



Enrollment Forecast

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Growth Forecasts: A Collaborative Effort



Carolina Demography UNC-Chapel Hill

Data is collected from WCPSS, Wake County planning, and municipal planning agencies. The groups work collaboratively to develop enrollment forecasts.

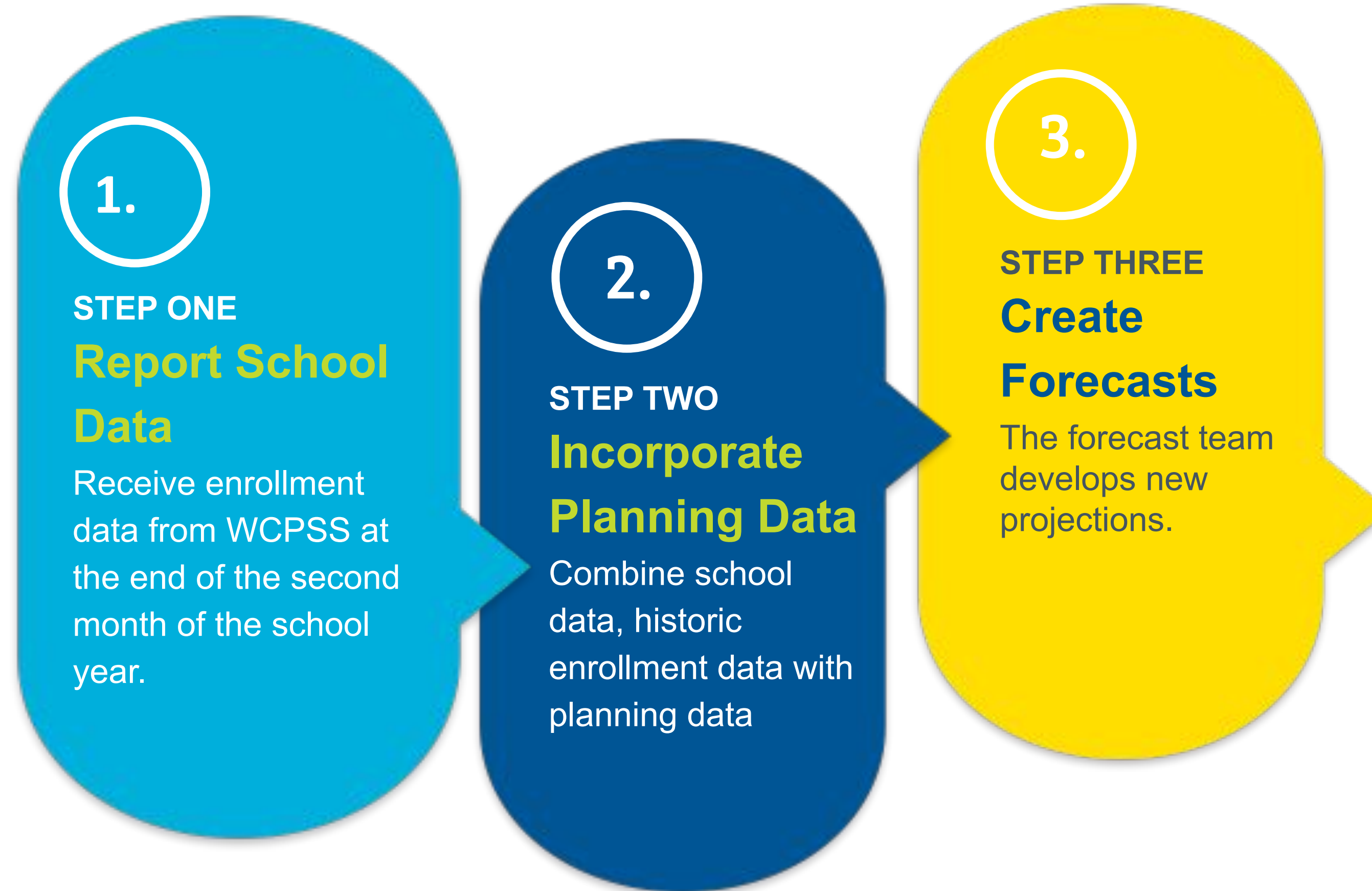
Wake County Government

Primarily responsible for analysis of economic and demographic data

Wake County Public School System

Primarily responsible for providing enrollment counts and data related to enrollment trends

