



Housing and School Enrollment

Hopkinton Schools

December 2005

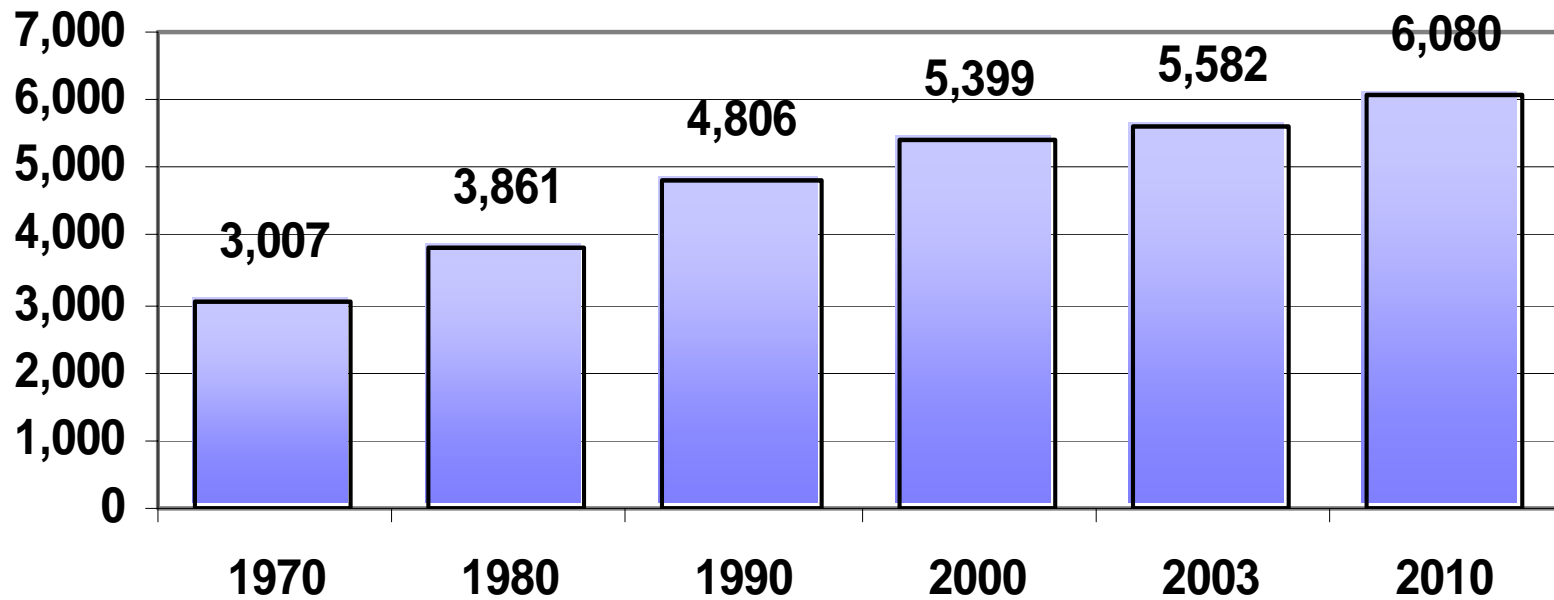
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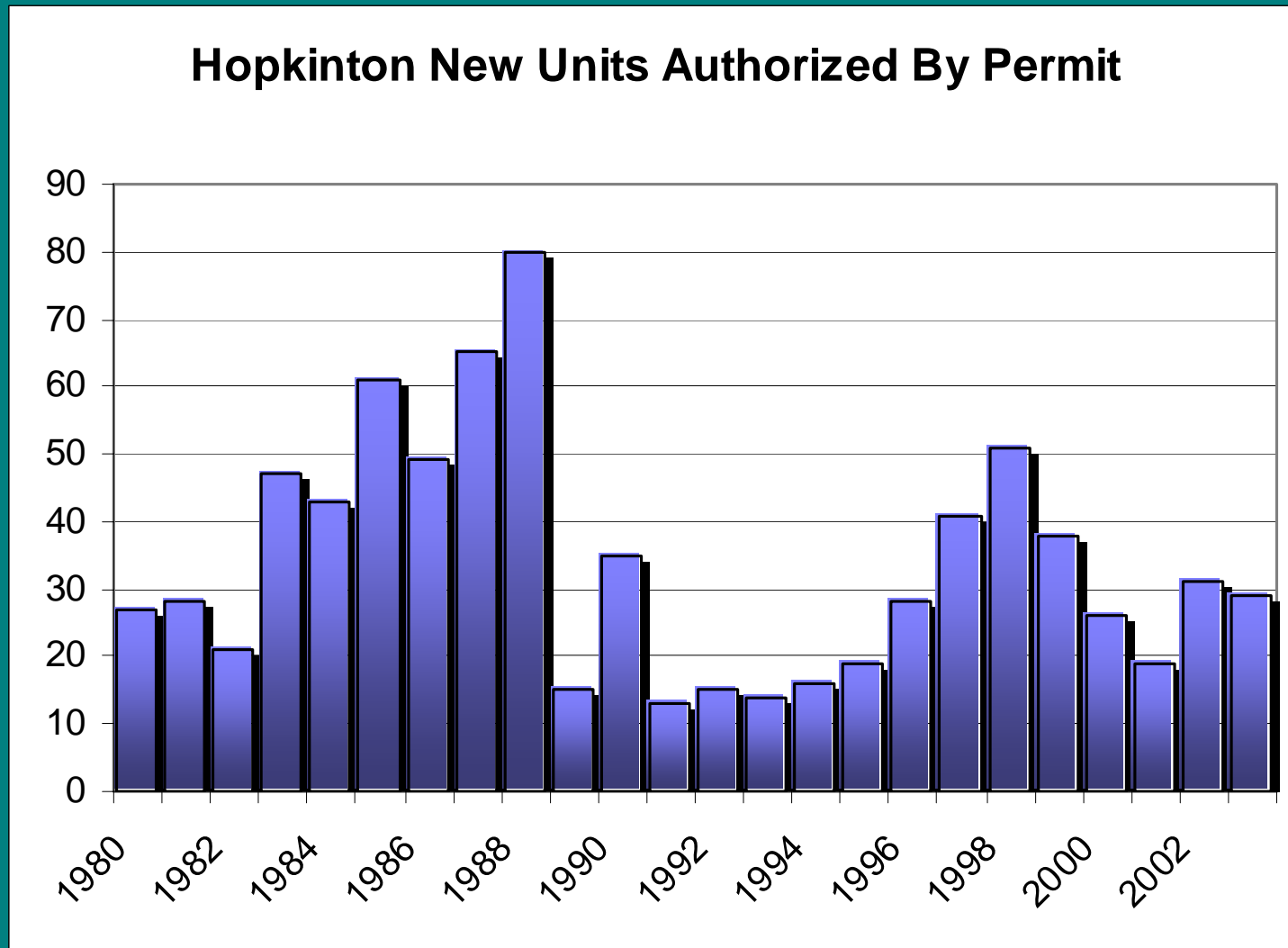
***What's Happening in
Hopkinton***

