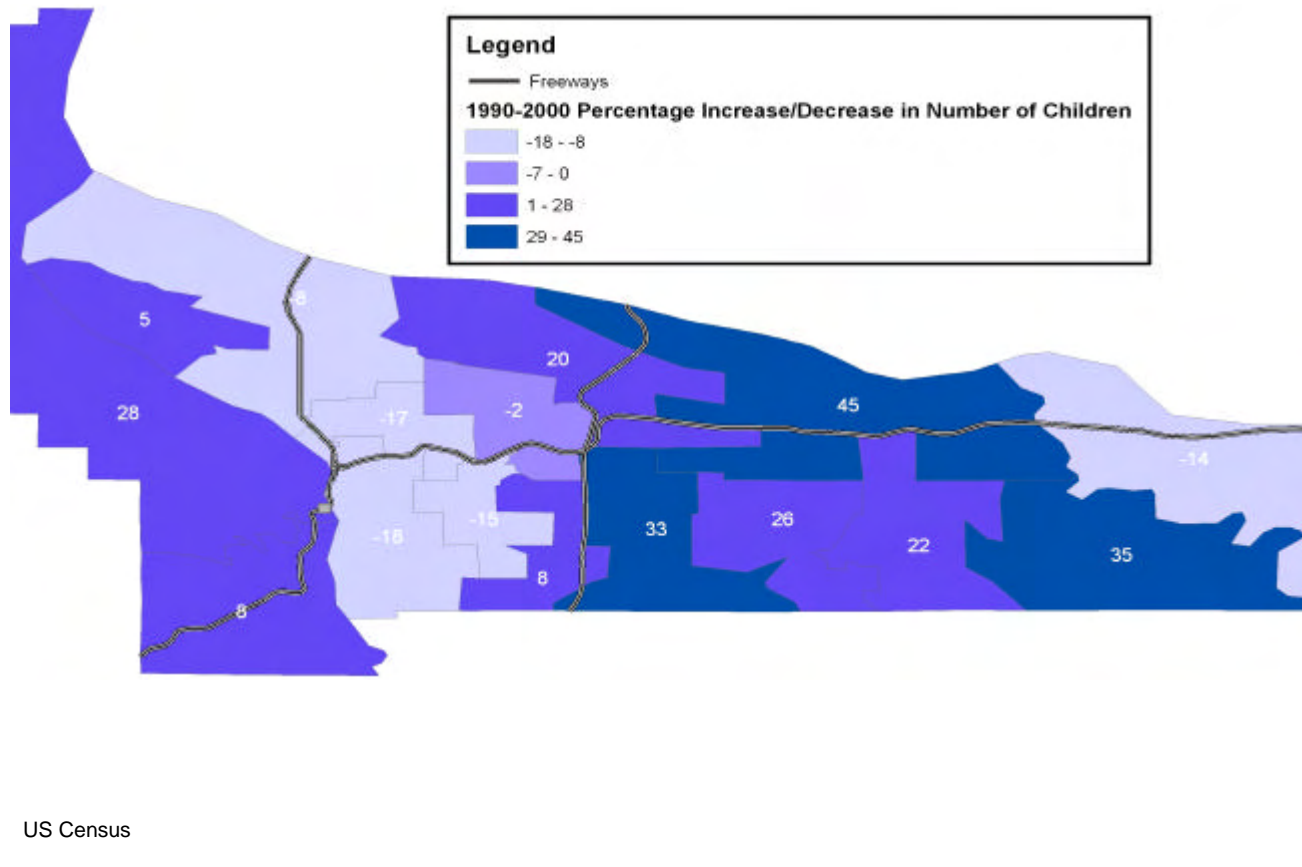


K-12 Enrollment Trends in Multnomah County and Adjacent Counties

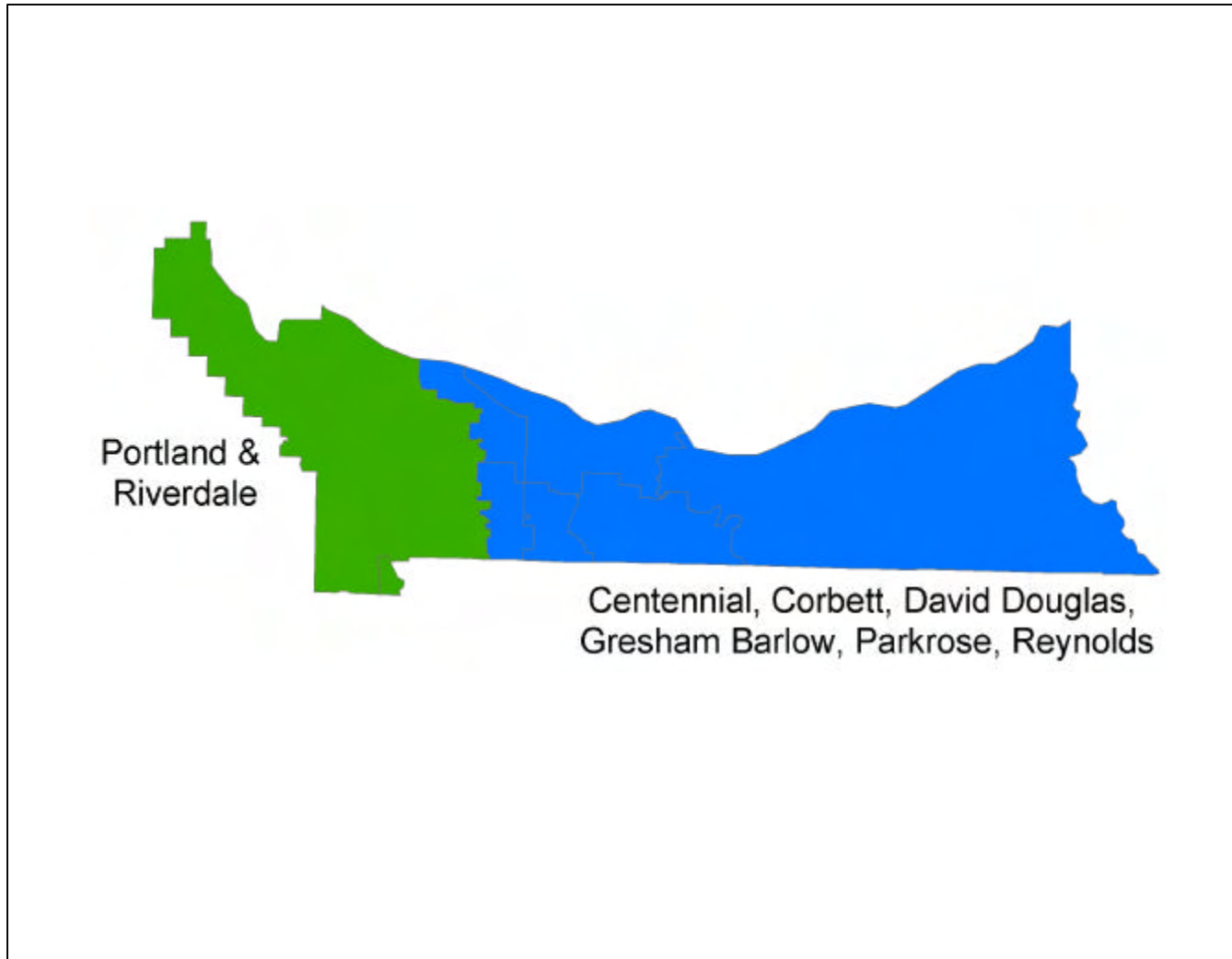