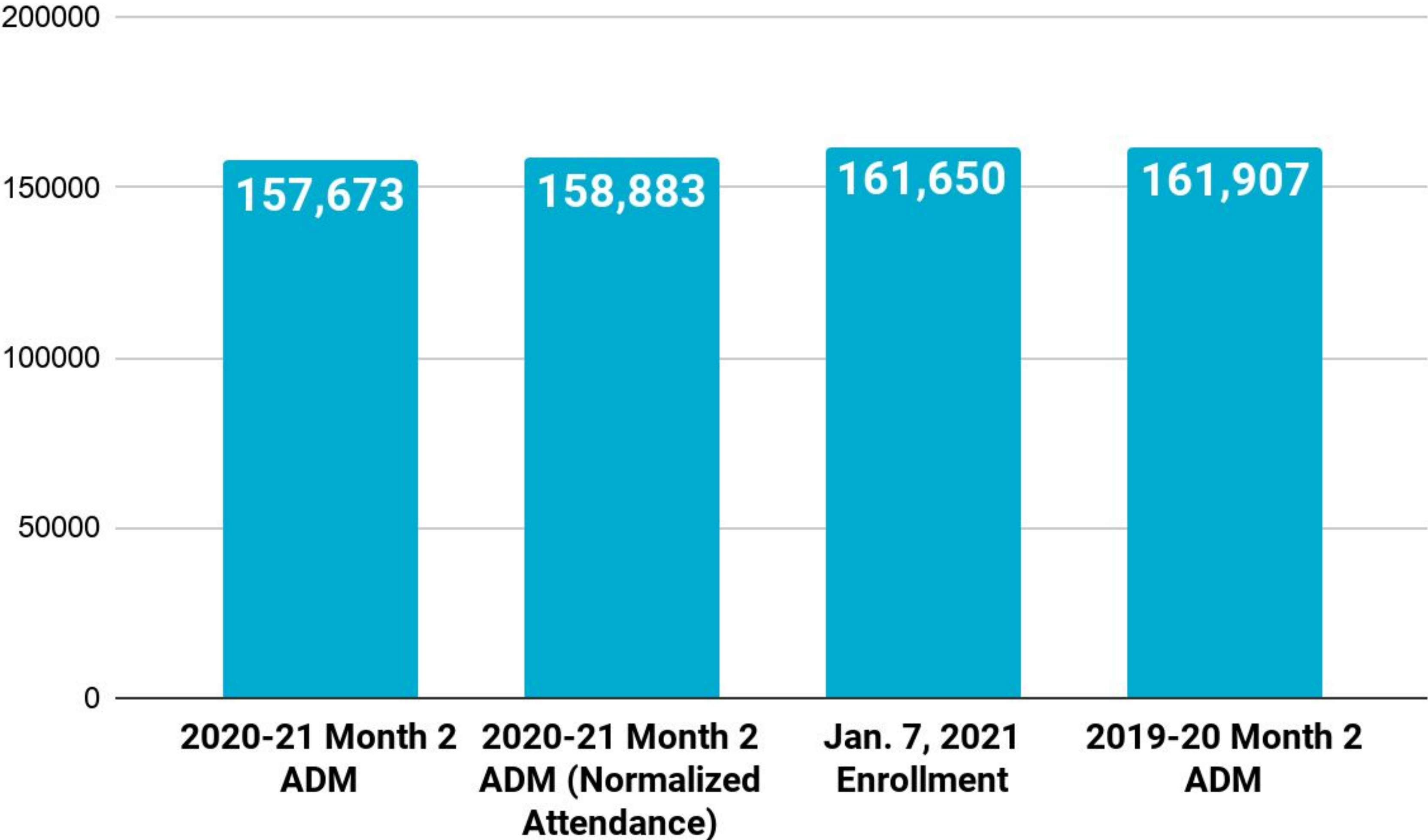
How Growth is Forecasted



Data is adjusted annually to reflect changes in enrollments, birth rates, school-age residents and parental choice.