Town is Growing

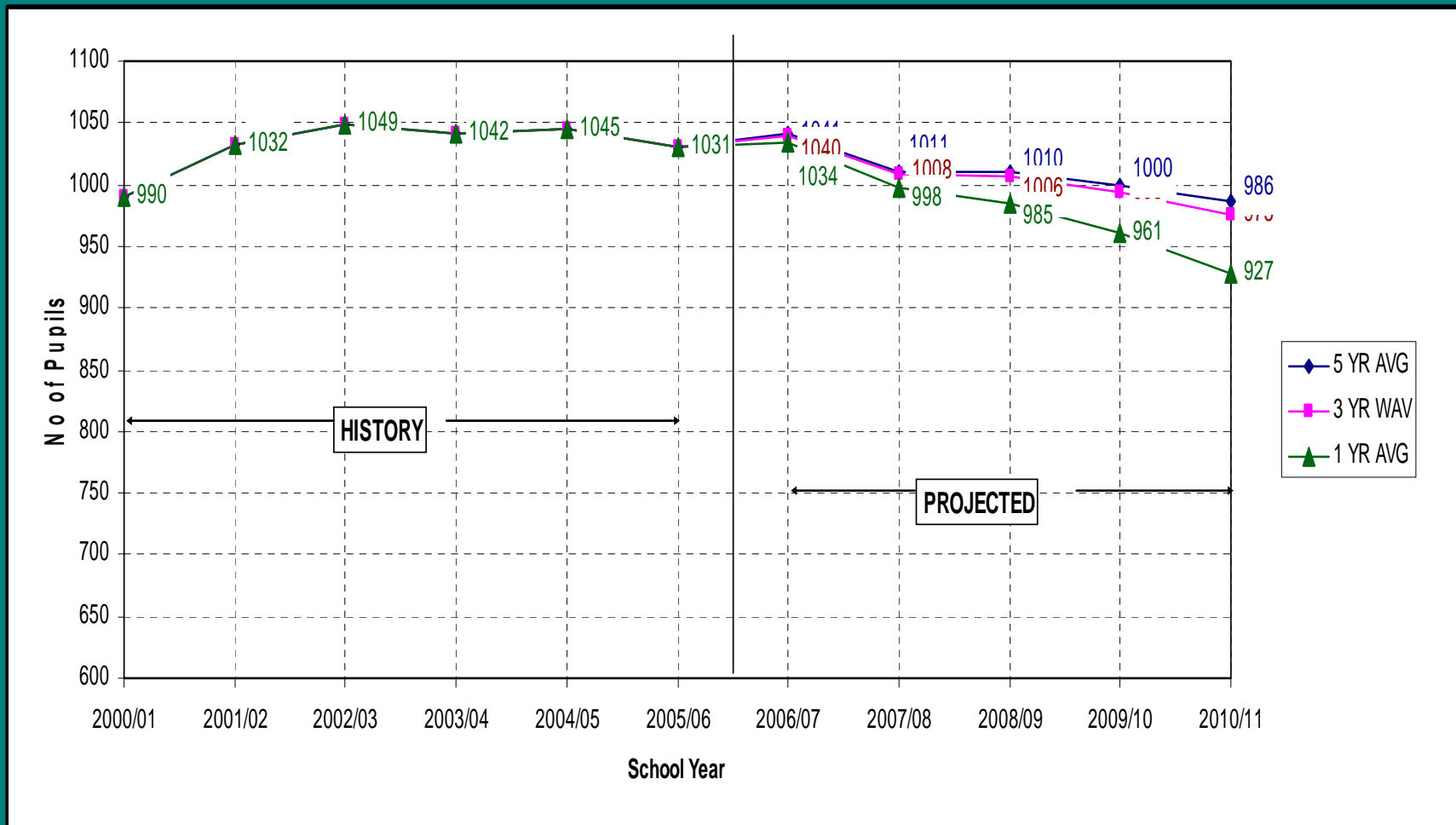
HOPKINTON POPULATION



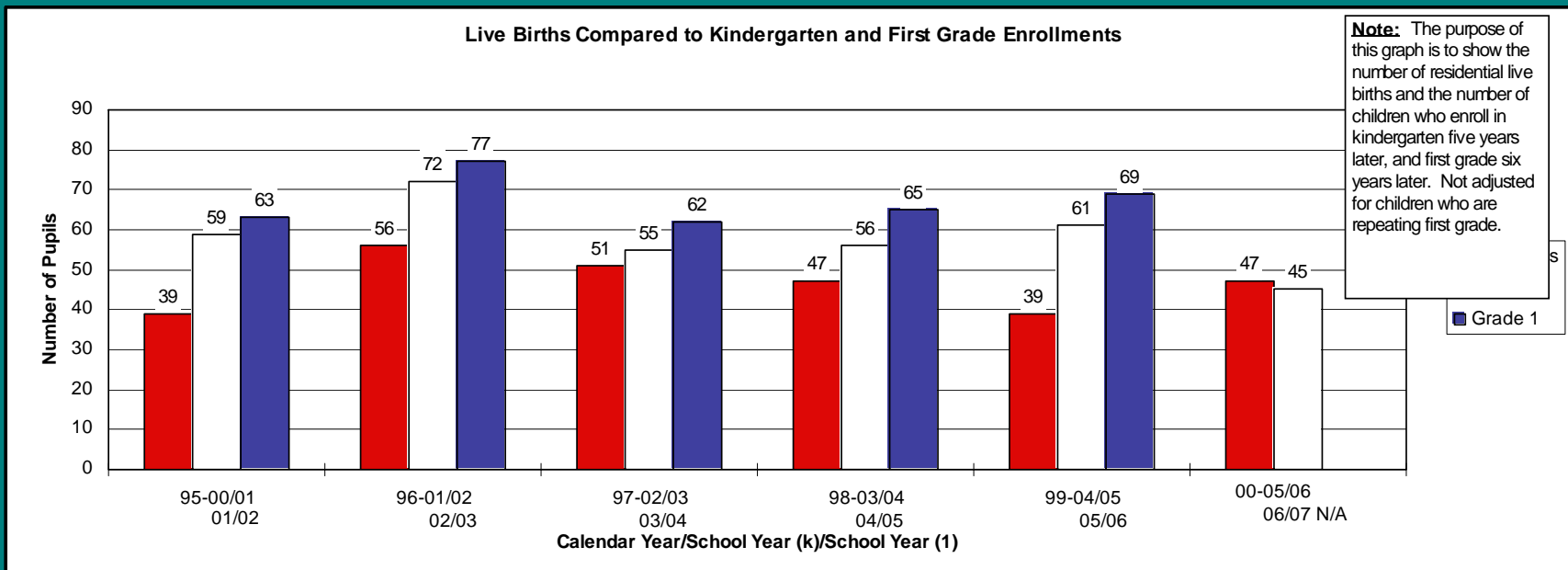
Permits Fluctuate Modestly Since 1990



Enrollment Has Been Stable, Declines Projected



Significant Migration of Families With Children



Merrimack Population Projections

Highlight Dramatic Boomer-Induced Demographic Shift

	2005	2010	2015	Change 2005-2015
Under 19	38,591	38,088	38,030	-561
20-34	24,909	27,818	30,574	5,665
35-54	47,597	45,063	39,561	-8,036
55+	36,537	46,530	58,511	21,974
Total	147,634	157,499	166,676	19,042

