

IOM Roundtable on Health and Education

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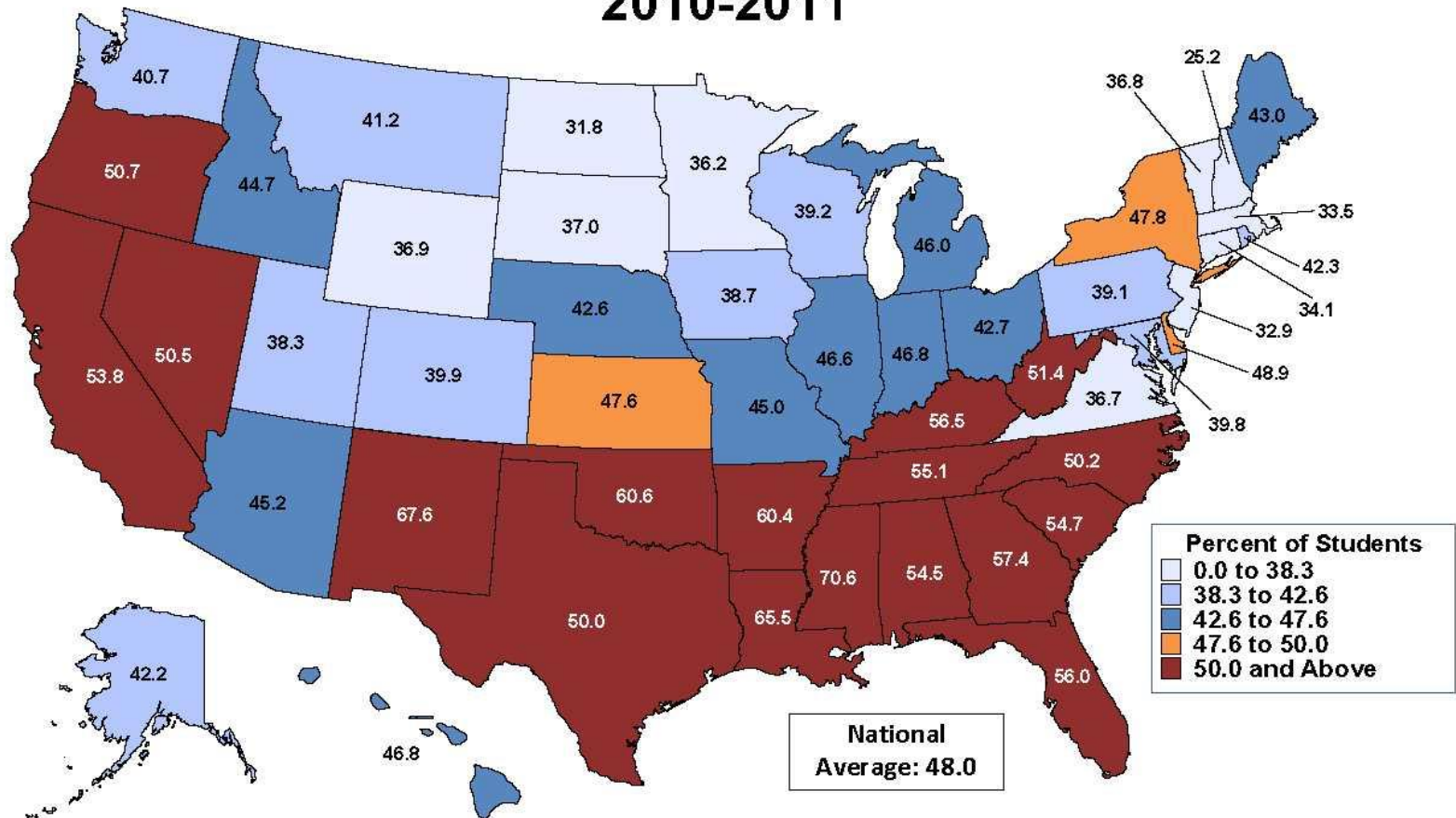
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