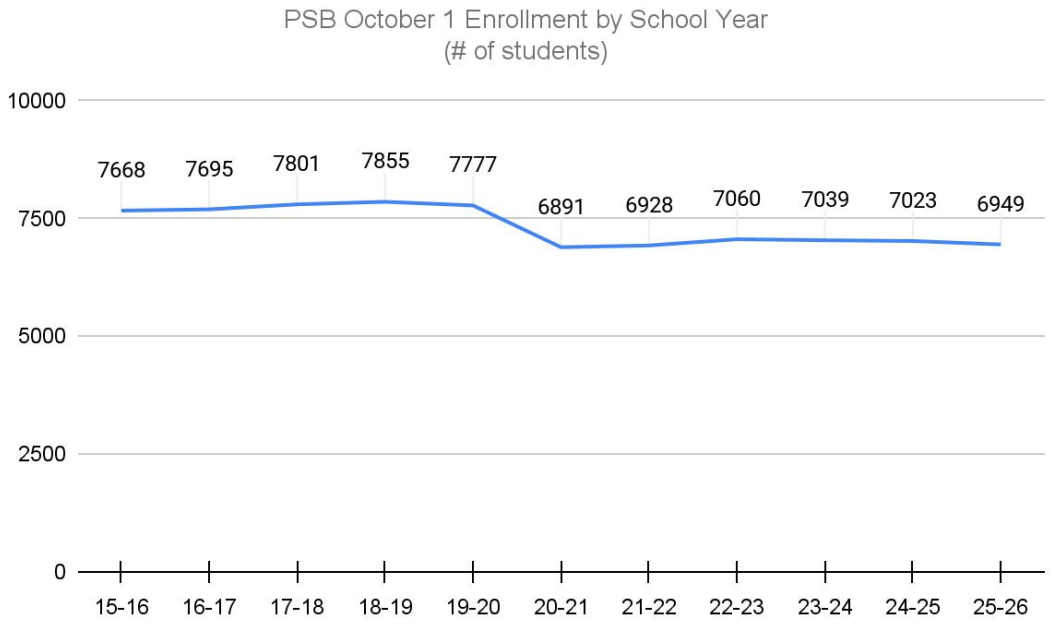
Enrollment Over Time (October 1)



Source: DESE Public Website - Brookline Public Schools

^ Total *excludes* Early Childhood students *under age 3* as of October 1 (SY25-26 - 16 students) and Out of District students (SY25-26 - 66 students), reported separately

October 1, 2025 Elementary Enrollment By School & By Grade

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OCTOBER 1, 2025 ENROLLMENT

Schools	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	SP	BEEP	Total	
Baker	58	62	82	77	83	87	74	75	65							663	
Driscoll	43	57	43	69	54	77	56	63	55							517	
Hayes	35	43	44	39	44	44	50	51	57							407	
Lawrence	74	62	66	82	61	80	66	64	69							624	4565
Lincoln	47	57	51	58	46	59	55	43	47							463	
Pierce	60	56	60	59	64	70	71	67	81							588	
Ruffin Ridley	93	100	91	107	98	93	95	82	83							842	
Runkle	43	54	45	52	51	37	61	58	60							461	
BHS										499	535	584	519	10			2147
Early Childhood Sites															237		237
Total	453	491	482	543	501	547	528	503	517	499	535	584	519	10	237		6949 ‡
Early Childhood Sites PS < 3															*16*	*253*	*253*
Out of District																*66*	*66*

SOURCE:

October 1 SIMS Submission to DESE

Updated 11/3/2025

‡ Excludes OOD students, reported separately, & excludes Early Childhoold PS <3

FY26 Actual & Enrollment Projection

Out of District (OOD): *Total reported and claimed for FY26 in Oct. 1 reporting; Excludes students claimed by other communities who cost share tuition with PSB.*

PreKindergarten: *Classroom closed; negative number does not reflect open seats - all available classes have been filled*

Elementary: *Kindergarten and 4th grade enrollment were lower than the forecast by more than 30 students*

Middle: *Overall Middle school enrollment was within 1 of the forecast*

High: *Though the freshman class was a little higher than the forecast and grade 12 was lower, the overall enrollment forecast for BHS aligned with the Oct. 1 enrollment.*

