

**INFORMATION ITEM**

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Superintendent**

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**Subject: Long Term Enrollment Projections**

**Enrollment Projections**

Attached are the 2020 enrollment projections, which include individual graphs for each school. You will see that the District's student population has been fairly consistent with a noticeable drop this school year and down about 7% from 10 years ago in 2010. Birth rates for our area declined from the 1990's - 2013. The number of births since 2013 has been consistent.

One area we examine is the relationship between Kindergarten enrollment and the corresponding birth rate (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.

The net migration of children continues to impact District enrollments. Up to this year, the migration of preschool-aged children has been positive for more than 10 years and averaged +3.5% from 2015-2019. However, this year it was just below neutral (-0.28%). Given that previous rates were significantly higher, a 6-year average of 2.92% has been assumed for future.

Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, we have collected lease information. The total number of students living in rental units in 2020 was 297, which is 53 less than last year, and the lowest number in the last six years. Although some of this drop is attributed to lower overall enrollment in 2020, there has been a noted multiyear decline of residential rentals with our K-4 students.

We also check home sales and new residential building permits to identify trends. Home sales and residential building permits in the last six years remains consistent with a drop in both for 2020. A couple of non-typical one-to-one single family home replacements to keep an eye on are 1925 Wilmette Avenue. It will start construction in 2021 and will have 16 units. 1210 Central Avenue is potentially set to start construction next year with 109 units.

Looking at total enrollment, this year was projected at 3,412 (last year). The actual number of students is 3,338, which is 74 students fewer than projected. Over the next 5 years, K-4 enrollment is projected to decrease with Romona and McKenzie more so than Central and Harper. Highcrest's enrollment is projected to be on a downward trend. Wilmette Junior High School enrollment is projected to increase a little and be stable in the next couple years but then decrease like the other schools.

