

Enrollment Summary

The October FTE enrollment count was completed Friday, October 14, 2005. Total K-12 enrollment was 173,236 students (Figure 1). Pre-K enrollment was 3,272 students.

Enrollment at individual schools has continued to both increase and decrease, due to such factors as new residential developments, the opening of new schools and program changes (Figure 2).

At the regional level, the Central Area was the only sector that maintained a growth level consistent with prior years, largely due to the availability of relatively affordable housing stock. Overall, the increase in students from October 2004 to October 2005 was significantly lower than increases experienced in recent years (Figure 3).

Figure 1: October 14, 2005 FTE

	Actual	Projected	Difference
District Schools			
Elementary	76,304	78,305	(2,001)
Middle	38,042	38,934	(892)
High	47,760	49,772	(2,012)
Total District Schools			
Alternative Schools	2,127	2,038	89
ESE/Other Schools/Programs	1,327	1,272	55
Charter Schools	7,676	8,041	(365)
TOTAL K-12 SCHOOLS	173,236	178,362	(5,126)

Figure 2: District School Enrollment Changes FY05 to FY06

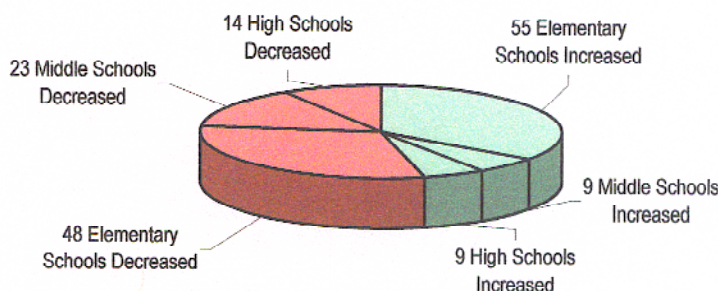
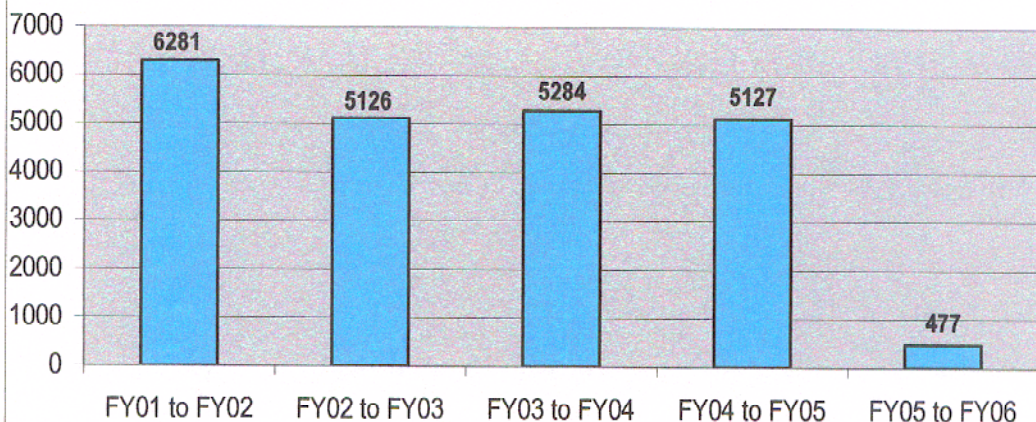


Figure 3: Student Enrollment Growth FY02-FY06



While other Districts in Southeast Florida have also experienced lower than anticipated enrollment in recent years, the changes have been more gradual than that of Palm Beach County (Figure 4).

Figure 4: Southeastern Florida School Districts Enrollment Comparison

District	2003-04 (FY04)			2004-05 (FY05)			2005-06 (FY06)		
	Actual	Proj	Diff	Actual	Proj	Diff	Actual	Proj	Diff
Miami-Dade	361,326	365,185	(3,859)	358,301	362,000	(3,699)	359,745	362,500	(2,755)
Broward	271,339	272,847	(1,508)	272,691	275,841	(3,150)	270,935	274,544	(3,609)
Palm Beach	167,632	167,500	132	172,759	173,190	(431)	173,236	178,362	(5,126)
Martin	17,379	17,469	(90)	17,636	17,691	(55)	17,703	18,305	(602)

Factors Affecting Student Enrollment

Recent changes in housing market characteristics across the region appear to have contributed to lower than anticipated enrollment. The swift and continual rise in median home prices, increase in purchases by investors, increase in number of rental unit conversions to condominiums, a larger second home market share, and increase in new home construction timelines are just some of the changes that have an impact on student enrollment (Figure 5).

