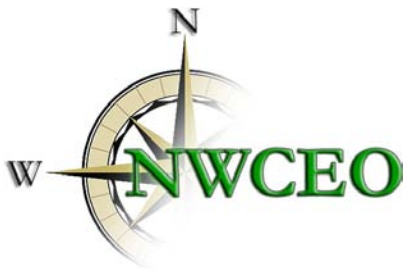


Unintended Consequences: An Analysis of Charter School Funding in Oregon

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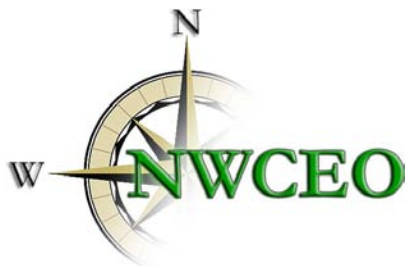
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Project Overview and Methodology

Essential Question: How much public funding does a charter school receive per student compared to district schools?

Methodology:

- All data are from Oregon Department of Education financial database for 2008/2009
- Looked at all public revenue streams to districts, no private donations
- Did not include public or private start up funding for charters - only included funds received from district for charters
- Analyzed revenue based on fall enrollment (ADMw data is not available)
- Looked at all 197 districts, 5 districts w/ a total of 5,768 students were removed because of contradictory information



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Executive Summary

On average, charters receive 55% of the revenue per student that districts receive

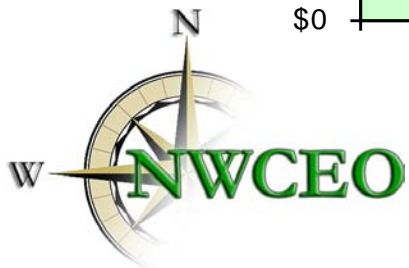
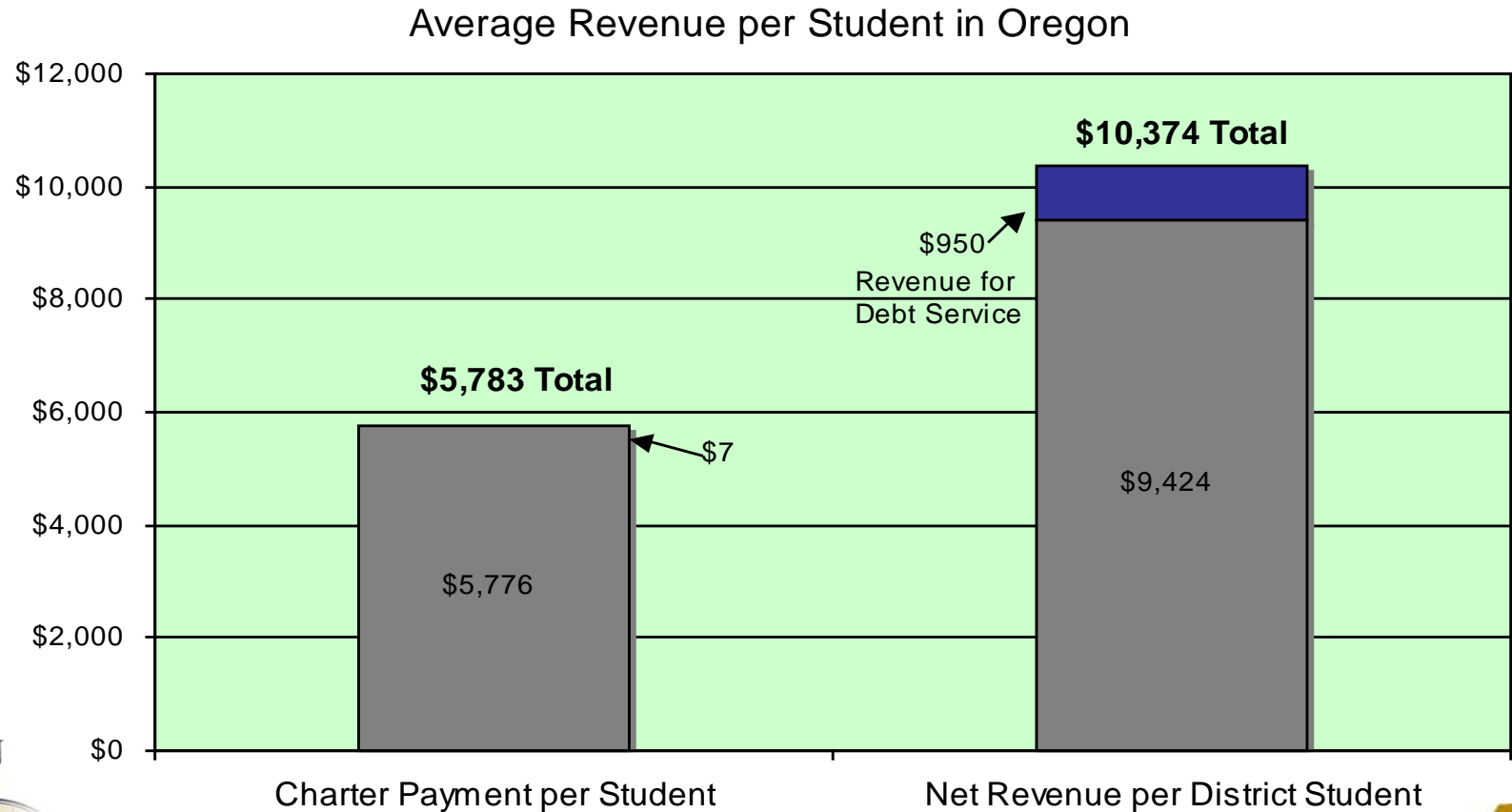
- When small districts operating only a charter school (“single-school-district-charters”) are excluded from the equation, this percentage falls to 49%
- Overall, charter students accounted for 2.73% of the student population in Oregon in 2008/2009, but only 1.51% of the total public funding

