

# Locating the Dropout Crisis

*What Can Promoting Power Tell Us About High Schools  
in the Pacific Northwest?*

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# Consequences of Dropping Out

- ❖ A new high school dropout in 2000 had less than a 50% chance of getting a job
- ❖ That job earned less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  of what the same job earned 20 years ago
- ❖ Lack of education is ever more strongly correlated with welfare dependency, ill health, and incarceration

# What is Promoting Power?

Promoting Power Ratio =

Number of 12<sup>th</sup> Graders

Number of 9<sup>th</sup> Graders 3 Years Prior

Seniors

= 60 (2005-06 School Year)

Class of 2006

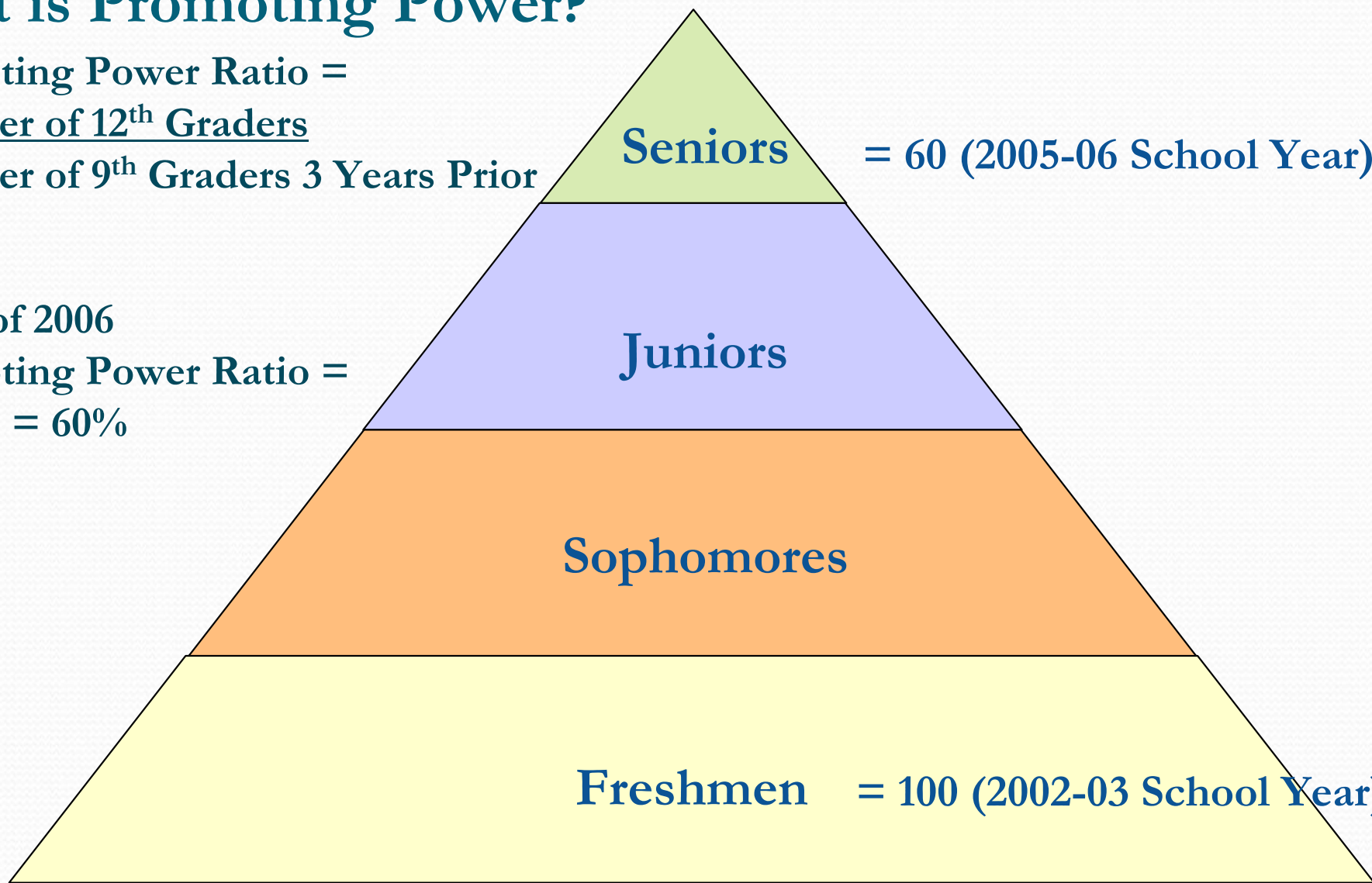
Promoting Power Ratio =

$60/100 = 60\%$

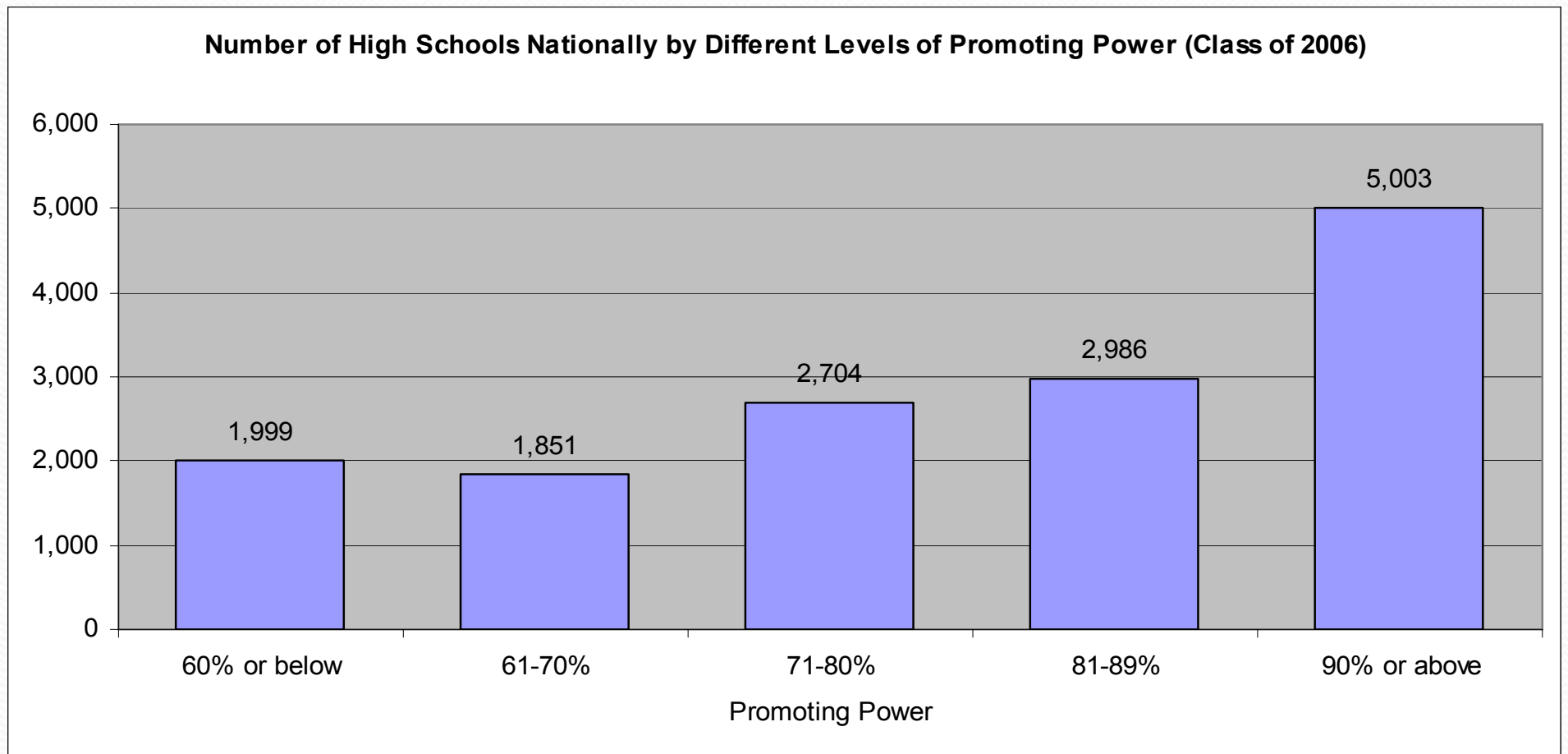
Juniors

Sophomores

Freshmen = 100 (2002-03 School Year)

