

Inequitable education funding in New Hampshire impacts reach beyond the taxpayer. Students' educational experiences can be drastically different all over the state. This paper presents information about the students in Contoocook Valley and how they compare to the rest of the state.

### Students and Student Characteristics

Contoocook Valley School District serves preschool through grade 12. As of October 2023, the district had 2,004 students.

ConVal has less racial diversity than the state overall; 6% of students are nonwhite, compared to 18% statewide. About 23% of students qualified for free or reduced-price lunch, below the state average of 24.1%. Special education services were provided to 417 students (20%), compared to 19.7% statewide. Only 7 students were English learners.

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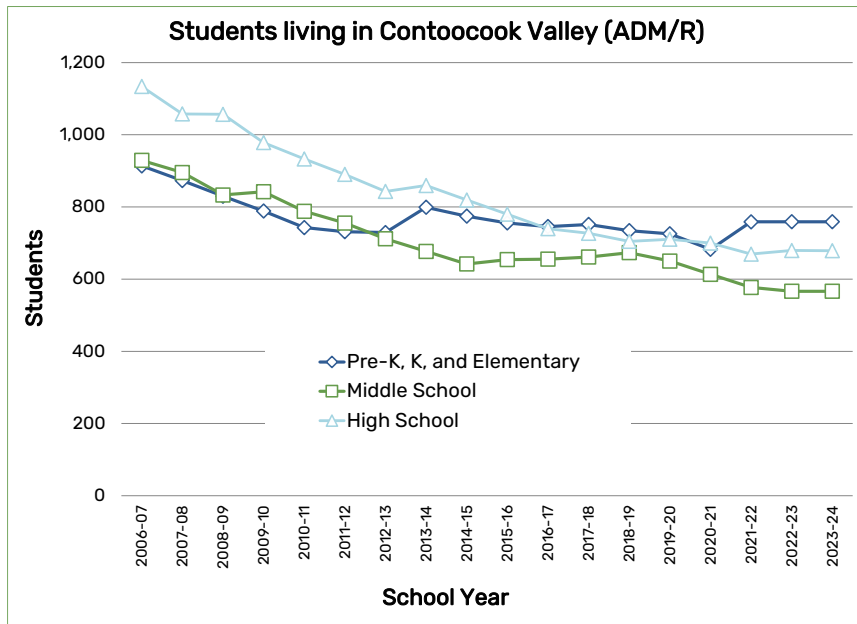
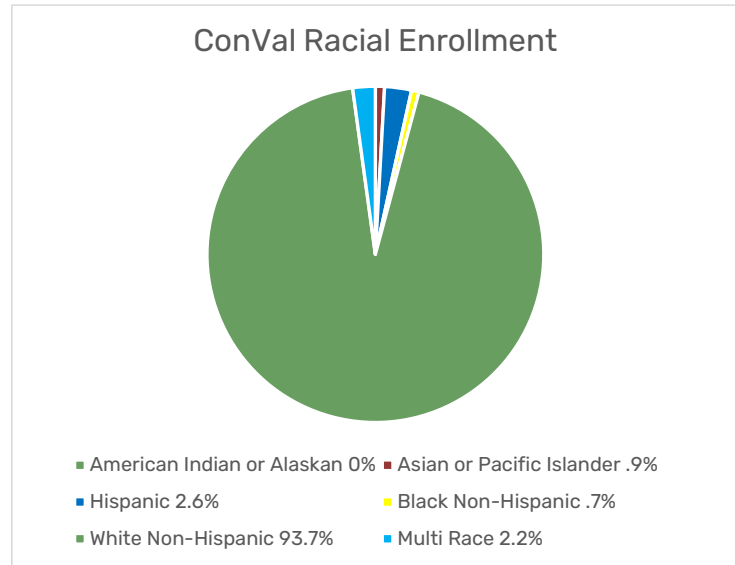


Figure 1



### Enrollment Trends

Enrollment, measured by Average Daily Membership in Residence (ADM/R), has declined steadily, reflecting broader statewide trends. From 2006-07 to 2023-24, enrollment dropped from 2,976 to 2,004—a 26.3% decline.

### Graduation Rates

Between 2015 and 2024, ConVal had an average graduation rate of 91%, higher than the statewide average of 88.9%. ConVal ranked 37th out of 81 public high schools.

**SAT Performance**

From 2018 to 2021, 628 juniors at ConVal took the SAT, with an average score of 1054, above the state average of 1038. The district ranked 19th of 79 public high schools. Participation was slightly higher than average: 10.4% of juniors were untested, compared to 12.2% statewide.

**Advanced Placement (AP) Results**

Between 2018 and 2021, ConVal students were more likely to take AP exams than their peers statewide and had higher pass rates. As a share of total enrollment, AP participation was above average.

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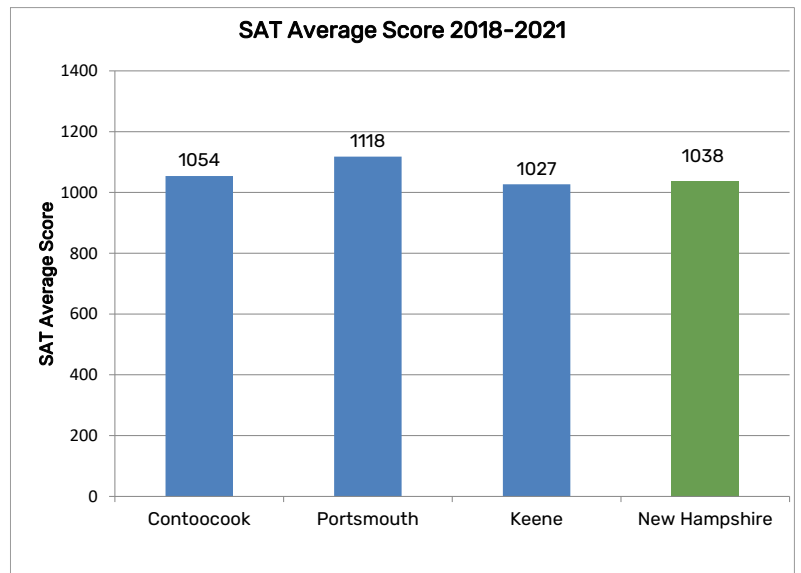


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	3 Year Exam Takers	3 Year Exams	3 Year Scores of 3, 4, or 5	Takers as % of Enrollment	Exams per Taker	Scored 3+ as % of Exams	Scored 3+ per 100 enrollment
Contoocook Valley	300	478	382	14.0%	1.6	79.92%	17.8
State	22,966	36,355	25,108	10.62%	1.58	69.06%	11.61

**UNH Applications and Enrollment**

Between 2017 and 2024, 24.74% of Contoocook Valley seniors applied to UNH, slightly below the statewide rate of 27.1%. Of those, 86.76% were admitted, and 6.34% enrolled, a bit less than the statewide enrollment rate.

Figure 5

