



Kenai Conversation

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

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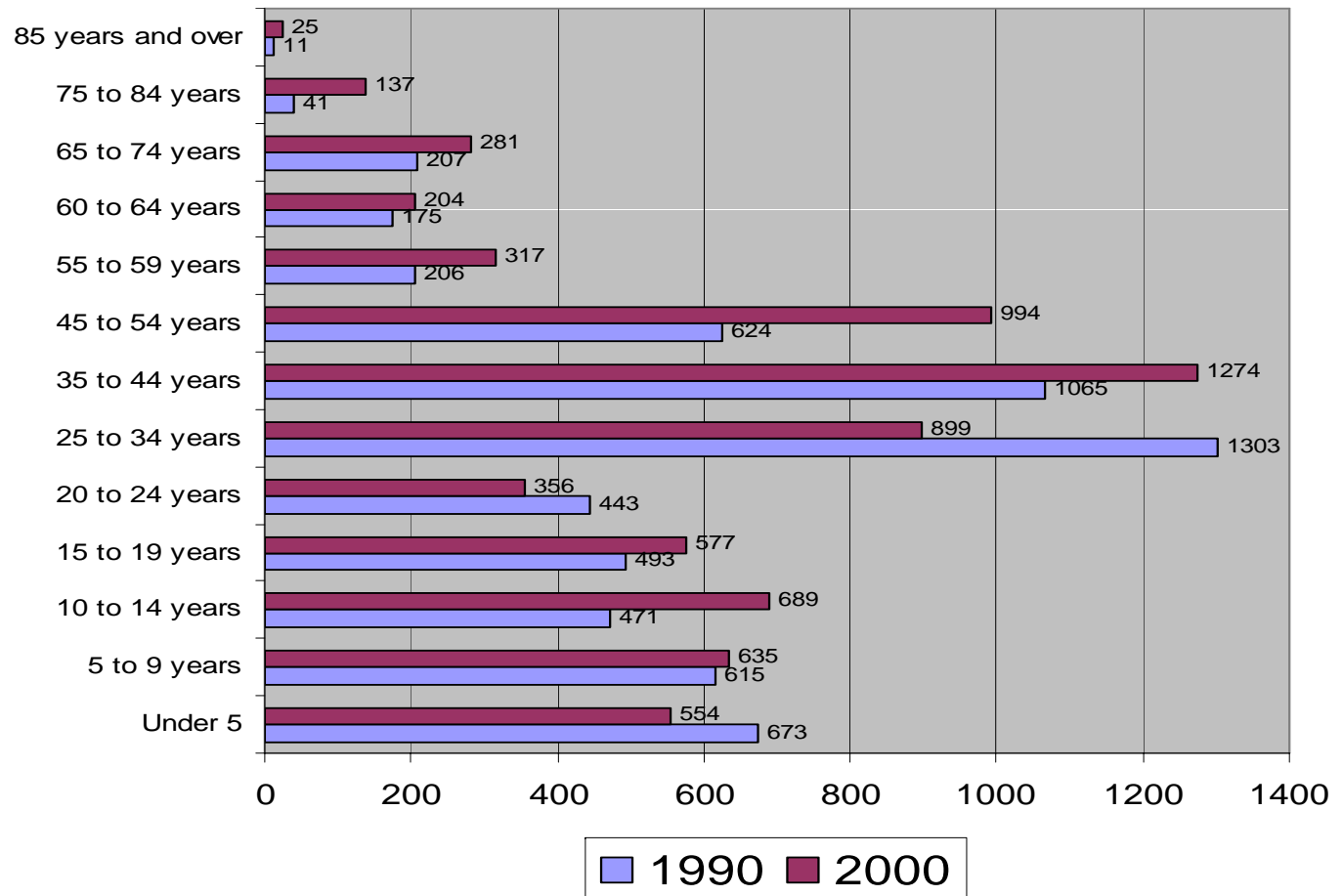
Why are we facing the current situation in Kenai?

- Aging Population/Changing Demographics
- Increased School Choice.
- Fluid and Mobile Student Population
- Housing Costs
- Job Market and Opportunities

Categories adapted from School Business Affairs
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Demographics Age Group

City of Kenai Population by Age



OASIS Enrollment Numbers (Kenai)

School	1980-1981	Newly Opened School	1985-1986	Newly Opened Schools	1990-1991	1995-1996	Newly Opened School	2000-2001	Newly Opened Schools	2005-2006	Current
KCHS	628	1984 K-Beach Elem	766	1987 North Star Elem & Mt. View Elem 1988 Nikiski Middle/High 1990 Skyview High & Kenai Alternative High	401	451	1998 Aurora Borealis Charter	485	2003 Kenai Youth Facility 2004 Kaleidoscope Charter	510	
KMS	324		391		232	454		428		391	
Mt. View	300		326		489	417		398		286	
Sears	381		430		463	432		382		205	
Kenai Alt.					19			71		70	
Aurora Borealis								102		178	
Kaleidoscope										115	
Kenai Youth Facility										12	

2002 K-Mart left

2004 Home Depot opened, Agrium announced potential closure





Charter School/Program Enrollment

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Approximate Number of Kenai Area Students
Attending District Charter Schools - Fall 2006

Aurora Borealis	81	of	178	46%
Kaleidoscope	123	of	159	77%
Soldotna Montessori	24	of	161	15%
Total	228		498	
Connections	169	of	808	21%