Updated Enrollment Information

Current enrollment is close to last year's projection

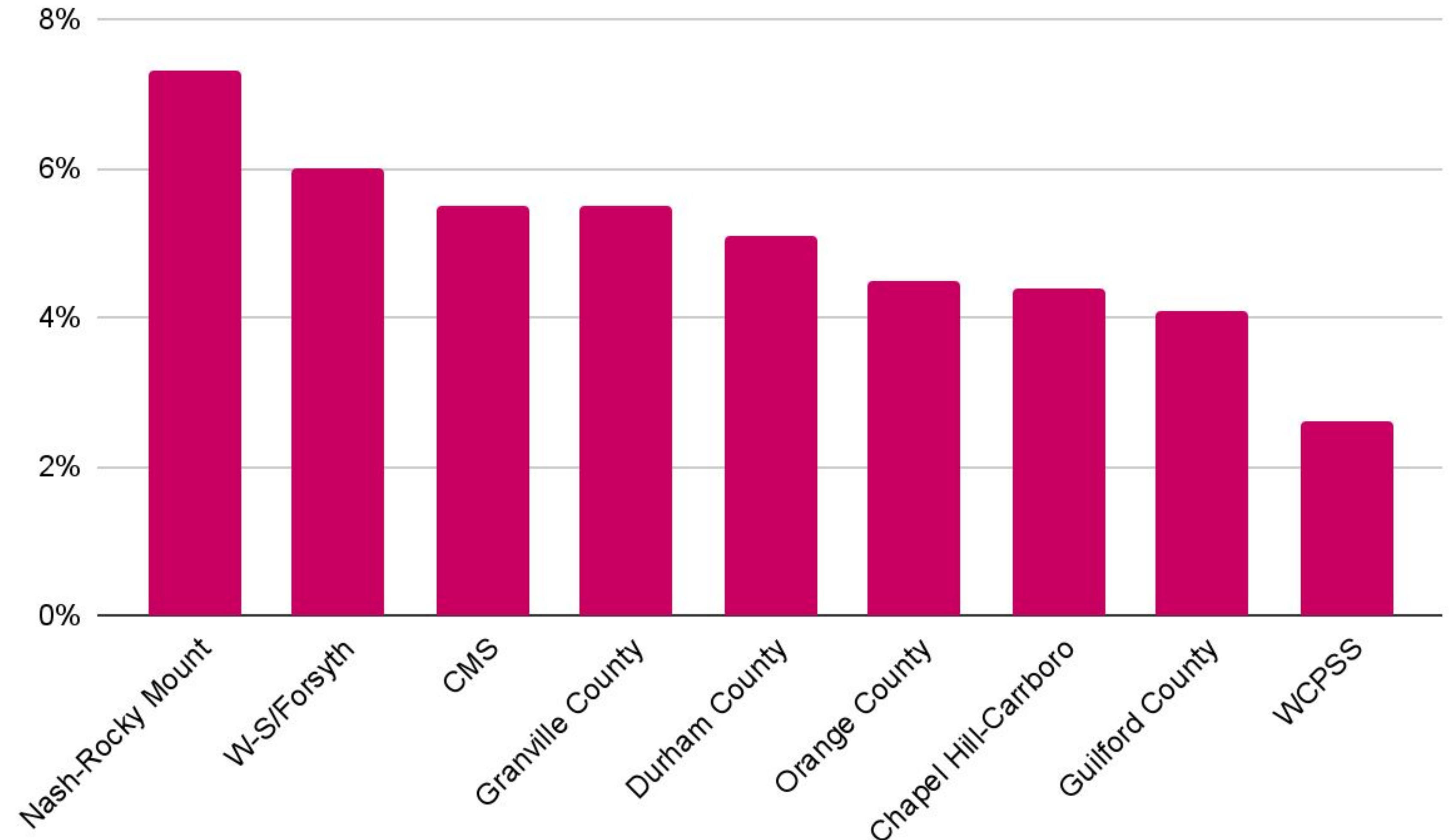


Impacts to Enrollment Forecast

- COVID-19
- Attendance Violations Normalize
- 2021-22 Spike in Kindergarten and 1st Grade Enrollments
