



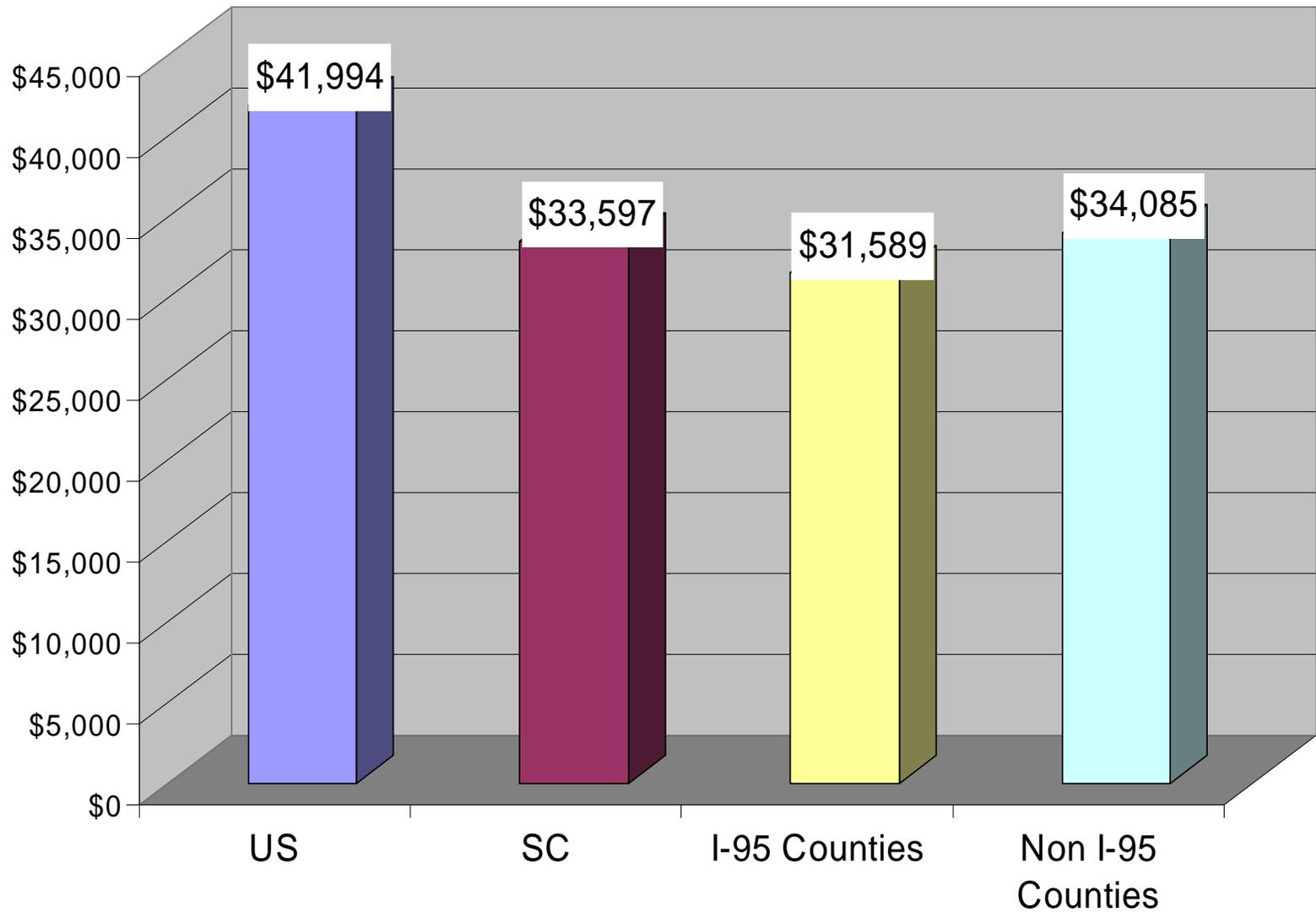
# The S.C. – U.S. Income Gap With Some Migration Trends

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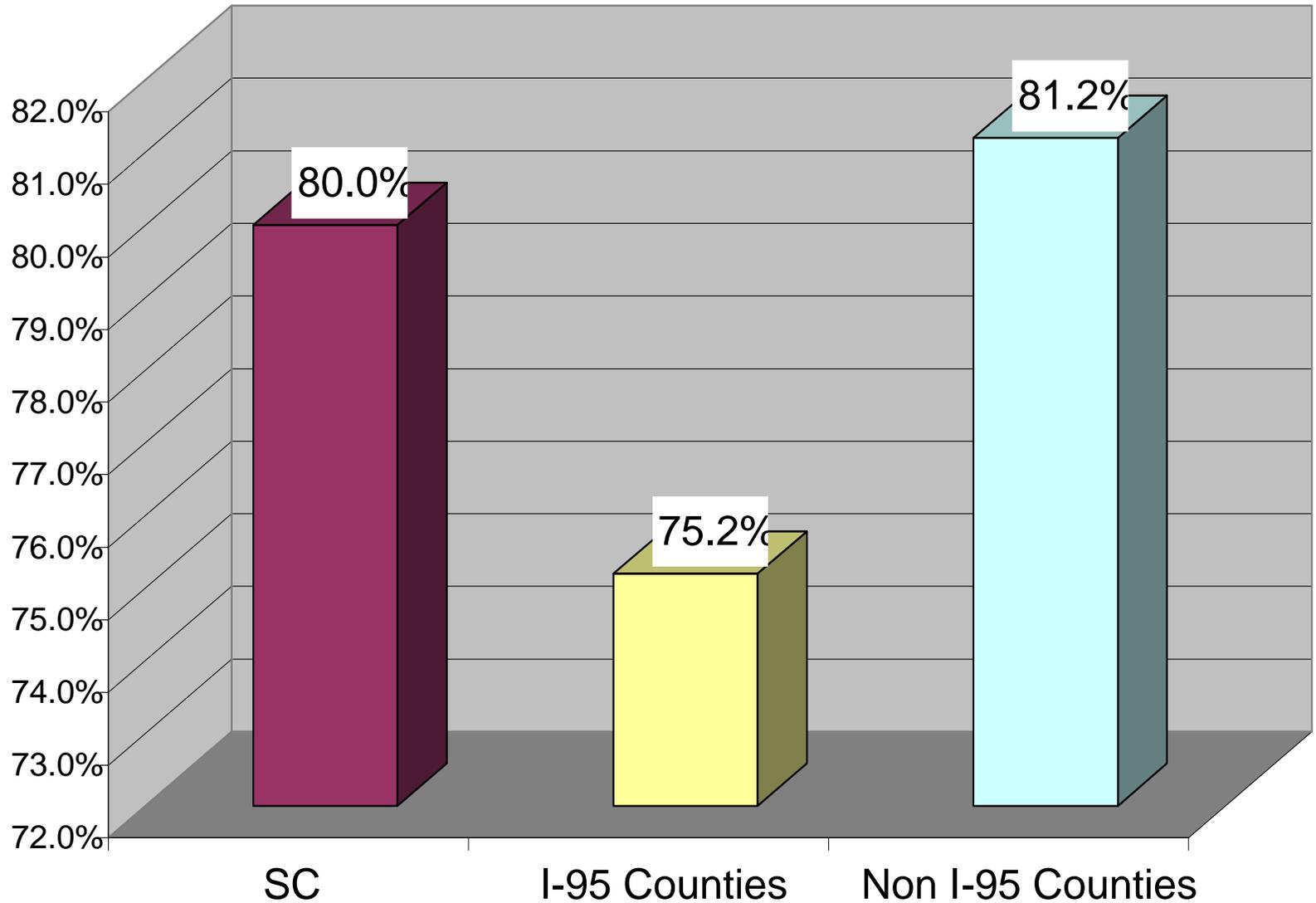
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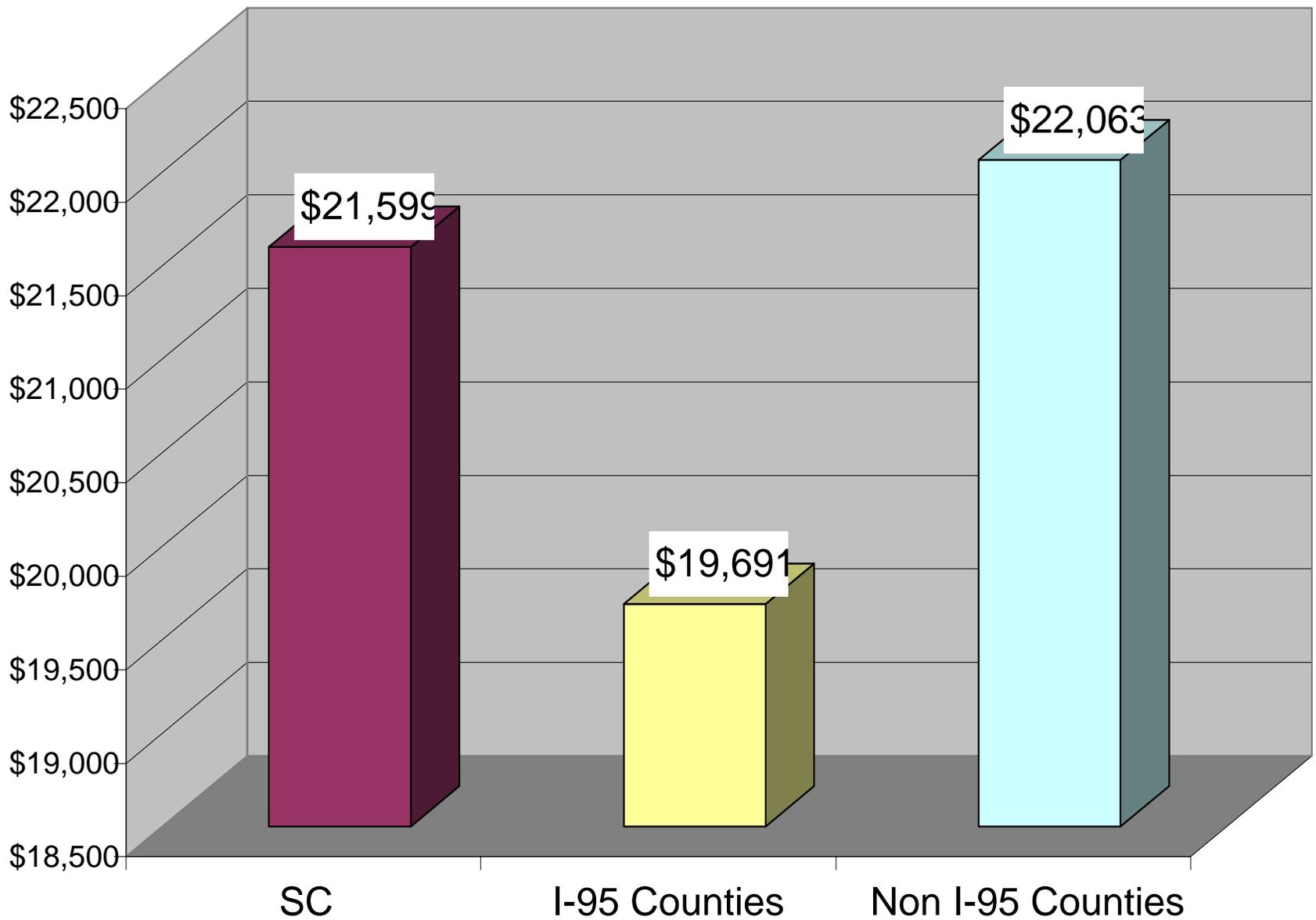
# S.C. Median Household Income (1999)



