

State Rankings

Labor Market Indicators
for the 50 States



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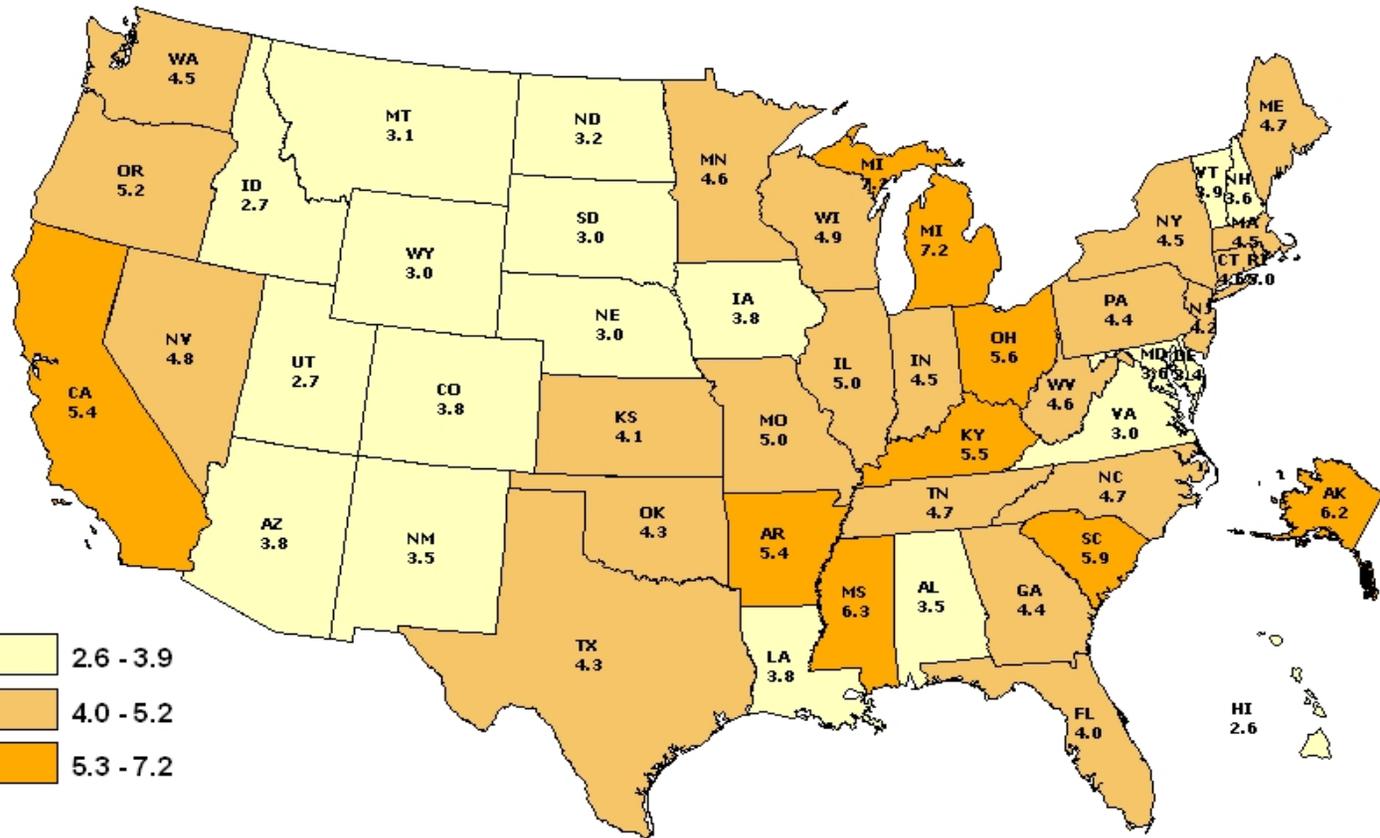
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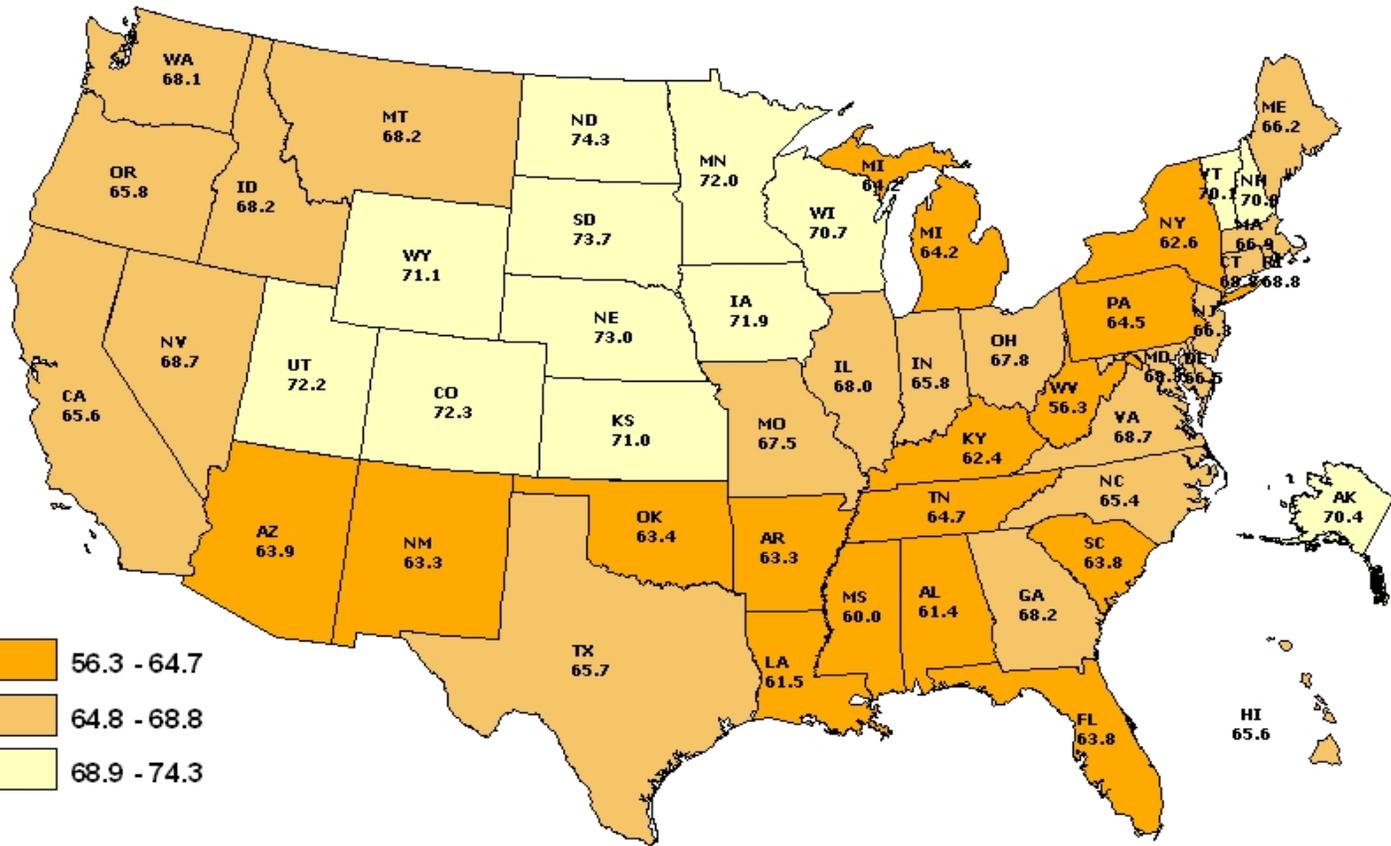
Figure 1: Unemployment Rate, 2007



State	Rate
Hawaii	2.6
Idaho	2.7
Utah	2.7
Nebraska	3.0
South Dakota	3.0
Virginia	3.0
Wyoming	3.0
Montana	3.1
North Dakota	3.2
Delaware	3.4
Alabama	3.5
New Mexico	3.5
Maryland	3.6
New Hampshire	3.6
Arizona	3.8
Colorado	3.8
Iowa	3.8
Louisiana	3.8
Vermont	3.9
Florida	4.0
Kansas	4.1
New Jersey	4.2
Oklahoma	4.3
Texas	4.3
Georgia	4.4
Pennsylvania	4.4
Indiana	4.5
Massachusetts	4.5
New York	4.5
Washington	4.5
Connecticut	4.6
Minnesota	4.6
West Virginia	4.6
United States	4.6
Maine	4.7
North Carolina	4.7
Tennessee	4.7
Nevada	4.8
Wisconsin	4.9
Illinois	5.0
Missouri	5.0
Rhode Island	5.0
Oregon	5.2
Arkansas	5.4
California	5.4
Kentucky	5.5
Ohio	5.6
District of Colum	5.7
South Carolina	5.9
Alaska	6.2
Mississippi	6.3
Michigan	7.2

Oklahoma has the 23rd lowest average annual unemployment rate for 2007. Michigan has the highest average annual unemployment rate at 7.2 percent, while Hawaii has the lowest average annual unemployment rate at only 2.6 percent. The national average annual unemployment rate for 2007 is 4.6 percent, or 0.3 percentage points higher than Oklahoma's.

Figure 2: Labor Force Participation Rate, 2007

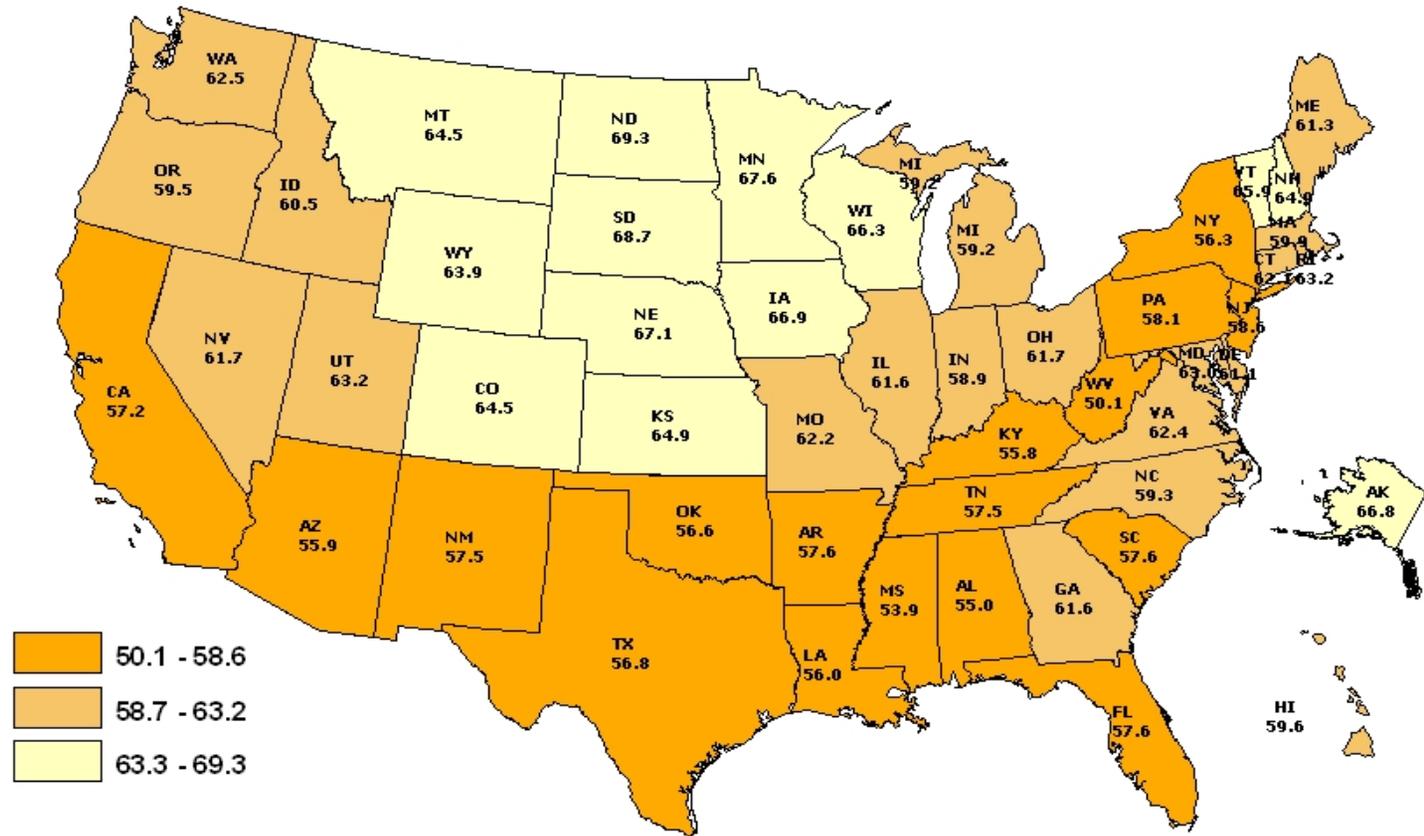


Oklahoma has the 9th lowest labor force participation rate in 2007. North Dakota has the highest labor force participation rate at 74.3 percent, while West Virginia has the lowest labor force participation rate at 56.3 percent. The national average for 2007 is 66.0 percent, or 2.6 percentage points higher than Oklahoma's.

State	Percent
North Dakota	74.3
South Dakota	73.7
Nebraska	73.0
Colorado	72.3
Utah	72.2
Minnesota	72.0
Iowa	71.9
Wyoming	71.1
Kansas	71.0
New Hampshire	70.8
Wisconsin	70.7
Alaska	70.4
Vermont	70.1
Connecticut	68.8
Rhode Island	68.8
Nevada	68.7
Virginia	68.7
Maryland	68.3
Georgia	68.2
Idaho	68.2
Montana	68.2
District of Colum	68.1
Washington	68.1
Illinois	68.0
Ohio	67.8
Missouri	67.5
Massachusetts	66.9
Delaware	66.5
New Jersey	66.3
Maine	66.2
United States	66.0
Indiana	65.8
Oregon	65.8
Texas	65.7
California	65.6
Hawaii	65.6
North Carolina	65.4
Tennessee	64.7
Pennsylvania	64.5
Michigan	64.2
Arizona	63.9
Florida	63.8
South Carolina	63.8
Oklahoma	63.4
Arkansas	63.3
New Mexico	63.3
New York	62.6
Kentucky	62.4
Louisiana	61.5
Alabama	61.4
Mississippi	60.0
West Virginia	56.3

State	Percent
North Dakota	69.3
South Dakota	68.7
Minnesota	67.6
Nebraska	67.1
Iowa	66.9
Alaska	66.8
Wisconsin	66.3
Vermont	65.9
Kansas	64.9
New Hampshire	64.9
District of Colum	64.7
Colorado	64.5
Montana	64.5
Wyoming	63.9
Rhode Island	63.2
Utah	63.2
Maryland	63.0
Washington	62.5
Virginia	62.4
Missouri	62.2
Connecticut	62.1
Nevada	61.7
Ohio	61.7
Georgia	61.6
Illinois	61.6
Maine	61.3
Delaware	61.1
Idaho	60.5
Massachusetts	59.9
Hawaii	59.6
Oregon	59.5
North Carolina	59.3
United States	59.3
Michigan	59.2
Indiana	58.9
New Jersey	58.6
Pennsylvania	58.1
Arkansas	57.6
Florida	57.6
South Carolina	57.6
New Mexico	57.5
Tennessee	57.5
California	57.2
Texas	56.8
Oklahoma	56.6
New York	56.3
Louisiana	56.0
Arizona	55.9
Kentucky	55.8
Alabama	55.0
Mississippi	53.9
West Virginia	50.1

