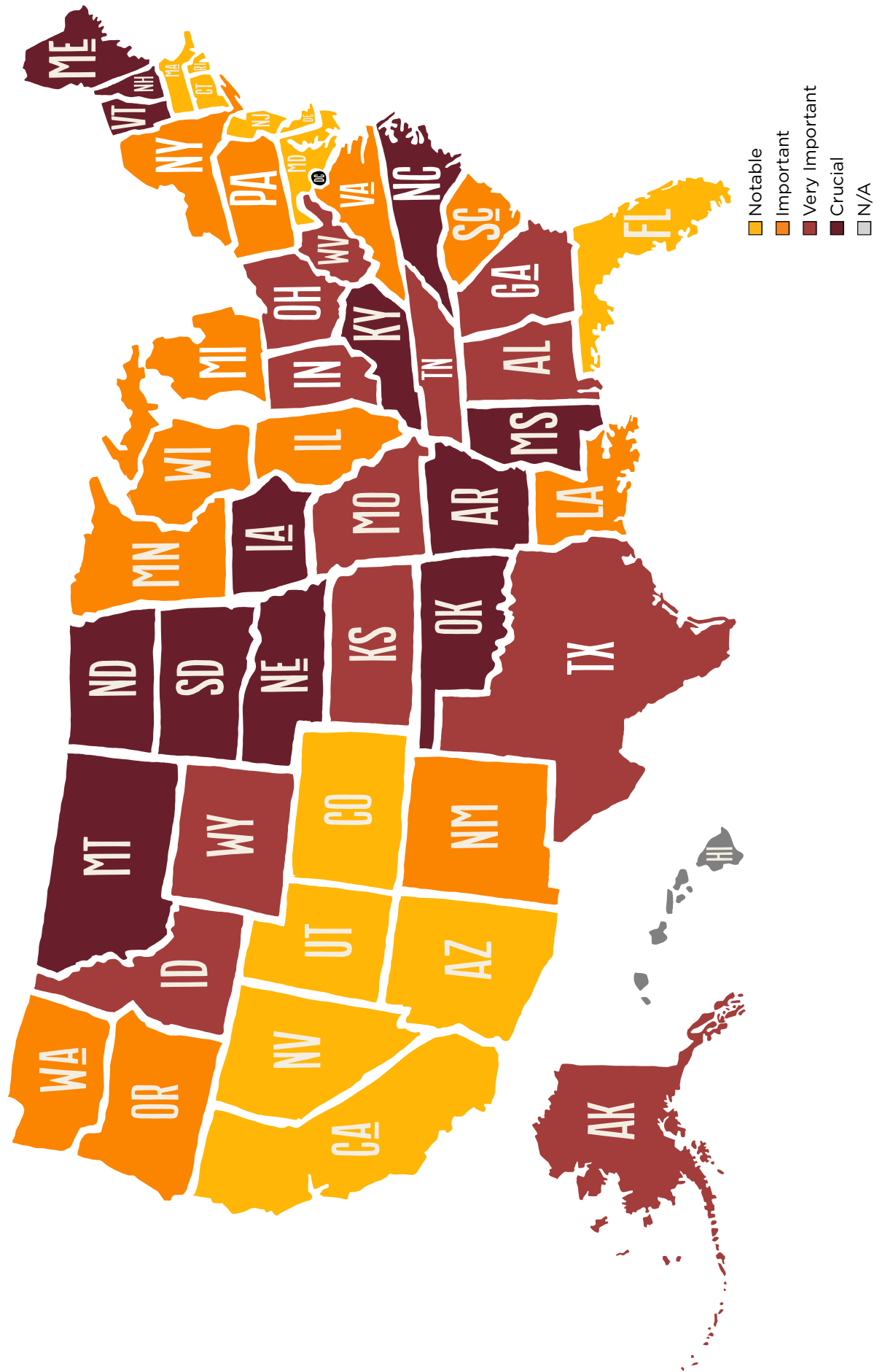


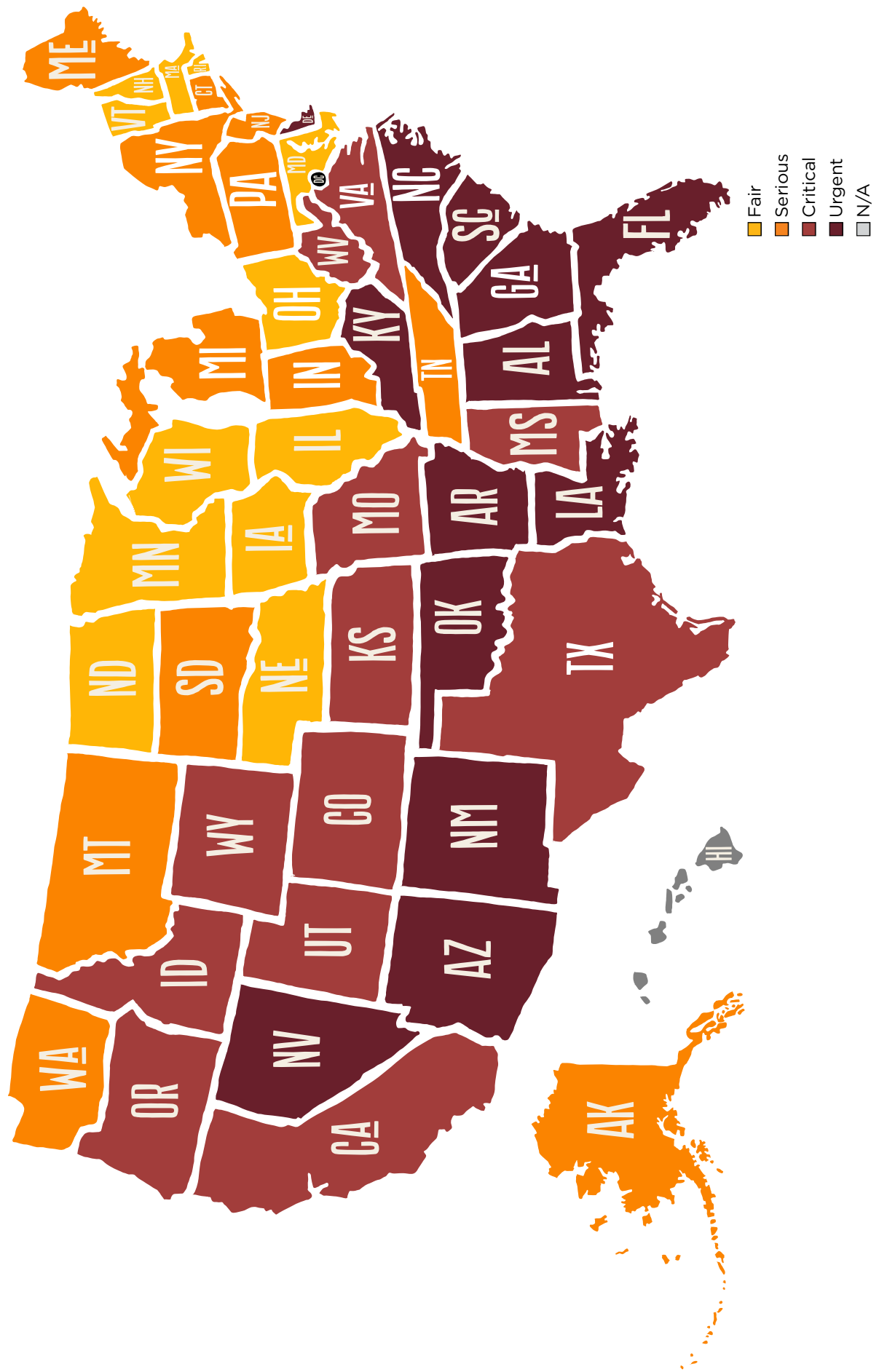
Maps of State Rankings



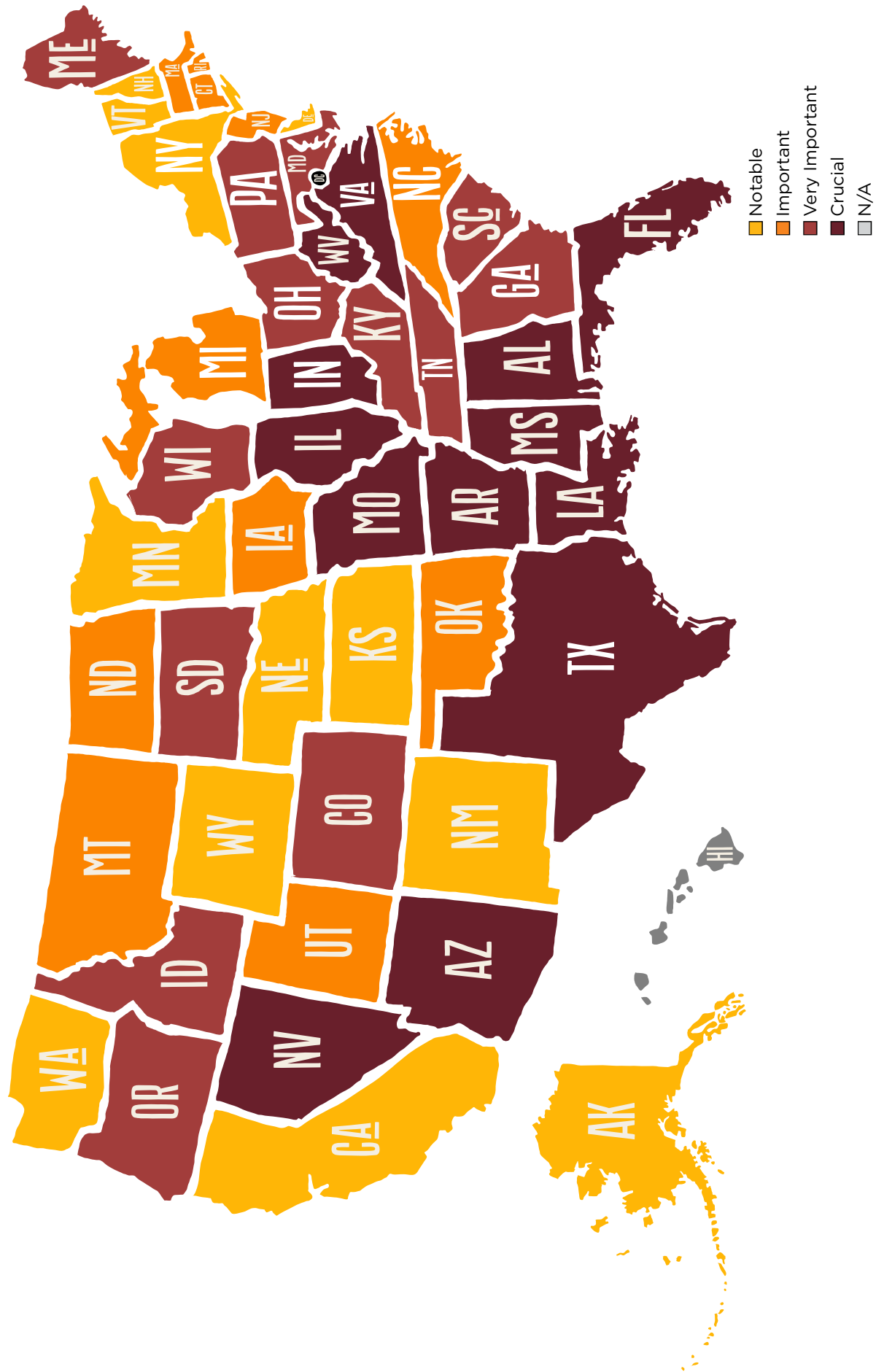
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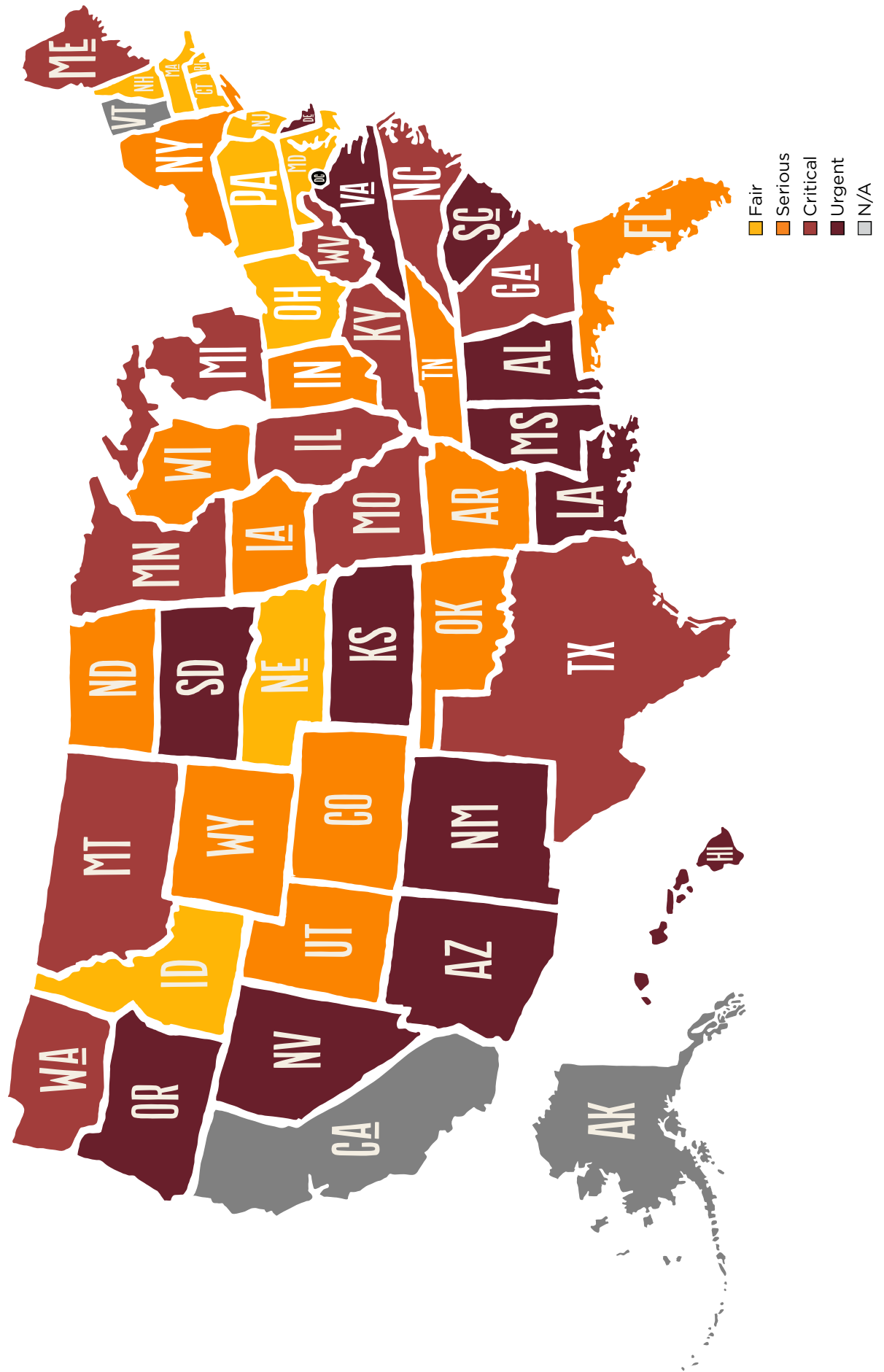
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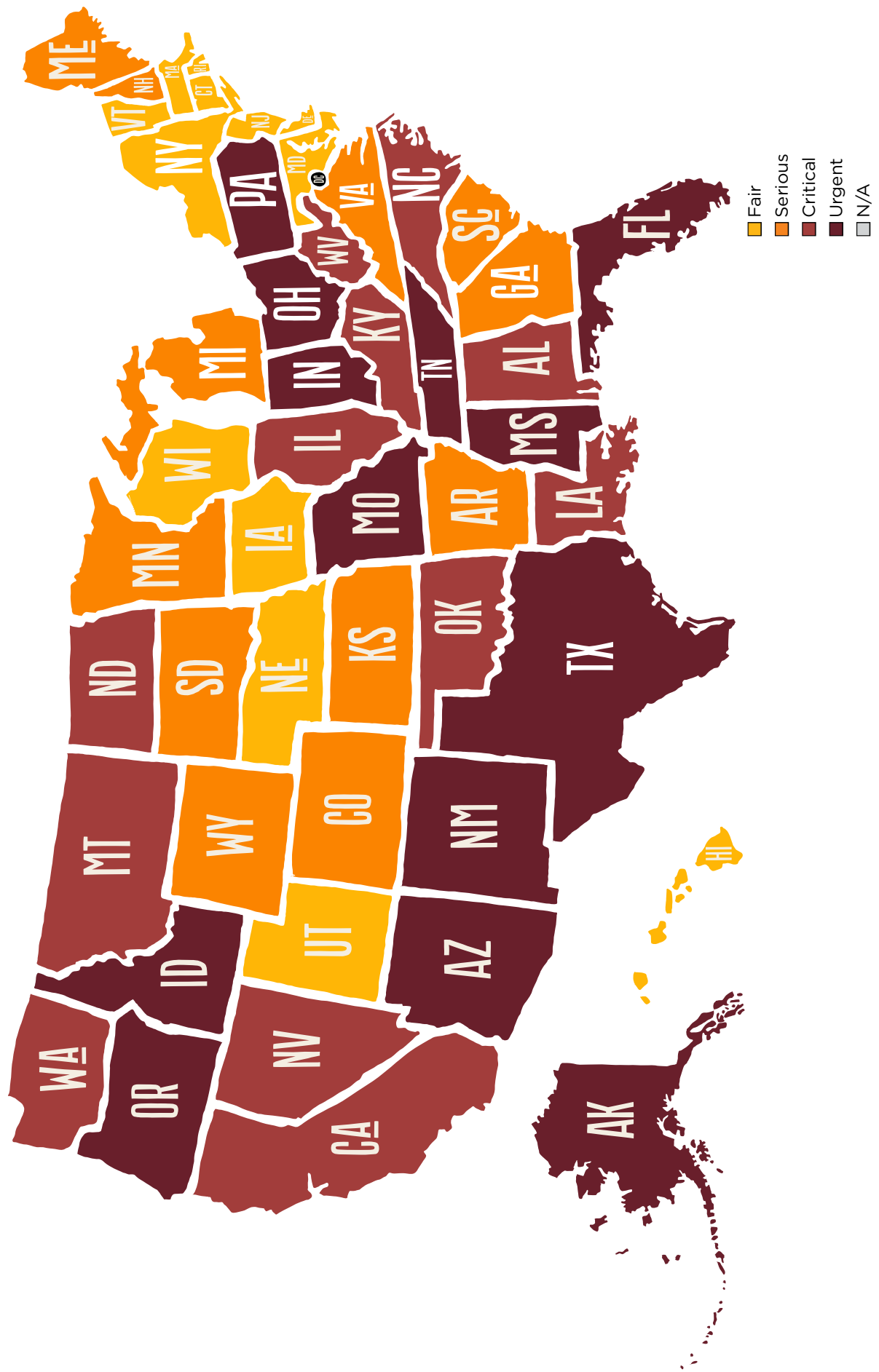