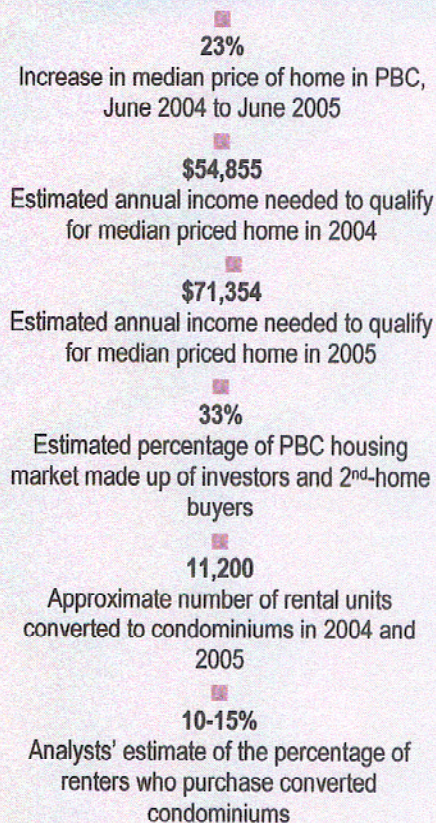
Additionally, the leading edge of the baby boom generation is beginning to impact the housing market earlier than anticipated. This 55 to 60 year old age-cohort typically includes a greater number of "empty-nester" households, which do not have school-age children. Housing market complexities are expected to remain during 2006. As a result, there is more uncertainty in the one-year enrollment forecasting process than has occurred in recent years.

In response to this challenge, District staff continues to meet with and obtain data from housing market specialists, municipal and county planners, and other demographic sources. As always, school principals continue to provide expert knowledge of local variables that impact enrollment. In light of this new information, cohort-survival and other modeling techniques have been adjusted in an effort to account for the impacts of housing market changes on student enrollment. Preliminary analysis shows that the overall K-12 enrollment will be flat or decline slightly in 2006-07 (FY07).

Next Steps

Principals' review of preliminary FY07 enrollment projections will take place December 5-19, 2005. Final enrollment projections will be forwarded to the Budget Office in early January 2006. Development of updated 5-year projections will begin in January 2006, as part of the annual 5-year capital planning process.

Figure 5: Selected Palm Beach County Housing Facts



Sources: Palm Beach Post/Center for Housing Policy

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PALM BEACH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ACTUAL AND PROJECTED ENROLLMENT

	ACTUAL											PROJECTED				
	FY2002 SY2001-02	FY2003 SY2002-03	FY2004 SY2003-04	FY2005 SY2004-05	FY2006 SY2005-06	FY2007 SY2006-07	FY2008 SY2007-08	FY2009 SY2008-09	FY2010 SY2009-10	FY2011 SY2010-11						
District-Owned Facilities																
Elementary Schools*	73,018	73,686	74,823	75,799	76,304	75,868	77,110	78,424	79,955	81,105						
Middle Schools	36,117	36,694	37,880	38,881	38,042	37,614	37,750	38,241	37,925	38,200						
High Schools**	42,963	44,192	45,287	47,456	47,760	47,925	49,049	47,360	46,520	47,540						
K-12	152,098	154,572	157,990	162,136	162,106	161,407	163,909	164,025	164,400	166,845						
Educational Alternatives Schools***	1,847	1,511	1,423	1,417	1,503	1,529	1,525	1,509	1,492	1,504						
Total District-owned K-12****	153,945	156,083	159,413	163,553	163,609	162,936	165,434	165,534	165,892	168,349						
Non-district owned facilities*****	1,048	1,617	1,980	1,857	1,951	2,050	2,054	1,998	1,974	1,990						
Charter Schools	2,229	4,648	6,239	7,349	7,676	7,776	7,755	7,725	7,776	7,953						
Total K-12	157,222	162,348	167,632	172,759	173,236	172,762	175,243	175,257	175,642	178,292						
Prekindergarten	3,199	3,097	2,983	3,088	3,272	3,400	3,550	3,700	3,800	3,900						
Grand Total (prek-12)	160,421	165,445	170,615	175,847	176,508	176,162	178,793	178,957	179,442	182,192						
Incremental Enrollment	00 to 01	01 to 02	02 to 03	03 to 04	04 to 05	05 to 06	06 to 07	07 to 08	08 to 09	09 to 10						
District-owned K-12****	4,703	2,138	3,330	4,140	56	(673)	2,498	100	358	2,457						
K-12	6,281	5,126	5,284	5,127	477	(474)	2,481	14	385	2,650						
Prek-12	6,209	5,024	5,170	5,232	661	(346)	2,631	164	485	2,750						