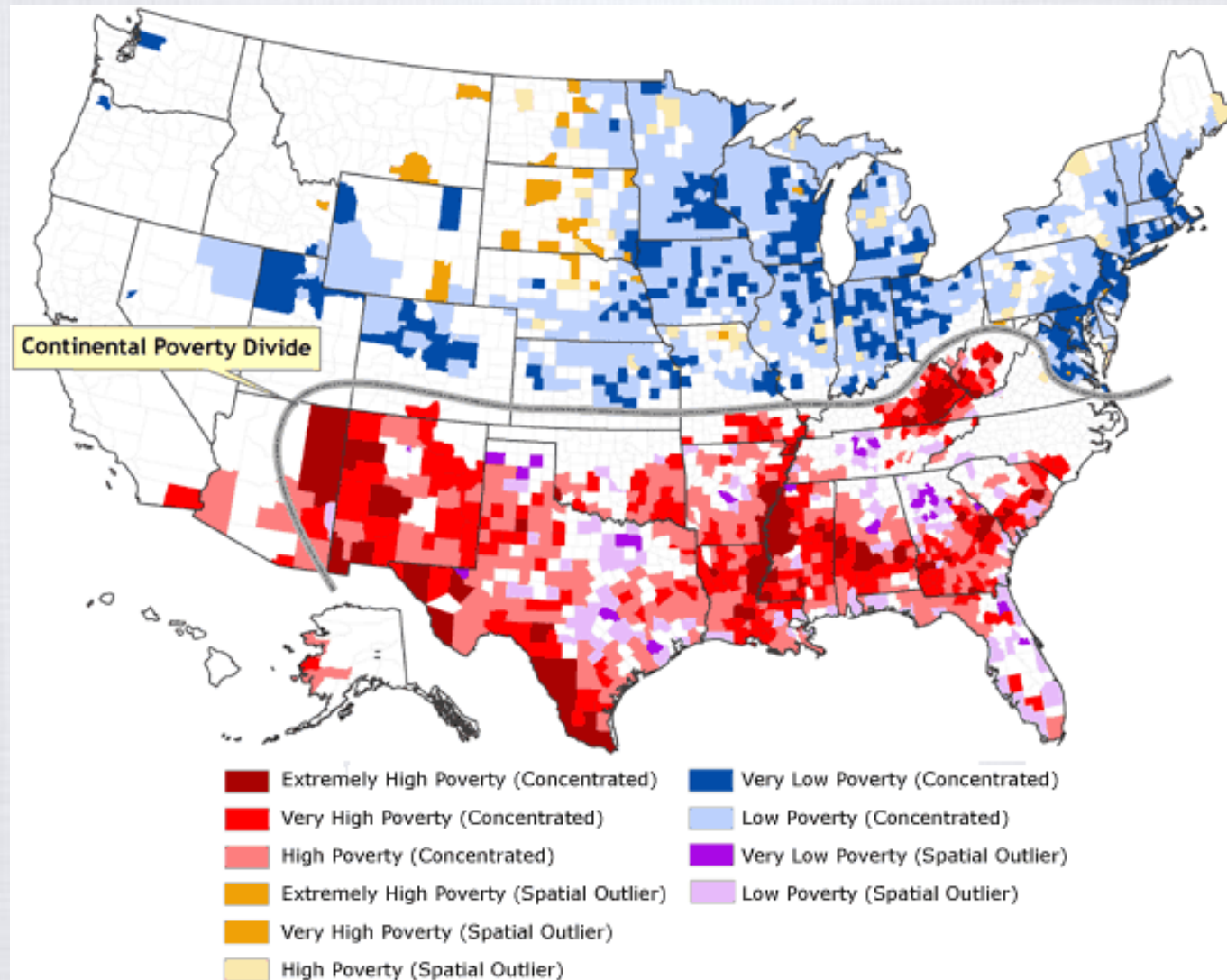
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South = A Majority of Low Income Students