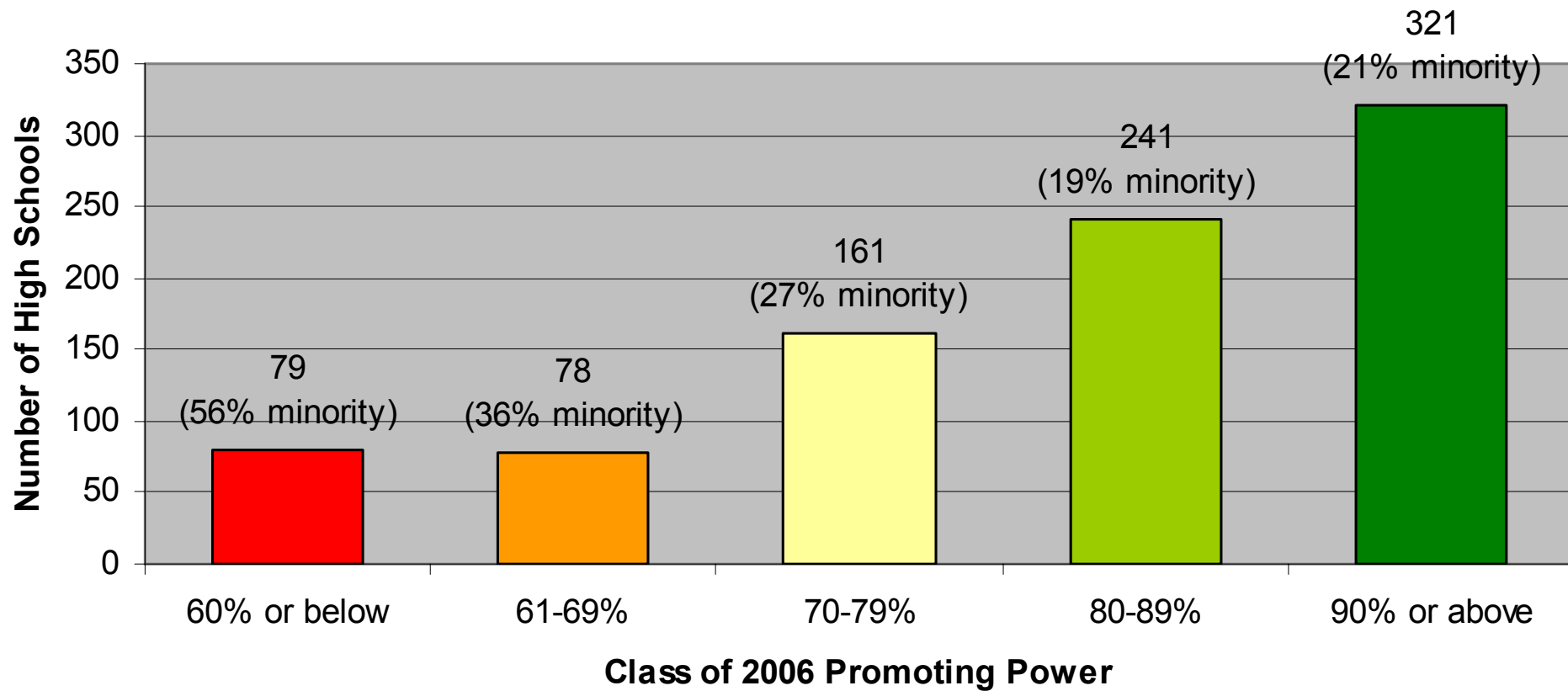


# Promoting Power in the Nation's High Schools

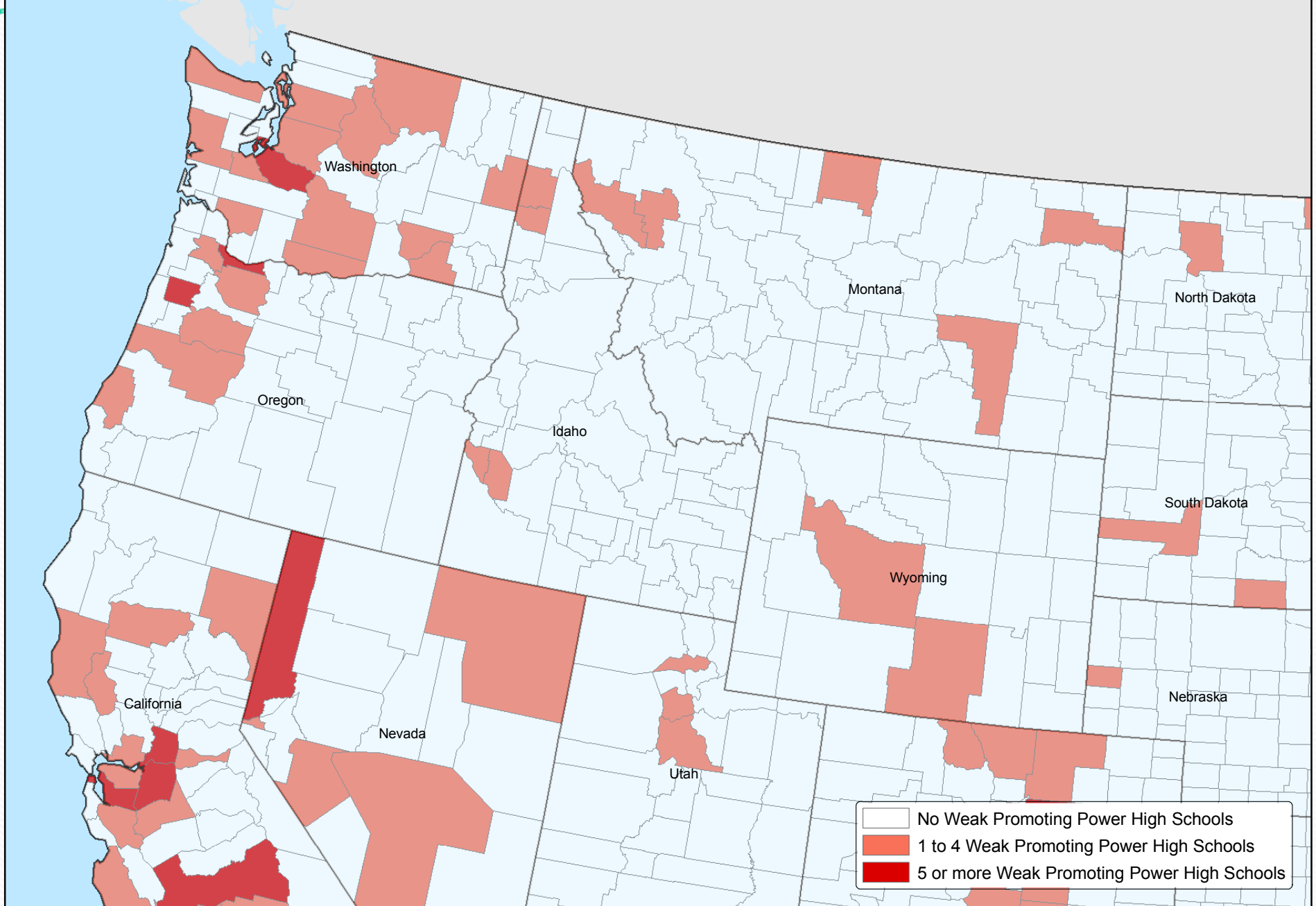


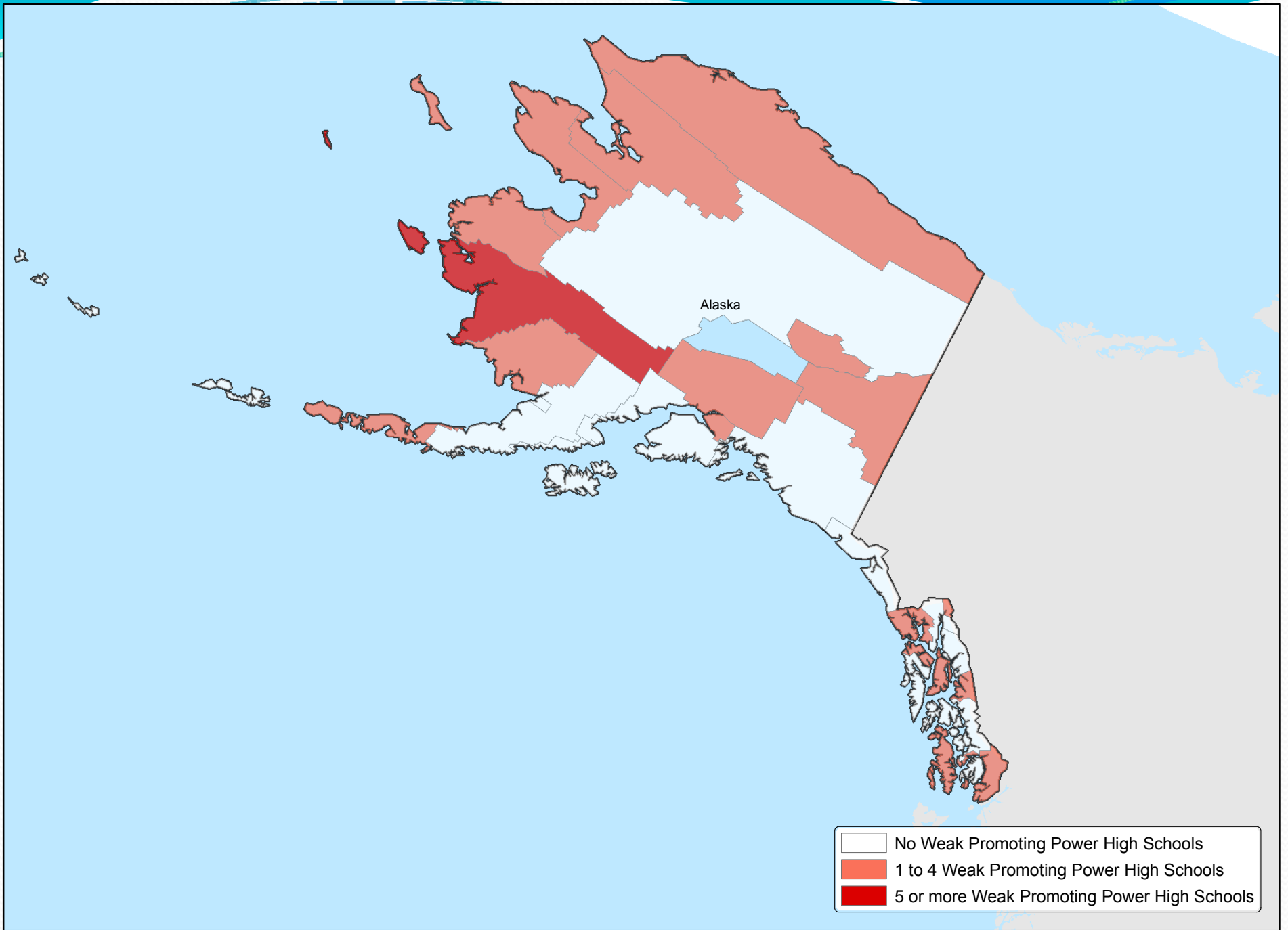


### Promoting Power Distribution and Average Percent Minority for Pacific Northwest