Public Schools of Brookline - Enrollment

School Year Beginning	FY26 1-Oct-25	FY26 2025 Est.	Change
Out of District	*66*	*66*	*0*
*PreKindergarten **	*253*	*286*	*-33*
Kindergarten	453	483	
Grade 1	491	502	
Grade 2	482	491	
Grade 3	543	540	
Grade 4	501	534	
Grade 5	547	561	
Elementary Total	3017	3111	-94
Grade 6	528	517	
Grade 7	503	515	
Grade 8	517	517	
Middle School Total	1548	1549	-1
Grade 9	499	482	
Grade 10	535	530	
Grade 11	584	581	
Grade 12	519	532	
SP-Beyond 12	10	16	
High School Total	2147	2141	6

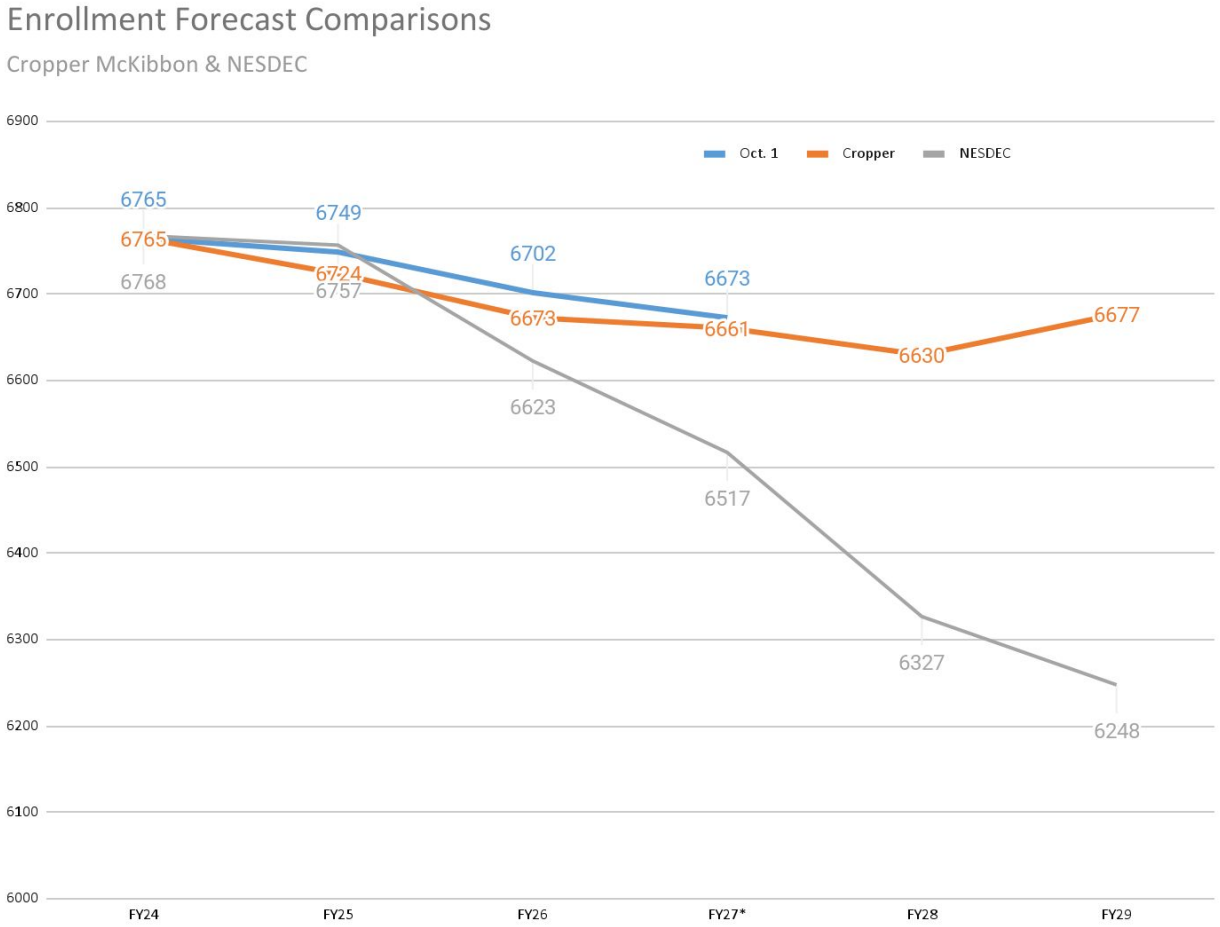
Projection Comparison : District - Cropper - NESDEC