Percent of Low Income Students in All Public Schools 2010-2011

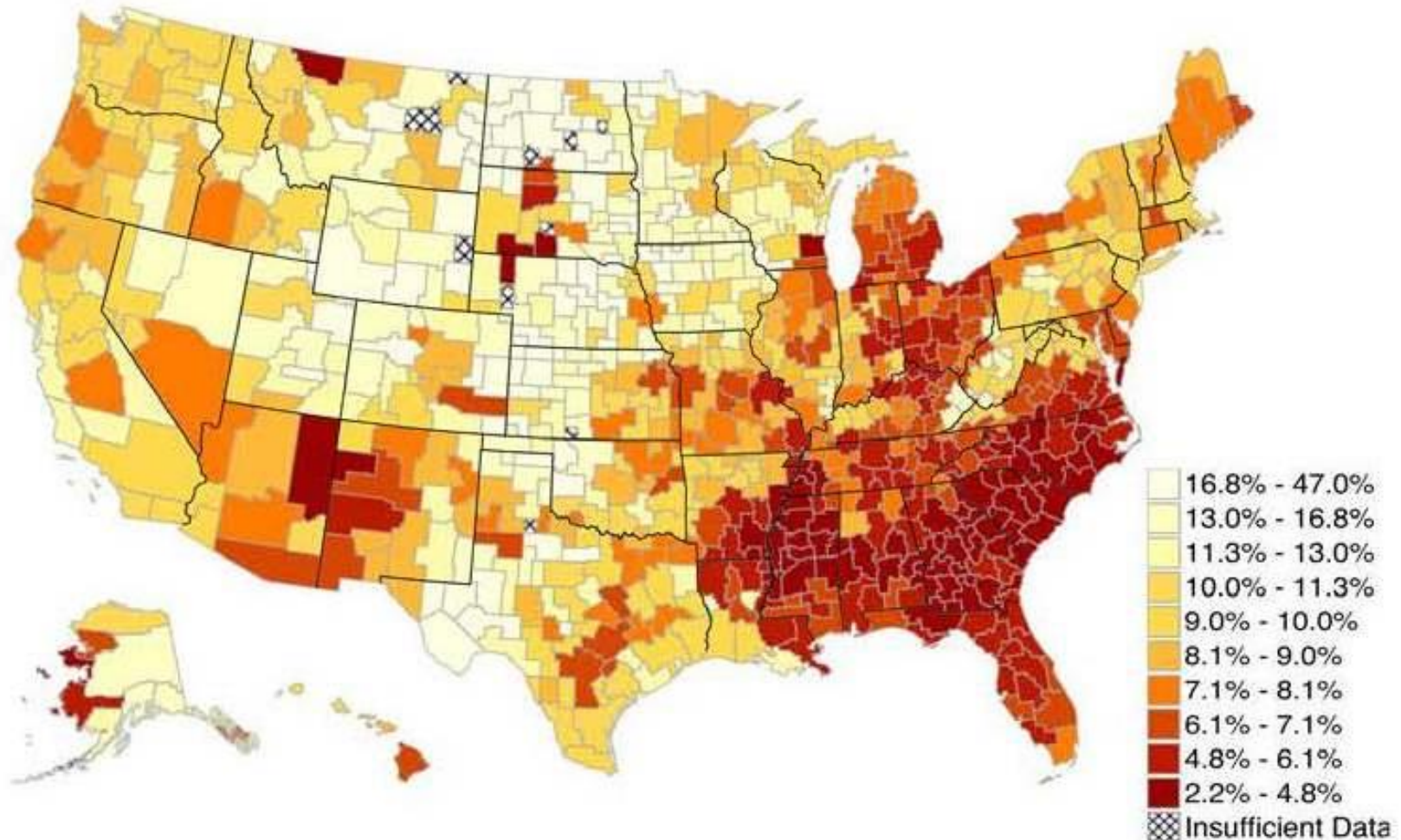


South = Highest Rates