



Average Class Sizes in the Rush-Henrietta Central School District

Eight-year analysis of NYSED Report Card Data (2017–18 through 2024–25) in Rush-Henrietta compared with 17 other Monroe County public school districts and New York State

Introduction

In a diverse community like Rush-Henrietta, every student deserves a fair shot at success. As we work toward equity for all students, class size is not just a number on a chart; it's a key lever for delivering the support needed by students to thrive.

Since 2011, the Rush-Henrietta Central School District has placed a heavy emphasis on [maintaining small class sizes](#) at the primary level. This policy was informed by decades of research which show that [smaller classes make a big difference](#),

In particular, low class sizes have been demonstrated to better support [low-income and minority students](#). Major studies, like Tennessee's Project STAR, prove that fewer students per classroom help close learning gaps and boost achievement where it matters most.

Class sizes also shape daily life for teachers. When classes are smaller, our educators have more time for each child, increasing their impact on the outcomes they are trying to achieve for their students – academically, emotionally, and socially.

Decisions about class sizes have strong implications for our District's ability to achieve its strategic objectives:

- Specifically – under “Excellence for Every Student”, the District aims to “promote access and inclusion for each student” with a specific target of **decreasing the achievement gap between student subgroups on state assessments**.
- Foundationally – none of the District's objectives can be met without retaining teachers, and lower class sizes are one of the factors that our teachers union (RHEA) has **highlighted as a major consideration for teachers**.

For this reason, Rush-Henrietta Parents for Change (RHPFC) has developed this report on average class sizes. It looks at eight years of state data (2018–2025) to illustrate the historical class sizes maintained in the District by grade level. Our goal is to provide context for decisions that put fairness and learning first for every student in Rush-Henrietta.

