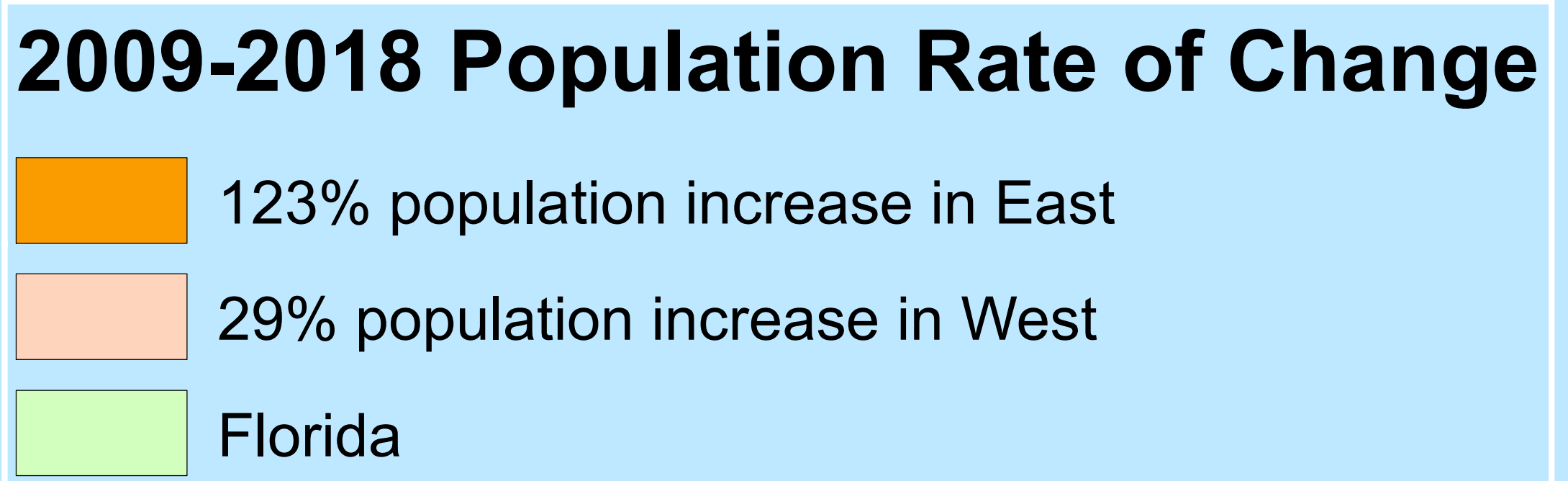
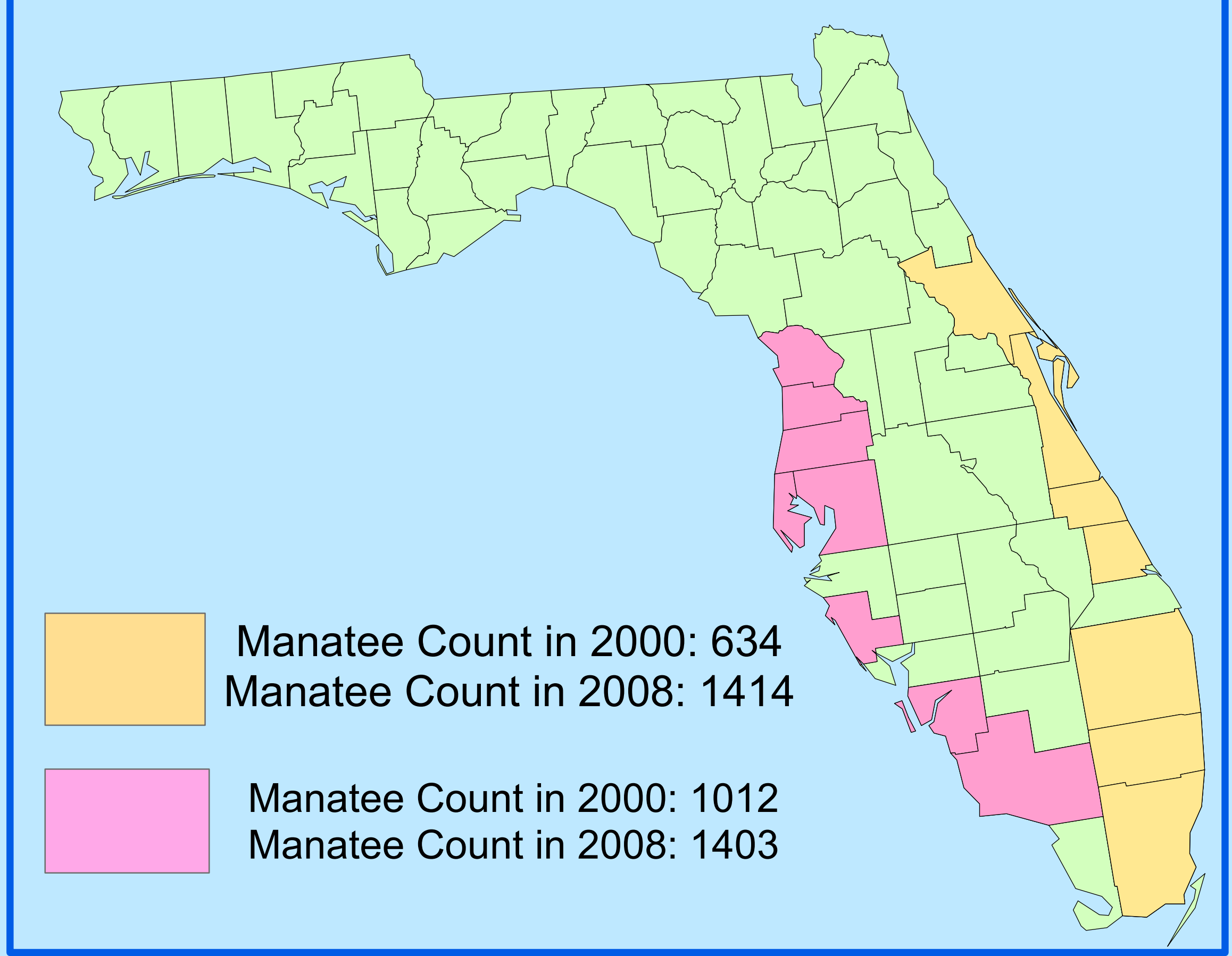
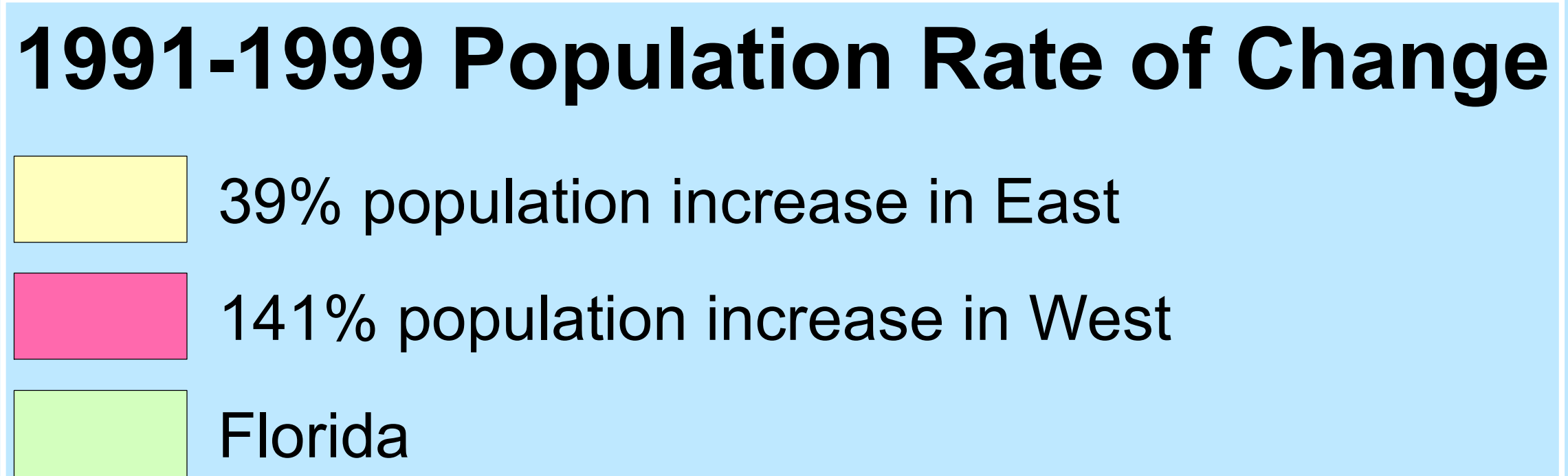
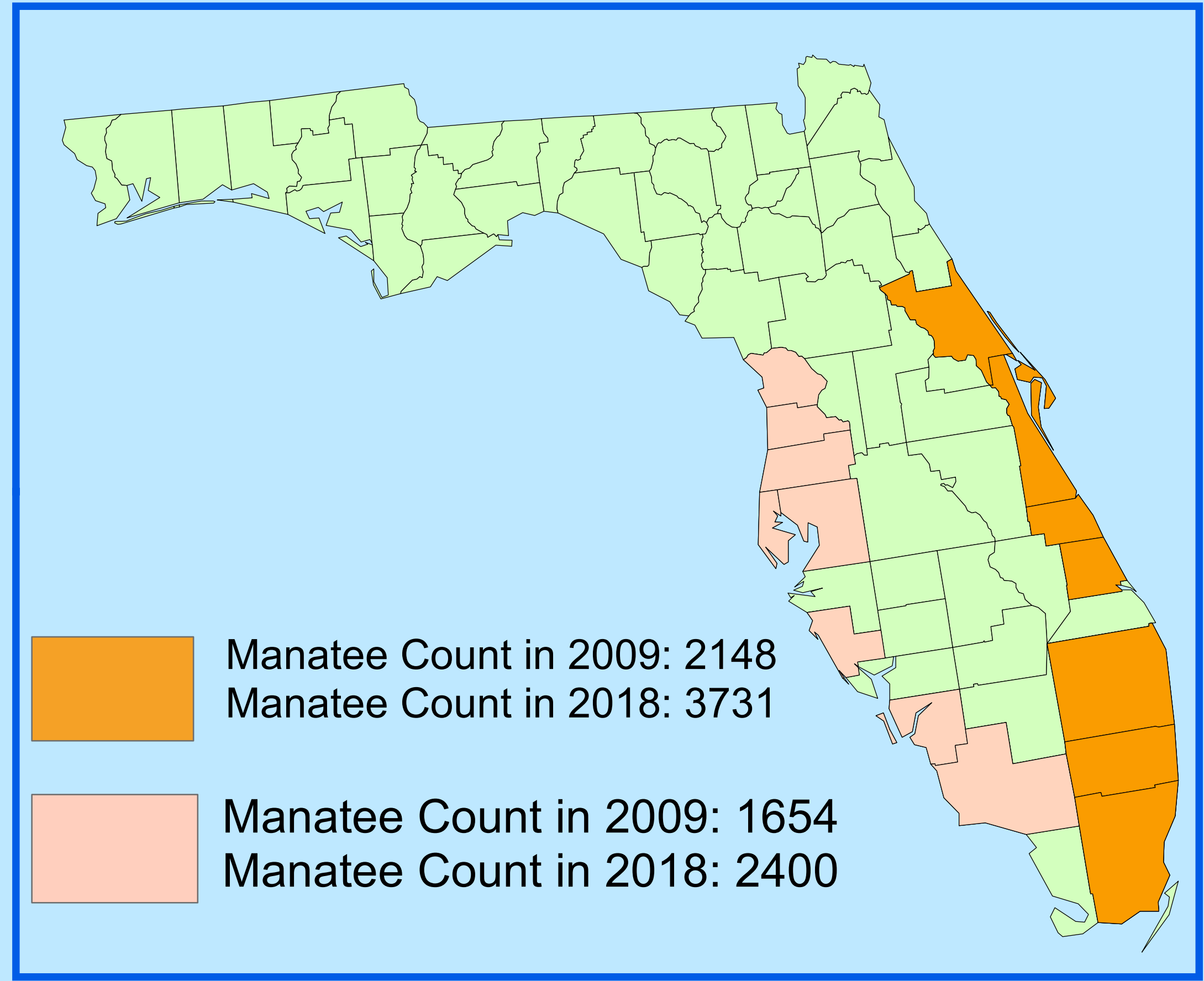
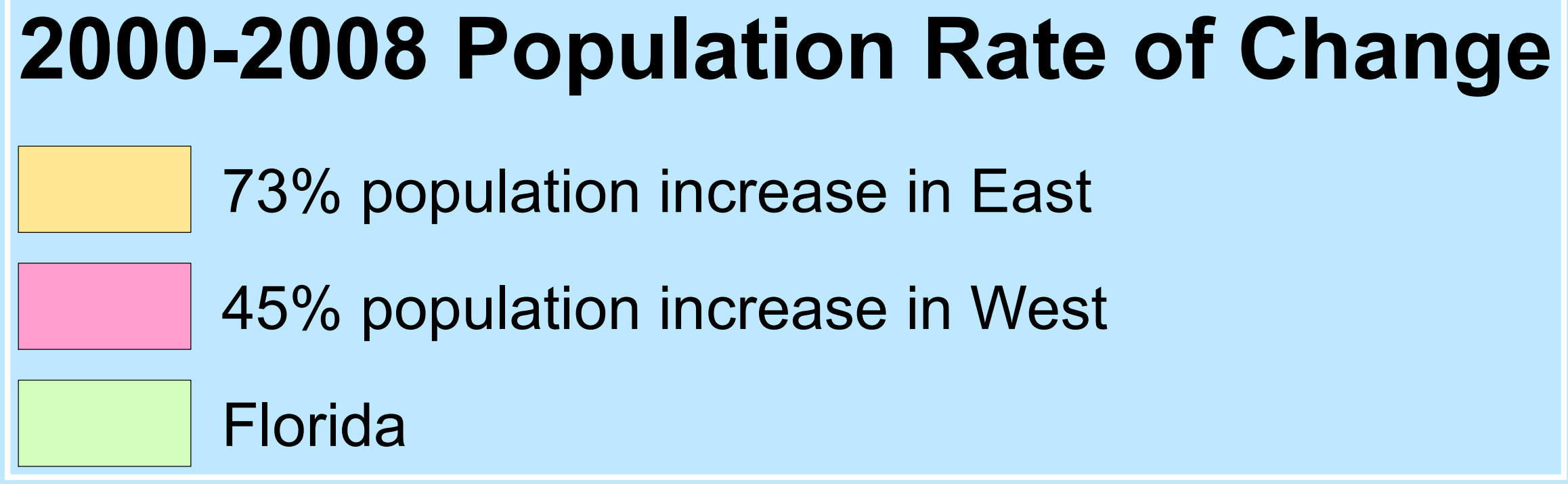


Question: How much has the Florida Manatee population increased since conservation efforts along with synoptic surveys began in 1991? Should the Florida Manatee be downlisted to the status of threatened?



Conclusion: Florida has seen about a 540% increase in total manatee population since conservation efforts began. This increase has been instrumental towards the downlisting of the Florida Manatee to threatened rather than the endangered list. Based on my research, the Florida Manatee should not have been downlisted so soon.



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