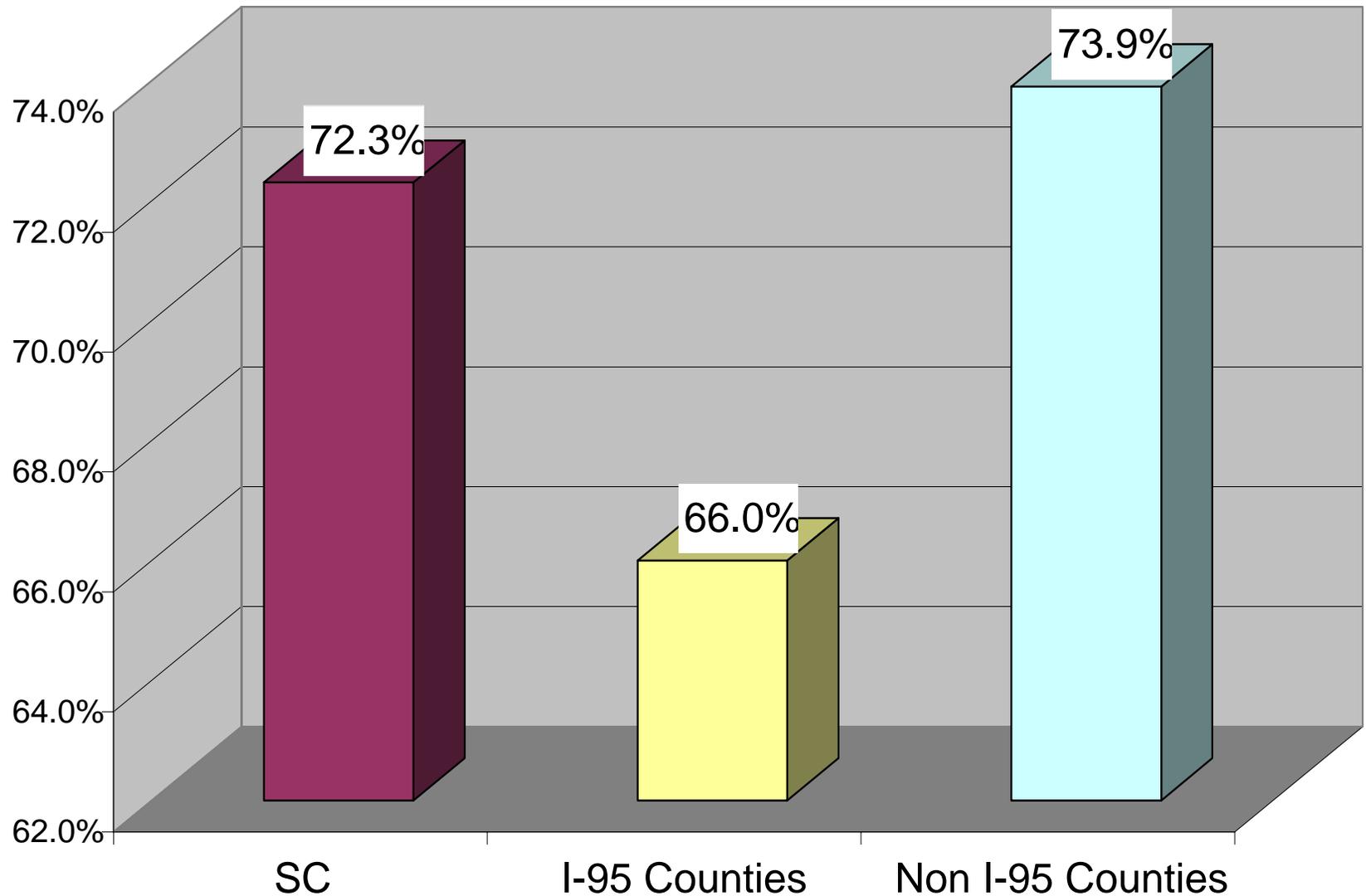
# S.C. Median Household Income Share of U.S. Average (1999)



# S.C. Per Capita Personal Income (20



# S.C. Per Capita Personal Income Share of U.S. Average (2000)



## S.C. Income as a Share of U.S. Income 1990 & 2000, by Income Percentile

Income Percentile	South Carolina		United States		S.C. % of U.S.	
	1989	1999	1989	1999	1989	1999
<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	\$7,264	\$8,439	\$8,694	\$10,365	83.5%	81.4%
<b>50<sup>th</sup></b>	\$35,512	\$37,511	\$40,523	\$42,728	87.6%	87.8%
<b>90<sup>th</sup></b>	\$88,828	\$94,406	\$99,642	\$114,841	89.1%	82.2%

Source: U.S. Census, Census Scope 2004

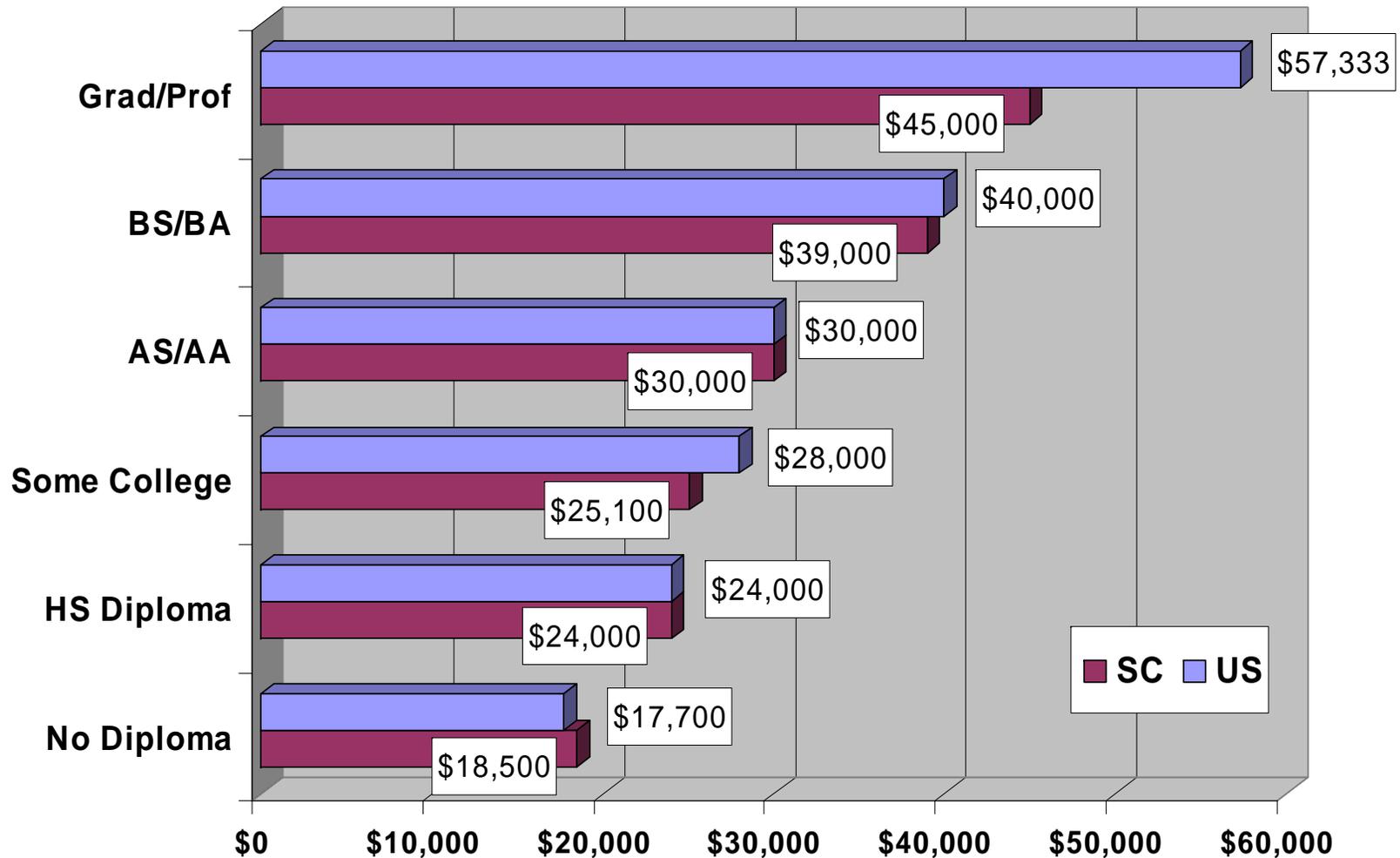


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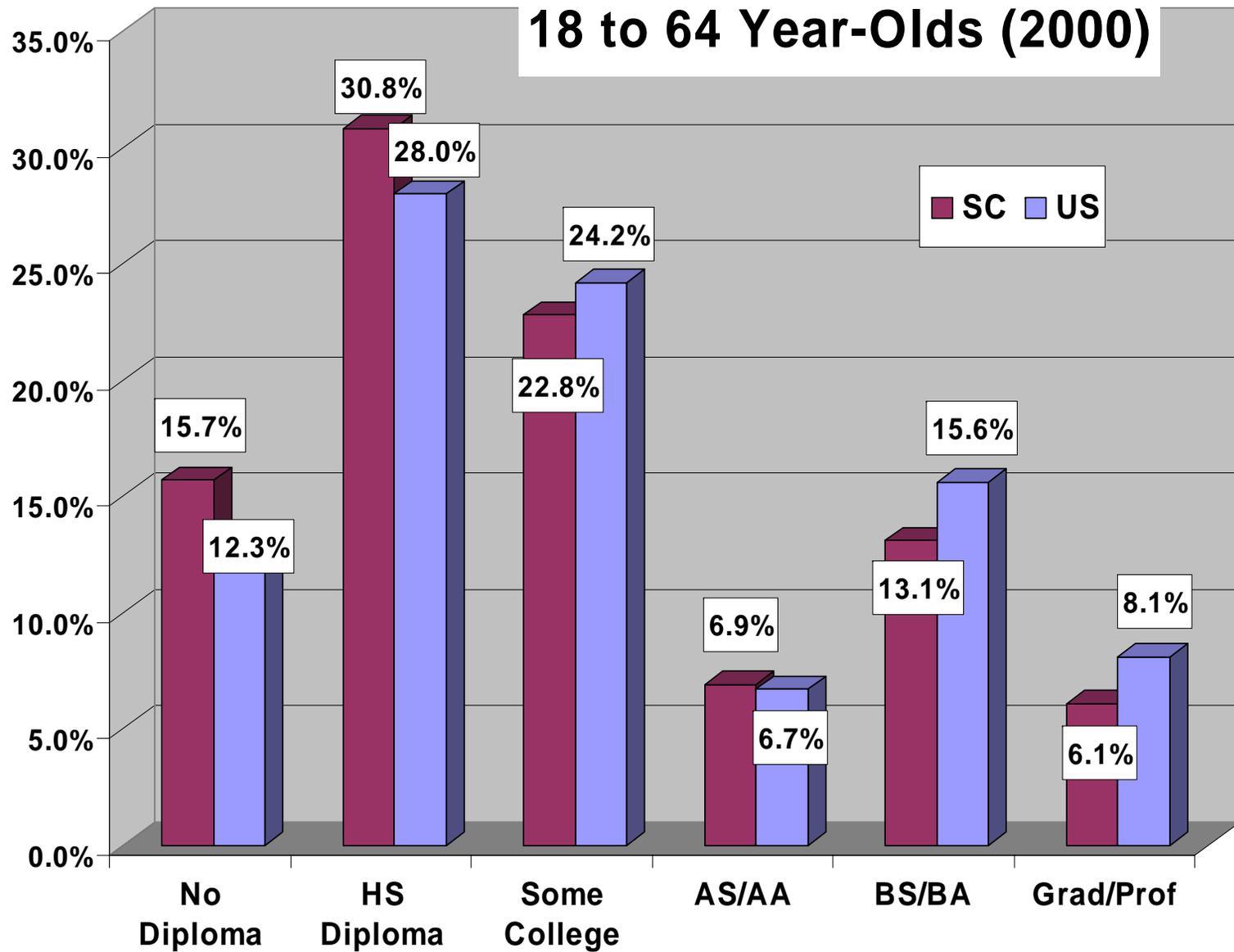
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## Median Annual Earnings by Degree Level 30 to 64 Year-Olds (2000)



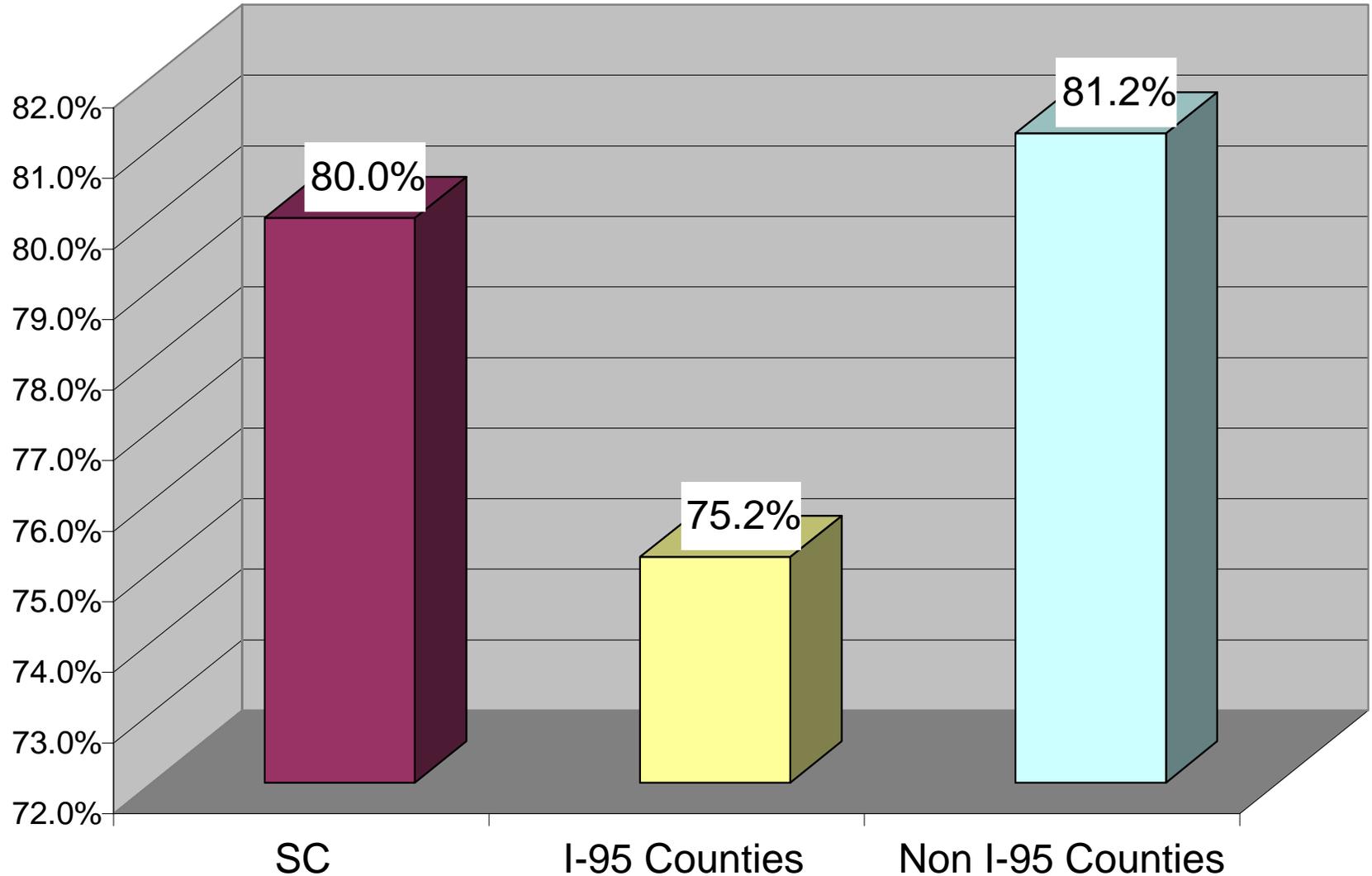
Source: US Census Bureau, 2000 Census; 5% Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) Files.