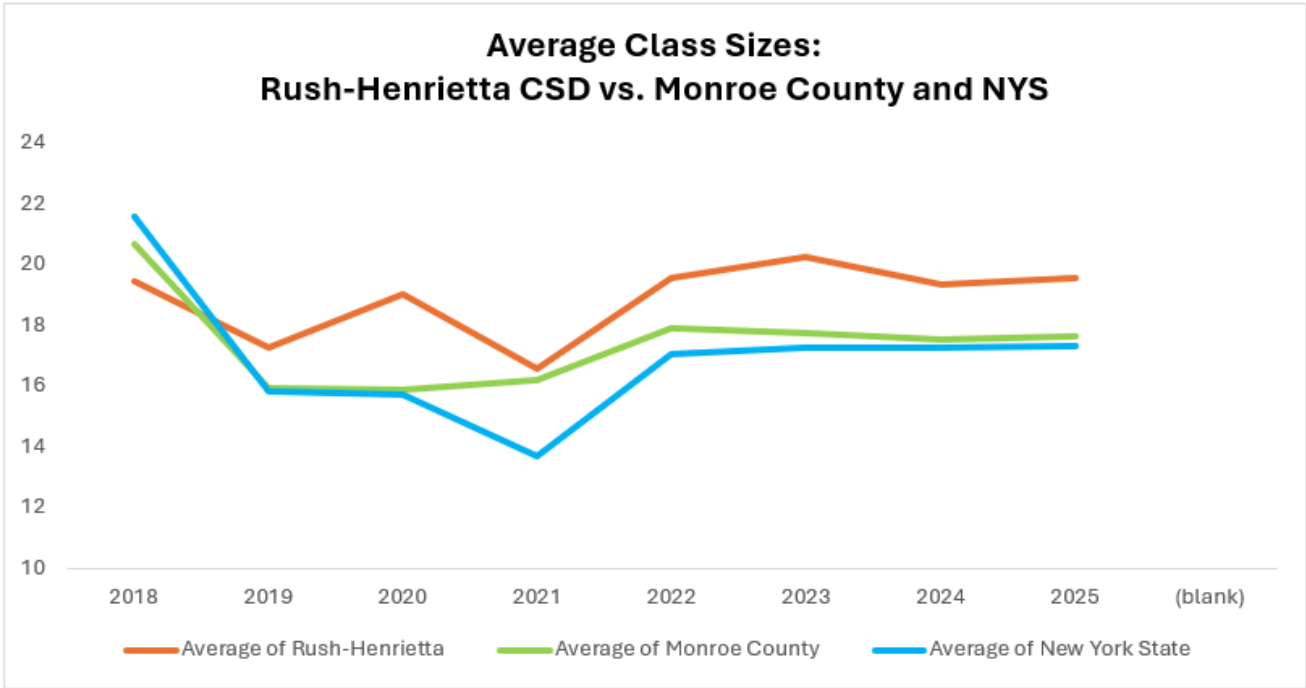
What the Data Highlights

From 2018-2025, average class sizes have maintained a relatively stable margin between RHCS, Monroe County and New York State – reflecting a clear policy and sustained commitment on the District's behalf to ensure targeted support for Primary students through smaller class sizes.

At the same time, our Elementary and Middle school class sizes have been consistently and materially larger than those of the schools we are benchmarking against.

As the District actively seeks to improve academic attainment for important subgroups within our community – specifically low-income and minority students – the larger class sizes documented within Elementary and Middle school at RHCS represent a clear opportunity to adopt the recommendations of RHEA to reduce class sizes beyond Primary school.

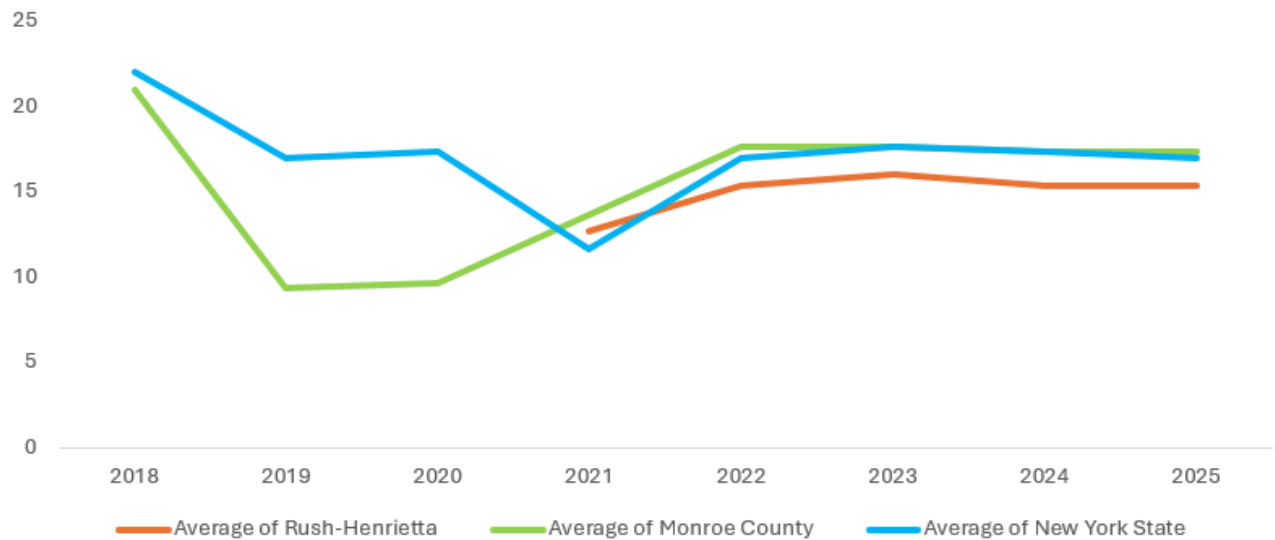
Average Class Size Data, by School Category / Grade Level



Class Description (All)
School Level (All)

Row Labels	Average of Rush-Henrietta	Average of Monroe County	Average of New York State
2018	19.4	20.7	21.6
2019	17.3	15.9	15.9
2020	19.0	15.9	15.7
2021	16.6	16.2	13.7
2022	19.6	17.9	17.1
2023	20.2	17.8	17.3
2024	19.3	17.5	17.3
2025	19.6	17.6	17.3
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Grand Total	18.8	17.1	16.5

