

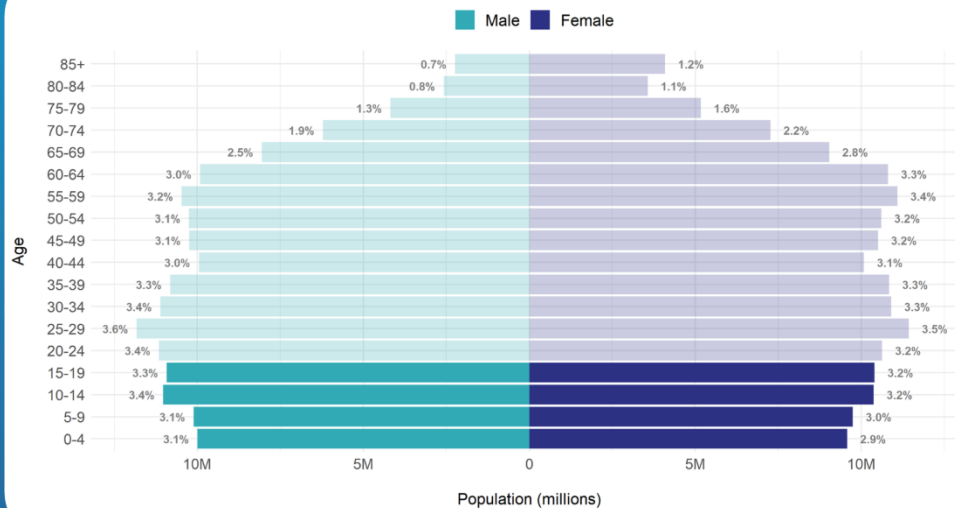
Who are America's Children Today?

Building Resilience in Child and Youth Well-Being

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Population Pyramid of the Total US Population, 2018



Source: AAP analysis of data from the US Census Bureau, 2018 American Community Survey

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What do dramatic generational demographic changes mean for children?

What do highly variable state and community contexts mean for building resiliency?



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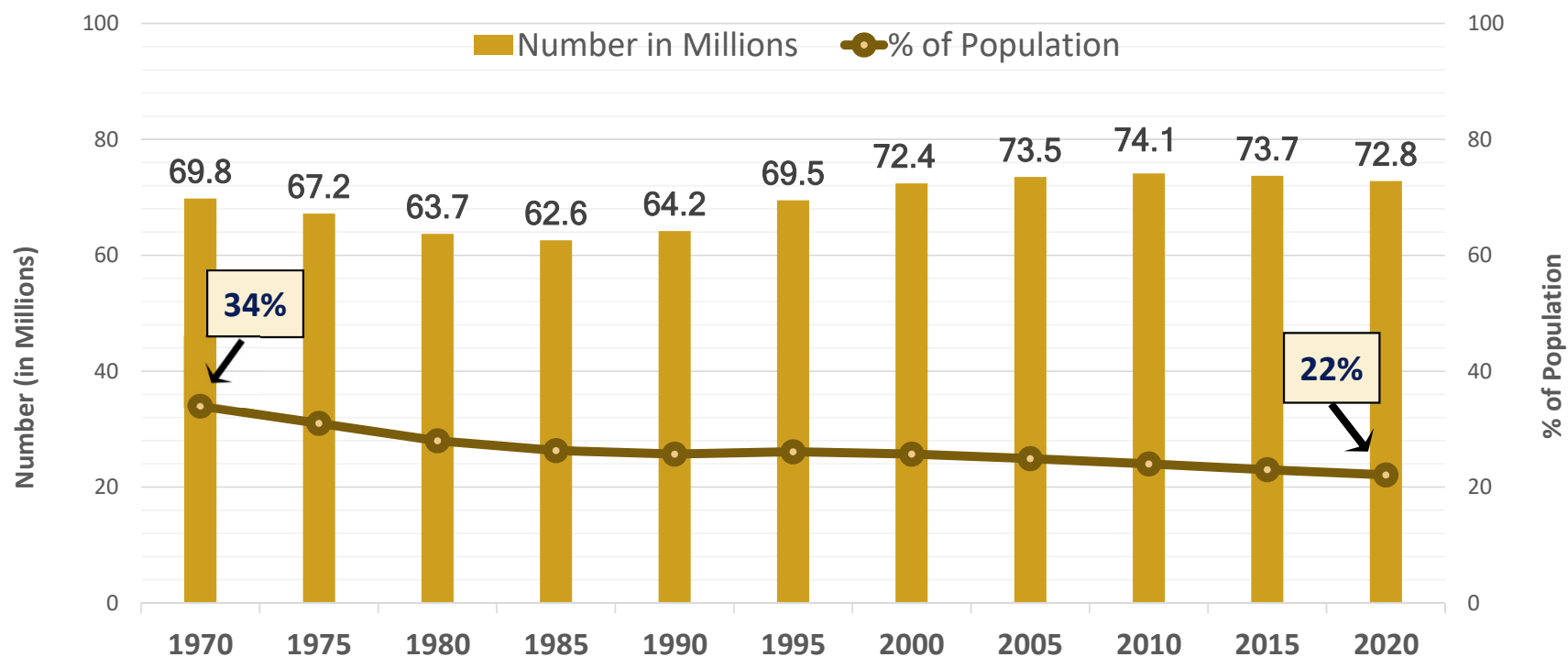
The numbers tell us: Invest in Children

THERE ARE FEWER CHILDREN

It looks likely that trend will continue...



US Child (under 18) Population: Number and % of Overall Population, 1970-2020

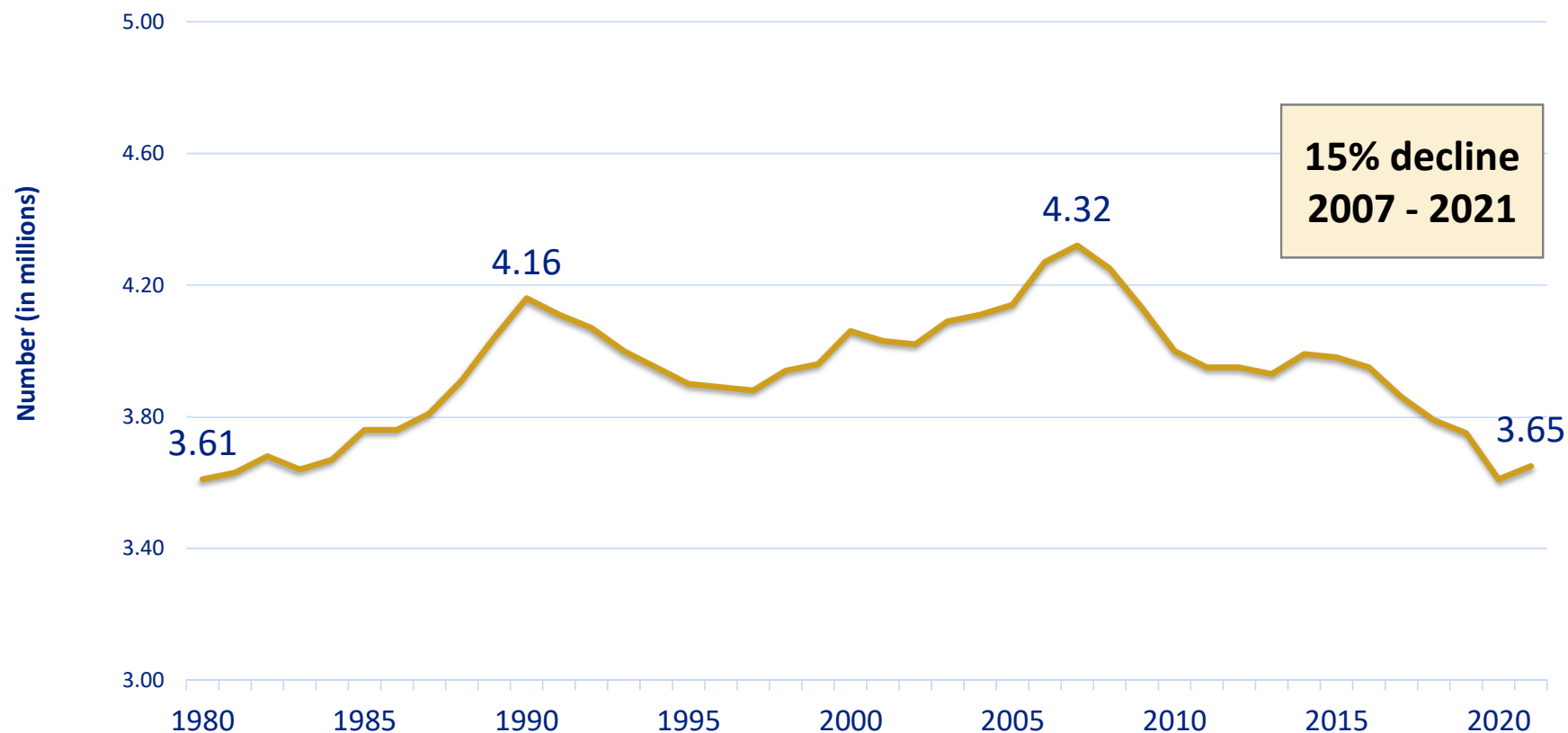


Source: US Census Bureau, Current Population Reports (<http://www.childstats.gov/americaschildren/tables/pop1.asp> and <http://www.childstats.gov/americaschildren/tables/pop2.asp>)