# Educational Attainment 18 to 64 Year-Olds (2000)



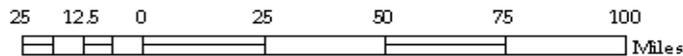
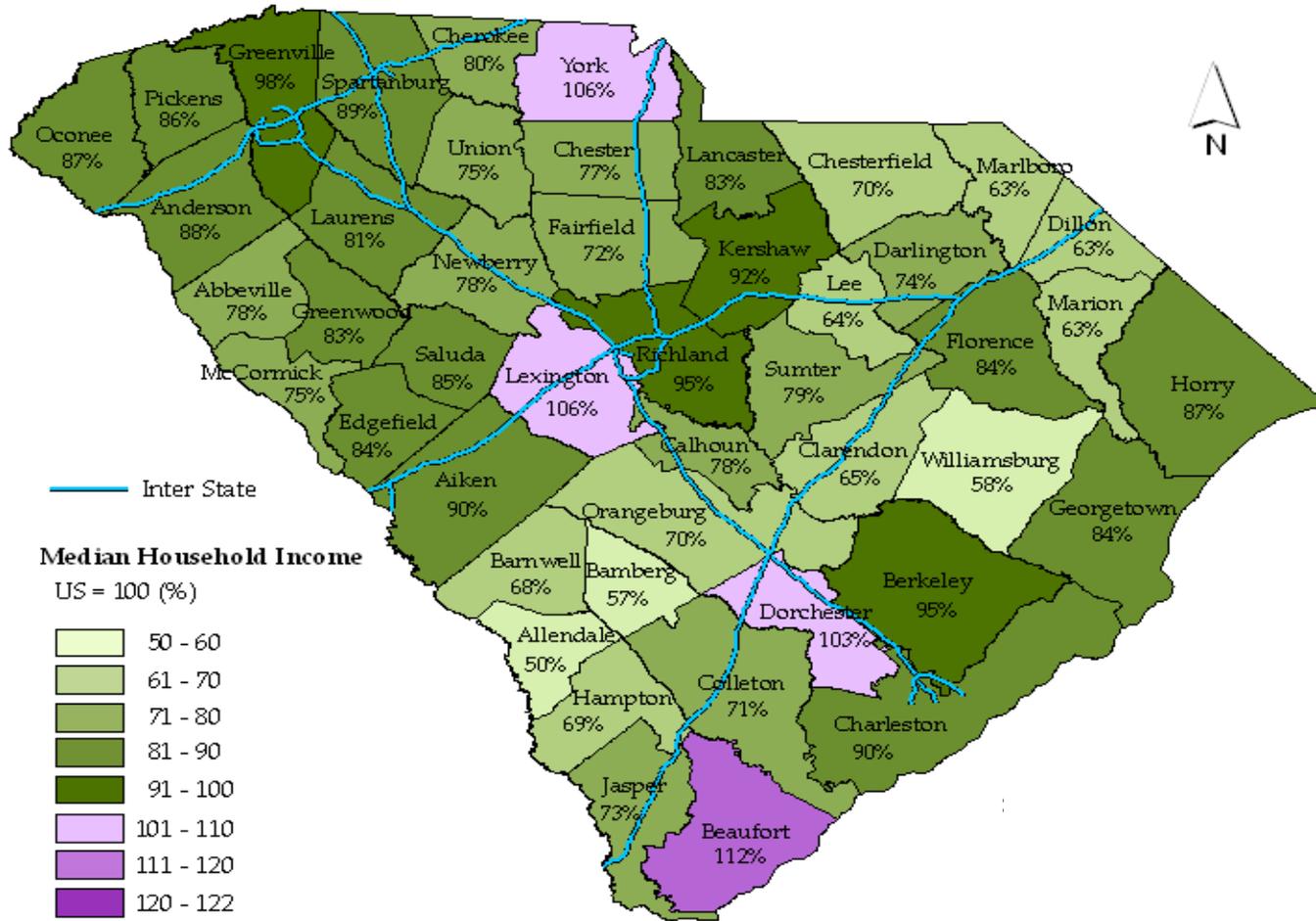
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## S.C. Median Household Income & Share of U.S. Average (1999)



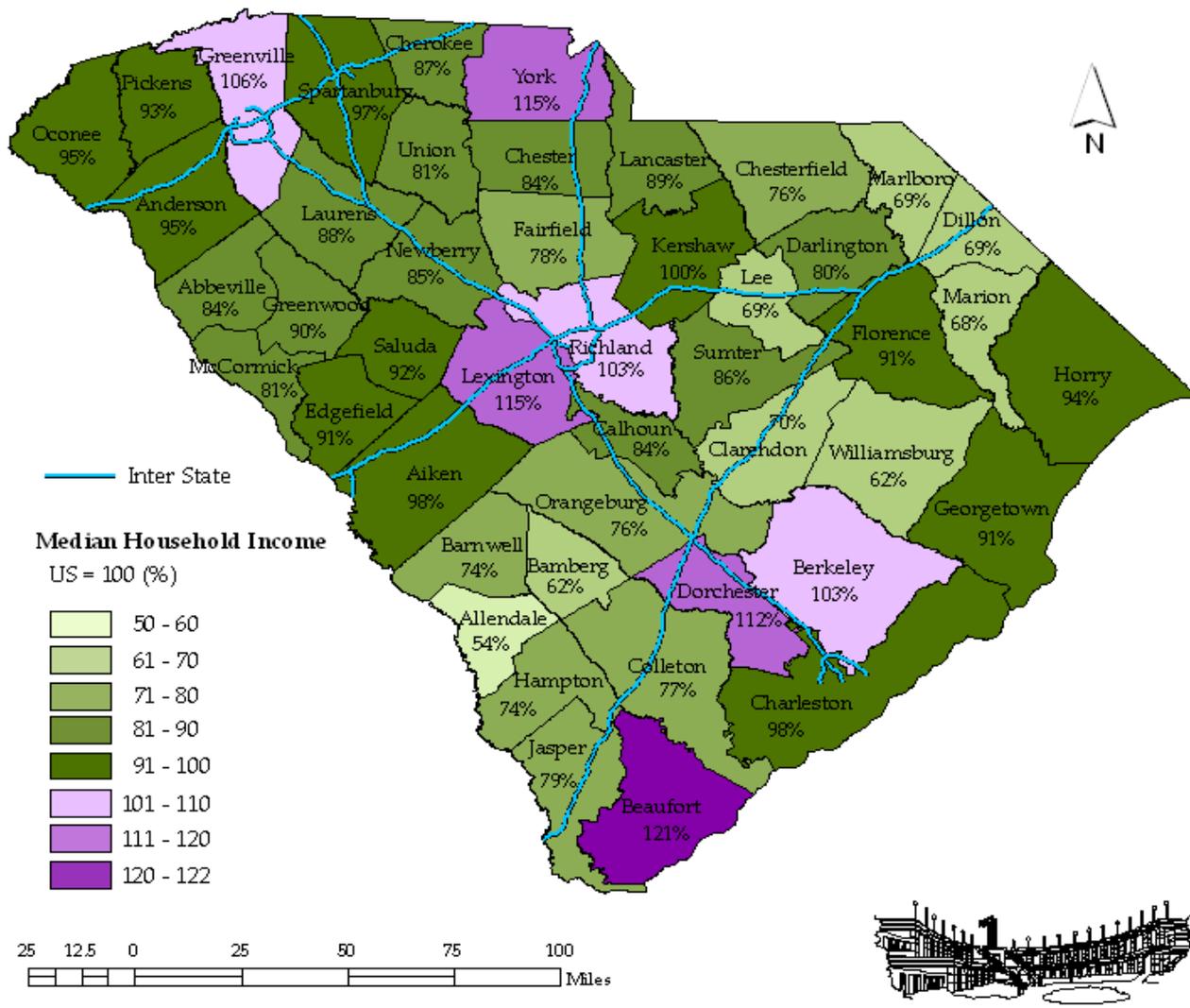
# South Carolina Median Household Income 2000

(As a Percentage of US Median Household Income)



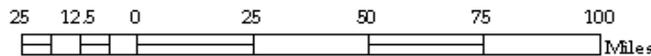
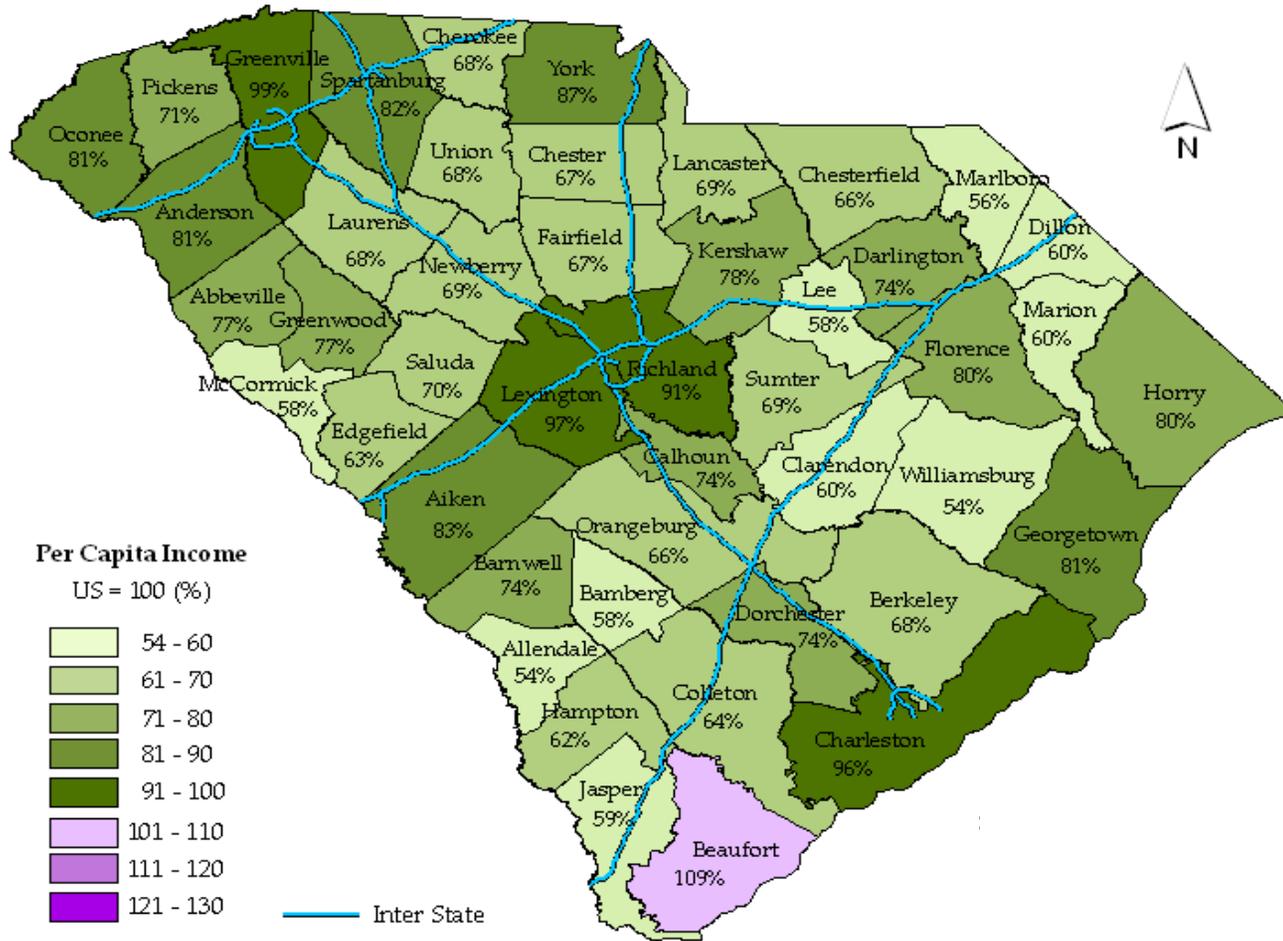
# South Carolina Median Household Income 2000

