

PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC 2020 SCHOOL YEAR (SY) ENROLLMENT TRENDS

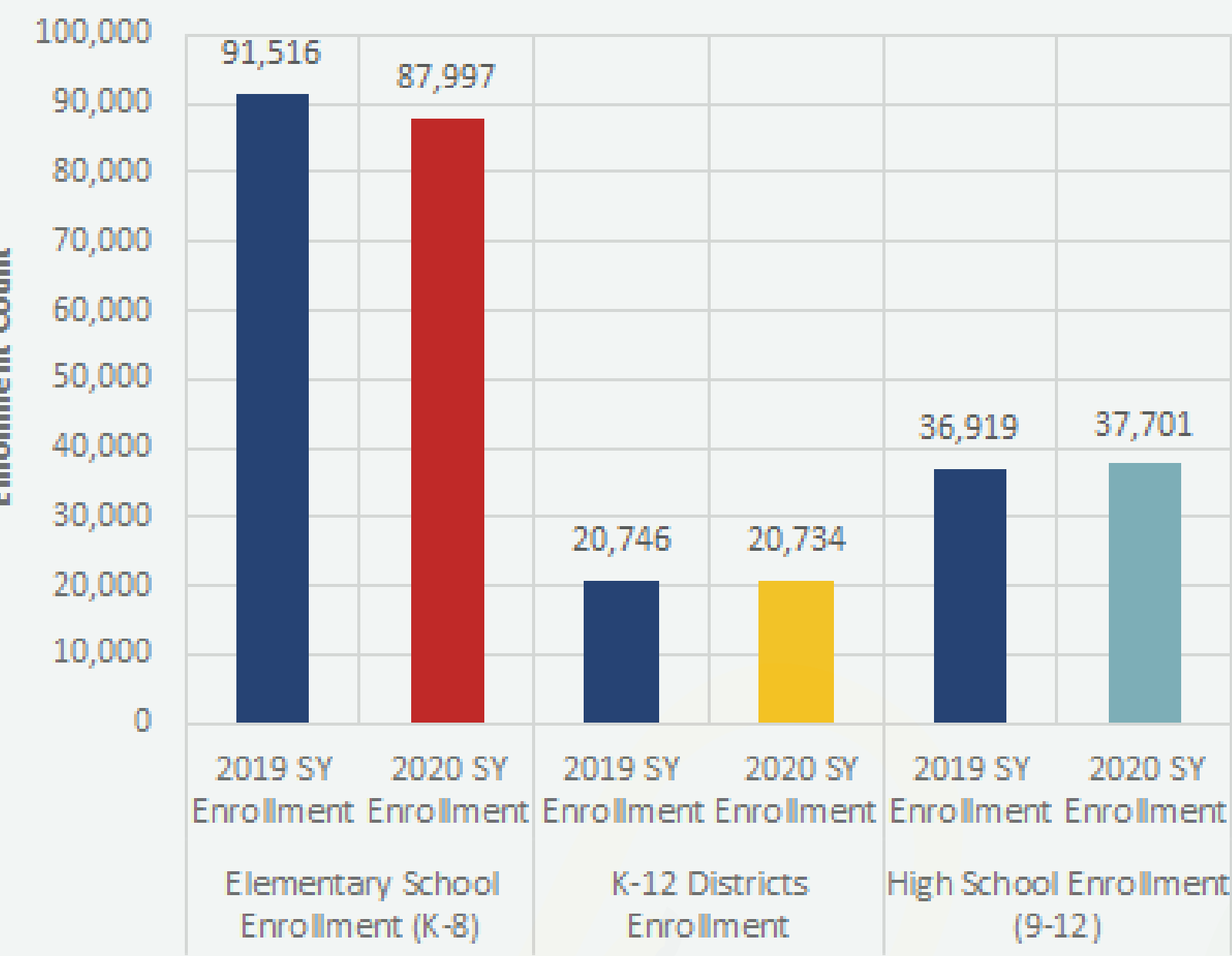
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PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Elementary vs. High School vs. K-12 Schools
Student Enrollment Counts for 2019 SY and 2020 SY



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.