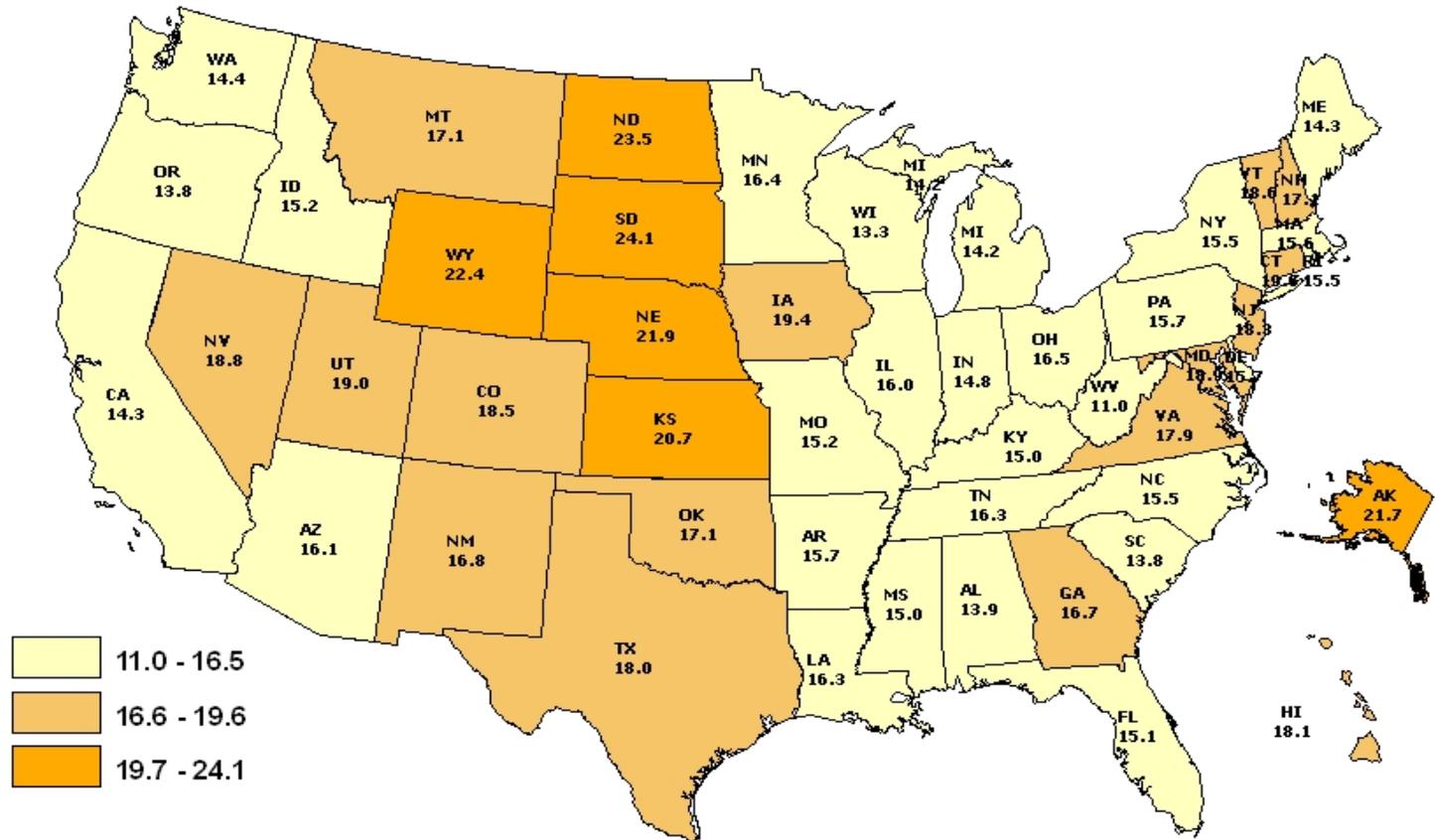
Figure 3: Female Labor Force Participation Rate, 2007



Oklahoma has the 8th lowest female labor force participation rate in 2007. West Virginia has the lowest female labor force participation rate at 50.1 percent, while North Dakota, at 69.3 percent, has the highest female labor force participation rate for 2007. The national average female participation rate for 2007 is 59.3 percent, or 2.7 percentage points higher than Oklahoma's.

State	Percent
West Virginia	11.0
Wisconsin	13.3
Oregon	13.8
South Carolina	13.8
Alabama	13.9
Michigan	14.2
California	14.3
Maine	14.3
Washington	14.4
Indiana	14.8
Kentucky	15.0
Mississippi	15.0
Florida	15.1
Idaho	15.2
Missouri	15.2
New York	15.5
North Carolina	15.5
Rhode Island	15.5
Massachusetts	15.6
Arkansas	15.7
Delaware	15.7
Pennsylvania	15.7
Illinois	16.0
United States	16.0
Arizona	16.1
Louisiana	16.3
Tennessee	16.3
Minnesota	16.4
Ohio	16.5
Georgia	16.7
New Mexico	16.8
Montana	17.1
New Hampshire	17.1
Oklahoma	17.1
Virginia	17.9
Texas	18.0
Hawaii	18.1
New Jersey	18.3
Colorado	18.5
Vermont	18.6
Nevada	18.8
Maryland	18.9
Utah	19.0
Iowa	19.4
Connecticut	19.6
District of Colum	20.7
Kansas	20.7
Alaska	21.7
Nebraska	21.9
Wyoming	22.4
North Dakota	23.5
South Dakota	24.1

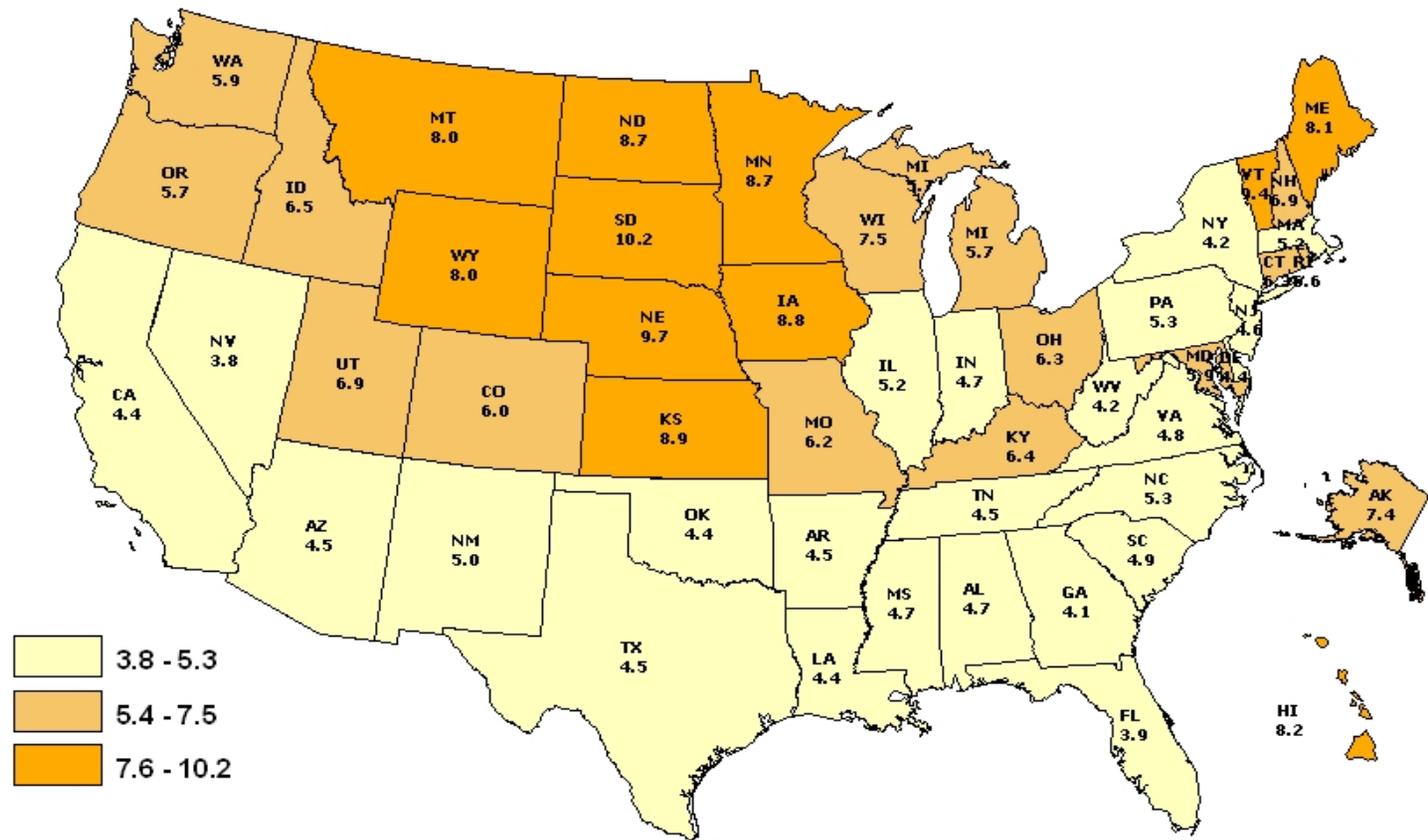
Figure 4: Labor Force Participation Rate, Age 65 and Older, 2007



Oklahoma, at 17.1 percent, has the 19th highest labor force participation rate of workers age 65 and older for 2007. South Dakota has the highest rate at 24.1 percent, while West Virginia has the lowest rate at 11.0 percent. The 2007 national average of labor force participation of workers 65 and older is 16.0 percent, or 1.1 percentage points lower than Oklahoma's.

State	Percent
Nevada	3.8
Florida	3.9
Georgia	4.1
New York	4.2
West Virginia	4.2
California	4.4
Delaware	4.4
Louisiana	4.4
Oklahoma	4.4
Arizona	4.5
Arkansas	4.5
Tennessee	4.5
Texas	4.5
District of Colum	4.6
New Jersey	4.6
Alabama	4.7
Indiana	4.7
Mississippi	4.7
Virginia	4.8
South Carolina	4.9
New Mexico	5.0
Illinois	5.2
Massachusetts	5.2
United States	5.2
North Carolina	5.3
Pennsylvania	5.3
Michigan	5.7
Oregon	5.7
Maryland	5.9
Washington	5.9
Colorado	6.0
Missouri	6.2
Connecticut	6.3
Ohio	6.3
Kentucky	6.4
Idaho	6.5
Rhode Island	6.6
New Hampshire	6.9
Utah	6.9
Alaska	7.4
Wisconsin	7.5
Montana	8.0
Wyoming	8.0
Maine	8.1
Hawaii	8.2
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North Dakota	8.7
Iowa	8.8
Kansas	8.9
Vermont	9.4
Nebraska	9.7
South Dakota	10.2

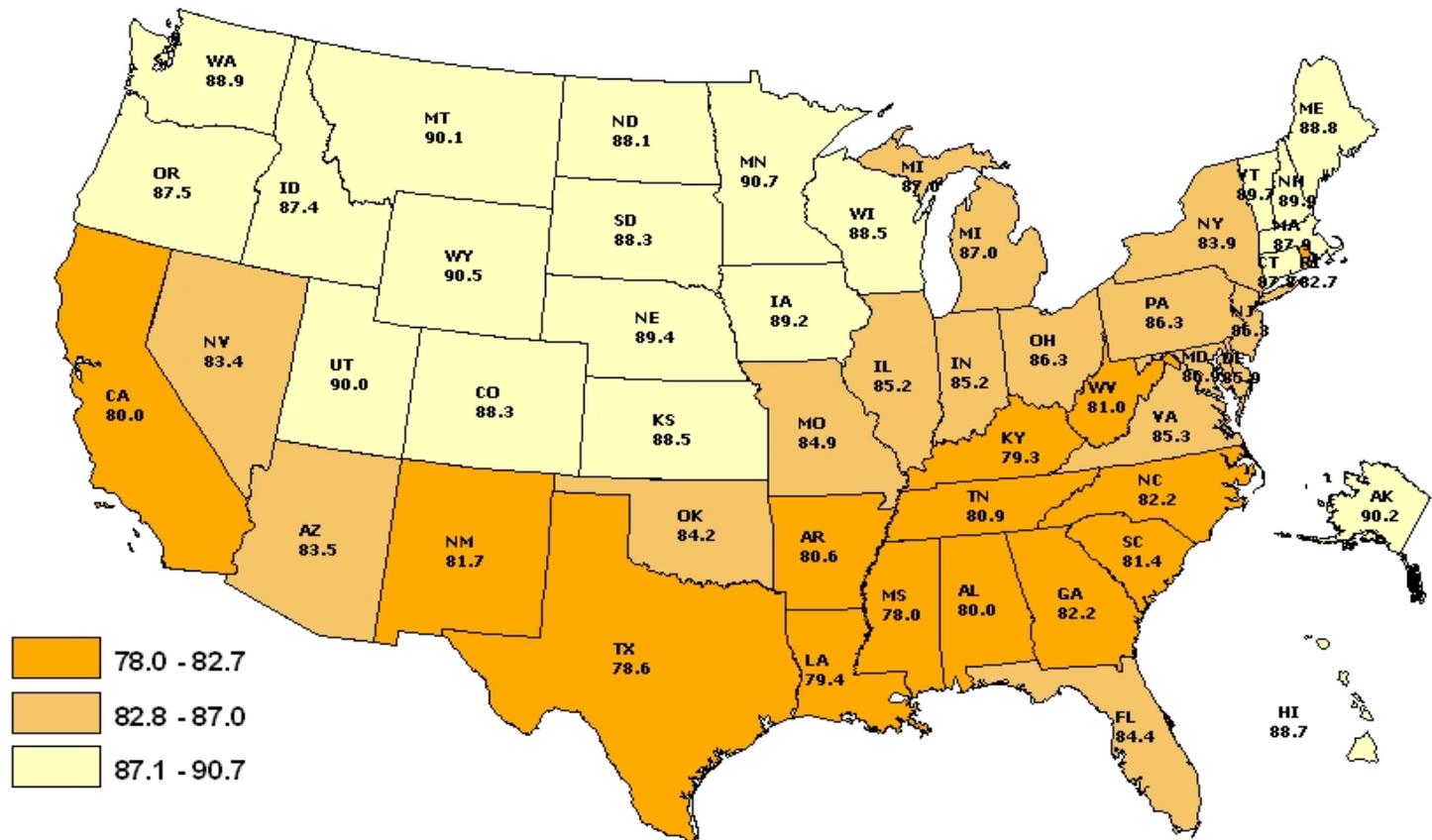
Figure 5: Percent of Multiple Job Holders, 2007



Oklahoma, at 4.4 percent, has the 9th lowest percent of multiple job holders for 2007. Nevada, at 3.8 percent, has the lowest percent of multiple job holders, while South Dakota has the highest rate at 10.2 percent. The national average for 2007 is 5.2 percent, or 0.8 percentage points higher than Oklahoma's average.