(As a Discounted Percentage of US Median Household Income)



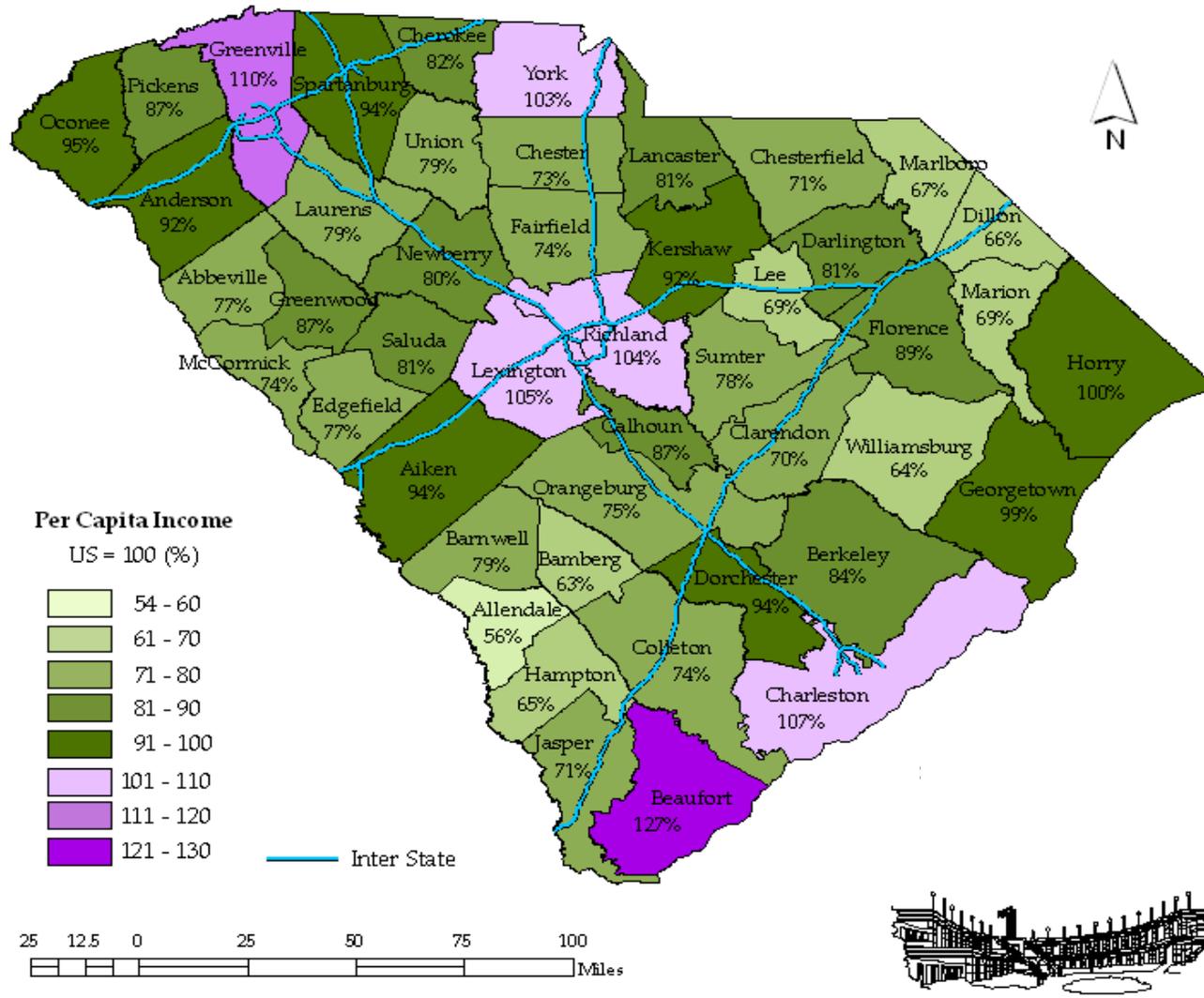
# South Carolina Per Capita Income 2000

(As a Percentage of US Per Capita Income)



# South Carolina Per Capita Income 2000

(As a Discounted Percentage of US Per Capita Income)



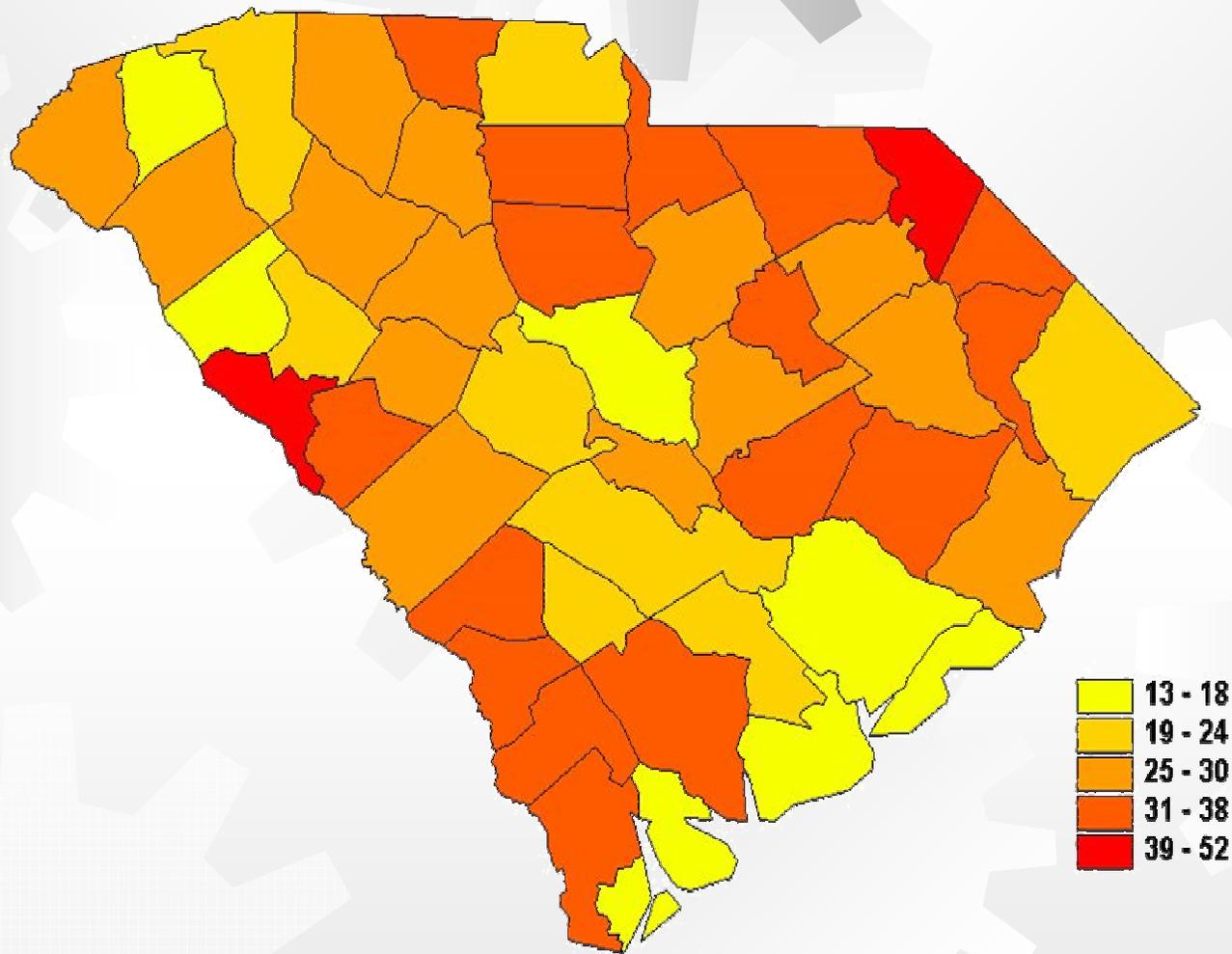


The two strongest contributors were the education related variables.

- The closer ratio of South Carolina per capita income to U.S. per capita income was significantly explained by the *percent of county population over 25 with at least a BS degree* (probability .002).
- The wider the ratio of South Carolina per capita income to U.S. per capita income was significantly explained by the *percent of county population over 25 without a high school diploma* (probability .006).

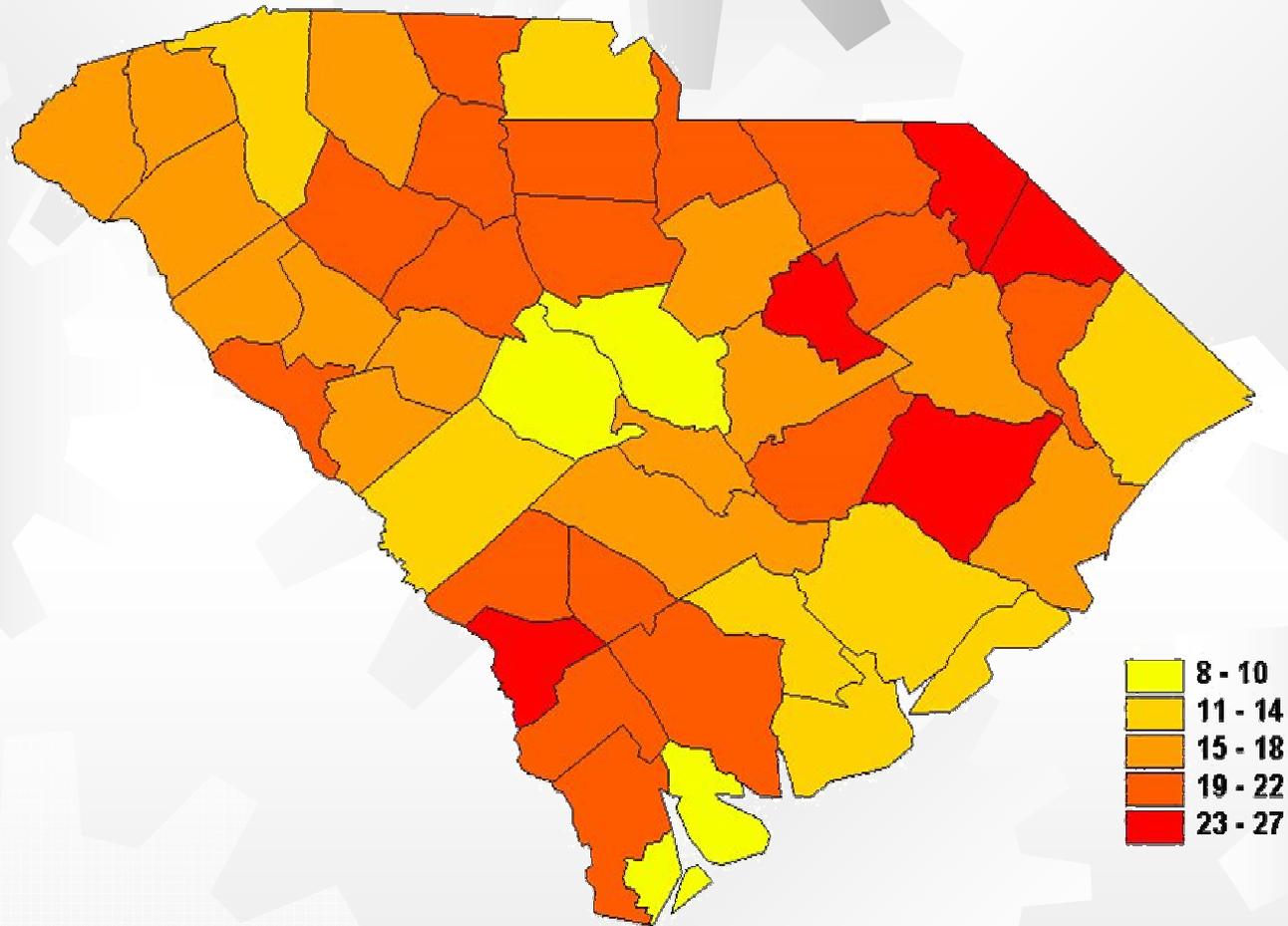
These two variables explained almost 79% of the difference between the ratio of South Carolina per capita income to U.S. per capita income.