Non-KPBSD Programs

Cook Inlet Academy, Reads Primary, Grace Lutheran, Wings Christian,
Kenai Montessori

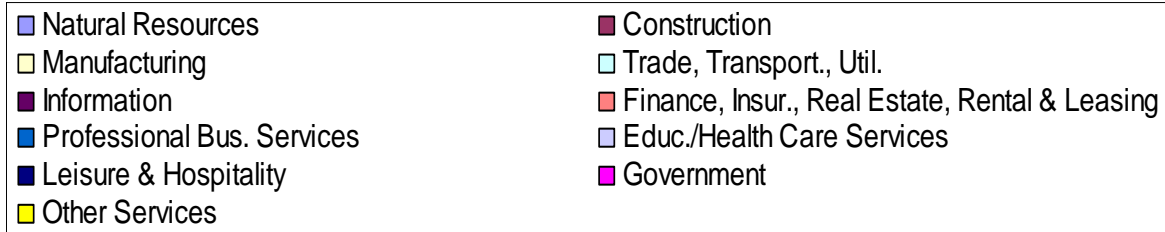
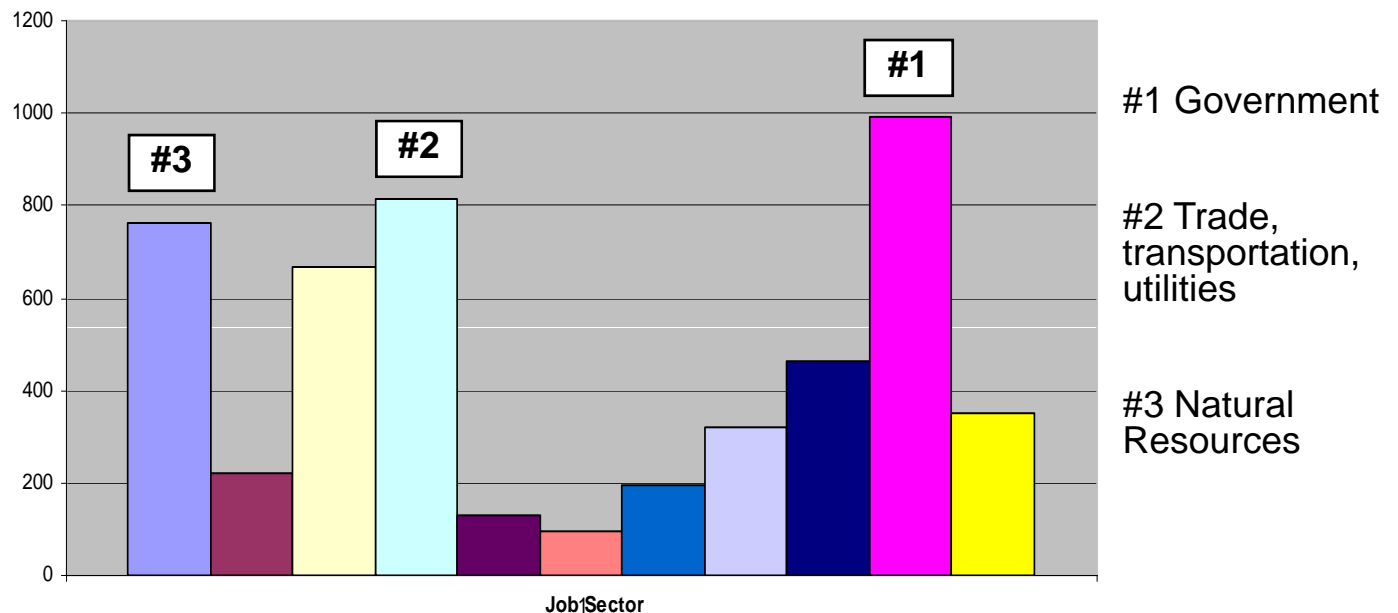
Enrollment Projections

School	Capacity	2006-2007 Projected Enrollment	2006- 2007 Actual	2007- 2008	2008- 2009	2009- 2010	2010- 2011	2011- 2012
Aurora Borealis	400	200	178	200	200	200	200	200
Kaleidoscope Charter	500	136	159	136	136	136	136	136
Kenai Alternative	400	70	84	70	70	70	70	70
Kenai Central High	800	516	521	513	530	514	478	439
Kenai Middle	550	385	388	354	307	230	203	216
Kenai Youth Facility	10	10	14	10	10	10	10	10
Mt. View Elem.	500	230	237	203	197	222	246	268
Sears Elem.	500	222	198	246	241	253	247	246

Taken from KPBSD Six-Year Plan

Employment Information

Kenai Annual Average Monthly Employment - 2003



Information taken from Kenai Economic Development Strategy



Key Issue

Kenai has fewer students spread out among more educational options.



Process

1. Gather data
2. Frame the conversation
3. Share the situation
4. Gather feedback
 - a. *site councils*
 - b. *community groups*
 - c. *public meeting*
5. Make recommendations
 - a. *space allocations*
 - b. *other*



Outcome

Short term:

Space allocation for Kaleidoscope Charter School

Long term:

Use strengths to assure a vibrant educational community

- *community support*
- *positive student behaviors/norms*
- *involvement of students in sports, music and service learning*