State	Percent
Minnesota	90.7
Wyoming	90.5
Alaska	90.2
Montana	90.1
Utah	90.0
New Hampshire	89.9
Vermont	89.7
Nebraska	89.4
Iowa	89.2
Washington	88.9
Maine	88.8
Hawaii	88.7
Kansas	88.5
Wisconsin	88.5
Colorado	88.3
South Dakota	88.3
North Dakota	88.1
Massachusetts	87.9
Connecticut	87.8
Oregon	87.5
Idaho	87.4
Michigan	87.0
Maryland	86.9
New Jersey	86.3
Ohio	86.3
Pennsylvania	86.3
Delaware	85.9
Virginia	85.3
Illinois	85.2
Indiana	85.2
Missouri	84.9
Florida	84.4
Oklahoma	84.2
District of Colum	84.1
United States	84.0
New York	83.9
Arizona	83.5
Nevada	83.4
Rhode Island	82.7
Georgia	82.2
North Carolina	82.2
New Mexico	81.7
South Carolina	81.4
West Virginia	81.0
Tennessee	80.9
Arkansas	80.6
Alabama	80.0
California	80.0
Louisiana	79.4
Kentucky	79.3
Texas	78.6
Mississippi	78.0

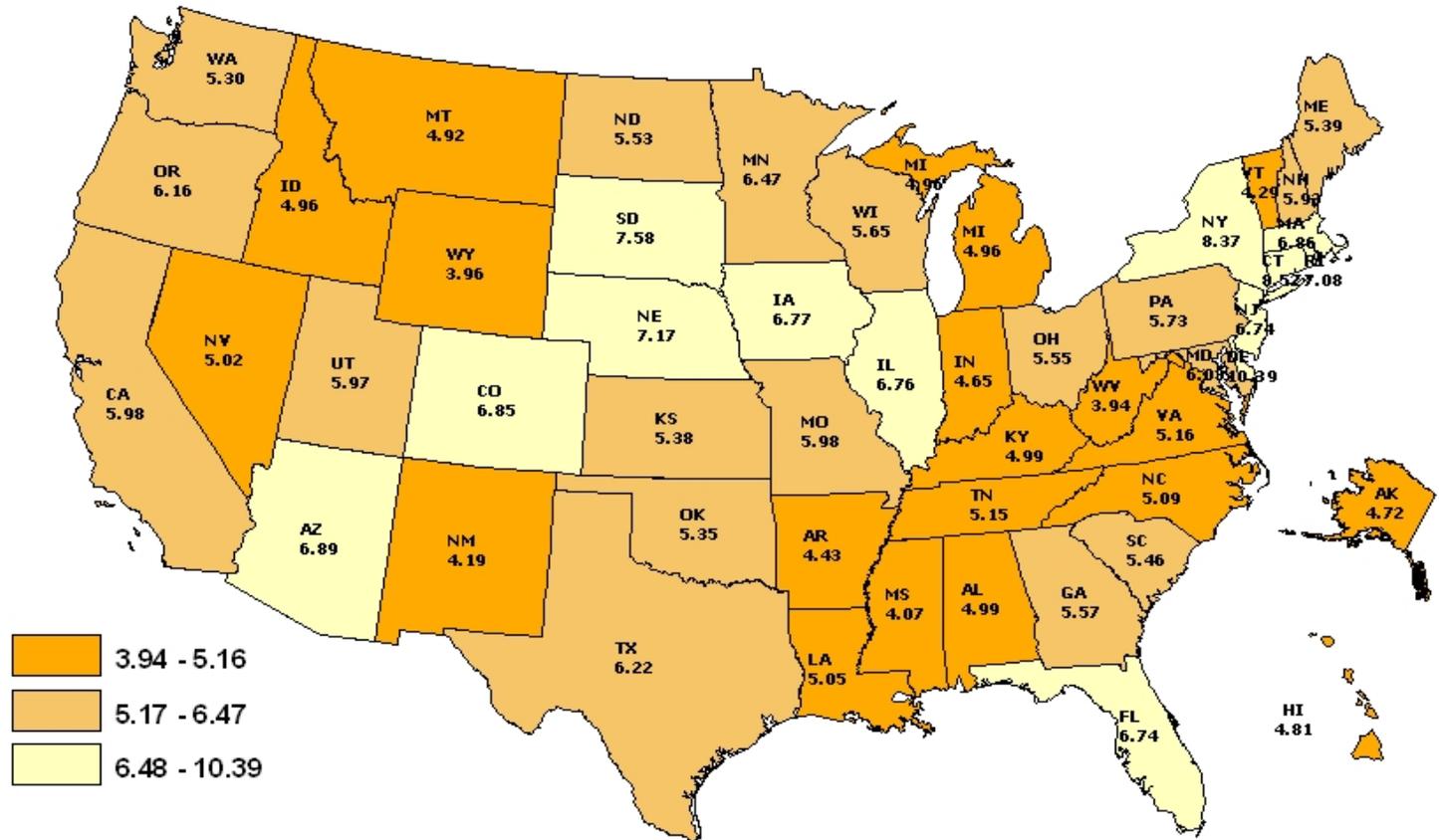
Figure 7: Percent of Population Age 25 and Over with a High School Diploma or Equivalent, 2007



For 2007, at 84.2 percent, Oklahoma ranks 33rd in the nation for the percent of the population, age 25 and over, with a high school diploma or equivalent. Minnesota has the highest rate at 90.7 percent, while Mississippi has the lowest rate at 78.0 percent. The national average for 2007 is 84.0 percent, or 0.2 percentage points lower than Oklahoma's.

State	Percent
Delaware	10.39
Connecticut	8.52
New York	8.37
South Dakota	7.58
Nebraska	7.17
Rhode Island	7.08
Arizona	6.89
Massachusetts	6.86
Colorado	6.85
Iowa	6.77
Illinois	6.76
New Jersey	6.74
Florida	6.74
Minnesota	6.47
Texas	6.22
Oregon	6.16
United States	6.04
Maryland	6.03
Missouri	5.98
California	5.98
Utah	5.97
New Hampshire	5.93
Pennsylvania	5.73
Wisconsin	5.65
Georgia	5.57
Ohio	5.55
North Dakota	5.53
South Carolina	5.46
Maine	5.39
Kansas	5.38
Oklahoma	5.35
Washington	5.30
Virginia	5.16
Tennessee	5.15
North Carolina	5.09
Louisiana	5.05
Nevada	5.02
Alabama	4.99
Kentucky	4.99
Michigan	4.96
Idaho	4.96
Montana	4.92
Hawaii	4.81
Alaska	4.72
Indiana	4.65
Arkansas	4.43
Vermont	4.29
District of Colum	4.19
New Mexico	4.19
Mississippi	4.07
Wyoming	3.96
West Virginia	3.94

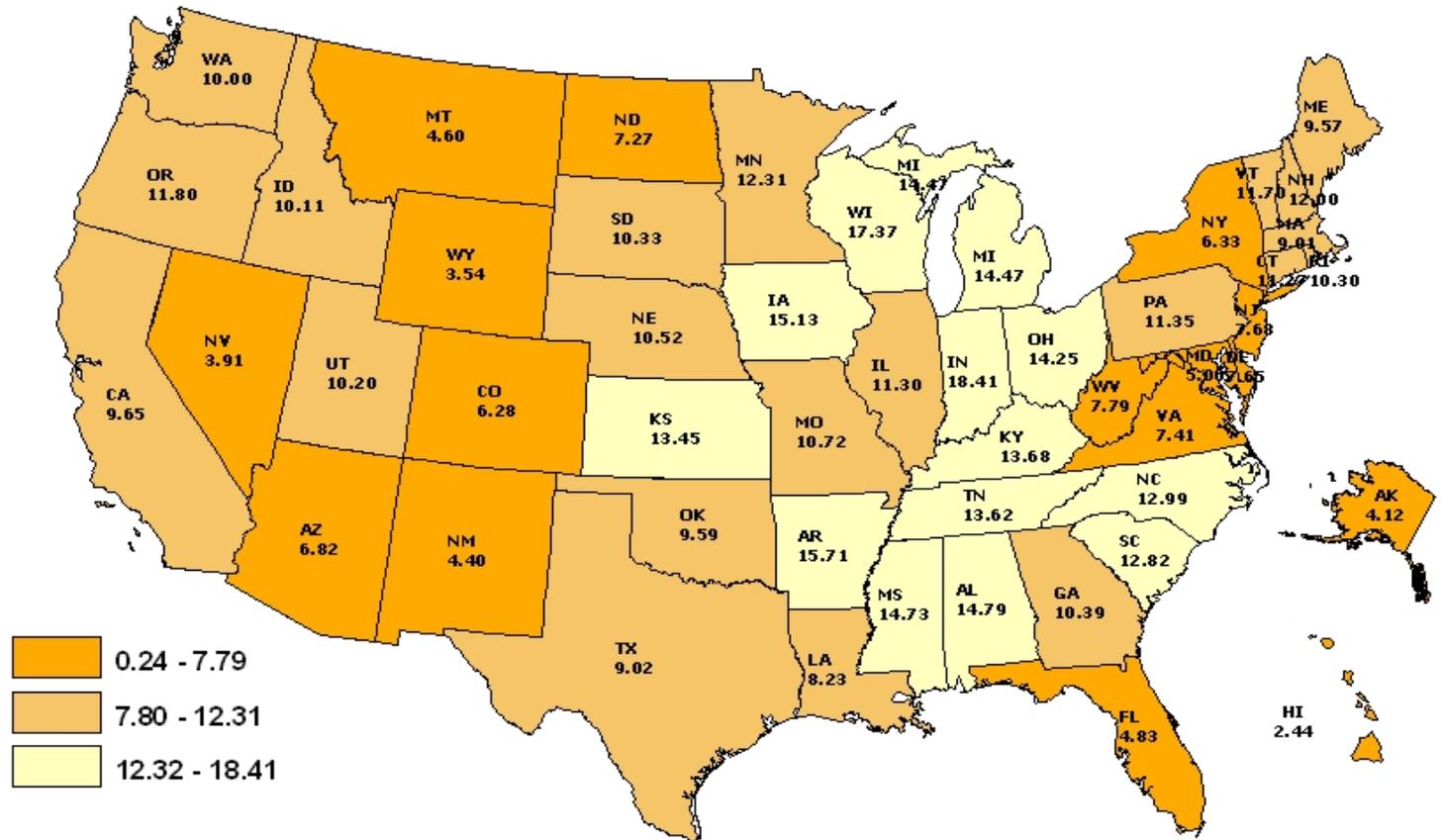
Figure 8: Percent of Nonfarm Employment in Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate, 2007



At 5.35 percent, Oklahoma has the 30th highest percent of employment in the finance, insurance, and real estate sector for 2007. Delaware has the highest percent of employment in this sector at 10.39 percent, while West Virginia has the lowest at 3.94 percent. The national average percent of employment in this sector for 2007 is 6.04 percent, or 0.69 percentage points higher than Oklahoma's.

State	Percent
Indiana	18.41
Wisconsin	17.37
Arkansas	15.71
Iowa	15.13
Alabama	14.79
Mississippi	14.73
Michigan	14.47
Ohio	14.25
Kentucky	13.68
Tennessee	13.62
Kansas	13.45
North Carolina	12.99
South Carolina	12.82
Minnesota	12.31
Illinois	11.30
Connecticut	11.27
Missouri	10.72
Nebraska	10.52
Georgia	10.39
South Dakota	10.33
Rhode Island	10.30
Utah	10.20
Idaho	10.11
United States	10.09
Washington	10.00
California	9.65
Oklahoma	9.59
Maine	9.57
Texas	9.02
Massachusetts	9.01
Louisiana	8.23
West Virginia	7.79
New Jersey	7.68
Delaware	7.65
Virginia	7.41
North Dakota	7.27
Arizona	6.82
New York	6.33
Colorado	6.28
Maryland	5.06
Florida	4.83
Montana	4.60
New Mexico	4.40
Alaska	4.12
Nevada	3.91
Wyoming	3.54
Hawaii	2.44
District of Colum	0.24

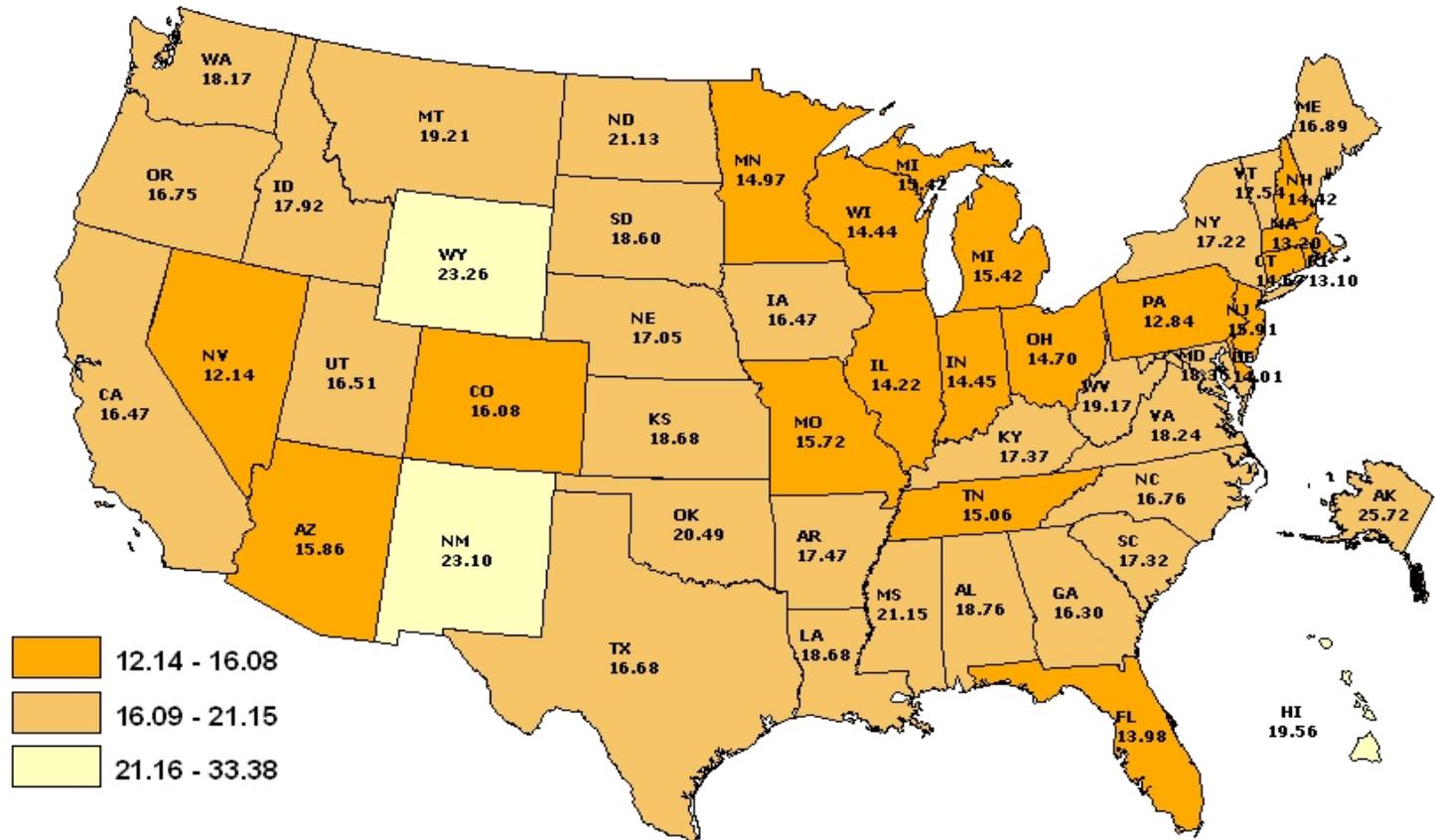
Figure 9: Percent of Nonfarm Employment in Manufacturing, 2007



At 9.59 percent, Oklahoma has the 30th highest percent of employment in the manufacturing sector for 2007. Indiana has the highest percent of employment in this sector at 18.41 percent, while the District of Columbia has the lowest at 0.24 percent. The national average percent of employment in this sector for 2007 is 10.09 percent, or 0.5 percentage points higher than Oklahoma's.

State	Percent
District of Colum	33.38
Alaska	25.72
Wyoming	23.26
New Mexico	23.10
Mississippi	21.15
North Dakota	21.13
Oklahoma	20.49
Hawaii	19.56
Montana	19.21
West Virginia	19.17
Alabama	18.76
Louisiana	18.68
Kansas	18.68
South Dakota	18.60
Maryland	18.35
Virginia	18.24
Washington	18.17
Idaho	17.92
Vermont	17.54
Arkansas	17.47
Kentucky	17.37
South Carolina	17.32
New York	17.22
Nebraska	17.05
Maine	16.89
North Carolina	16.76
Oregon	16.75
Texas	16.68
Utah	16.51
Iowa	16.47
California	16.47
Georgia	16.30
United States	16.23
Colorado	16.08
New Jersey	15.91
Arizona	15.86
Missouri	15.72
Michigan	15.42
Tennessee	15.06
Minnesota	14.97
Ohio	14.70
Connecticut	14.67
Indiana	14.45
Wisconsin	14.44
New Hampshire	14.42
Illinois	14.22
Delaware	14.01
Florida	13.98
Massachusetts	13.20
Rhode Island	13.10
Pennsylvania	12.84
Nevada	12.14