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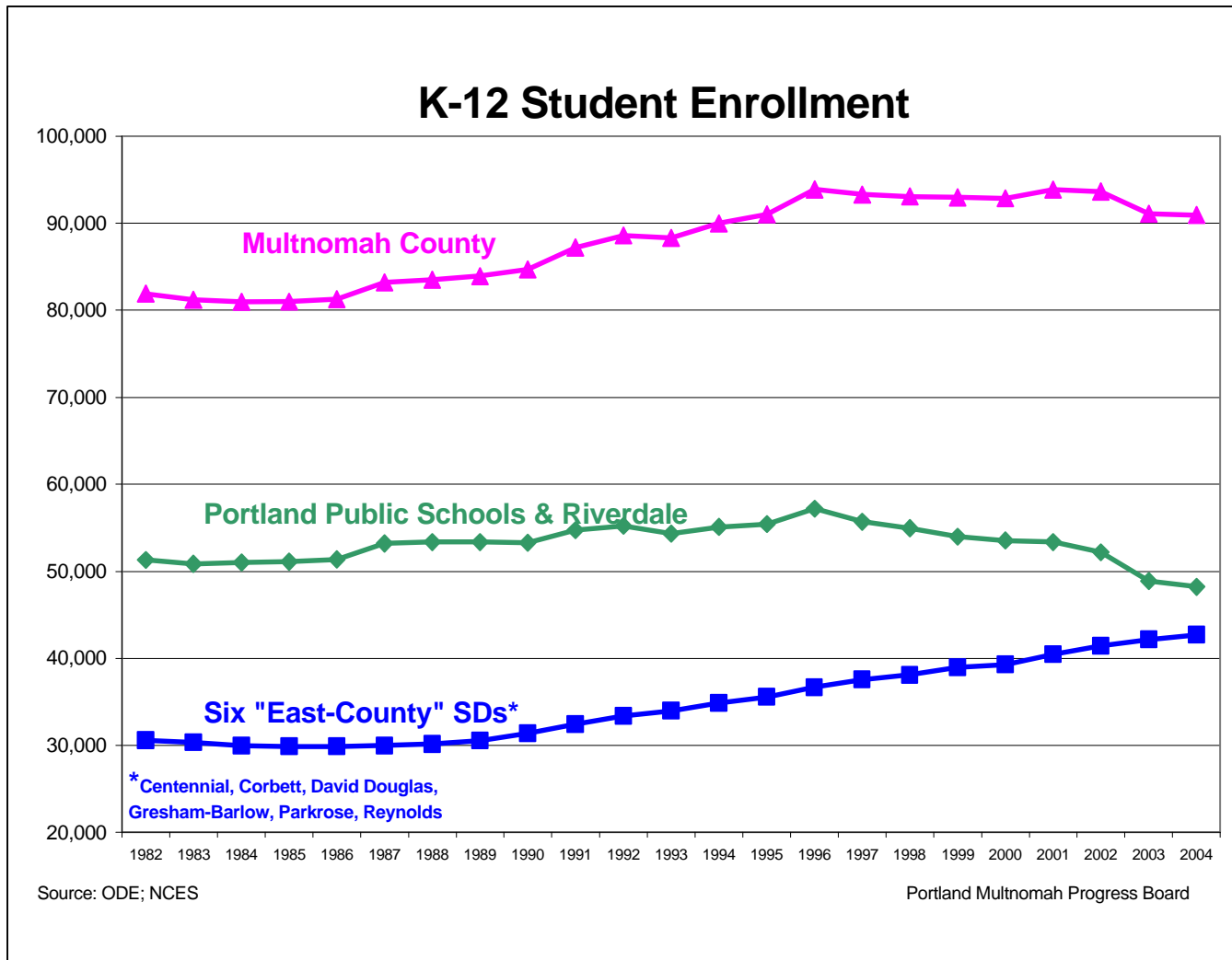
1990-2000 Percentage Increase/Decrease in Number of Children