Charter revenue per student varies significantly by district



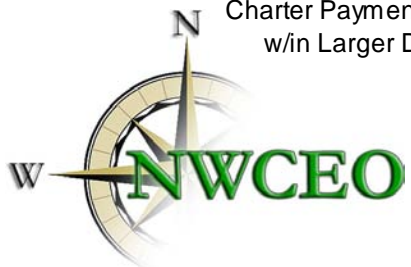
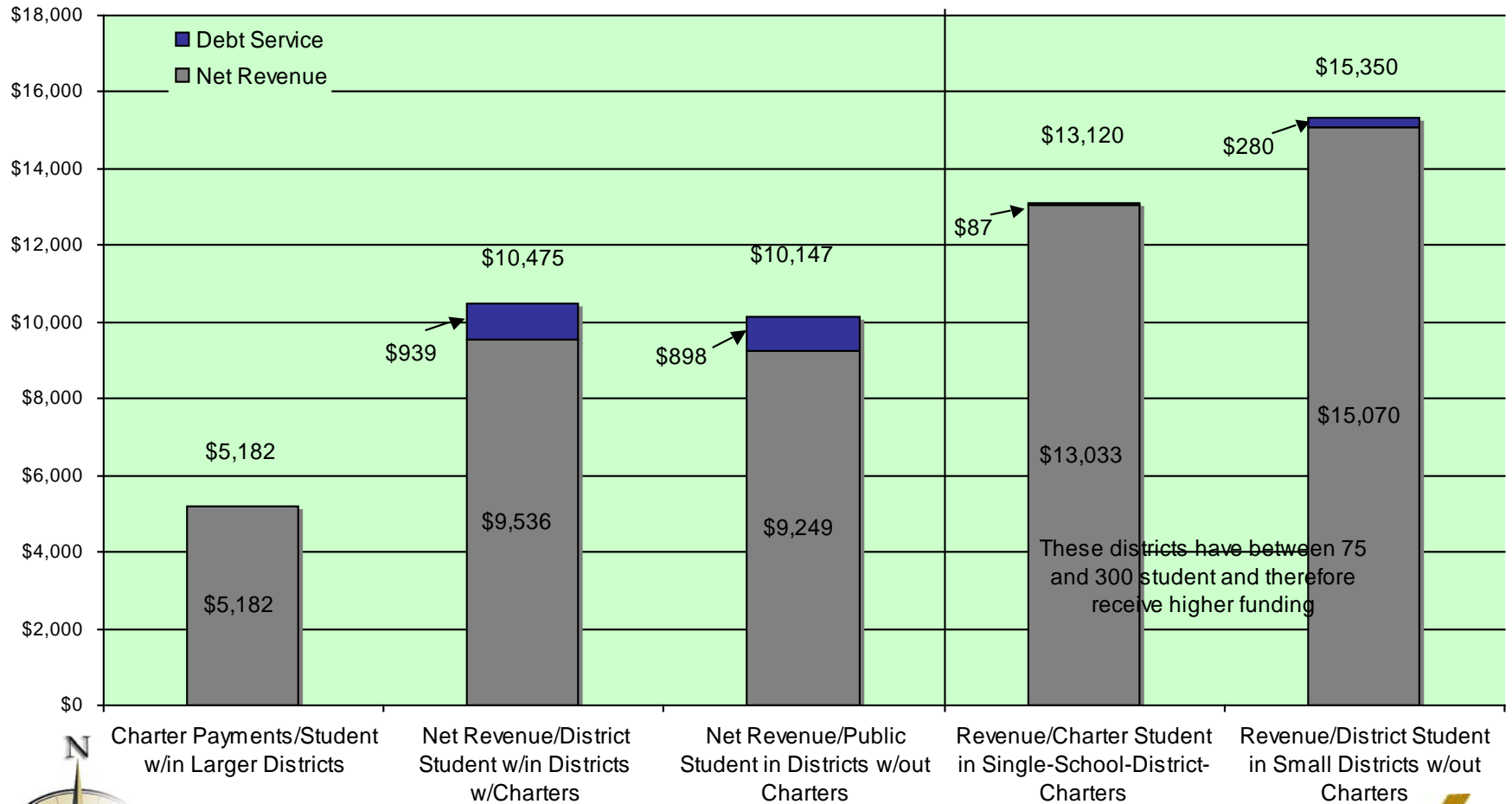
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Charter schools receive 55% of district revenue per student (61.3% when debt service is excluded)