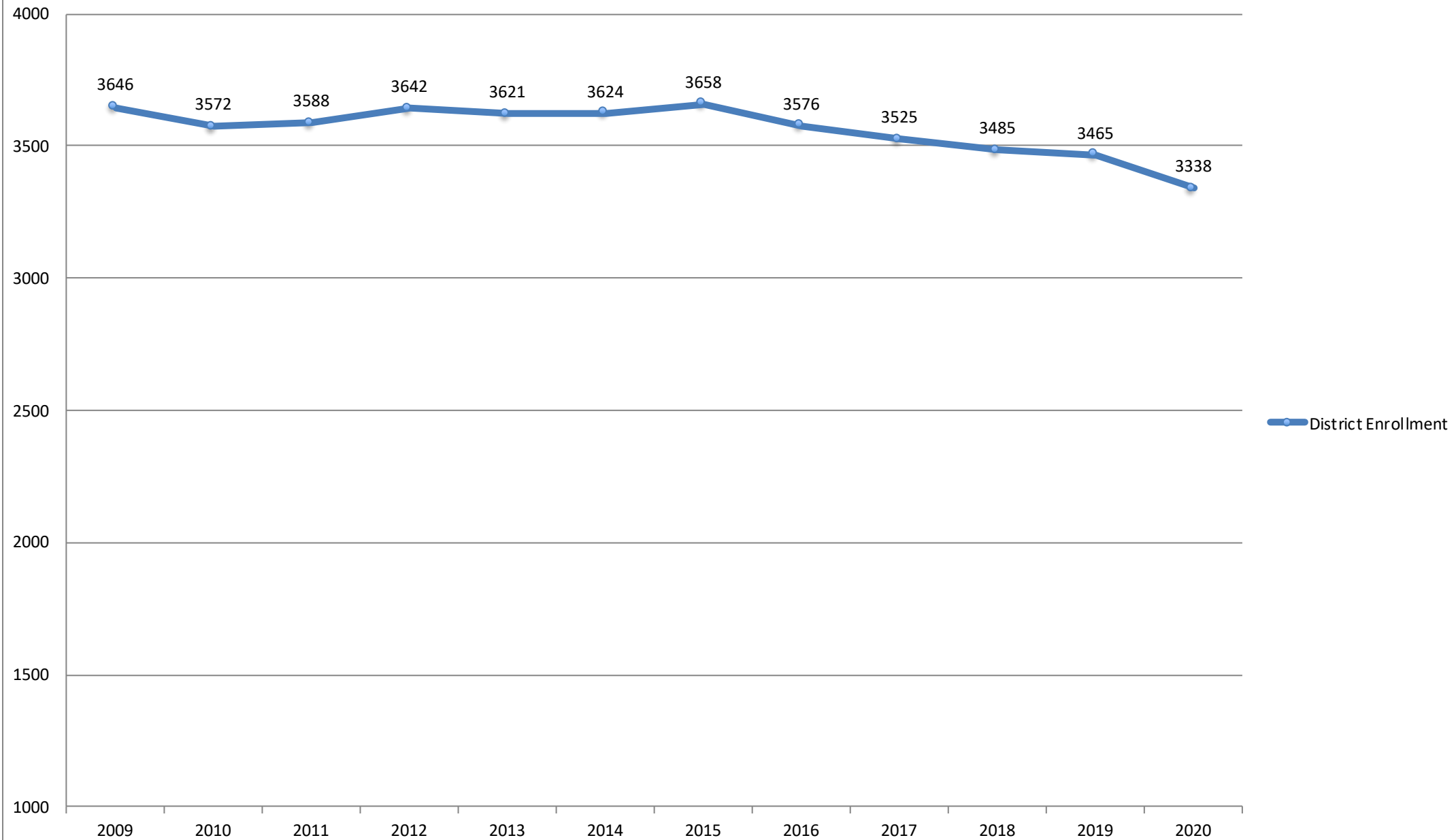
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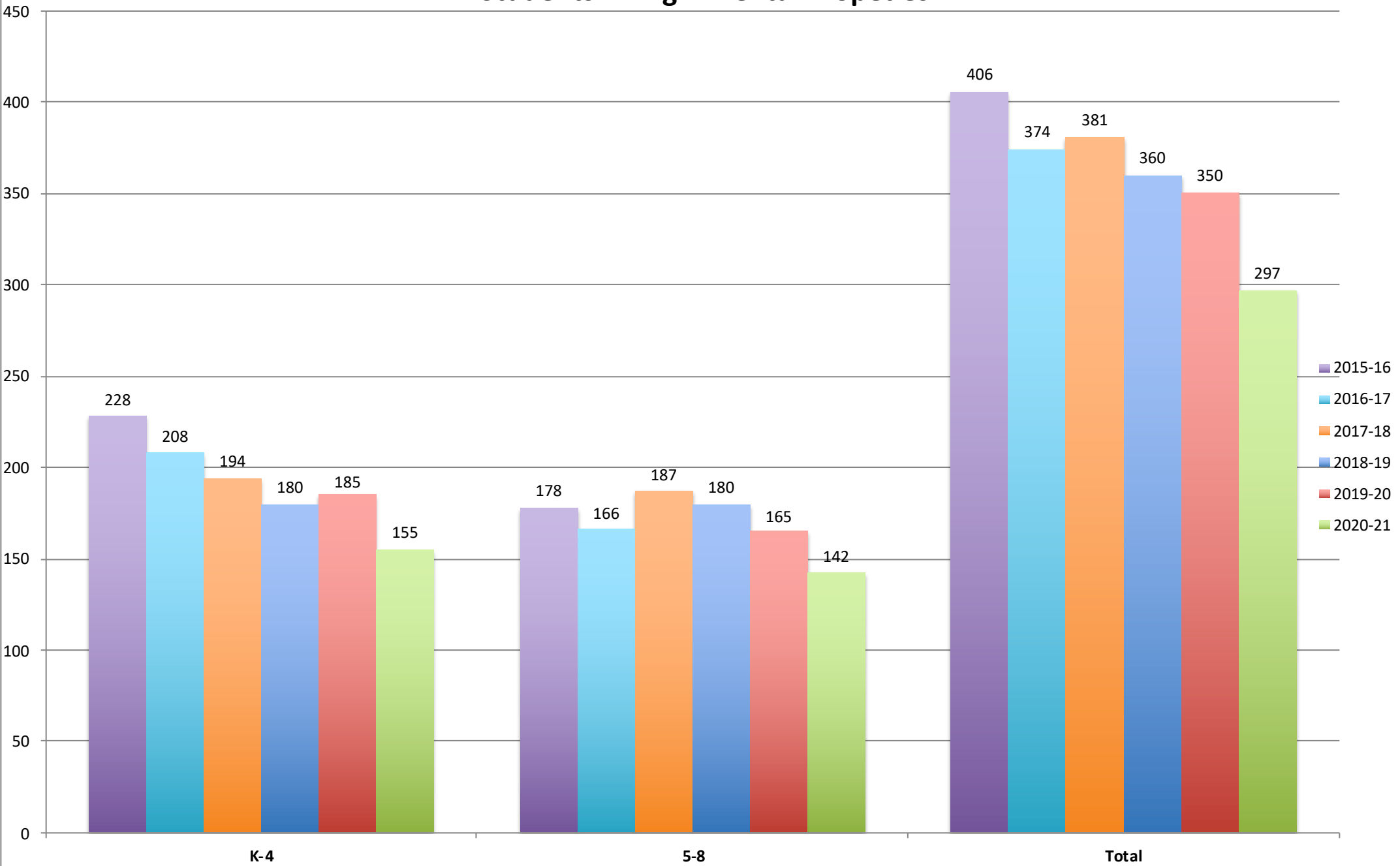