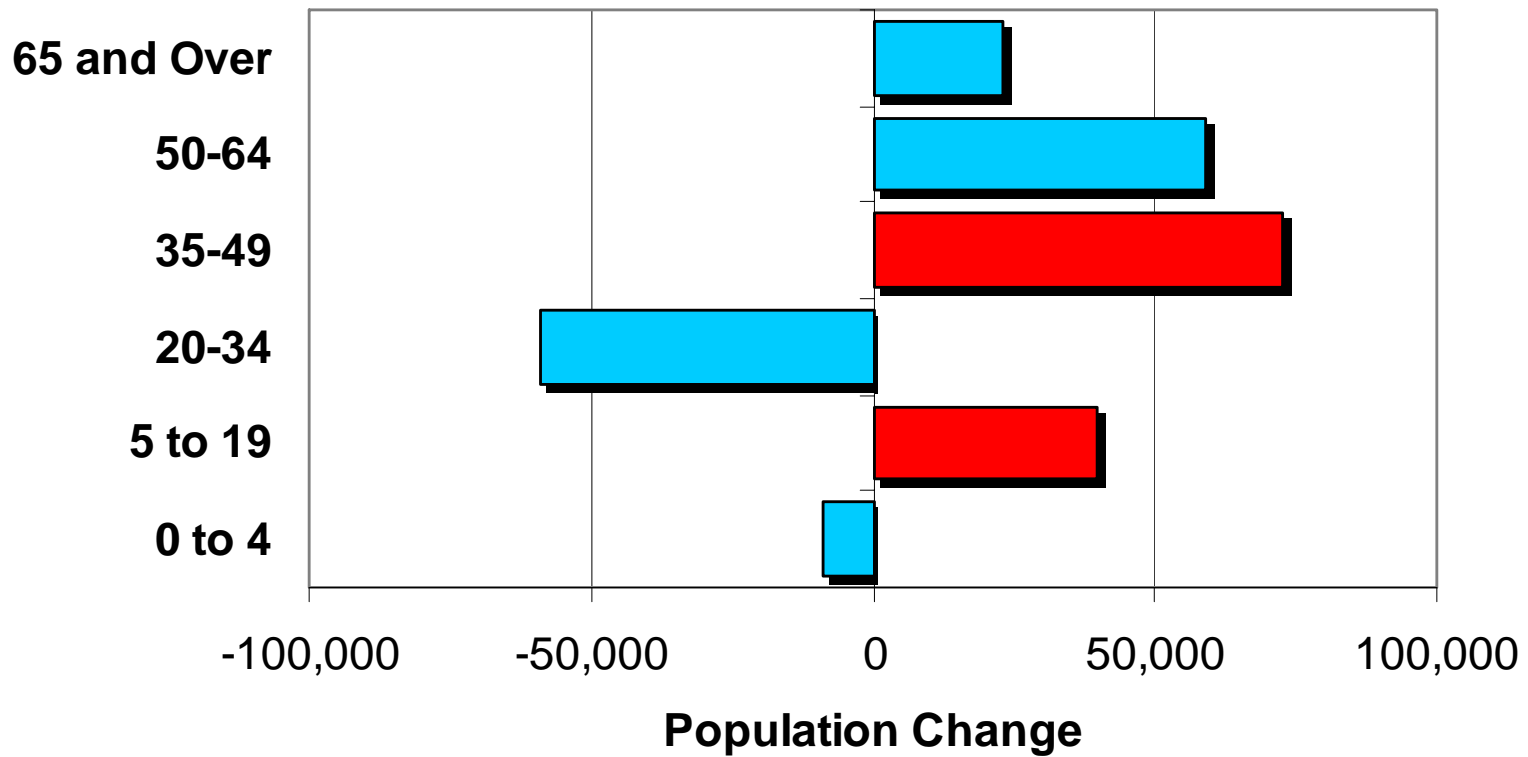
State-Wide Perspectives

So Much for The Brady Bunch

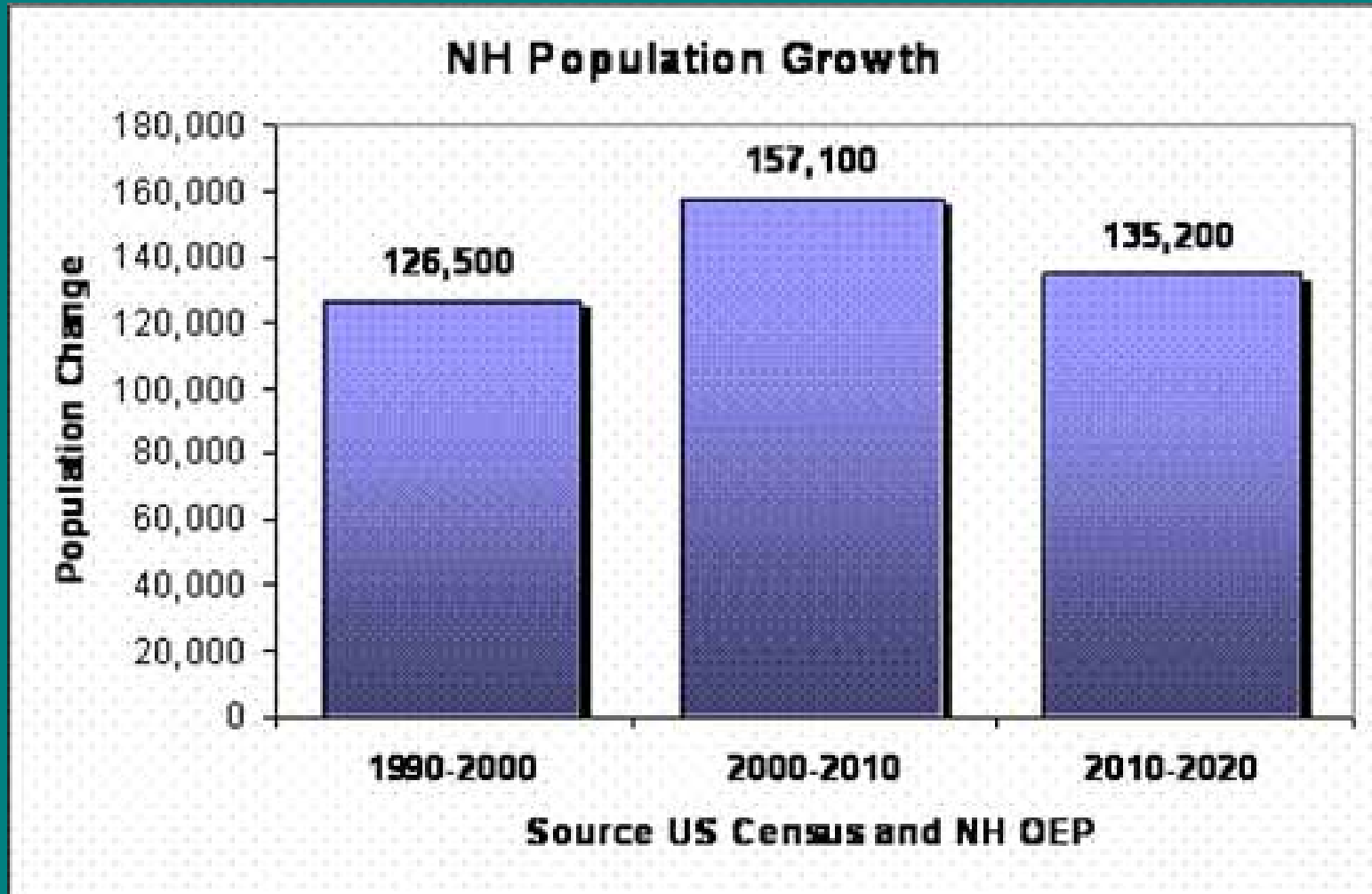
	1990	2000	Change	
			Number	%
Public School Enrollment Grades 1-12	161,550	200,400	38,850	24%
Occupied Housing Units	411,200	474,600	63,400	15%