of Persistent High Poverty

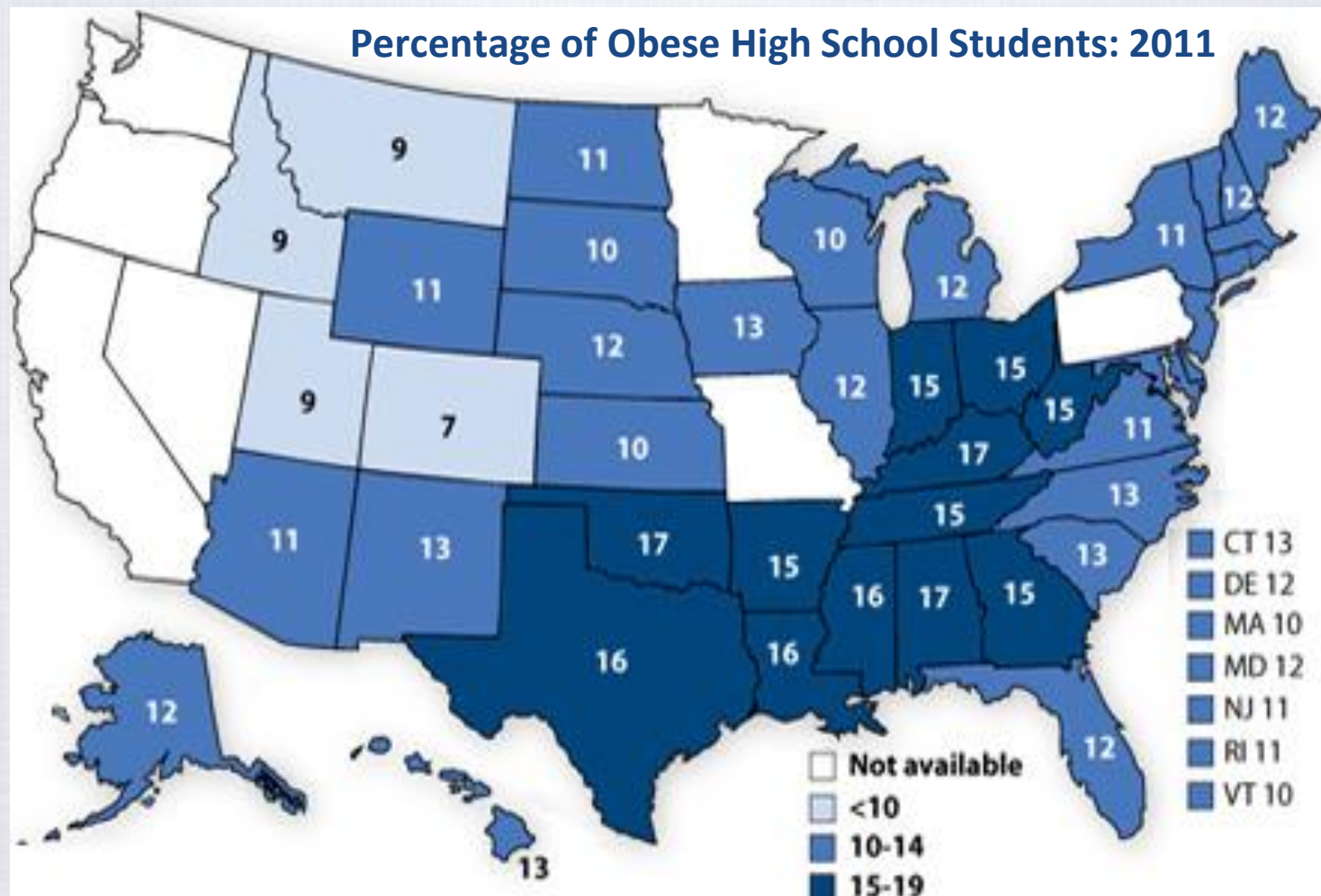


South = Least Social Mobility for a Generation of Poor Children