Between 1990 and 2000 in Multnomah County the inner northeast and inner southeast areas of Portland had larger declines in child populations. Larger increases were East of I-205 (regions displayed are census tract approximations of high school attendance areas).

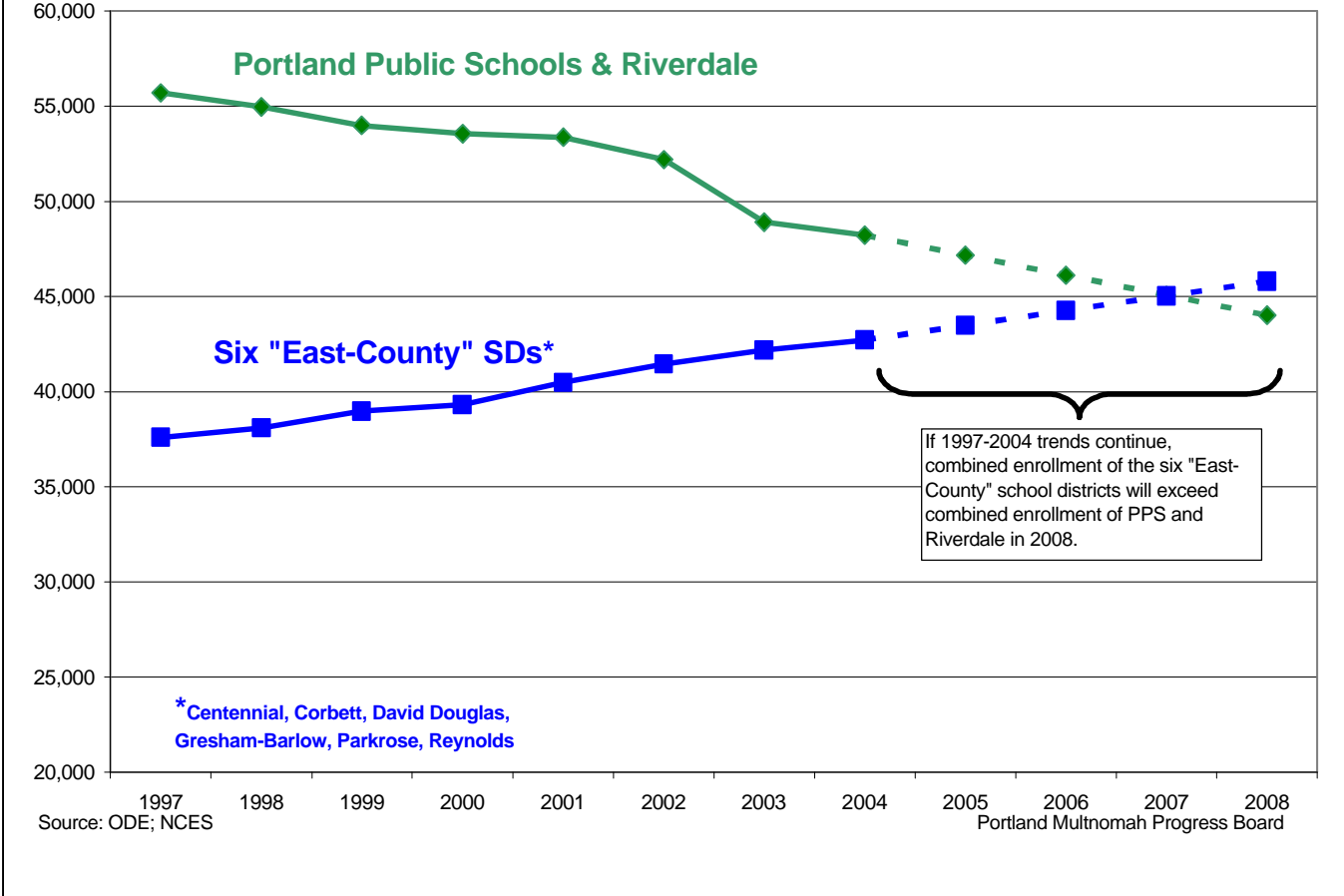


Most of the small school districts on the “east side” of the county show similar enrollment patterns, which differed from the “west side” (PPS and Riverdale).