- Live Births Decrease
- School Choice Options
- Economic Indicators

Percentage Month 2 ADM Loss - 2020-21

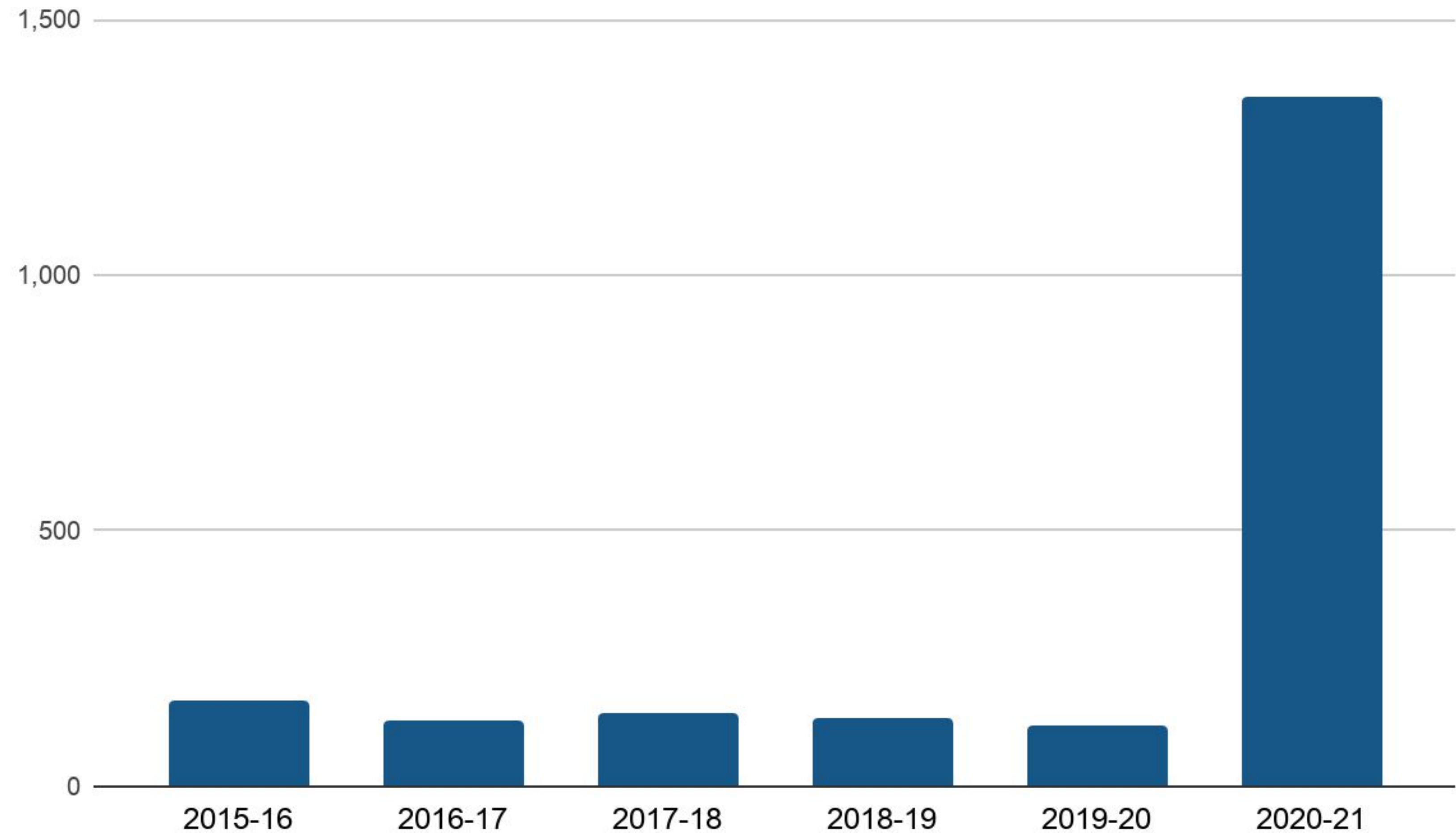
Nearly all school districts in North Carolina saw a decline in Month 2 ADM due to COVID-19



