

INFORMATION ITEM

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To: Members, Board of Education

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Superintendent

Subject: Long Term Enrollment Projections

Attached are 2018 enrollment projections, including individual graphs for each school. You will note that the District's student population has been fairly consistent for the past decade, down about 4.3% since 2007. Birth rates declined from 1990s - 2008, however the number of births has been consistent and is projected to remain stable.

The net migration of children continues to impact District enrollments. The migration of preschool-aged children has been positive for more than 10 years and averaged +3.46% for the past 5 years.

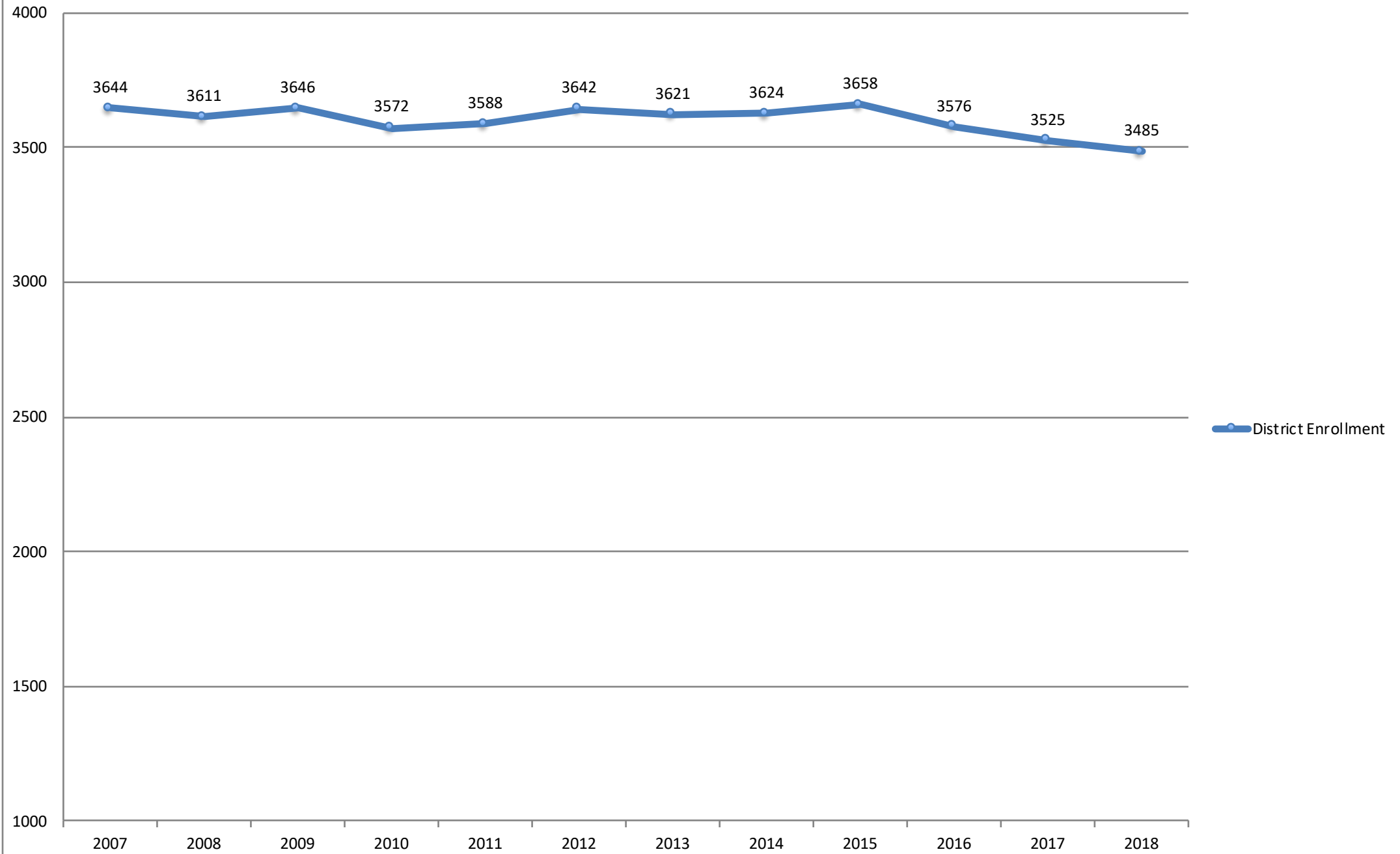
As before, we examine the relationship between kindergarten enrollment and the corresponding birthrate (i.e. five years earlier). The difference between these is described as the "move-in" rate, which is represented by children whose family moved to Wilmette after they were born.

Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, we have collected lease information. The total number of students living in rental units in 2018 was 360, twenty-one less than last year, and the lowest number in the last five years. Noting the decline of residential rentals in K-4, we expect a downward trend. We also check home sales and building permits to identify trends. Home sales and residential building permits remain steady.

