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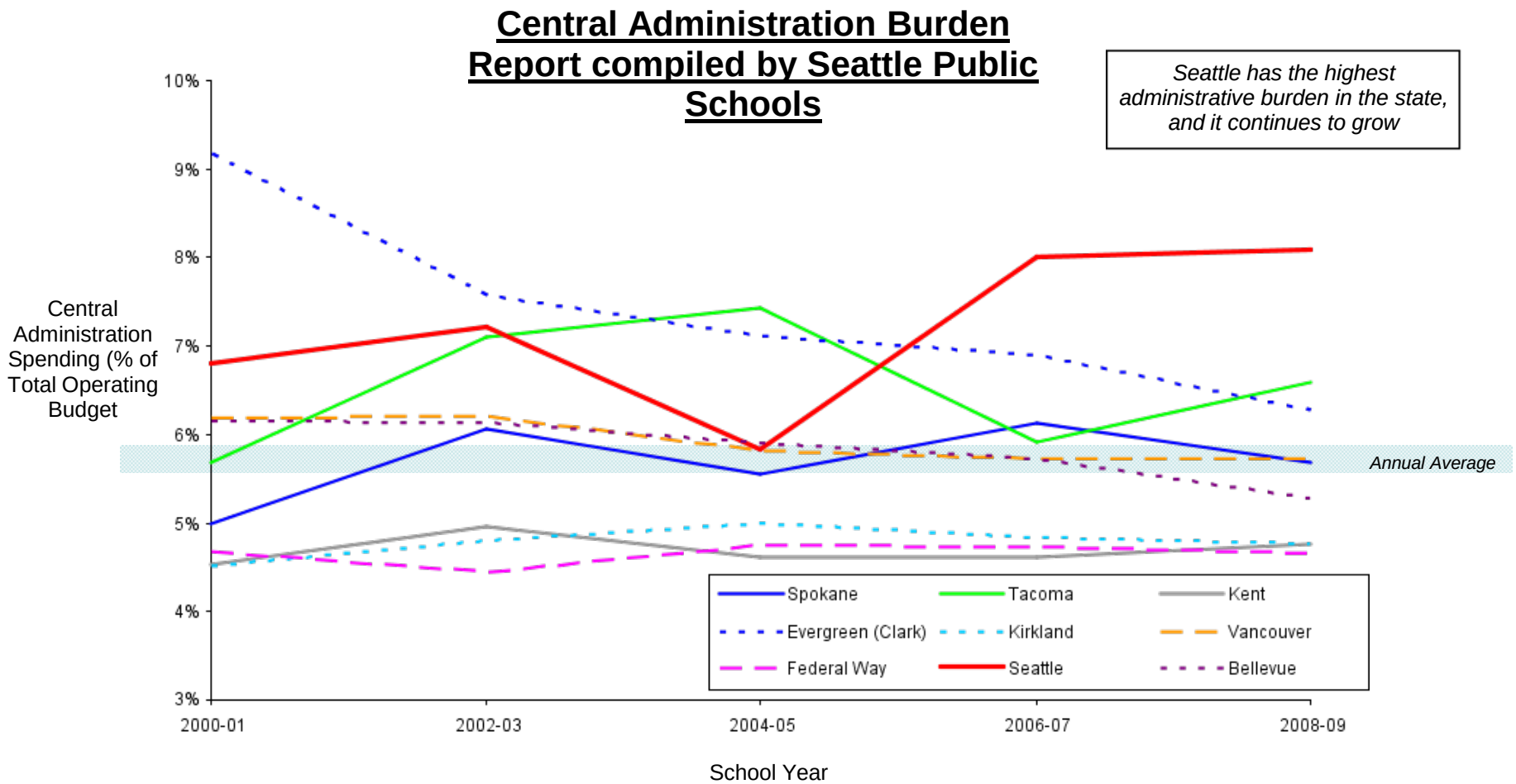
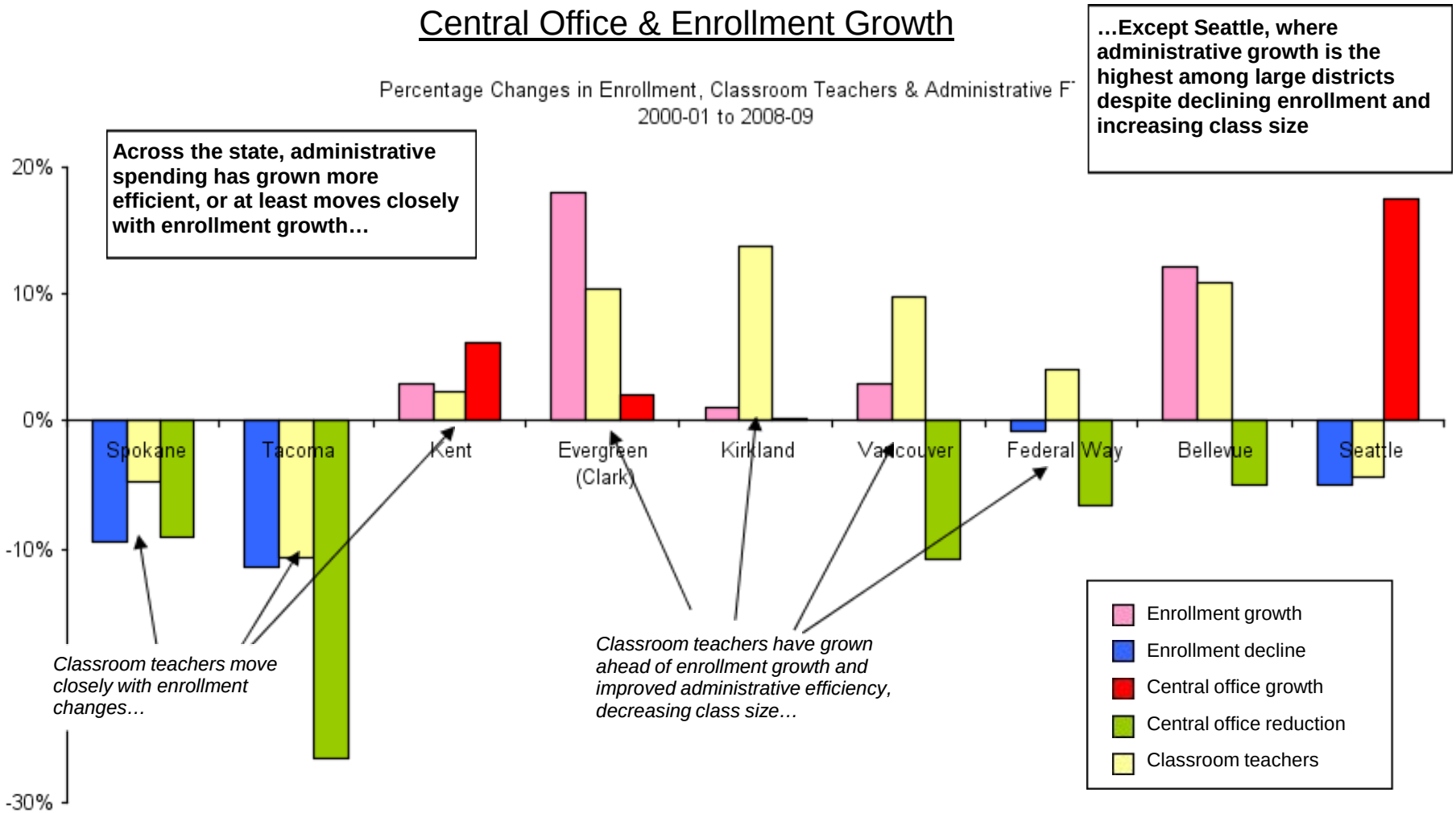