High Schools (Class of 2006)

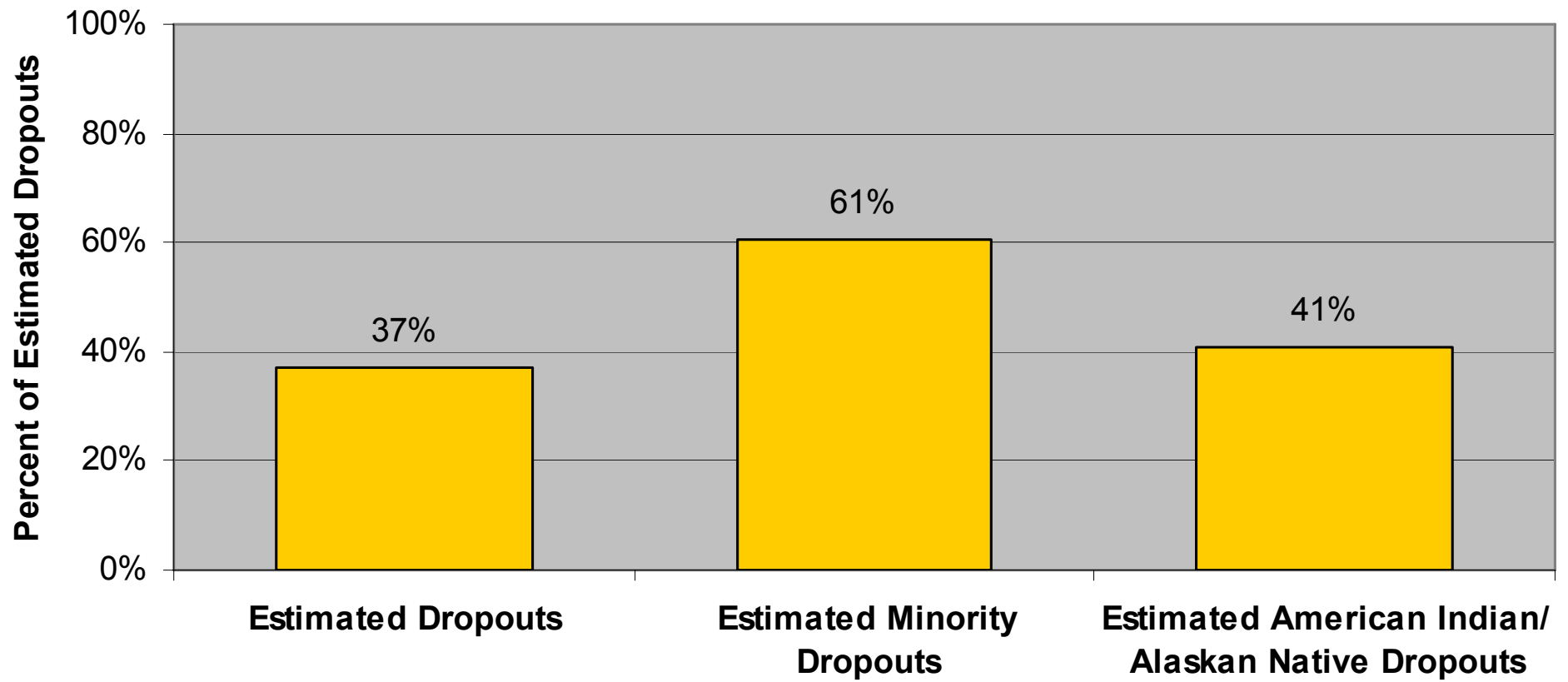


# Pacific Northwest Counties with Weak Promoting Power High Schools (Class of 2006)





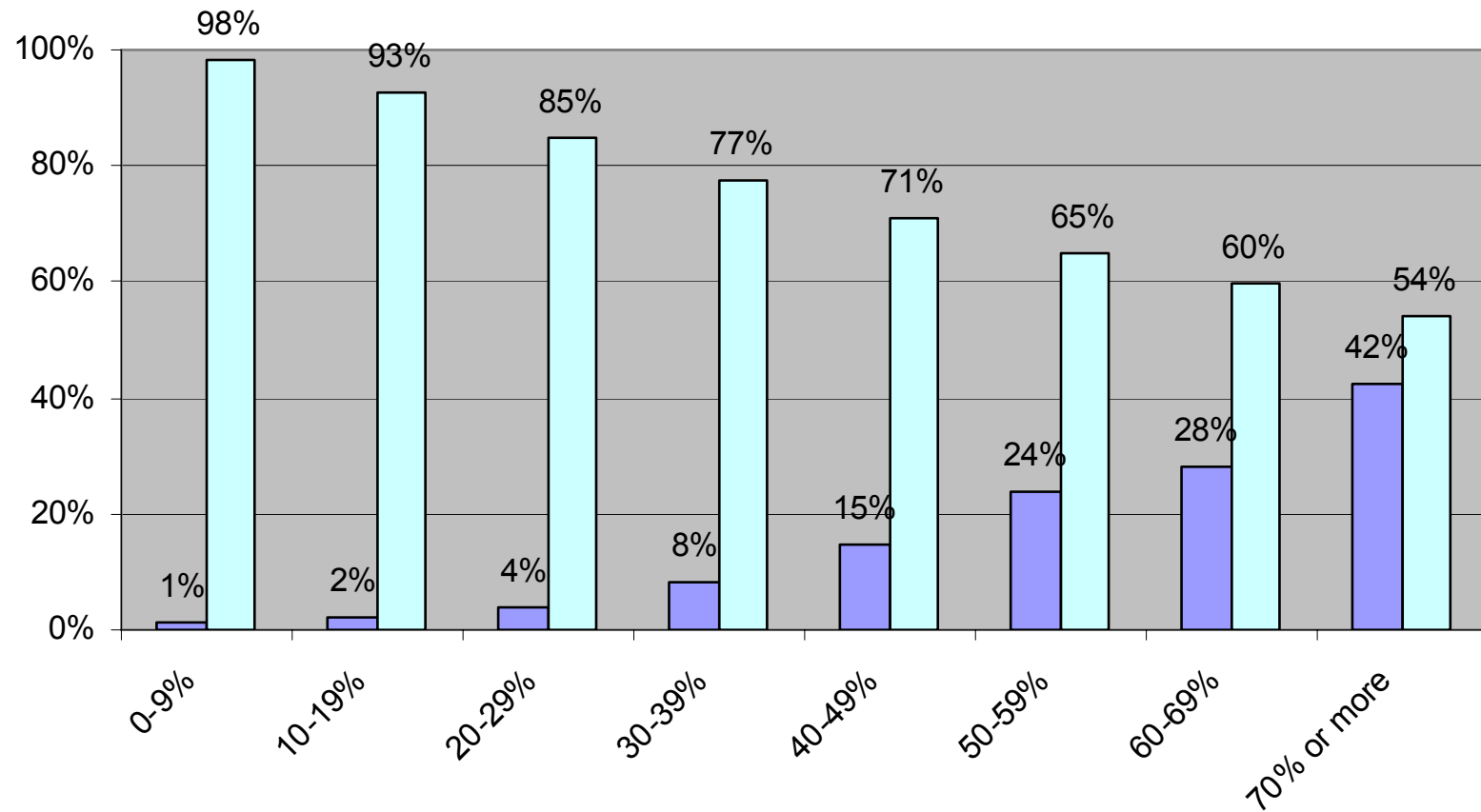
### Percent of Estimated Dropouts Attending Weak Promoting