Students per Unit	0.39	0.42		
<i>Source: US Census</i>				

Boomer Rule!

NH Population Change By Age Category, 1990-2000

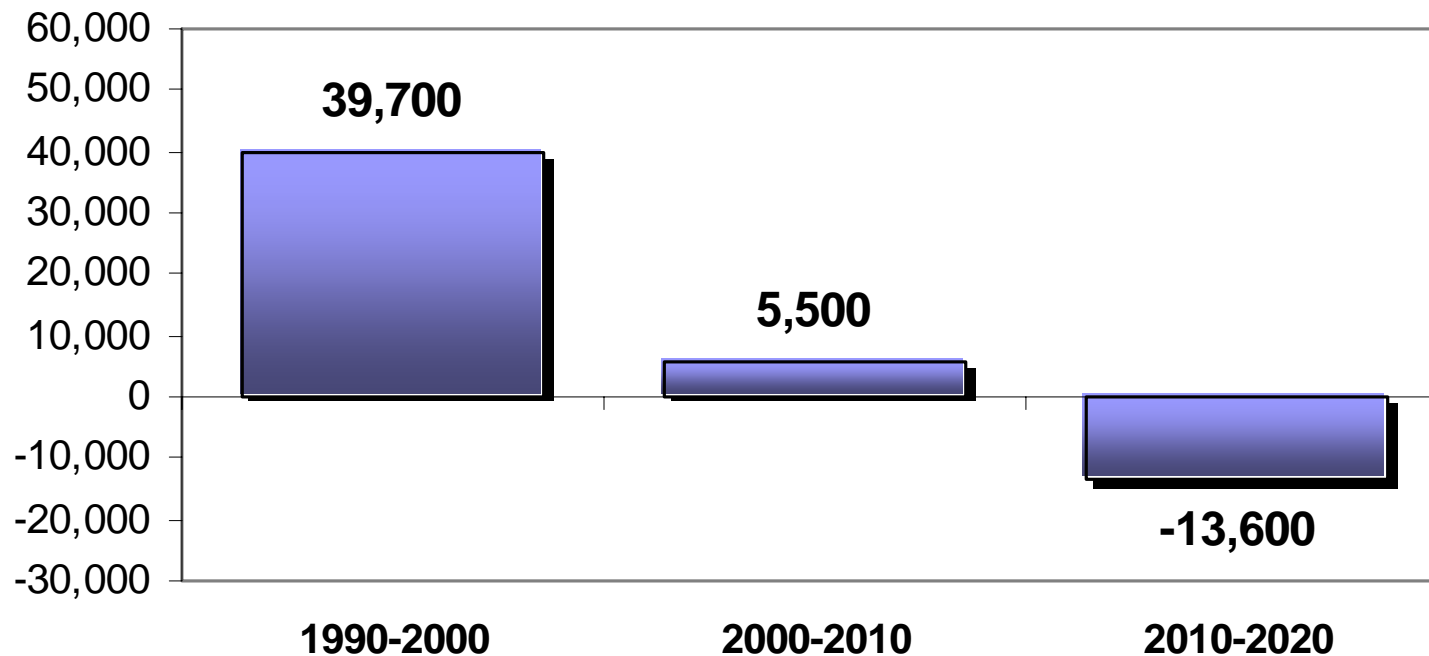


Higher Overall Population Growth is Projected



But Enrollment Drops!

