decline

*a continuous decrease in the number, value, quality, etc. of sth*

（数量、价值、质量等的）减少，下降，衰落，衰退

a  rapid/sharp/gradual decline  迅速╱急剧╱逐渐下降

urban/economic decline  城市衰落；经济衰退

The company reported a small decline in its profits. 公司报告其利润略有减少。  美

An increase in cars has resulted in the decline of public transport. 汽车的增加导致了公共交通的减少。  美

The town  fell into (a) decline  *(= started to be less busy, important, etc.)*after the mine closed. 这个镇在矿井关闭后开始衰落。

Industry in Britain has been  in decline  since the 1970s.

英国工业自20世纪70年代以来一直在走下坡路。

decrease

 ~ (from sth) (to sth) to become or make sth become smaller in size, number, etc. （使大小、数量等）减少，减小，降低

The number of new students decreased from 210 to 160 this year.

The price of wheat has decreased by  15%.

结论：decrease仅表示大小、数量上的减少，而decline还可以表示价值、质量下降以及衰落等含义，后者范围更广