Power High Schools in the Pacific Northwest





# Poverty and Weak Promoting Power High Schools

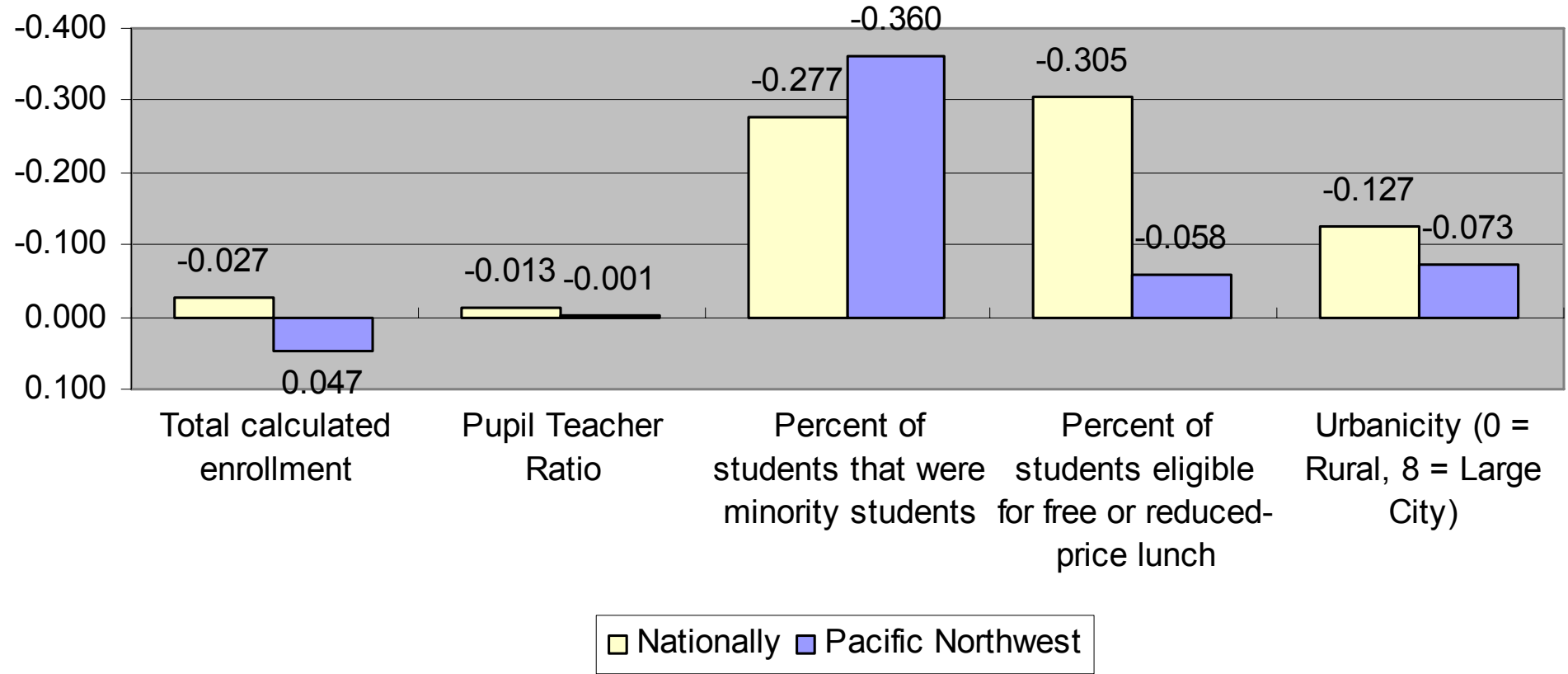
Percentage of Schools that are Dropout Factories by Percentage of Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch



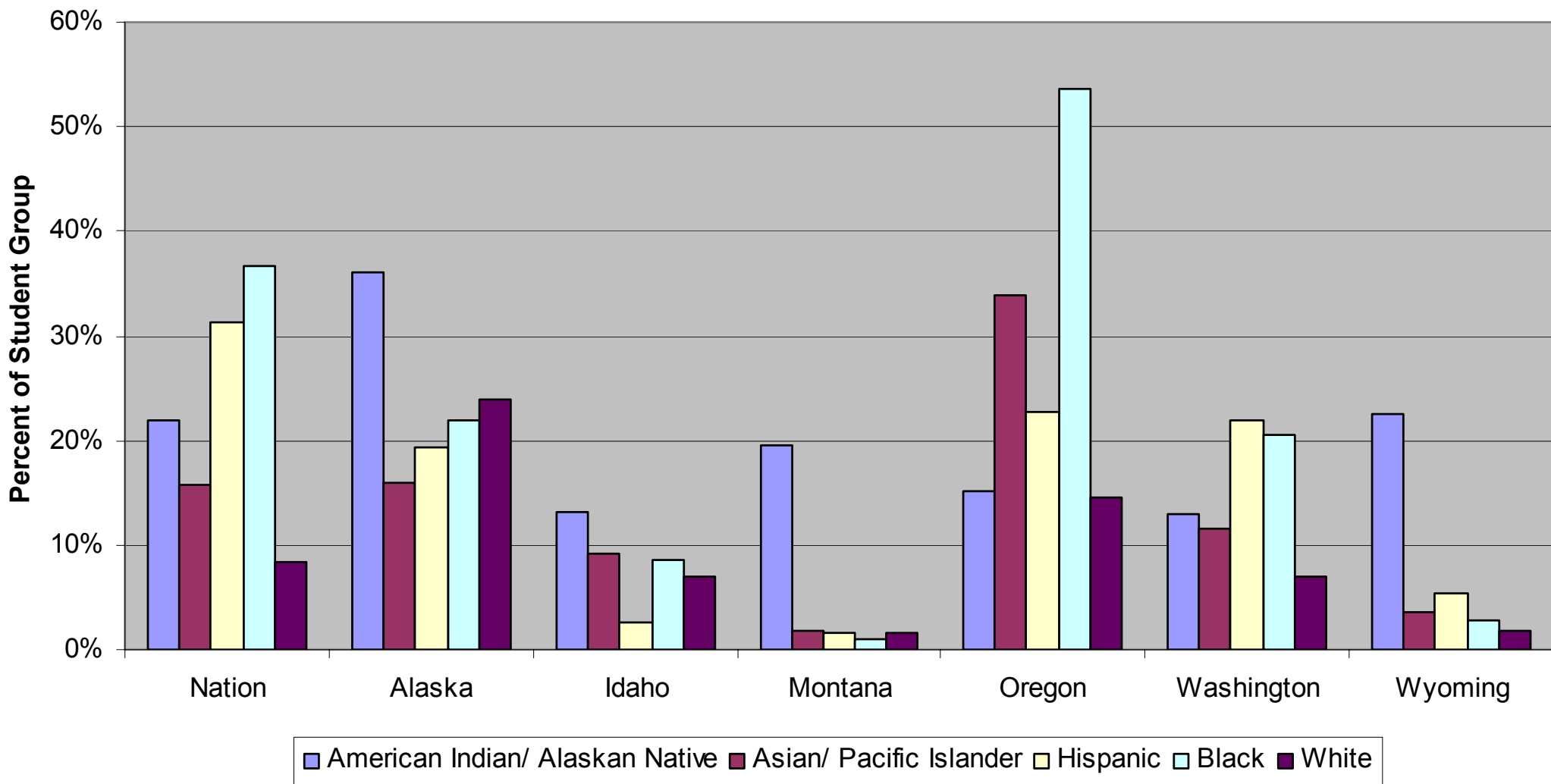
Percentage of Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch (2004-05)

■ Percent of Schools that are Dropout Factories ■ Class of 2005 Overall Promoting Power