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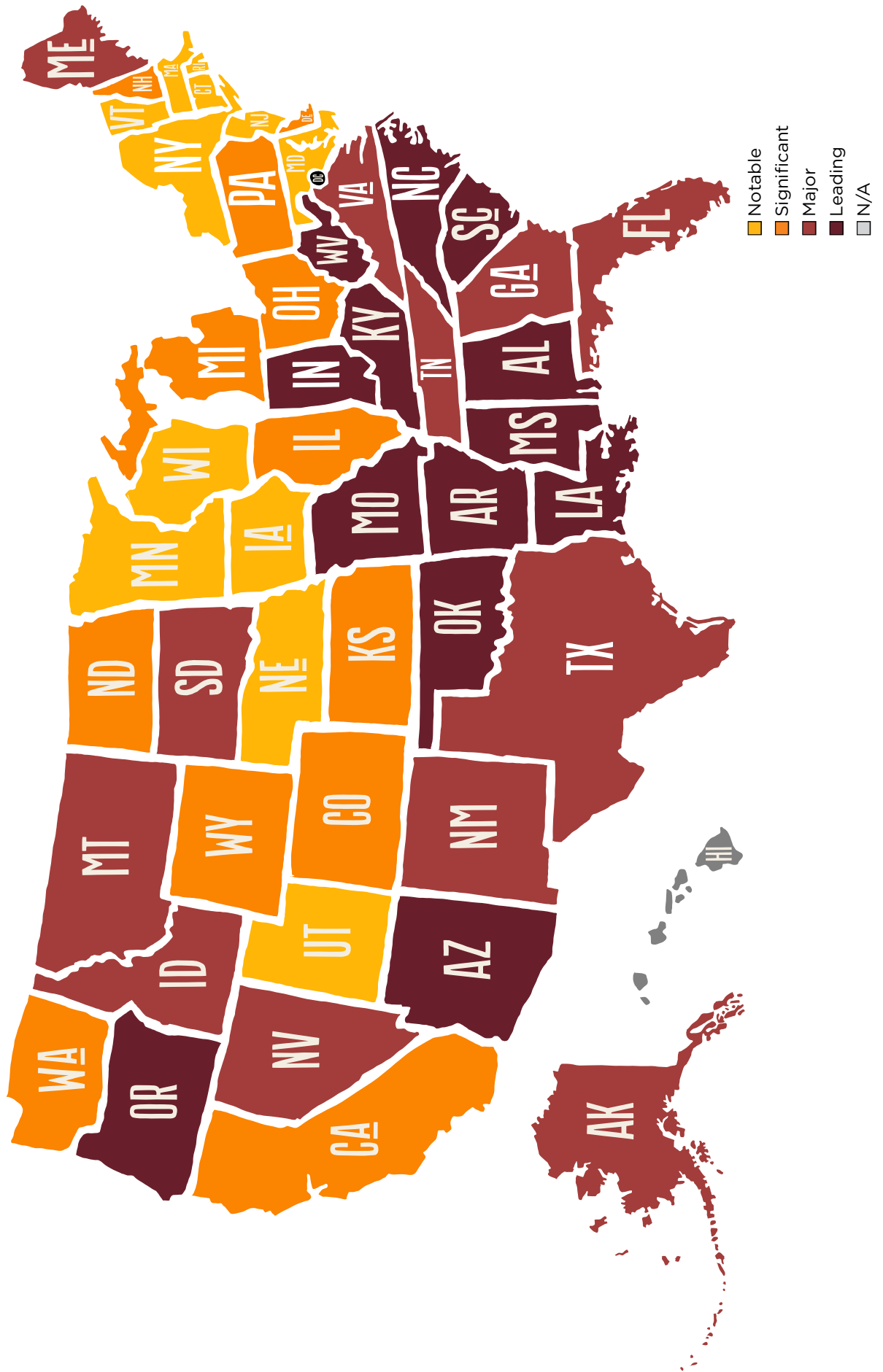
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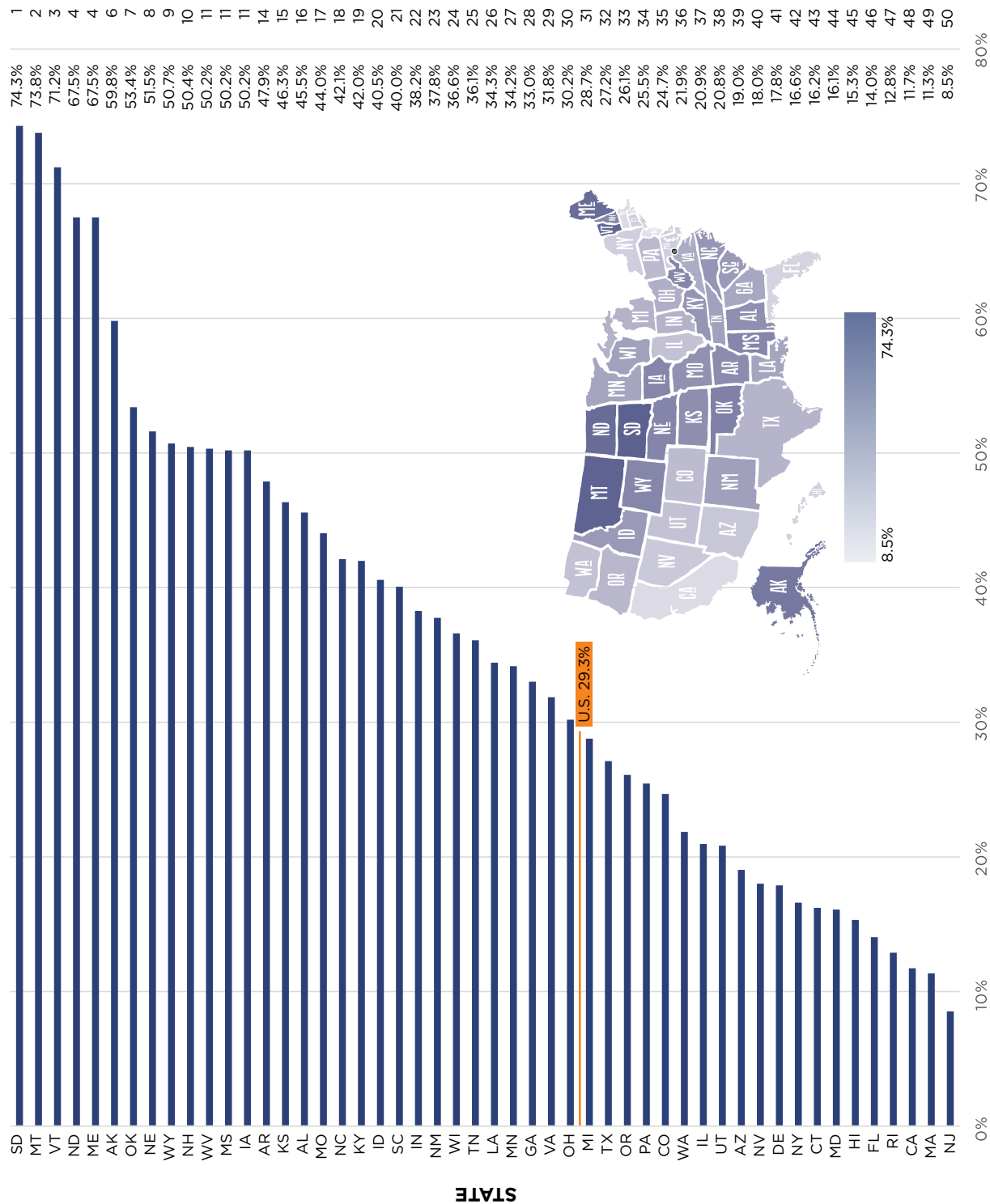


Priority Ranking



Percent Rural Schools

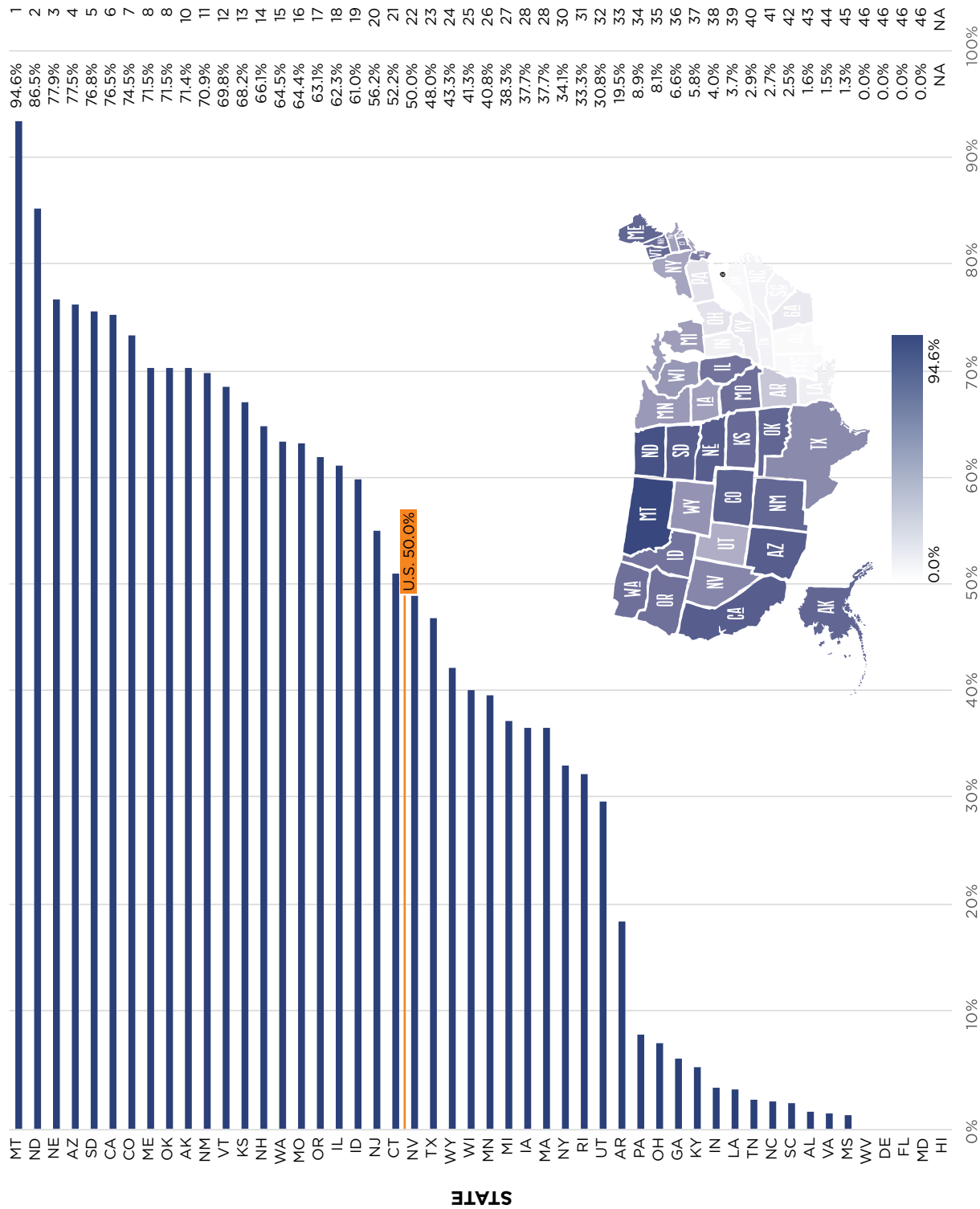
The number of public schools located in places classified as rural by the U.S. Census Bureau, expressed as a percentage of all public schools in the state.



Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data, Public School Universe, 2021-2022

Percent Small Rural School Districts

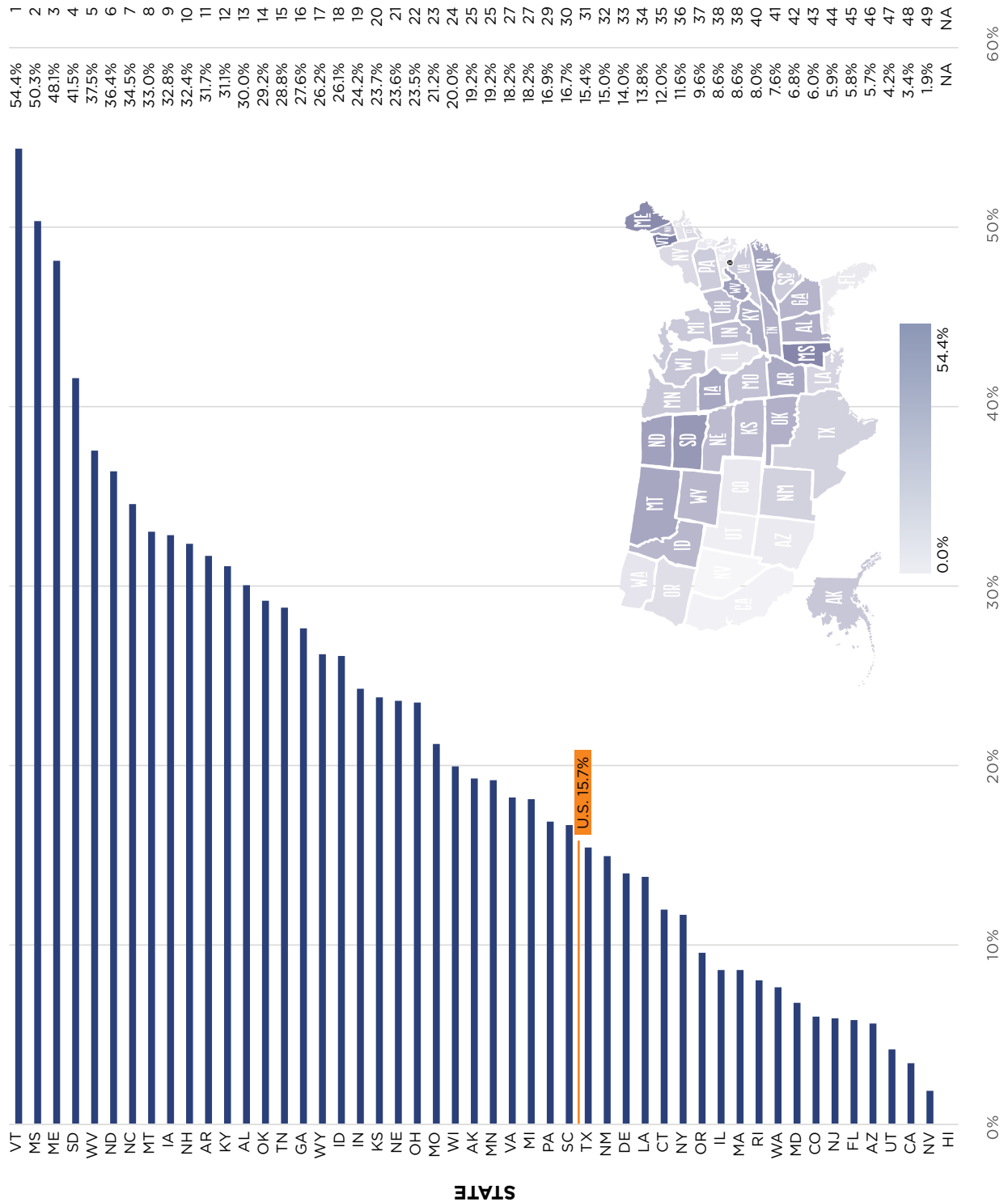
The number of rural public school districts with an enrollment size below the national median for rural districts (493 students), expressed as a percentage of the total number of public school districts in the state.



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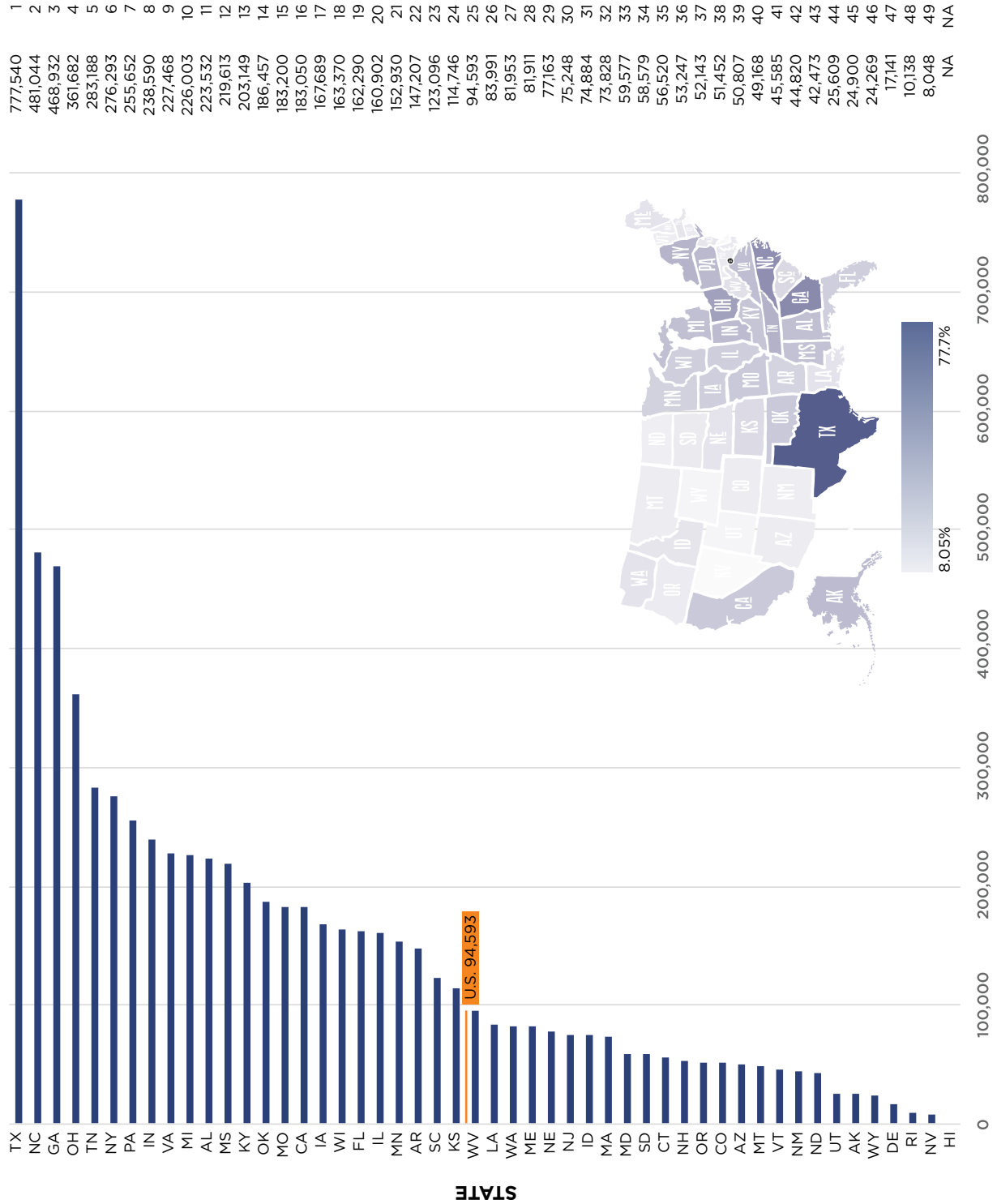
Percent Rural Students

The number of students attending public schools located in districts classified as rural by the U.S. Census Bureau, expressed as a percentage of all public school students in the state.



Number of Rural Students

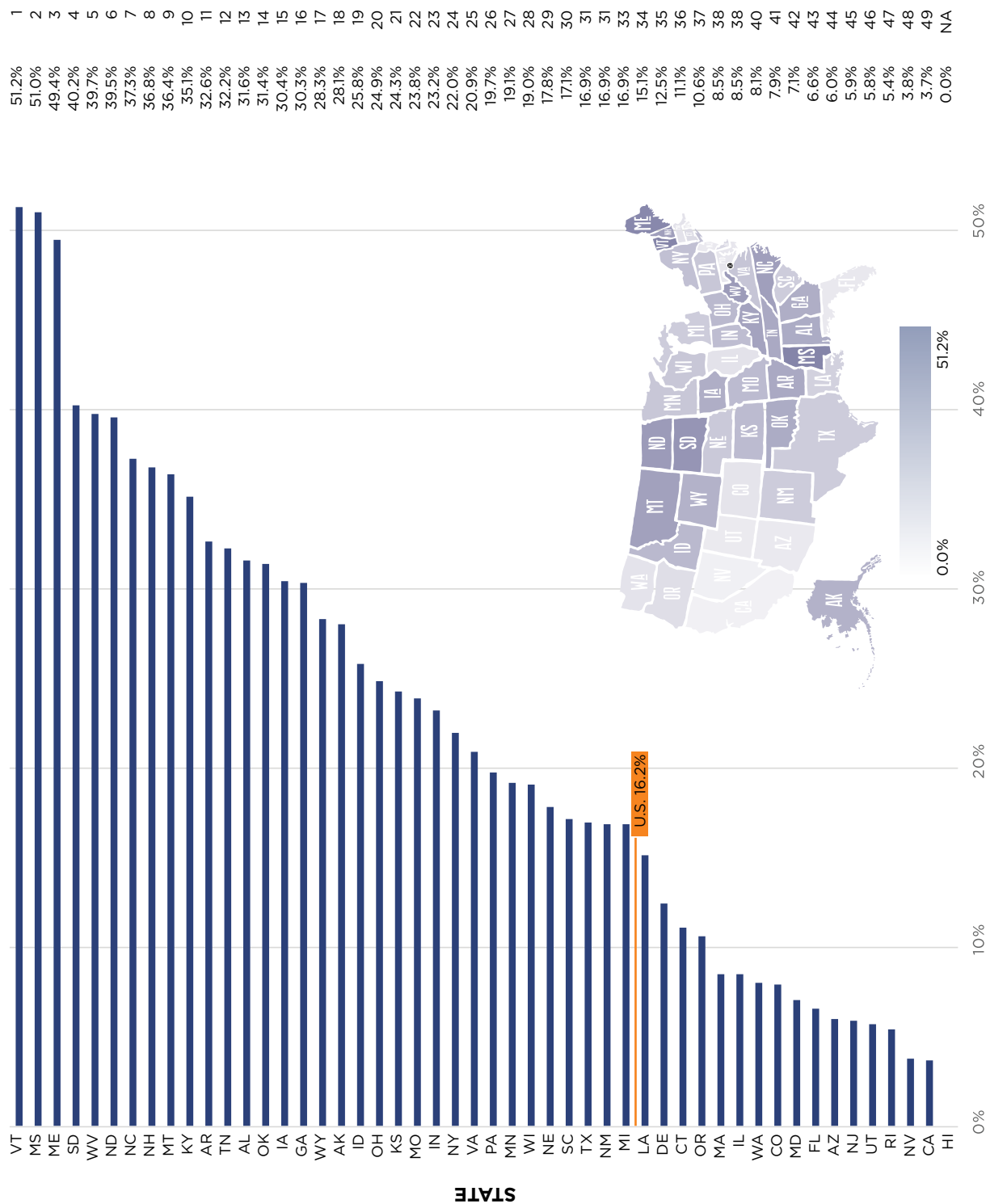
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Percent of State Education Funds to Rural Districts

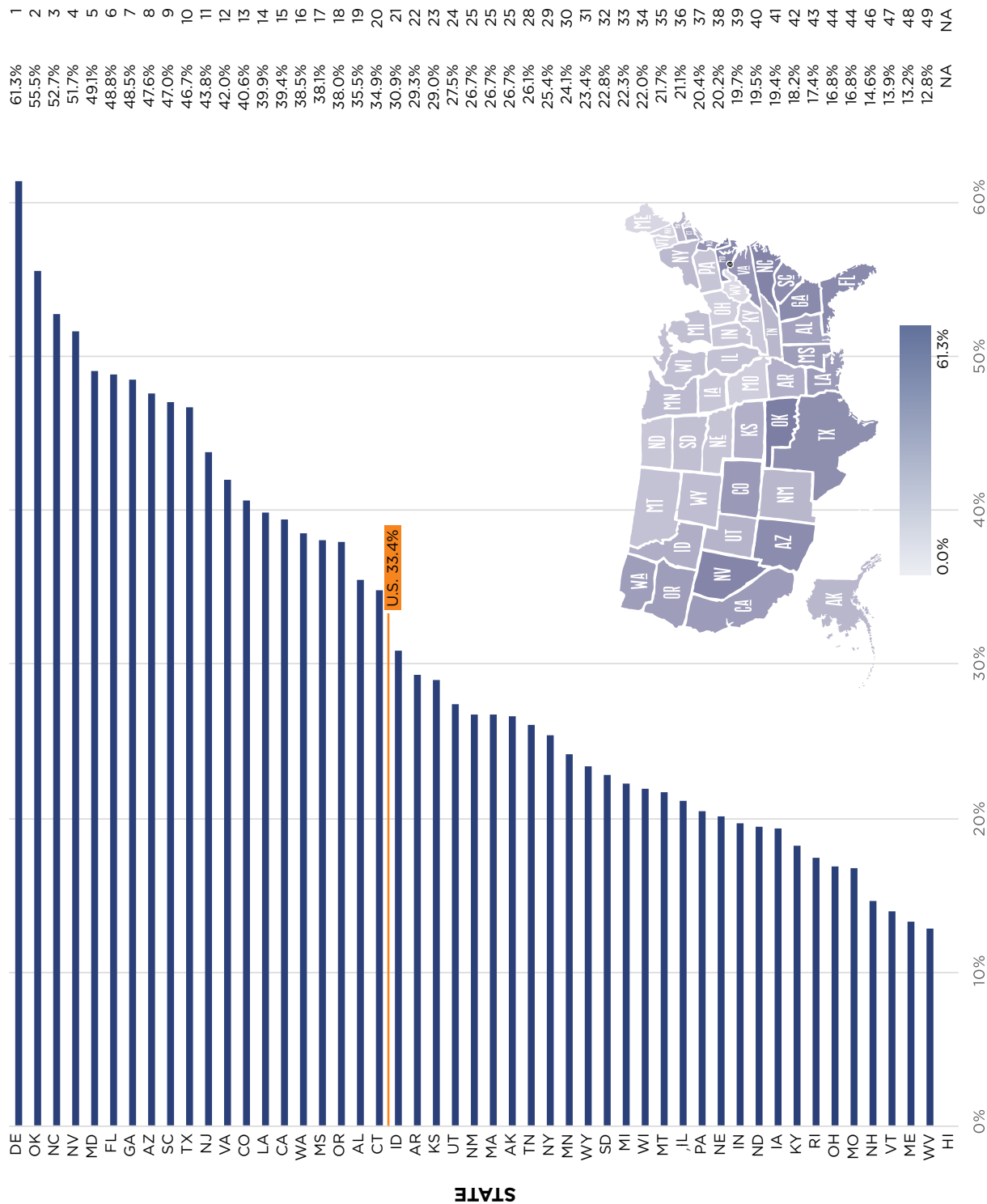
State education funding to local school districts located in rural settings, expressed as a percentage of all state education funding to local school districts.



Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data, Public School Universe, 2018-2019

Rural Diversity Index

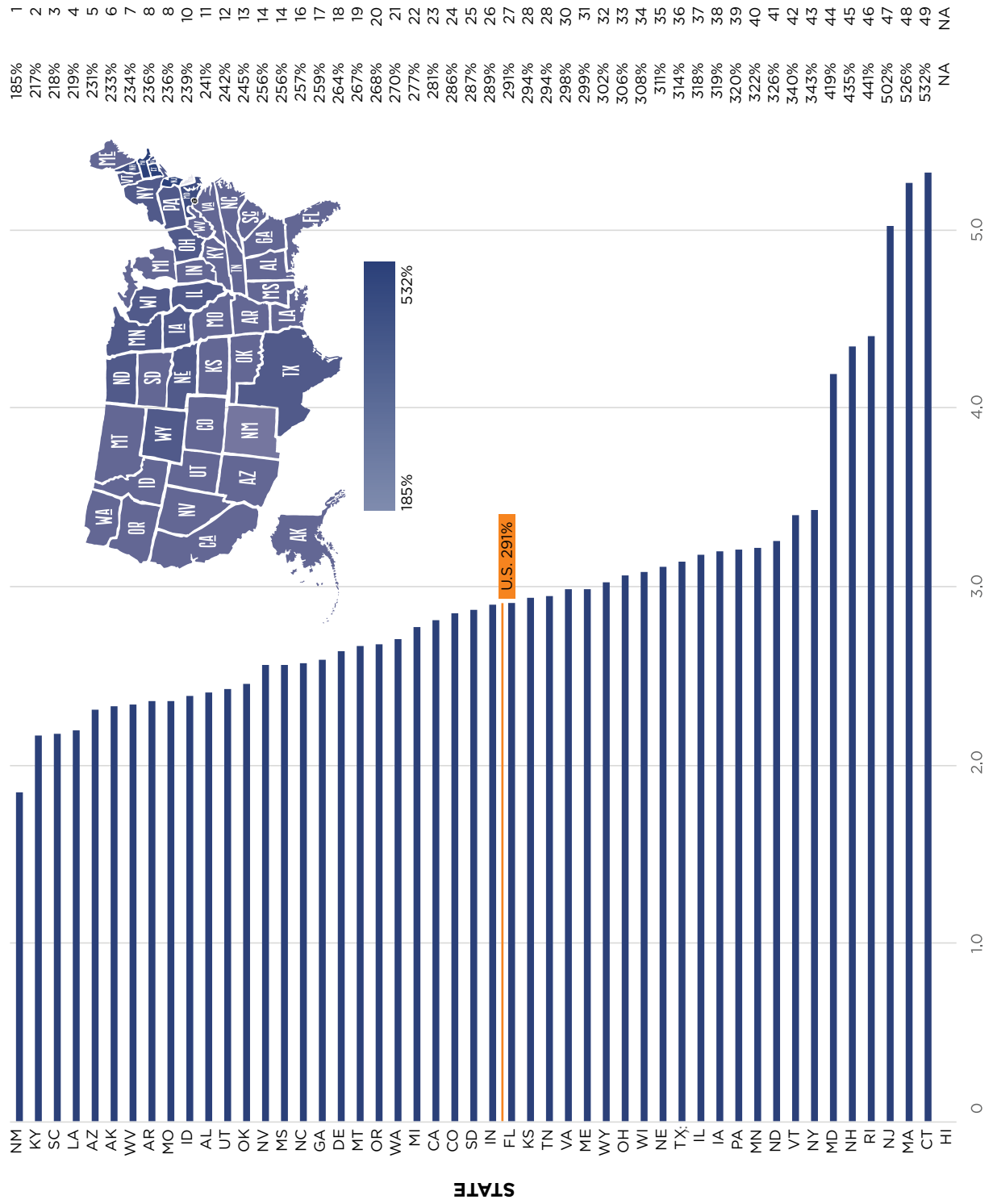
Given a randomly-chosen public school located in a rural district (weighted by school enrollment), and two randomly-chosen students within the school, this is the chance that the students will be of different races.



Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data, Public School Universe, 2021-2022

Poverty Level In Rural School Communities

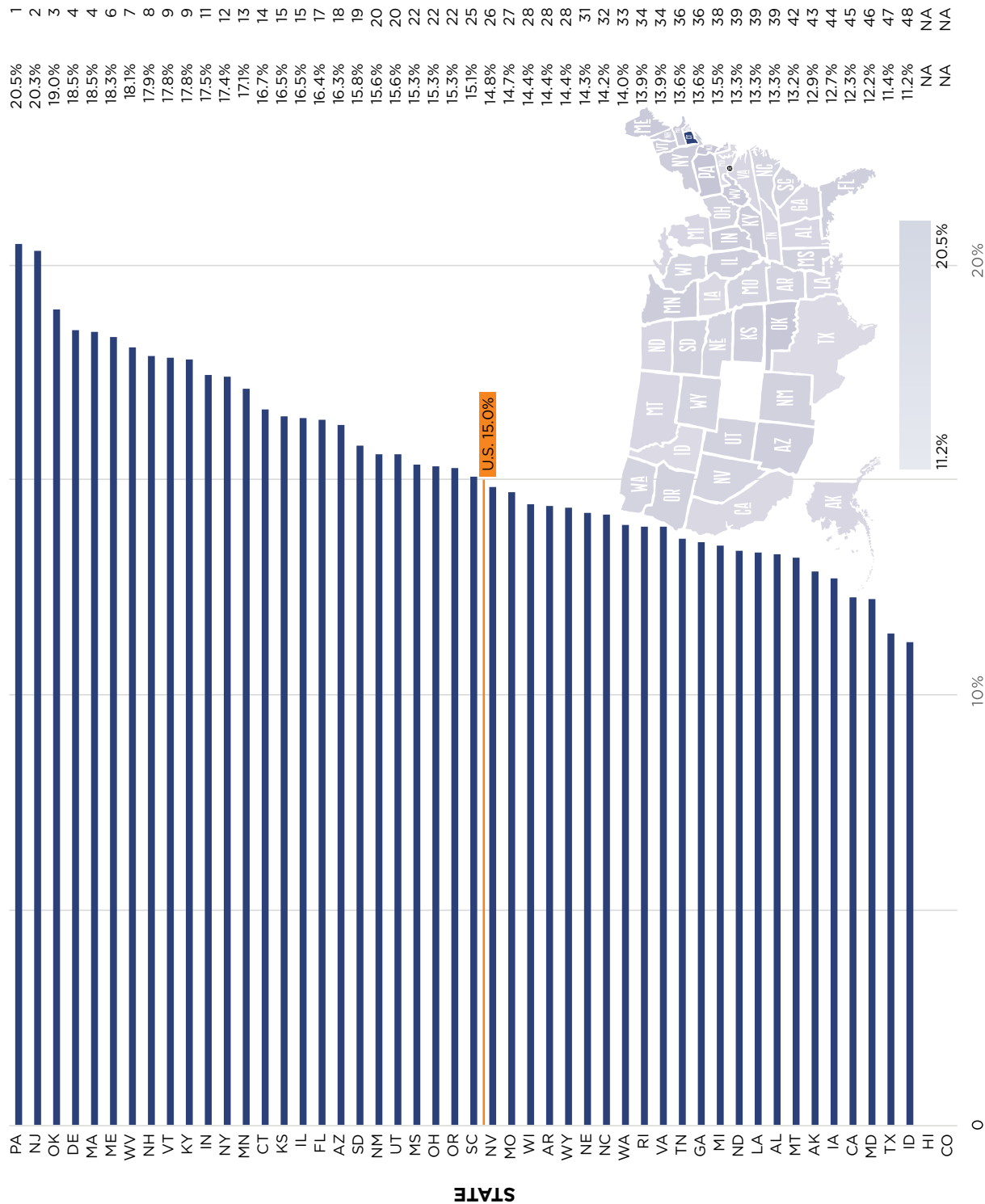
A “school community” is defined as the 25 closest Census-identified households with school-aged children to each school within a rural district. Percents represent the weighted incomes relative to their poverty line as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services. School-level percentages are then aggregated up to the state-level (using district enrollment as a weight).



Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data, Public School Universe, 2019-2020, Education Demographic and Geographic Estimates, 2019-2020

Percent Rural IEP Students

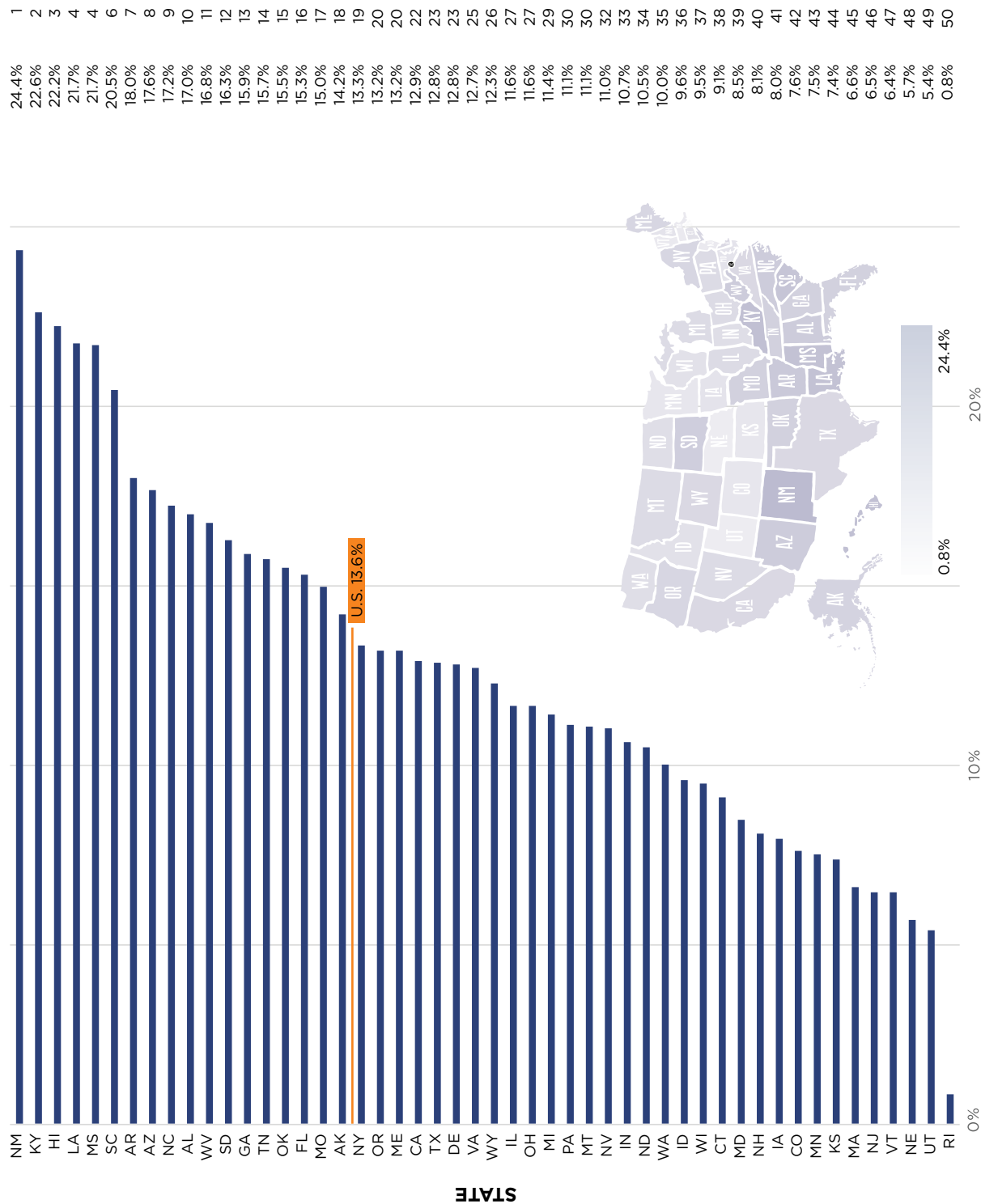
The total number of students who are enrolled in rural districts and receive special education services, expressed as a percentage of all students enrolled in rural districts



Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data, Public School Universe, 2019-2020

Percent of Rural School-Aged Children In Poverty

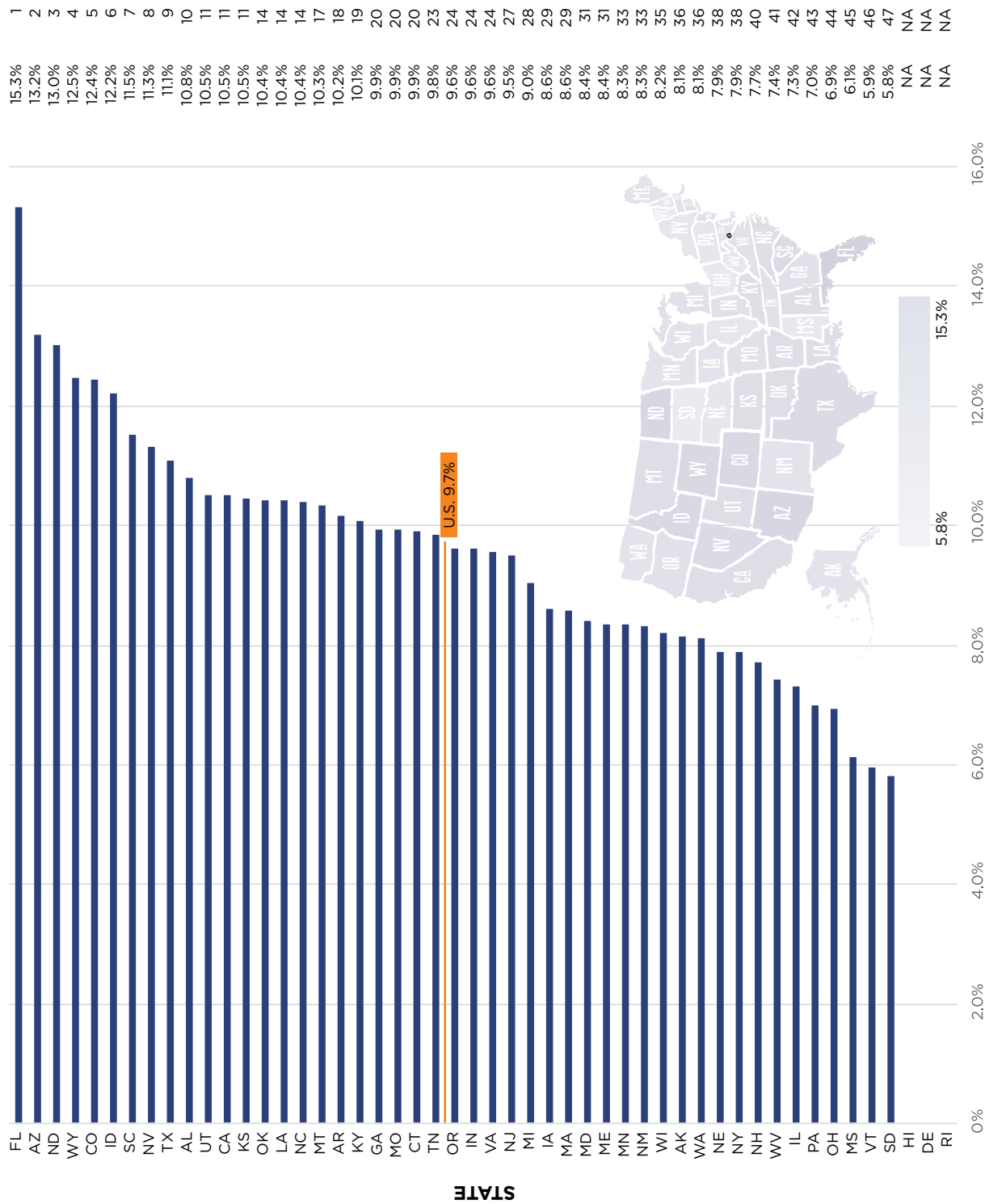
The number of children aged 5-17 who are living below the poverty threshold and in an area classified as rural by the U.S. Census Bureau, expressed as a percentage of all children aged 5-17 living in a rural area in the state.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2021 (1-year estimates)