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Number of US Births (in Millions of Children Born) 1980-2021*



*Provisional data for 2021

Source: CDC/NCHS, National Vital Statistics Reports (data for 1980-2015: https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr66/nvsr66_01.pdf; 2016-2019: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr70/nvsr70-02-508.pdf>; and 2020: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/vsrr/vsrr012-508.pdf>)

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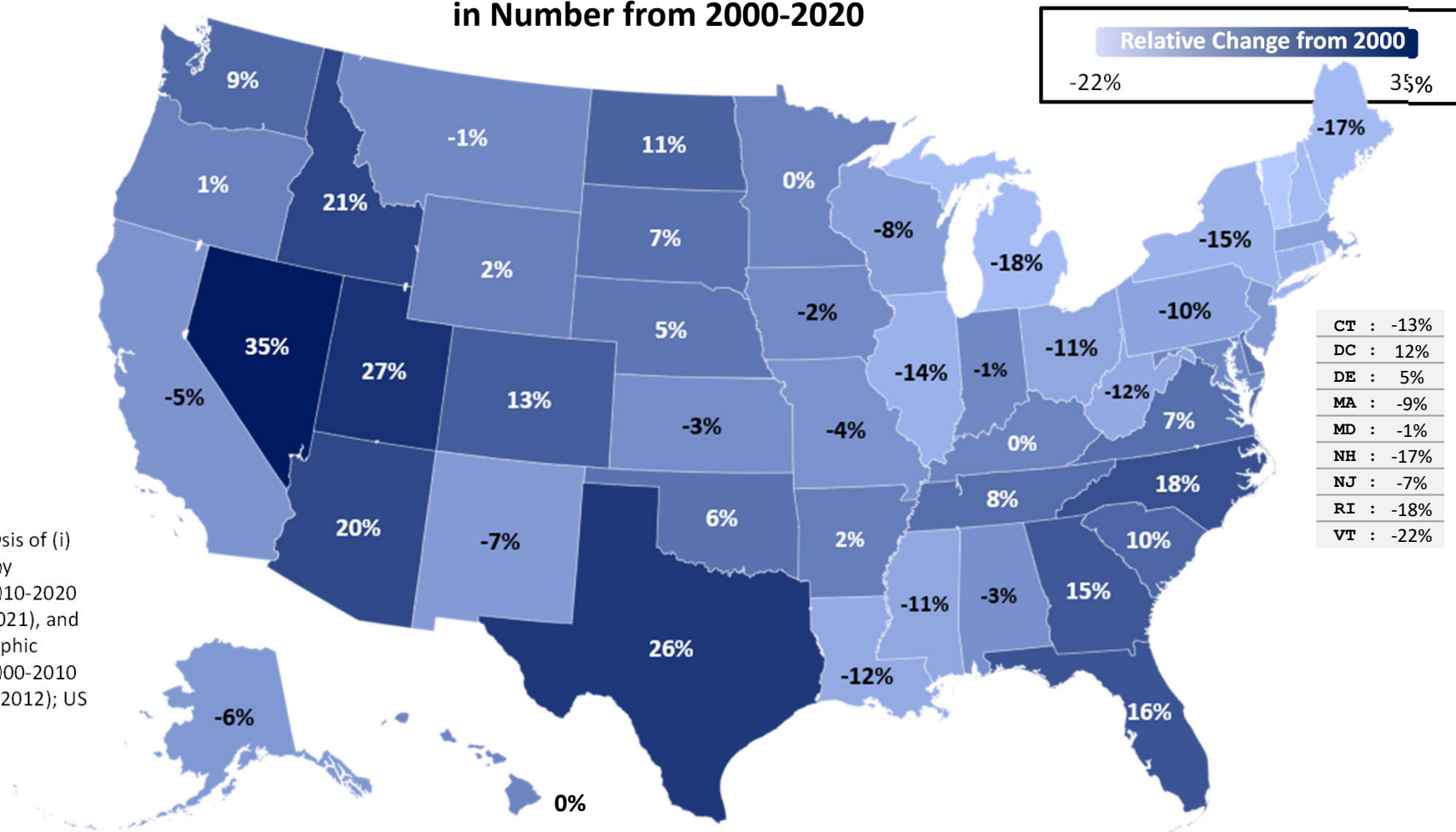


SUBSTANTIAL CHILD POPULATION SHIFT

Notable growth in South, shrinkage in Northeast

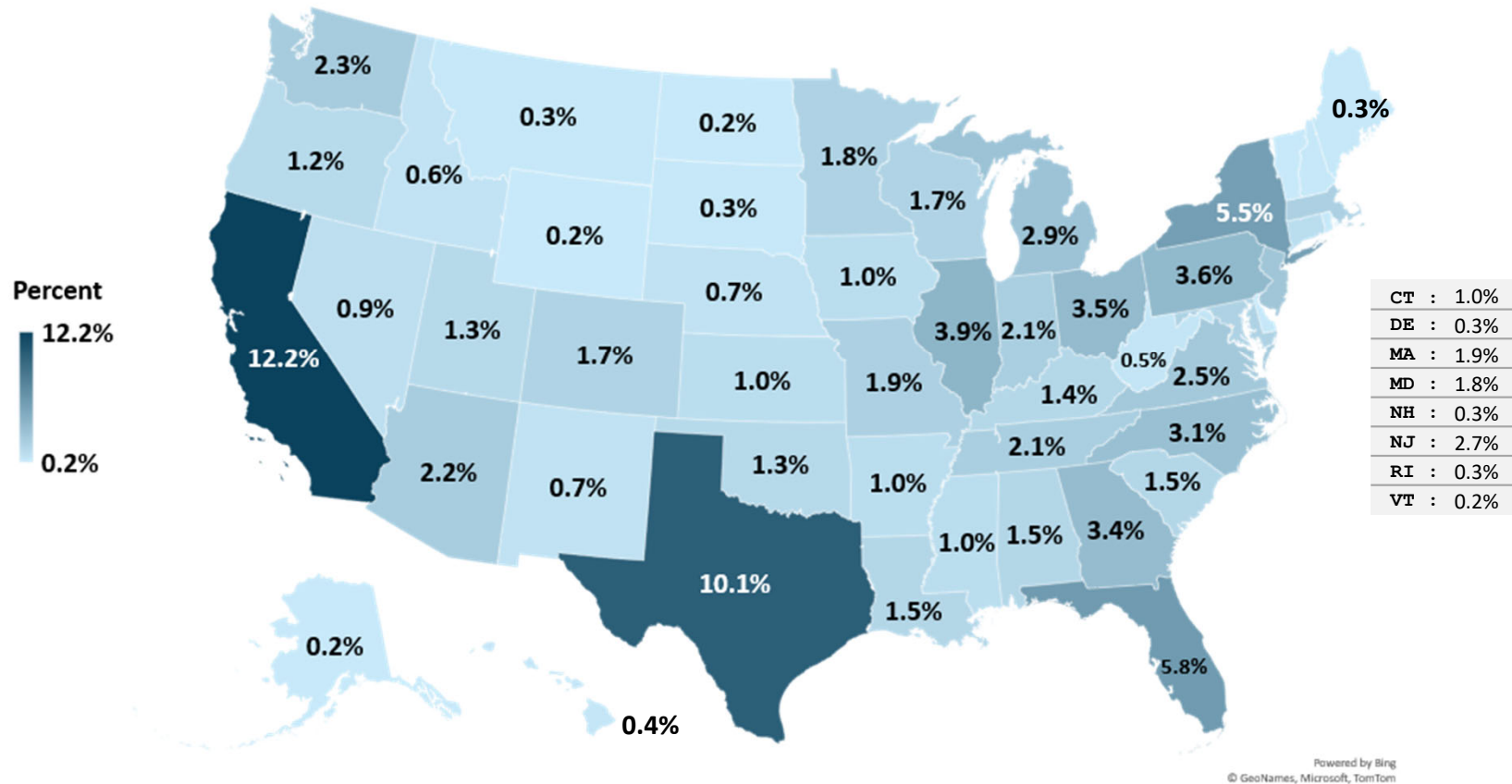


Child Population through Age 18: Within State Increase or Decrease in Number from 2000-2020



Source: AAP analysis of (i) State Population by Characteristics: 2010-2020 (published June 2021), and (ii) State Demographic Characteristics: 2000-2010 (published March 2012); US Bureau of Census.