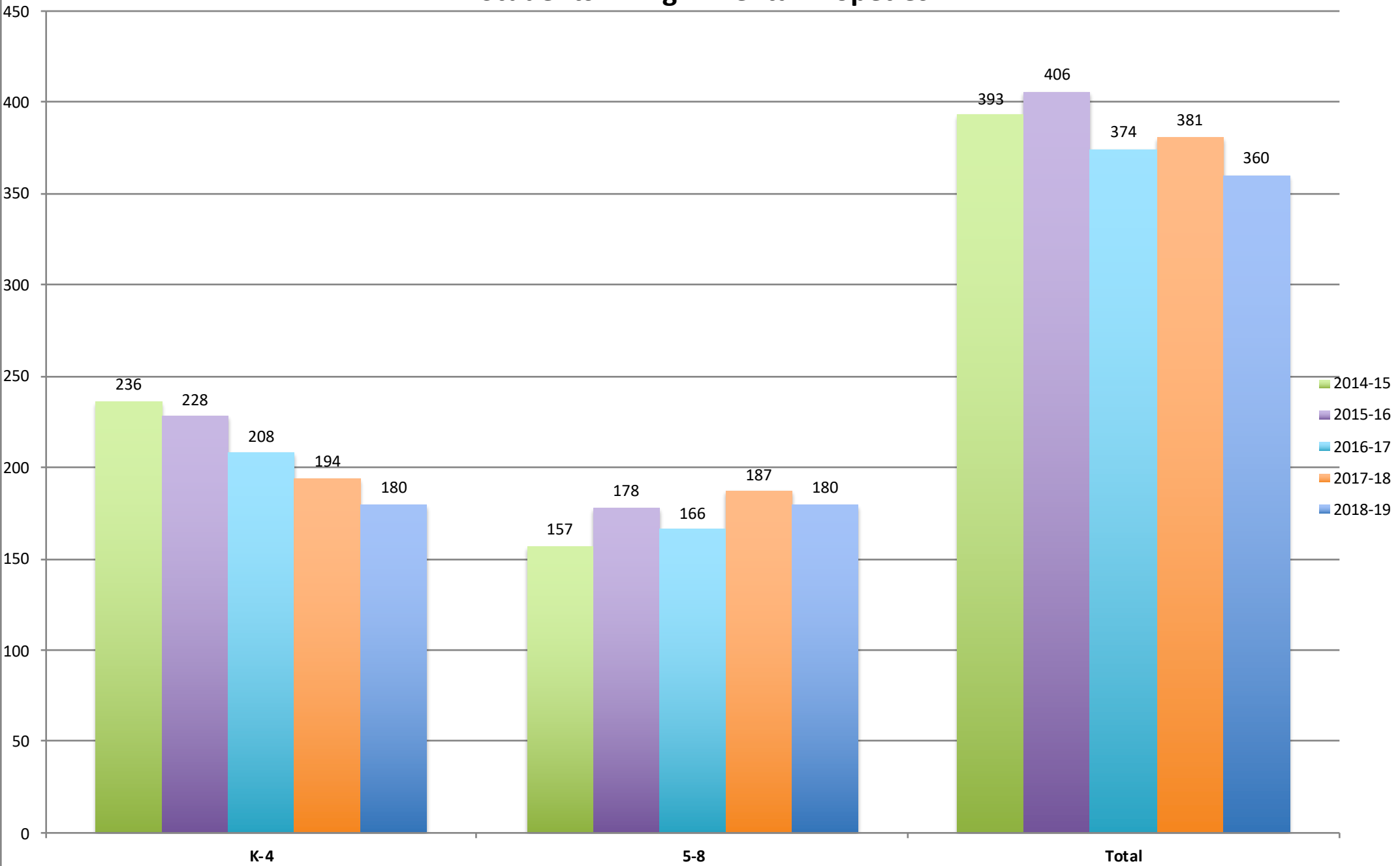
Another component of our analysis is "year-over-year" increase. This is known as retention rate. For each student cohort we look at enrollment as it changes through each grade, starting with kindergarten. The kindergarten to first grade 5-year average is 116%. The range in grades 1-8 varies between 99%-104%. This rate is used to make the coming year projections for each grade.

Looking at total enrollment, this year was projected at 3,463 (last year). The actual number of students is 3,485, twenty-two more than projected. K-4 enrollment is relatively stable. Highcrest's strong enrollment has declined as projected. Wilmette Junior High School enrollment remains strong with declines projected to begin in 2019.