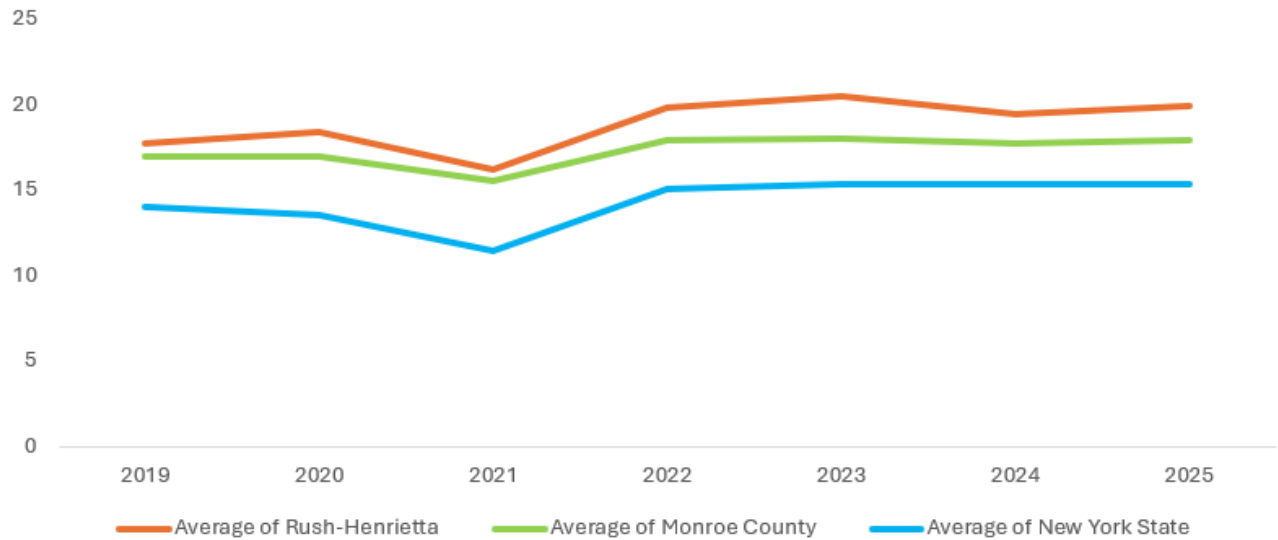
PRIMARY (K-2) Average Class Sizes: Rush-Henrietta CSD vs. Monroe County and NYS



Class Description (All)
School Level Primary

Row Labels	Average of Rush-Henrietta	Average of Monroe County	Average of New York State
2018	17.0	21.0	22.0
2019		9.3	17.0
2020		9.7	17.3
2021	12.7	13.7	11.7
2022	15.3	17.7	17.0
2023	16.0	17.7	17.7
2024	15.3	17.3	17.3
2025	15.3	17.3	17.0
Grand Total	15.1	15.0	16.7