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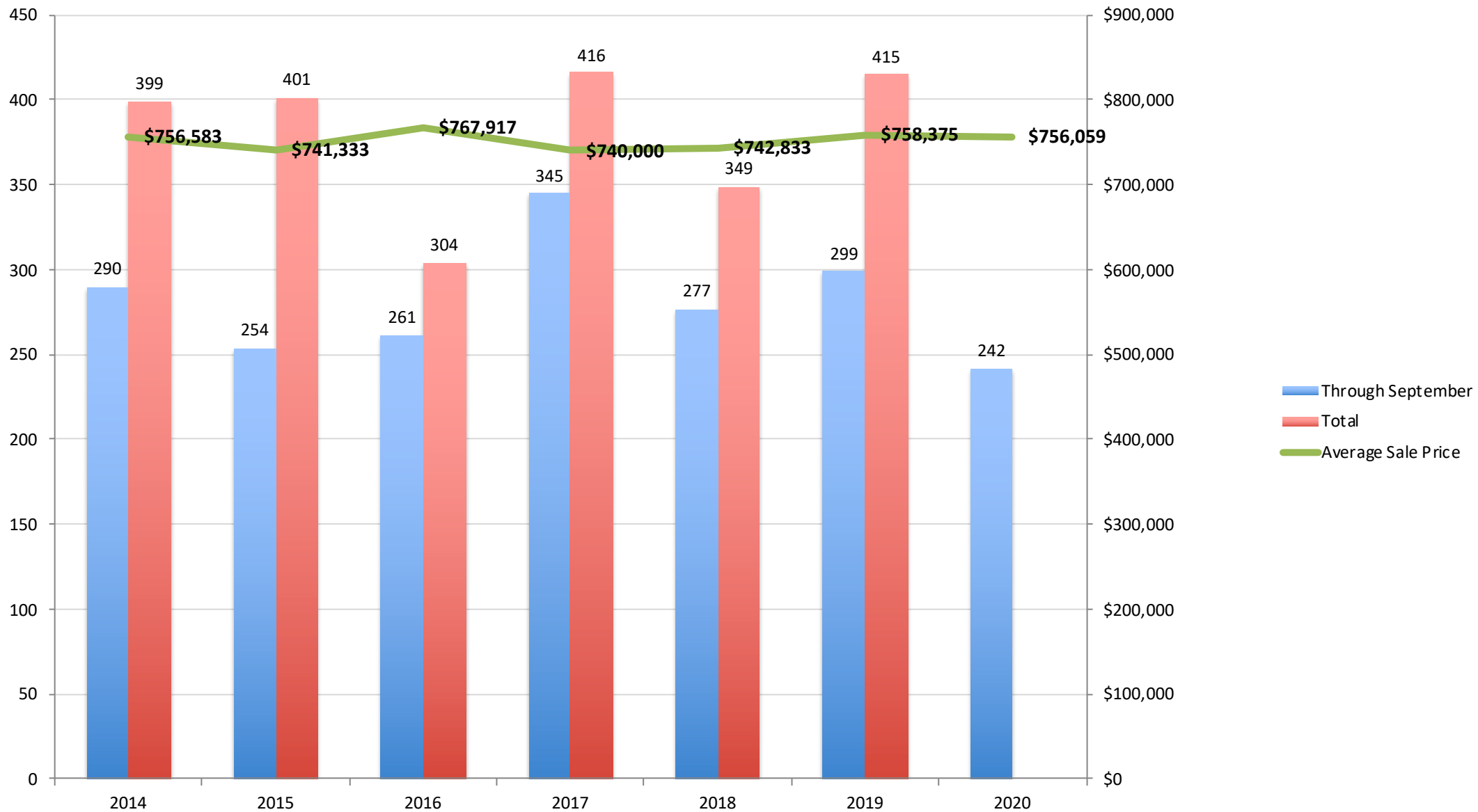
# District Enrollment