Enrollment - In District K-12			
SY	Oct. 1	Cropper	NESDEC
FY24	6765	6765	6768
FY25	6749	6724	6757
FY26	6702	6673	6623
FY27*	6673	6661	6517
FY28		6630	6327
FY29		6677	6248

* FY27 PSB Projection

Cropper utilize Forecast Methodology
NESDEC utilize Cohort Component(survival) Methodology

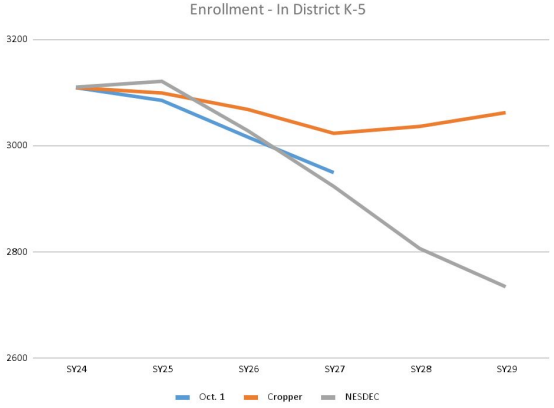
*All forecast Data **Excludes** PreK, SP, and OOD*



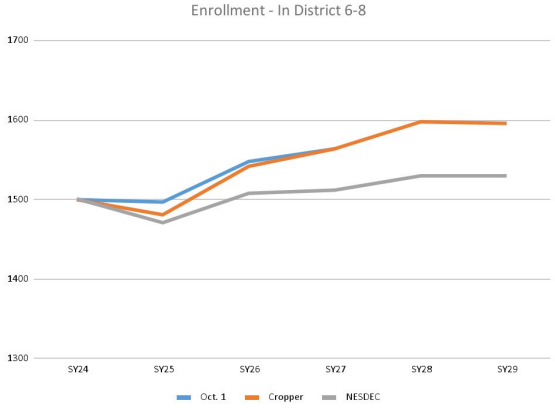
Projection Comparison : Elementary, Middle, High

Elementary enrollment is slightly lower, Middle School enrollment is similar, and BHS enrollment is slightly higher, than predicted by Cropper Report report

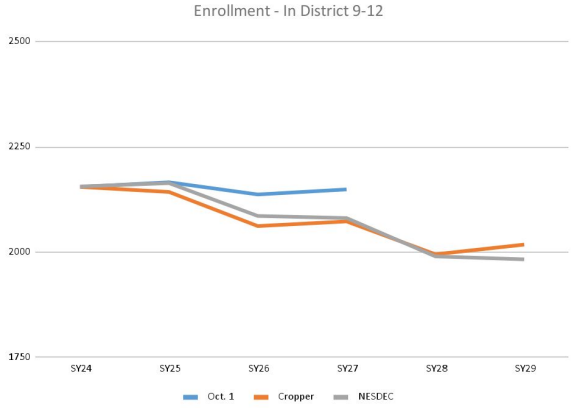
Enrollment - In District K-5			
SY	Oct. 1	Cropper	NESDEC
SY24	3110	3110	3111
SY25	3086	3100	3122
SY26	3017	3069	3029
SY27	2950	3024	2924
SY28		3037	2807
SY29		3063	2735



Enrollment - In District 6-8			
SY	Oct. 1	Cropper	NESDEC
SY24	1500	1500	1501
SY25	1497	1481	1471
SY26	1548	1542	1508
SY27	1564	1564	1512
SY28		1598	1530
SY29		1596	1530



Enrollment - In District 9-12			
SY	Oct. 1	Cropper	NESDEC
SY24	2155	2155	2156
SY25	2166	2143	2164
SY26	2137	2062	2086
SY27	2149	2073	2081
SY28		1995	1990
SY29		2018	1983



Annual Student Migration - Summer (June - Sept.)

Most changes to individual students' enrollment occur during the Summer (June-September).