### Standardized Regression Coefficients for Estimating Promoting Power Nationally and in the Pacific Northwest



### Percentage of Student Race/Ethnicity Group Who Attended Schools with a Weak Class of 2006 Promoting Power Ratio





# Break the Mold Schools



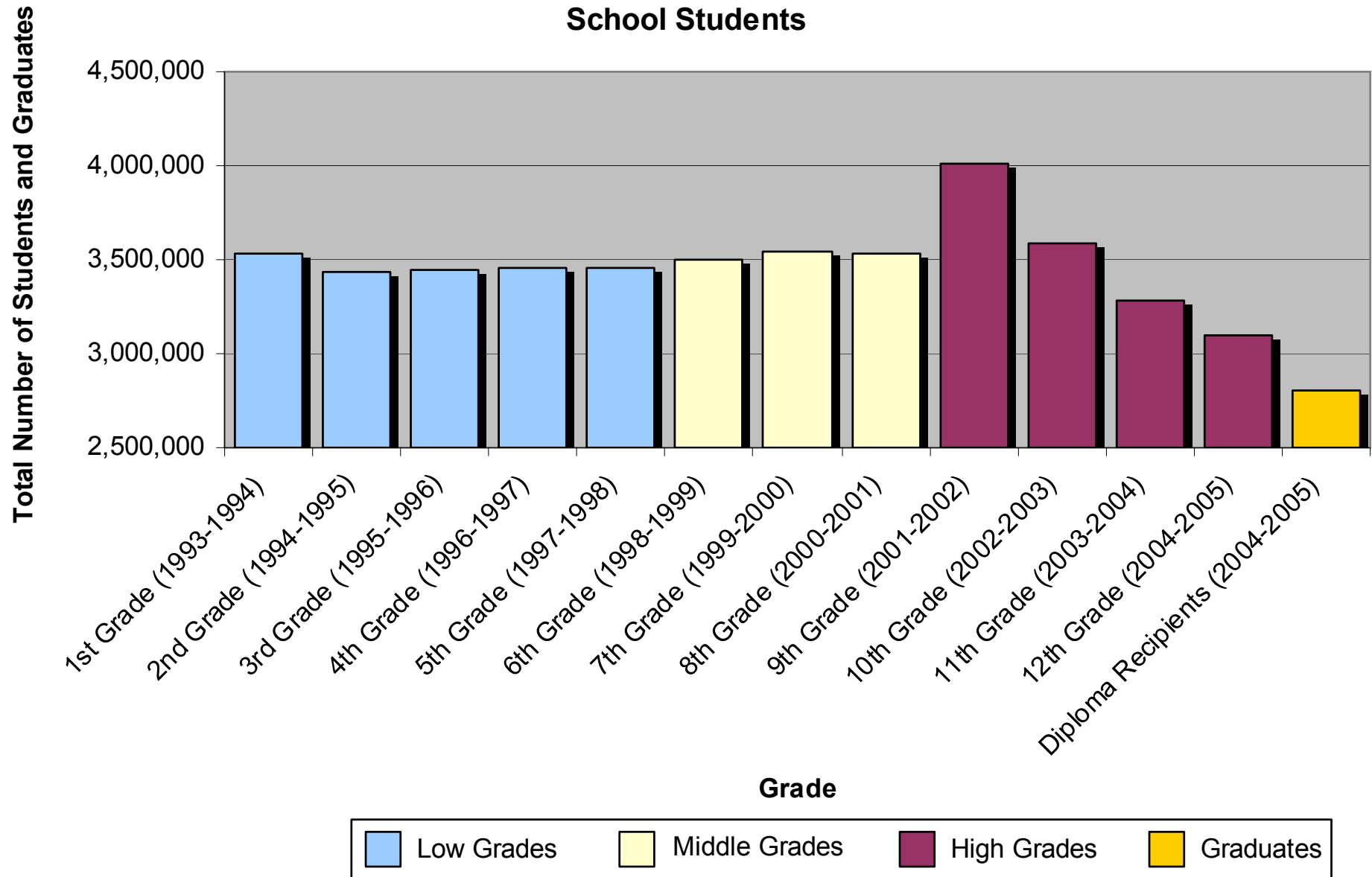


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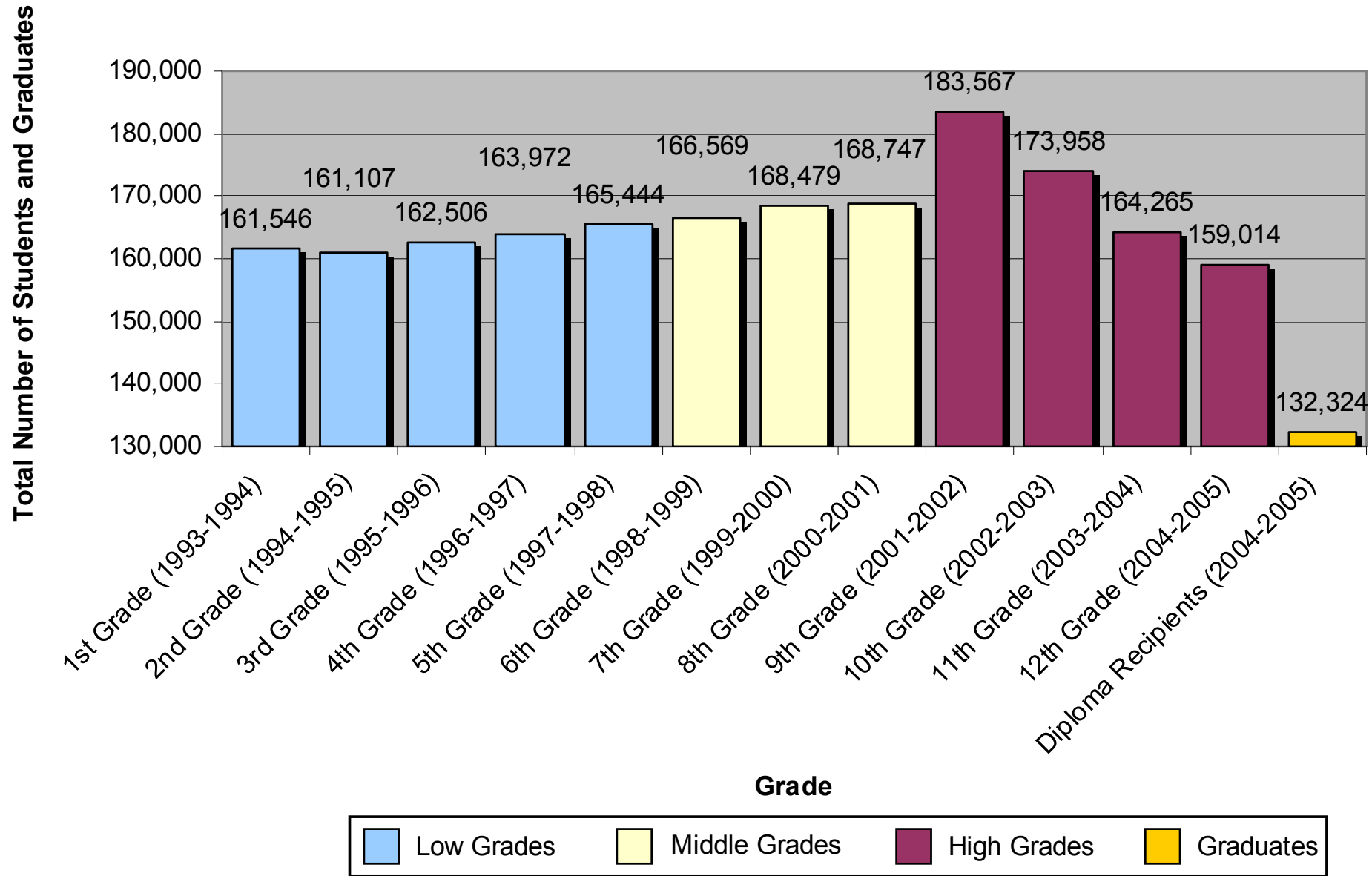
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## Class of 2005 Grade Enrollments and Graduates for the Nation's Public School Students