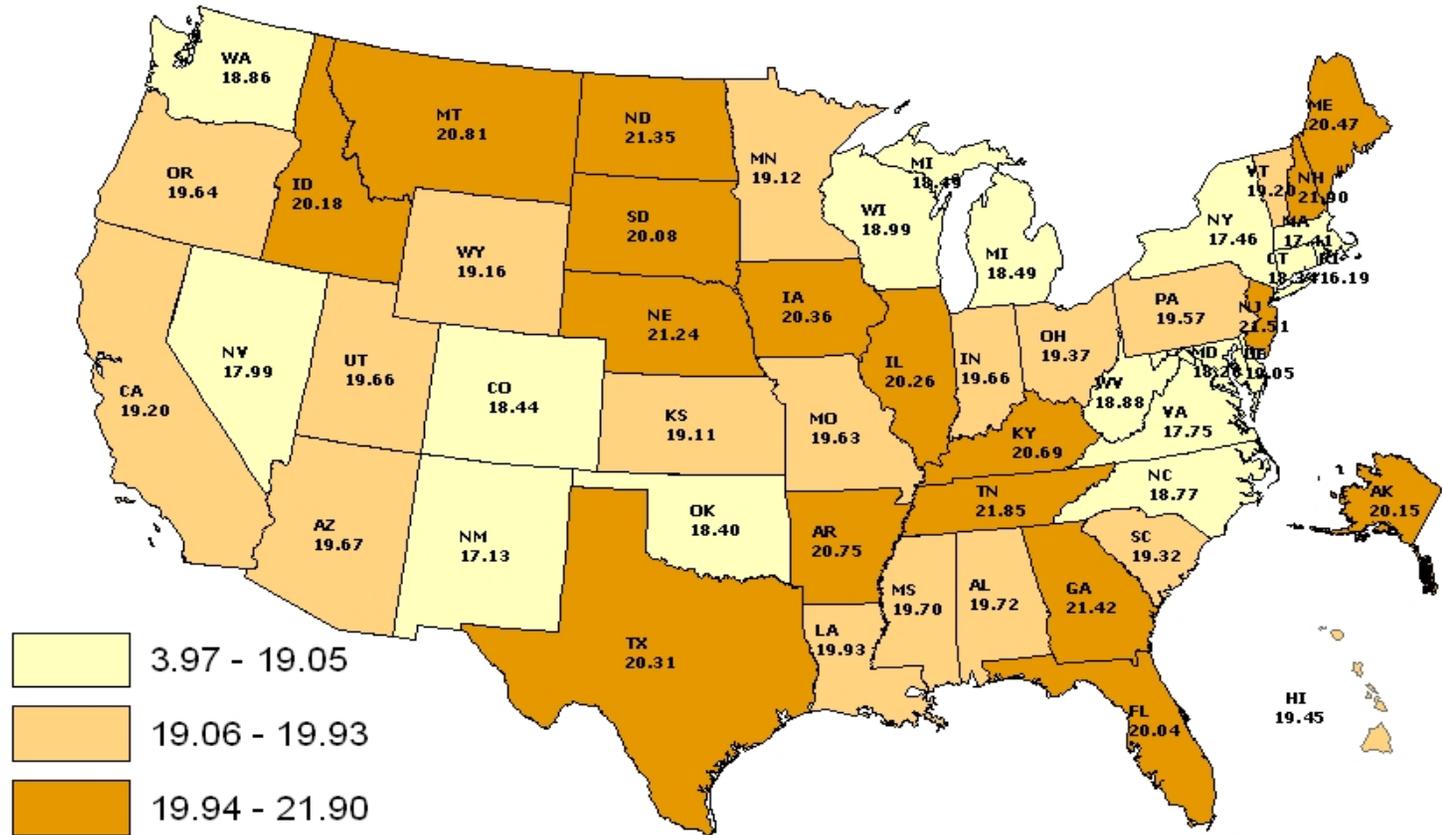
Figure 10: Percent of Nonfarm Employment in Government, 2007



At 20.49 percent, Oklahoma has the 7th highest percent of employment in the government sector for 2007. The District of Columbia has the highest percent of employment in this sector at 33.38 percent, while Nevada has the lowest at 12.14 percent. The national average percent of employment in this sector for 2007 is 16.23 percent, or 4.26 percentage points lower than Oklahoma's.

State	Percent
New Hampshire	21.90
Tennessee	21.85
New Jersey	21.51
Georgia	21.42
North Dakota	21.35
Nebraska	21.24
Montana	20.81
Arkansas	20.75
Kentucky	20.69
Maine	20.47
Iowa	20.36
Texas	20.31
Illinois	20.26
Idaho	20.18
Alaska	20.15
South Dakota	20.08
Florida	20.04
Louisiana	19.93
Alabama	19.72
Mississippi	19.70
Arizona	19.67
Indiana	19.66
Utah	19.66
Oregon	19.64
Missouri	19.63
Pennsylvania	19.57
Hawaii	19.45
Ohio	19.37
United States	19.35
South Carolina	19.32
Vermont	19.20
California	19.20
Wyoming	19.16
Minnesota	19.12
Kansas	19.11
Delaware	19.05
Wisconsin	18.99
West Virginia	18.88
Washington	18.86
North Carolina	18.77
Michigan	18.49
Colorado	18.44
Oklahoma	18.40
Connecticut	18.34
Maryland	18.28
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Massachusetts	17.41
New Mexico	17.13
Rhode Island	16.19
District of Colum	3.97

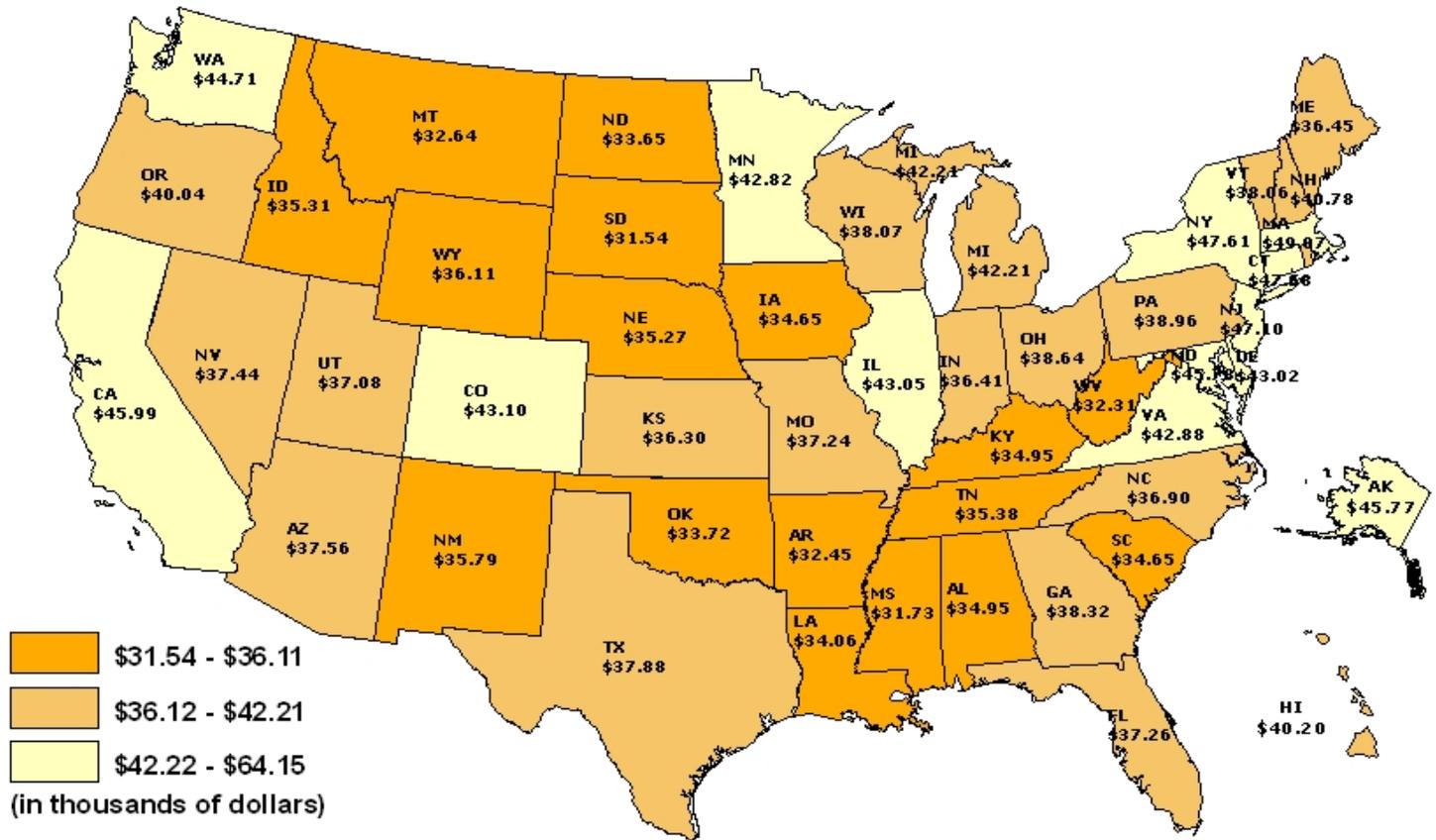
Figure 11: Percent of Nonfarm Employment in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities, 2007



At 18.40 percent, Oklahoma has the 10th lowest percent of employment in the Trade, Transportation, and Utilities sector for 2007. New Hampshire has the highest percent of employment in this sector at 21.90 percent, while the District of Columbia has the lowest at 3.97 percent. The national average percent of employment in this sector for 2007 is 19.35 percent, or 0.95 percentage points higher than Oklahoma's.

Figure 12: Average Annual Wage, 2007

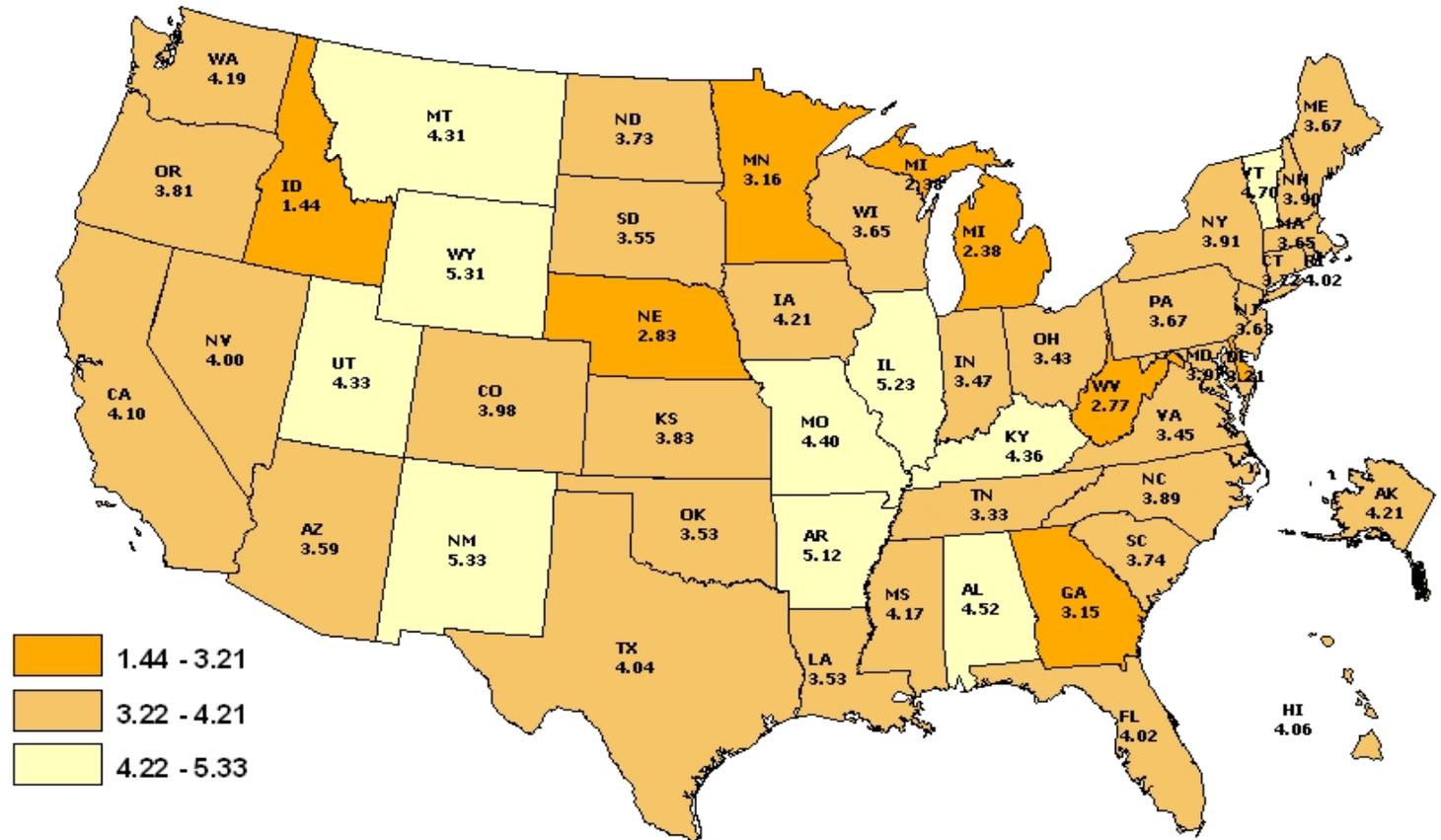
State	Wage
District of Colum	\$64,150
Massachusetts	\$49,070
Connecticut	\$47,680
New York	\$47,610
New Jersey	\$47,100
California	\$45,990
Maryland	\$45,780
Alaska	\$45,770
Washington	\$44,710
Colorado	\$43,100
Illinois	\$43,050
Delaware	\$43,020
Virginia	\$42,880
Minnesota	\$42,820
Michigan	\$42,210
Rhode Island	\$42,210
New Hampshire	\$40,780
United States	\$40,690
Hawaii	\$40,200
Oregon	\$40,040
Pennsylvania	\$38,960
Ohio	\$38,640
Georgia	\$38,320
Wisconsin	\$38,070
Vermont	\$38,060
Texas	\$37,880
Arizona	\$37,560
Nevada	\$37,440
Florida	\$37,260
Missouri	\$37,240
Utah	\$37,080
North Carolina	\$36,900
Maine	\$36,450
Indiana	\$36,410
Kansas	\$36,300
Wyoming	\$36,110
New Mexico	\$35,790
Tennessee	\$35,380
Idaho	\$35,310
Nebraska	\$35,270
Alabama	\$34,950
Kentucky	\$34,950
Iowa	\$34,650
South Carolina	\$34,650
Louisiana	\$34,060
Oklahoma	\$33,720
North Dakota	\$33,650
Montana	\$32,640
Arkansas	\$32,450
West Virginia	\$32,310
Mississippi	\$31,730
South Dakota	\$31,540



Oklahoma's annual average wage for 2007 is \$33,720 or 45th in the nation. The District of Columbia has the highest average annual wage at \$64,150, while South Dakota has the lowest at \$31,540. The national average for 2007 is \$40,690, or \$6,970 more than Oklahoma's.

State	Percent
New Mexico	5.33
Wyoming	5.31
Illinois	5.23
Arkansas	5.12
Vermont	4.70
Alabama	4.52
Missouri	4.40
Kentucky	4.36
Utah	4.33
Montana	4.31
District of Colum	4.31
Alaska	4.21
Iowa	4.21
Washington	4.19
Mississippi	4.17
California	4.10
Hawaii	4.06
Texas	4.04
Florida	4.02
Rhode Island	4.02
Nevada	4.00
Colorado	3.98
Maryland	3.97
New York	3.91
New Hampshire	3.90
North Carolina	3.89
Kansas	3.83
United States	3.83
Oregon	3.81
South Carolina	3.74
North Dakota	3.73
Connecticut	3.72
Pennsylvania	3.67
Maine	3.67
Massachusetts	3.65
Wisconsin	3.65
New Jersey	3.63
Arizona	3.59
South Dakota	3.55
Oklahoma	3.53
Louisiana	3.53
Indiana	3.47
Virginia	3.45
Ohio	3.43
Tennessee	3.33
Delaware	3.21
Minnesota	3.16
Georgia	3.15
Nebraska	2.83
West Virginia	2.77
Michigan	2.38
Idaho	1.44