Public school
enrollment
decreased by
1.84% for the
2020 SY

3.8 %
decrease

Elementary

K-12 Schools

No
Significant
Change

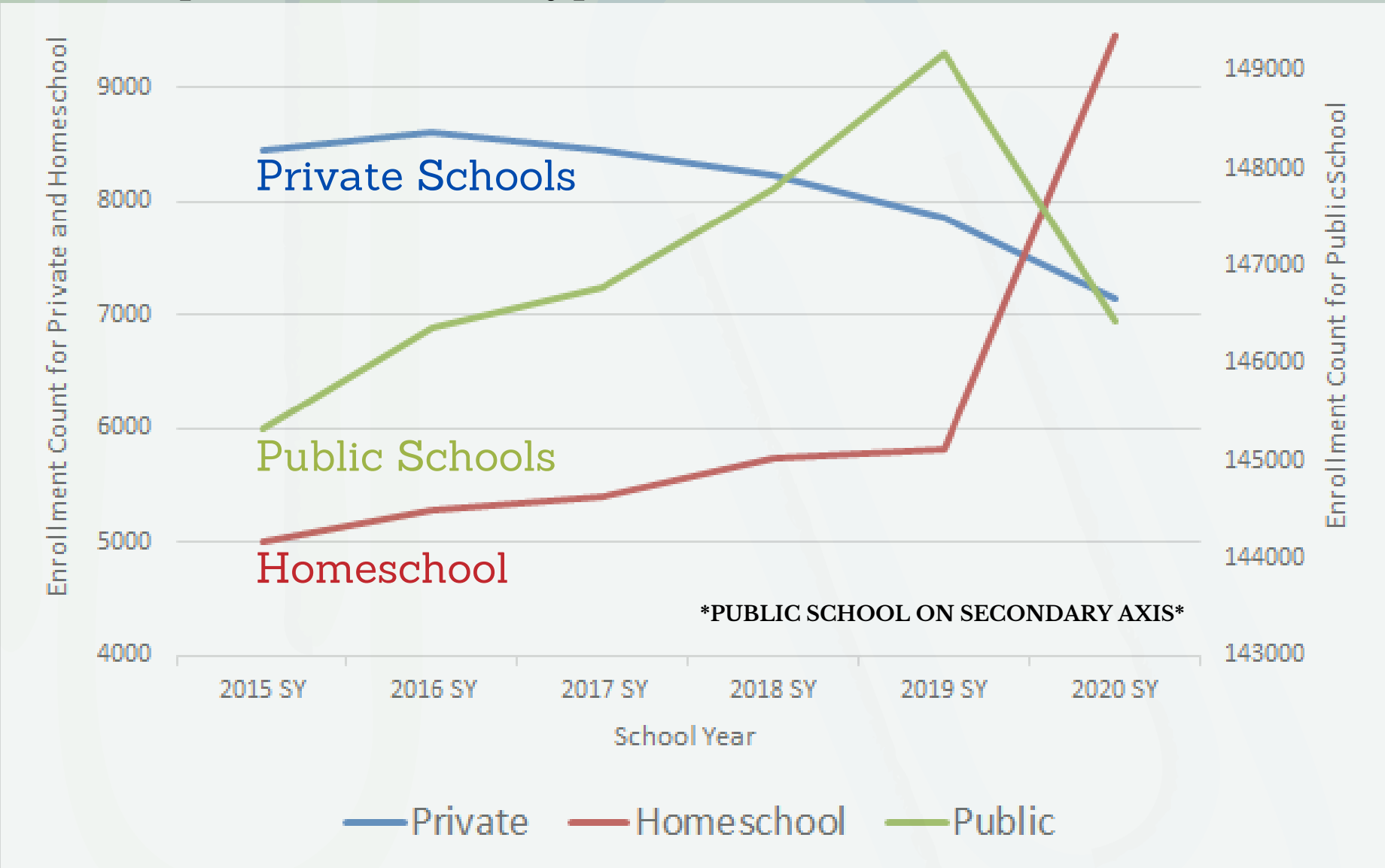
2.1 %
increase

High School

Public high school (9-12) enrollment at a 2.1% increase while public elementary school (K-8) enrollment drops 3.8%. K-12 schools maintain enrollment with no significant increase or decrease in student counts.

ENROLLMENT TRENDS FOR PUBLIC & NONPUBLIC

Change in Enrollment Counts by Public and Nonpublic School Type Since the 2015 SY



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.

Private schools
decreased by
708 students
(-9.02%)

Public schools
decreased by
2,749 students
(-1.84%)

Homeschool
increased by
3,639 students
(+62.58%)