# 18-24 Year-Olds without HS Diploma (%)



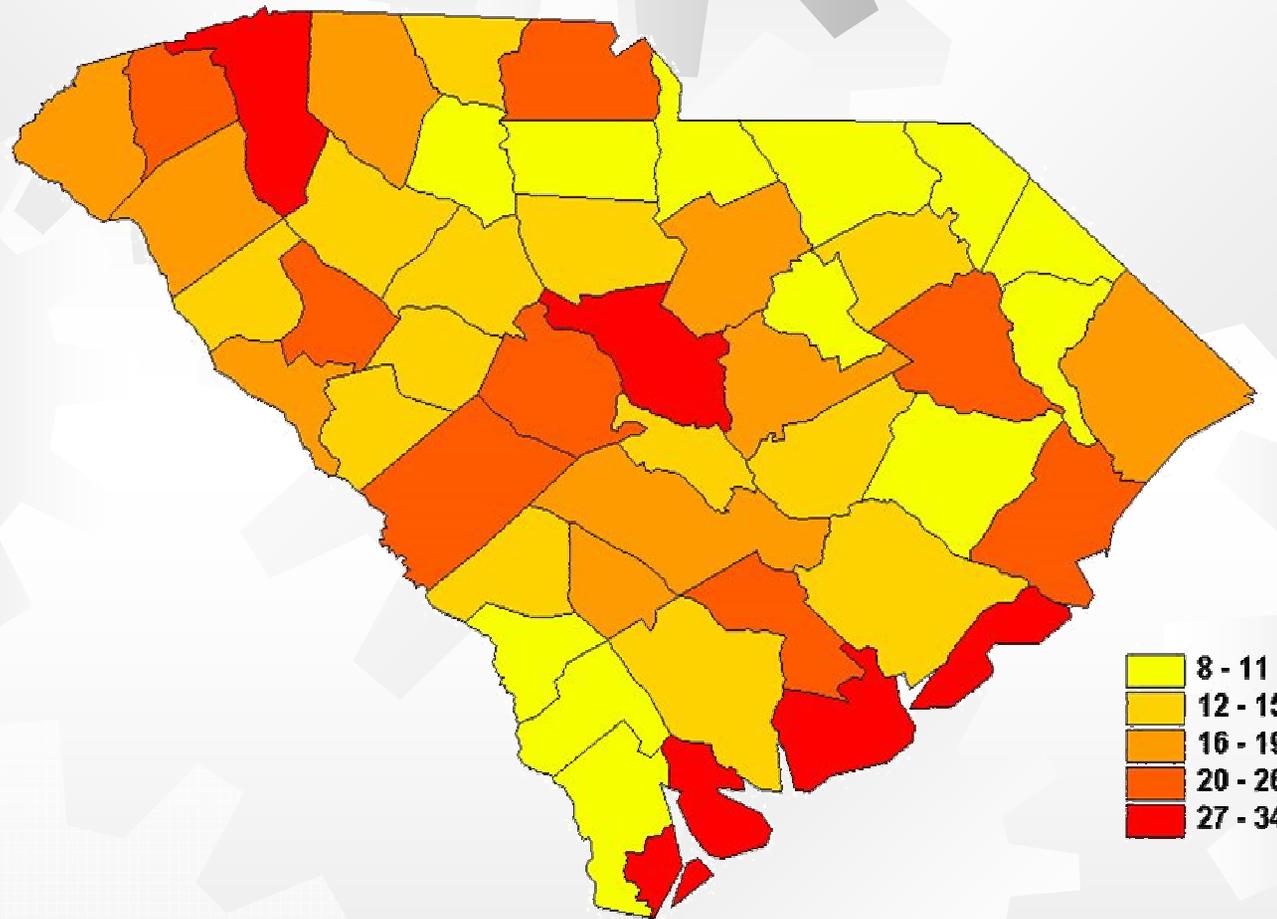
Source: US Census Bureau, Census 2000

## 25-64 Year-Olds without HS Diploma (%)



Source: US Census Bureau, Census 2000

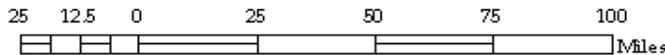
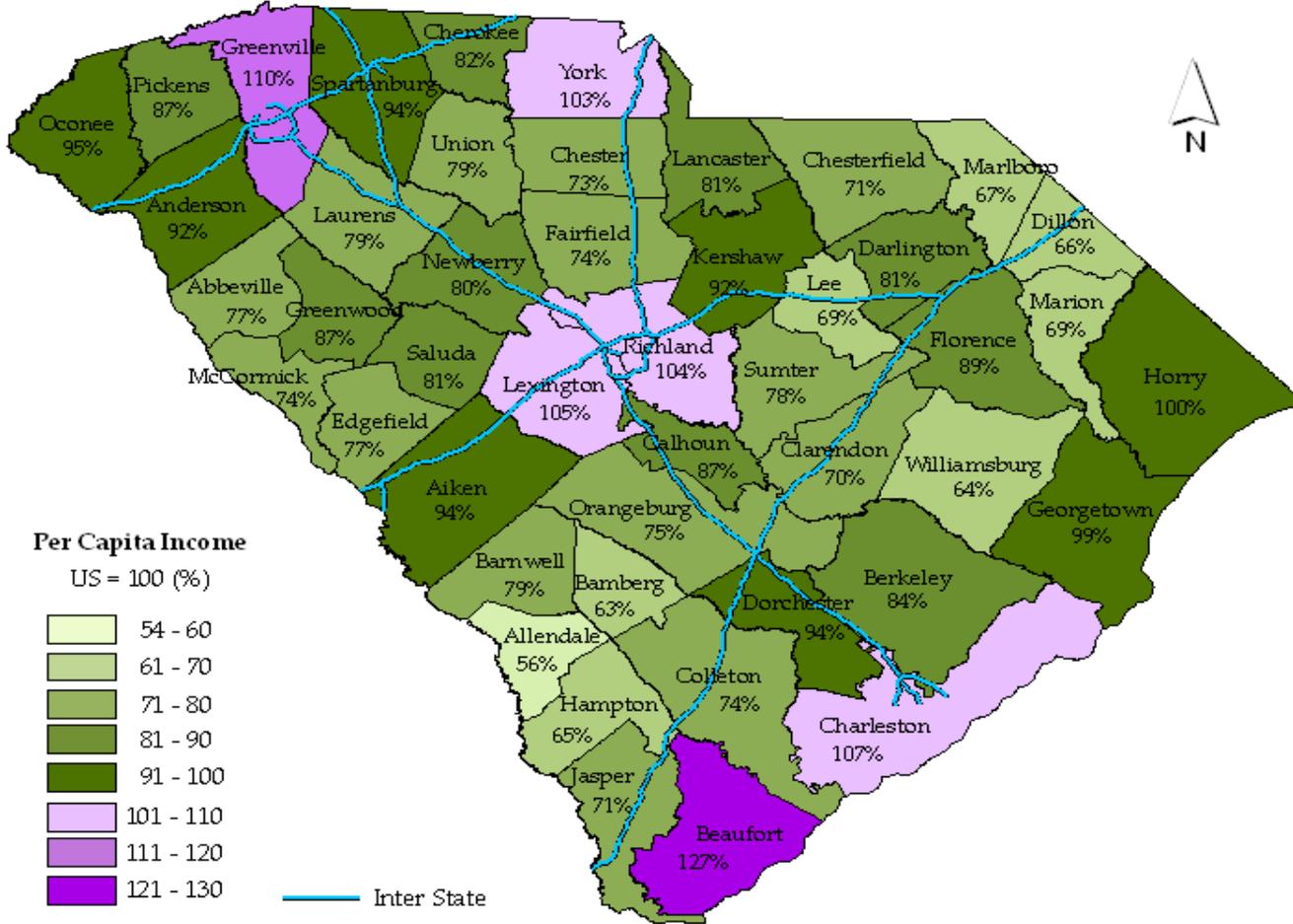
## 25-64 Year-Olds with at least BS/BA (%)



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# South Carolina Per Capita Income 2000

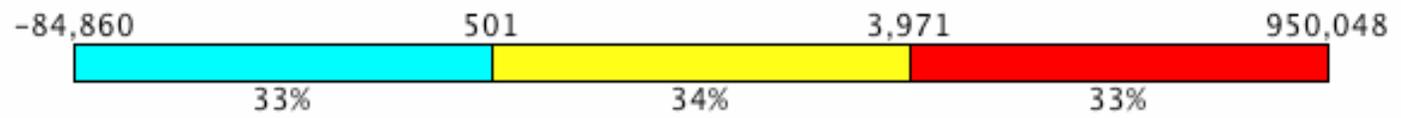
(As a Discounted Percentage of US Per Capita Income)