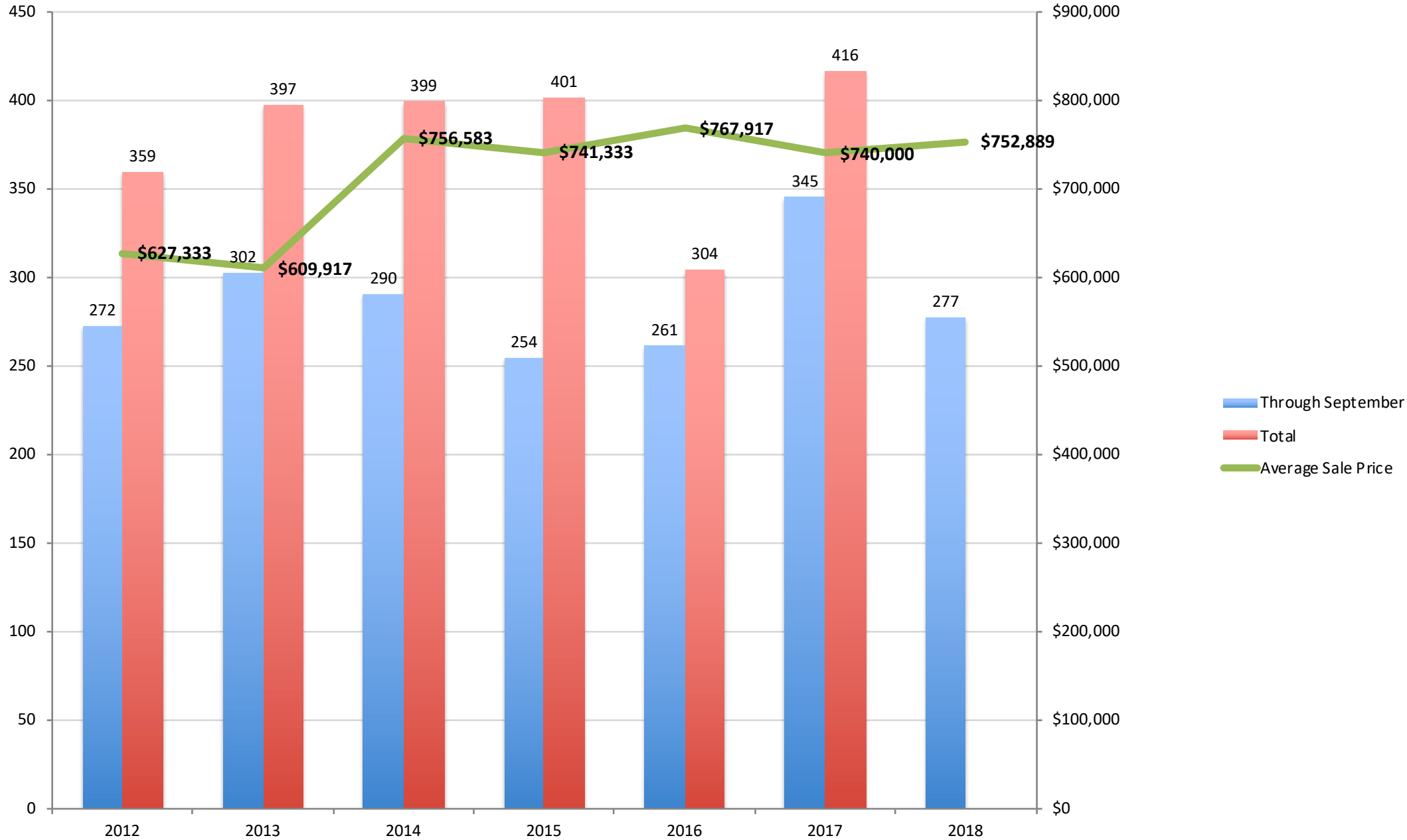
District Enrollment



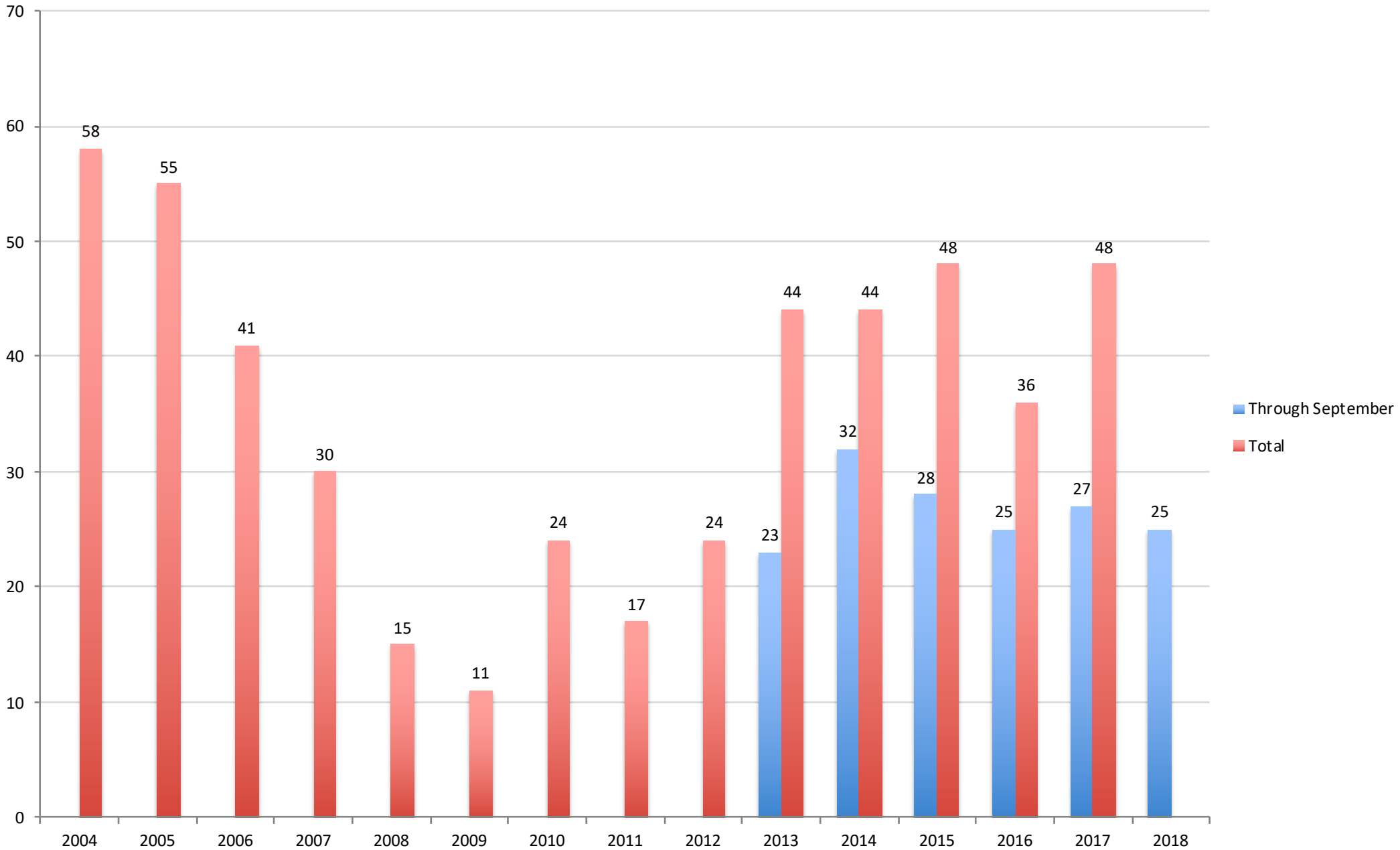
