



# Understanding Our Student Enrollment

**Public school enrollment is  
down everywhere.**

# What's happening in the U.S.

For 10 years, public school enrollment decline was mostly due to lower birth rates.

*Then came the Covid Effect*

Public schools bounced between online and in-person learning, trying to keep up with government Covid guidelines.

Which led to teacher/staff shortages, making things worse.

# What's happening in the U.S.

Students fell behind and many frustrated parents pulled their kids out of public schools.

Enter more options...

Private and charter schools popped up everywhere. And their enrollments are growing nationwide and in Idaho.

Homeschooling is also on the rise with the number of students learning at home in the U.S. at about 5 million.

# Enrollment in our school district.

*Enrollment is down here, too.*

A decade of lower birth rates.

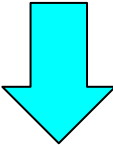
Parents have many options for educating their children (private, charter, homeschooling).

Housing costs are high, pricing many young families out of the market.

An older population is moving here, without school-aged children.

# District Enrollment

This year

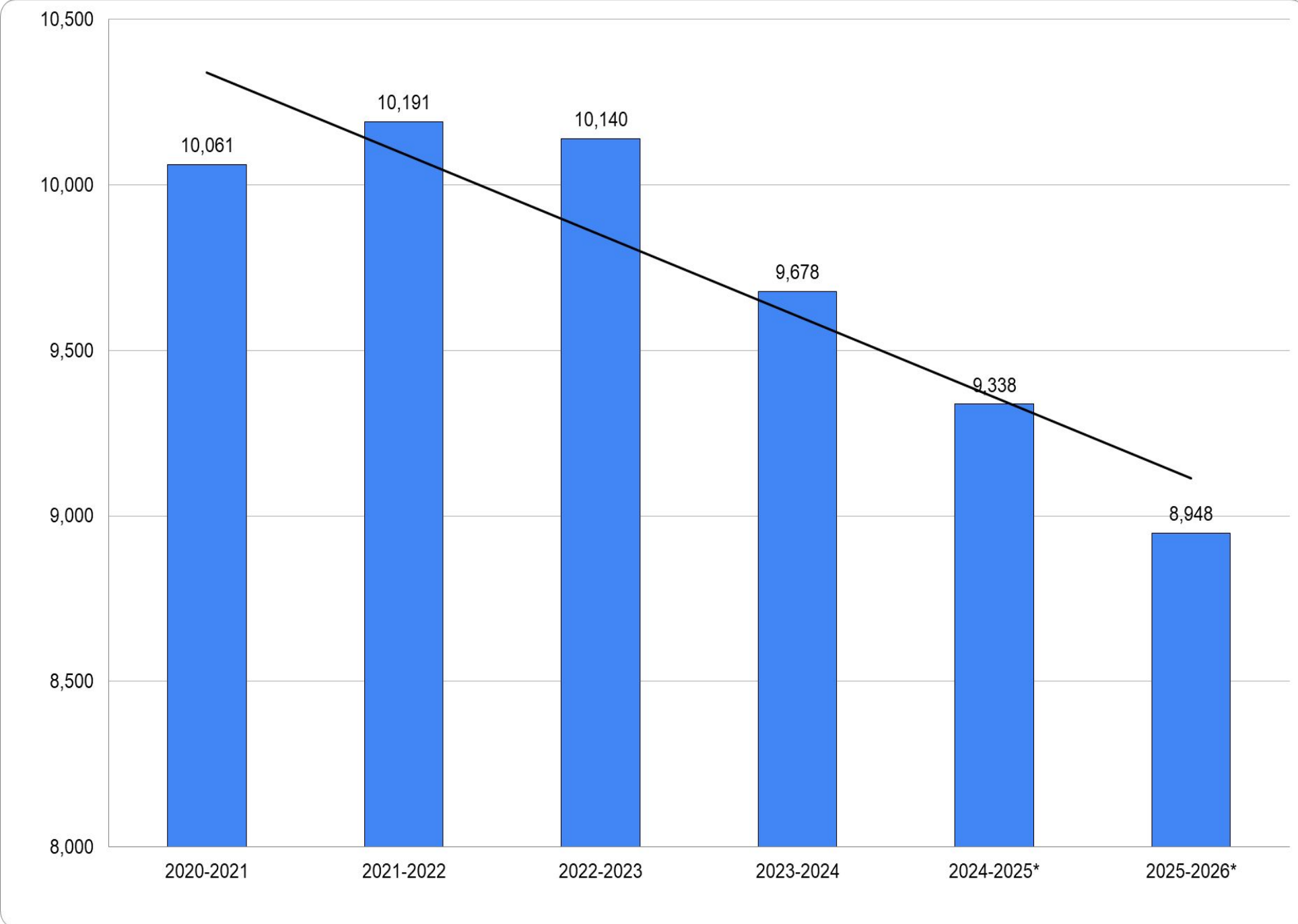


**462** students

Next year



**340** students



# Why it matters.

*When we lose students, we lose funding.*

State Funding Change + Lower Enrollment = \$4 million

Increased Operating Costs = \$2 million

**\$6 million**

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