

Demographic Summary South Gibson Schools
April 2024

1. The South Gibson School Corporation will experience a steady population and enrollment over the next 10 years, primarily due to a growing elderly population, an increase in empty nest households, and relatively large 12th-grade graduating classes.
2. Total district enrollment is forecasted to decrease by 77 students, or -3.7%, from Academic Year 2023-24 through AY 2028-29. Total enrollment is expected to increase by 5 students, or 0.2%, from AY 2028-29 through AY 2033-34.
3. The resident total fertility rate for the South Gibson School Corporation over the life of the forecasts is below the replacement level (1.86 vs. the replacement level of 2.1).
4. The dominant in-migration flow to the district continues in the 0-to-9 and 25-to-44-year-old age groups. These tend to be young families with school age or pre-school-age children, which helps increase the size of the district's relatively small 0-4 age groups.
5. The largest out-migration flow occurs when the local 18-to-24-year-old population leaves the district, going to college or moving to other urbanized areas. This population group accounts for the largest segment of the district's outmigration flow and will increase steadily over the next 10 years. The second largest migration outflow is in the 70+ age group downsizing from their housing units.
6. The primary factors causing the South Gibson School Corporation enrollment to decrease over the next five years are the increase in empty nest households in the district and the relatively low number of elderly housing units turning over coupled with a sustained rate of in-migration of young families.
7. Changes in year-to-year enrollment over the next ten years will primarily be due to small cohorts entering and moving through the school system in conjunction with larger cohorts leaving the system.
8. The average size of the graduating 12th-grade class in the South Gibson School Corporation district will be 175 students from AY2024 to AY2033. This compares to 161 over the last five years.

9. The total elementary (K-5) enrollment will slowly increase after the 2028-29 school year.

10. The population's median age in the South Gibson School Corporation district will increase from 39.3 years in 2020 to 41.1 in 2035, confirming the continuation of the district's aging trend.

11. The average household size in the South Gibson School Corporation district decreased from 2.59 in 2010 to 2.54 in 2020 which helps explain why the district is experiencing smaller student yields from their housing units.

Even if the district continues to have some amount of annual new housing unit construction over the next 10 years, the rate, magnitude, and price of existing home sales will become the increasingly dominant factor affecting the amount of population and enrollment change

	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	31-32	32-33	33-34
K	127	169	147	129	135	137	131	130	128	130	133	137	140	142
1	129	118	157	137	127	130	132	129	128	126	128	132	136	139
2	135	129	120	167	137	127	131	133	129	128	128	130	136	140
3	155	139	124	119	166	136	128	132	134	130	130	130	132	138
4	138	162	144	130	123	171	138	130	134	136	132	132	132	134
5	136	137	168	141	130	123	171	138	130	134	136	132	132	133
6	169	166	175	190	166	153	145	200	163	152	159	161	156	157
7	162	173	172	175	193	168	154	145	202	164	152	159	162	157
8	167	171	177	163	174	193	168	153	144	202	166	153	161	164
Total K-8	1318	1364	1384	1351	1351	1338	1298	1290	1292	1302	1264	1266	1287	1304
9	197	195	202	196	184	197	218	190	173	163	228	188	173	182
10	166	191	179	202	190	178	191	211	184	168	158	221	182	168

11	189	147	194	171	194	182	171	183	203	177	161	152	212	175
12	176	170	148	187	166	188	177	166	178	197	172	156	147	206
Total 9-12	728	703	723	756	734	745	757	750	738	705	719	717	714	731
Total K-12	2046	2067	2107	2107	2085	2083	2055	2040	2030	2007	1983	1983	2001	2035

	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	31-32	32-33	33-34
HCS	364	377	394	388	385	359	352	358	358	371	368	369	381	387
FBCS	542	570	575	568	574	580	561	549	552	549	529	528	537	544
OCS	412	417	415	395	392	399	385	383	382	382	367	369	369	373
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- Enrollment will remain stable for the next 10 years assuming no new subdivisions will be established.
- The study assumes a continuation of our current out-of-district enrollment numbers.
- A drop in out-of-district enrollment would reduce the enrollment projections.
- Current staffing numbers will be sufficient to meet demand and could drop slightly.
- Special education, and a growing population, needs may dictate new or different staff needs.
- Current building sizes should be sufficient to meet student demands.
- The corporation can plan for facility maintenance and upgrades rather than expansion of school buildings.
- Facilities attract potential families and students.