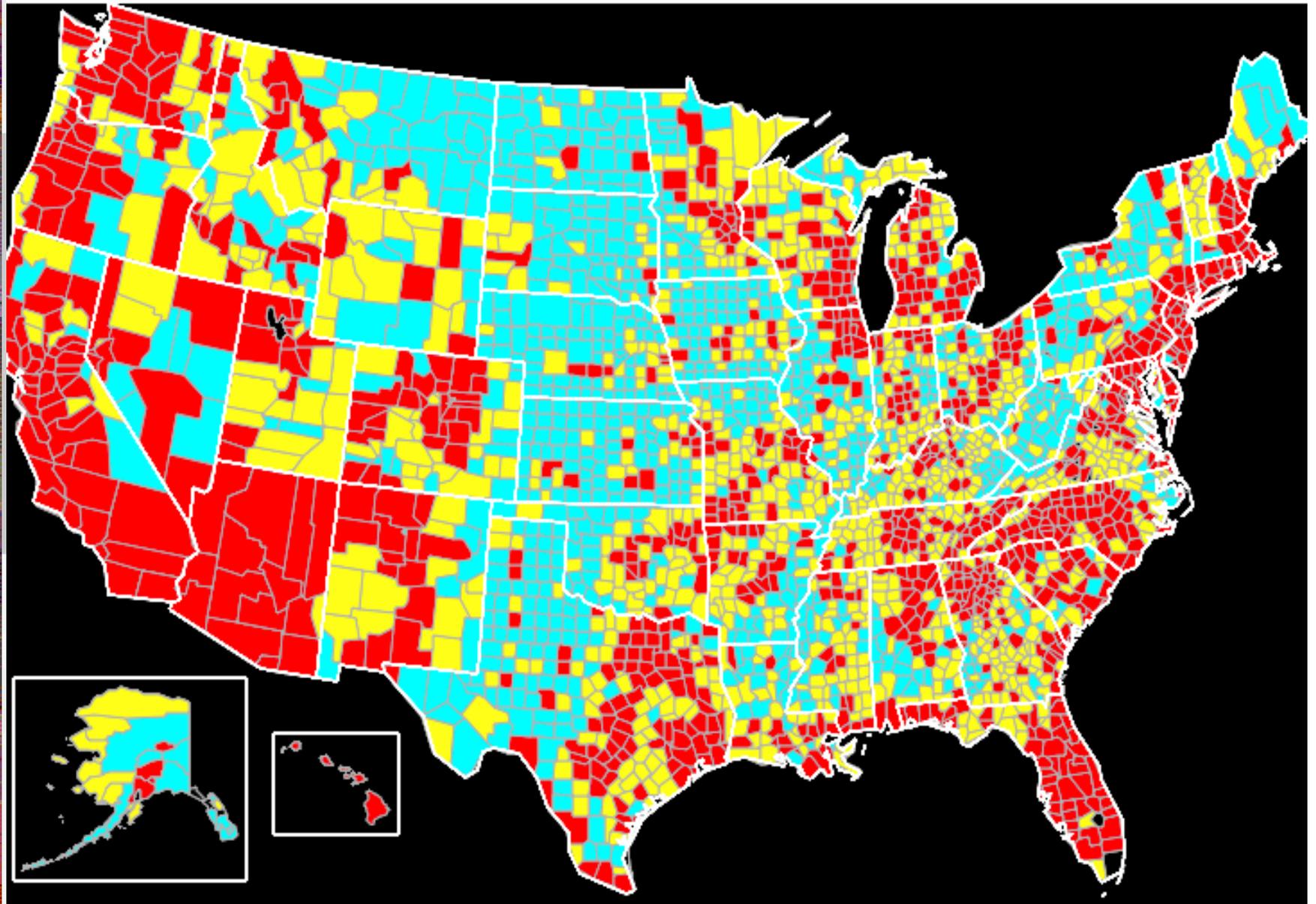


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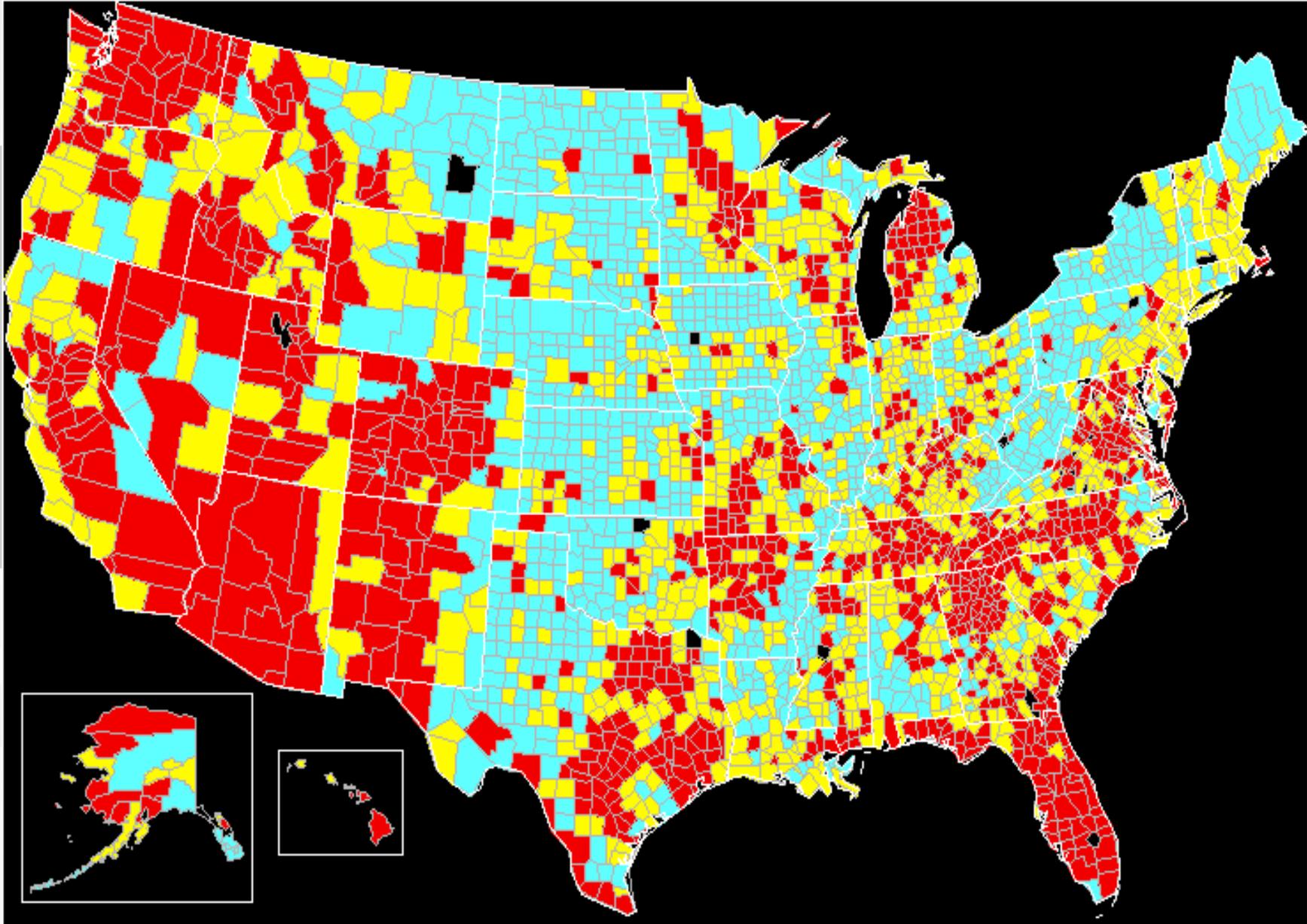


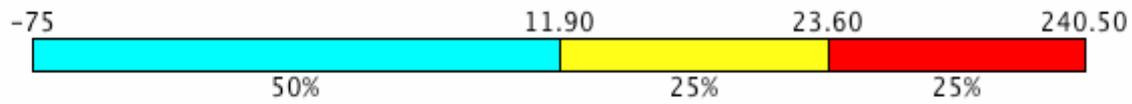


Population, net change, 1990 to 2000

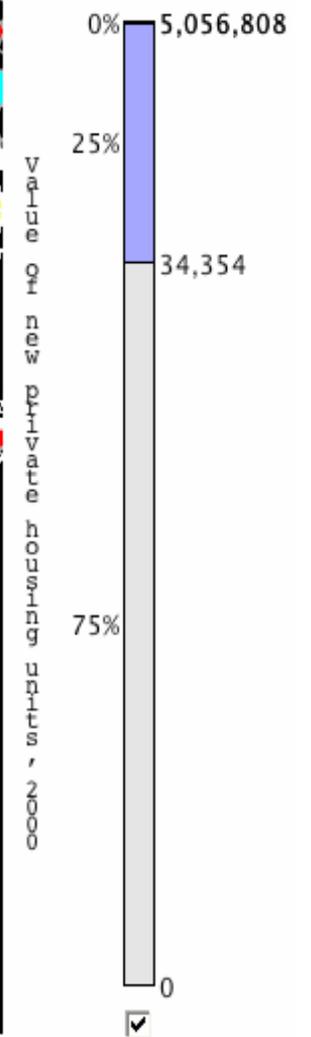
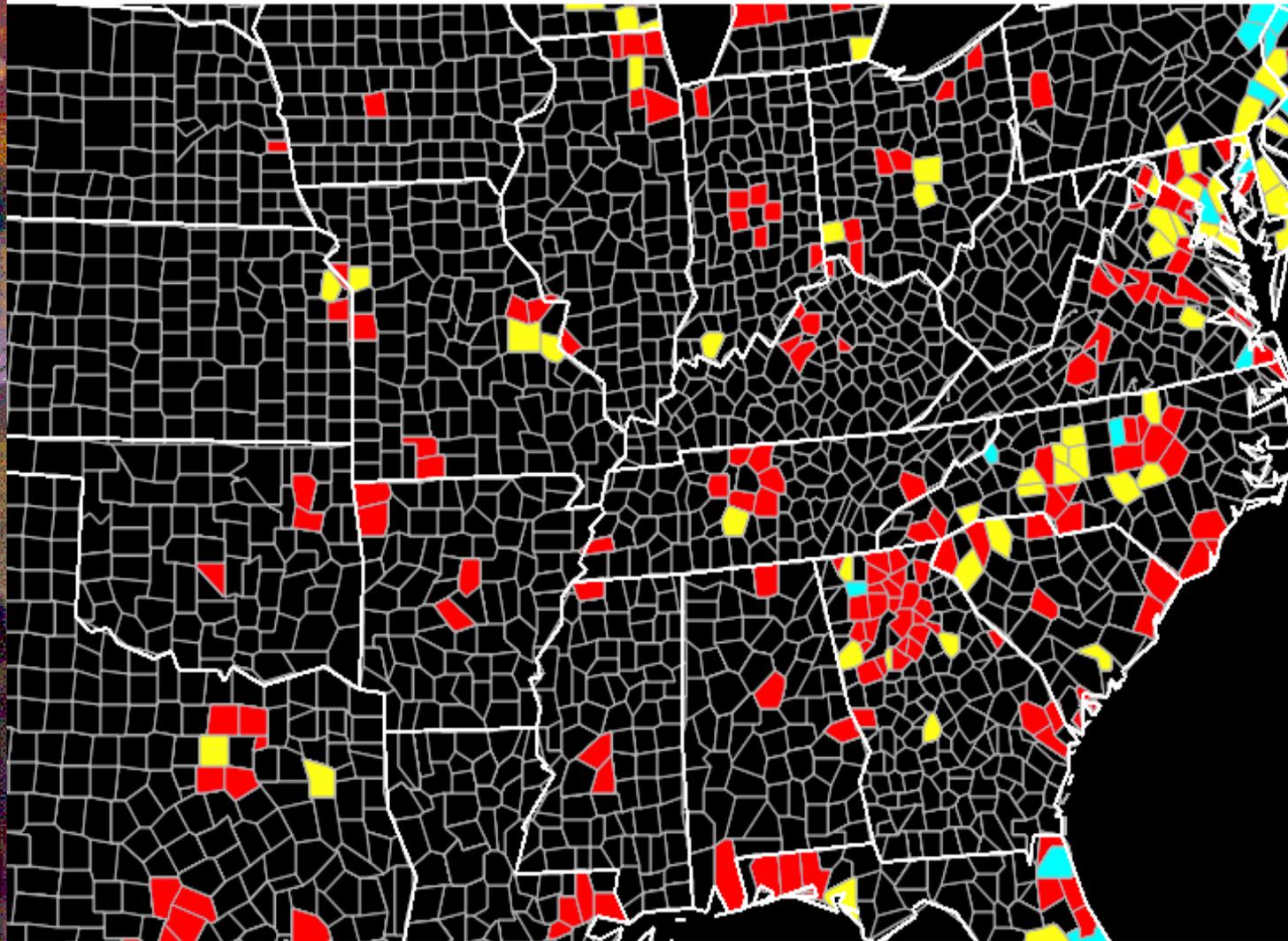


