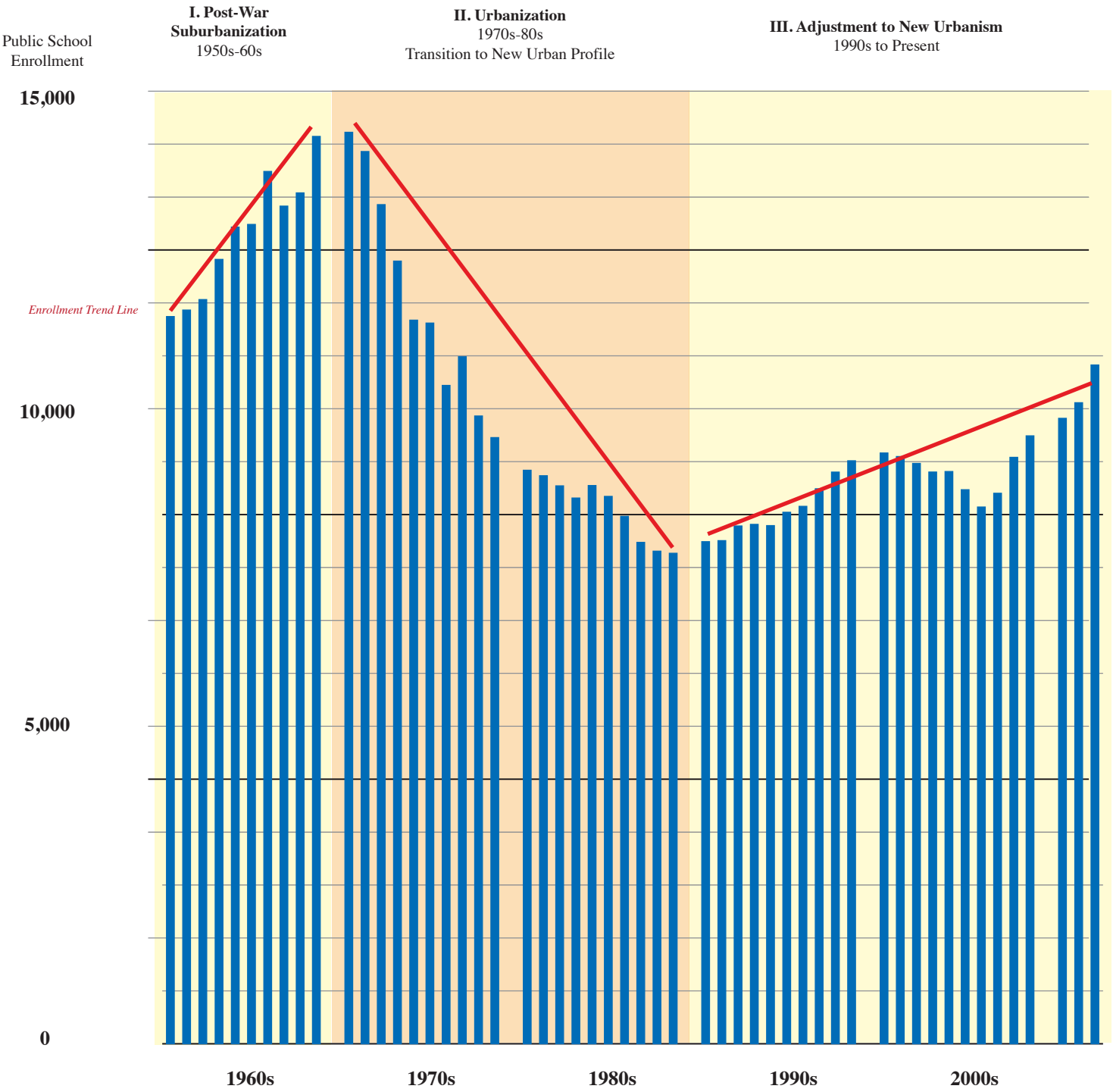
Alexandria's Pubic School Enrollment History: 1960 to Present

Three Distinct Historical Eras - the Larger Context Influencing Enrollment Trends