	Withdrawals	New Students	Change
2023/24 (October 1 - 7039)	325	454	**129**
2024/25 (October 1 - 7023)	460	423	**-37**
2025/26 (October 1 - 6949)	417	391	**-26**

Each year, student migration accounts for a significant portion of the shift in student enrollment and distribution within schools

- *New students (In-Migration) has been less than withdrawals (Out-Migration) for the past 2 years*
- *There is no overall pattern or trend in Out-Migration*
- *In Migration has been decline which is reflected in the decline in overall enrollment as reported for SY25-26*

Summer Withdrawals (Out-Migration)
(June-September)

Withdrawals

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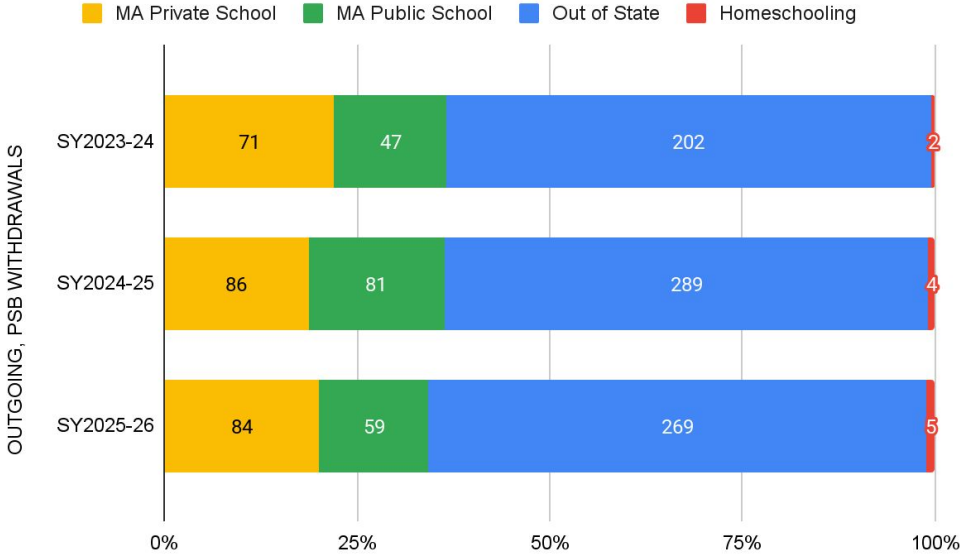


Summer Withdrawals (Out-Migration):
Students enrolled in PSB during prior SY who withdraw to attend shool elsewhere for the reported SY

Out migration is largely due to families moving out of Brookline.

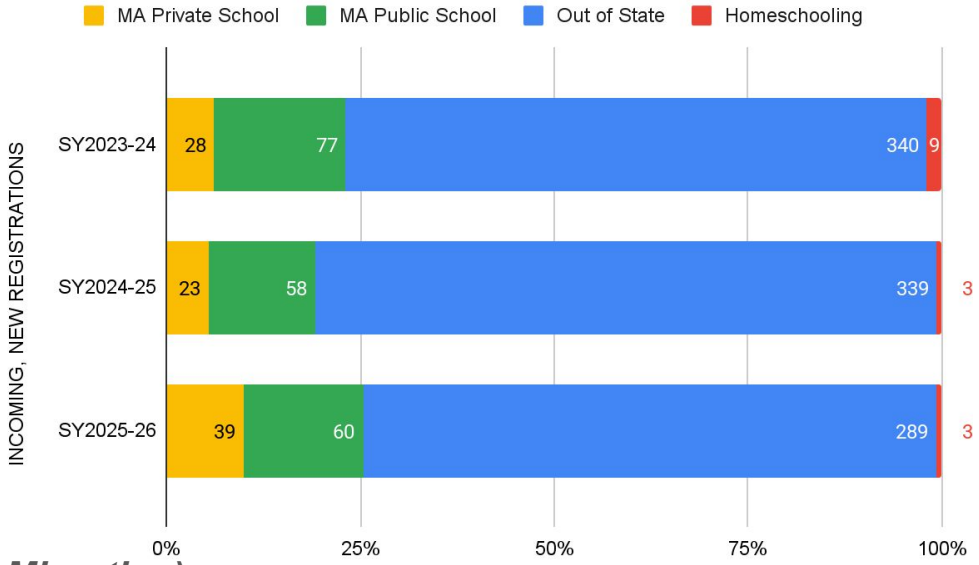
This slide provides insight into where students are enrolling <u>after</u> withdrawing from PSB

- Students leaving to attend other schools in MA (green) or in schools outside MA (blue) have moved out of Brookline;
- Only a portion of students leaving to attend MA Private (yellow) remain Brookline residents, as some also move out of Brookline along with the school transfer.