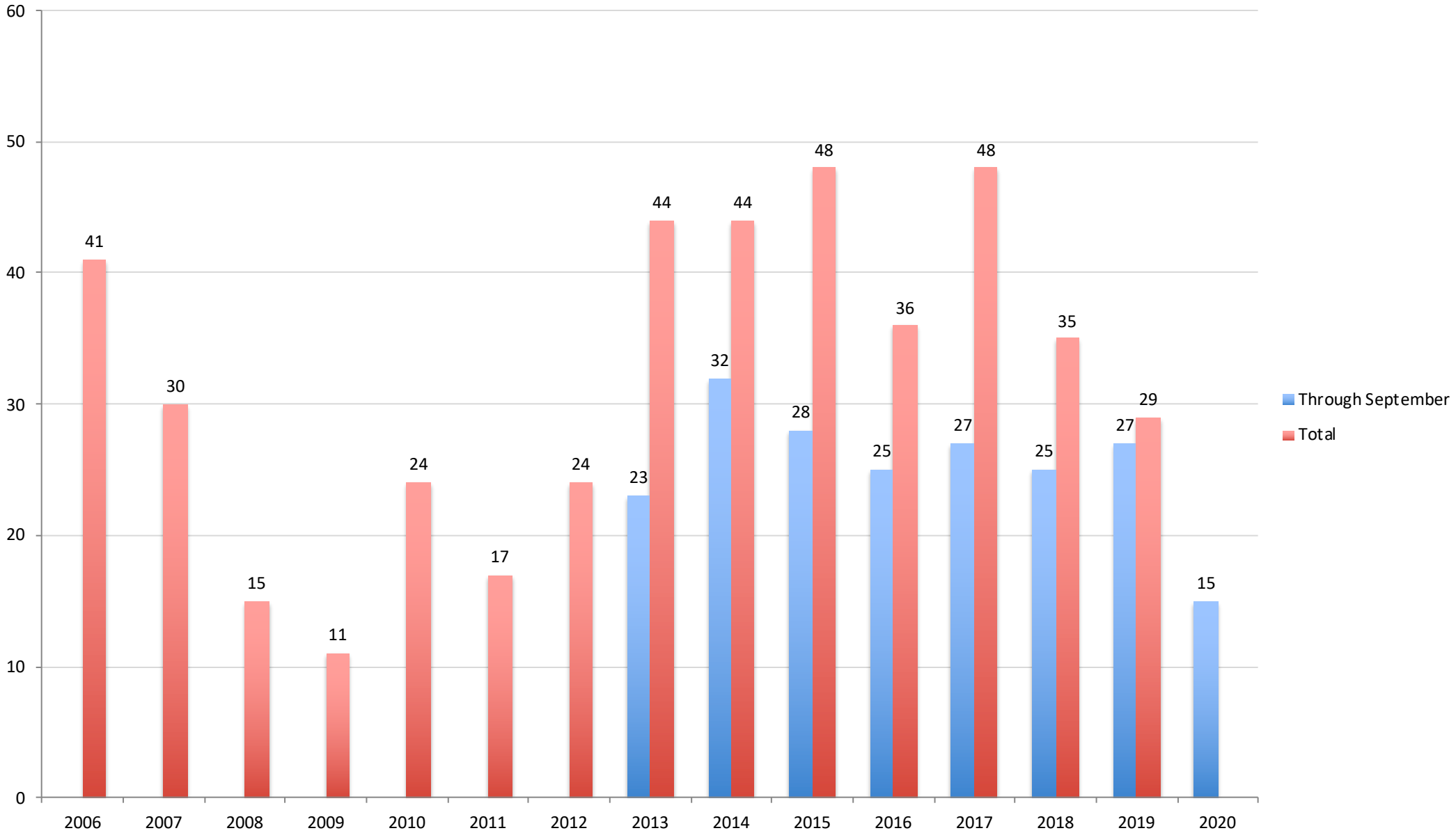
# Students Living in Rental Properties



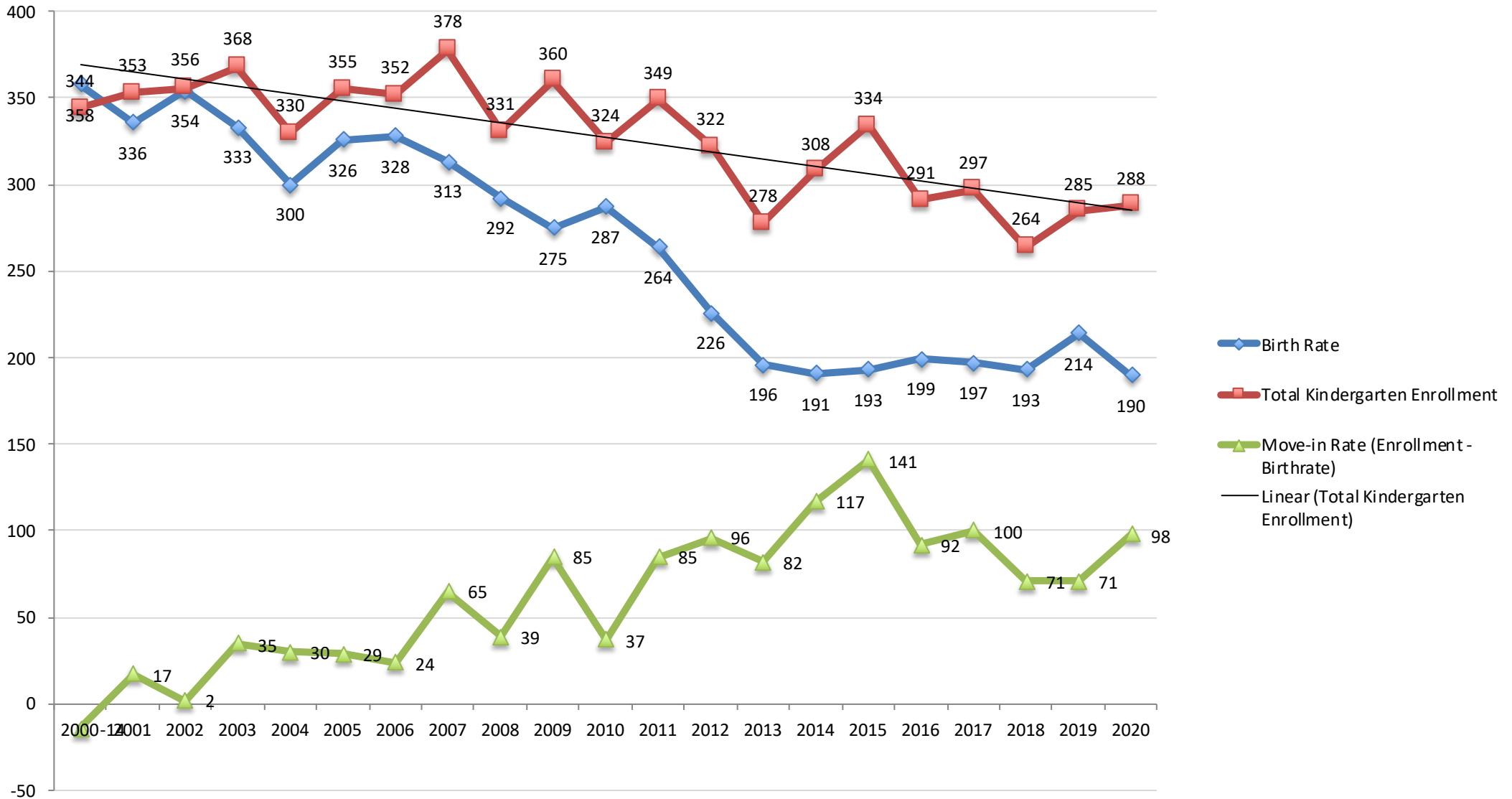
# Wilmette 60091 Annual Home Sales 2014-2020