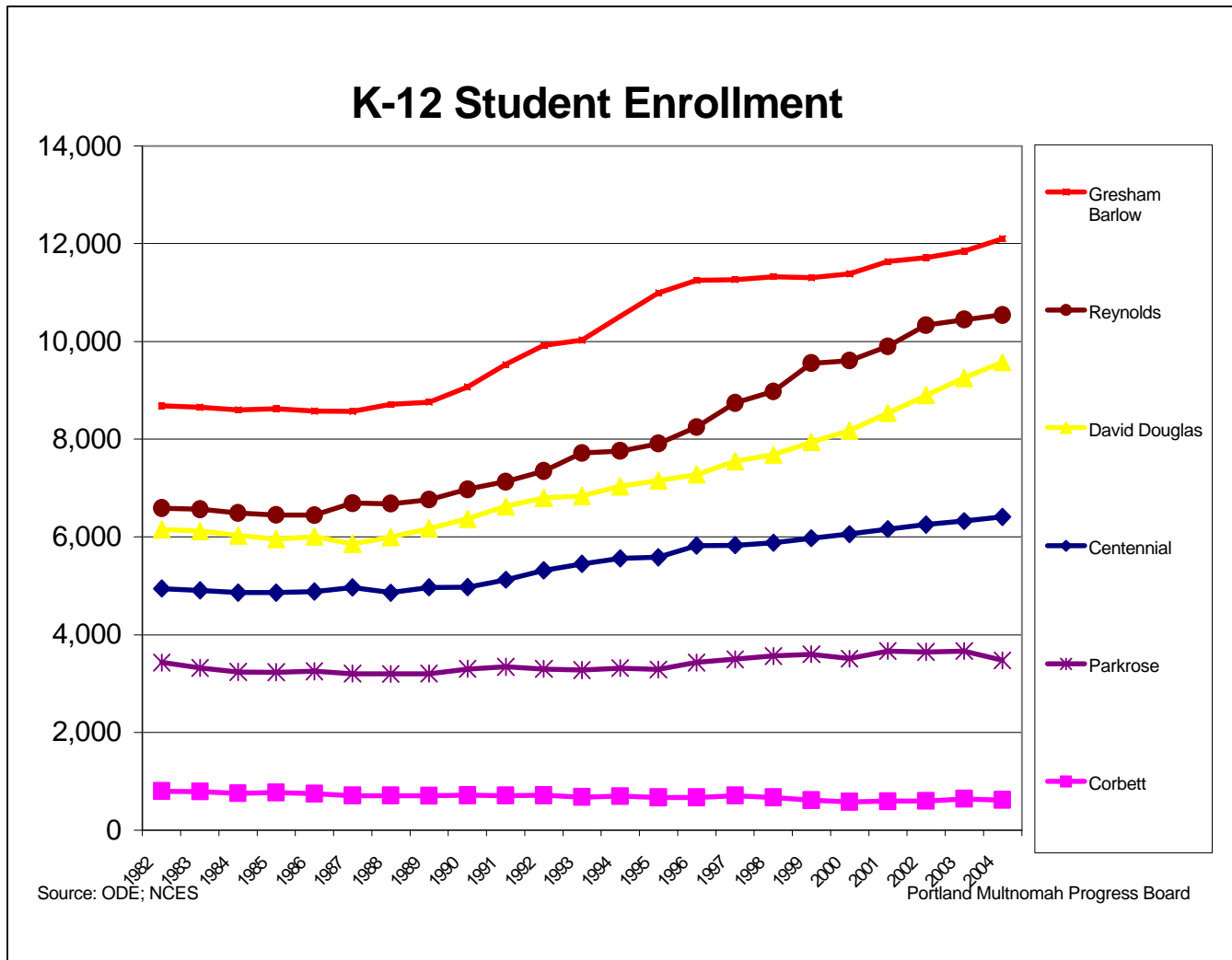


Multnomah County overall showed a steady enrollment increase from the late 1980's through the mid 1990's. Enrollment then leveled off for several years, and recently declined. This trend is masking two very different trends in "east" and "west" county. While west county (PPS and Riverdale) increased slightly until the mid 1990's and then steadily declined, east county has shown strong and steady growth for the last 17 years.