New Student Registrations (In-Migration)
(June-September)

New Students enrolled

2023/24	291
2024/25	429
2025/26	407



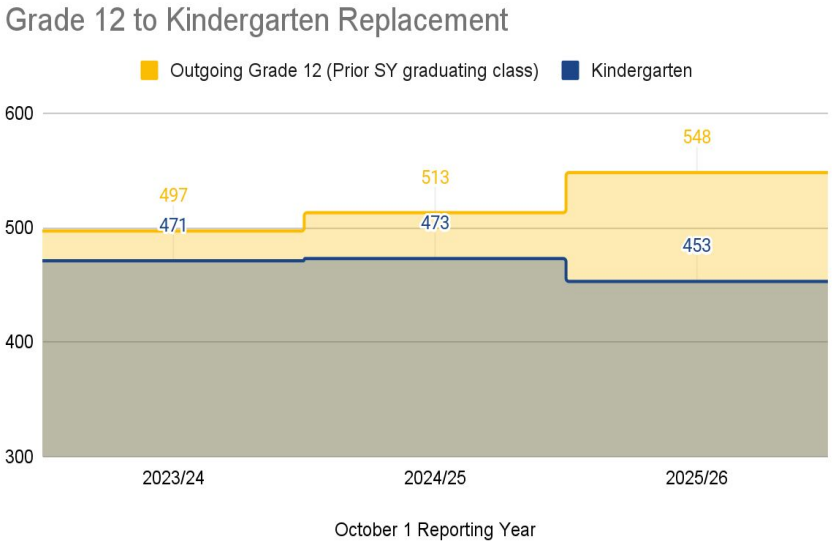
***Summer New Student Registrations (In-Migration)**:*
New Students enrolled in PSB to begin attendance for the reported SY

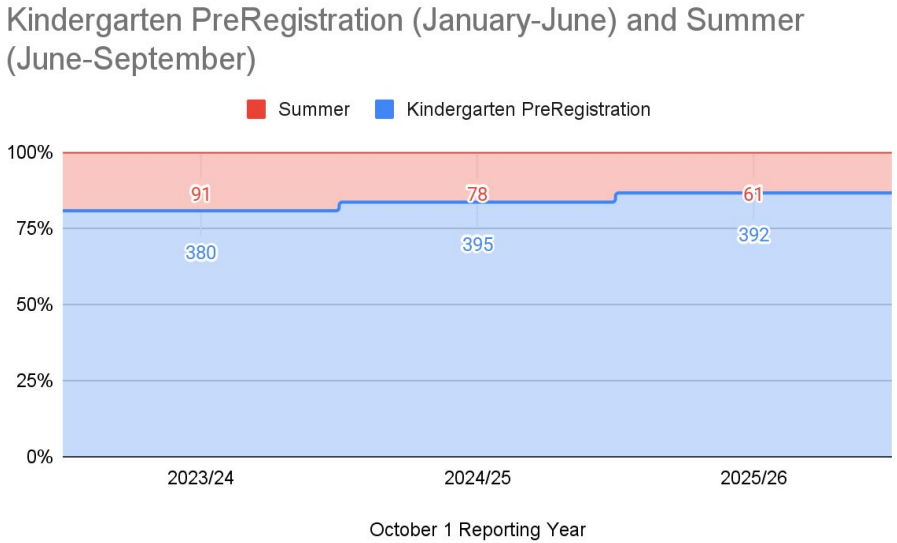
In-Migration is largely due to families moving into Brookline.

This slide provides insight into where students were enrolled prior to joining PSB in the reported year

- Summer In-Migration is down by 22 from last year
- Students enrolling from outside MA declined by 50 this year, proportionally to overall enrollment decline

Grade 12 and Kindergarten - Cohort Replacement





FY26 Projected Enrollment

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High School Total	2147	2159	12
District Total	7031	6989	-42

FY27 Projection Methodology

1) **Roll each grade level (cohort) forward**
2) **Adjust cohorts based on 3 year average of cohort survival**
3) **Kindergarten is 3 year average**

Summary

- Enrollment continues to decline slightly which is consistent with the Cropper & McKibben (C&M) forecast
- Elementary enrollment is slightly lower and BHS enrollment is slightly higher than predicted in the C&M report
- Out migration is higher than in migration but proportionate to enrollment decline
- Graduating cohorts continue to be larger than the incoming kindergarten cohorts
- Overall, FY27 enrollment is expected to be slightly lower
- C&M forecast a slight increase in enrollment starting in FY29
- Enrollment forecasts are vulnerable to changes in housing availability, socio economic environment, and federal policies.

QUESTIONS?