Attendance Violations

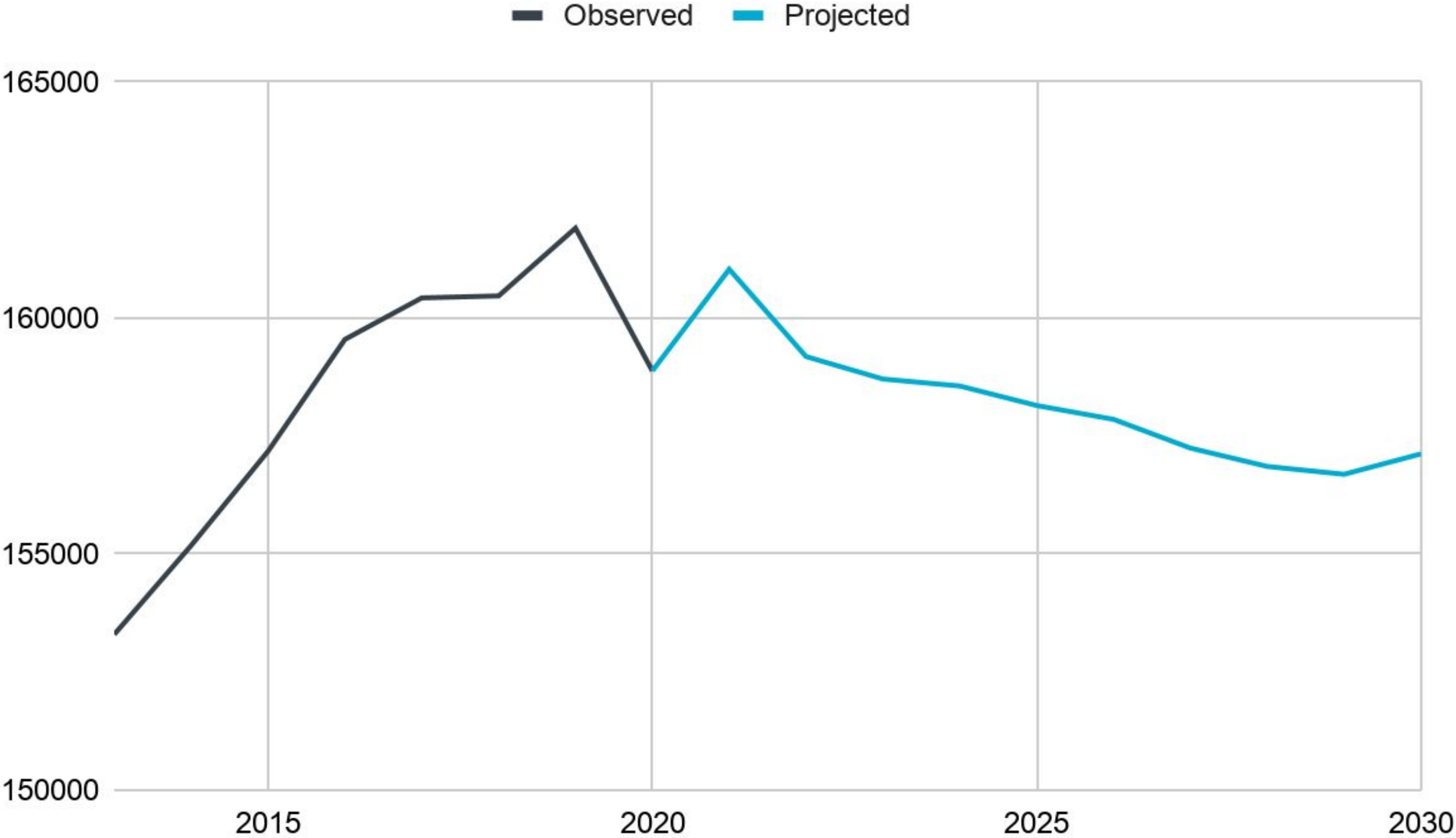
Previous
Annual
Average:
138

2020-21:
1,348



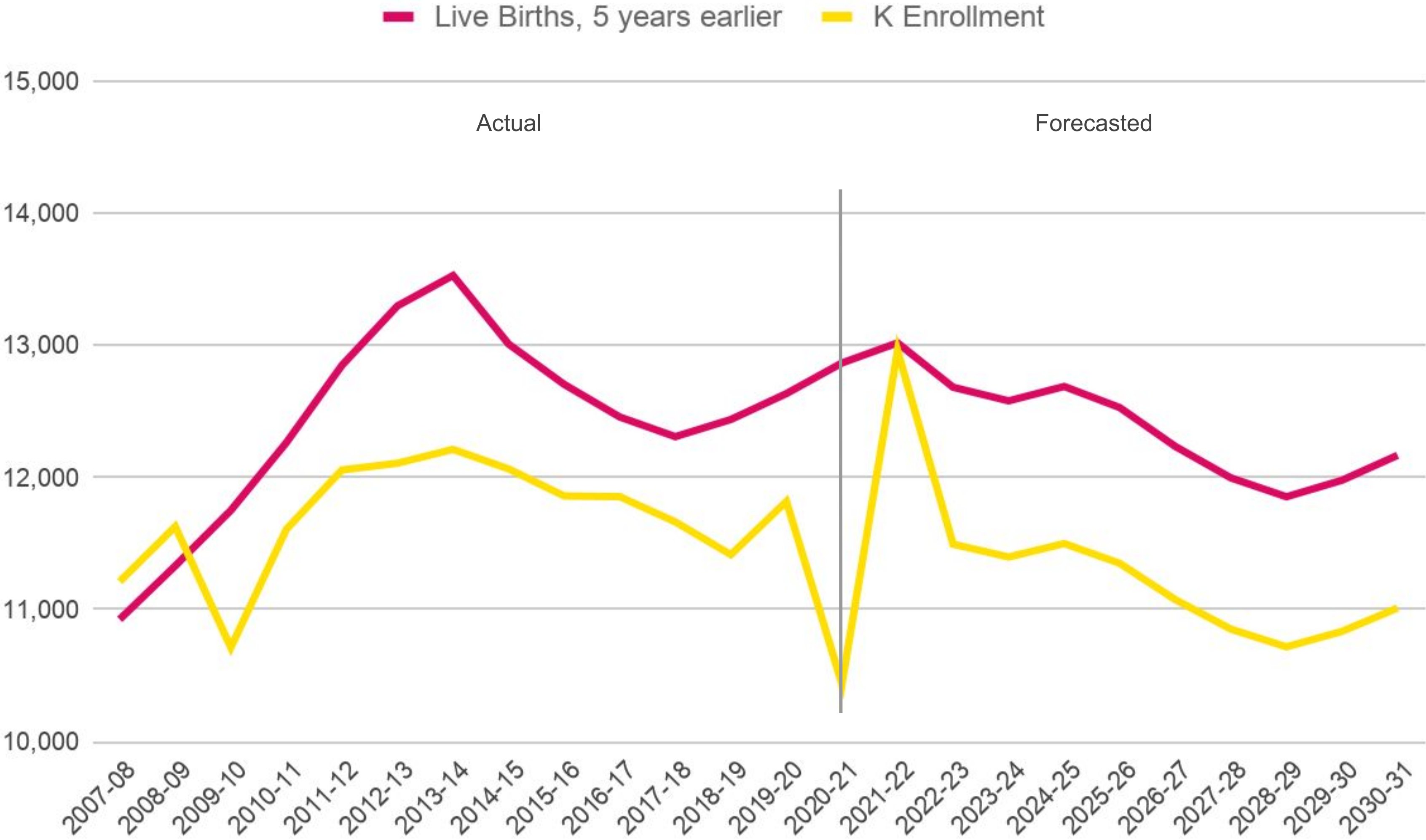
Forecast Scenario

This scenario reflects a spike in Kindergarten and 1st Grade enrollment next school year