* Elementary figures include sixth grade students housed at elementary schools

** High school enrollment projections include 7 & 8 grades students attending Pahokee Middle-Senior.

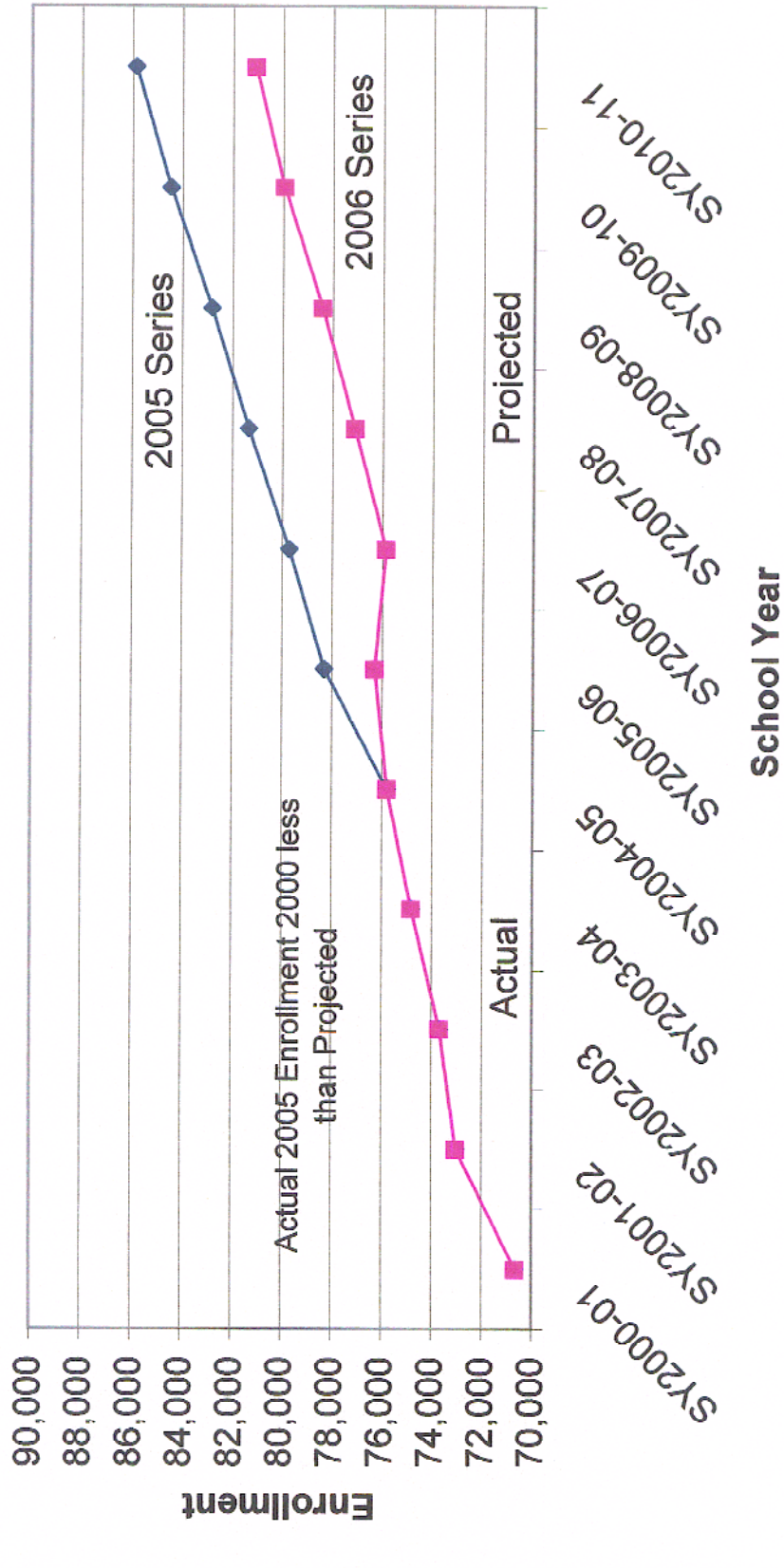
***K-12 students enrolled in district owned educational alternative schools, centers and other facilities.