Percent of Total US Child (under 18) Population by State, 2019



Source: US Census Bureau, Population Division; The Annie E. Casey Foundation, KIDS COUNT Data Center (datacenter.kidscount.org)

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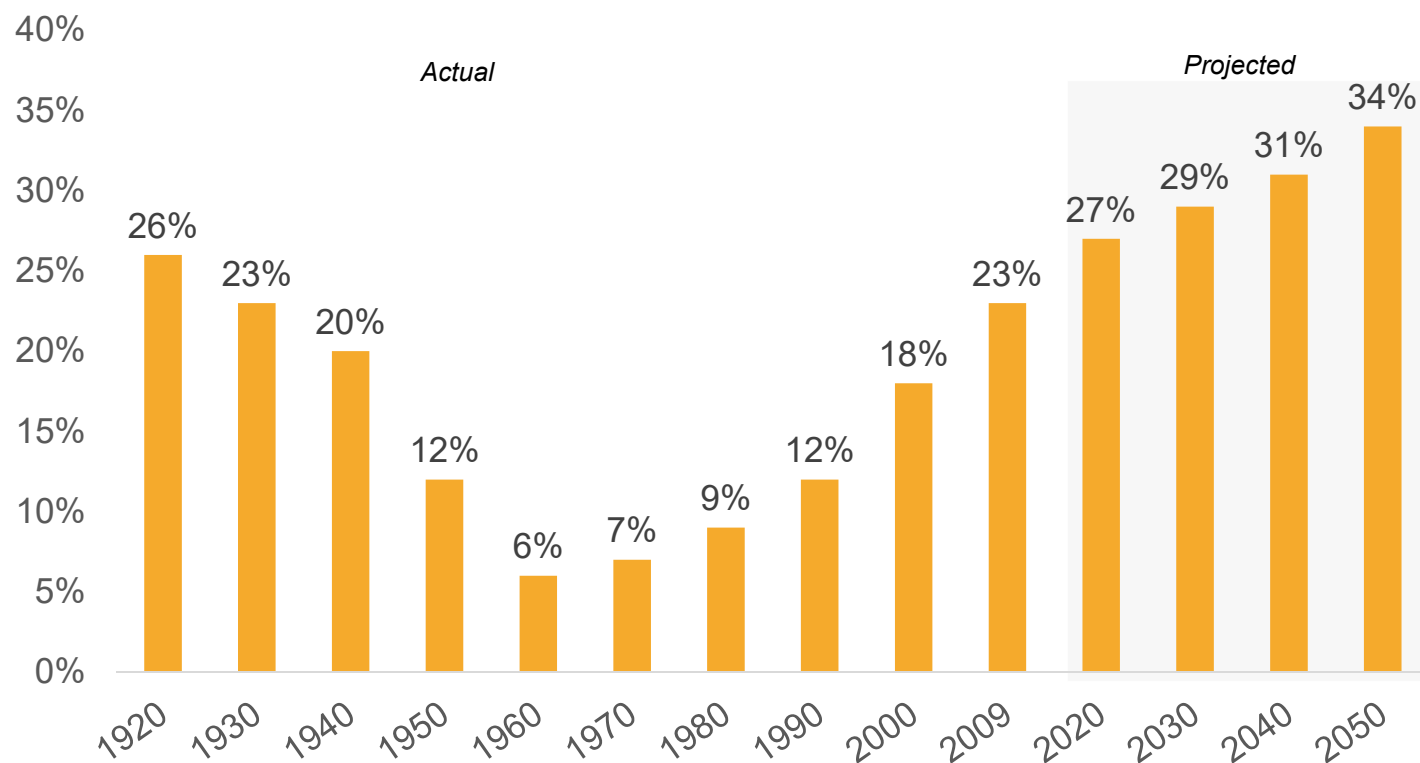


GROWTH IN IMMIGRANT CHILDREN AT HISTORIC LEVELS

Similarities to the 1920s...



Immigrant Children as Share of All Children, 1920–2050



Source: Passel, Jeffrey. "Demography of Immigrant Youth: Past, Present, and Future." *The Future of Children*, 2011

Note: "Immigrant children" defined as children under age eighteen who are either foreign-born or U.S.-born to immigrant parents;

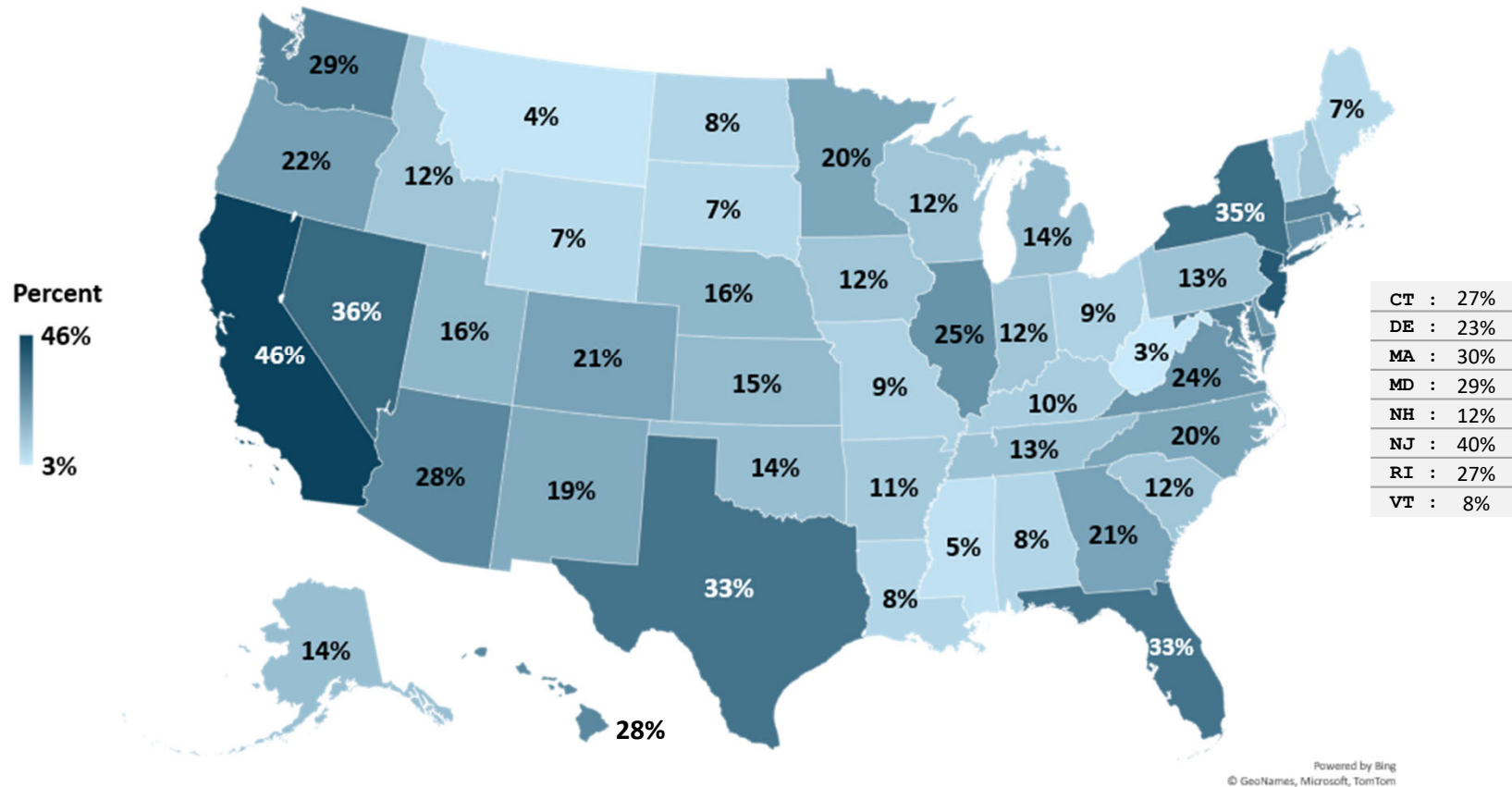
Gray shaded region (2020-2050) refers to population projections