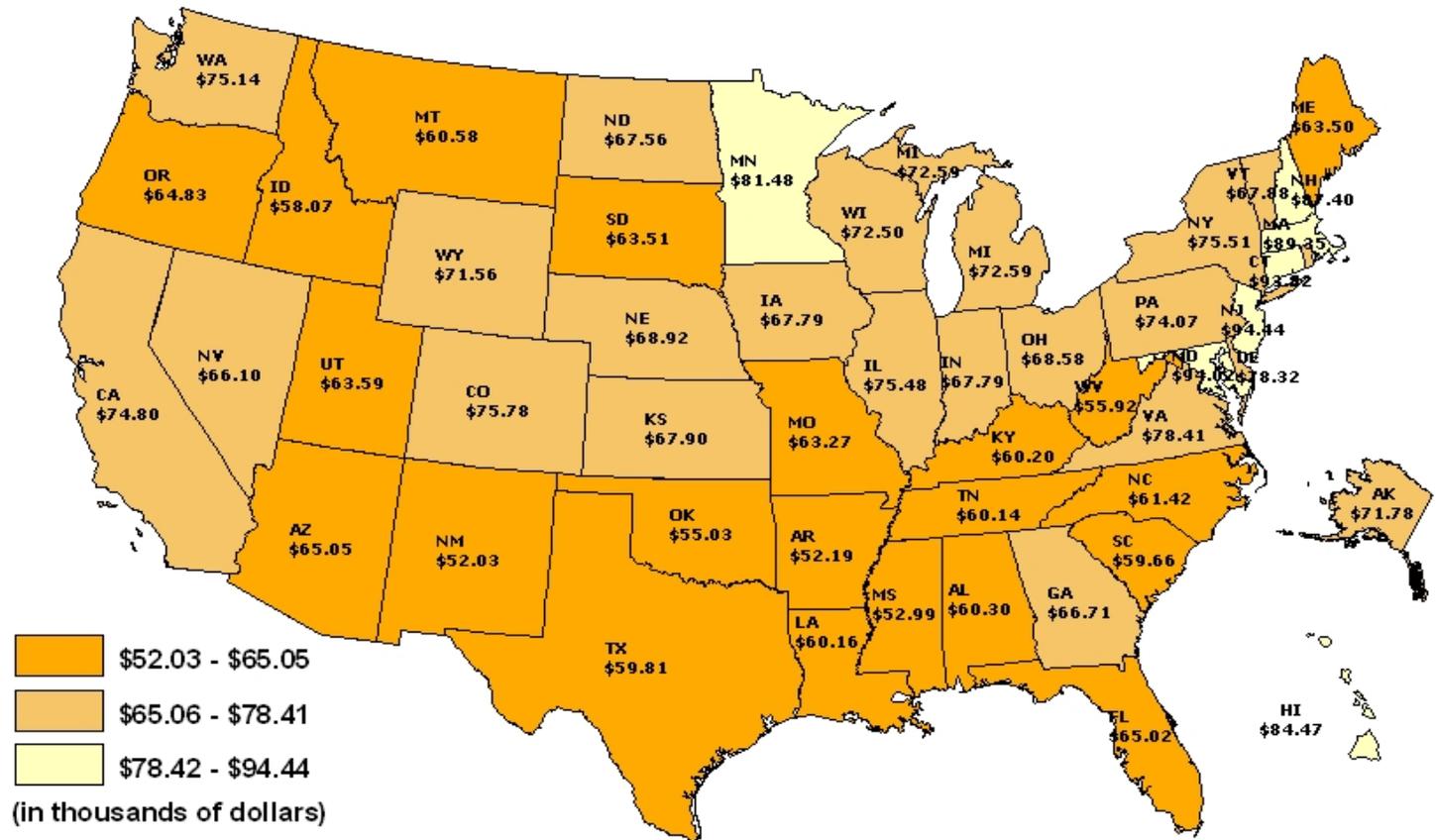
Figure 13: Change in Average Annual Wages, 2006-2007



Oklahoma experienced a 3.53 percent increase in its average annual wage from 2006 to 2007. This gave Oklahoma the 13th lowest increase in wages in the nation. New Mexico had the greatest increase from 2006 to 2007 at 5.33 percent, while Idaho had the lowest increase at 1.44 percent. The average increase for the nation was 3.83 percent, or 0.3 percentage points more than Oklahoma's.

State	Income
New Jersey	\$94,441
Maryland	\$94,017
Connecticut	\$93,821
Massachusetts	\$89,347
New Hampshire	\$87,396
Hawaii	\$84,472
Minnesota	\$81,477
Virginia	\$78,413
Delaware	\$78,321
Rhode Island	\$78,189
Colorado	\$75,775
New York	\$75,513
Illinois	\$75,484
Washington	\$75,140
California	\$74,801
Pennsylvania	\$74,072
Michigan	\$72,591
Wisconsin	\$72,495
Alaska	\$71,781
District of Colum	\$71,571
Wyoming	\$71,559
United States	\$69,356
Nebraska	\$68,917
Ohio	\$68,579
Kansas	\$67,897
Vermont	\$67,884
Iowa	\$67,792
Indiana	\$67,787
North Dakota	\$67,560
Georgia	\$66,711
Nevada	\$66,095
Arizona	\$65,050
Florida	\$65,024
Oregon	\$64,832
Utah	\$63,586
South Dakota	\$63,508
Maine	\$63,501
Missouri	\$63,274
North Carolina	\$61,420
Montana	\$60,576
Alabama	\$60,298
Kentucky	\$60,202
Louisiana	\$60,161
Tennessee	\$60,143
Texas	\$59,808
South Carolina	\$59,663
Idaho	\$58,066
West Virginia	\$55,920
Oklahoma	\$55,031
Mississippi	\$52,992
Arkansas	\$52,185
New Mexico	\$52,034

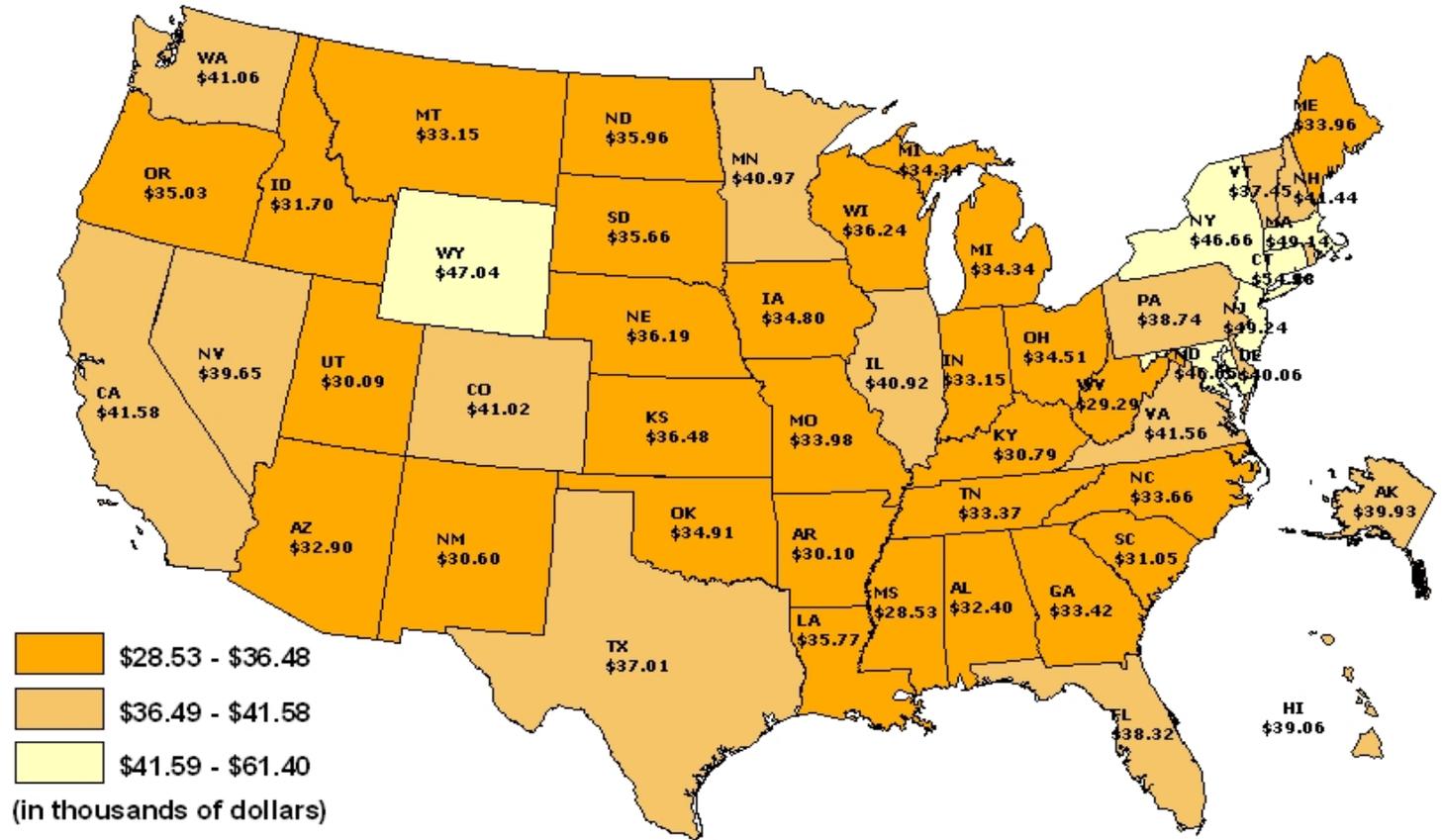
Figure 14: Median Income for a Four-Person Family, 2006



Oklahoma, at \$55,031, has the 4th lowest median income for a four-person family for 2006. New Jersey has the highest median income for a four person family at \$94,441, while New Mexico has the lowest at \$52,034. The national average for 2006 is \$69,356, or \$14,325 more than Oklahoma's.

State	Income
District of Colum	\$61,397
Connecticut	\$54,984
New Jersey	\$49,238
Massachusetts	\$49,142
Wyoming	\$47,038
New York	\$46,664
Maryland	\$46,646
California	\$41,580
Virginia	\$41,561
New Hampshire	\$41,444
Washington	\$41,062
Colorado	\$41,019
Minnesota	\$40,969
Illinois	\$40,919
Delaware	\$40,058
Alaska	\$39,934
Rhode Island	\$39,712
Nevada	\$39,649
Hawaii	\$39,060
Pennsylvania	\$38,740
United States	\$38,564
Florida	\$38,316
Vermont	\$37,446
Texas	\$37,006
Kansas	\$36,483
Wisconsin	\$36,241
Nebraska	\$36,189
North Dakota	\$35,955
Louisiana	\$35,770
South Dakota	\$35,664
Oregon	\$35,027
Oklahoma	\$34,910
Iowa	\$34,796
Ohio	\$34,509
Michigan	\$34,342
Missouri	\$33,984
Maine	\$33,962
North Carolina	\$33,663
Georgia	\$33,416
Tennessee	\$33,373
Indiana	\$33,152
Montana	\$33,145
Arizona	\$32,900
Alabama	\$32,401
Idaho	\$31,703
South Carolina	\$31,048
Kentucky	\$30,787
New Mexico	\$30,604
Arkansas	\$30,100
Utah	\$30,090
West Virginia	\$29,293
Mississippi	\$28,527

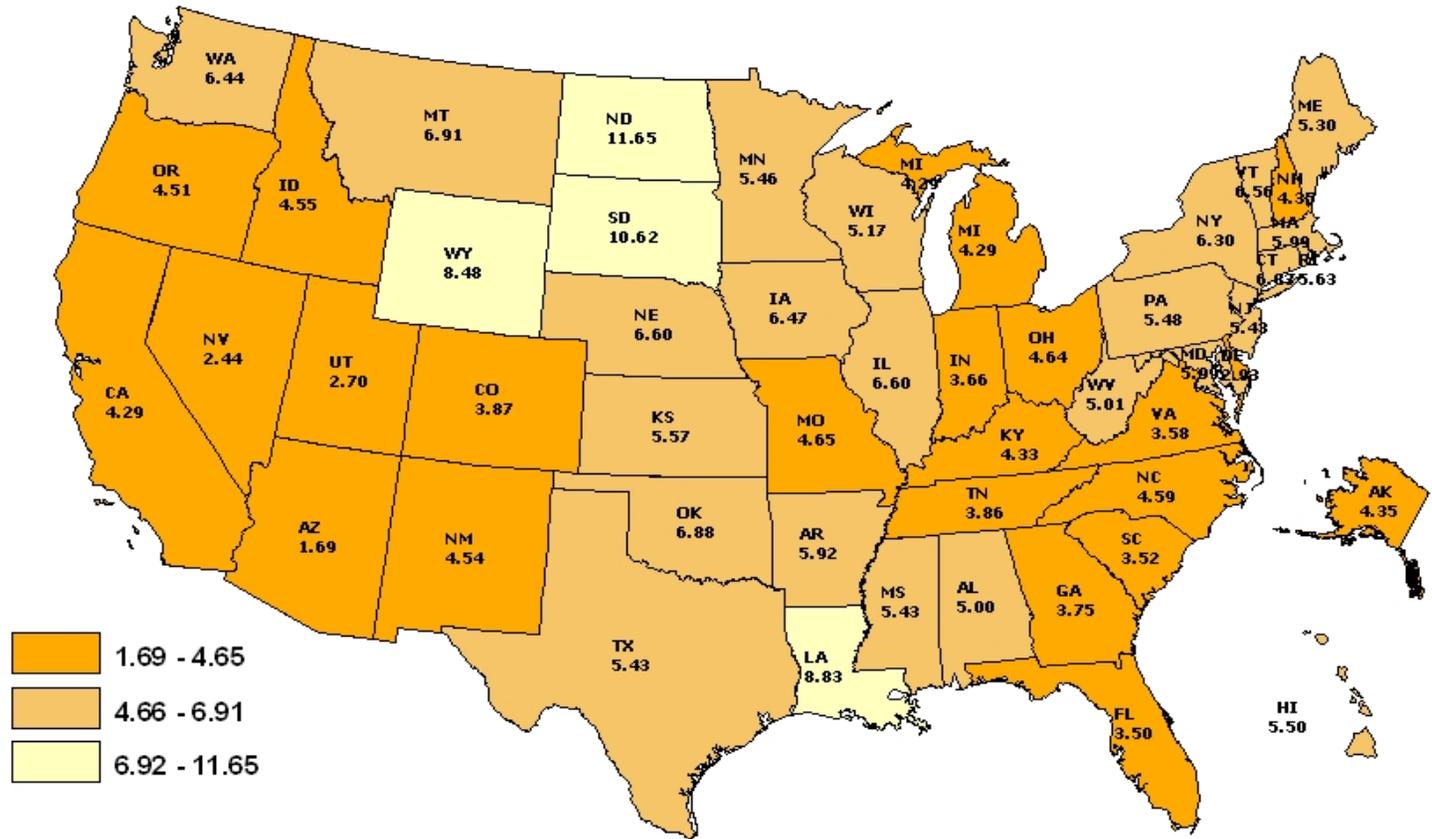
Figure 15: Per Capita Personal Income, 2007



Oklahoma, at \$34,910, has the 31st highest per capita personal income for 2007. The District of Columbia has the highest per capita personal income at \$61,397, while Mississippi has the lowest at \$28,527. The national average per capita personal income is \$38,564, or \$3,654 more than Oklahoma's.

State	Percent
North Dakota	11.65
South Dakota	10.62
Louisiana	8.83
Wyoming	8.48
Montana	6.91
Oklahoma	6.88
Connecticut	6.83
Nebraska	6.60
Illinois	6.60
Vermont	6.56
Iowa	6.47
Washington	6.44
New York	6.30
District of Colum	6.05
Massachusetts	5.99
Maryland	5.99
Arkansas	5.92
Rhode Island	5.63
Kansas	5.57
Hawaii	5.50
Pennsylvania	5.48
Minnesota	5.46
New Jersey	5.43
Texas	5.43
Mississippi	5.43
Maine	5.30
Wisconsin	5.17
West Virginia	5.01
Alabama	5.00
United States	4.95
Missouri	4.65
Ohio	4.64
North Carolina	4.59
Idaho	4.55
New Mexico	4.54
Oregon	4.51
Alaska	4.35
New Hampshire	4.35
Kentucky	4.33
Michigan	4.29
California	4.29
Colorado	3.87
Tennessee	3.86
Georgia	3.75
Indiana	3.66
Virginia	3.58
South Carolina	3.52
Florida	3.50
Delaware	2.93
Utah	2.70
Nevada	2.44
Arizona	1.69