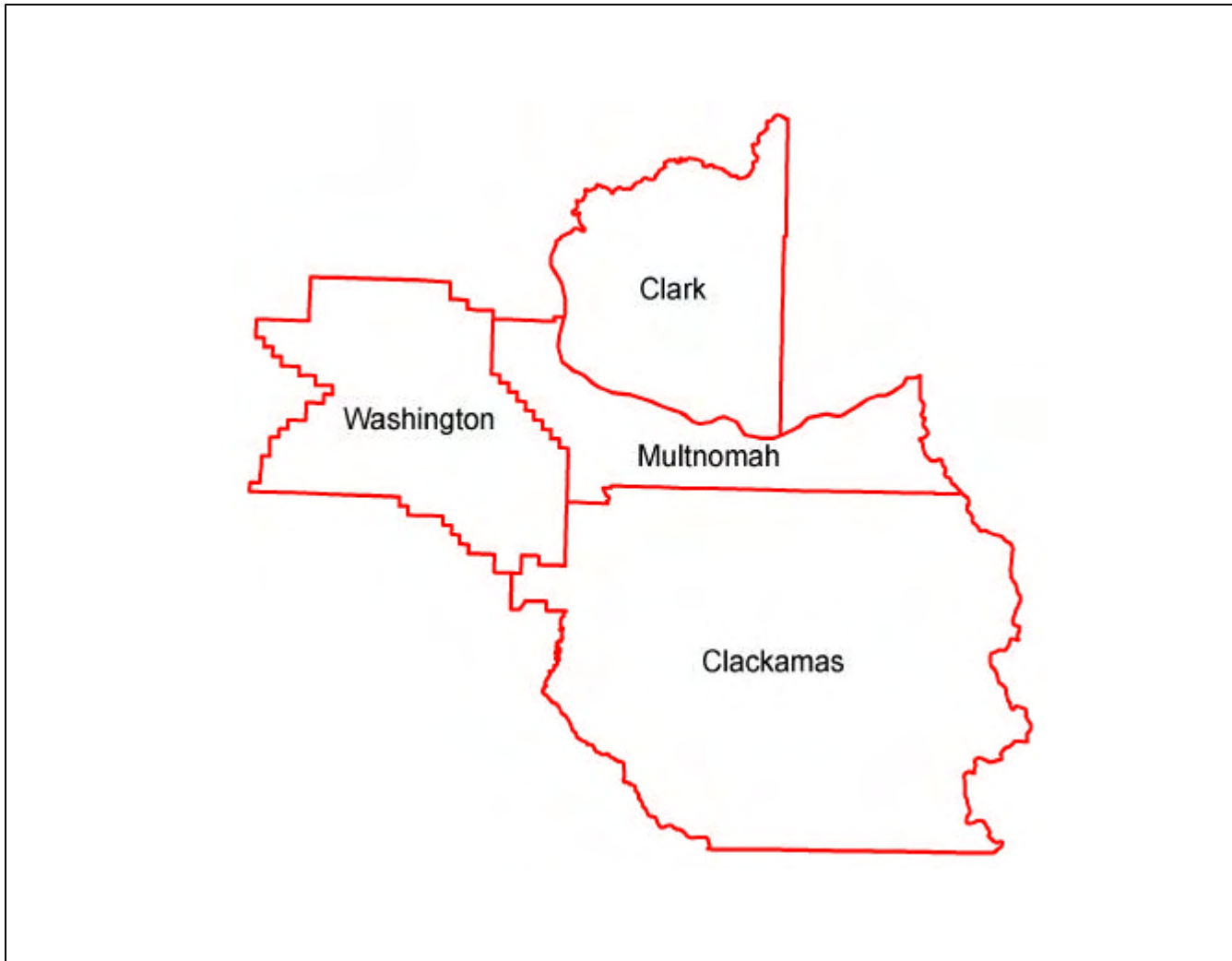
K-12 Student Enrollment



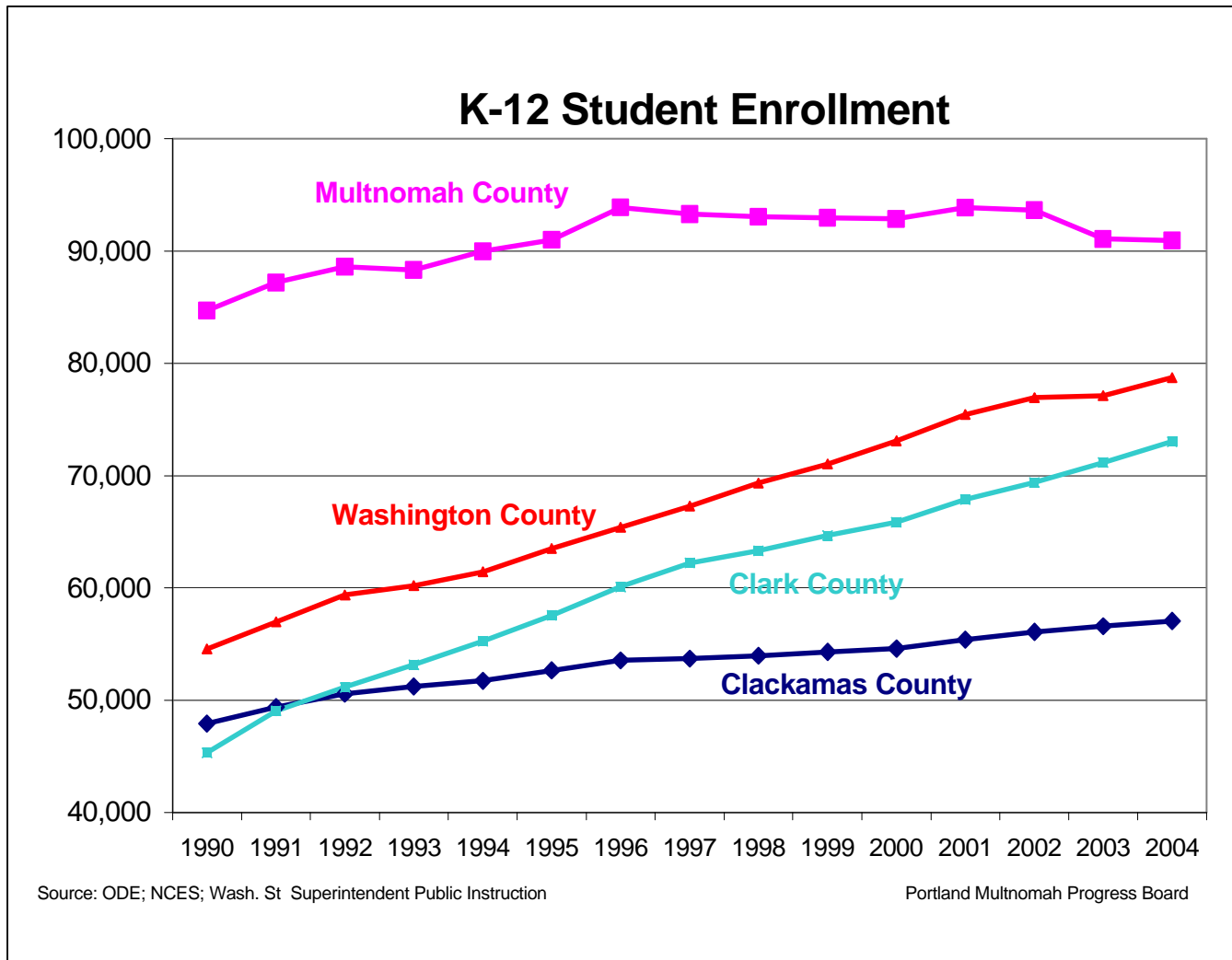
If 1997-2004 trends continue, combined enrollment of the six "east county" school districts will exceed combined enrollment of PPS and Riverdale in 2008.