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Percent of US Children (under 18) in Immigrant* Families by State, 2019



*Children who are foreign-born or reside with at least one foreign-born parent

Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey; The Annie E. Casey Foundation, KIDS COUNT Data Center (datacenter.kidscount.org)

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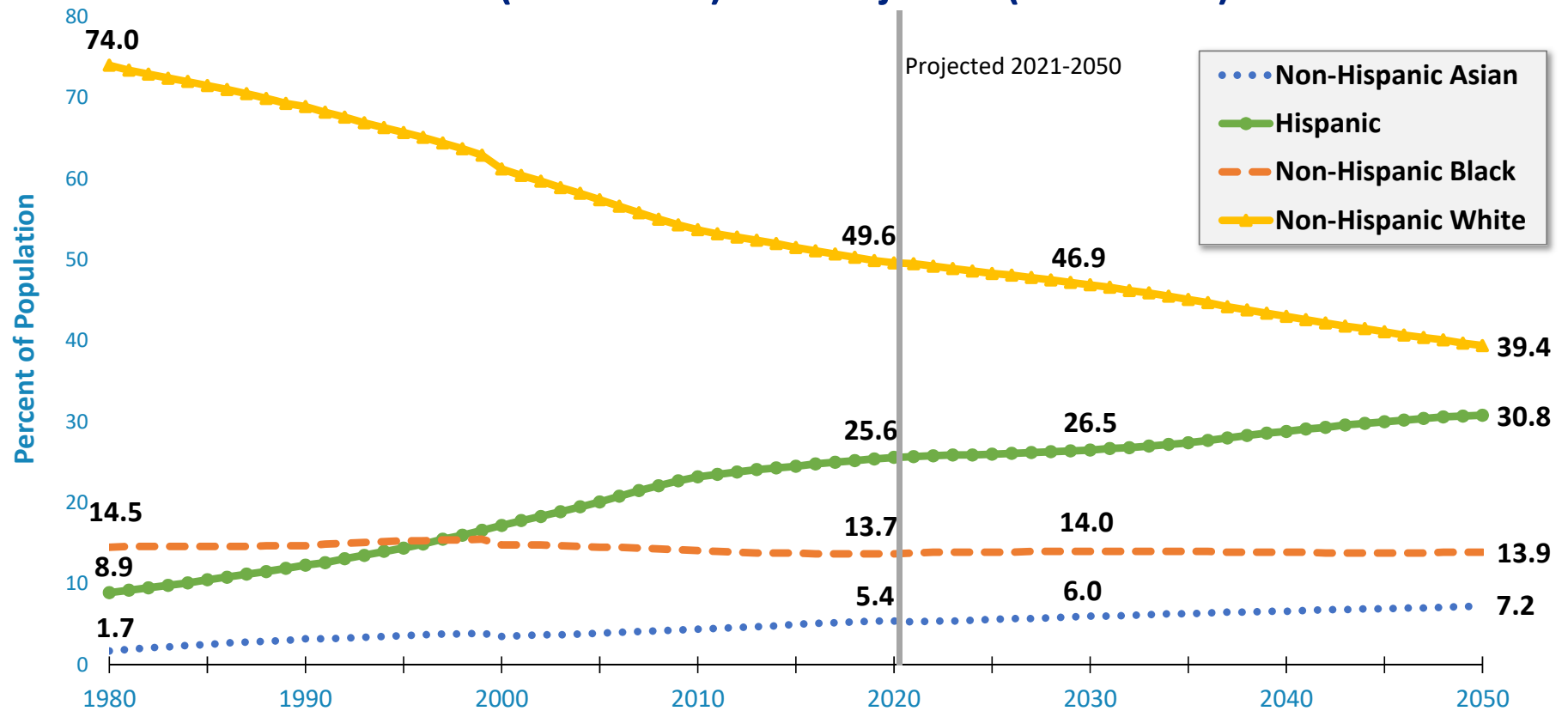
THE CHILD POPULATION INCREASINGLY DIVERSE

Decrease in White children

Increase in Hispanic & Latino children



Race/Ethnicity of US Children (under 18), Recorded (1980-2020) and Projected (2021-2050)



Source: US Census Bureau, Population Division (<http://www.childstats.gov/americaschildren/tables/pop3.asp>)

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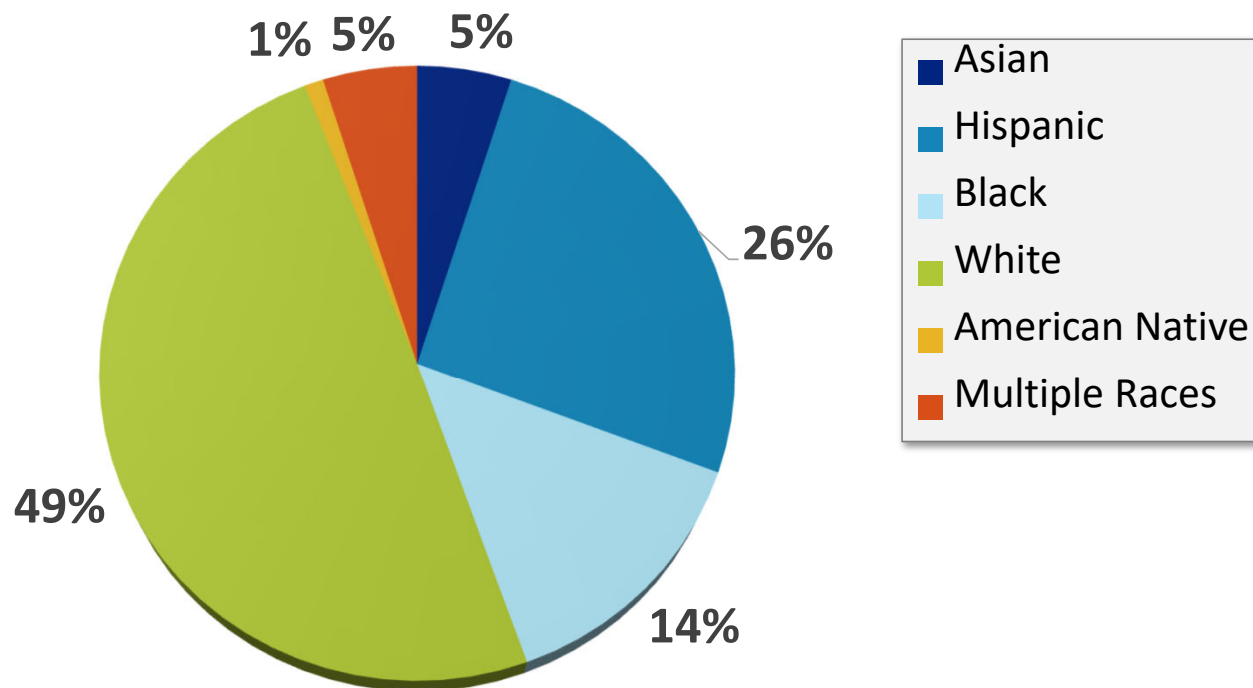
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US CHILDREN ARE HIGHLY DIVERSE AND
CHARACTERISTICS HIGHLY VARIABLE ACROSS STATES



