For the 2020 academic school year, public school enrollment numbers decreased by 1.84%. In the state of Montana, there are three ways by which students can be enrolled in public school: elementary school for grades kindergarten through eighth grade, high school for ninth through twelfth grade, and as a K-12 entity. K-12 school enrollment remained stable with less than a tenth of a percent decrease. The elementary schools across the state parallel the overall public trend with a 3.8% decrease in student enrollment for grades K-8. In comparison, Montana's high school enrollment has a 2.1% growth in student count.

Examining the interaction of public school enrollment and nonpublic school enrollment provides additional insight. Nonpublic enrollment is composed of private schools and homeschool entities. Private schools show a decrease in enrollment by 9.02% while homeschool enrollment has grown by 3,639 students.

*The data utilized for this report is preliminary.*