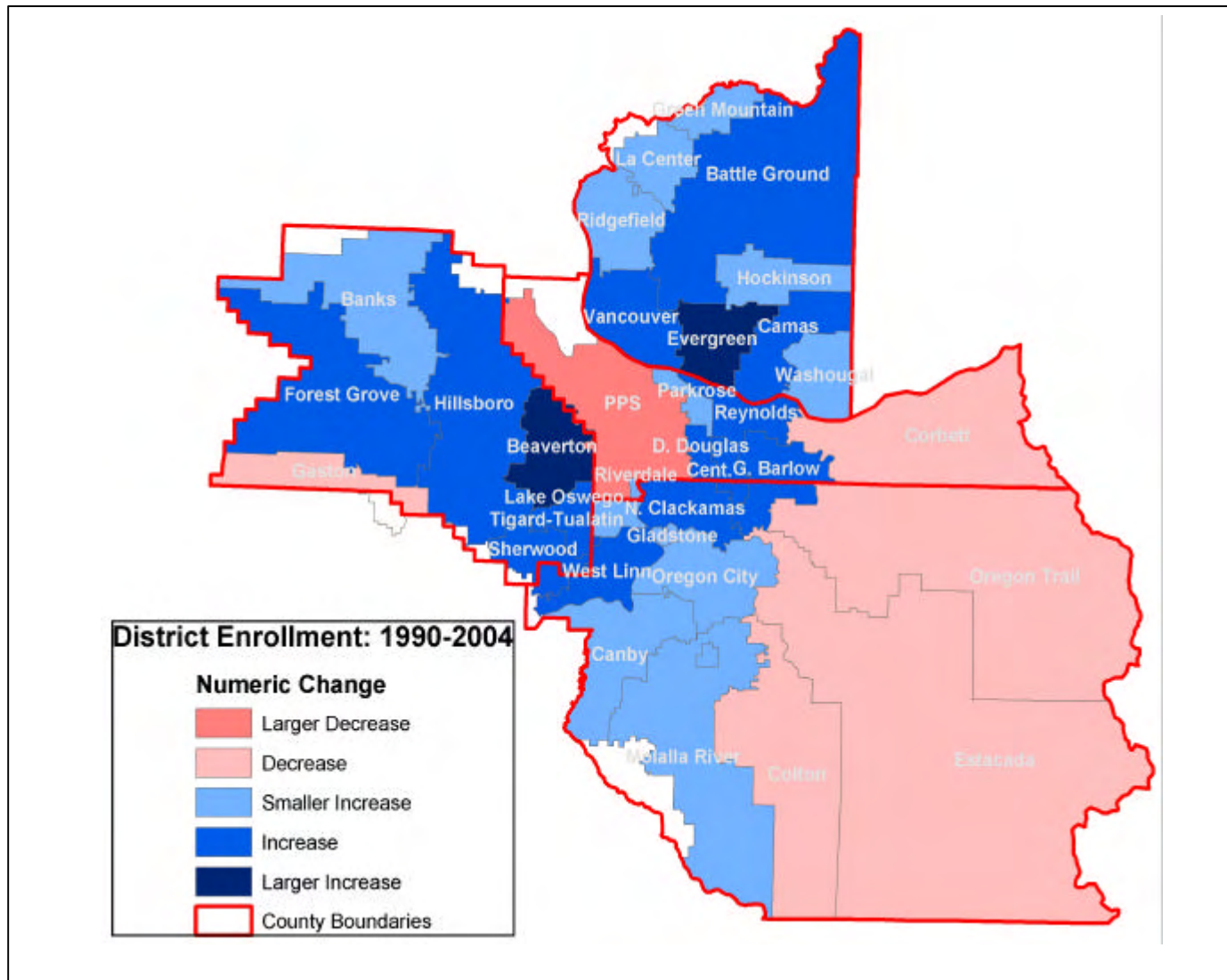
Among the “east county” districts, Gresham-Barlow, Reynolds, David Douglas and Centennial all showed strong growth. Parkrose and Corbett have been flat.



Growth patterns in Multnomah County are part of a larger, regional pattern.