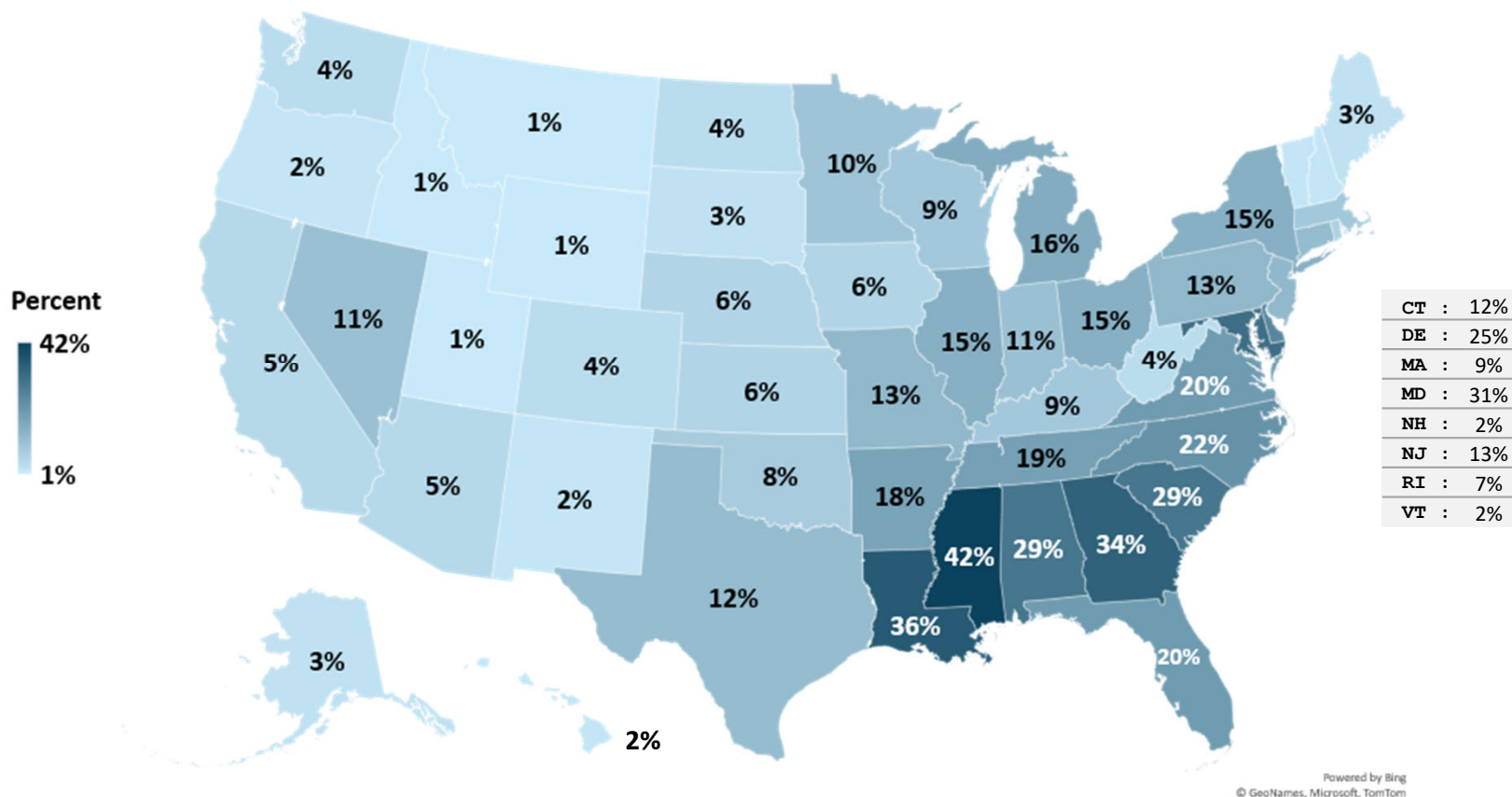
Reported Race & Ethnicity of US Children < 18, 2020



Source: US Census Bureau, Population Division (<http://www.childstats.gov/americaschildren/tables/pop3.asp>)



Percent of Children (under 18) Who Are Non-Hispanic Black by State, 2020

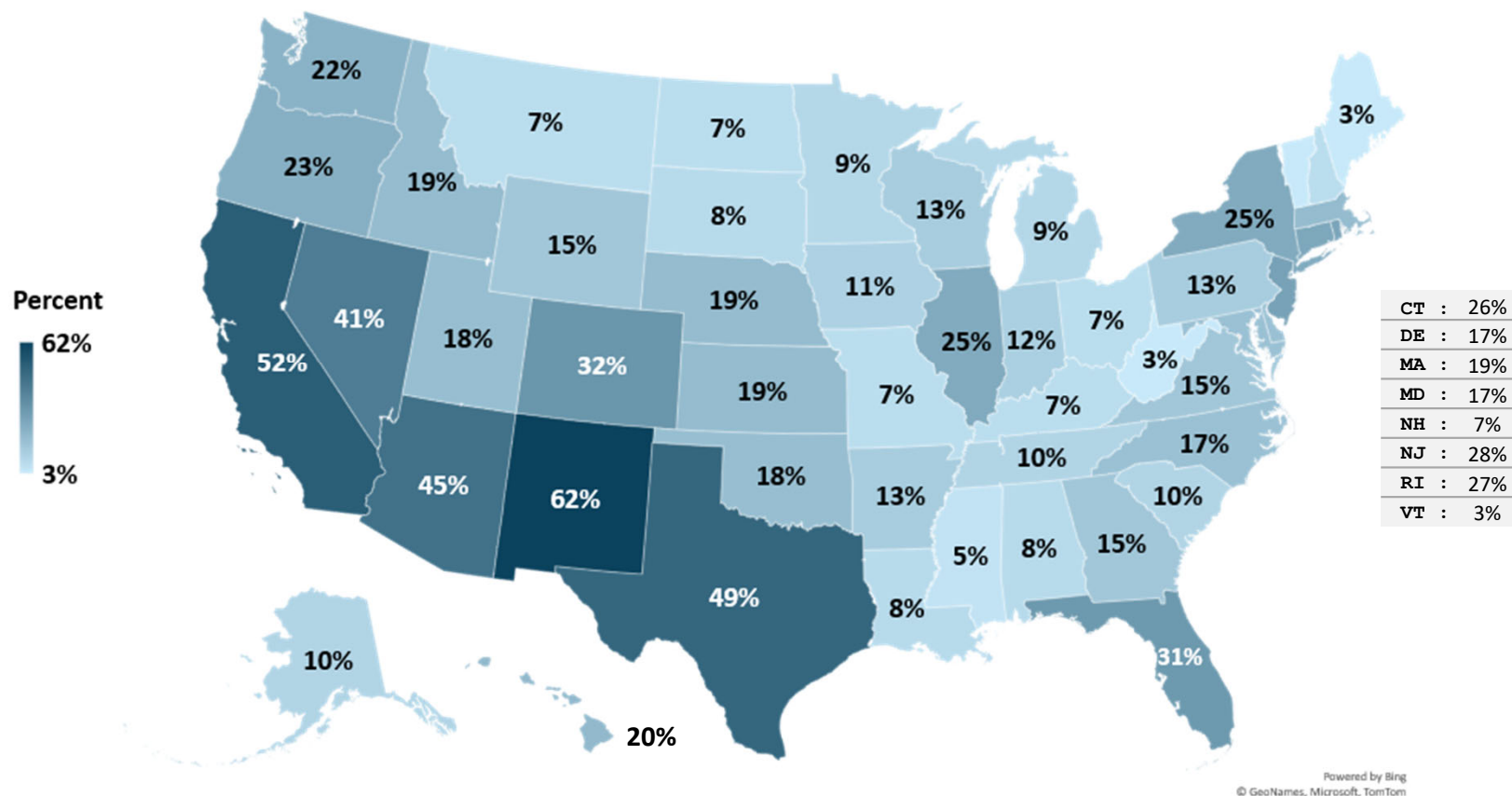


Source: US Census Bureau, Population Division; The Annie E. Casey Foundation, KIDS COUNT Data Center (datacenter.kidscount.org)

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Percent of Children (under 18) who are Hispanic or Latino by State, 2020