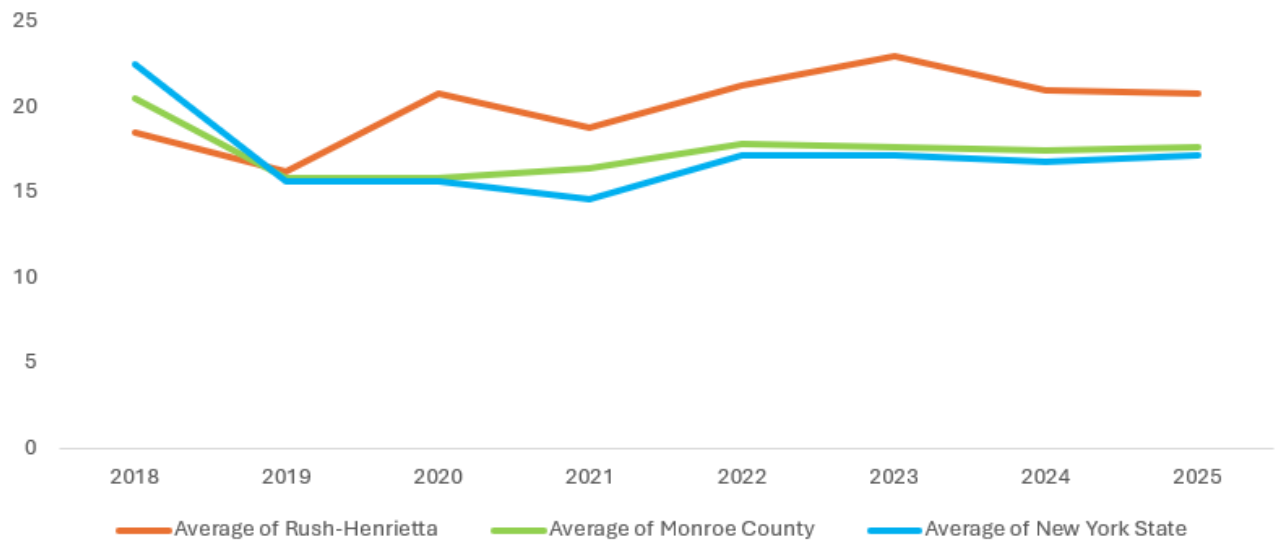
ELEMENTARY (3-6) Average Class Sizes: Rush-Henrietta CSD vs. Monroe County and NYS



Class Description (All)
School Level Elementary

Row Labels	Average of Rush-Henrietta	Average of Monroe County	Average of New York State
2019	17.8	17.0	14.0
2020	18.4	17.0	13.6
2021	16.2	15.6	11.4
2022	19.8	17.9	15.1
2023	20.4	18.0	15.3
2024	19.4	17.8	15.3
2025	19.9	17.9	15.3
Grand Total	18.9	17.3	14.3

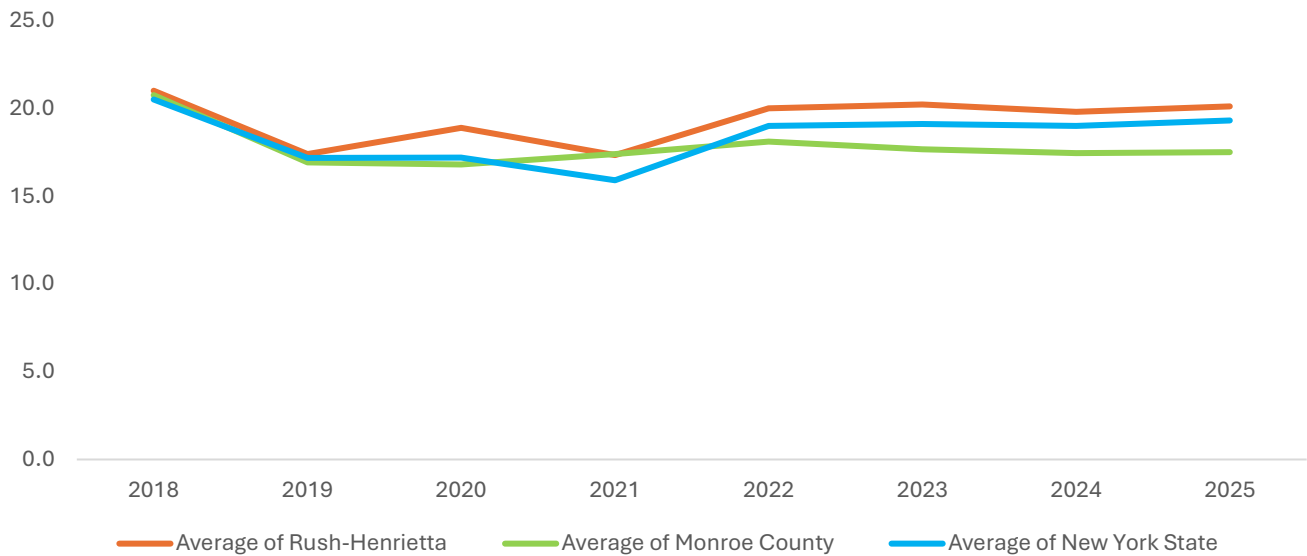
**MIDDLE (7-8) Average Class Sizes:
Rush-Henrietta CSD vs. Monroe County and NYS**