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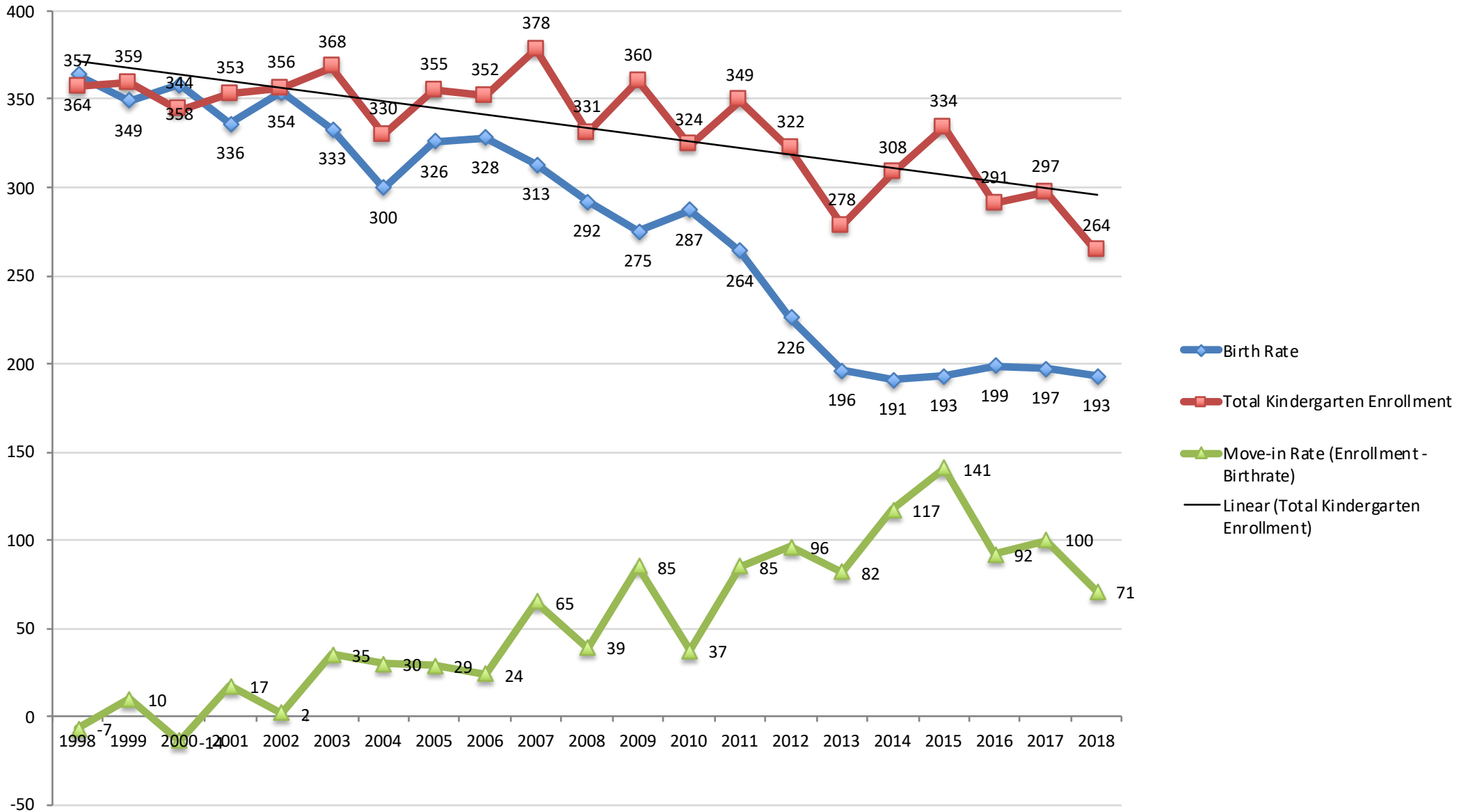
Wilmette 60091 Annual Home Sales 2011-2018