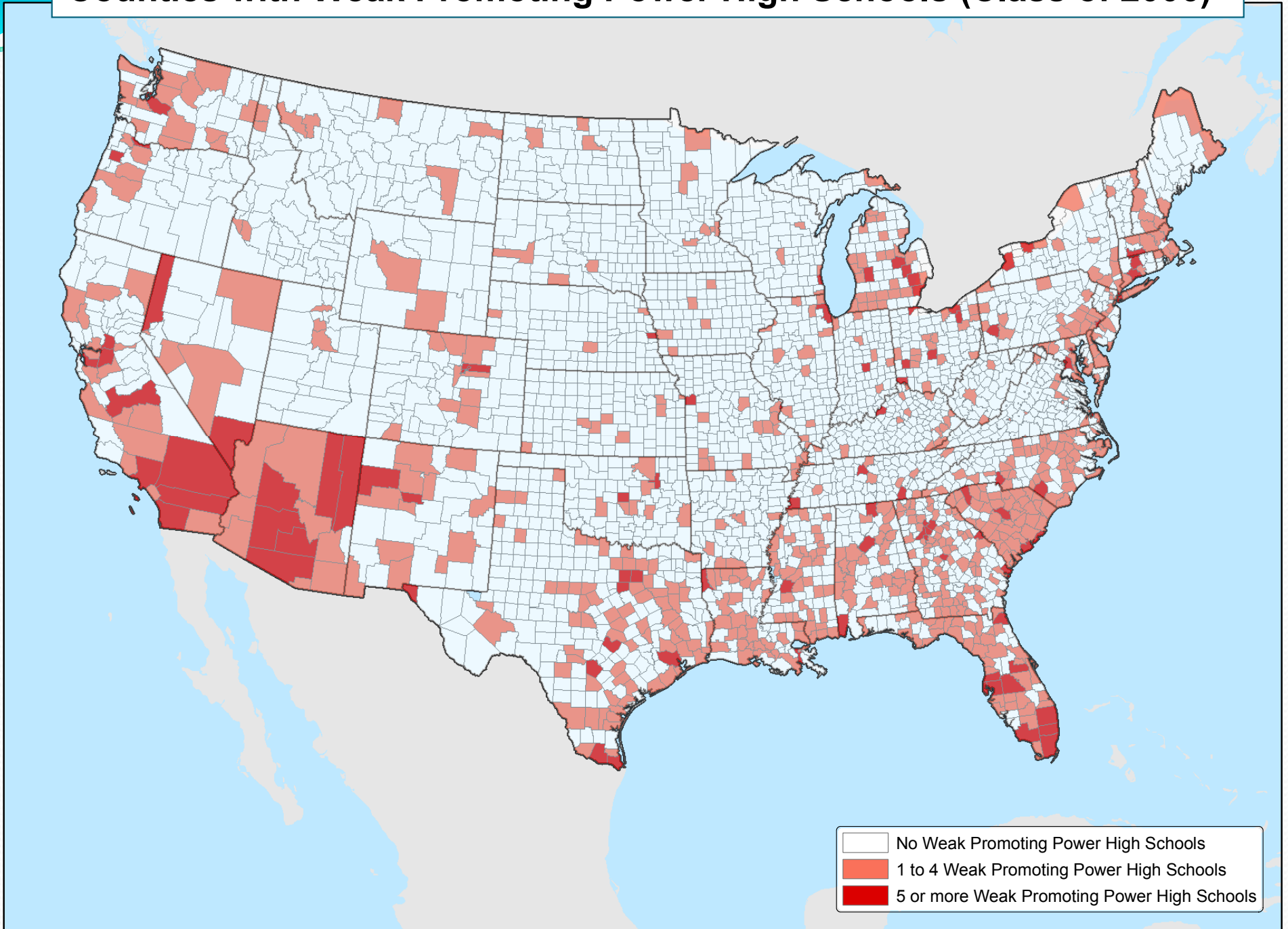


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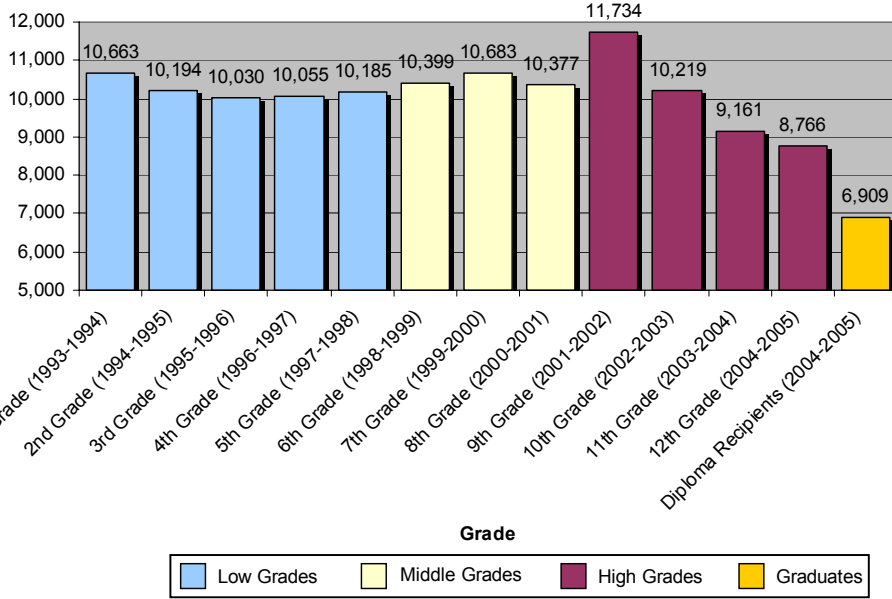


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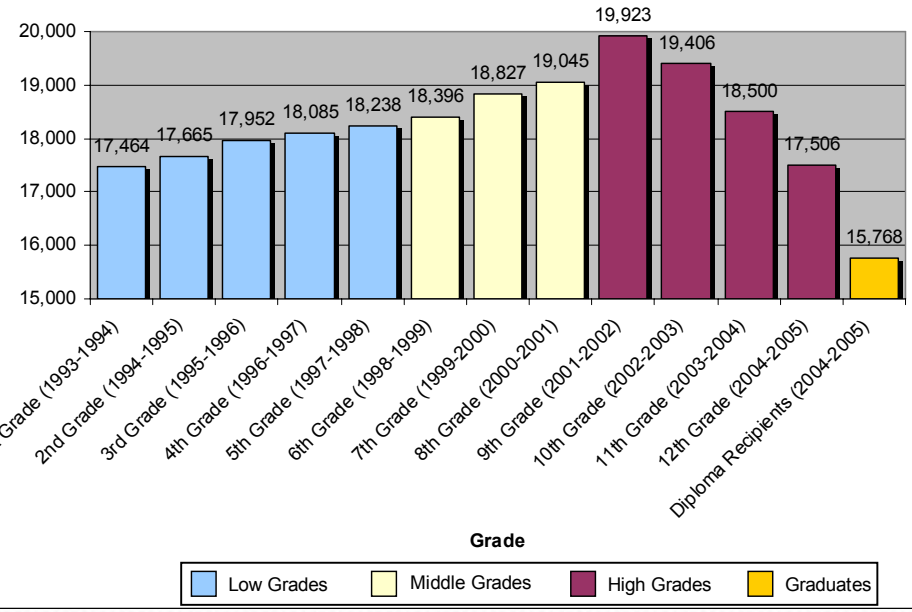
Total Number of Students and Graduates