**** Total K-12 students enrolled in district owned facilities (comparable to Department of Education Capital Outlay Projections)

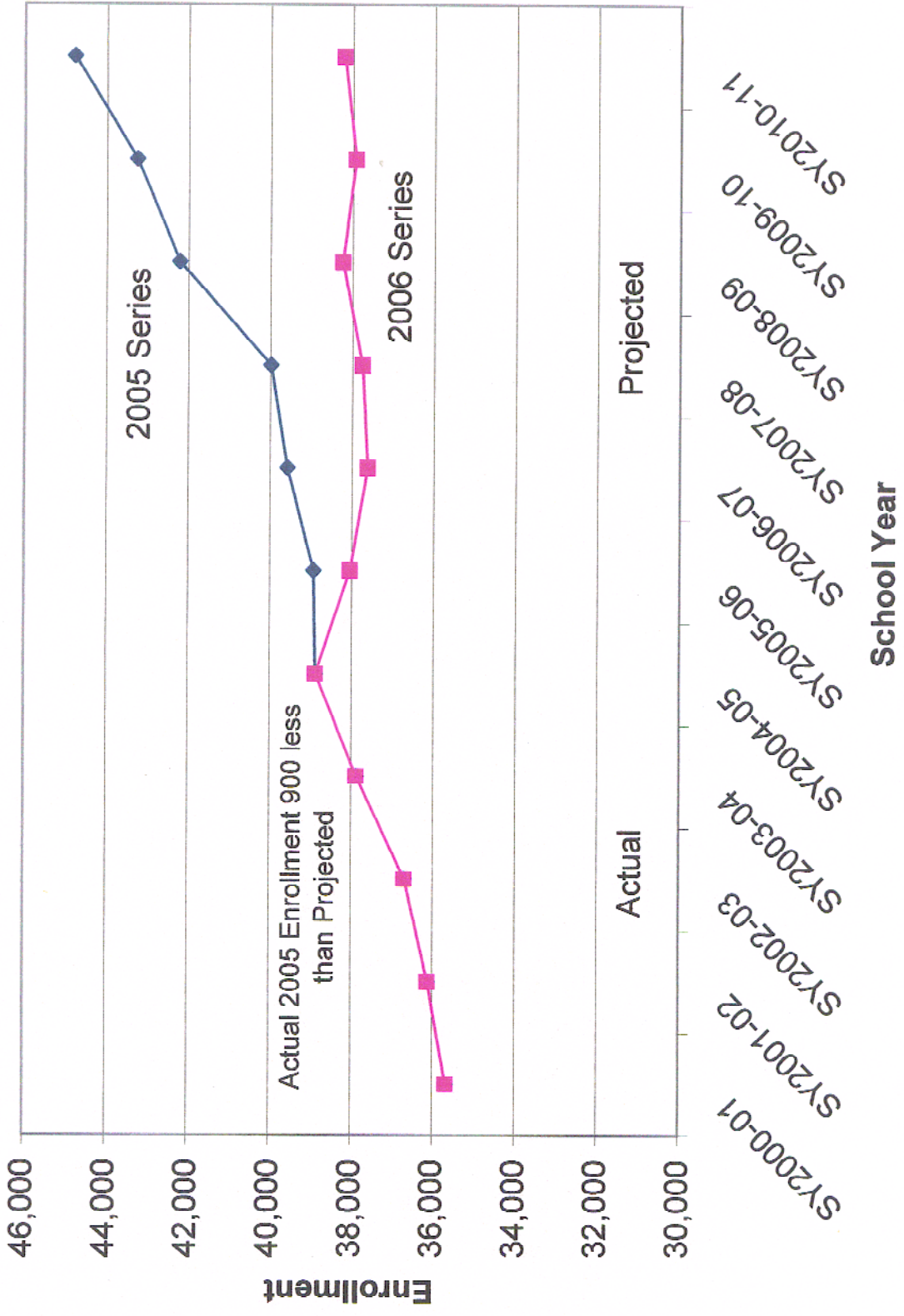
*****Students housed in facilities that are not owned by the district: examples include County Jail, Eagle Academy, Sego Palm Academy, Pace Center for Girls, Palm Beach Mall Academy and others.