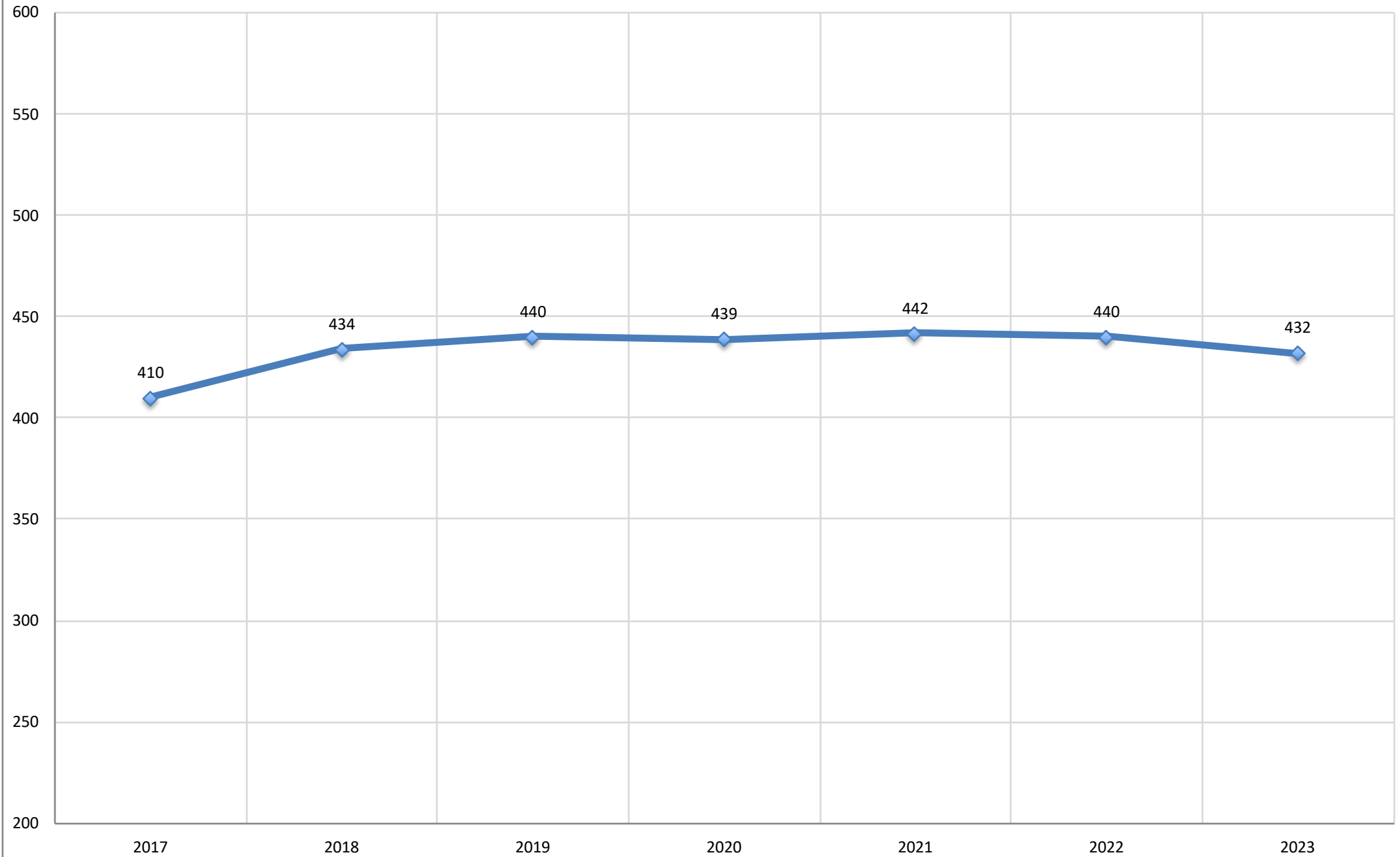
Village of Wilmette Building Permits (New Residential Construction)



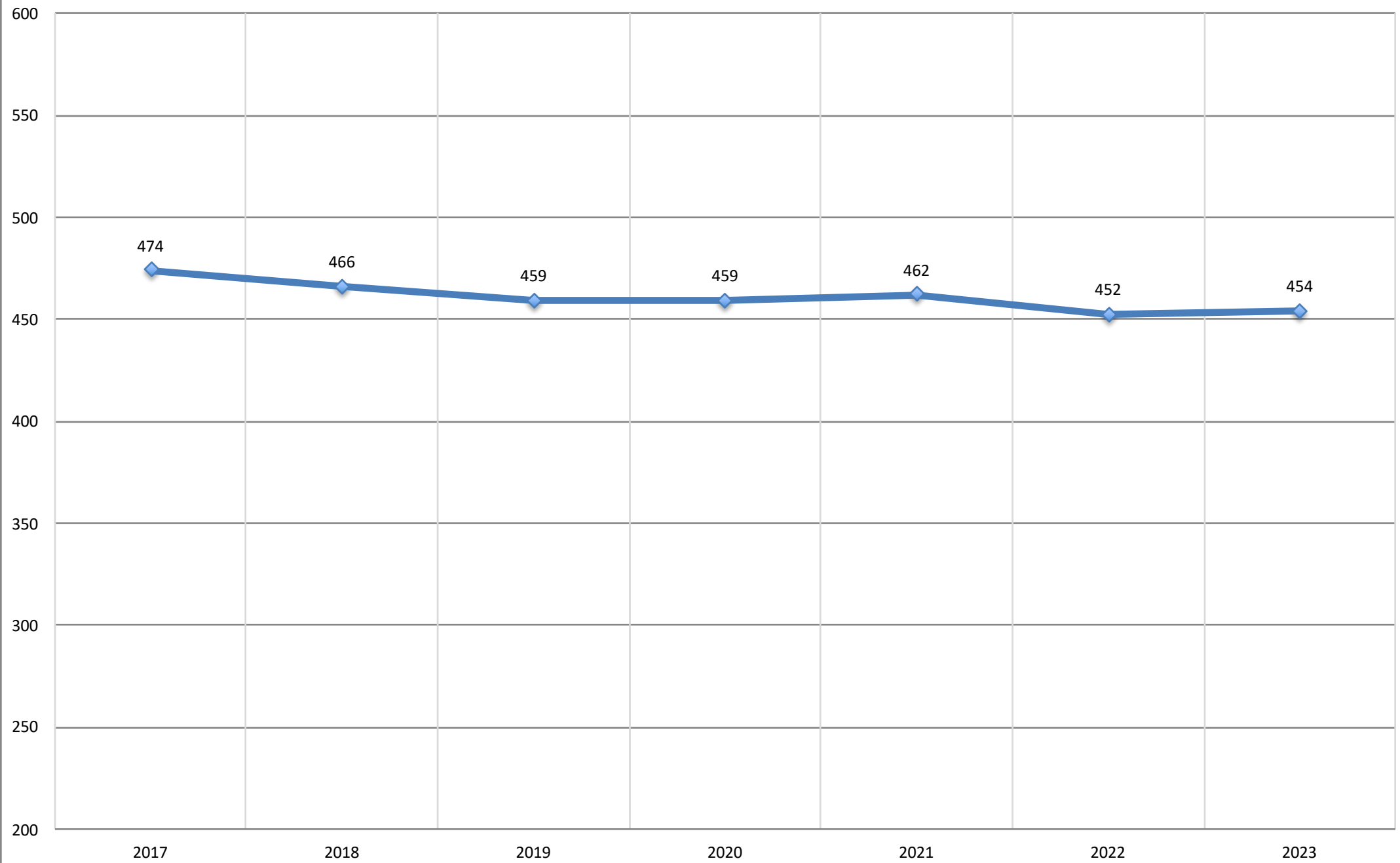
Kindergarten Enrollment and 60091 Birth Rate