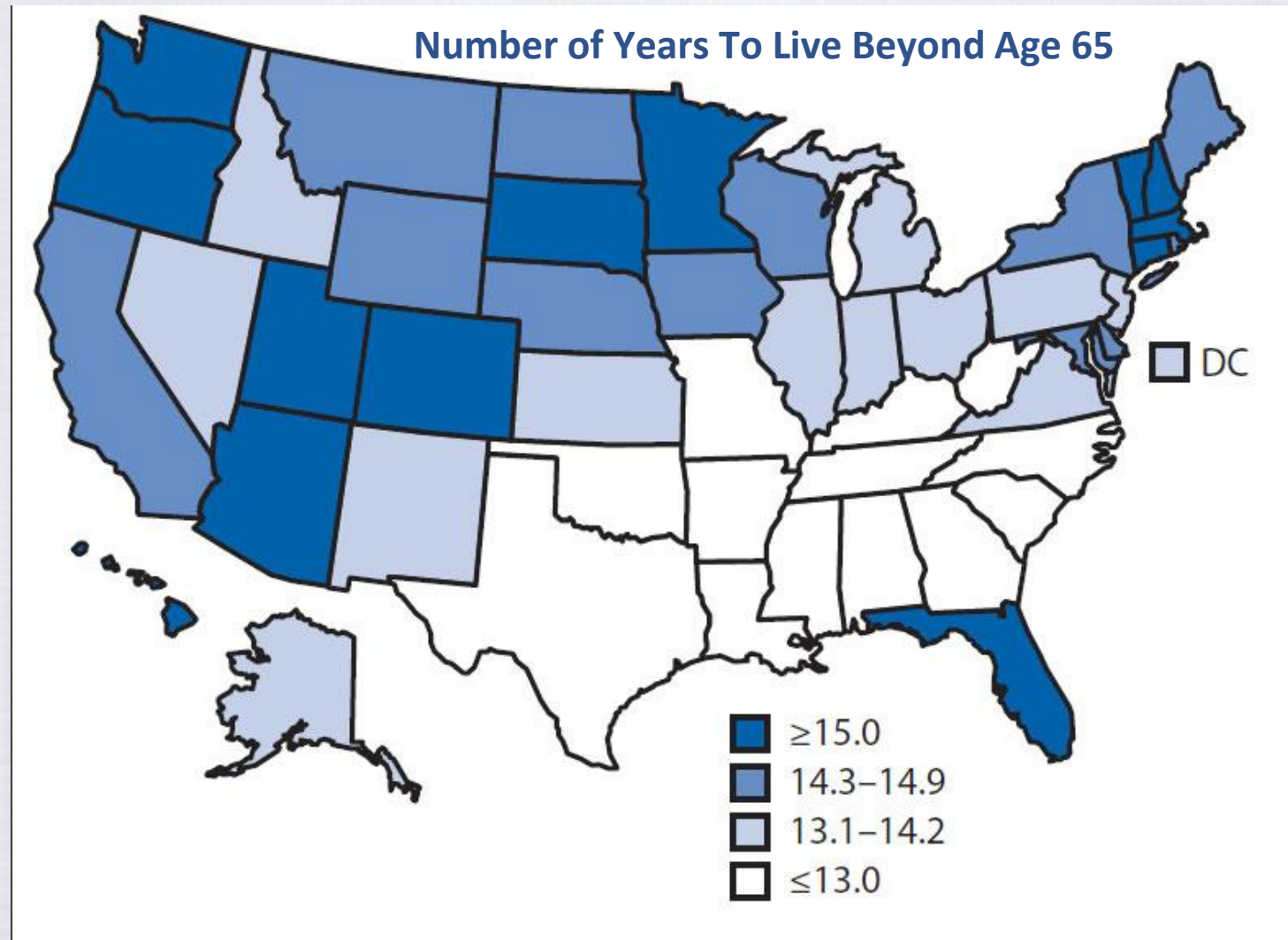
Chance a Child in the Bottom Income Quintile Can Reach Top Income Quintile