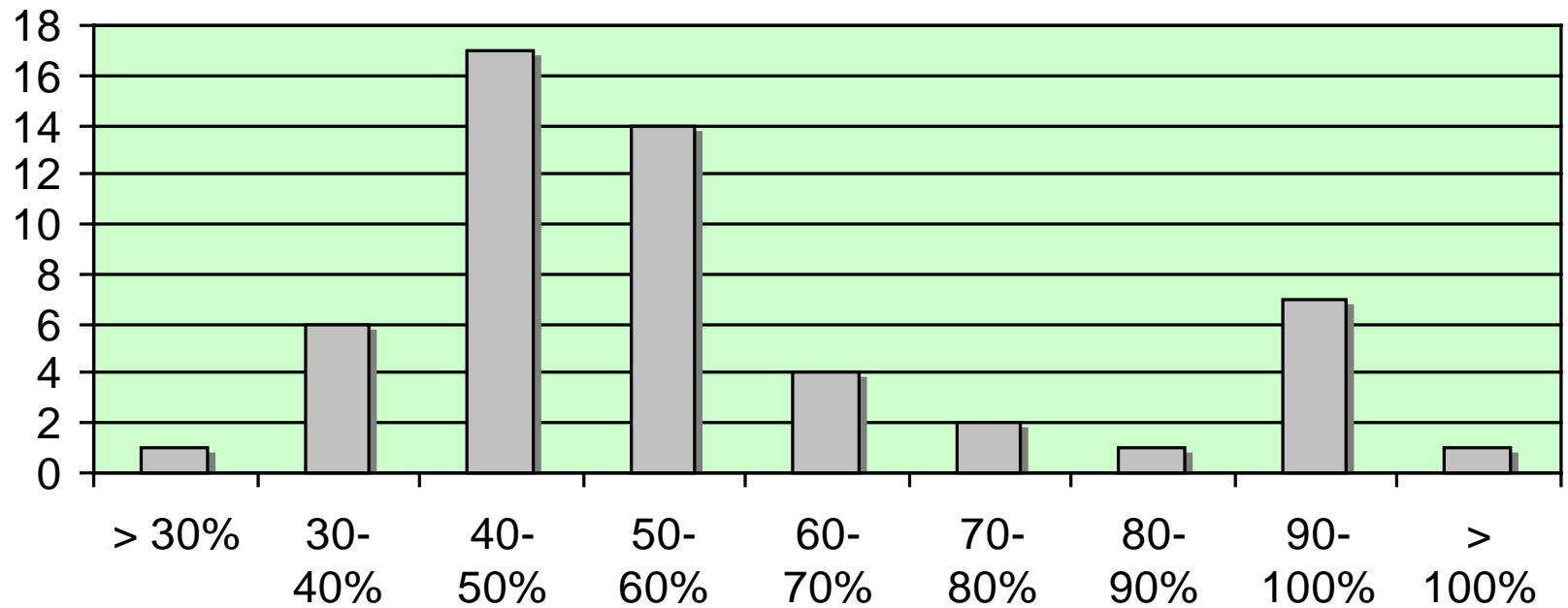
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This percentage falls to 49% for charters w/in larger districts