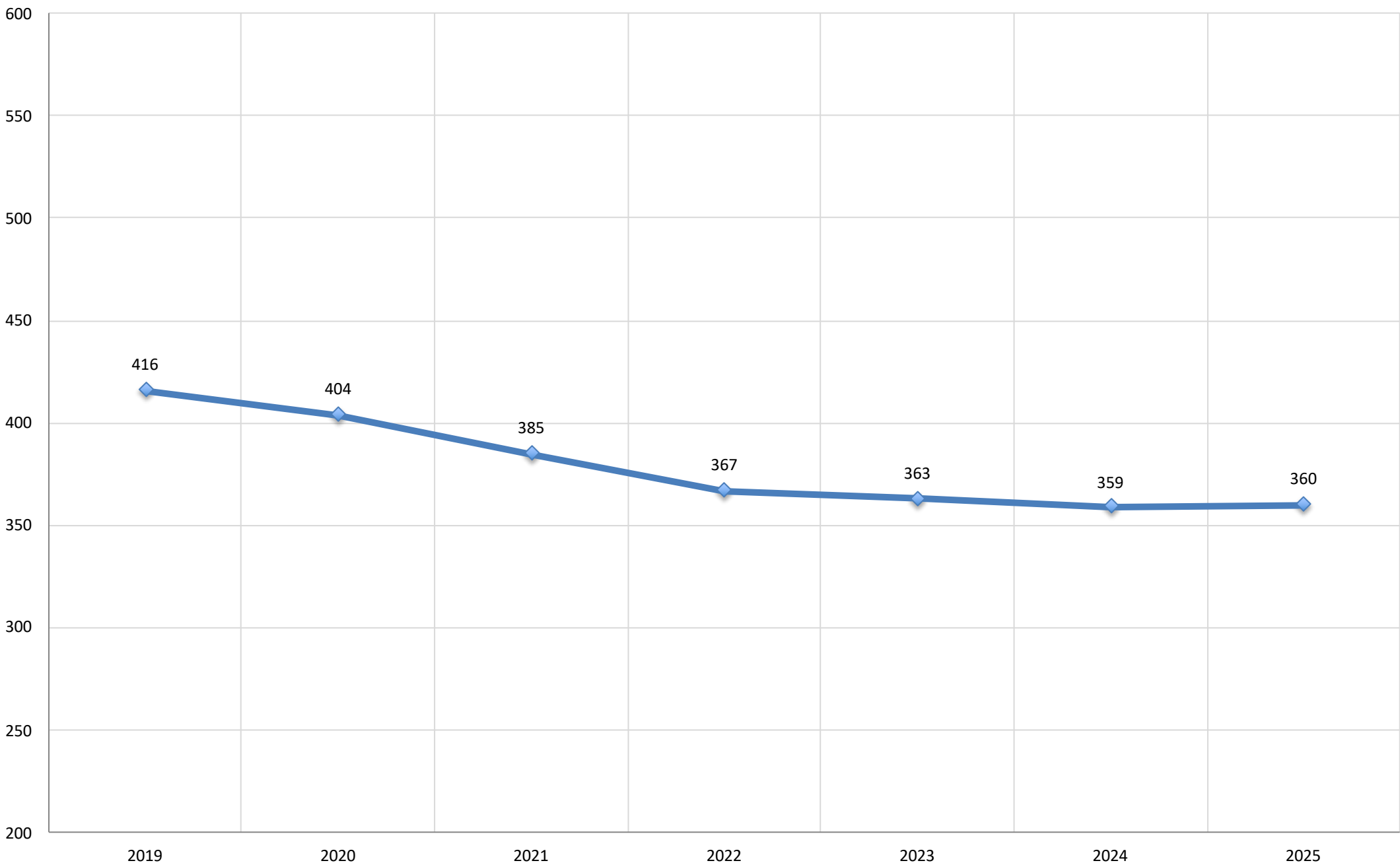
# Village of Wilmette Building Permits (New Residential Construction)



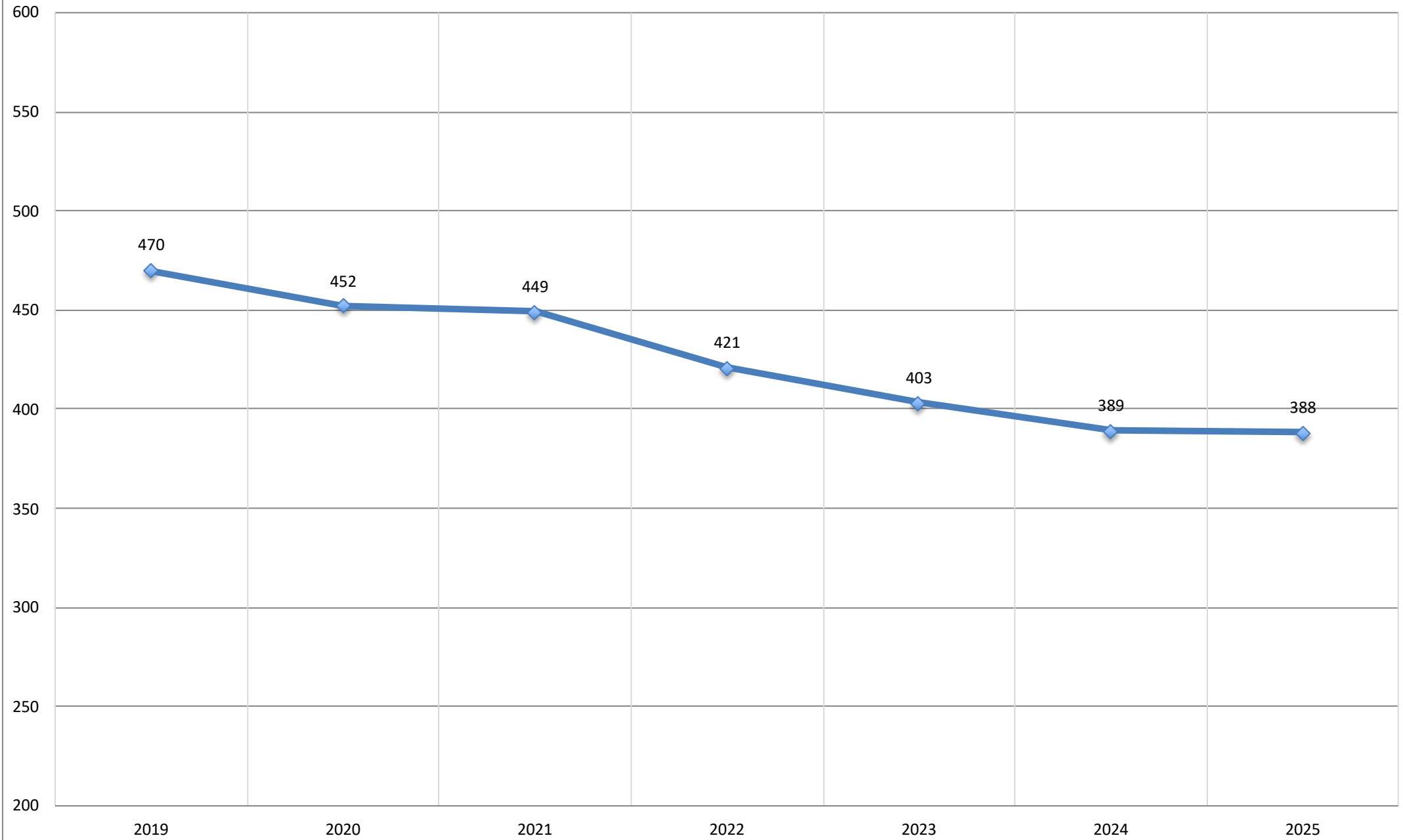
# Kindergarten Enrollment and 60091 Birth Rate