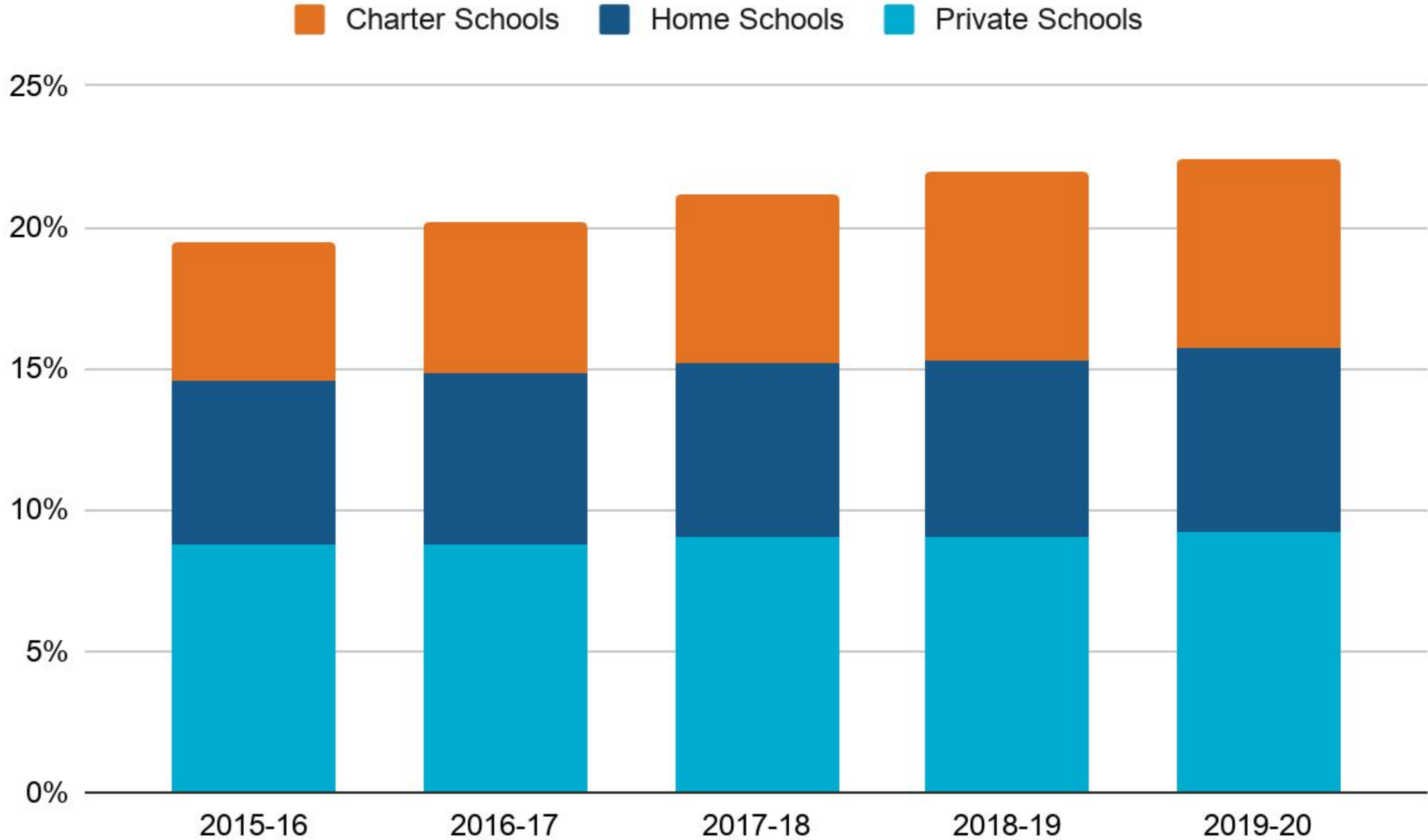
Kindergarten Enrollment

WCPSS
Kindergarten
Enrollment
Compared to
Live Births,
Five Years
Prior



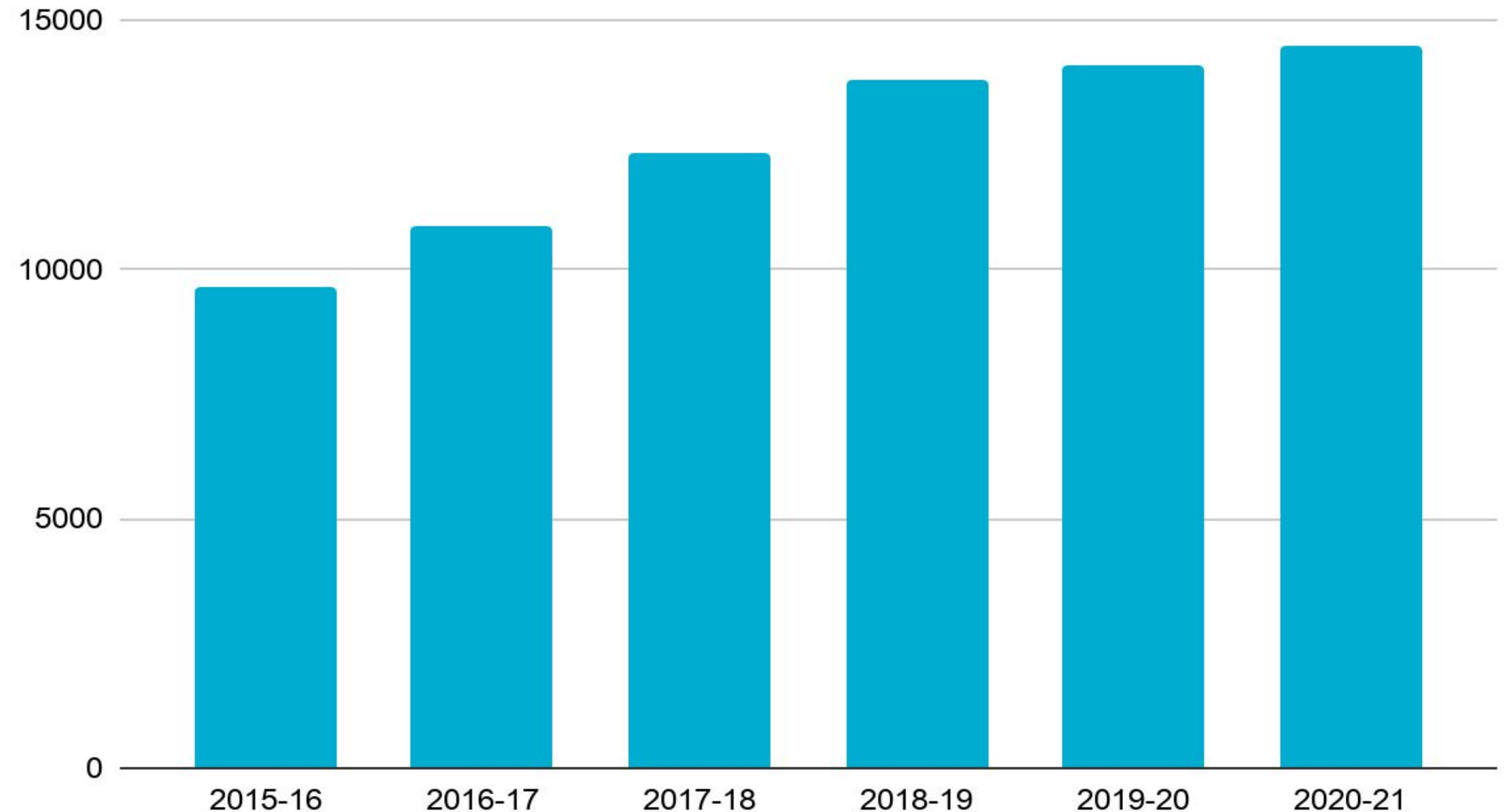
