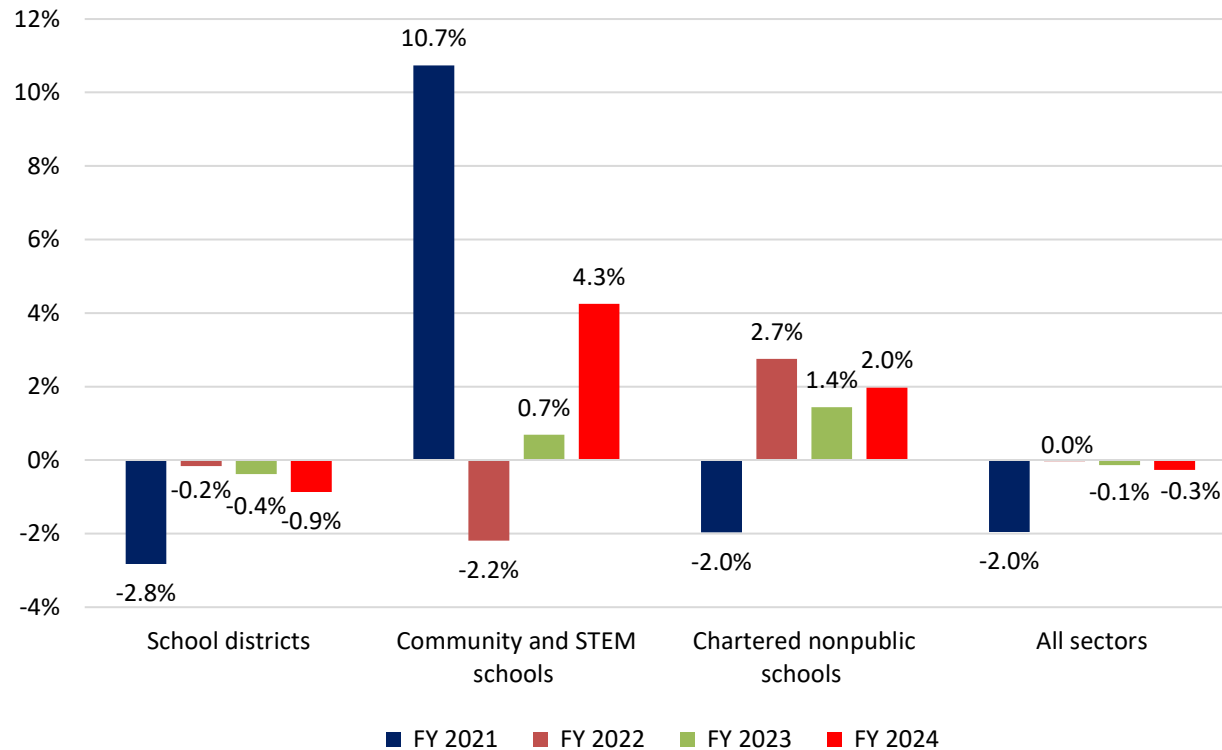


# Post-pandemic, enrollment declines in school districts but grows in other types of schools

Percent Changes in Enrollment by Sector, FY 2021-FY 2024



Source: Department of Education and Workforce

- School district enrollment in FY 2024 (1.49 million students) has continued to decline since FY 2021, when extraordinary enrollment changes occurred in the wake of the pandemic. The decline in FY 2024 (0.9%, 13,031 students) was faster than the declines in the two previous years (0.4% in FY 2023 and 0.2% in FY 2022).
- Enrollment in rural and small town districts fell fastest in FY 2024. Changes in enrollment by district type:
  - Small town: -1.7% (-5,495)
  - Rural: -1.7% (-3,805)
  - Urban: -1.0% (-3,446)
  - Suburban: -0.5% (-2,656)
  - Joint vocational school districts: 5.1% (2,371)
- FY 2024 enrollment in community and STEM schools (120,804 students) grew 4.3% (4,926). Enrollment has rebounded since a 2.2% drop in FY 2022. That drop was largely attributable to e-schools, whose enrollment surged in FY 2021 because of educational decisions that families made in reaction to the pandemic.
- Chartered nonpublic school enrollment (173,156 students) continued to grow, at 2.0% (3,349) in FY 2024, following increases of 1.4% in FY 2023 and 2.7% in FY 2022.
- Across all sectors, enrollment decreased 0.3% (4,756) in FY 2024.
- Public school students comprised about 90% of the 1.78 million students enrolled statewide in FY 2024.