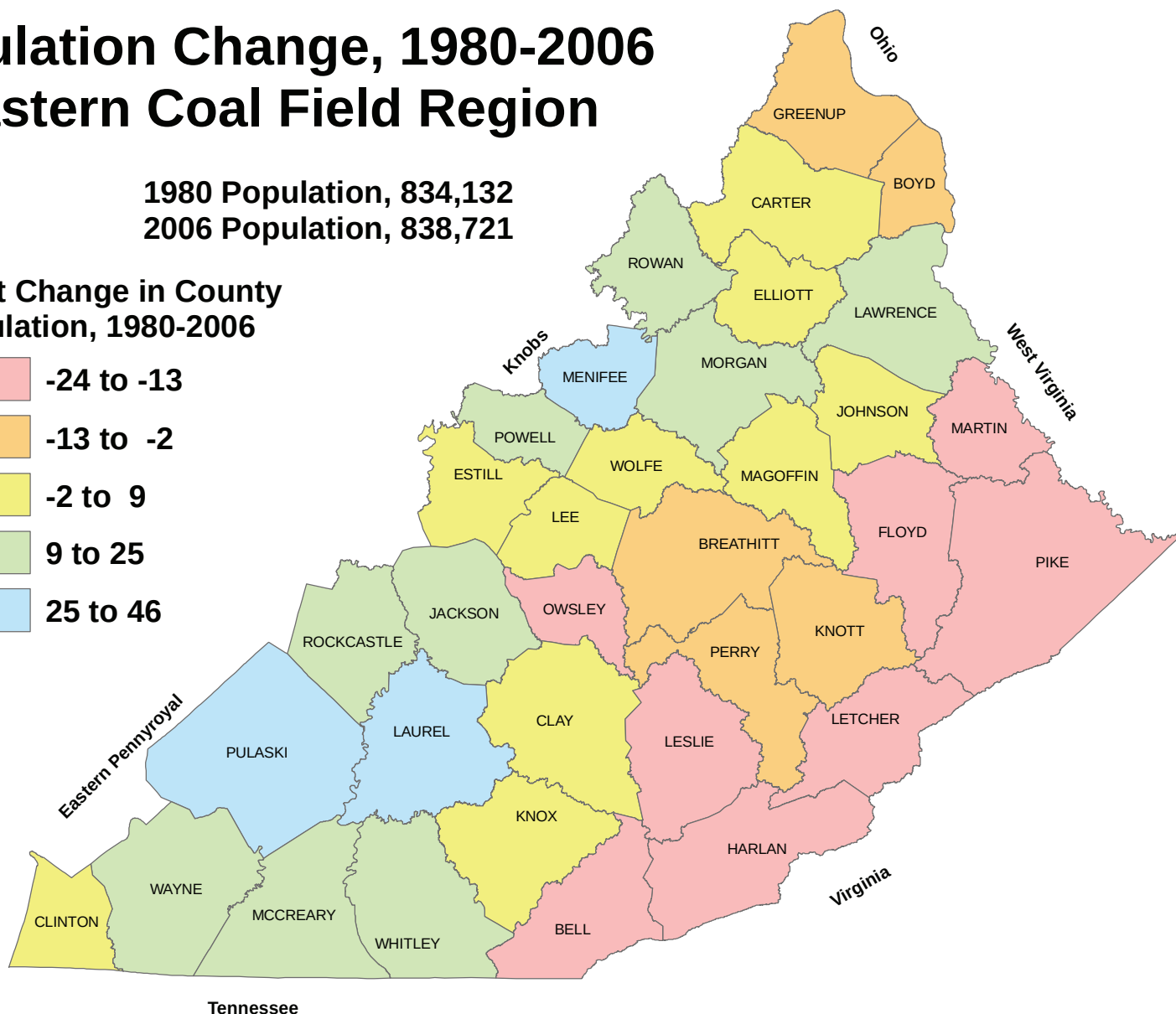
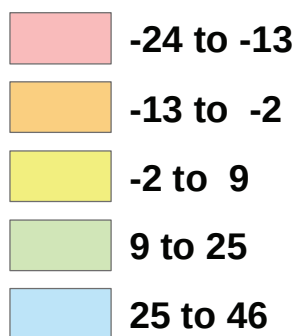


Population Change, 1980-2006

Eastern Coal Field Region

1980 Population, 834,132
2006 Population, 838,721

Percent Change in County
Population, 1980-2006



The population in the entire region peaked in 1980, fell in the 1980's, and increased slowly in the 1990's. Counties whose economies rely on coal and heavy industry saw population decreases. The population of Kentucky increased 15.2 percent from 3,660,340 in 1980 to 4,217,544 in 2006.