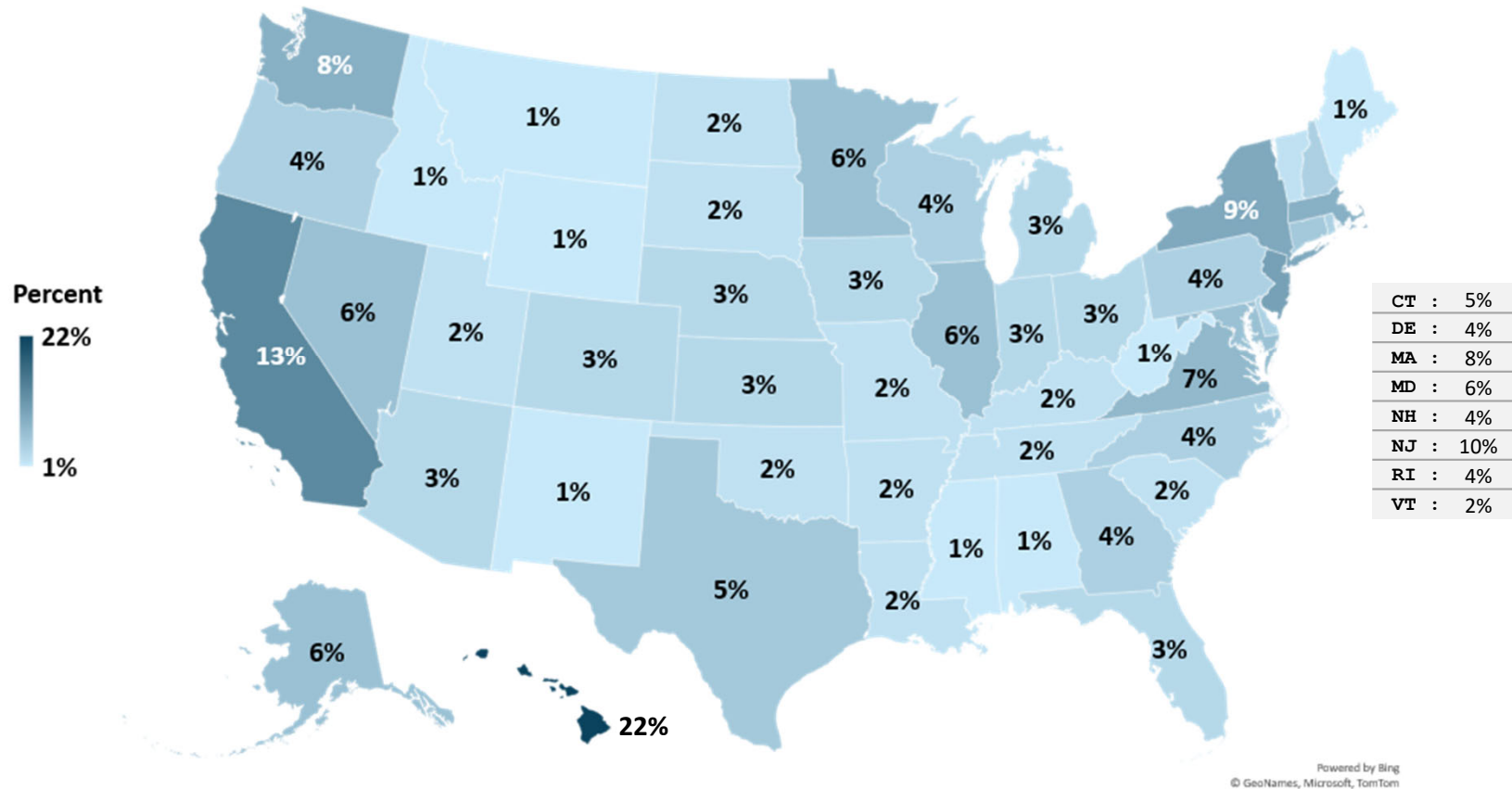


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Percent of Children (under 18) who are Non-Hispanic Asian by State, 2020



Source: US Census Bureau, Population Division; The Annie E. Casey Foundation, KIDS COUNT Data Center (datacenter.kidscount.org)

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Where do US children (< 18) live? By select race/ethnicity and census region 2019

	All US Children	Among Black Children	Among Hispanic Children
Northeast	16%	14%	13%
Midwest	21%	19%	10%
South	39%	59%	38%
West	24%	8%	39%
	100%	100%	100%



Source: US Census Bureau, Population Division; The Annie E. Casey Foundation, KIDS COUNT Data Center (datacenter.kidscount.org)

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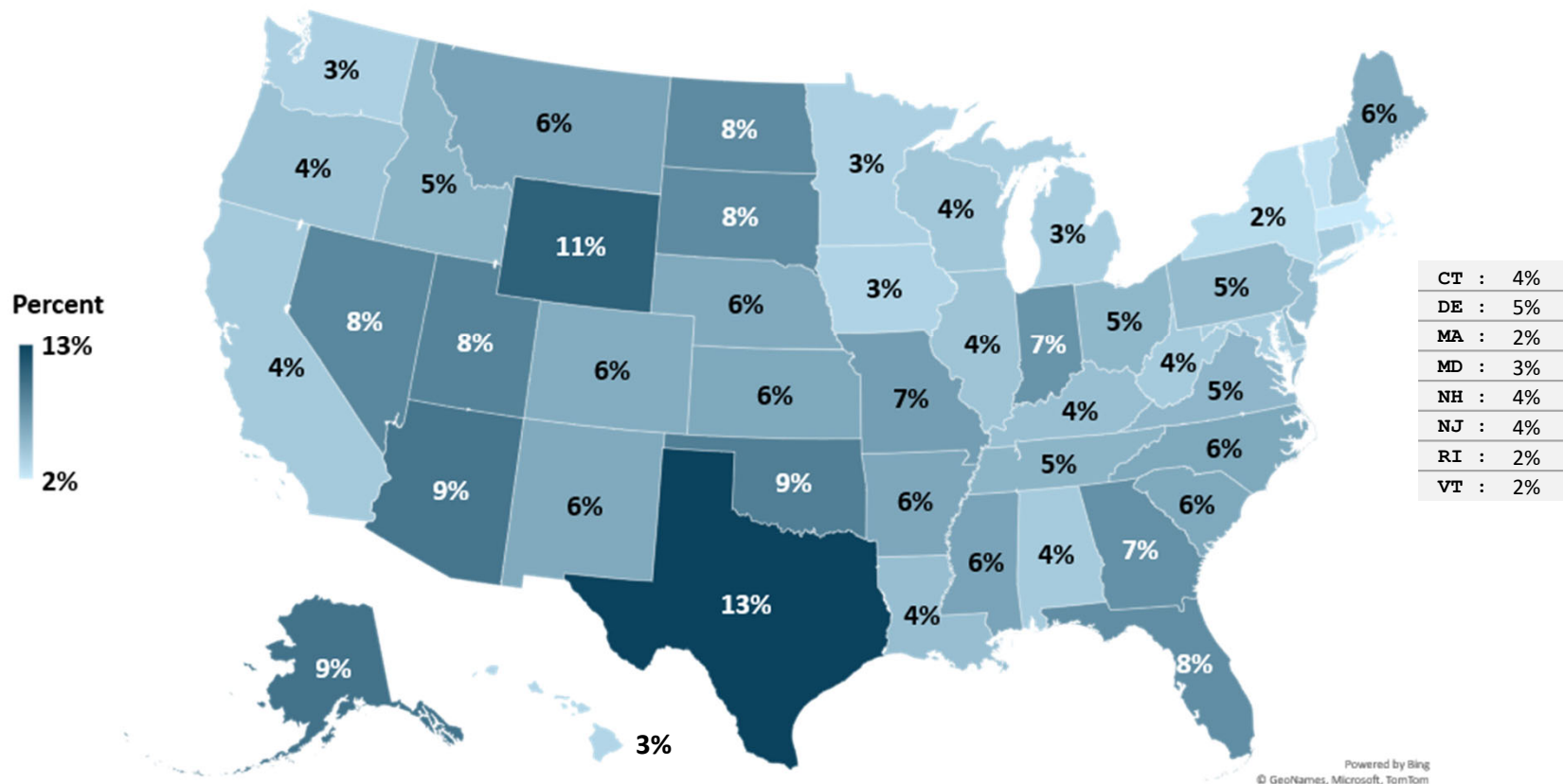