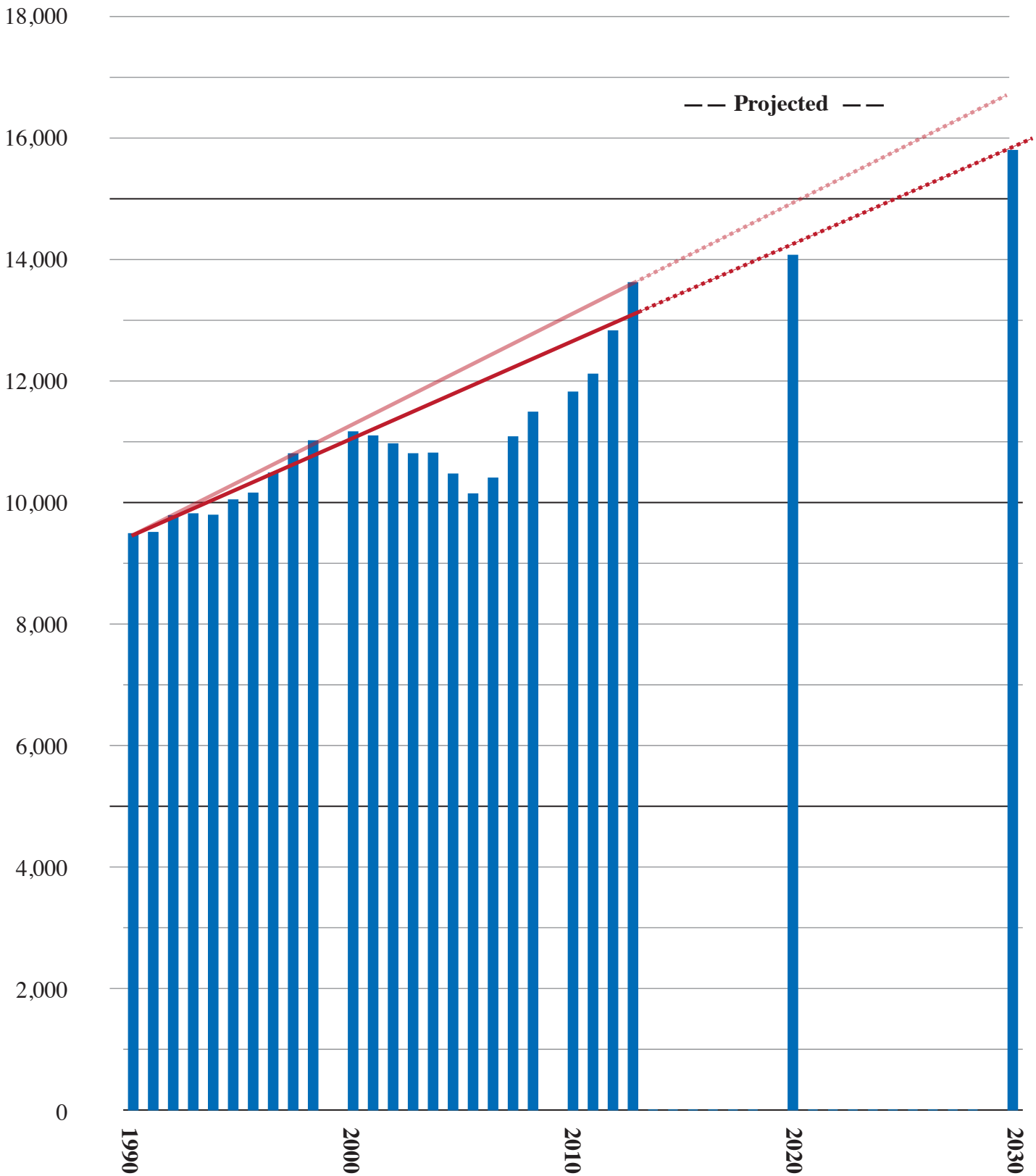
Distinguishing Characteristics of Three Phases in City's

- baby boom years
- period of rapid population growth, when city experienced its largest population increases in its history
- households consisted pimarily of families with children
- ??? what was built

- baby bust years
- slow growth years: net population gain from 1970-1990: .....
- when large-scale commerical/retail devleopment of suburbs commenced
- saw construction of large number of high-rise condos in West End and other parts of city
- when city's demographic profile morphed from a traditional family-suburb into new urban identity

- moderate, but sustainined population growth
- characterized by high degree of stability in many demographic and household fundamentals: avg household size, household composition (% families, households with children), percentage share of school-aged population, percent of households that rent, etc.
- high degree of population turnover/migrstion

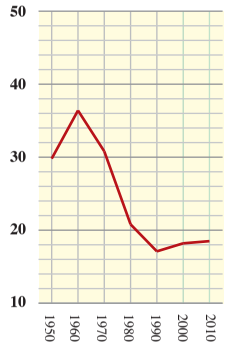
Enrollment Growth Scenarios



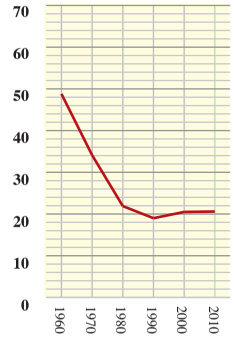
No Evidence of Significant Shifts

In Basic Demographic/Household Profile that has Defined the City for Past 30 Years

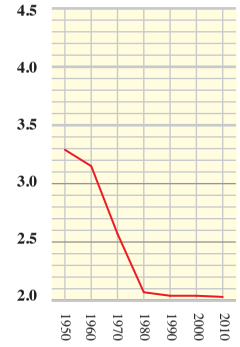
Percent Youth



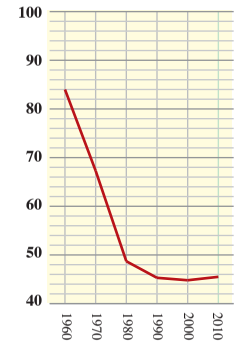
Percent Households with Children



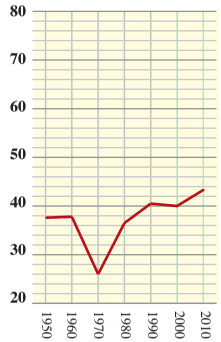
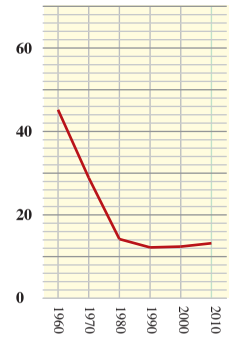
Average Household Size



Percent Family Households



Percent Owner-Occupied Households



Percent Married-Couple Households with Children