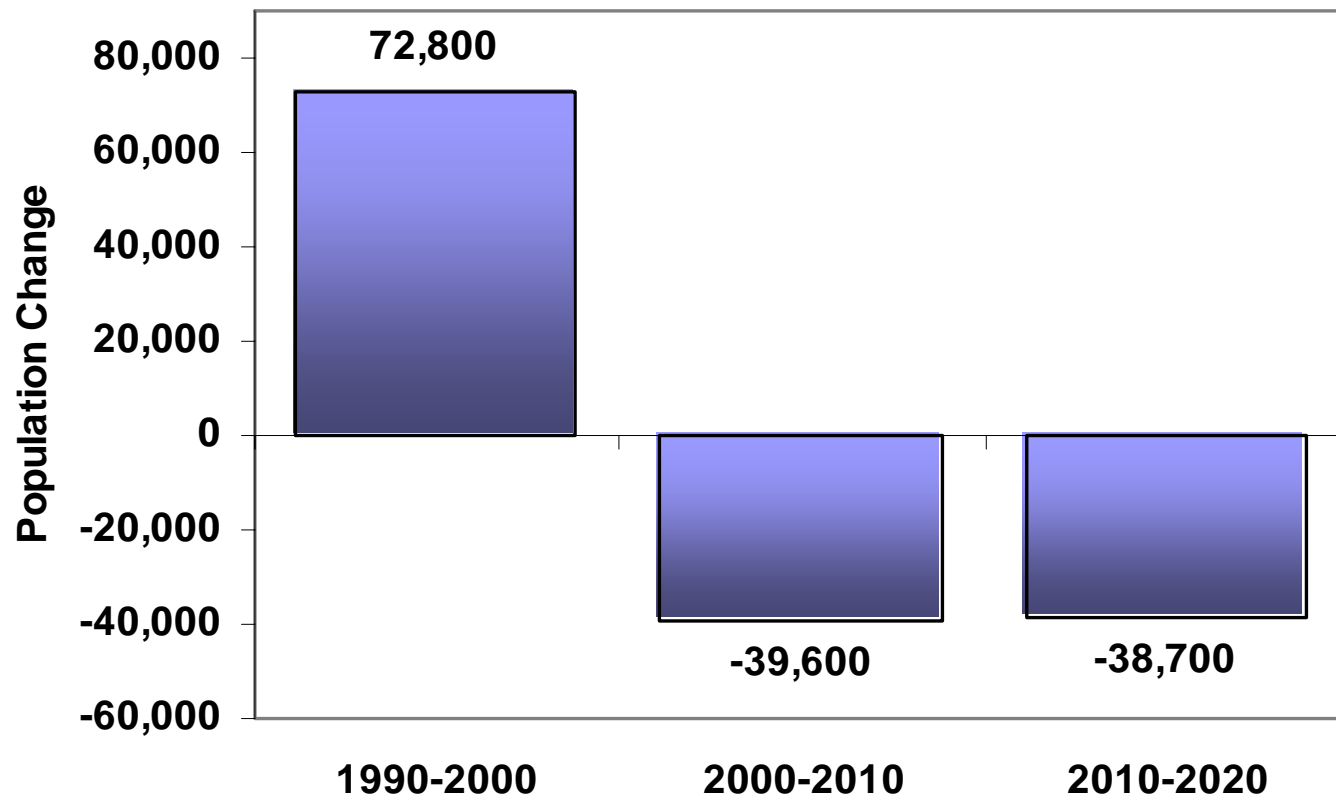
**Trend and Projected NH School Age Population
(Ages 5-19)**



Source: US Census and NH Office of Energy and Planning

Because: Fewer Parents in Future

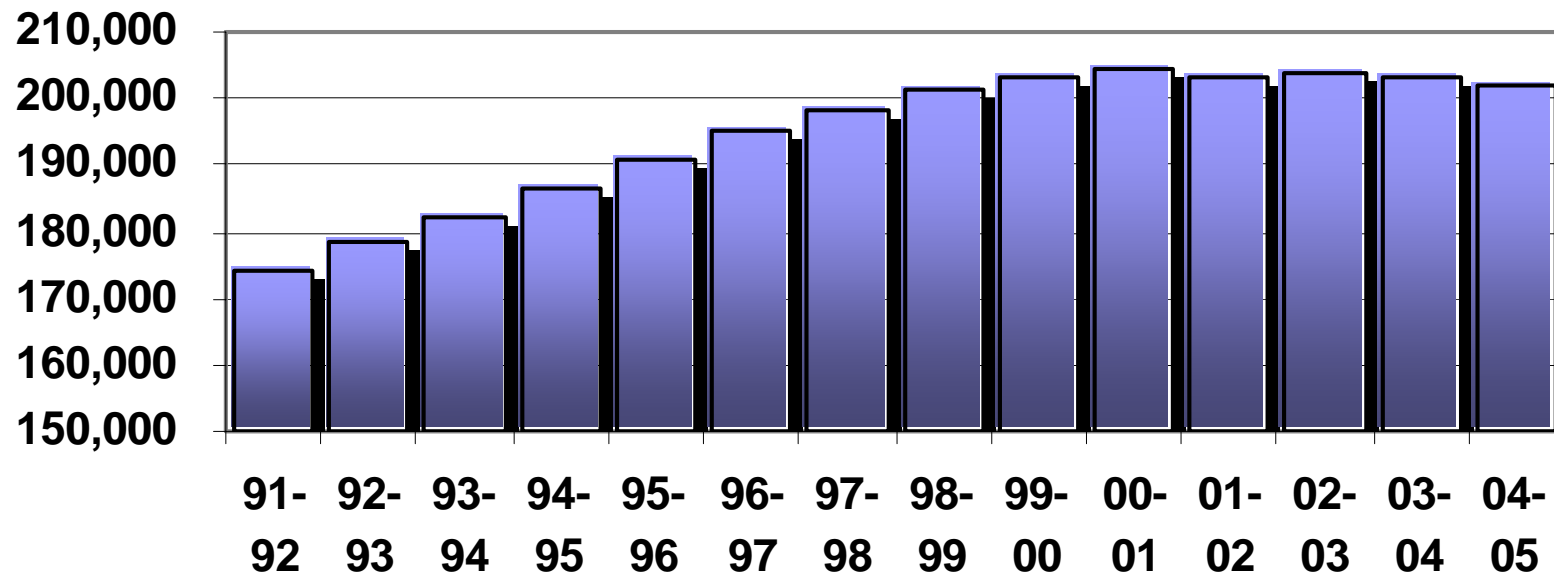
NH Population Change Among 35-49 Year Olds



Source: US Census and NH OEP

Enrollment Trends Confirm Projection: Enrollment Declining Despite Adding More Housing Units Now than in the 90s