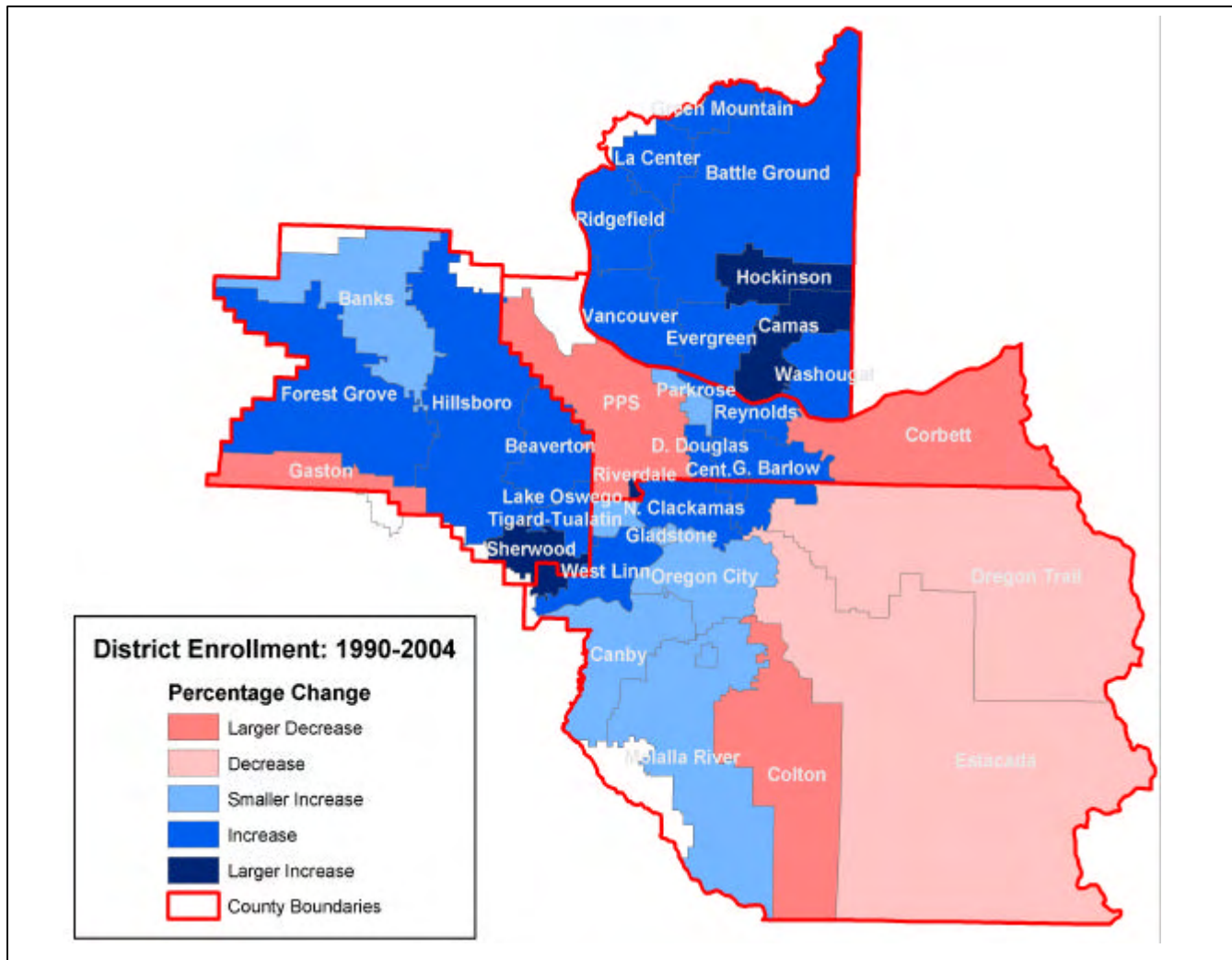


While Multnomah County continues with the largest K-12 enrollment of the four counties, it has been either flat or declining in recent years. Washington and Clark made very strong gains during this period, and Clackamas gained modestly.



Viewed regionally, the East/West Multnomah county difference is part of a larger pattern. Portland Public Schools, the region's largest school district, occupies the region's core. It has experienced a large decrease in enrollment numbers. The only other decreases are from small school districts in outlying areas. Like most of the East Multnomah county districts, other regional districts have grown in numbers, many substantially. These districts form a band around the PPS central core.

Beaverton and Evergreen had the largest numeric growth during the period. Evergreen began the period as Clark County's 2nd largest district, with 1600 less students than the Vancouver School District. By 2004 Evergreen was Clark County's largest district with 3000 more students than Vancouver school district.



Viewed on a percentage basis, the fastest growing districts (Camas, Hockinson and Sherwood) “push out” past the largest growth districts (Beaverton and Evergreen). All of Clark County showed significant growth, and the same “band” around Portland Public Schools seen in the previous map appears here also.