Note: South Technical Center and Inlet Grove Technical Center are conversion charter schools. The projected enrollment for these schools is part of the charter enrollment. Historical high school enrollment has been adjusted to match projected data. Historical enrollment at South Technical School and Inlet Grove School are part of the charter school total.

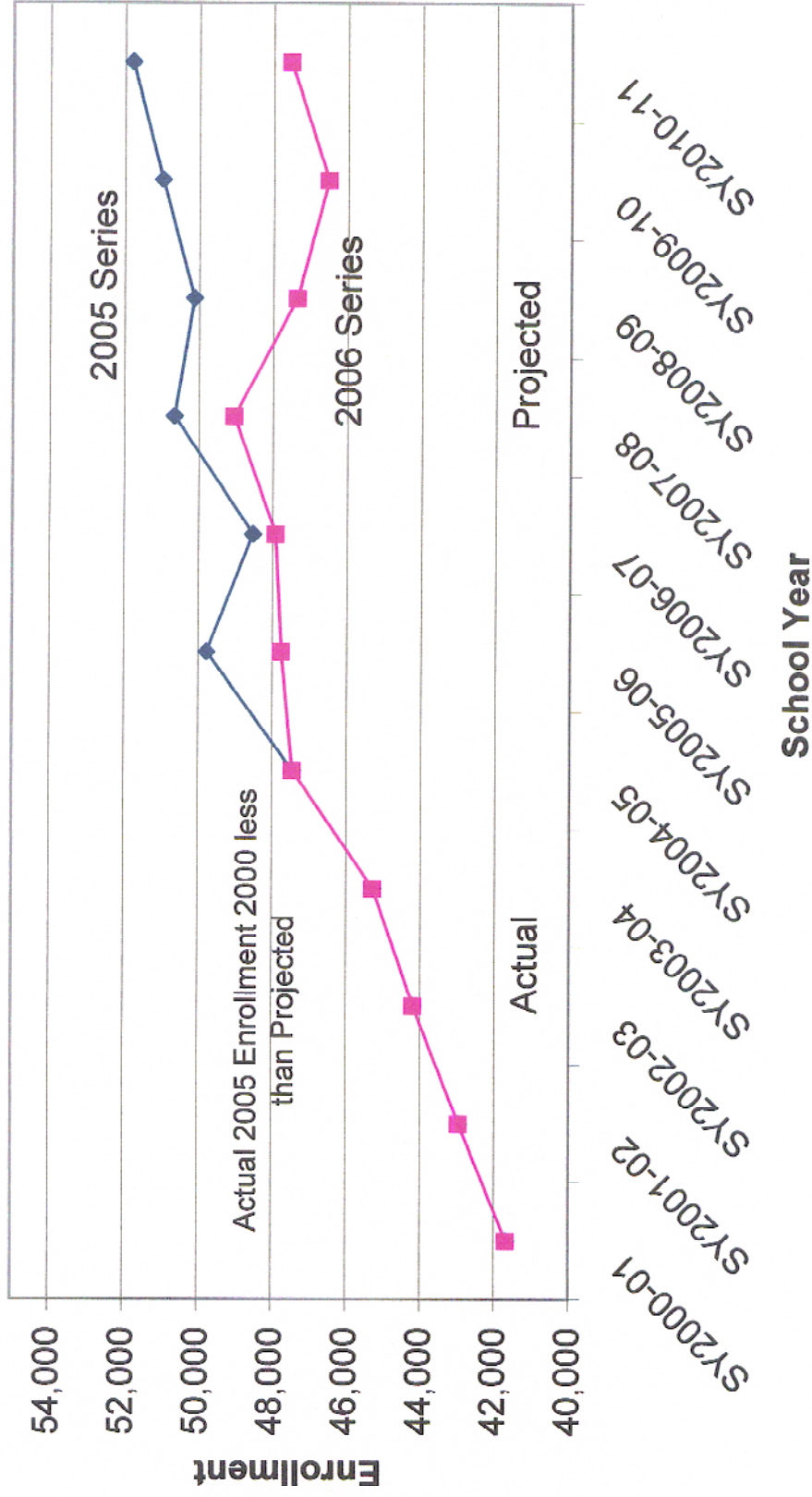
COMPARISON OF 2005 & 2006 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS



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COMPARISON OF 2005 & 2006 HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS



COMPARISON OF 2005 & 2006 K-12 ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