THERE HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN CHILD INSURANCE COVERAGE

Remaining gaps strongly related to geography, race,
and ethnicity



Percent of US Children (under 19) without Health Insurance by State, 2019

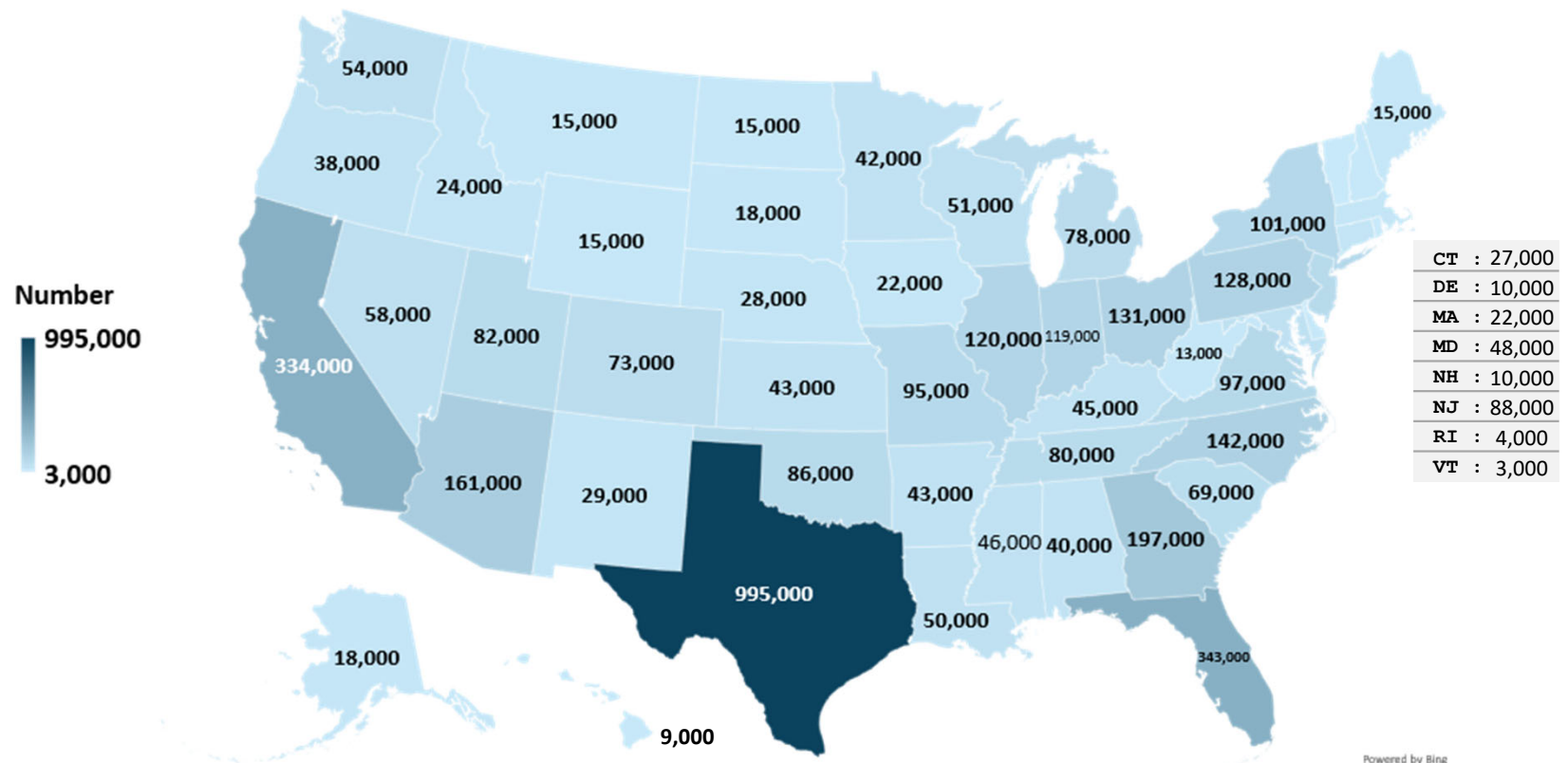


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Number of US Children (under 19) without Health Insurance by State, 2019



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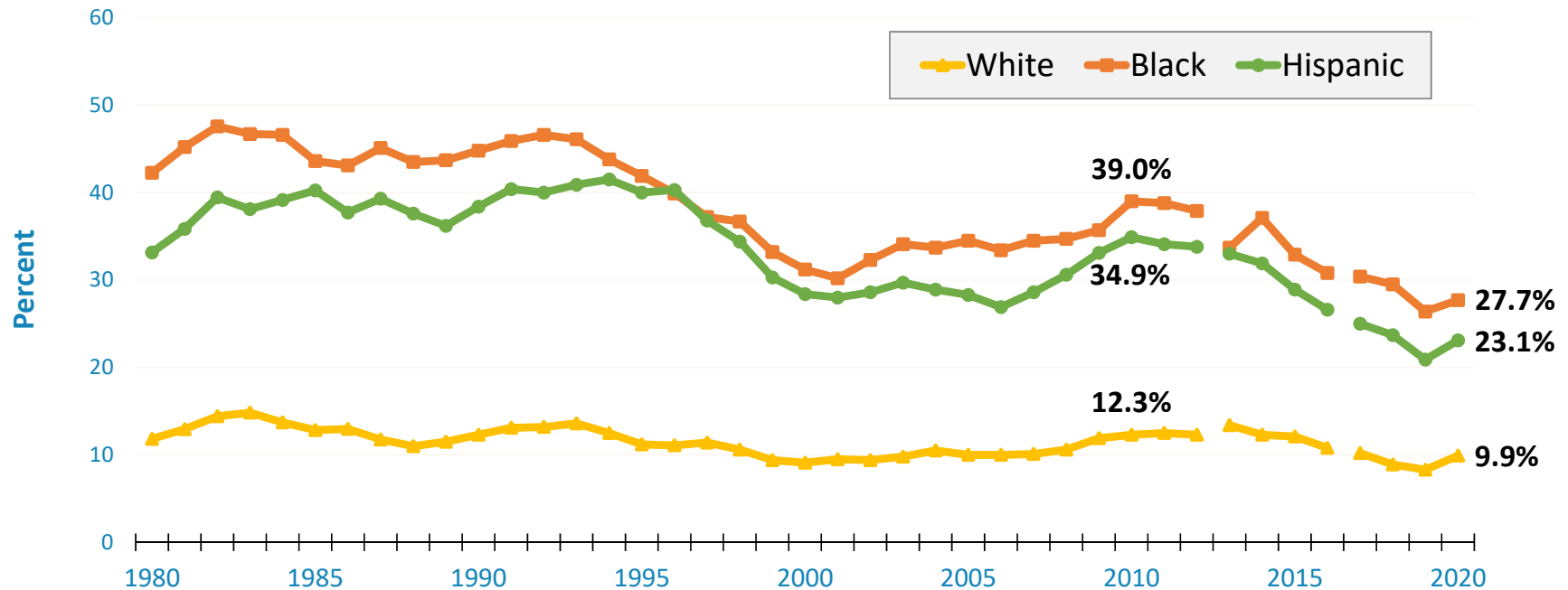
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CHILDREN ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE POOR

Interrelated with Race, Ethnicity, and Geography
Currently: Historically High Income Disparities



% of US Children (under 18) Living Below the Poverty Level by Race/Ethnicity, 1980-2020*



*Estimates for 2013 and beyond are not directly comparable to previous years due to a re-design of the income questions. Estimates for 2017 and beyond are not directly comparable to previous years due to the implementation of an updated CPS ASEC processing system.