Percent of Rural Household Mobility

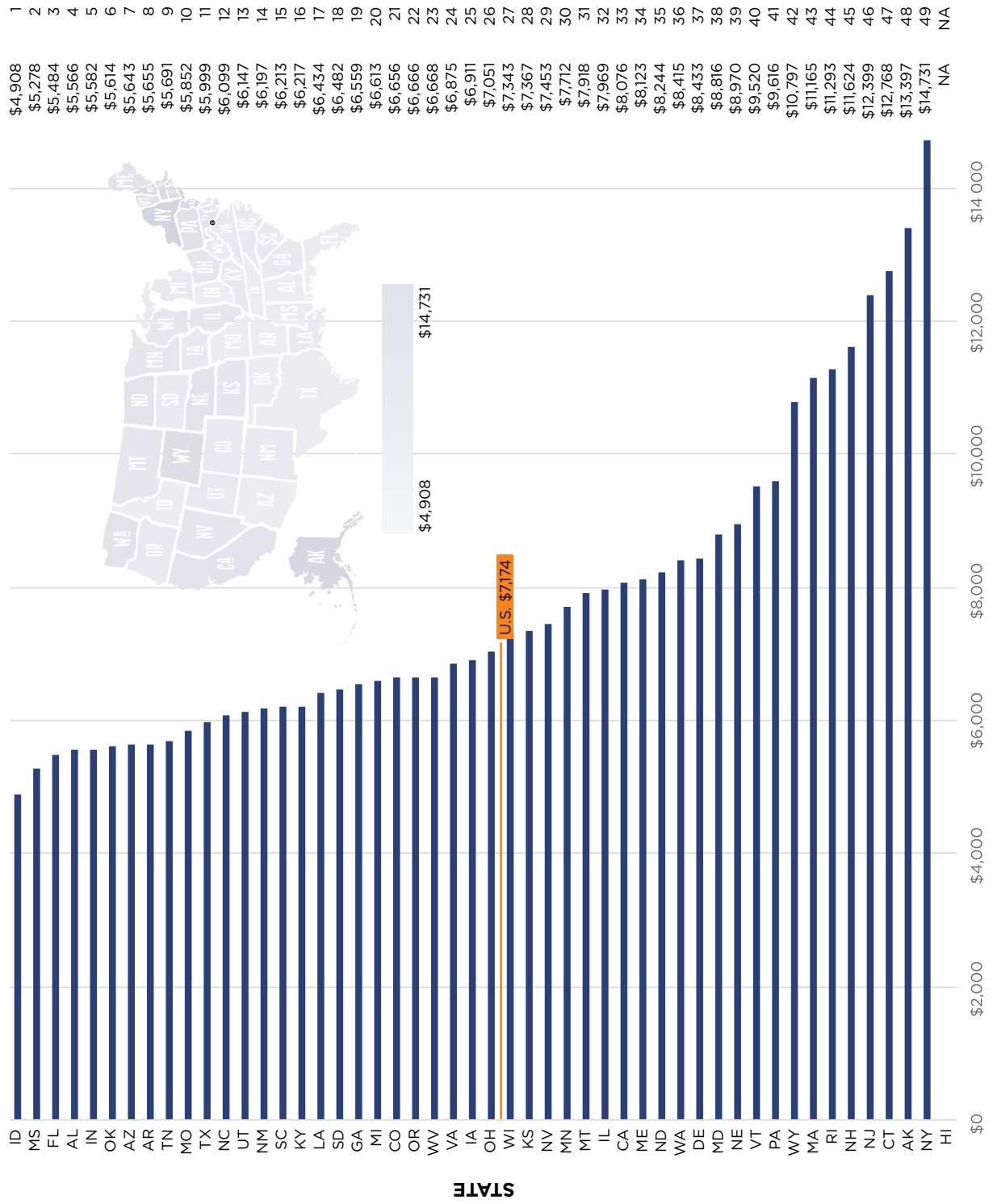
The percentage of rural households with school-aged children who changed residences within the previous 12 months, per U.S. Census figures.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2021 (1-year estimates)

Rural Instructional Expenditures Per Pupil

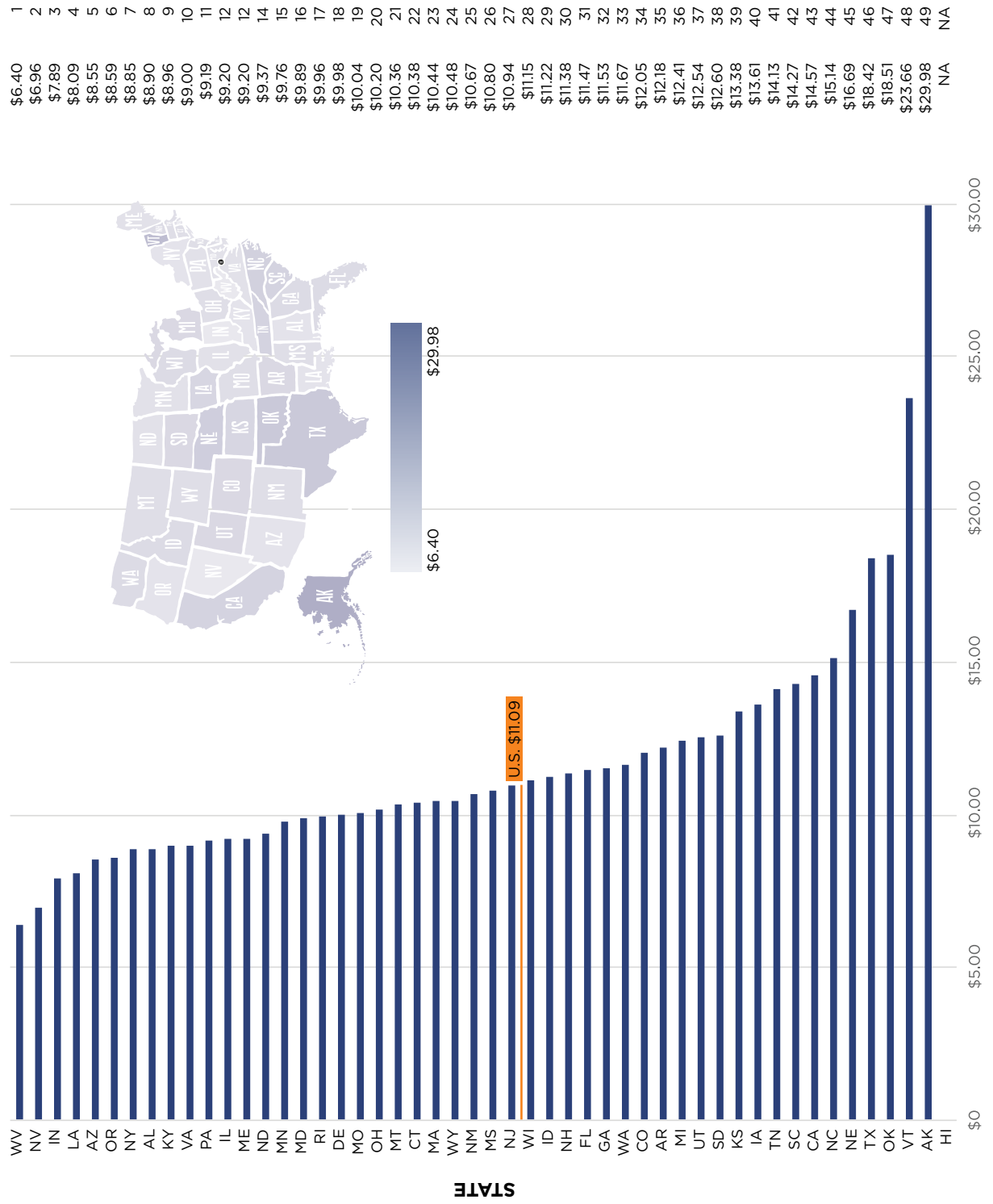
Total current expenditures for instruction in rural school districts, divided by the total number of students enrolled in those school districts.



Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data, Public School Universe, 2018-2019

Ratio of Instructional to Transportation Expenditures

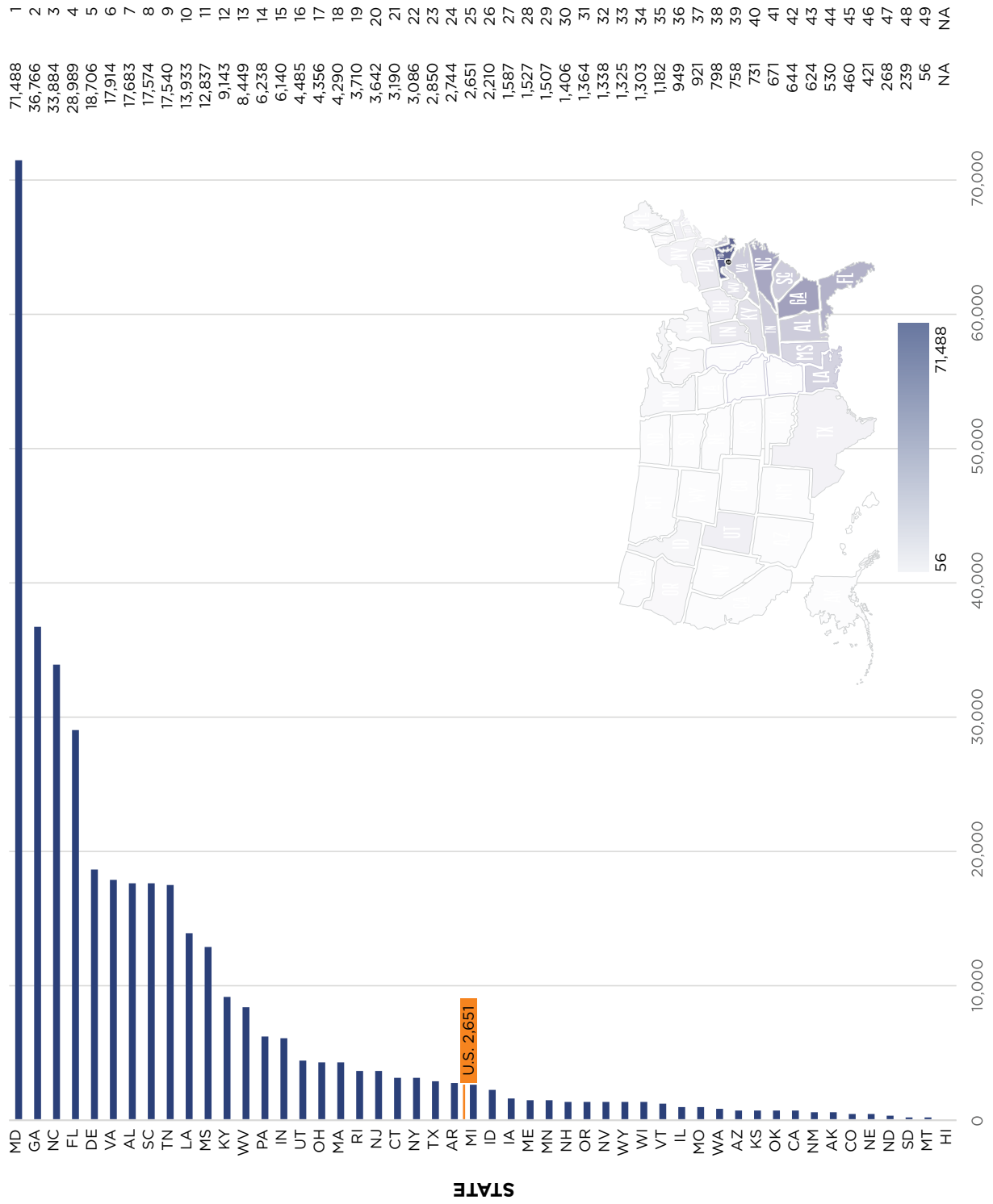
Ratio of total current expenditures for regular education instruction in rural districts to total current expenditures for pupil transportation in rural districts.



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Median Organizational Scale (Divided by 100)

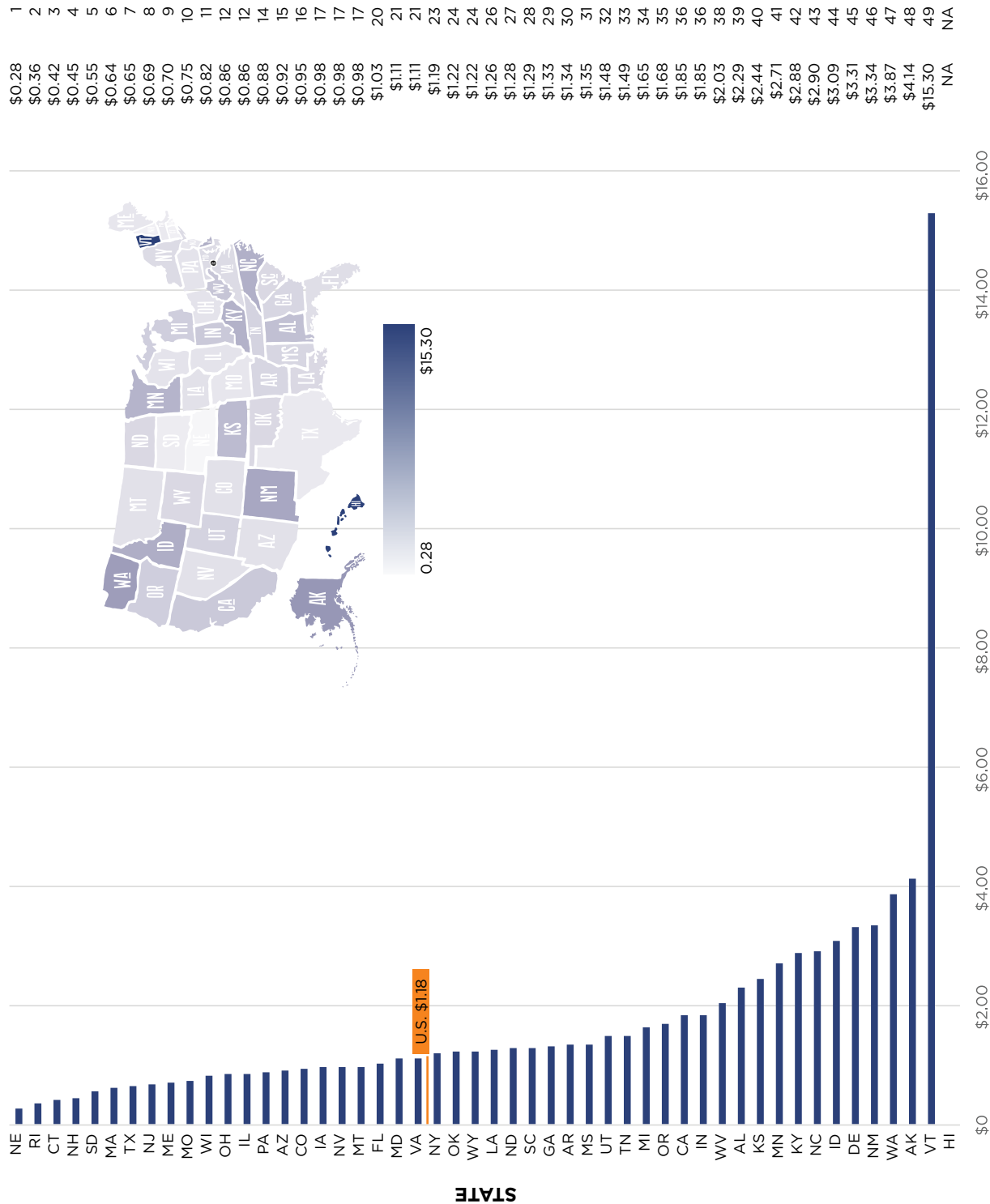
The state median for the organizational scale indicator obtained by multiplying school enrollment by district enrollment.
(Note: For simplification, the indicators were divided by 100.)