South = Highest Obesity Rates for High School Students

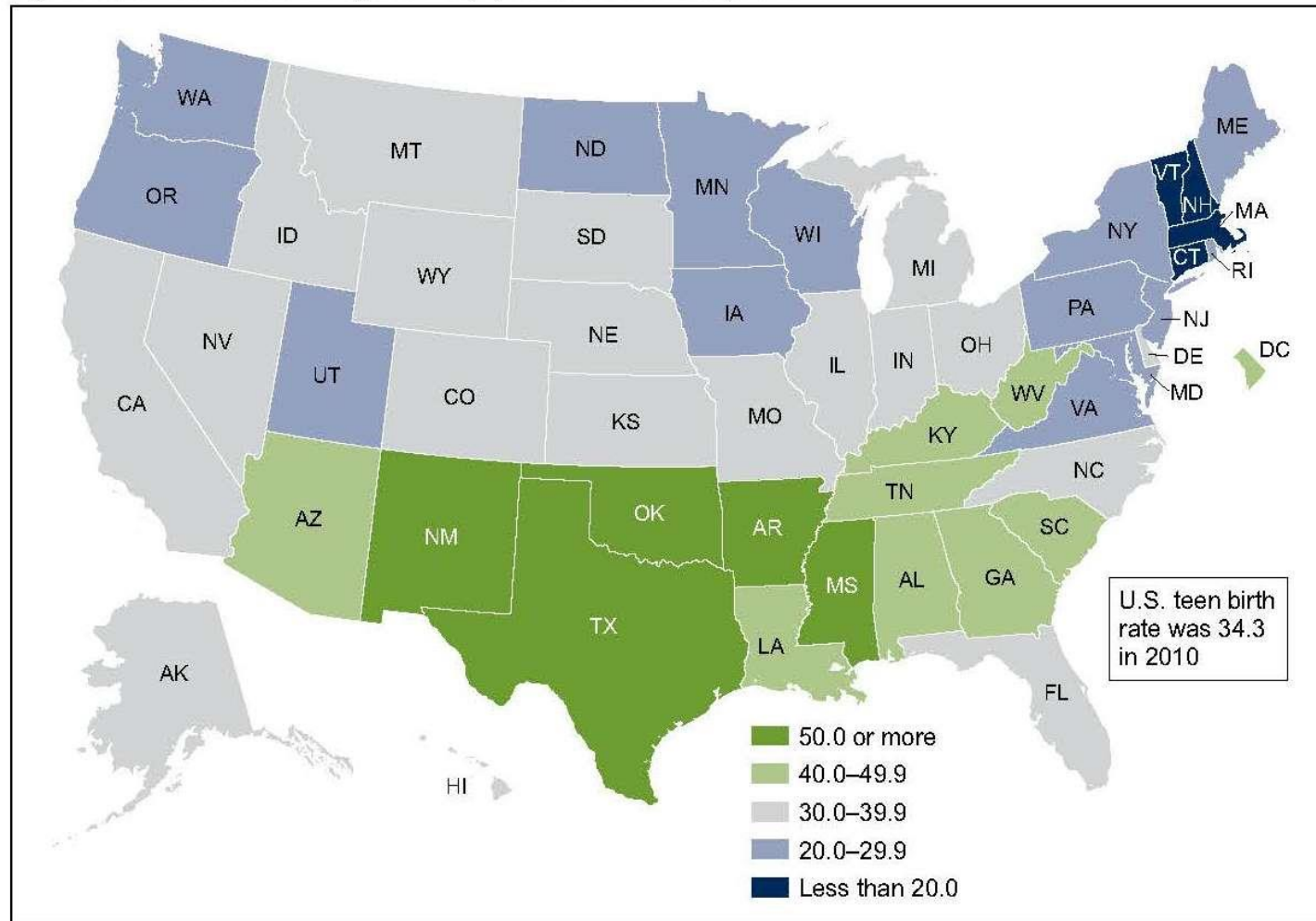


South = Shortest Life Expectancy After Childhood