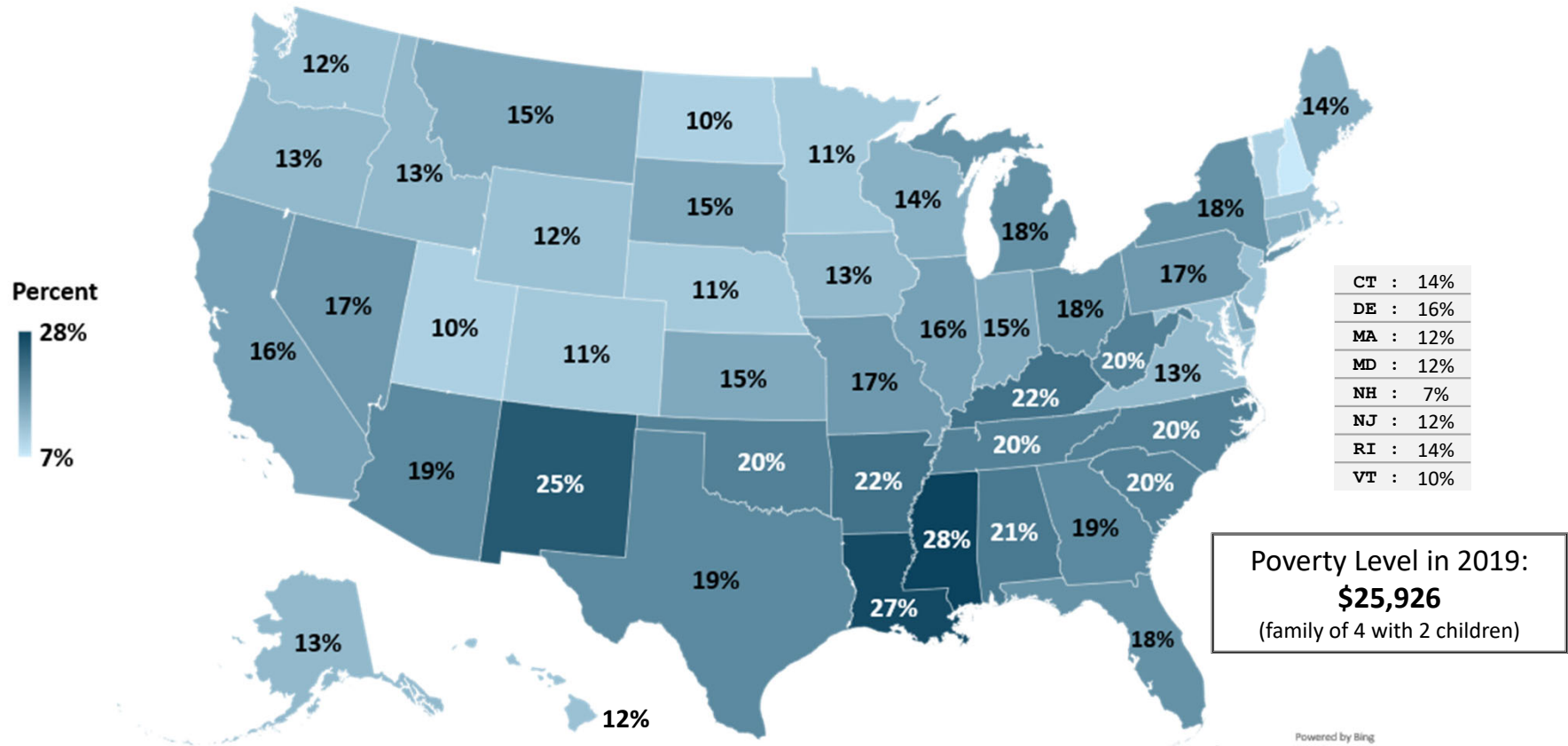
Poverty Level in 2020: \$26,246
(family of 4 with 2 children)

Source: US Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplement
(<https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/publications/2021/demo/p60-273.pdf>)

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Percent of Children (under 18) in Poverty by State, 2019



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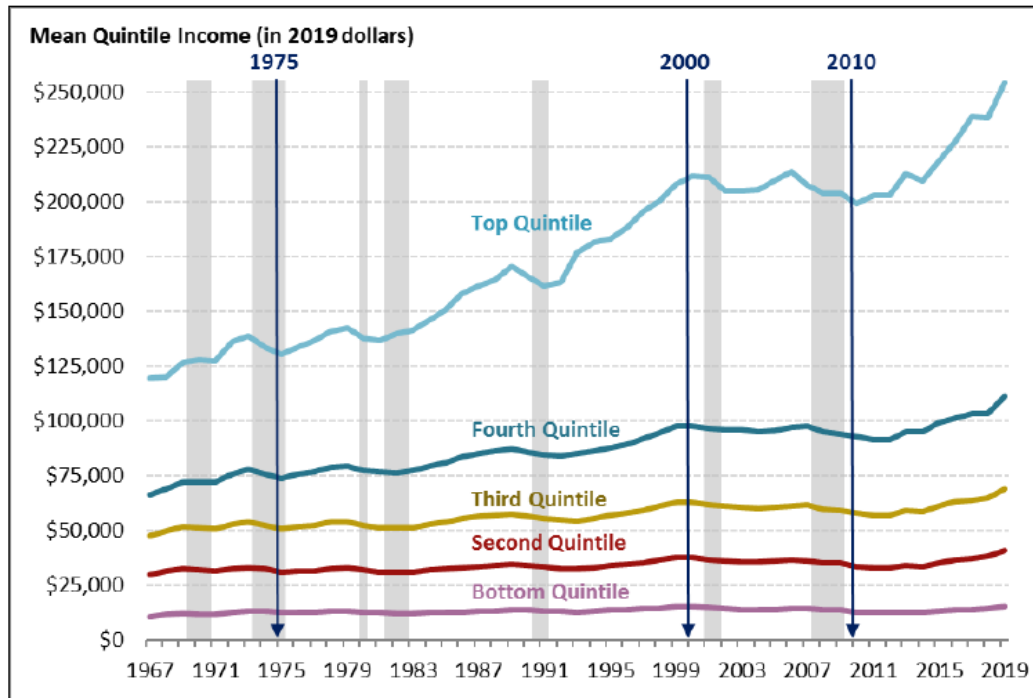
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Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey; The Annie E. Casey Foundation, KIDS COUNT Data Center (datacenter.kidscount.org)

Figure 2. Mean Quintile Household Income, 1967-2019



Source: Figure created by the Congressional Research Service (CRS) based on data from U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey (CPS), Annual Social and Economic Supplements (ASEC), available at

Growth in Income Inequality:

The gap between upper and middle and lower income households has grown substantially over 50 years.

Congressional Research Service January 2021

WHAT MIGHT WE BE MISSING IN OUR FOCUS?

Example: Non-Metro, Rural Children: Systemic barriers





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Cross-sector solutions needed to address complex challenges

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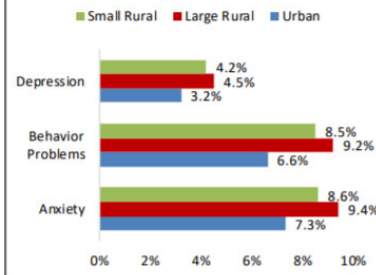
Rural/Urban Differences in Children's Health NSCH Data Brief | October 2020

2017-2018 RURAL/URBAN DATA SNAPSHOT

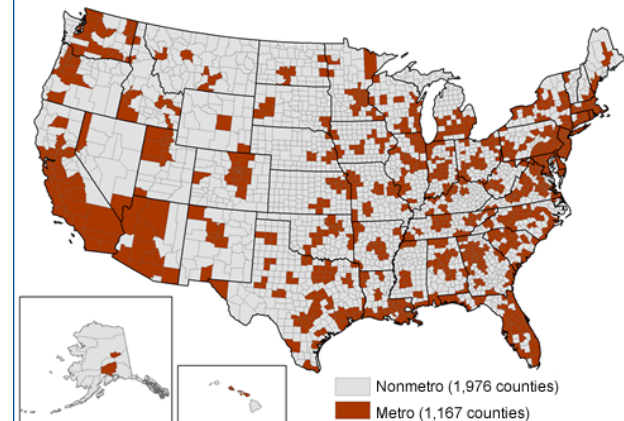
Mental and Behavioral Health Conditions

- Mental and behavioral health conditions can begin in childhood and affect lifelong health and well-being. In 2017-2018, depression, anxiety, and behavioral conditions were more prevalent among rural children ages 3-17 compared to urban children.
- Among children with mental and behavioral health conditions, there were no differences in the receipt of mental health treatment by residency (urban=50.6%, large rural=47.3%, small rural=50.9%).

Prevalence of Mental and Behavioral Health Conditions among Children ages 3-17, by Rural/Urban Residency, 2017-2018



Metro and nonmetro counties, 2013



Source: USDA, Economic Research Service using data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

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Invest in building resilience*

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