The amount districts pay to charter schools varies widely

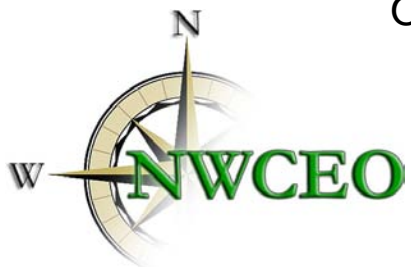
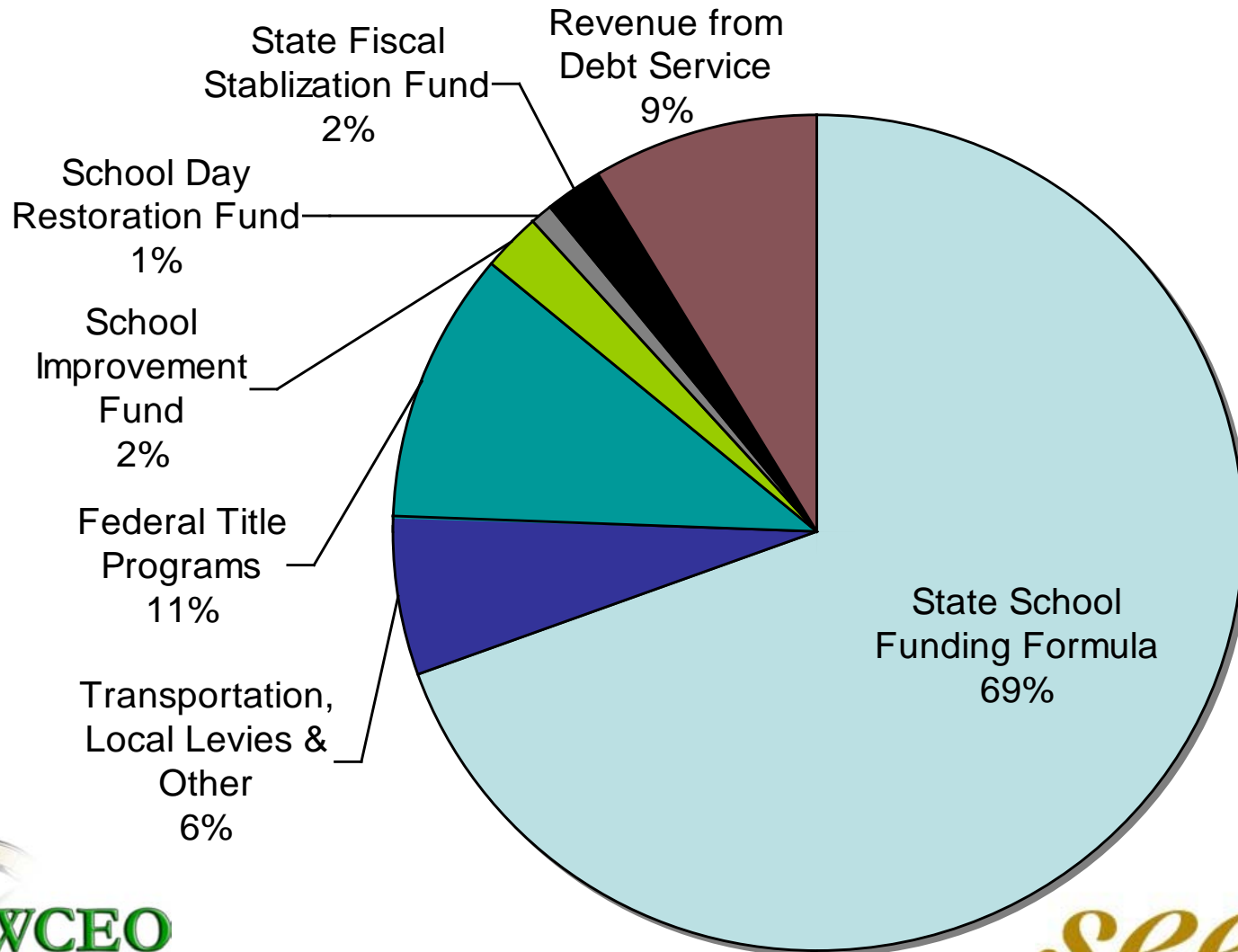
Frequency Distribution of 53 Districts Analyzed