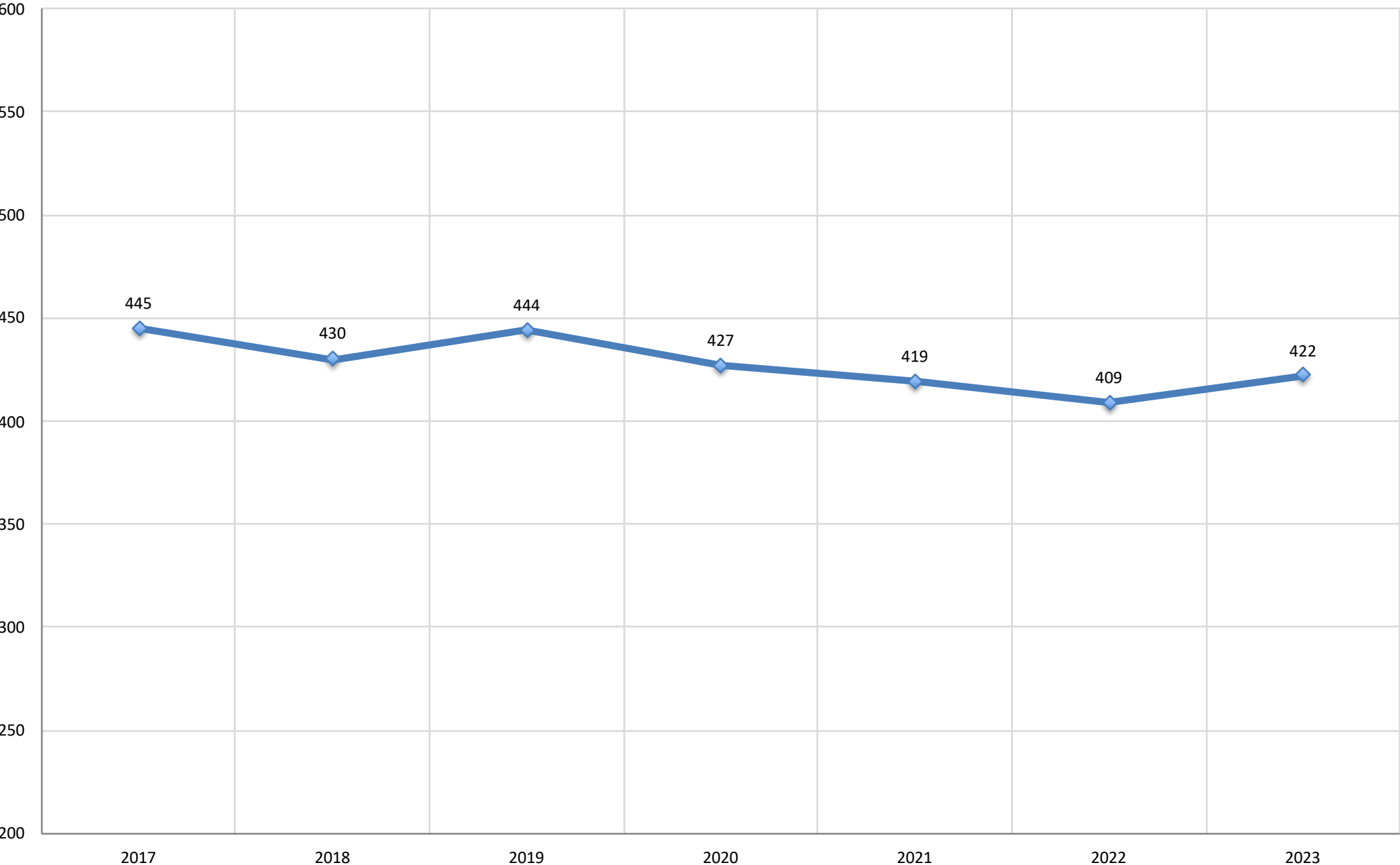
Harper School Enrollment Projections



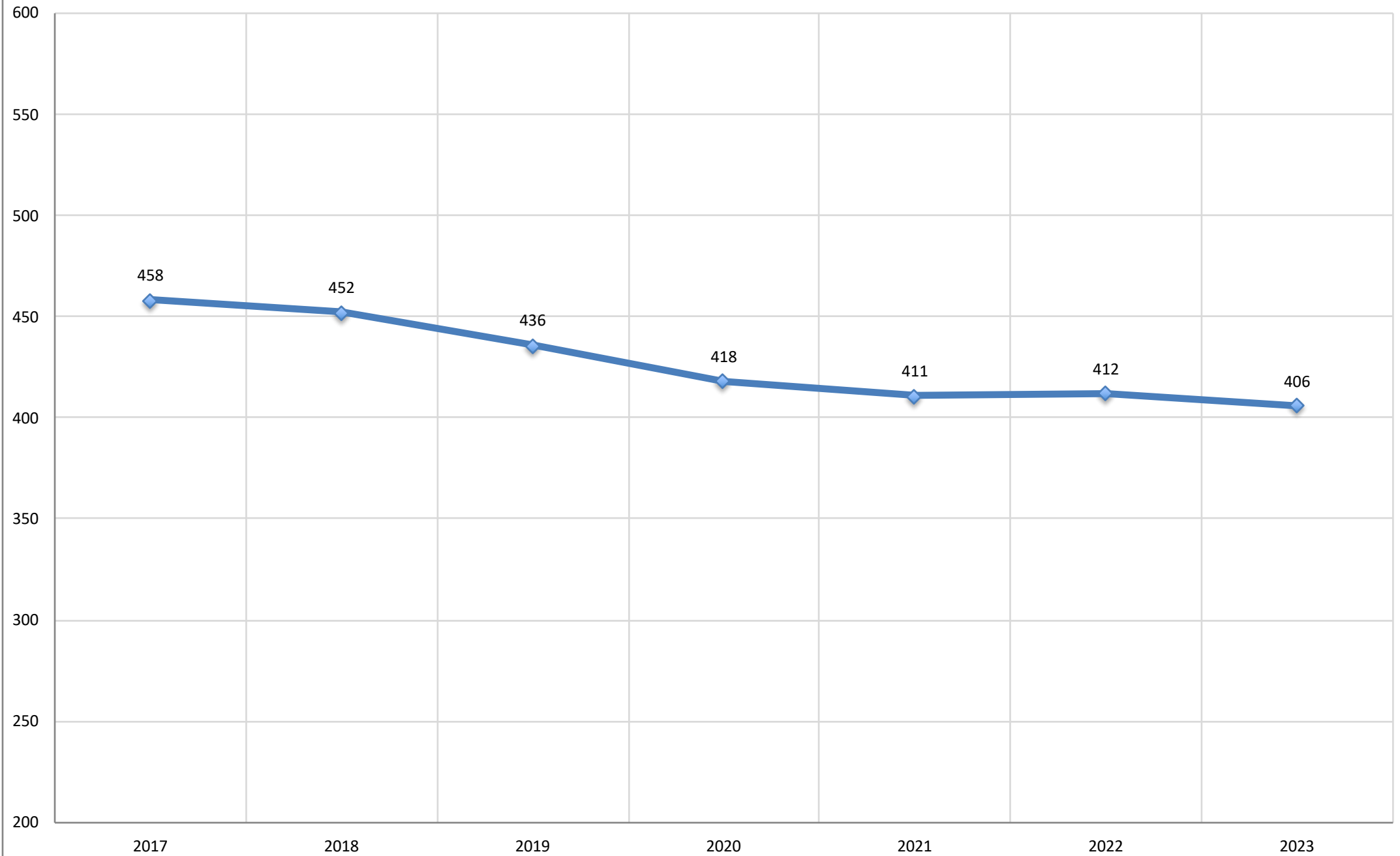