Seattle's central administration: the least efficient of the largest districts in the state

– Sources: OSPI Budget F-195 reports for Seattle, Spokane, Kent, Lake Washington, Federal Way, Bellevue, Tacoma, Evergreen (Clark), and Vancouver school districts, 2000-01 through 2008-09

Despite declining enrollment since 2000, Seattle's central office growth has been higher than any large district in the state



- **The growth of SPS's Central Administration is difficult to explain, particularly when contrasted with declines in classroom teachers and enrollment**
  - Despite gains this year, enrollment remains lower than 2000-01 levels while central office staff has increased by nearly 20% and continues to rise

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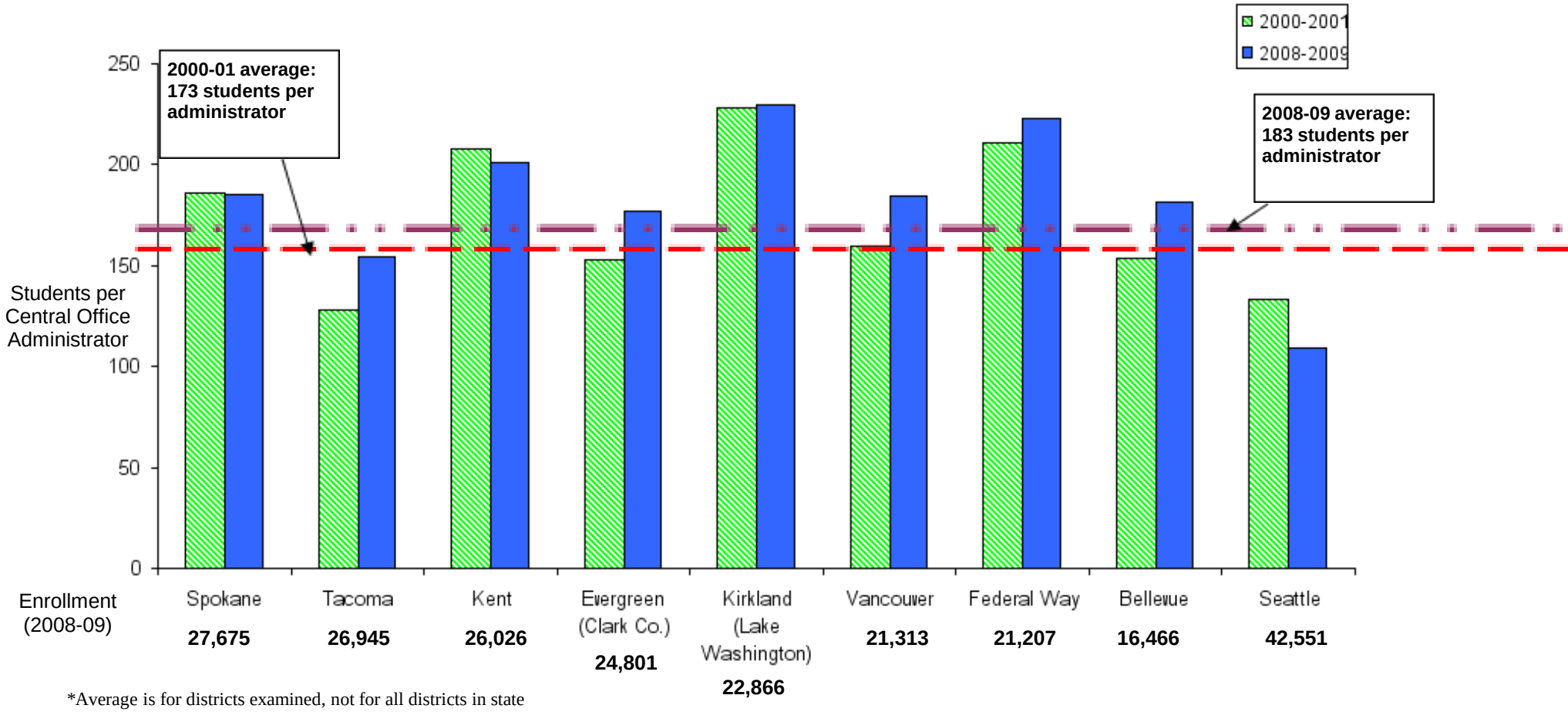
Students per Central Office Administrator



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