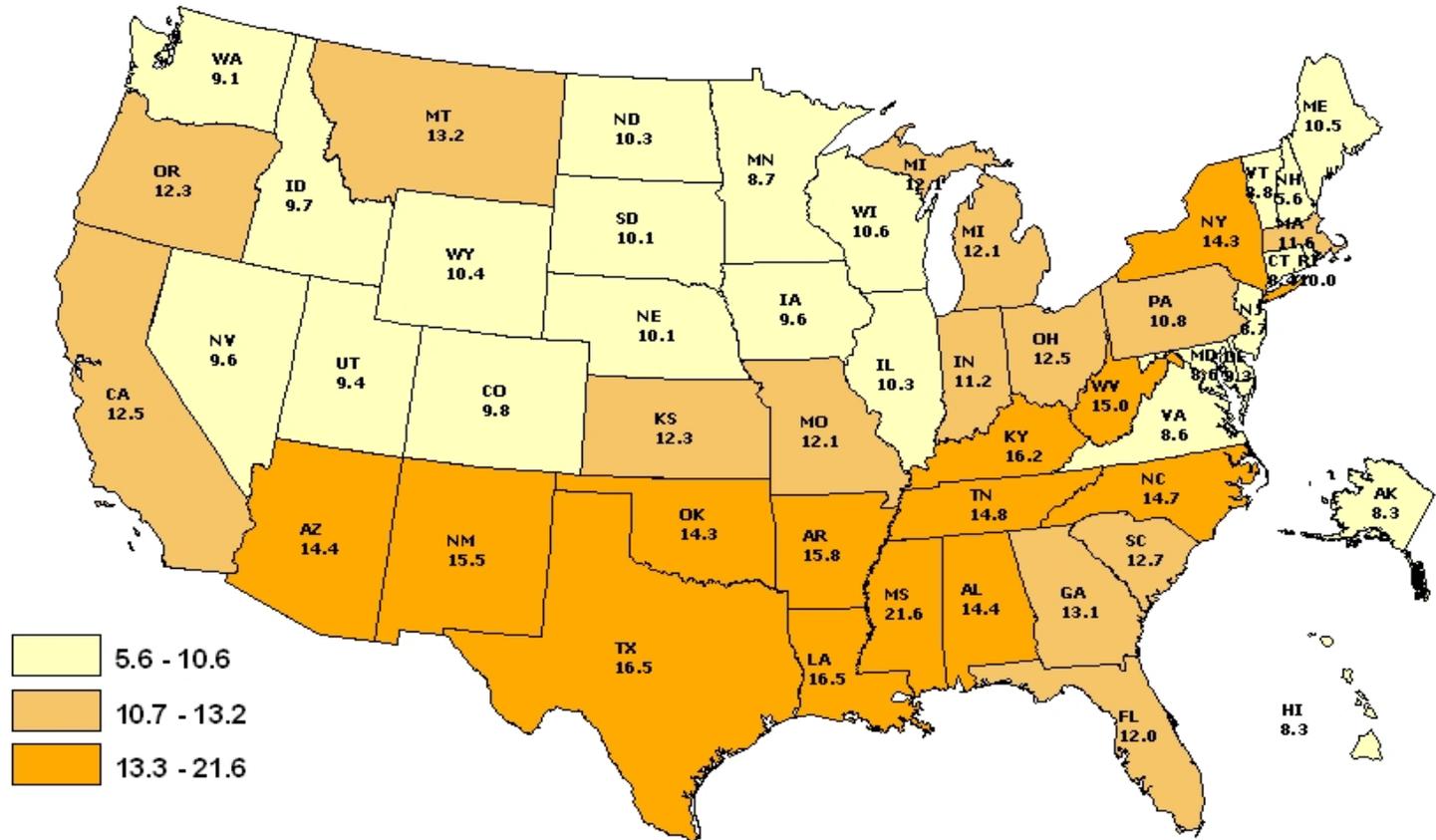
Figure 16: Change in Per Capita Personal Income, 2006 - 2007



Oklahoma experienced a 6.88 percent increase in per capita personal income between 2006 and 2007. This was the 6th largest increase in the nation. North Dakota had the greatest increase in per capita personal income between 2006 and 2007 at 11.65 percent, while Arizona had the smallest increase at 1.69 percent. The national average increase was 4.95 percent, or 1.93 percentage points less than Oklahoma's.

Figure 17: Average Poverty Rate Two Year Average, 2006-2007

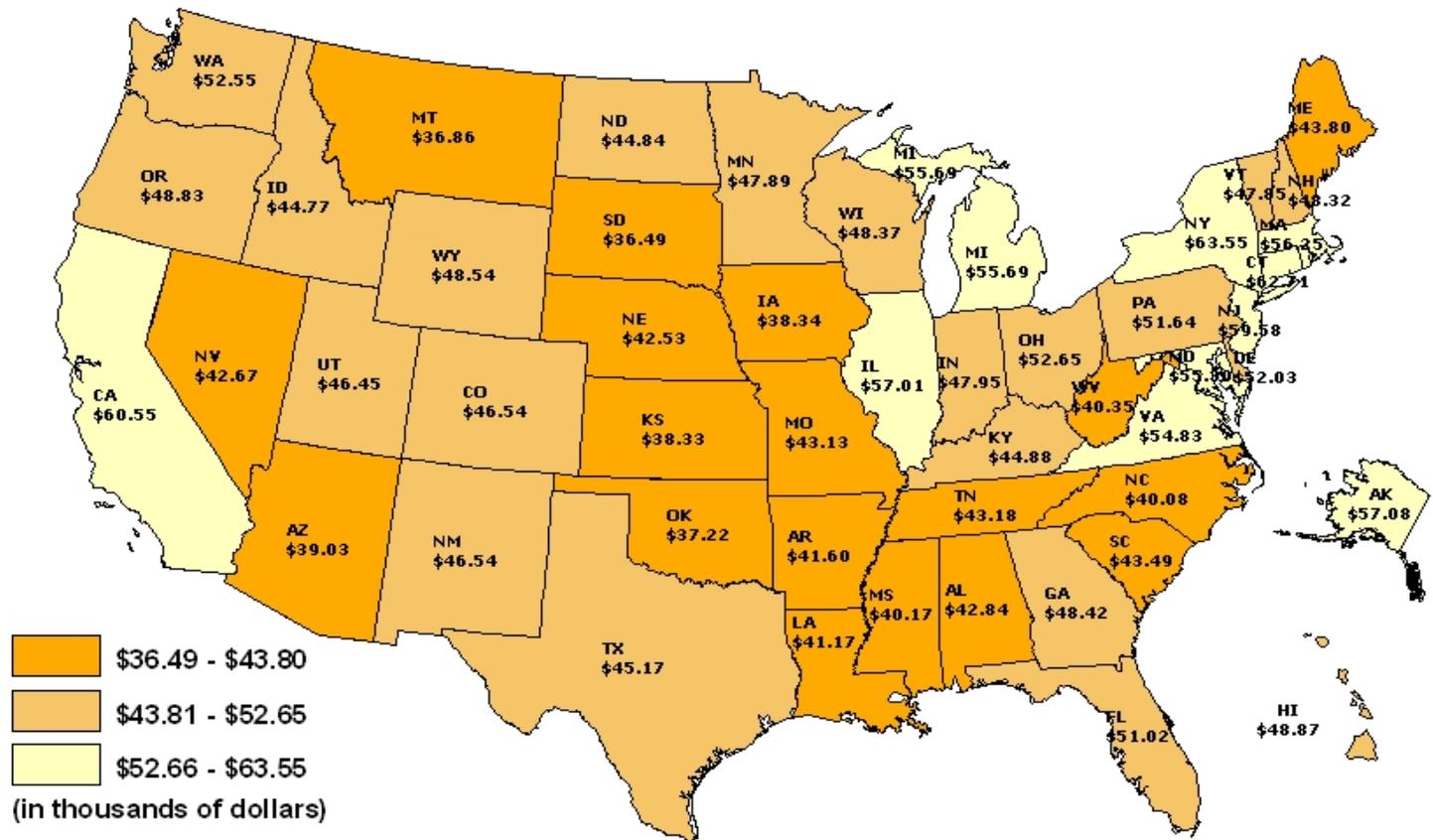
State	Rate
New Hampshire	5.6
Alaska	8.3
Hawaii	8.3
Connecticut	8.4
Maryland	8.6
Virginia	8.6
Minnesota	8.7
New Jersey	8.7
Vermont	8.8
Washington	9.1
Delaware	9.3
Utah	9.4
Iowa	9.6
Nevada	9.6
Idaho	9.7
Colorado	9.8
Rhode Island	10
Nebraska	10.1
South Dakota	10.1
Illinois	10.3
North Dakota	10.3
Wyoming	10.4
Maine	10.5
Wisconsin	10.6
Pennsylvania	10.8
Indiana	11.2
Massachusetts	11.6
Florida	12
Michigan	12.1
Missouri	12.1
Kansas	12.3
Oregon	12.3
United States	12.4
California	12.5
Ohio	12.5
South Carolina	12.7
Georgia	13.1
Montana	13.2
New York	14.3
Oklahoma	14.3
Alabama	14.4
Arizona	14.4
North Carolina	14.7
Tennessee	14.8
West Virginia	15
New Mexico	15.5
Arkansas	15.8
Kentucky	16.2
Louisiana	16.5
Texas	16.5
District of Colum	18.1
Mississippi	21.6



Oklahoma, at 14.3 percent, has the 13th highest two year average poverty rate for 2006-2007. New Hampshire has the lowest rate at 5.6 percent, while Mississippi has the highest rate at 21.6 percent. The national average is 12.4 percent, or 1.9 percentage points lower than Oklahoma's.

State	Wage
New York	\$63,550
Connecticut	\$62,713
Rhode Island	\$61,470
California	\$60,547
New Jersey	\$59,580
Alaska	\$57,067
Illinois	\$57,010
Massachusetts	\$56,247
Michigan	\$55,687
Maryland	\$55,297
Virginia	\$54,830
Ohio	\$52,653
Washington	\$52,550
District of Colum	\$52,157
Delaware	\$52,027
Pennsylvania	\$51,637
United States	\$51,040
Florida	\$51,023
Hawaii	\$48,870
Oregon	\$48,827
Wyoming	\$48,543
Georgia	\$48,417
Wisconsin	\$48,367
New Hampshire	\$48,320
Indiana	\$47,947
Minnesota	\$47,890
Vermont	\$47,850
Colorado	\$46,543
New Mexico	\$46,537
Utah	\$46,453
Texas	\$45,170
Kentucky	\$44,883
North Dakota	\$44,843
Idaho	\$44,767
Maine	\$43,803
South Carolina	\$43,490
Tennessee	\$43,183
Missouri	\$43,127
Alabama	\$42,837
Nevada	\$42,667
Nebraska	\$42,530
Arkansas	\$41,603
Louisiana	\$41,167
West Virginia	\$40,350
Mississippi	\$40,173
North Carolina	\$40,083
Arizona	\$39,030
Iowa	\$38,337
Kansas	\$38,330
Oklahoma	\$37,223
Montana	\$36,857
South Dakota	\$36,493

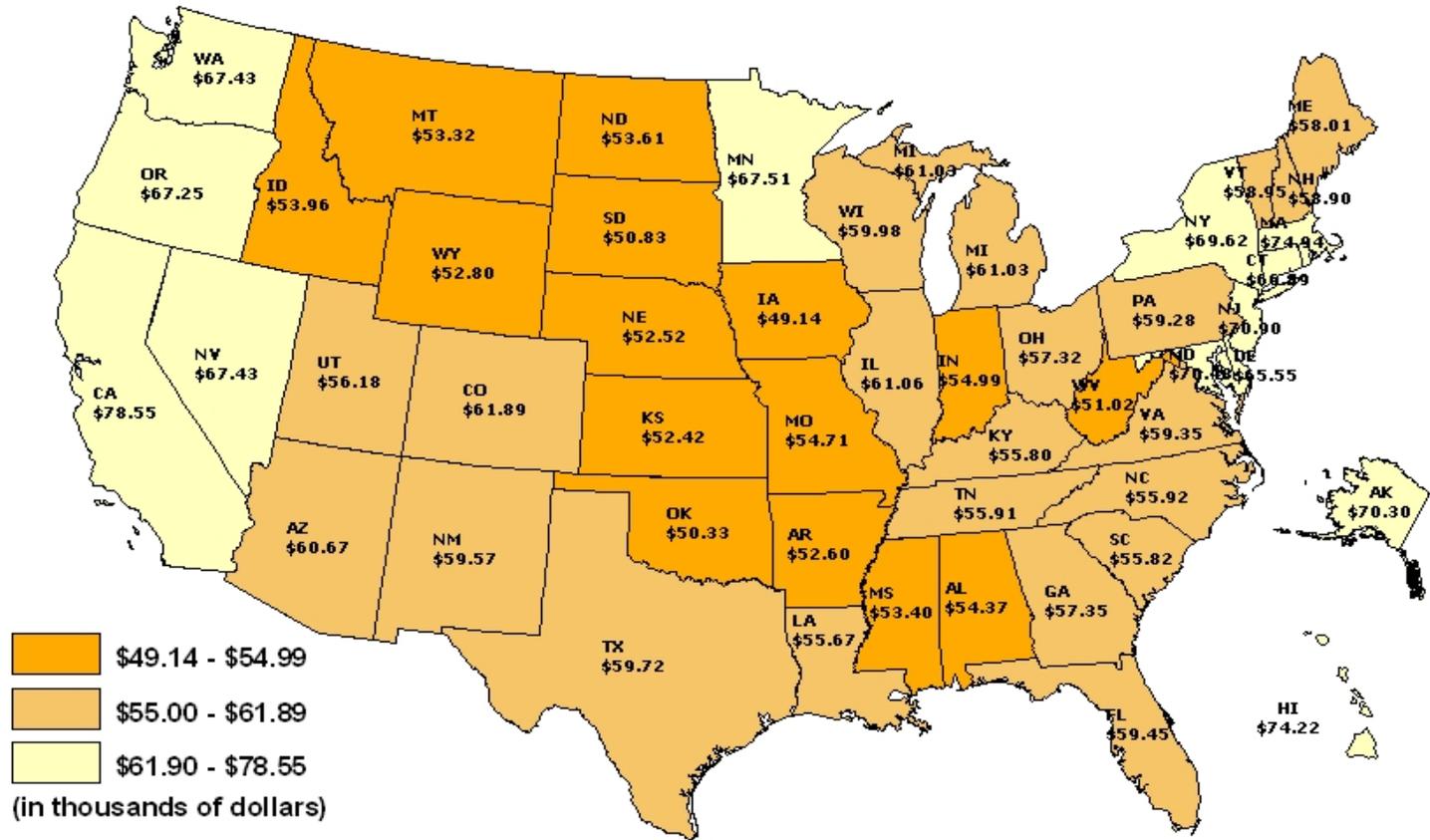
Figure 18: Median Wage of Elementary and Secondary School Teachers, 2007



Oklahoma, at \$37,223, has the 3rd lowest median wage of elementary and secondary school teachers for 2007. New York has the highest wage at \$63,550, while South Dakota has the lowest wage at \$36,493. The national median wage of elementary and secondary school teachers for 2007 is \$51,040, or \$13,817 more than Oklahoma's.

State	Wage
California	\$78,550
Massachusetts	\$74,940
Hawaii	\$74,220
New Jersey	\$70,900
Maryland	\$70,480
Alaska	\$70,300
New York	\$69,620
Minnesota	\$67,510
Nevada	\$67,430
Washington	\$67,430
Oregon	\$67,250
Connecticut	\$66,890
District of Colum	\$66,750
Delaware	\$65,550
Rhode Island	\$65,190
United States	\$62,480
Colorado	\$61,890
Illinois	\$61,060
Michigan	\$61,030
Arizona	\$60,670
Wisconsin	\$59,980
Texas	\$59,720
New Mexico	\$59,570
Florida	\$59,450
Virginia	\$59,350
Pennsylvania	\$59,280
Vermont	\$58,950
New Hampshire	\$58,900
Maine	\$58,010
Georgia	\$57,350
Ohio	\$57,320
Utah	\$56,180
North Carolina	\$55,920
Tennessee	\$55,910
South Carolina	\$55,820
Kentucky	\$55,800
Louisiana	\$55,670
Indiana	\$54,990
Missouri	\$54,710
Alabama	\$54,370
Idaho	\$53,960
North Dakota	\$53,610
Mississippi	\$53,400
Montana	\$53,320
Wyoming	\$52,800
Arkansas	\$52,600
Nebraska	\$52,520
Kansas	\$52,420
West Virginia	\$51,020
South Dakota	\$50,830
Oklahoma	\$50,330
Iowa	\$49,140