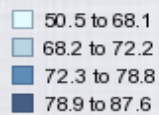
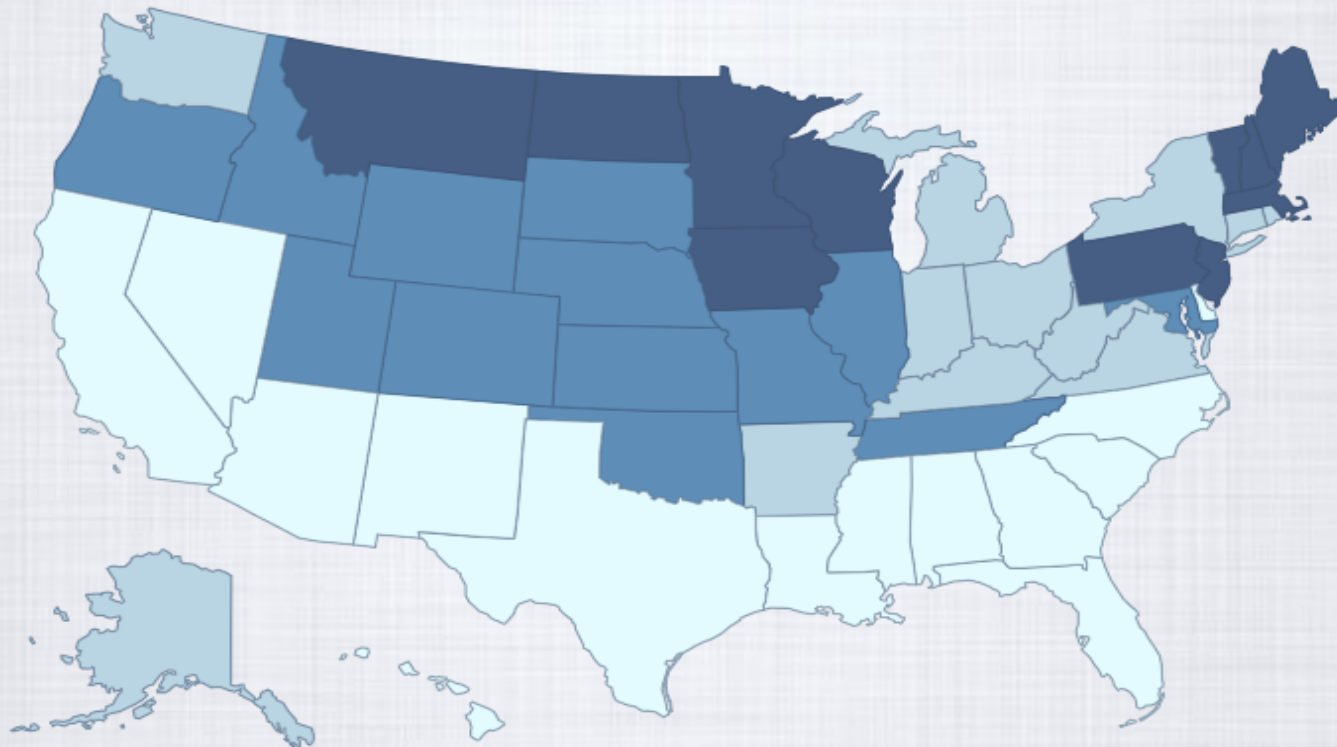
South = Highest Rates of Teenage Births