Revenue Per Charter Student/Revenue Per District Student

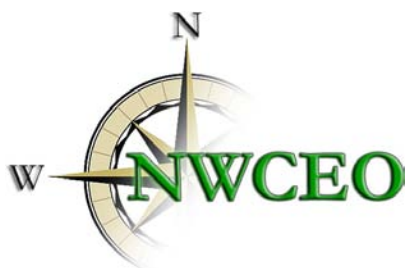


Districts have access to public resources not available to charters (some based on charter headcount)



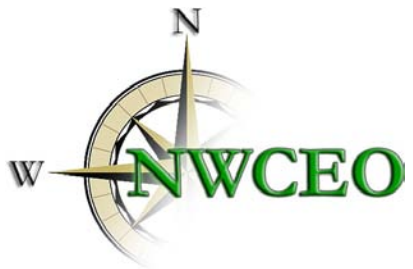
Conclusion

- Because of the patchwork of funding in Oregon, charter schools receive significantly less than intended on a per student basis (55% vs. 80-95%)
- Charter schools don't have access to many federal, state and local resources that districts may receive in addition to the State School Funding Formula
- There is wide variability in funding of charter schools statewide



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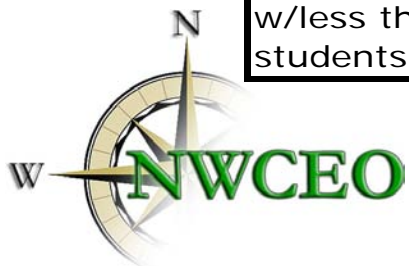
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Summary Statistics