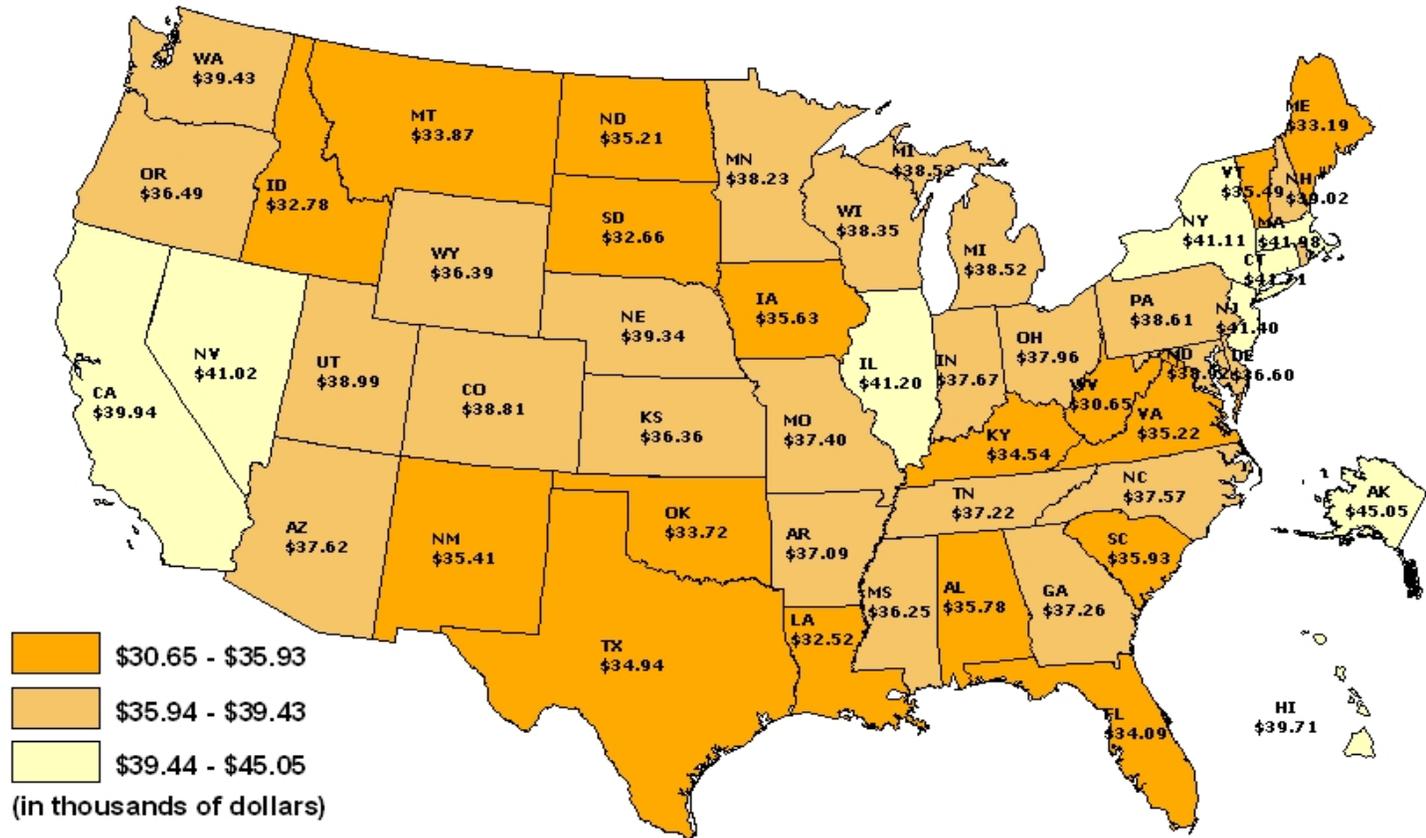
Figure 19: Median Wage of Registered Nurses, 2007



Oklahoma, at \$50,330, has the 2nd lowest median wage for registered nurses for 2007. California, at \$78,550, has the highest median wage, while Iowa has the lowest at \$49,140. The national median wage for registered nurses is \$62,480, or \$12,150 more than Oklahoma's.

State	Wage
Alaska	\$45,050
Massachusetts	\$41,980
Connecticut	\$41,710
New Jersey	\$41,400
Illinois	\$41,200
New York	\$41,110
Nevada	\$41,020
California	\$39,940
Hawaii	\$39,710
District of Colum	\$39,690
Washington	\$39,430
Nebraska	\$39,340
New Hampshire	\$39,020
Utah	\$38,990
Rhode Island	\$38,960
Maryland	\$38,920
Colorado	\$38,810
Pennsylvania	\$38,610
Michigan	\$38,520
Wisconsin	\$38,350
Minnesota	\$38,230
Ohio	\$37,960
Indiana	\$37,670
Arizona	\$37,620
North Carolina	\$37,570
United States	\$37,560
Missouri	\$37,400
Georgia	\$37,260
Tennessee	\$37,220
Arkansas	\$37,090
Delaware	\$36,600
Oregon	\$36,490
Wyoming	\$36,390
Kansas	\$36,360
Mississippi	\$36,250
South Carolina	\$35,930
Alabama	\$35,780
Iowa	\$35,630
Vermont	\$35,490
New Mexico	\$35,410
Virginia	\$35,220
North Dakota	\$35,210
Texas	\$34,940
Kentucky	\$34,540
Florida	\$34,090
Montana	\$33,870
Oklahoma	\$33,720
Maine	\$33,190
Idaho	\$32,780
South Dakota	\$32,660
Louisiana	\$32,520
West Virginia	\$30,650

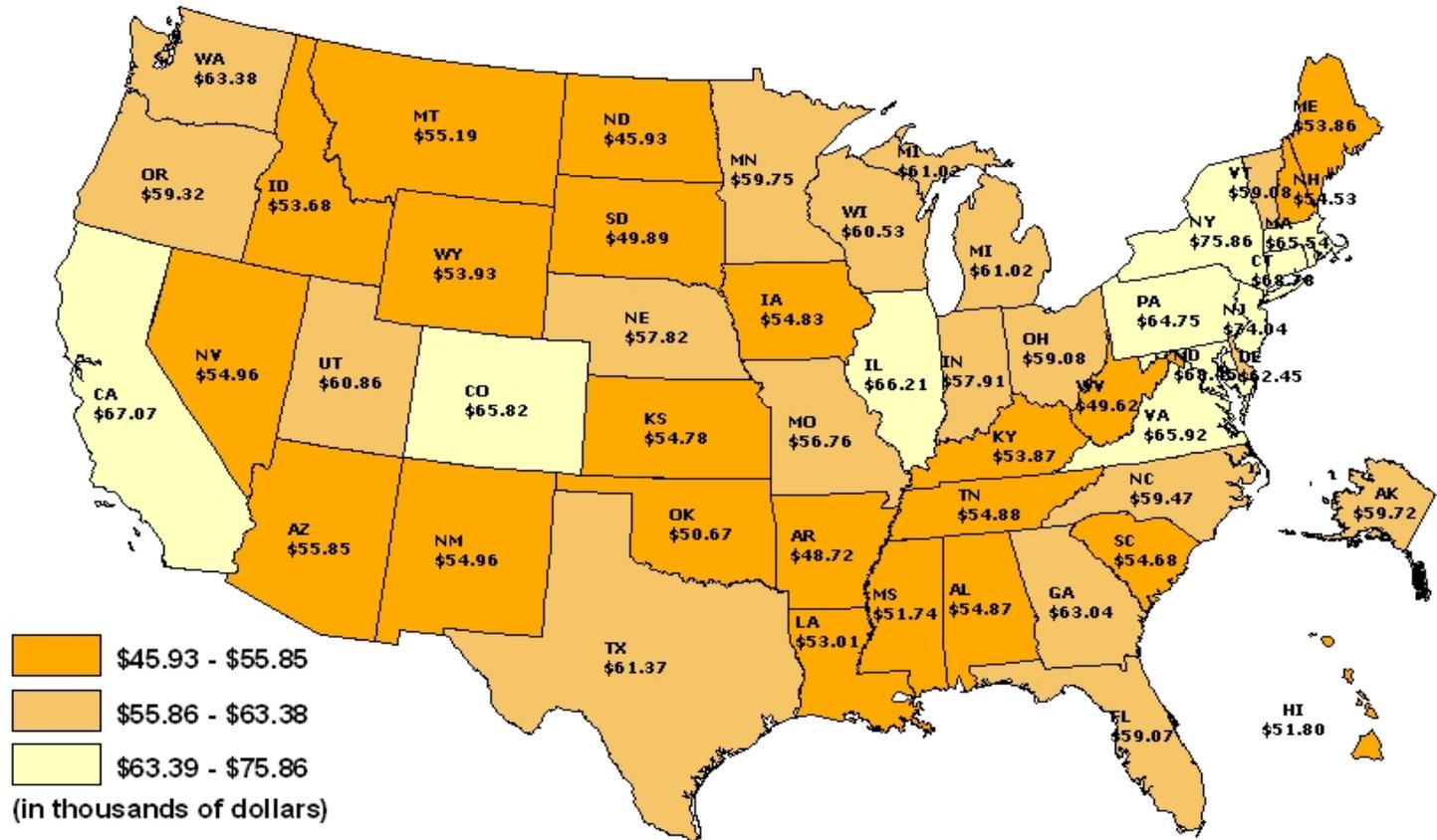
Figure 20: Median Wage of Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor Trailer, 2007



Oklahoma ranks 46th in the nation in terms of the median wage of heavy and tractor trailer truck drivers. The median wage for Oklahoma, for 2007, is \$33,720. Alaska has the highest median wage at \$45,050, while West Virginia has the lowest at \$30,650. The national median wage for 2007 is \$37,560, or \$3,840 more than Oklahoma's.

State	Wage
New York	\$75,860
New Jersey	\$74,040
District of Colum	\$71,170
Connecticut	\$68,780
Maryland	\$68,450
California	\$67,070
Illinois	\$66,210
Virginia	\$65,920
Colorado	\$65,820
Massachusetts	\$65,540
Pennsylvania	\$64,750
Rhode Island	\$64,490
Washington	\$63,380
United States	\$63,180
Georgia	\$63,040
Delaware	\$62,450
Texas	\$61,370
Michigan	\$61,020
Utah	\$60,860
Wisconsin	\$60,530
Minnesota	\$59,750
Alaska	\$59,720
North Carolina	\$59,470
Oregon	\$59,320
Ohio	\$59,080
Vermont	\$59,080
Florida	\$59,070
Indiana	\$57,910
Nebraska	\$57,820
Missouri	\$56,760
Arizona	\$55,850
Montana	\$55,190
Nevada	\$54,960
New Mexico	\$54,960
Tennessee	\$54,880
Alabama	\$54,870
Iowa	\$54,830
Kansas	\$54,780
South Carolina	\$54,680
New Hampshire	\$54,530
Wyoming	\$53,930
Kentucky	\$53,870
Maine	\$53,860
Idaho	\$53,680
Louisiana	\$53,010
Hawaii	\$51,800
Mississippi	\$51,740
Oklahoma	\$50,670
South Dakota	\$49,890
West Virginia	\$49,620
Arkansas	\$48,720
North Dakota	\$45,930

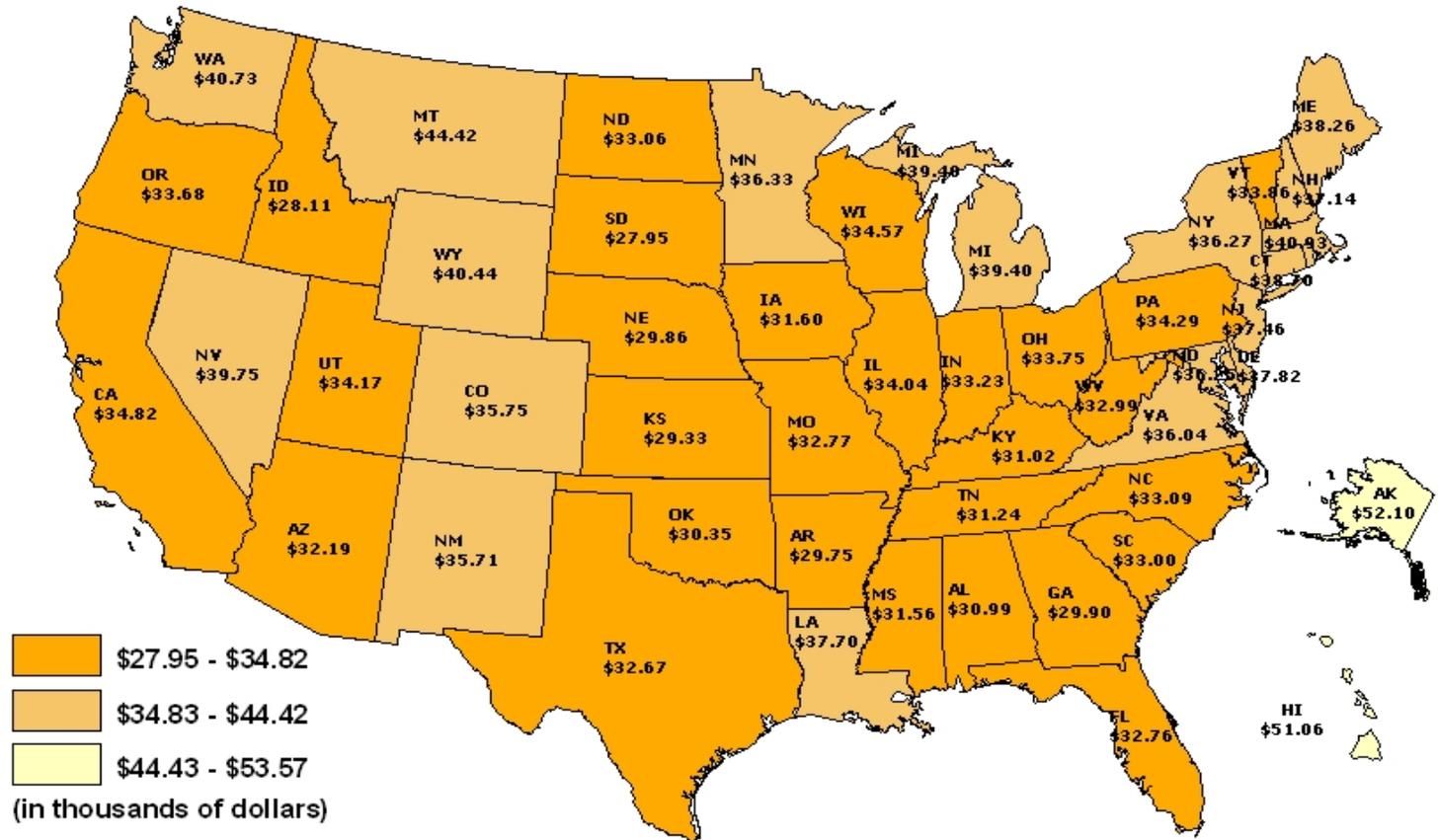
Figure 21: Median Wage of Accountants and Auditors, 2007



Oklahoma, at \$50,670, has the 5th lowest median wage of accountants and auditors for 2007. New York, at \$75,860, has the highest median wage, while North Dakota has the lowest at \$45,930. The national median wage for accountants and auditors for 2007 is \$63,180, or \$12,510 more than Oklahoma's.