Figure 6. Birth rate for women aged 15–19, by state: United States, 2010



South = Lowest High School Graduation Rates

Percentage of 9th Grade Students Graduating High School Students: 2010



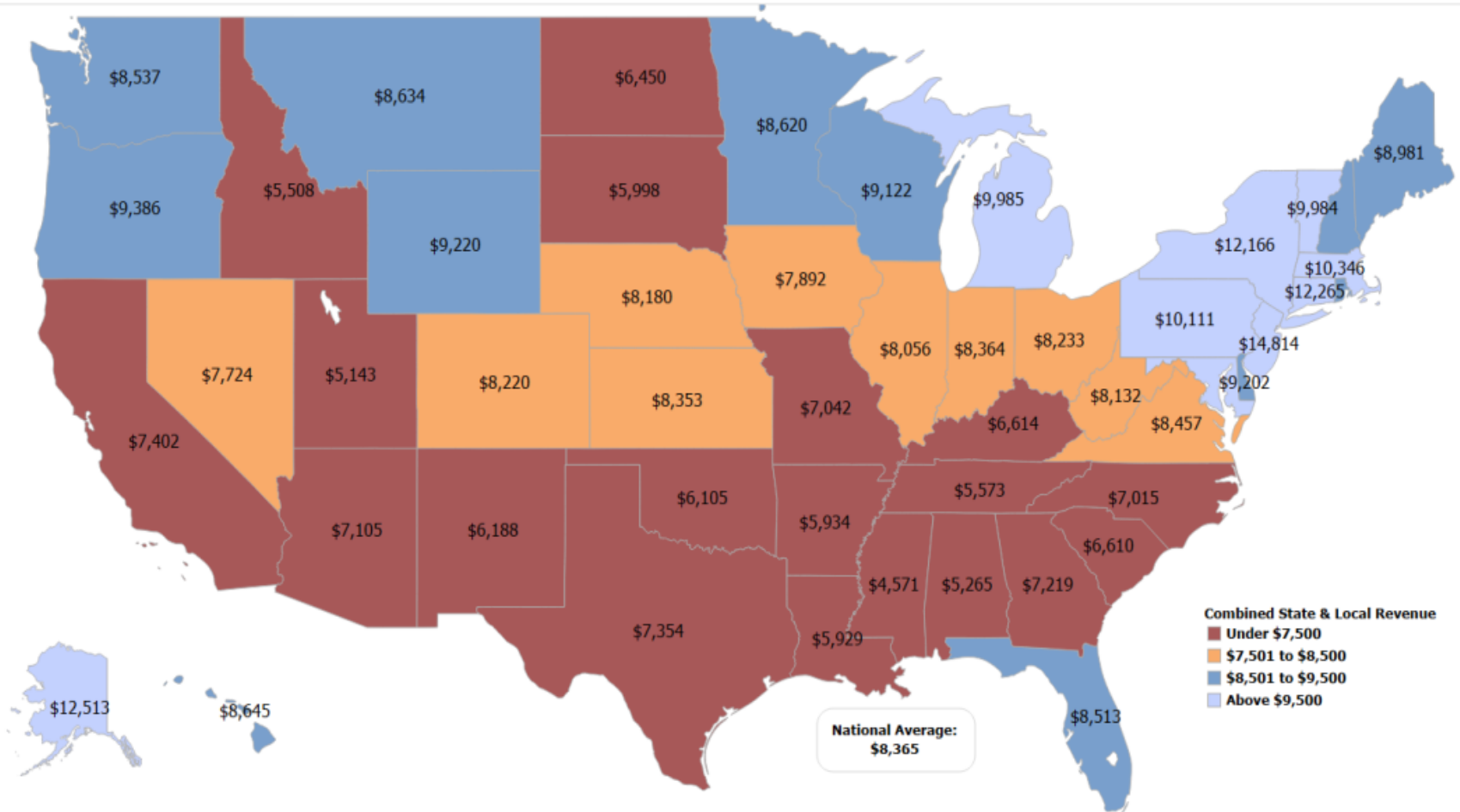
U.S. Average = 70.5

Source: NCES Common Core Data

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South = Lowest State and Local Funding of Public Schools

State and Local Revenue Per Student for K-12 Education: 2011



Things to do

- Prepare teachers and principals to promote health and wellness
- Provide schools/districts with strategies
- Incorporate health and wellness into school metrics and accountability policies
- Better integrate data systems -- student records joined with health data
- Revise preparation programs to incorporate knowledge on health and wellness

Policy Challenges

- Leaders in the education sector under enormous pressure to generate marginal gains in test scores
- Data and assessment systems focused on informing accountability instead of serving the child and continuous improvement
- Bandwidth and capacity problems: districts still moving off legacy systems designed for compliance not decisionmaking

Policy Challenges, cont.

- State health care spending creating significant pressure on state K-12 education budgets. Real expenditures have declined over the past 5 years. System leaders do not feel resourced to address health determinants of educational performance.