Population, percent change, 1990 to 2000





Private nonfarm establishments, percent change 1990-1999

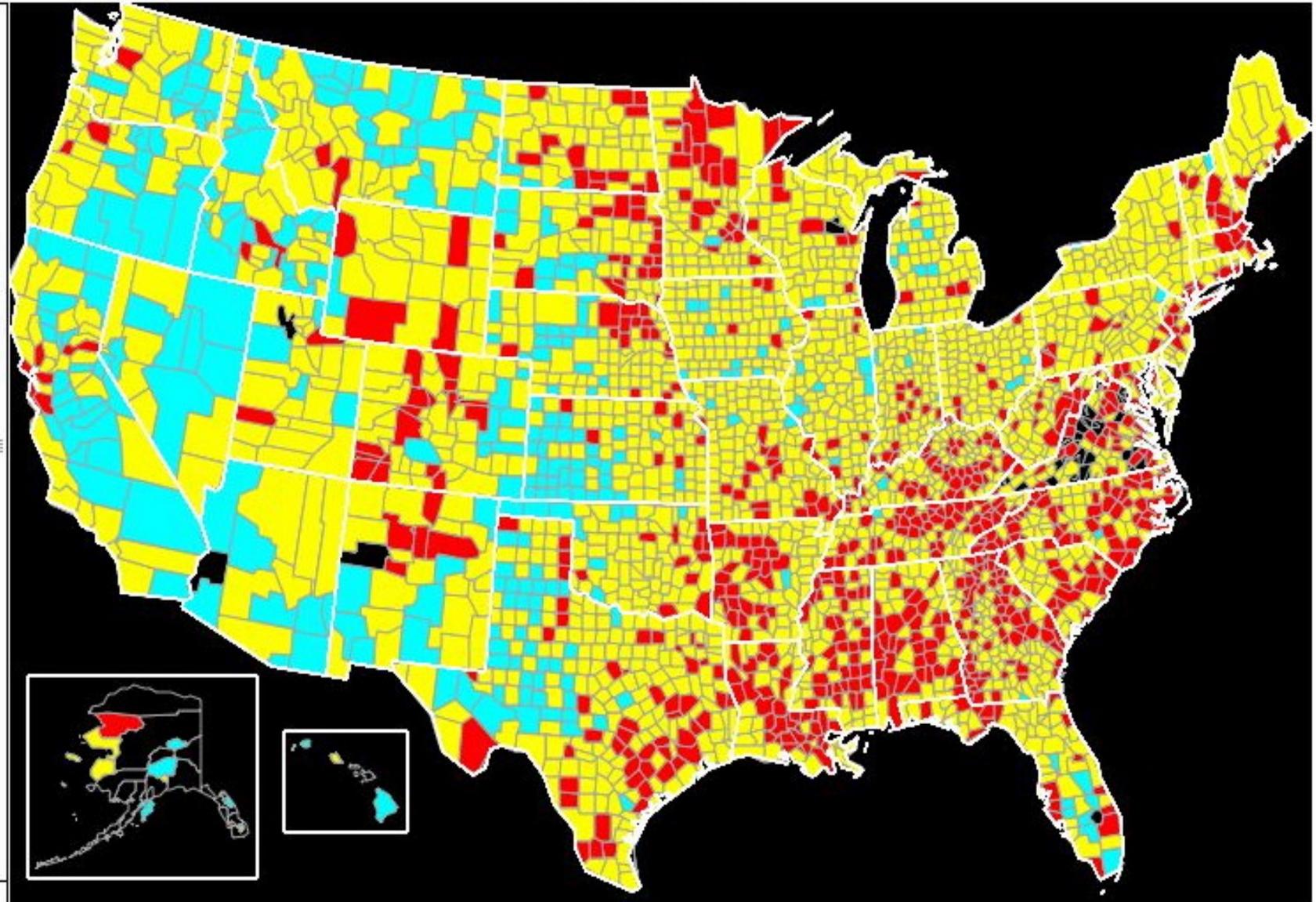


Population percent change, April 1, 2000-July 1, 2001





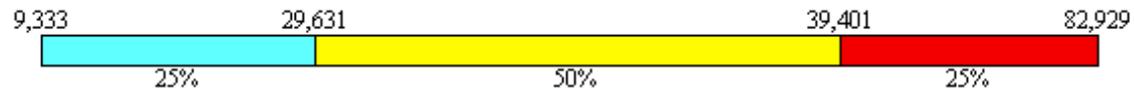
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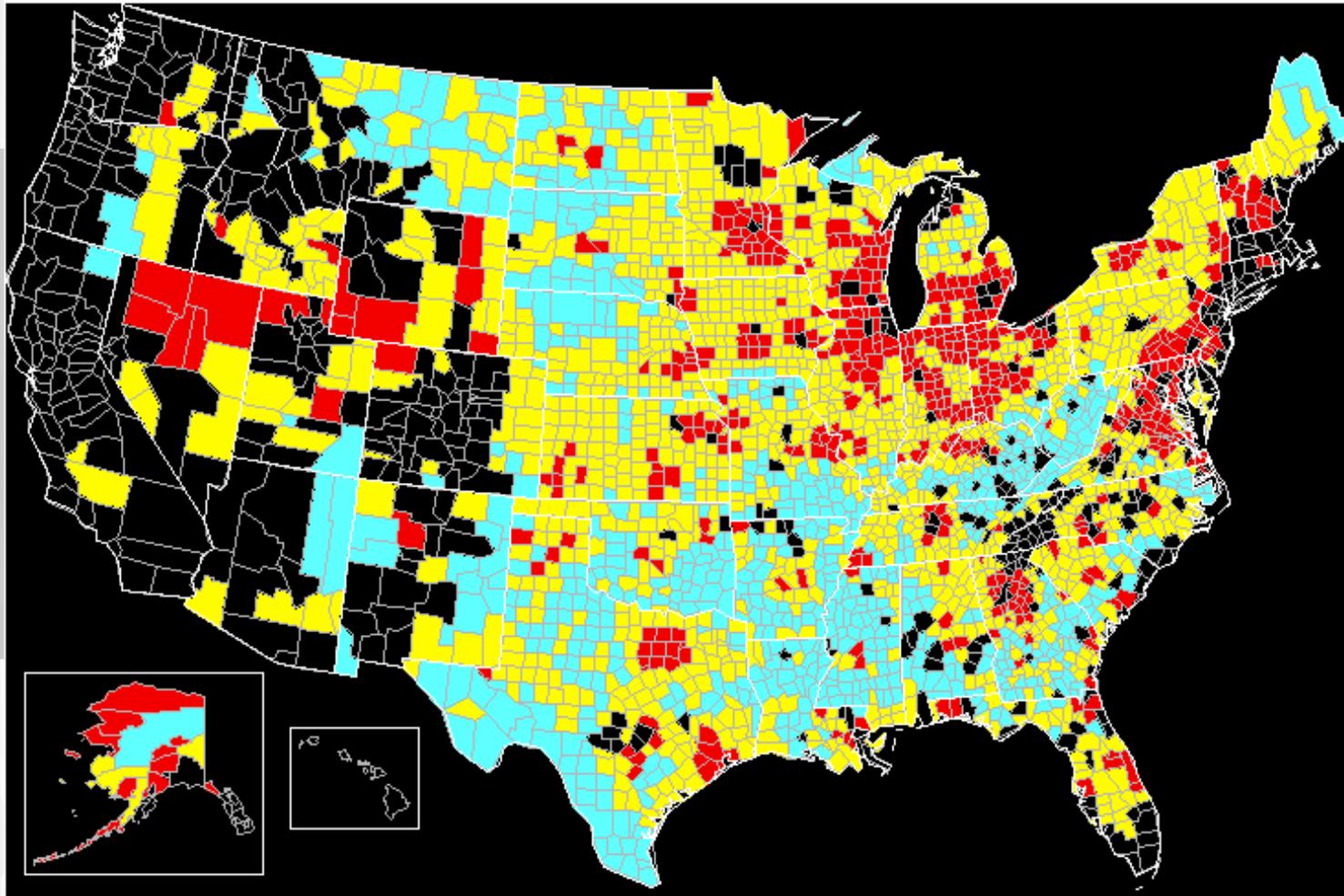
PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME, 2001

Per Capita Personal Income, 1970

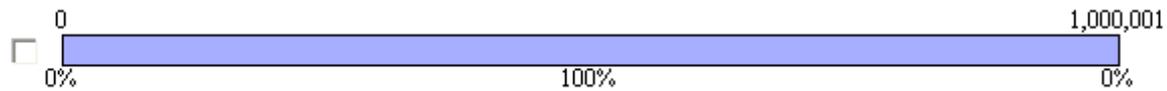




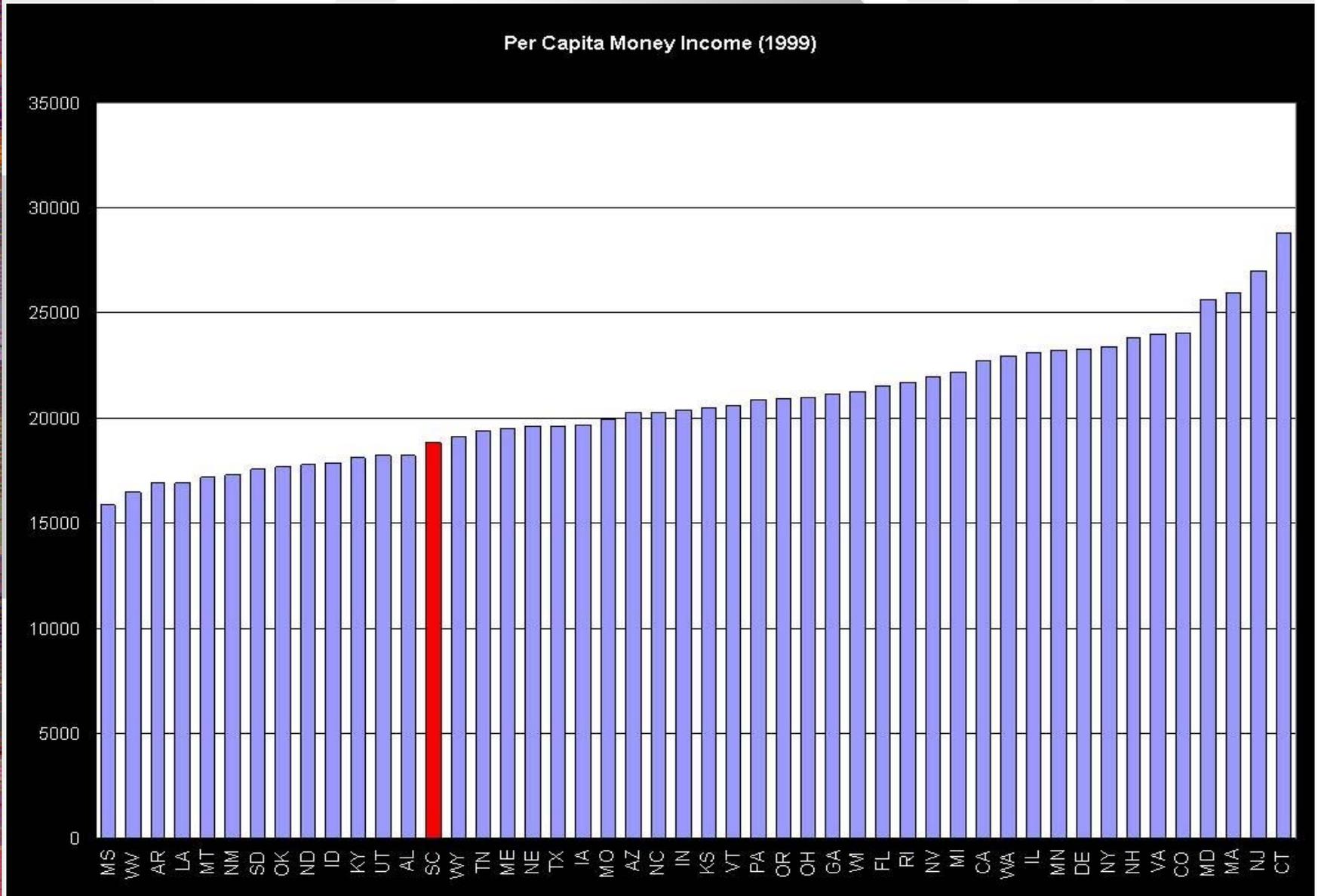
Median household income, 1999



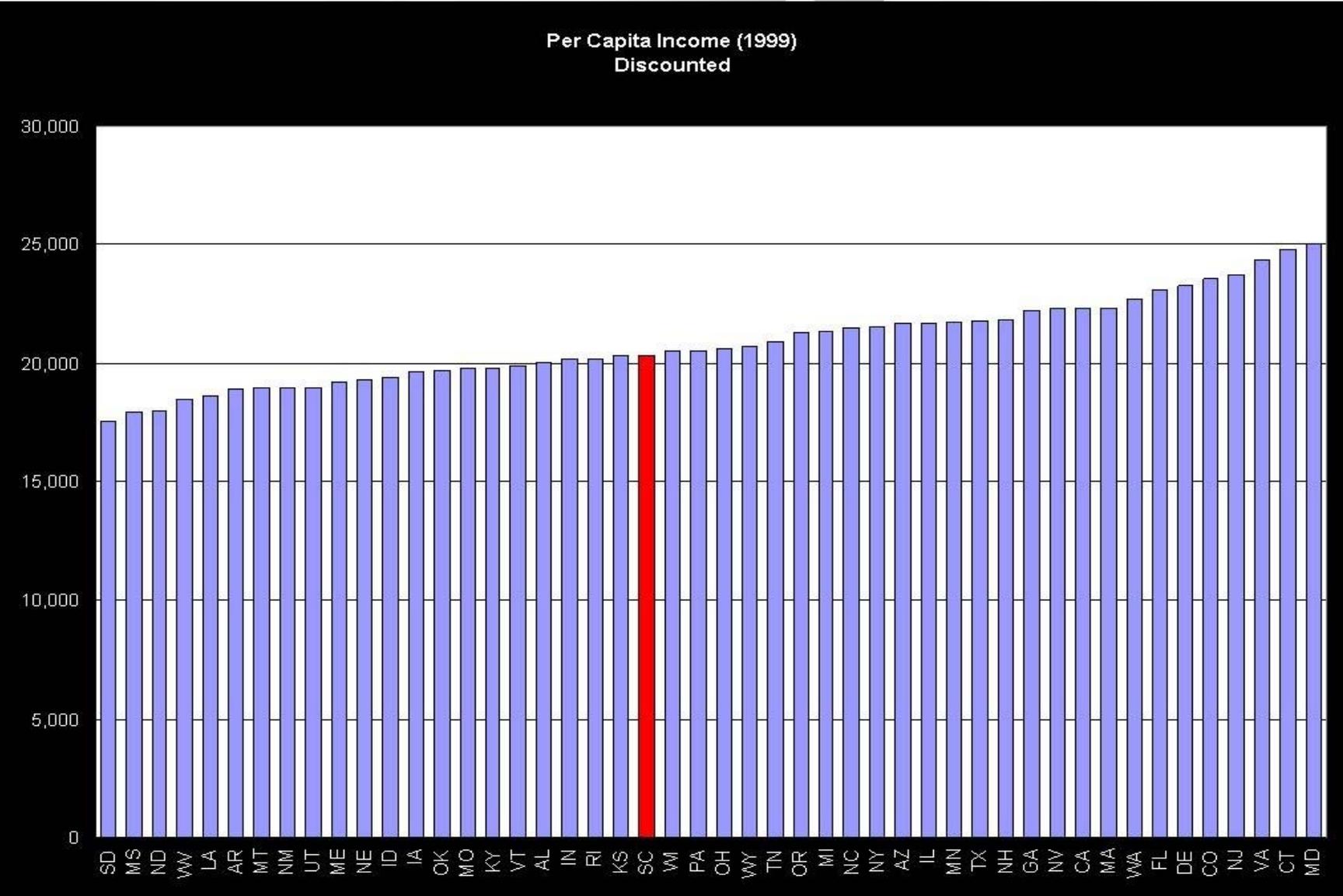
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2000



# State Per Capita Money Income (1999)



# Discounted State Per Capita Income (1999)

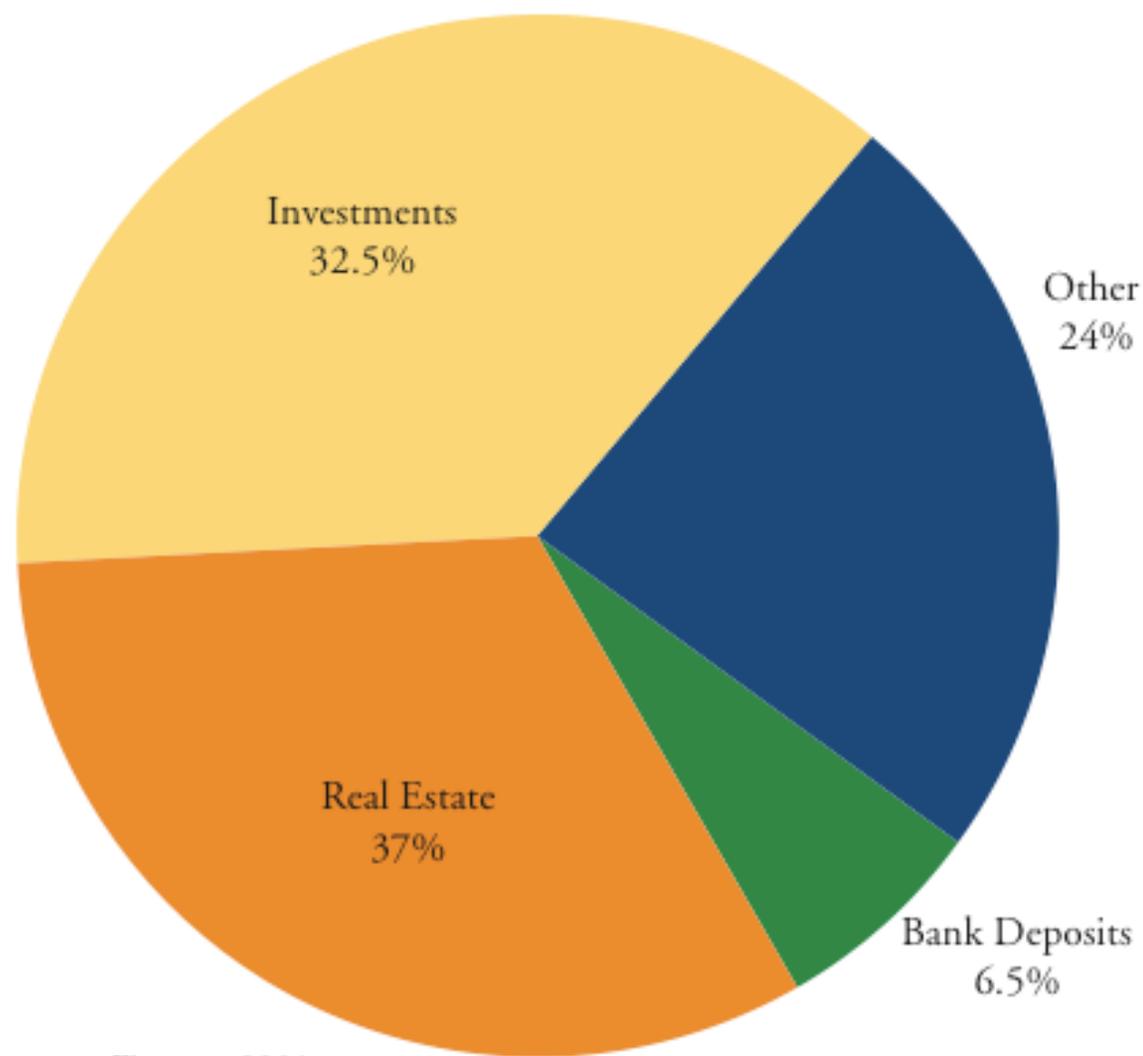




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## Share of U.S. Household Assets