Class Description (All)
School Level Middle

Row Labels	Average of Rush-Henrietta	Average of Monroe County	Average of New York State
2018	18.5	20.5	22.5
2019	16.2	15.8	15.6
2020	20.8	15.8	15.6
2021	18.8	16.4	14.6
2022	21.3	17.8	17.2
2023	23.0	17.6	17.2
2024	21.0	17.4	16.8
2025	20.8	17.6	17.2
Grand Total	19.9	17.3	16.9

HIGH SCHOOL (9-12) Average Class Sizes: Rush-Henrietta CSD vs. Monroe County and NYS



Class Description (All)
 School Level High School

Row Labels	Average of Rush-Henrietta	Average of Monroe County	Average of New York State
2018	21.0	20.8	20.5
2019	17.4	16.9	17.2
2020	18.9	16.8	17.2
2021	17.3	17.4	15.9
2022	20.0	18.1	19.0
2023	20.2	17.7	19.1
2024	19.8	17.5	19.0
2025	20.1	17.5	19.3
Grand Total	19.2	17.6	18.2

Data, methodology, and interpretation

Data used

The analysis uses NYSED average-class-size data for reporting years 2018–2025 (school years 2017–18 through 2024–25). This data is made available to the public on the NYSED website, published under each Report Card in the "Student and Educator Report" section. We extracted this data from each District report card in Monroe county using the URL format: <https://data.nysed.gov/studenteducator.php?year=YYYY&instid=EEEEEEEEEEEEEE> replacing YYYY with year and EEEEEEEEEEEEEEE with actual entity code.

Entity codes are as follows:

DISTRICT	ENTITY CODE
BRIGHTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	260101060000
BROCKPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	261801060000
CHURCHVILLE-CHILI CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	261501060000
EAST IRONDEQUOIT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	260801060000
EAST ROCHESTER UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT	261313030000
FAIRPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	261301060000
GATES-CHILI CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	260401060000
GREECE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	260501060000
HILTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	261101060000
HONEOYE	260901060000
HONEOYE FALLS-LIMA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	260901060000
PENFIELD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	261201060000
PITTSFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	261401060000
ROCHESTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	261600010000
RUSH-HENRIETTA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	261701060000
SPENCERPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	261001060000
WEBSTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	261901060000
WEST IRONDEQUOIT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	260803060000
WHEATLAND-CHILI CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	262001040000

The figures shown in the charts and tables are averages of the available reported class-size measures for Rush-Henrietta, Monroe County, and New York State, grouped by reporting year and school level. Primary covers K–2; Elementary, grades 3–6; Middle, grades 7–8; and High School, grades 9–12, as labeled in the report.

These summary values are averages of reported measures, not necessarily student-weighted averages of all classrooms. The Monroe County and NYS figures are comparison benchmarks, not estimates of a typical individual classroom.

Limitations of the Data

The published figures summarize reported class-size categories and should not be interpreted as the size of every classroom or as a student-weighted districtwide mean. The number and mix of reported categories can differ by year and geography, affecting comparisons. In particular, Rush-Henrietta primary values are missing for 2018–19 and 2019–20, and 2017–18 uses categories that are not fully comparable with later years. Pandemic-era scheduling and reporting changes may also affect the series.

These data do not establish why class sizes differ. Enrollment changes, staffing allocations, course offerings, and reporting practices could all contribute. Further analysis using enrollment and classroom counts would be needed to determine the share of students experiencing larger classes.