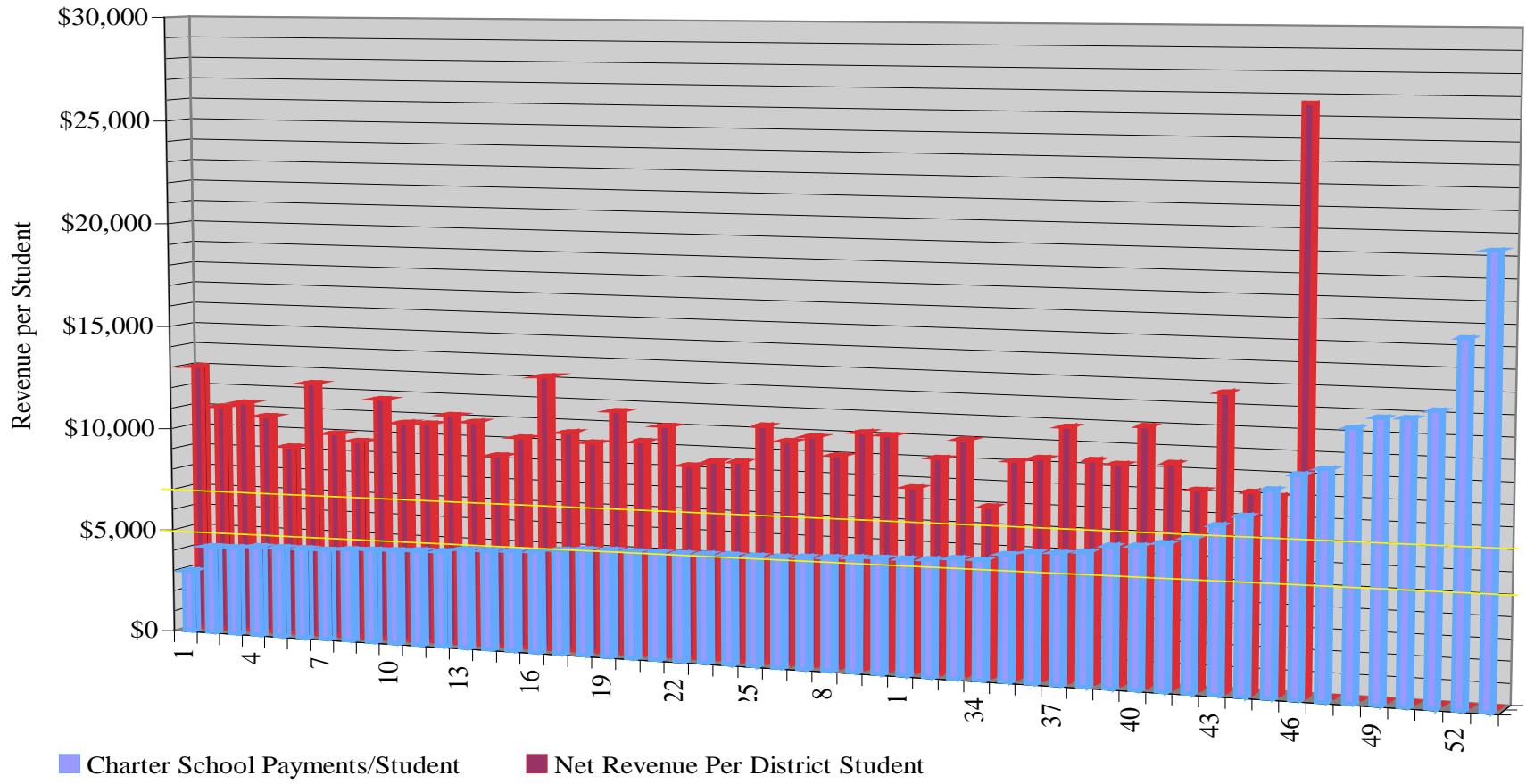
	Fall Membership 2008/2009	ADMw	% of Total Students	ADMw ratio
Statewide Total	560,787	659,657.03	100.00%	1.18
Charter Students	15,326		2.73%	
Fall Membership Less Charters	545,461		97.27%	
Districts w/Charter Schools				
Fall Membership	343,277	399,542.30	61.21%	1.16
Charter Students	14,771		2.63%	
Net District Students	328,506		58.58%	
Districts that are Charters	1,118	1,911.07	0.20%	1.71
Charter Schools w/in Districts (exc of charter districts) *	13,653		2.43%	
* 4 districts w/4701 pupils and 555 charter pupils were excluded from this study due to lack of charter payment information				
Districts w/out Charters				
Fall Membership	211,742	252,728.73	37.76%	1.19
Non-charter districts w/less than 300 students	3,442	6,249.55	0.61%	1.82



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The amount districts pay to charter schools varies widely