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State Revenue to Schools Per Local Dollar

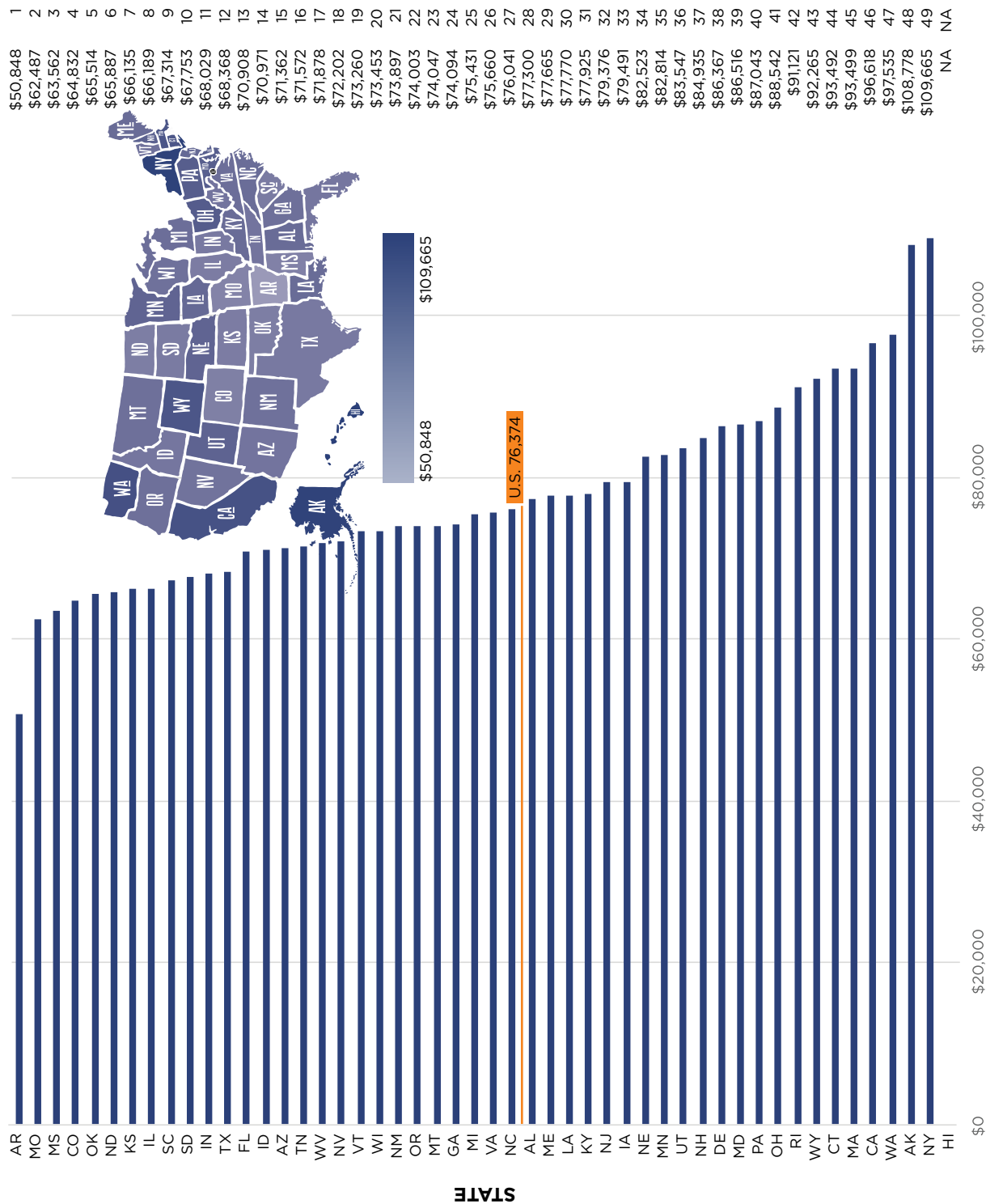
The number of dollars received by rural districts from state funds for each dollar generated by local funds.



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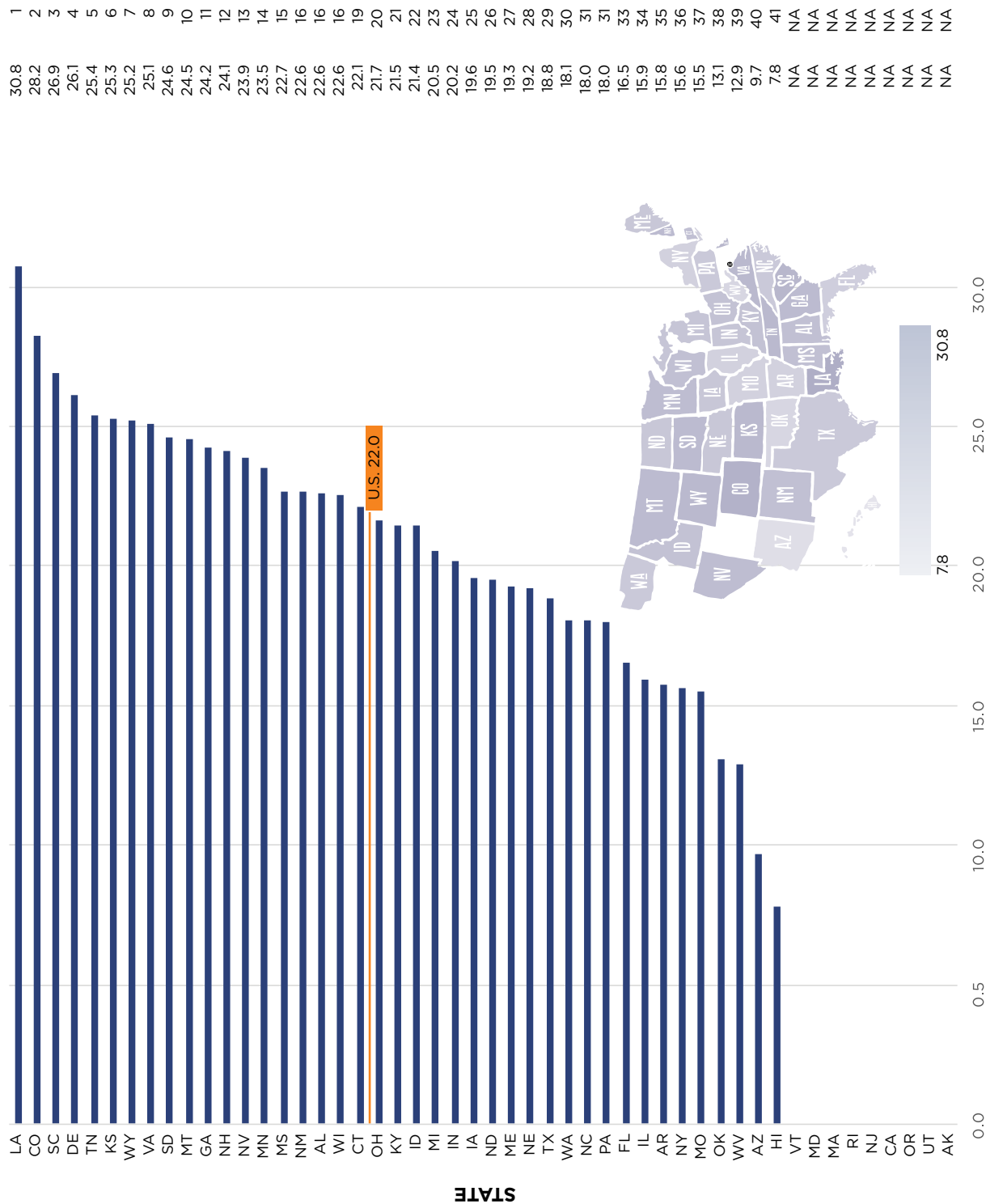
Adjusted Salary Expenditures Per Instructional FTE

Total current expenditures for instructional salaries, divided by the total number of instructional full-time equivalent staff members, multiplied by the National Center for Education Statistics' respective Comparable Wage Index for Teachers for each rural district.



Rural NAEAP Poverty Difference in Math (Gr 8)

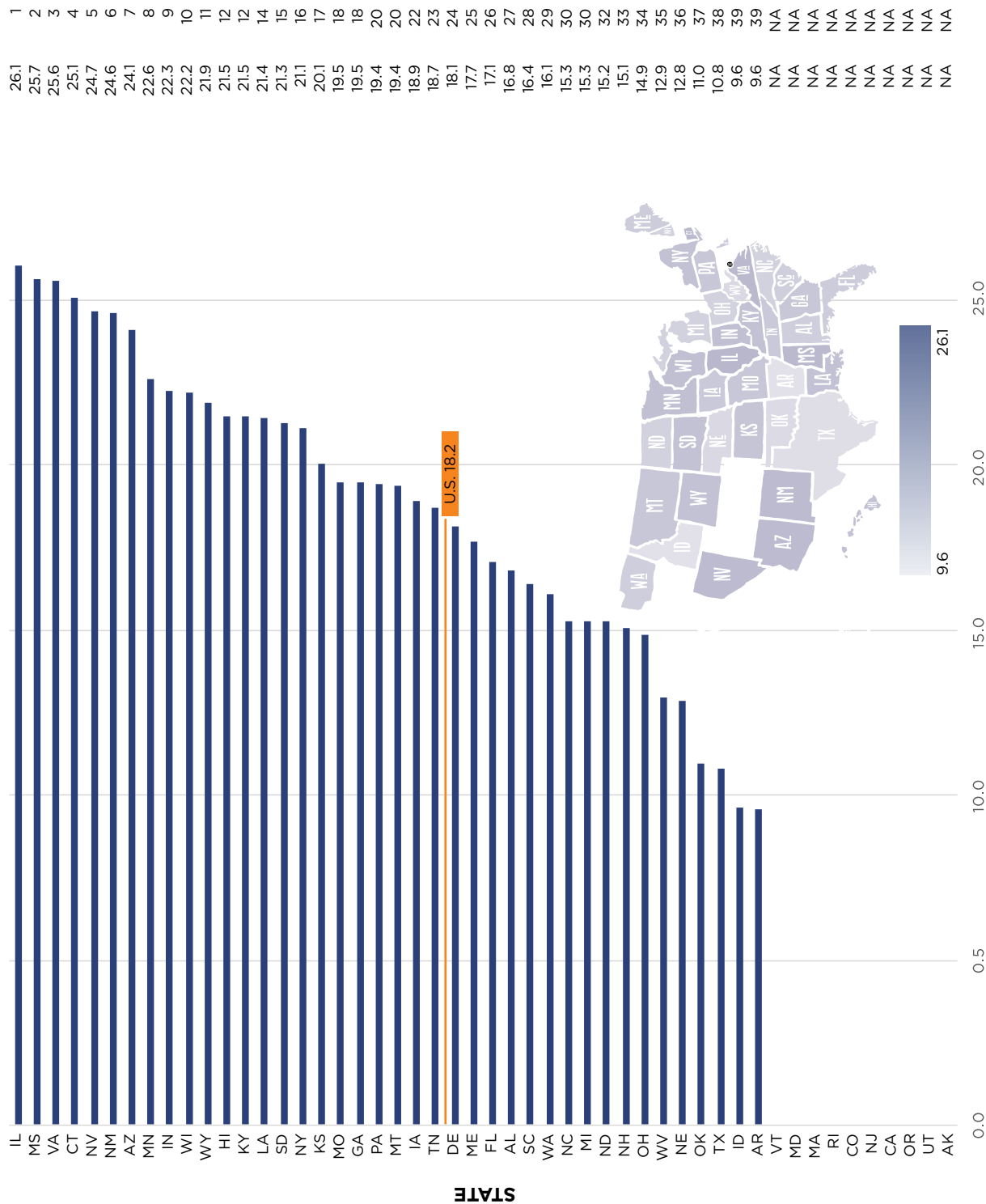
The average score of the rural students ineligible for free or reduced lunch in each state on the 8th grade National Assessment of Educational Progress math test minus the average score of the rural students eligible for free or reduced lunch in each state on the same test.



Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress, 2022

Rural NAEAP Poverty Difference In Reading (Gr 8)

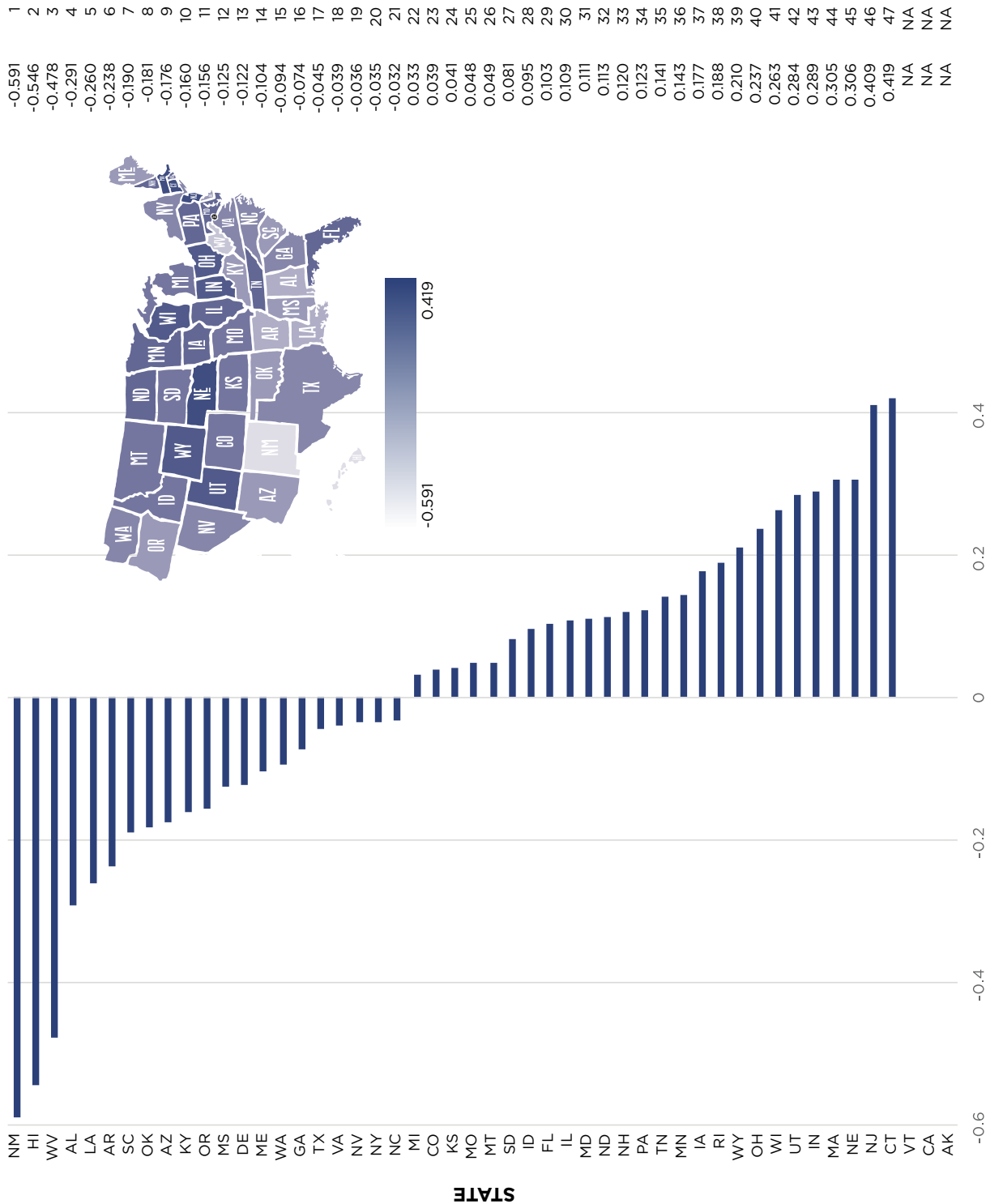
The average score of the rural students ineligible for free or reduced lunch in each state on the 8th grade National Assessment of Educational Progress reading test minus the average score of the rural students eligible for free or reduced lunch in each state on the same test.



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Rural NAEAP Composite Math (Gr 4 and 8)

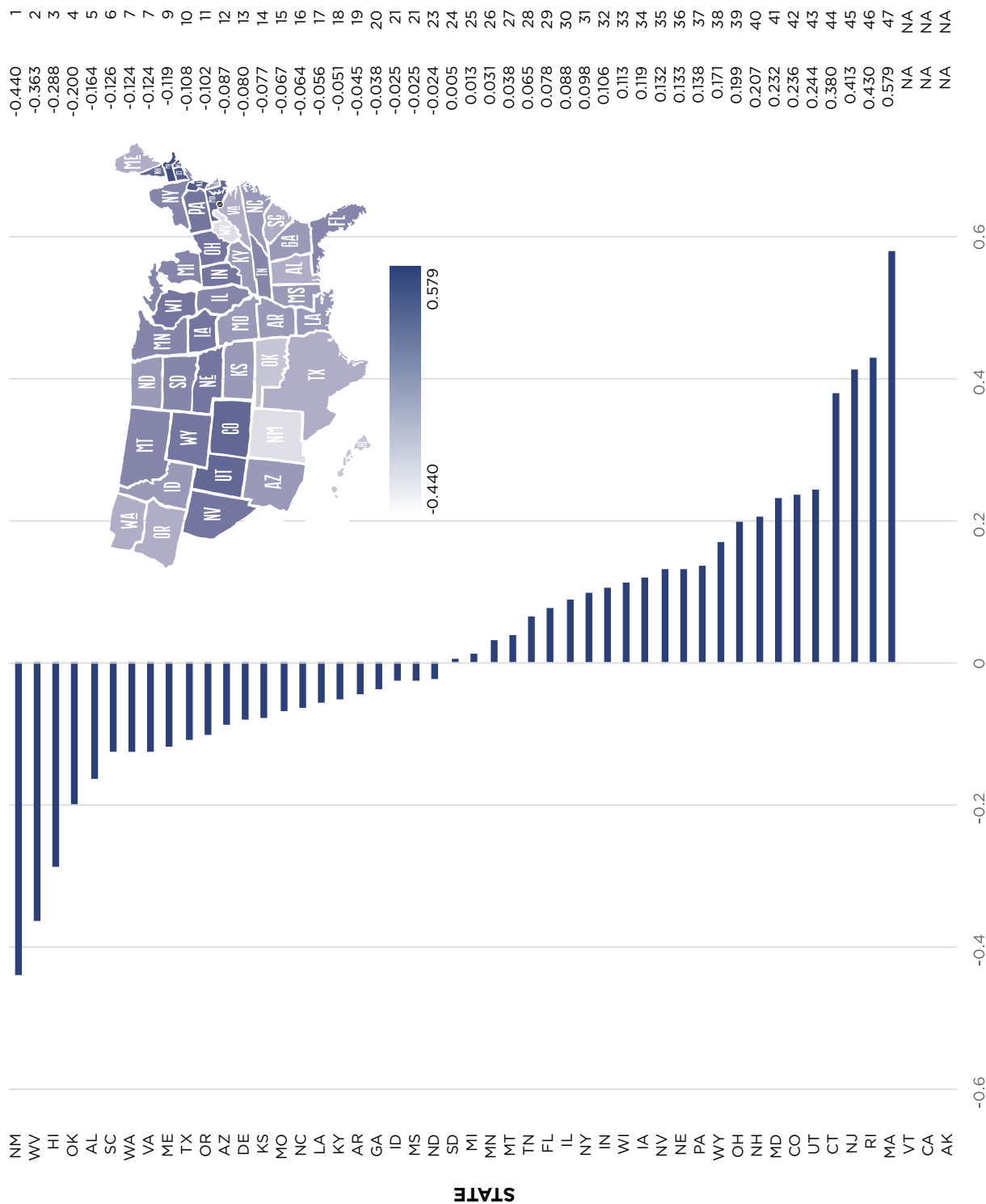
The average of the standardized scores for the rural students in each state on the National Assessment of Educational Progress for 4th and 8th grade math tests. (Note: Standardized z-scores based on national rural mean and standard deviation for each test.)



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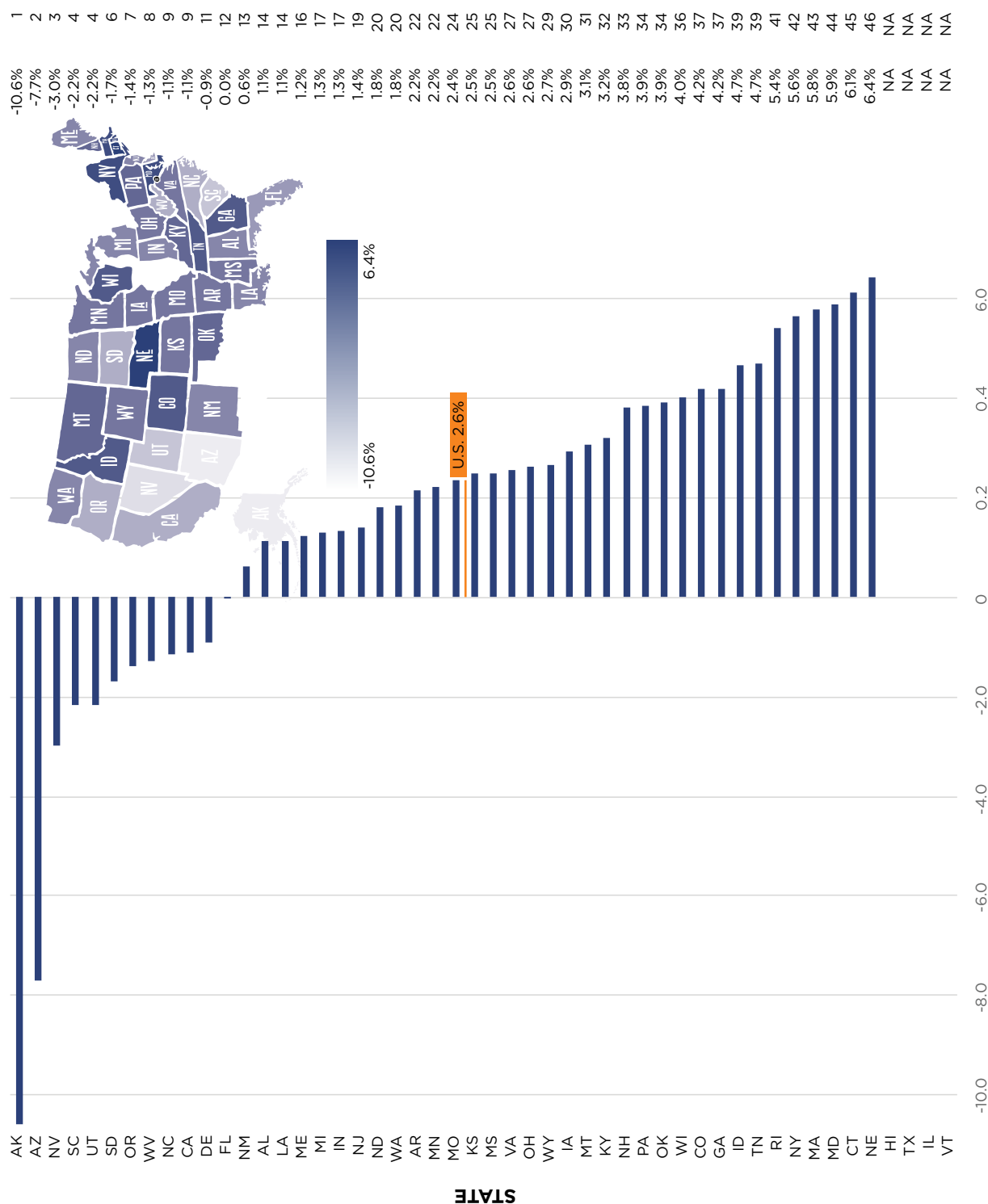
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Rural Advantage for High School Graduation Rate

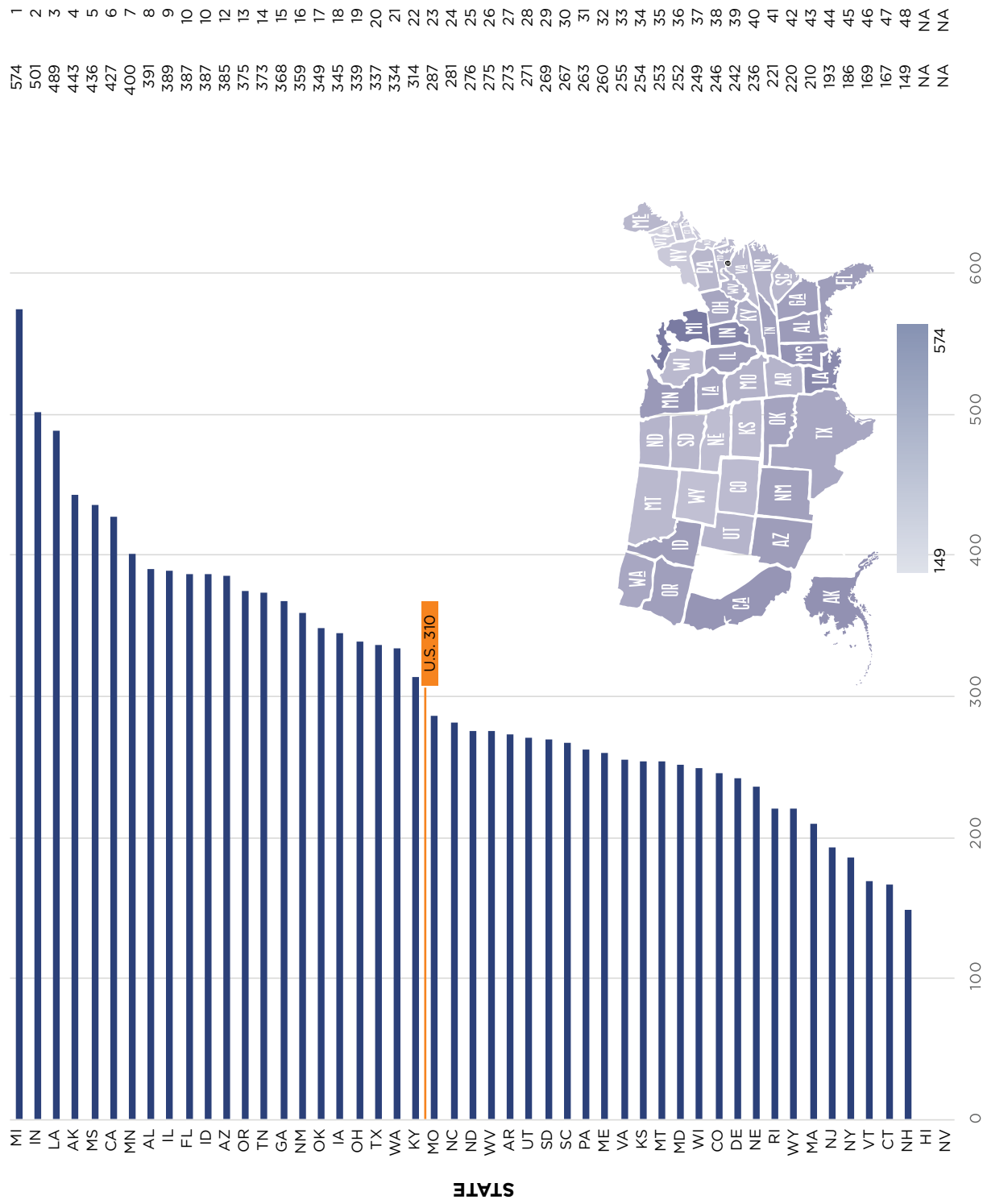
The weighted average high school graduation rate in rural districts minus the weighted average high school graduation rate in nonrural districts.
(Note: "Graduation rate" is the number of graduating seniors in rural school districts divided by the total number of students who started with the cohort four years earlier, adjusted for transfer students. *)



Source: U.S. Department of Education, EDData, Four-Year Adjusted-Cohort Graduation Rates School Year 2019-20