# Harper School Enrollment Projections

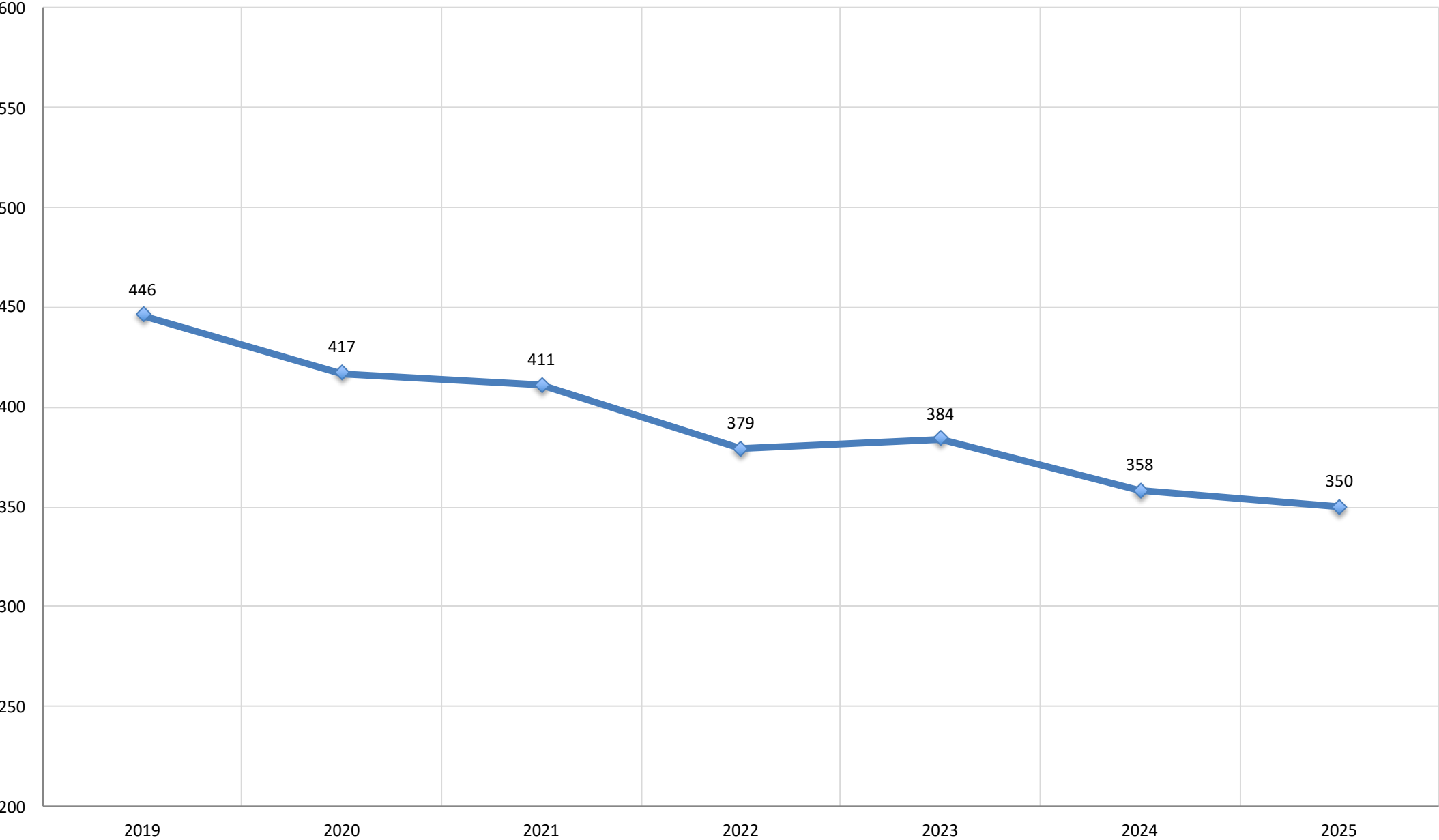


# Romona School Enrollment Projections

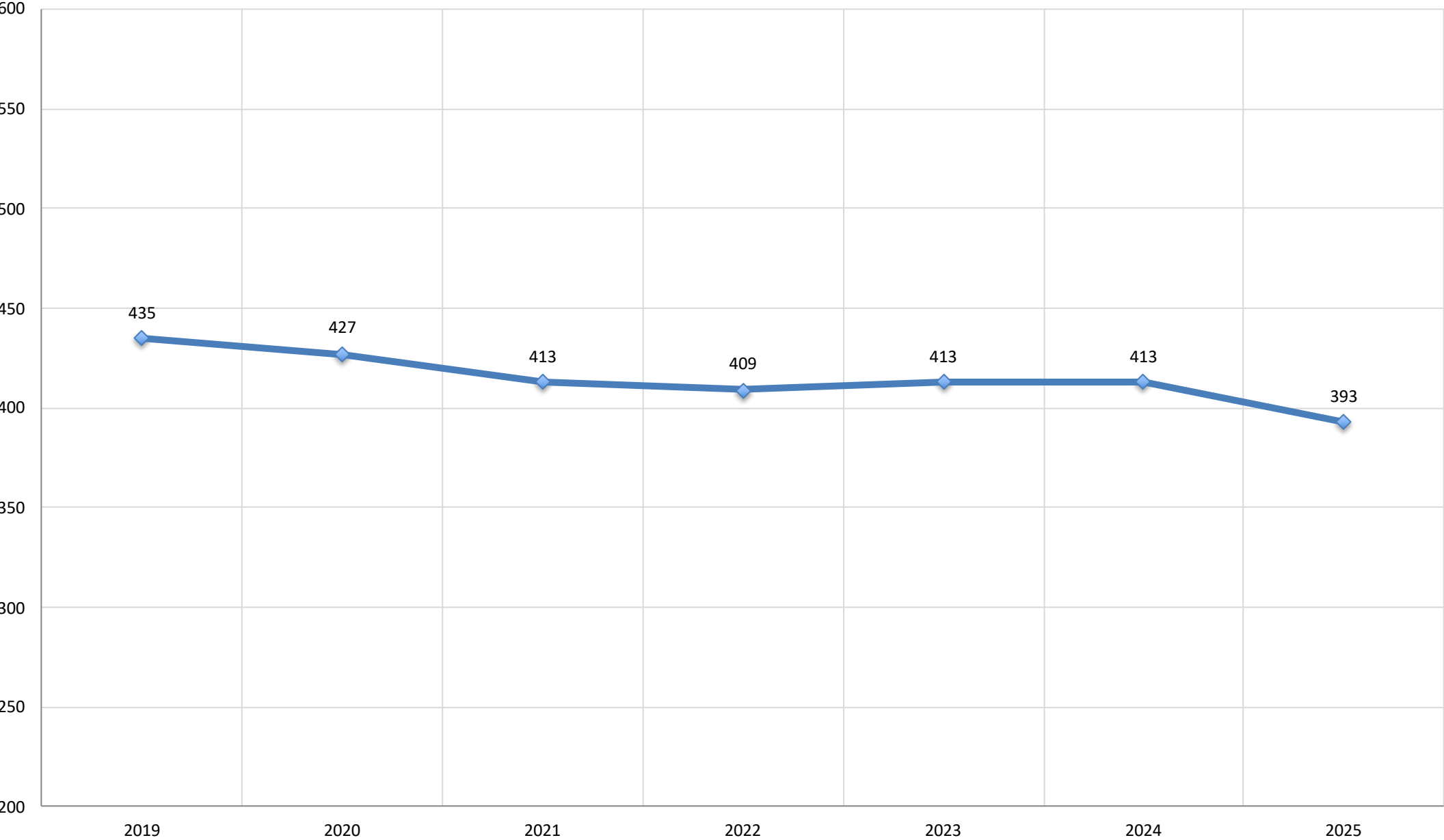