Revenue per student

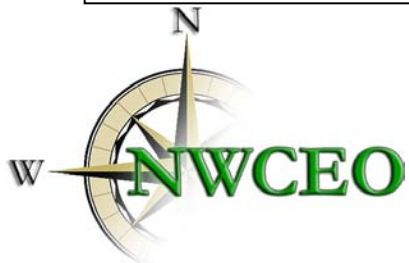


Actuals for Districts w/ Charter Schools

DistrictID	DistrictName	Total Fall Membership	Charter Students	Public Funding/Charter Student	Funding/District Student	% Charter/District Revenue	Relative size of charter in district
1	1966 North Bend SD 13	2444	822	\$2,977	\$12,943	23.0%	34%
2	2252 Amity SD 4J	810	29	\$4,238	\$10,990	38.6%	4%
3	2087 South Lane SD 45J3	2853	135	\$4,238	\$11,224	37.8%	5%
4	1924 North Clackamas SD 12	17772	1371	\$4,354	\$10,613	41.0%	8%
5	1948 St Helens SD 502	3660	172	\$4,364	\$9,166	47.6%	5%
6	1978 Sisters SD 6	1559	256	\$4,368	\$12,320	35.5%	16%
7	2048 Medford SD 549C	12252	80	\$4,372	\$9,915	44.1%	1%
8	1965 Coos Bay SD 9	3506	61	\$4,457	\$9,600	46.4%	2%
9	2146 Woodburn SD 103	5226	126	\$4,494	\$11,687	38.5%	2%
10	2242 Tigard-Tualatin SD 23J	12805	131	\$4,540	\$10,580	42.9%	1%
11	2102 Sweet Home SD 55	2364	114	\$4,589	\$10,595	43.3%	5%
12	1901 Corvallis SD 509J	6738	61	\$4,605	\$11,064	41.6%	1%
13	2244 Sherwood SD 88J	4538	145	\$4,773	\$10,778	44.3%	3%
14	2101 Lebanon Community SD 9	4325	253	\$4,777	\$9,201	51.9%	6%
15	2239 Hillsboro SD 1J	20544	163	\$4,812	\$10,124	47.5%	1%
16	2103 Scio SD 95	3182	2555	\$4,846	\$13,103	37.0%	80%
17	2187 David Douglas SD 40	10505	182	\$4,980	\$10,474	47.5%	2%
18	1930 Estacada SD 108	2622	337	\$5,068	\$10,035	50.5%	13%
19	2180 Portland SD 1J	44959	1304	\$5,101	\$11,588	44.0%	3%
20	2138 Silver Falls SD 4J	3596	130	\$5,110	\$10,200	50.1%	4%
21	2056 KLAMATH FALLS CITY SCHOOLS	3942	133	\$5,121	\$10,971	46.7%	3%
22	2190 Dallas SD 2	3300	101	\$5,134	\$9,154	56.1%	3%
23	1974 Brookings-Harbor SD 17C	1669	28	\$5,166	\$9,411	54.9%	2%
24	2039 Phoenix-Talent SD 4	2823	107	\$5,197	\$9,439	55.1%	4%
25	2084 Fern Ridge SD 28J	1601	176	\$5,200	\$11,184	46.5%	11%
26	2257 Sheridan SD 48J	994	80	\$5,208	\$10,514	49.5%	8%
27	4131 North Wasco County SD 21	2917	137	\$5,268	\$10,784	48.8%	5%
28	1928 Oregon City SD 62	8336	567	\$5,323	\$9,948	53.5%	7%
29	2241 Forest Grove SD 15	6175	204	\$5,377	\$11,077	48.5%	3%
30	2082 Eugene SD 4J	17825	553	\$5,431	\$11,008	49.3%	3%

Actuals for Districts w/ Charter Schools (cont.)

DistrictID	DistrictName	Total Fall Membership	Charter Students	Public Funding/ Charter Student	Funding/ District Student	% Charter/ District Revenue	Relative size of charter in district
31	1977 Redmond SD 2J	7169	348	\$5,442	\$8,615	63.2%	5%
32	2207 Pendleton SD 16	3360	56	\$5,473	\$10,033	54.6%	2%
33	1922 West Linn-Wilsonville SD 3J	8385	103	\$5,576	\$10,949	50.9%	1%
34	1944 Scappoose SD 1J	2250	47	\$5,588	\$7,887	70.8%	2%
35	2057 Klamath County SD	6152	41	\$5,905	\$10,053	58.7%	1%
36	2142 Salem-Keizer SD 24J	40200	512	\$6,058	\$10,251	59.1%	1%
37	2024 Hood River County SD	3973	290	\$6,100	\$11,732	52.0%	7%
38	1900 Philomath SD 17J	1684	120	\$6,191	\$10,255	60.4%	7%
39	2182 Reynolds SD 7	11436	374	\$6,533	\$10,136	64.5%	3%
40	2097 Lincoln County SD	5377	541	\$6,587	\$11,905	55.3%	10%
41	1976 Bend-LaPine Administrative SD 1	15837	67	\$6,780	\$10,272	66.0%	0%
42	1946 Rainier SD 13	1168	28	\$7,070	\$9,113	77.6%	2%
43	2094 Marcola SD 79J	358	142	\$7,703	\$13,586	56.7%	40%
44	1991 Douglas County SD 4	6522	92	\$8,195	\$9,124	89.8%	1%
45	2183 Gresham-Barlow SD 10J	12207	198	\$9,441	\$9,011	104.8%	2%
46	1993 Douglas County SD 15	239	181	\$10,171	\$26,614	38.2%	76%
47	2216 Cove SD 15	250	250	\$10,478	#DIV/0!	100.0%	100%
48	1995 Camas Valley SD 21J	146	146	\$12,363	#DIV/0!	100.0%	100%
49	2214 North Powder SD 8J	219	219	\$12,876	#DIV/0!	100.0%	100%
50	2045 Prospect SD 59	168	168	\$12,894	#DIV/0!	100.0%	100%
51	3997 Lone SD R2	175	175	\$13,269	#DIV/0!	100.0%	100%
52	2060 Paisley SD 11	84	84	\$16,504	#DIV/0!	100.0%	100%
53	2248 Fossil SD 21J	76	76	\$20,383	#DIV/0!	100.0%	100%



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