Market Share of Non-WCPSS Schools

Non-WCPSS
Market Share:
22.4% in
2019-20



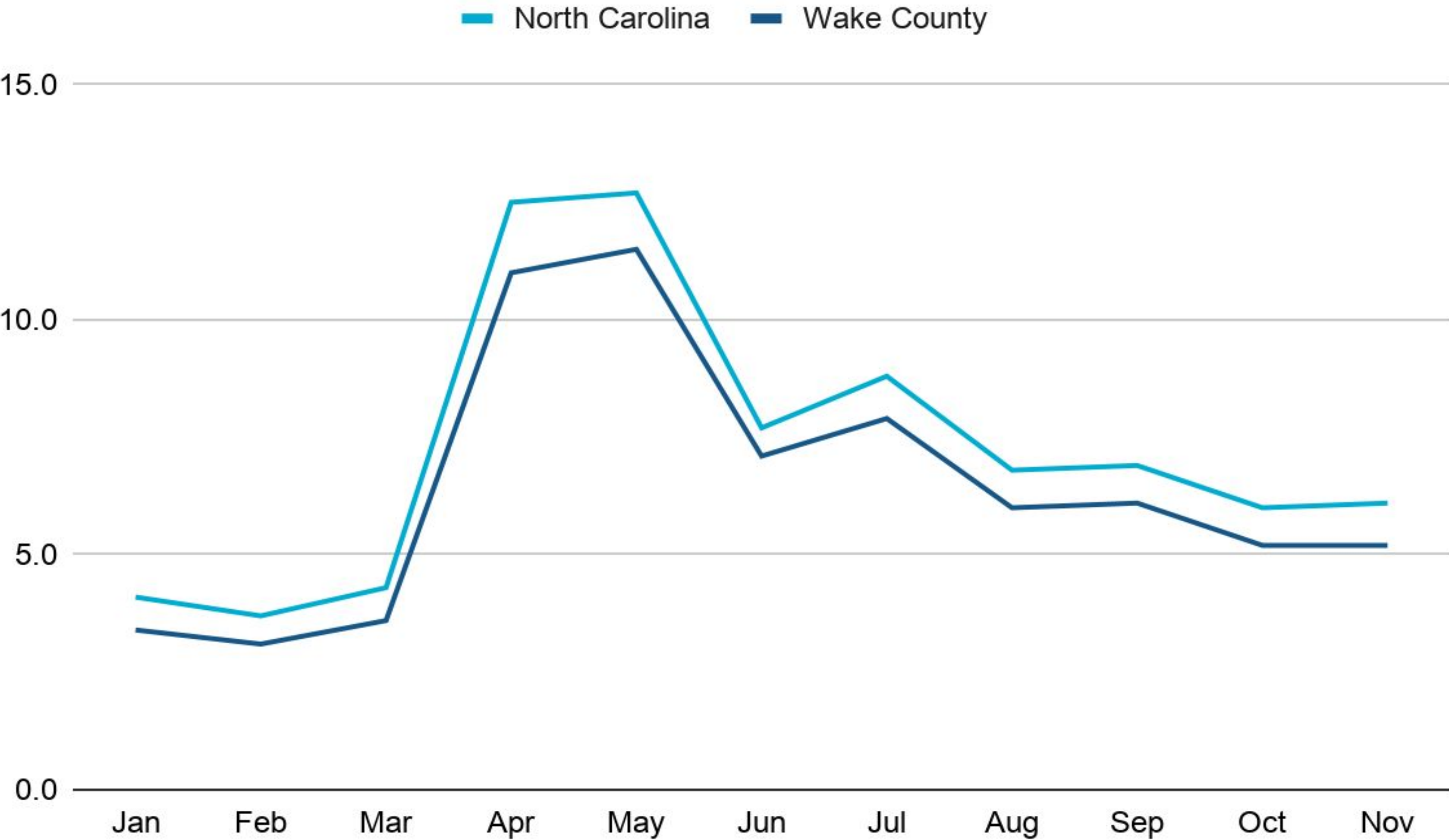
Wake County Charter School Enrollment Through 2020-21