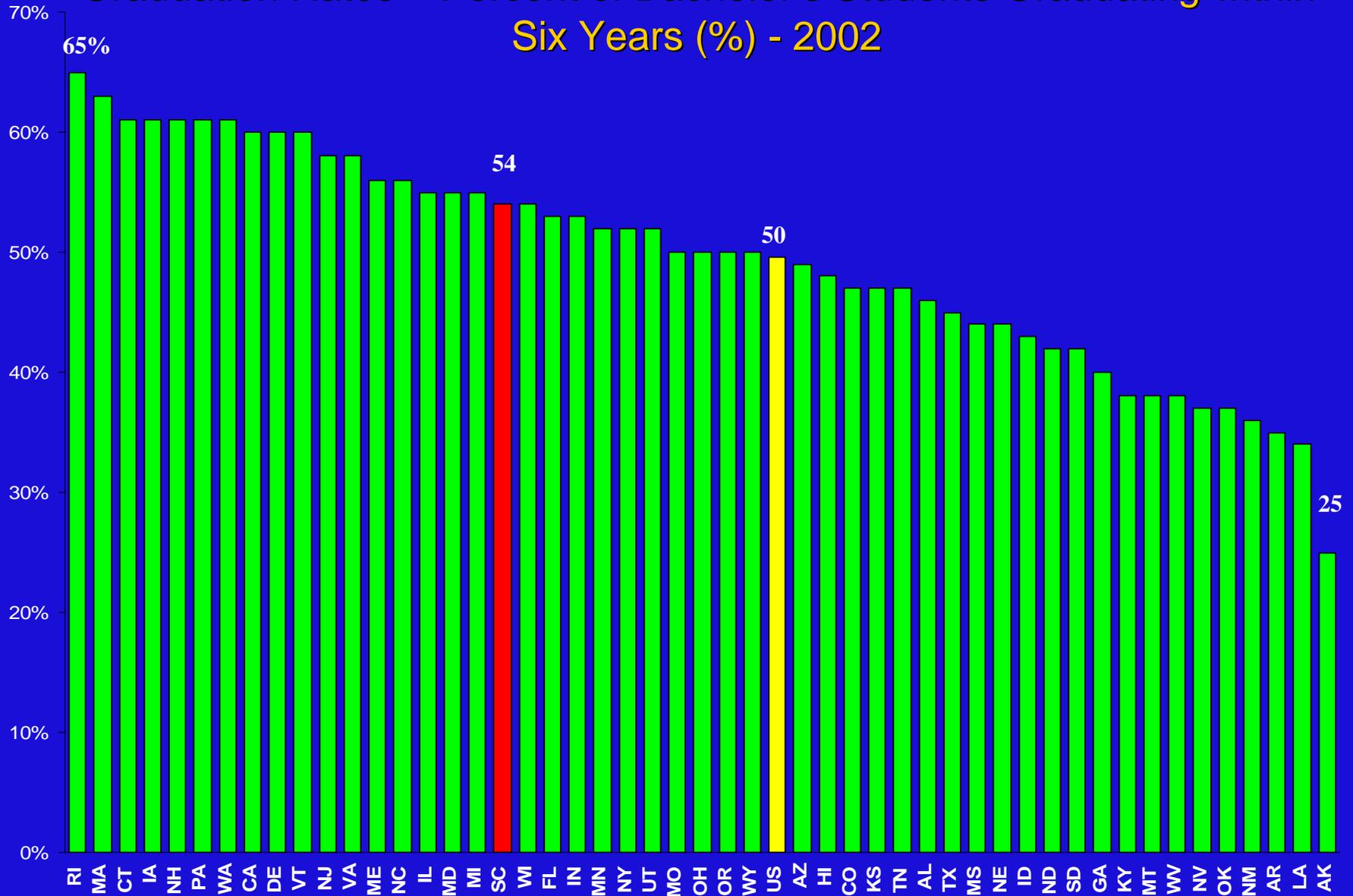


Source: Survey of Consumer Finance, 2001



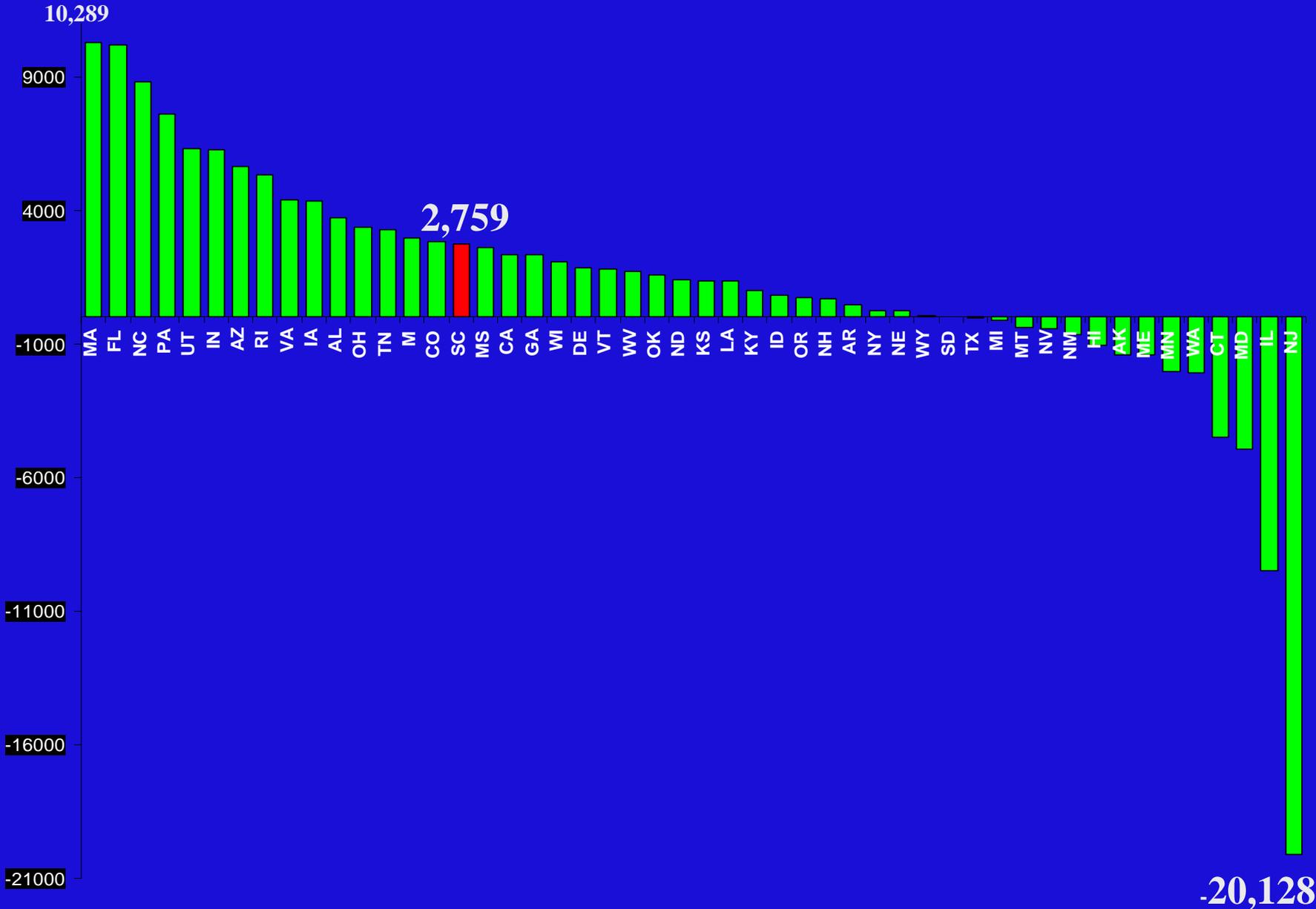
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# Graduation Rates – Percent of Bachelor's Students Graduating within Six Years (%) - 2002



Source: The National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education

# Net Migration of Students

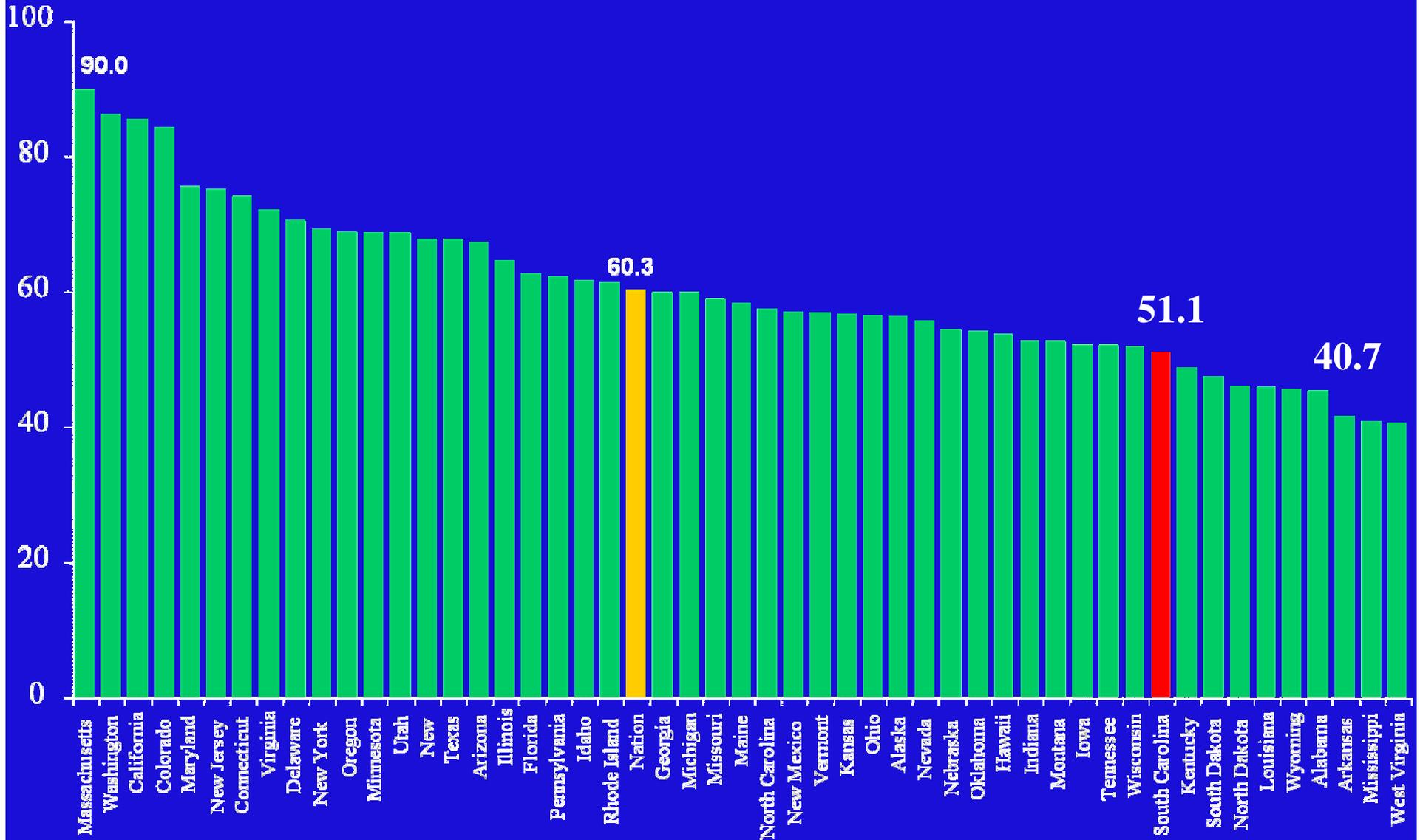


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# Progressive Policy Institute – “State New Economy Index” (2002)





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