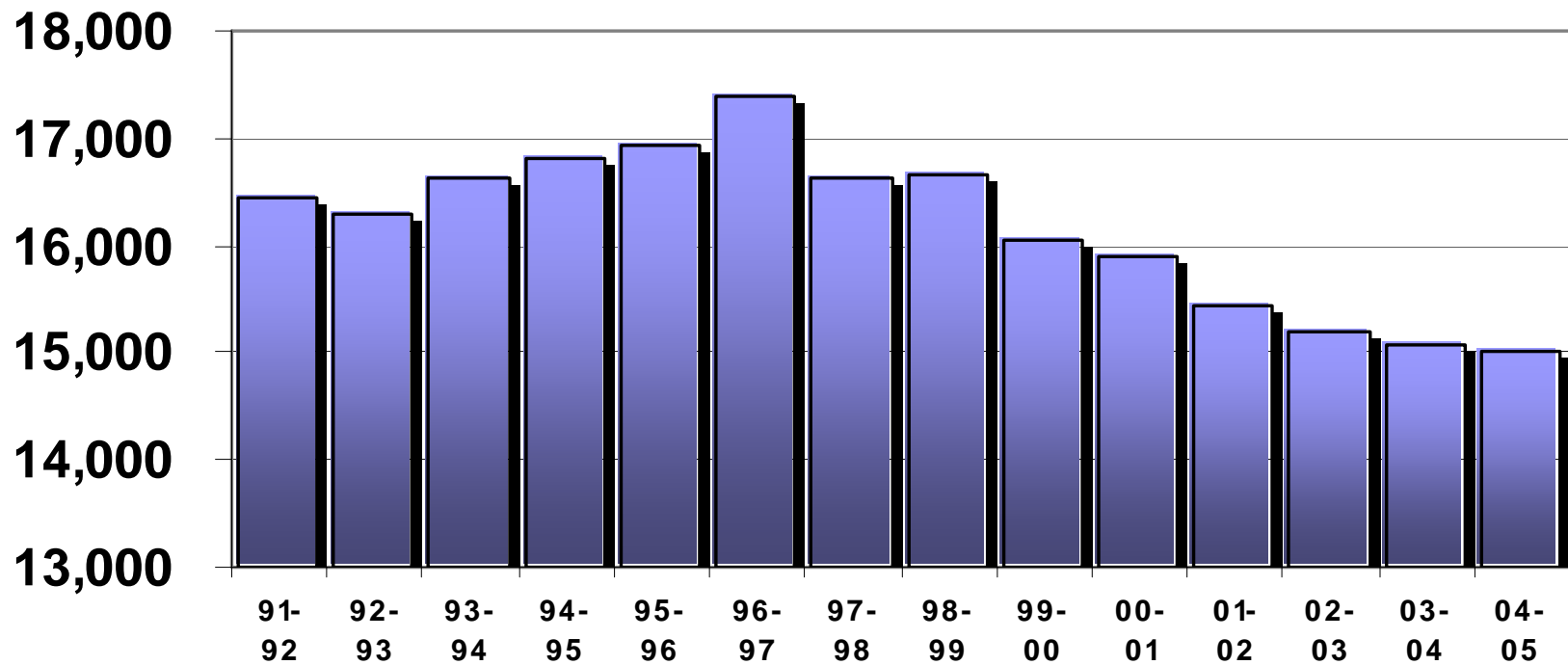
NH Public School Enrollment Trends (Grades Preschool-12)



Source: NH Dept of Education

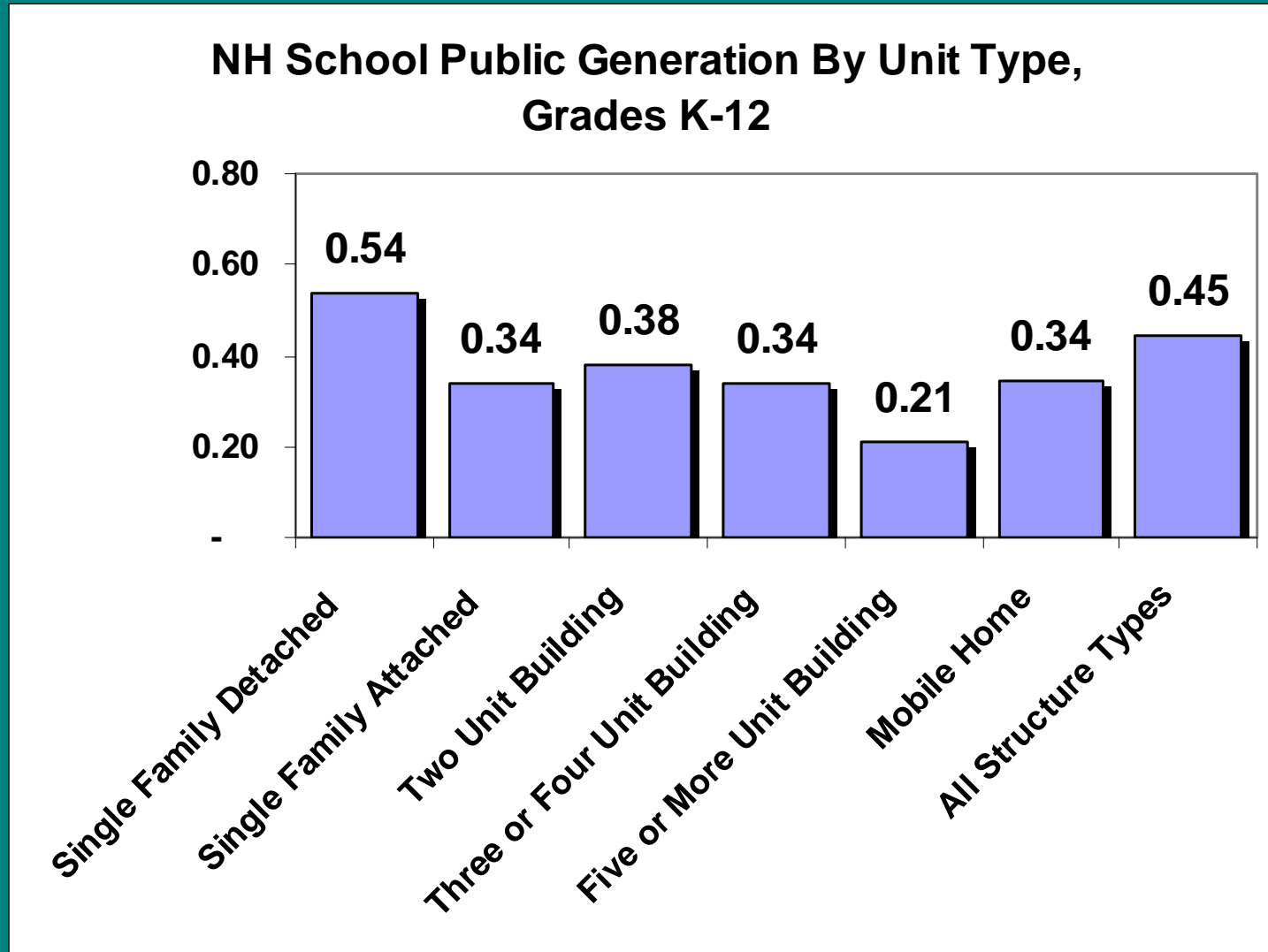
Fewer Kids Entering the System: Cumulative Effect is Emerging