Students Per Psychologist/School Counselor

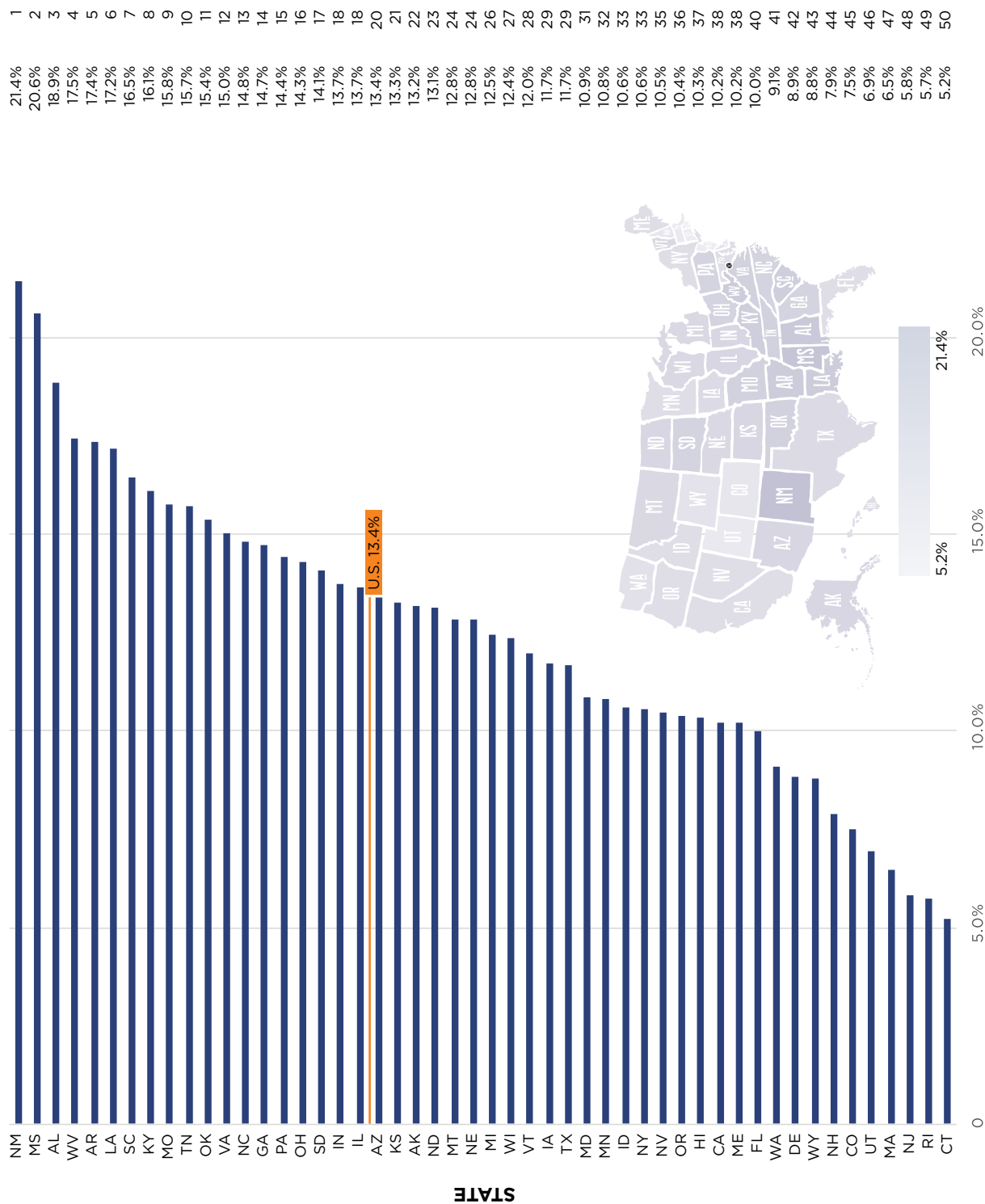
The number of students enrolled in rural districts in the state divided by the number of psychologists and school counselors in those same districts.



Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data, Public School Universe, 2021-2022

Percent of Rural Households Without Broadband Access

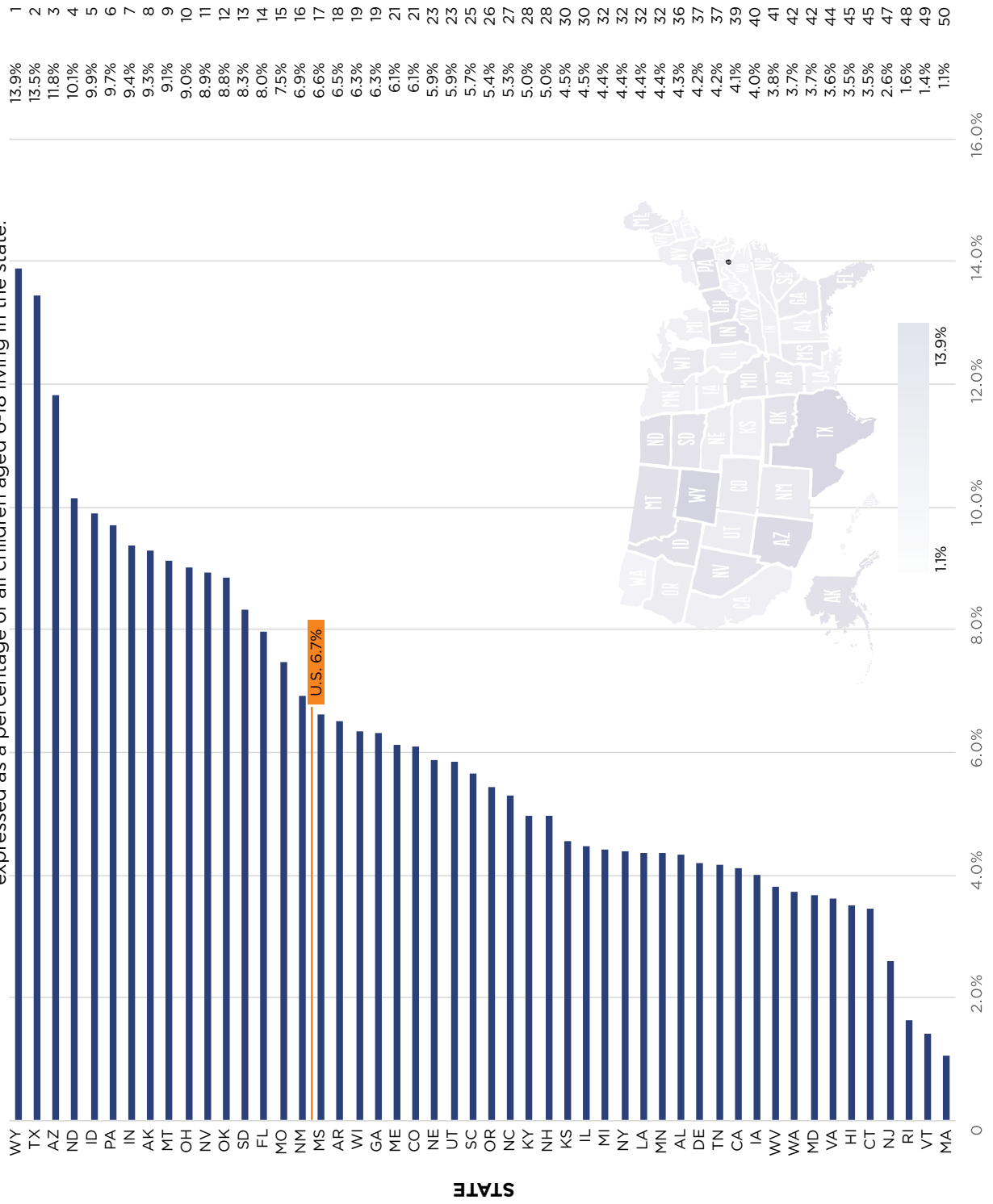
The number of households who report having no access to broadband internet of any type (e.g., cell, DSL, satellite, fiber optic, cable) in a Census-defined rural area, expressed as a percentage of all households in the state.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2021 (1-year estimates)

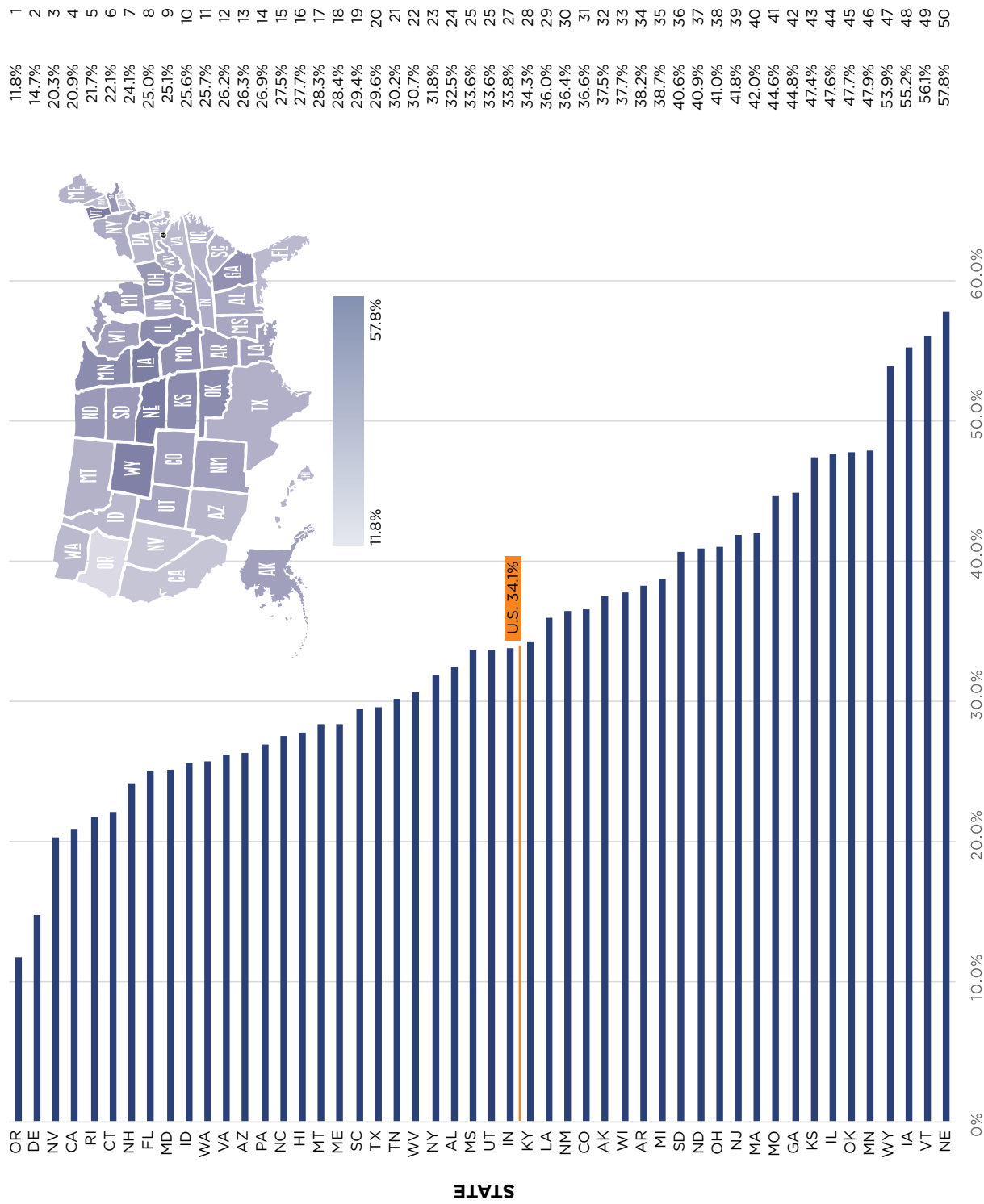
Percent of Rural School-Aged Children Without Health Insurance Coverage

The number of children aged 6-18 who are currently uninsured and living in an area classified as rural by the U.S. Census Bureau, expressed as a percentage of all children aged 6-18 living in the state.



Percent Rural Enrollment In Public Preschool

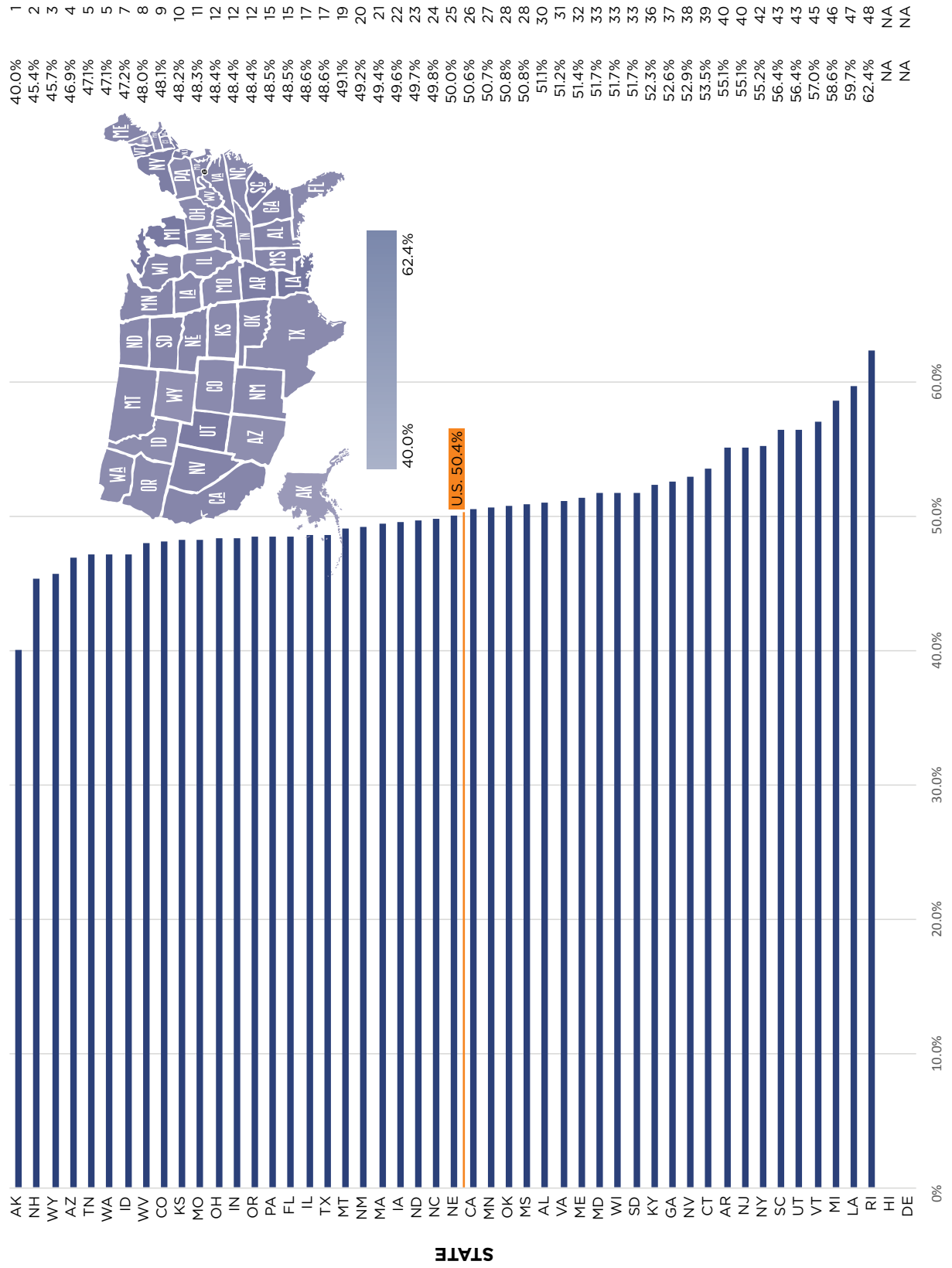
The number of students attending a public preschool in a Census-defined rural area divided by 40% of the total children age 0 to 4 living in those same rural areas in the state.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2021 (1-year estimates)

Percent of Rural Gifted Students Who Are Female

The number of female students enrolled in gifted or talented programs in rural schools, divided by the total number of students enrolled in gifted or talented programs in rural schools.



Source: U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, Civil Rights Data Collection, 2017-18