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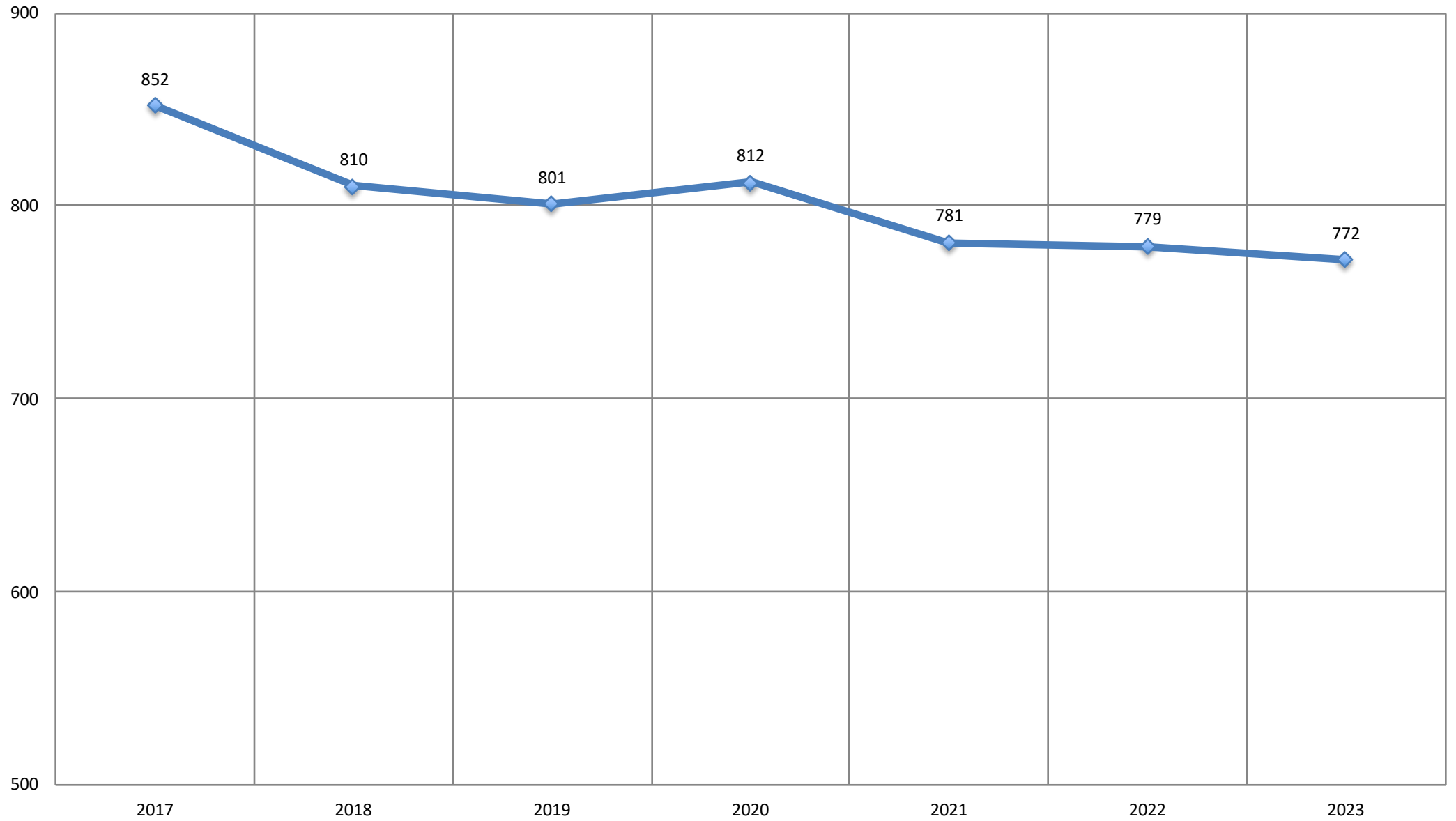
McKenzie School Enrollment Projections