First Grade Public School Enrollment



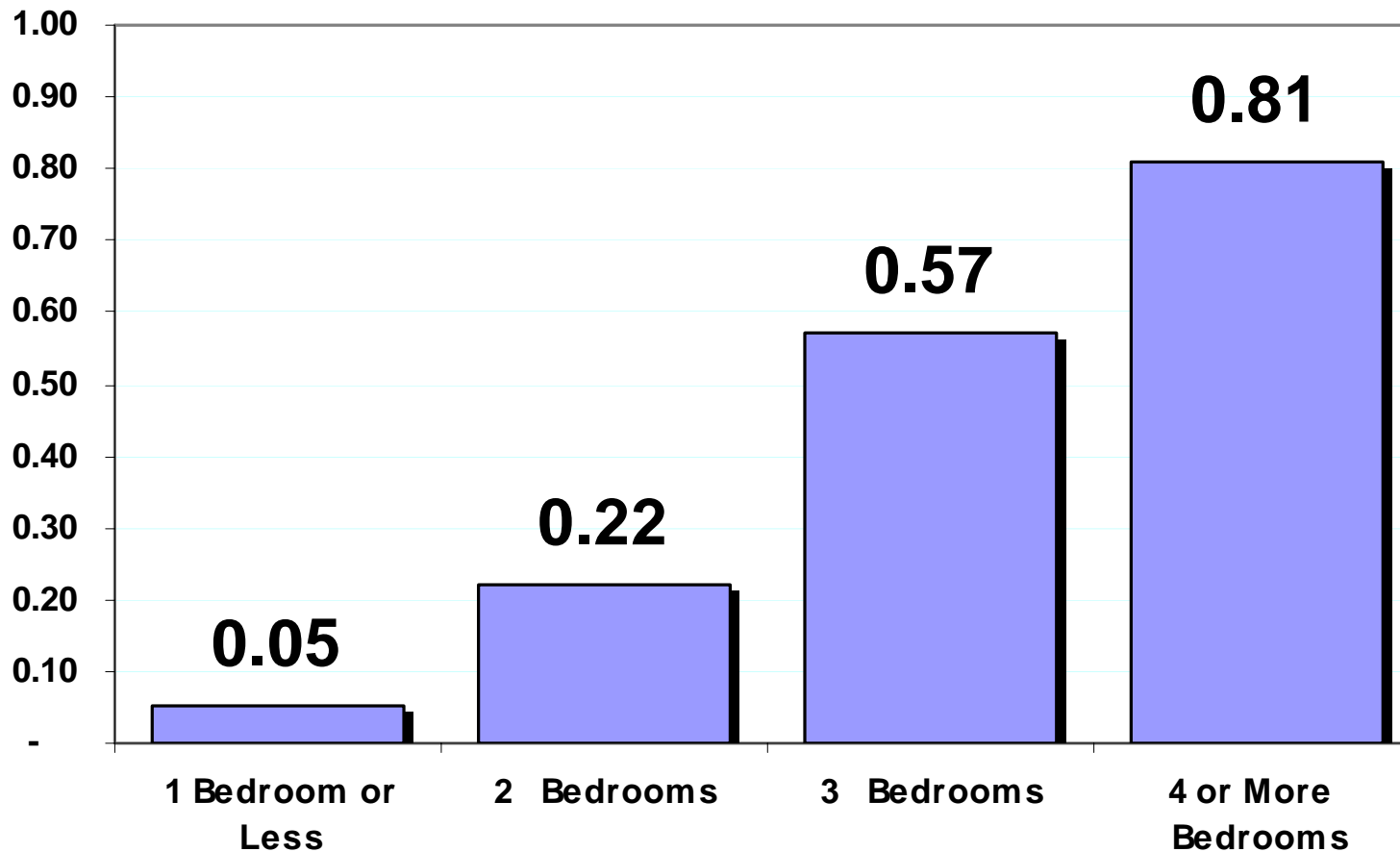
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Overall Enrollment By Unit Type, 2000 Census (New and Existing Housing)