State	Wage
District of Colum	\$53,570
Alaska	\$52,100
Hawaii	\$51,060
Montana	\$44,420
Massachusetts	\$40,930
Washington	\$40,730
Wyoming	\$40,440
Nevada	\$39,750
Michigan	\$39,400
Connecticut	\$38,700
Maine	\$38,260
Delaware	\$37,820
Louisiana	\$37,700
New Jersey	\$37,460
New Hampshire	\$37,140
Rhode Island	\$36,520
Minnesota	\$36,330
New York	\$36,270
Maryland	\$36,250
Virginia	\$36,040
Colorado	\$35,750
New Mexico	\$35,710
California	\$34,820
Wisconsin	\$34,570
Pennsylvania	\$34,290
Utah	\$34,170
Illinois	\$34,040
United States	\$33,960
Vermont	\$33,860
Ohio	\$33,750
Oregon	\$33,680
Indiana	\$33,230
North Carolina	\$33,090
North Dakota	\$33,060
South Carolina	\$33,000
West Virginia	\$32,990
Missouri	\$32,770
Florida	\$32,760
Texas	\$32,670
Arizona	\$32,190
Iowa	\$31,600
Mississippi	\$31,560
Tennessee	\$31,240
Kentucky	\$31,020
Alabama	\$30,990
Oklahoma	\$30,350
Georgia	\$29,900
Nebraska	\$29,860
Arkansas	\$29,750
Kansas	\$29,330
Idaho	\$28,110
South Dakota	\$27,950

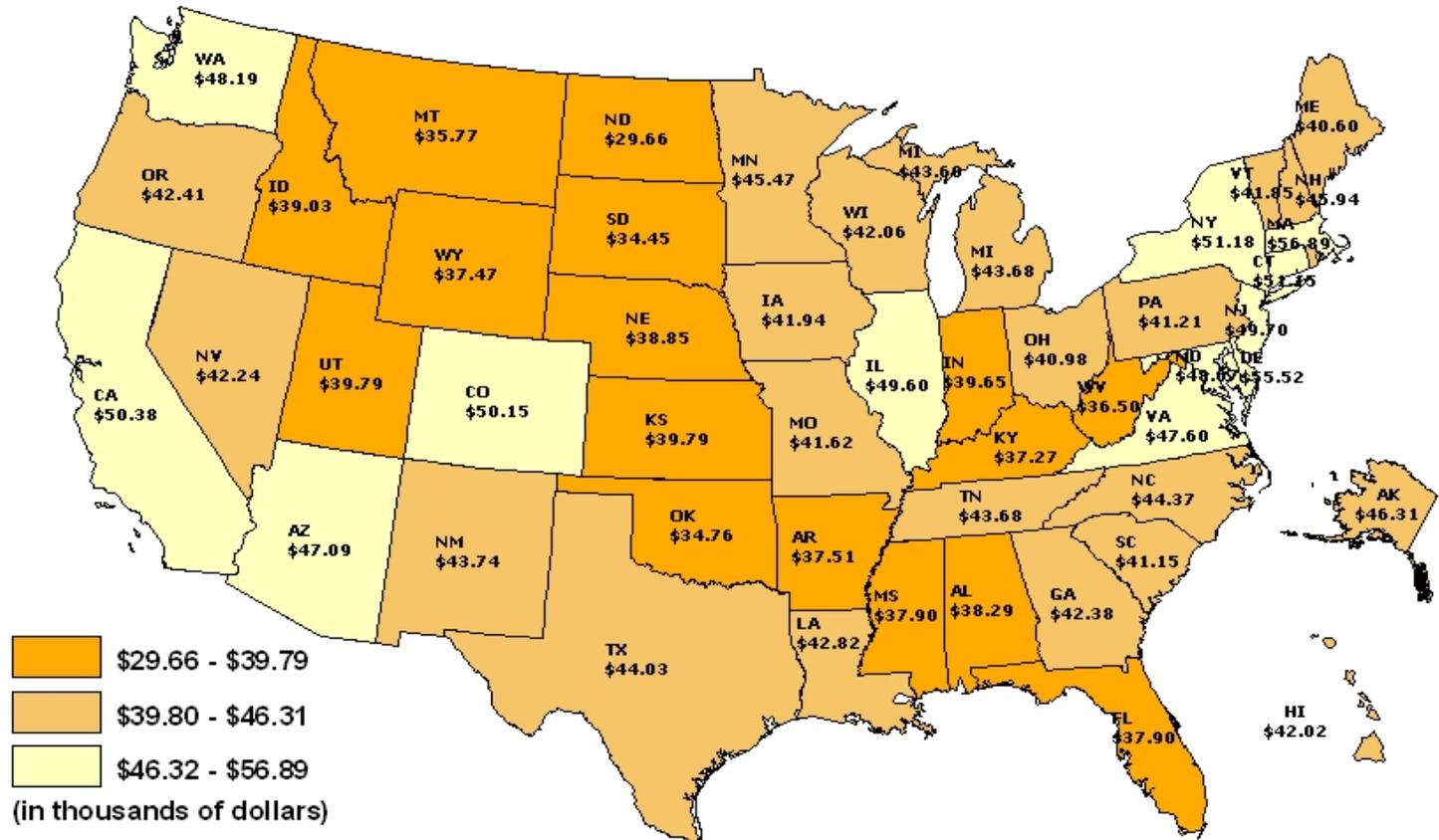
Figure 22: Median Wage of Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers, 2007



Oklahoma, at \$30,350, has the 7th lowest median wage for welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers in 2007. The District of Columbia has the highest median wage at \$53,570, while South Dakota has the lowest at \$27,950. The national median wage for welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers for 2007 is \$33,960, or \$3,610 more than Oklahoma's.

State	Wage
Massachusetts	\$56,890
Delaware	\$55,520
District of Colum	\$51,770
New York	\$51,180
Connecticut	\$51,150
California	\$50,380
Colorado	\$50,150
New Jersey	\$49,700
Illinois	\$49,600
Maryland	\$48,670
Washington	\$48,190
Virginia	\$47,600
Arizona	\$47,090
Alaska	\$46,310
New Hampshire	\$45,940
Minnesota	\$45,470
United States	\$45,300
North Carolina	\$44,370
Rhode Island	\$44,100
Texas	\$44,030
New Mexico	\$43,740
Michigan	\$43,680
Tennessee	\$43,680
Louisiana	\$42,820
Oregon	\$42,410
Georgia	\$42,380
Nevada	\$42,240
Wisconsin	\$42,060
Hawaii	\$42,020
Iowa	\$41,940
Vermont	\$41,850
Missouri	\$41,620
Pennsylvania	\$41,210
South Carolina	\$41,150
Ohio	\$40,980
Maine	\$40,600
Utah	\$39,790
Kansas	\$39,790
Indiana	\$39,650
Idaho	\$39,030
Nebraska	\$38,850
Alabama	\$38,290
Florida	\$37,900
Mississippi	\$37,900
Arkansas	\$37,510
Wyoming	\$37,470
Kentucky	\$37,270
West Virginia	\$36,500
Montana	\$35,770
Oklahoma	\$34,760
South Dakota	\$34,450
North Dakota	\$29,660

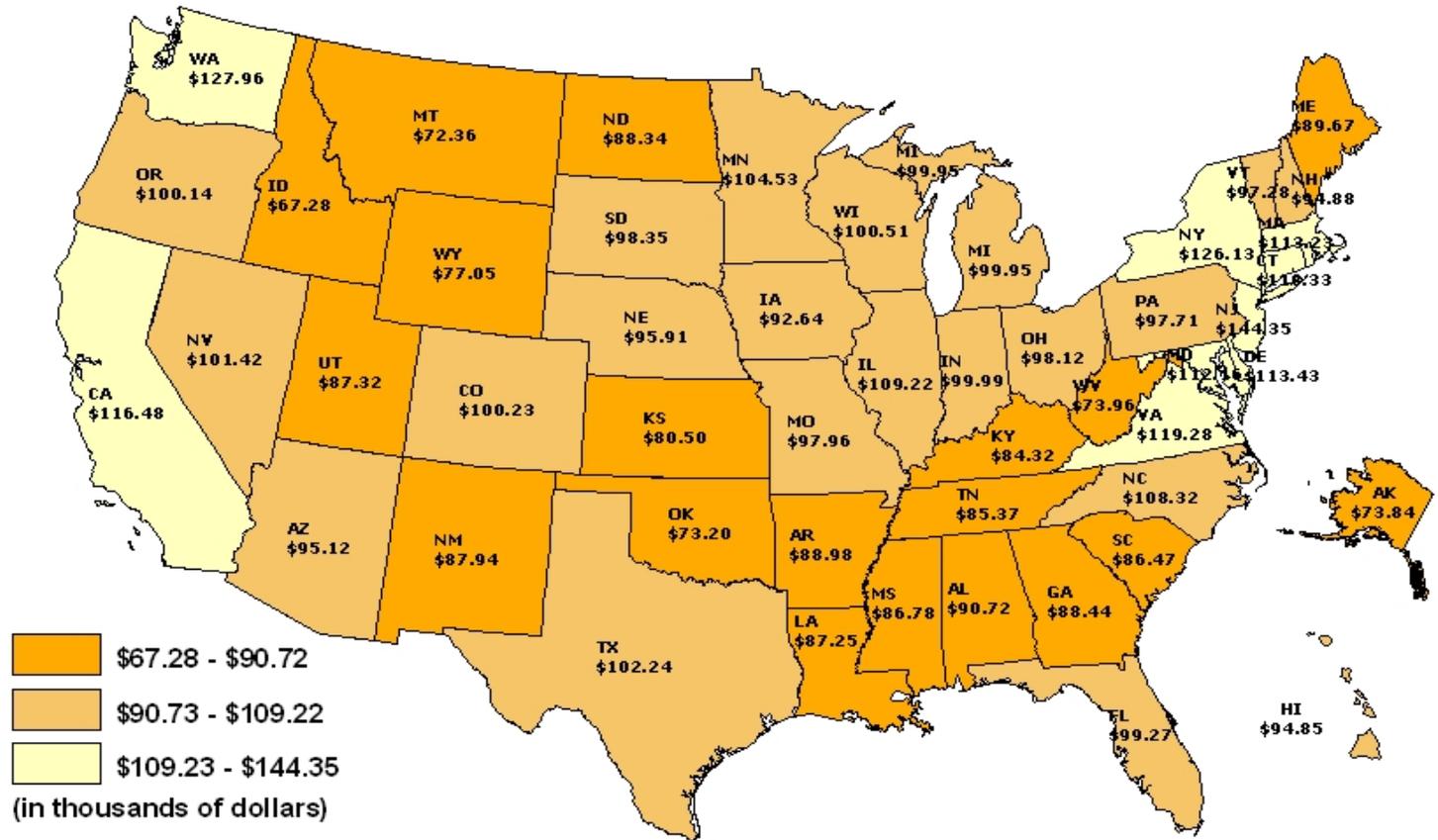
Figure 23: Median Wage of Computer Support Specialists, 2007



Oklahoma, at \$34,760, has the 3rd lowest median wage in 2007 for computer support specialists. Massachusetts has the highest median wage at \$56,890, while North Dakota has the lowest at \$29,660. The national median wage for computer support specialists for 2007 is \$45,300, or \$10,540 more than Oklahoma's.

State	Wage
New Jersey	\$144,350
Washington	\$127,960
New York	\$126,130
District of Colum	\$122,050
Virginia	\$119,280
Connecticut	\$118,330
California	\$116,480
Delaware	\$113,430
Massachusetts	\$113,230
Maryland	\$112,160
Rhode Island	\$110,310
Illinois	\$109,220
North Carolina	\$108,320
Minnesota	\$104,530
United States	\$103,780
Texas	\$102,240
Nevada	\$101,420
Wisconsin	\$100,510
Colorado	\$100,230
Oregon	\$100,140
Indiana	\$99,990
Michigan	\$99,950
Florida	\$99,270
South Dakota	\$98,350
Ohio	\$98,120
Missouri	\$97,960
Pennsylvania	\$97,710
Vermont	\$97,280
Nebraska	\$95,910
Arizona	\$95,120
New Hampshire	\$94,880
Hawaii	\$94,850
Iowa	\$92,640
Alabama	\$90,720
Maine	\$89,670
Arkansas	\$88,980
Georgia	\$88,440
North Dakota	\$88,340
New Mexico	\$87,940
Utah	\$87,320
Louisiana	\$87,250
Mississippi	\$86,780
South Carolina	\$86,470
Tennessee	\$85,370
Kentucky	\$84,320
Kansas	\$80,500
Wyoming	\$77,050
West Virginia	\$73,960
Alaska	\$73,840
Oklahoma	\$73,200
Montana	\$72,360
Idaho	\$67,280

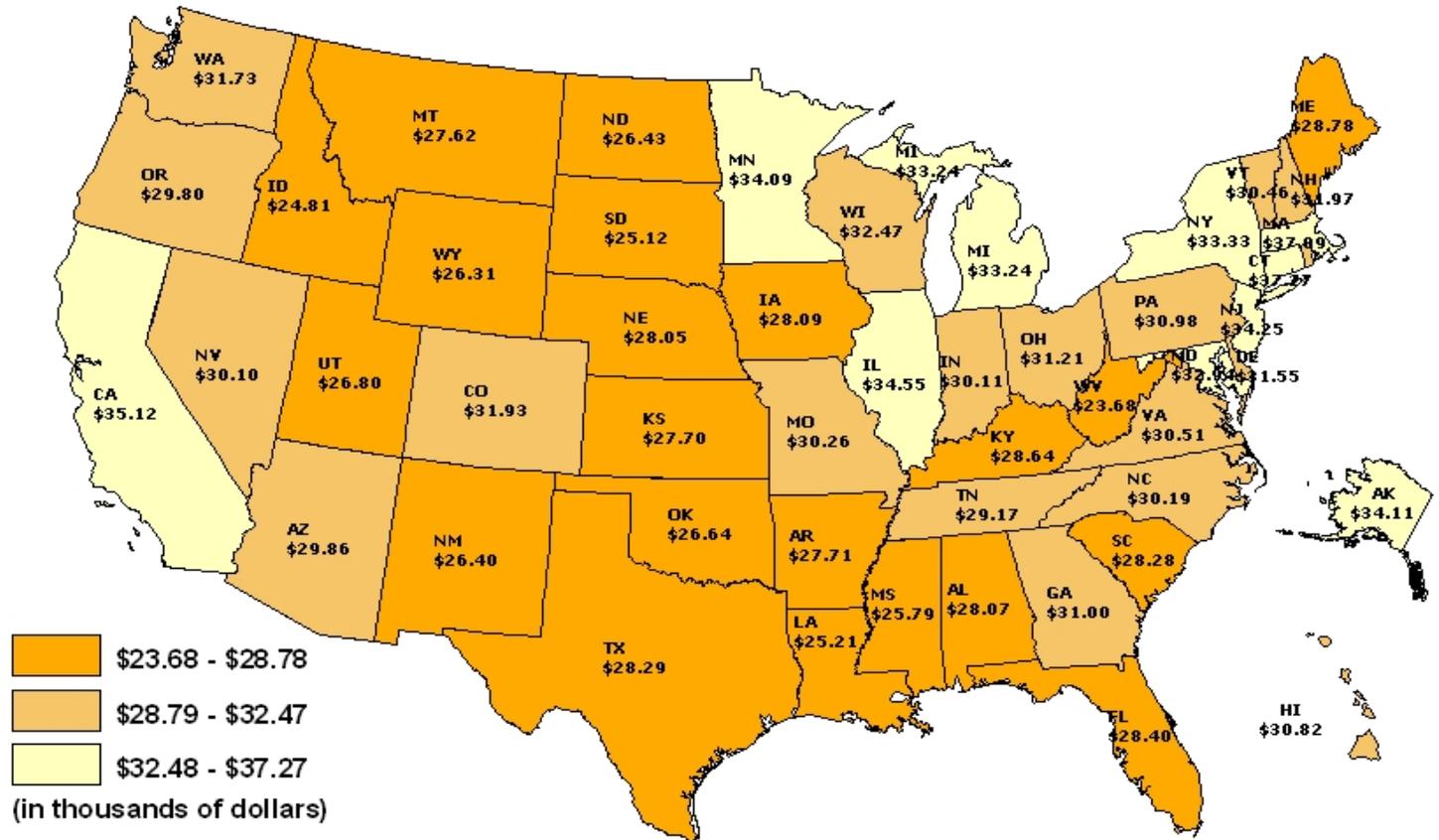
Figure 24: Median Wage of General and Operations Managers, 2007



Oklahoma, at \$73,200, has the 3rd lowest median wage of general and operations managers for 2007. New Jersey has the highest median wage at \$144,350, while Idaho has the lowest at \$67,280. The national median wage of general and operations managers for 2007 is \$103,780, or \$30,580 more than Oklahoma's.

State	Wage
Connecticut	\$37,270
Massachusetts	\$37,090
District of Colum	\$36,110
California	\$35,120
Illinois	\$34,550
New Jersey	\$34,250
Alaska	\$34,110
Minnesota	\$34,090
New York	\$33,330
Michigan	\$33,240
Maryland	\$32,940
Wisconsin	\$32,470
Rhode Island	\$32,040
New Hampshire	\$31,970
Colorado	\$31,930
Washington	\$31,730
Delaware	\$31,550
Ohio	\$31,210
United States	\$31,040
Georgia	\$31,000
Pennsylvania	\$30,980
Hawaii	\$30,820
Virginia	\$30,510
Vermont	\$30,460
Missouri	\$30,260
North Carolina	\$30,190
Indiana	\$30,110
Nevada	\$30,100
Arizona	\$29,860
Oregon	\$29,800
Tennessee	\$29,170
Maine	\$28,780
Kentucky	\$28,640
Florida	\$28,400
Texas	\$28,290
South Carolina	\$28,280
Iowa	\$28,090
Alabama	\$28,070
Nebraska	\$28,050
Arkansas	\$27,710
Kansas	\$27,700
Montana	\$27,620
Utah	\$26,800
Oklahoma	\$26,640
North Dakota	\$26,430
New Mexico	\$26,400
Wyoming	\$26,310
Mississippi	\$25,790
Louisiana	\$25,210
South Dakota	\$25,120
Idaho	\$24,810
West Virginia	\$23,680

Figure 25: Median Wage of Customer Service Representatives, 2007



Oklahoma, at \$26,640, has the 9th lowest median wage of customer service representatives for 2007. Connecticut, at \$37,270, has the highest median wage, while West Virginia has the lowest at \$23,680. The national median wage of customer service representatives for 2007 is \$31,040, or \$4,400 more than Oklahoma's.