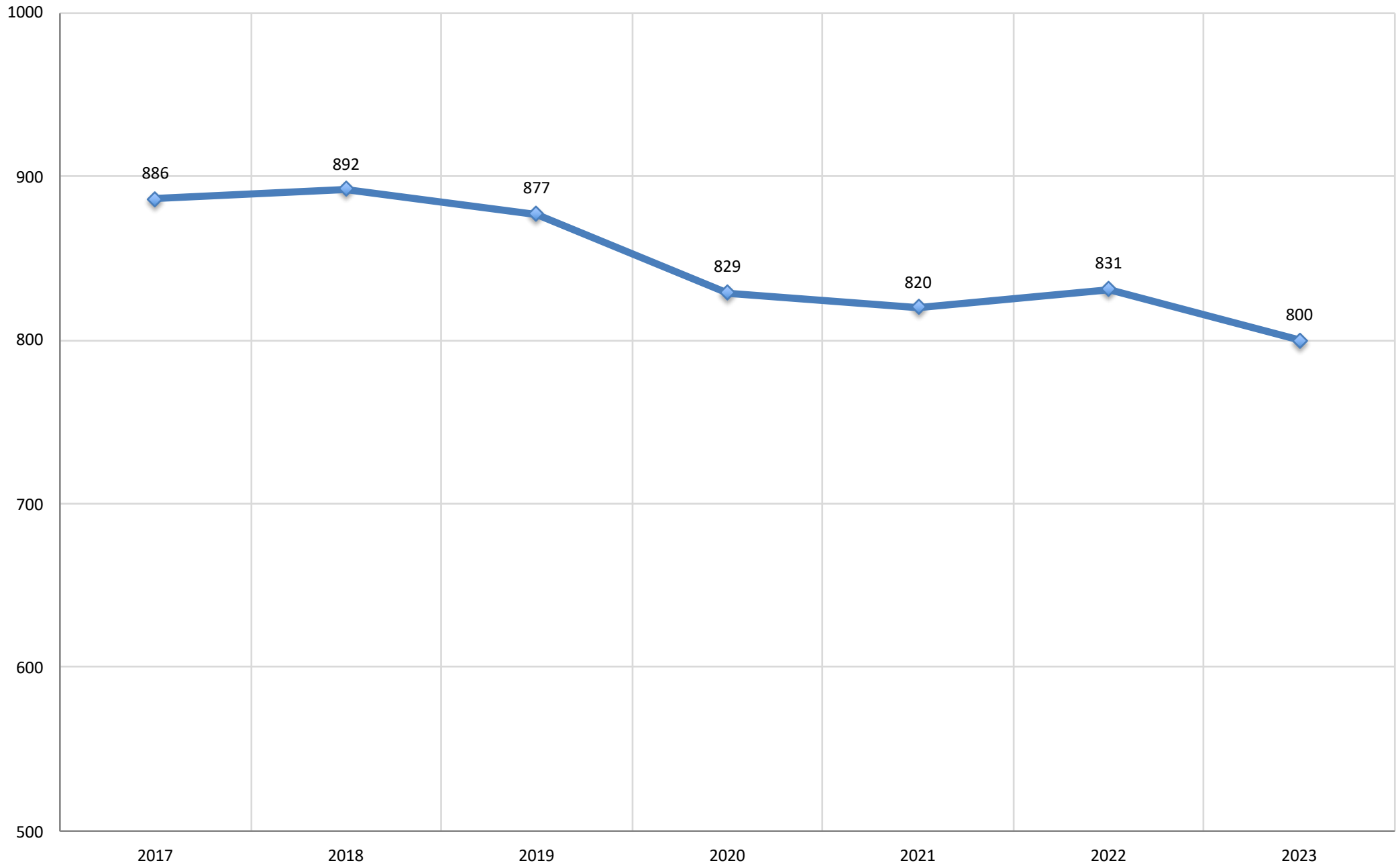
Central School Enrollment Projections



Highcrest Middle School Enrollment Projections



Wilmette Junior High School Enrollment Projections



District 39 Enrollment Projections