Six charters had plans to open in Wake County in Fall 2020 but only one opened



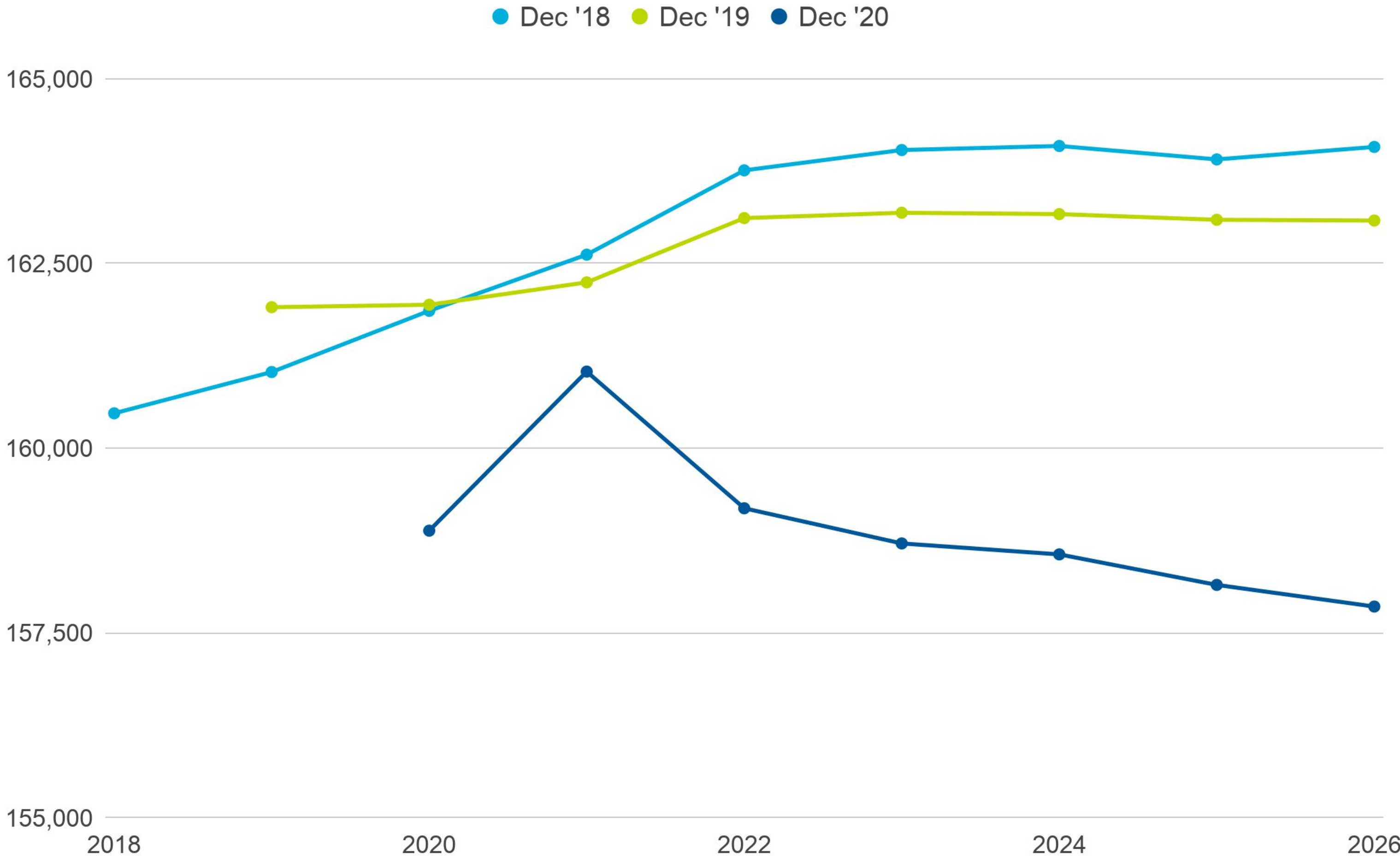
Economic Indicators in Wake County

Unemployment has decreased from a May high



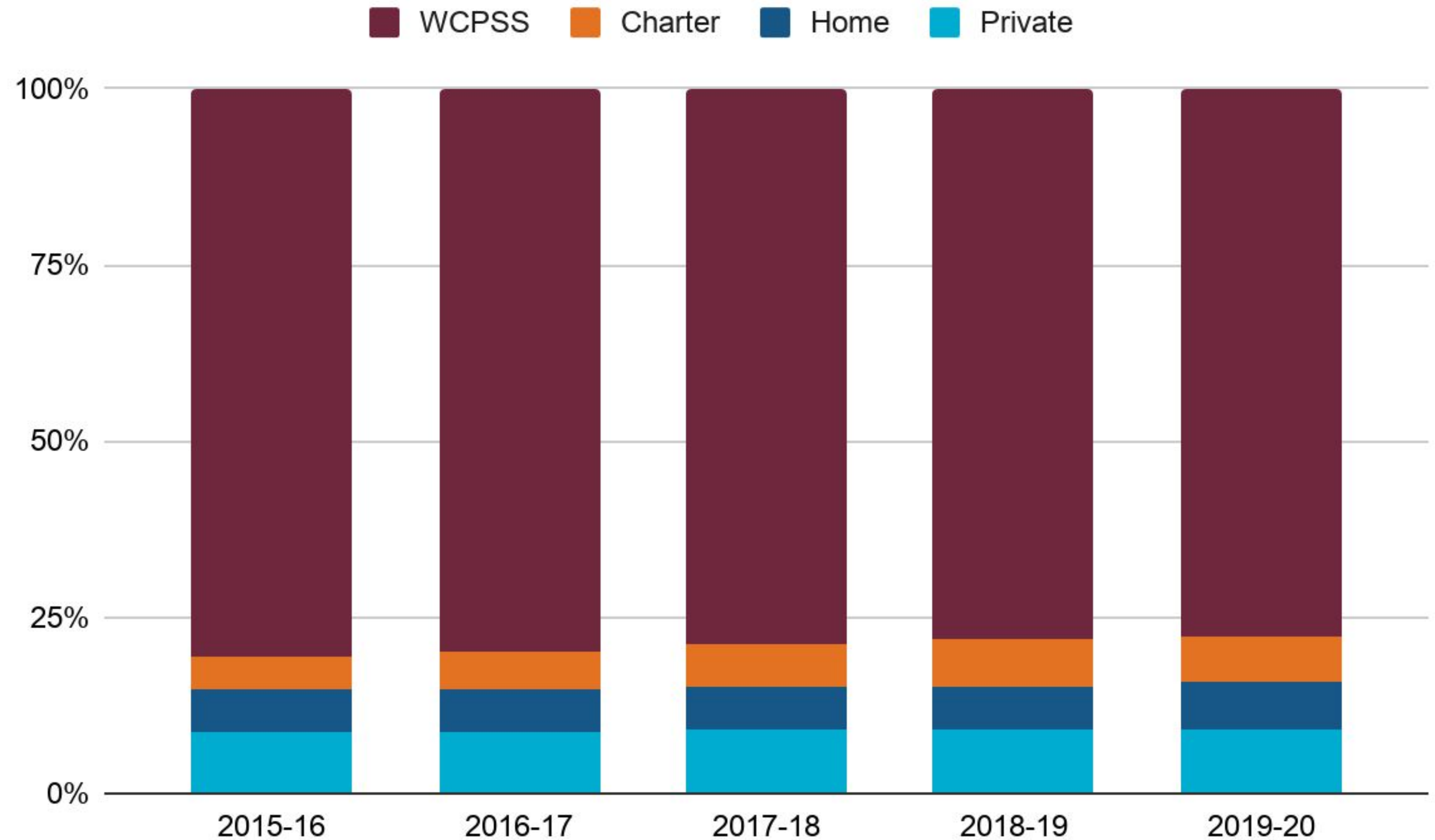
Long-Term Forecast

Enrollment is expected to rebound in 2021 and then begin to decrease



All School-Aged Children

Overwhelming majority of Wake County students attend WCPSS schools



Closure and Questions

- Summary memo
- Detailed report of new forecast
- Questions