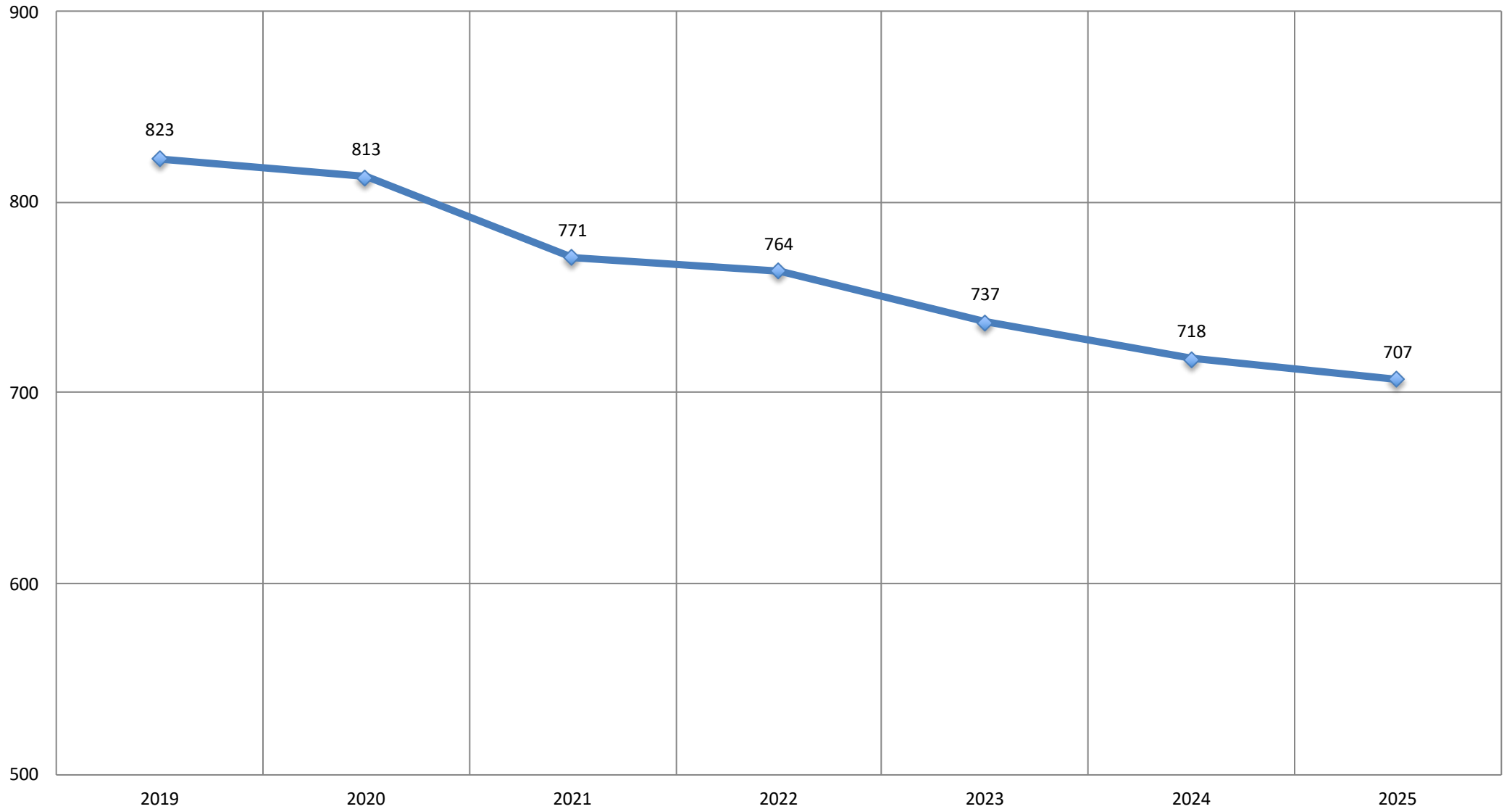
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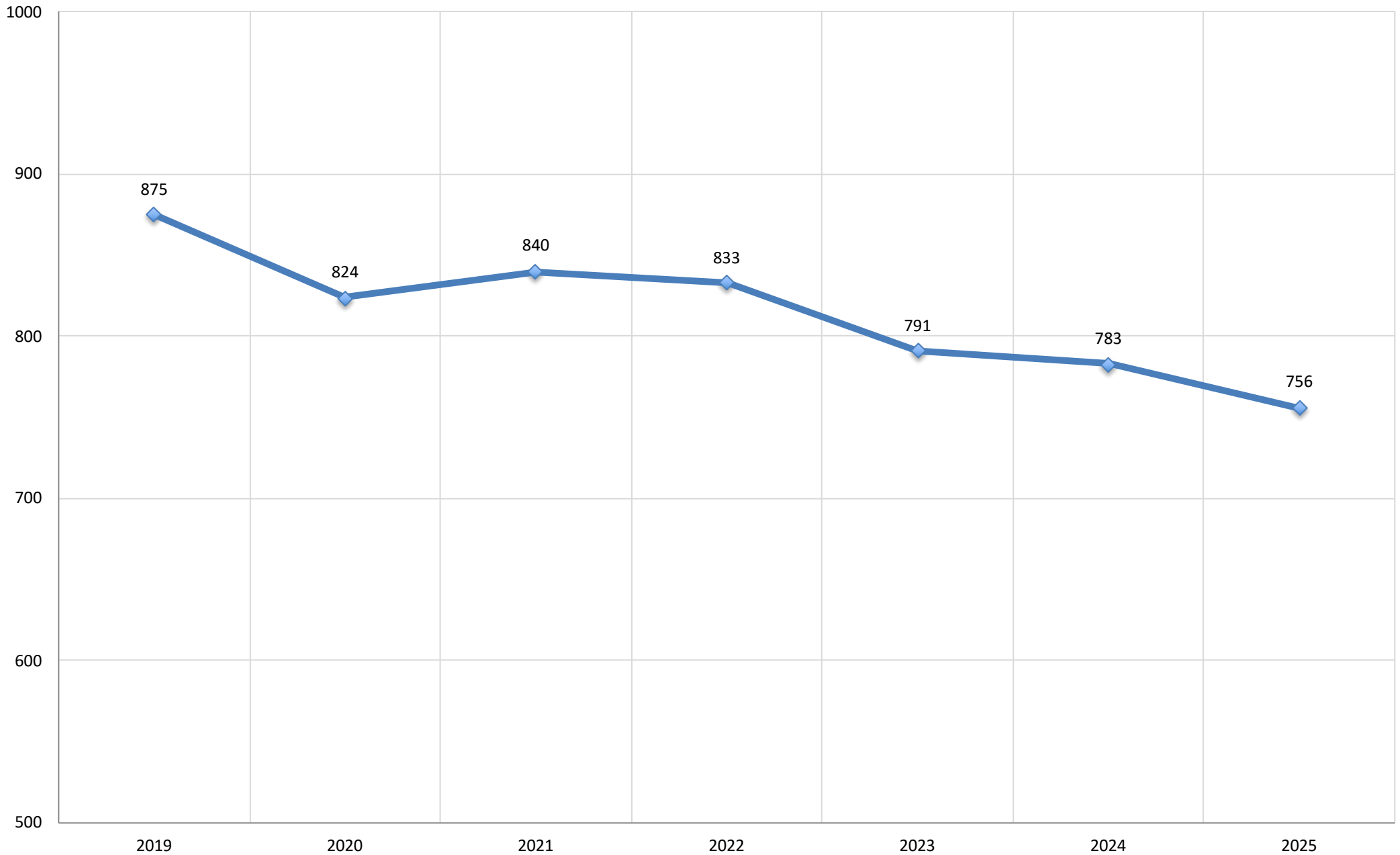
# Central School Enrollment Projections



# Highcrest Middle School Enrollment Projections



# Wilmette Junior High School Enrollment Projections



# District 39 Enrollment Projections