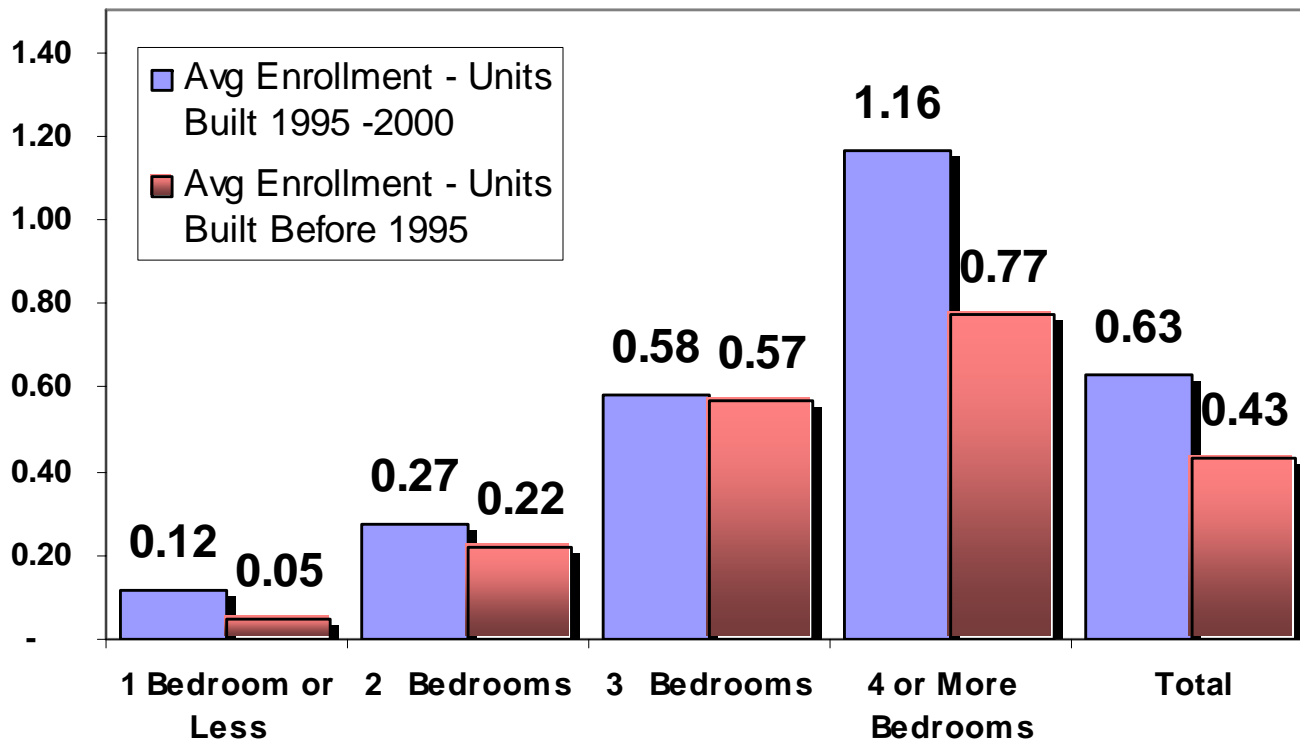
Bedrooms are the Key

NH School Public School Generation Grades K-12, By
Number of Bedrooms, Year 2000



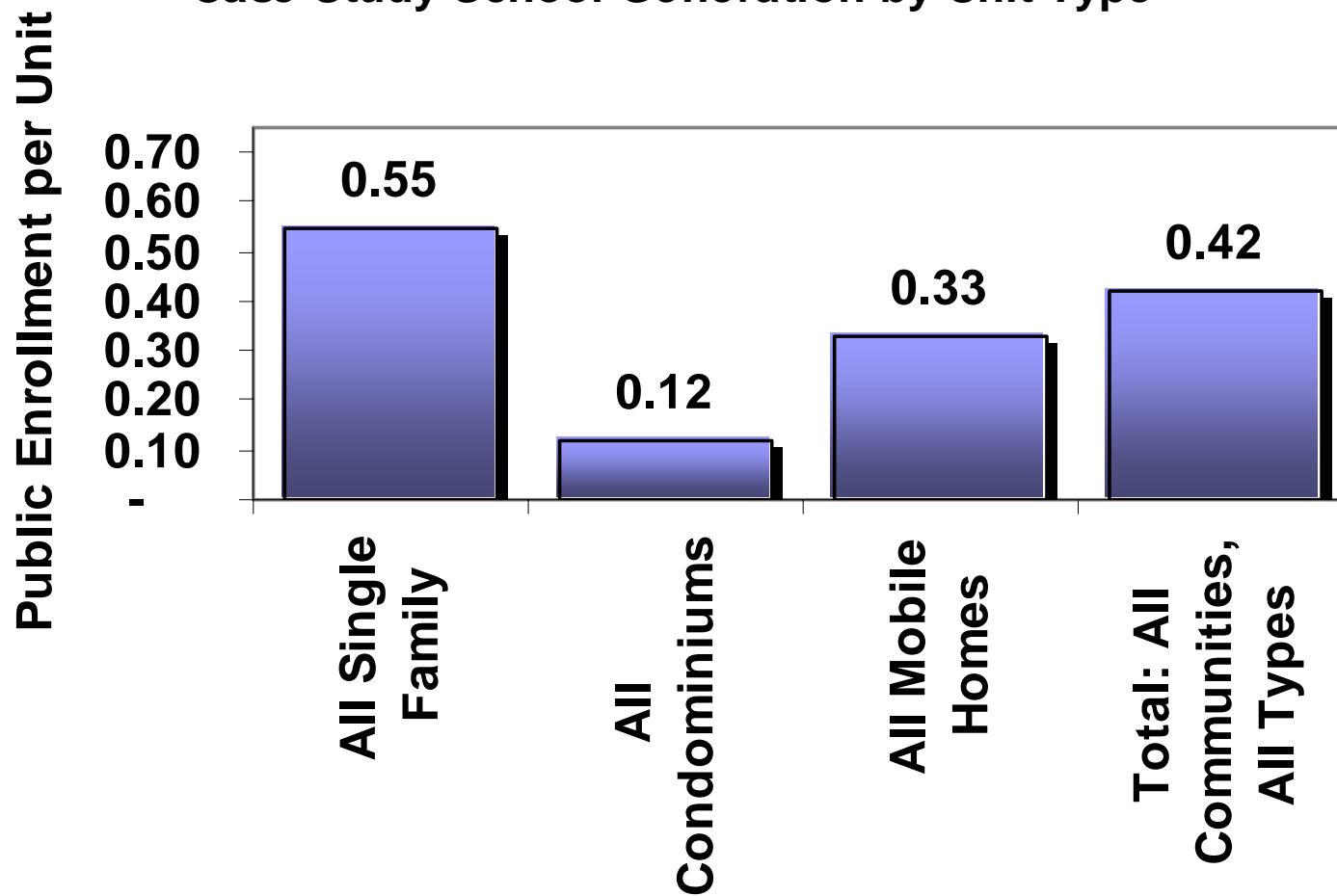
New Units Generally Similar to Overall Average (Except Four Bedroom)

NH Public School Generation (K-12) By Year Built and Bedrooms



Survey of 3,400 New Units

Case Study School Generation by Unit Type



Case Studies and Census Agree!

Comparison of State Wide (All Units) and Case Study

	Students per Unit	
	Case Study: New Units	Census: PUMS All NH Units
Single Family	0.55	0.54
Condominium	0.12	0.34
Mobile Home	0.33	0.34

Conclusions

- *New Hampshire's occupied housing units generated an average of only 0.45 students in the year 2000.*
- *Demographic forces have a more powerful impact than growth on school enrollment.*
 - *Baby Boomer kids are moving out of the system*
- *Total public school enrollment is now declining modestly in NH.*
- *New Hampshire's period of rapid enrollment growth is over, except in very rapidly growing towns.*
 - *Enrollment from new units is being offset by the stronger trend of declining enrollment in existing units.*
- *Emerging focus: **better**, rather than **more** schools*