Class of 2005 Grade Enrollments and Graduates for Alaska Public Schools



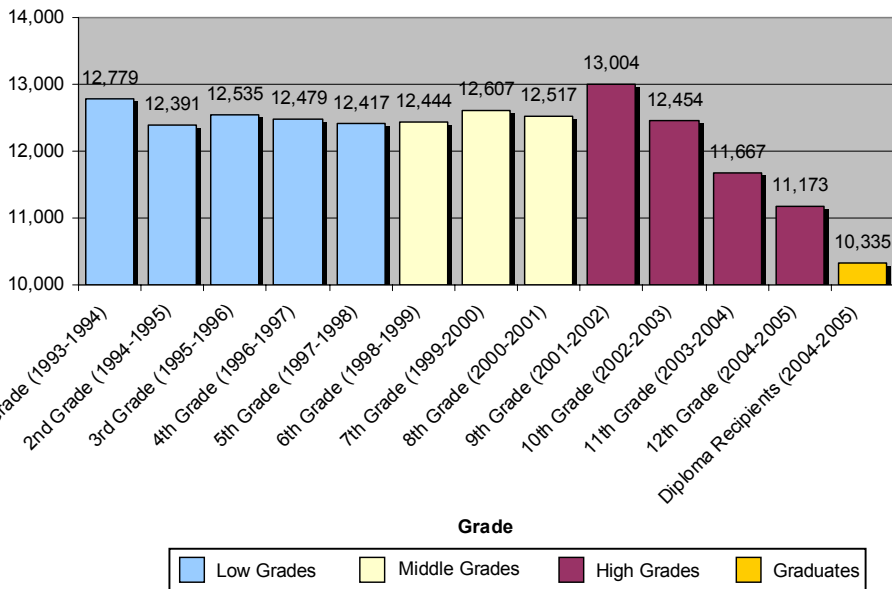
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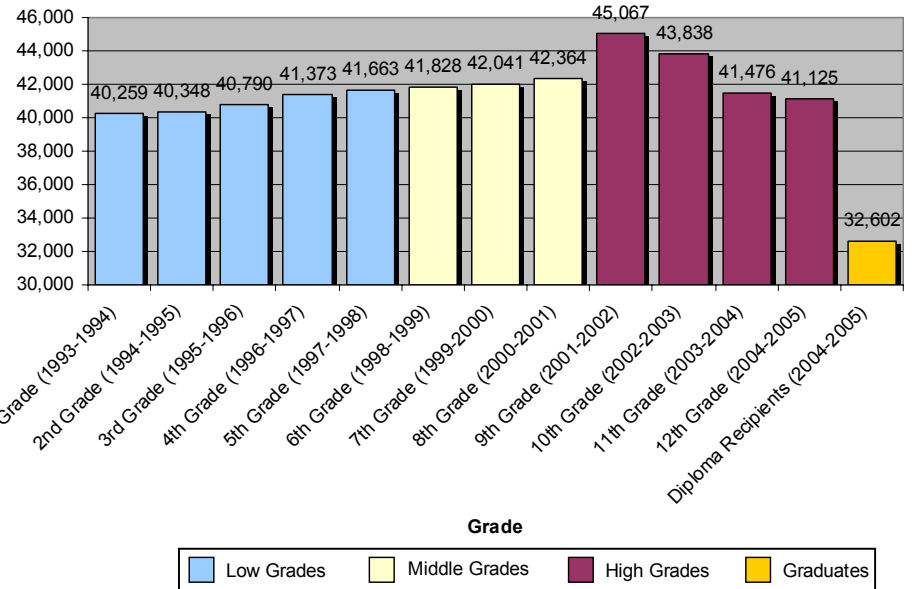
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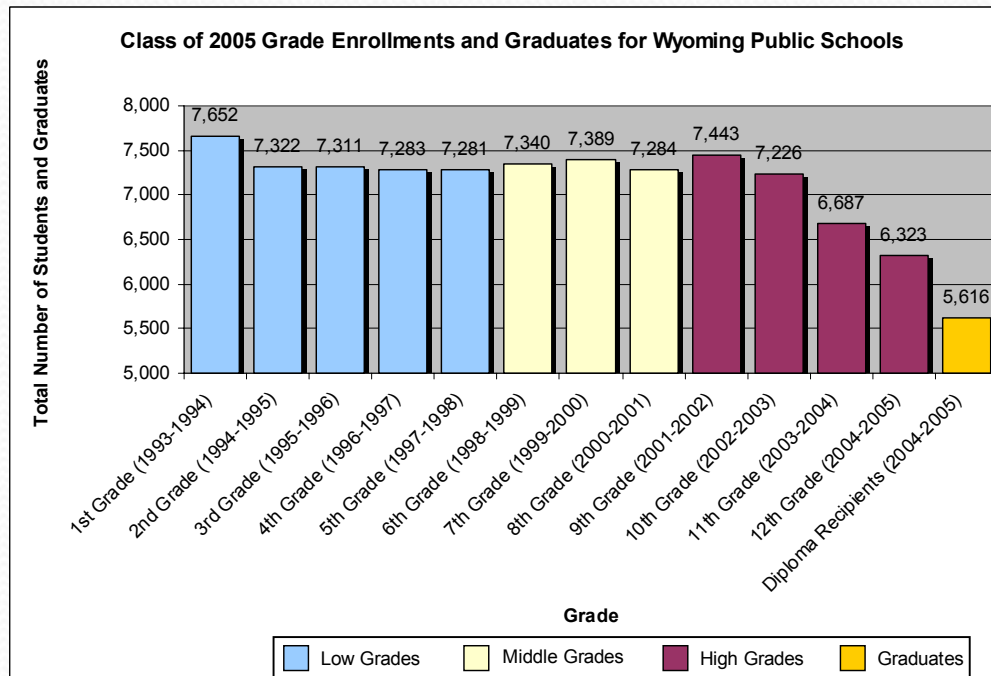
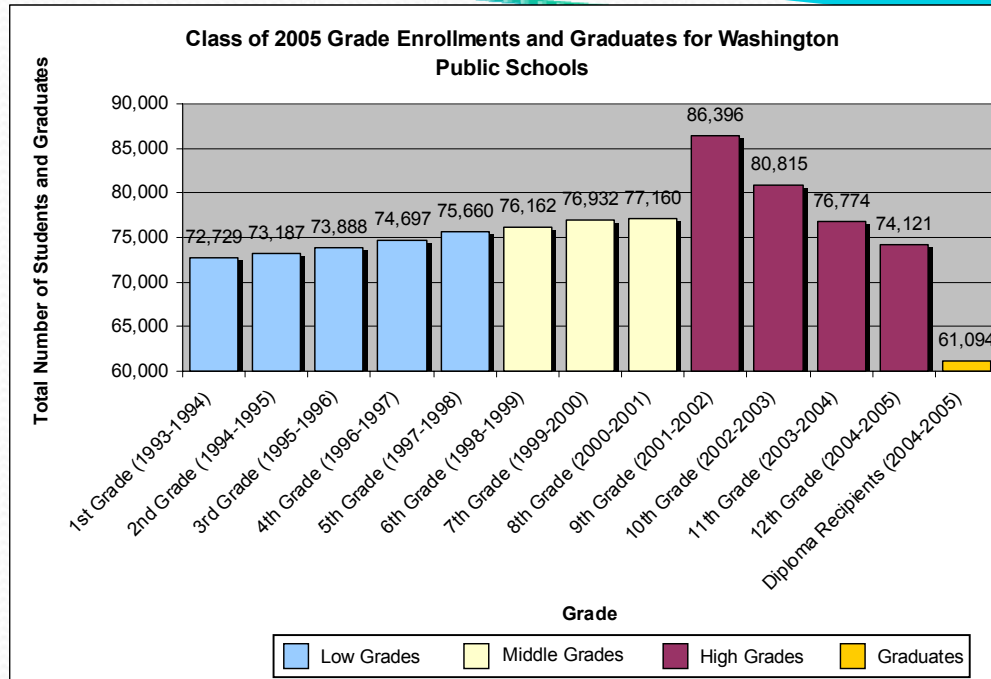
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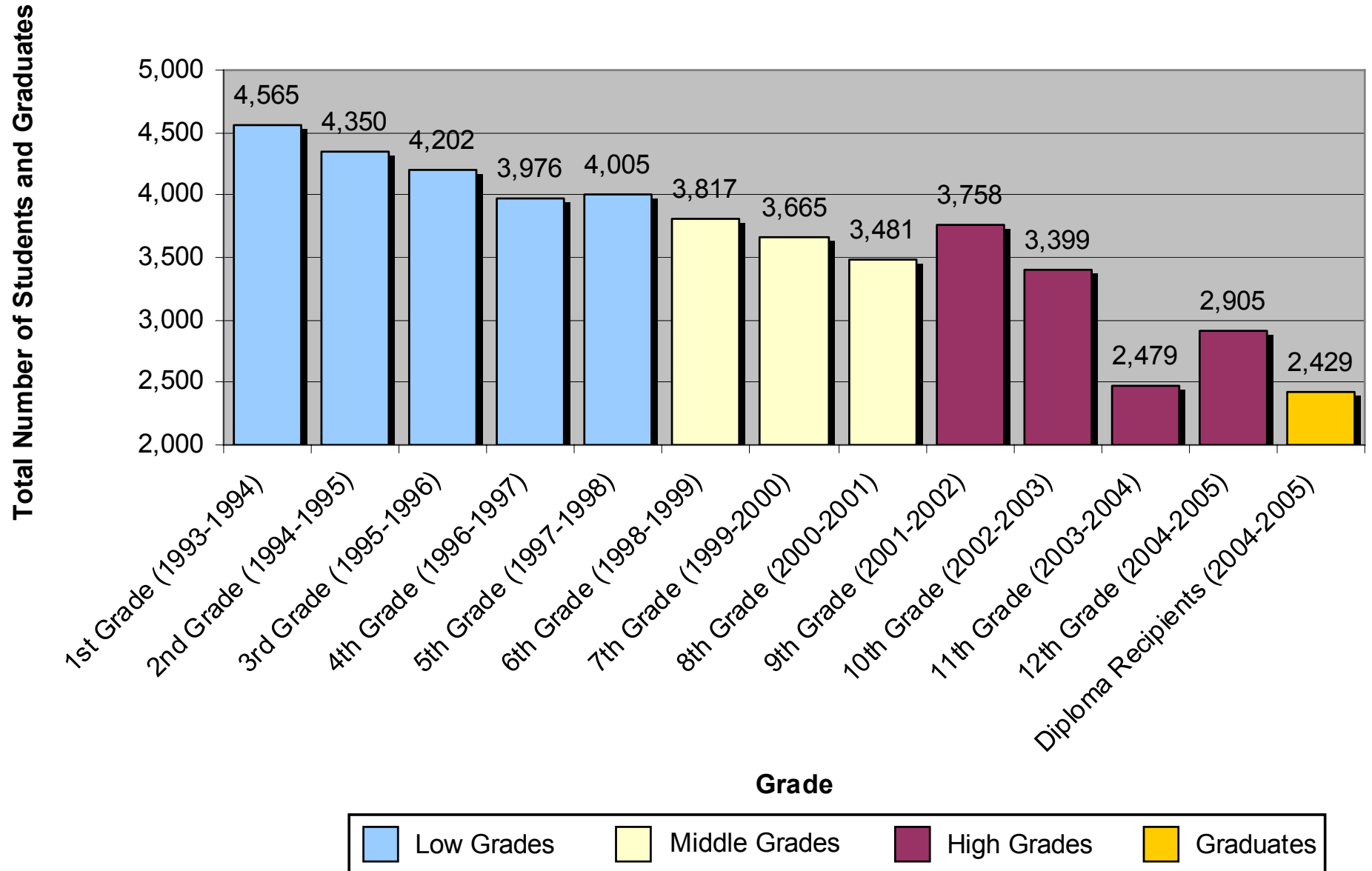
Total Number of Students and Graduates

Class of 2005 Grade Enrollments and Graduates for Oregon Public Schools





## Class of 2005 Grade Enrollments and Graduates for Portland (OR)





## Class of 2005 Grade Enrollments and Graduates for Seattle School District

