

State Rankings

Labor Market Indicators for the 50 States



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About the Website:

The Oklahoma Employment Security Commission's Labor Market Information (LMI) website serves as an excellent source for economic data. The LMI website contains publications on wages, occupational projections, the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, as well as many other topical publications. Additionally, the LMI site contains data sets organized by WIA and interactive MAPS containing county, state, and national unemployment data. If you have any questions about the LMI site please e-mail us at Imi1@oesc.state.ok.us. The LMI site can be found at: <http://oesc.ok.gov>

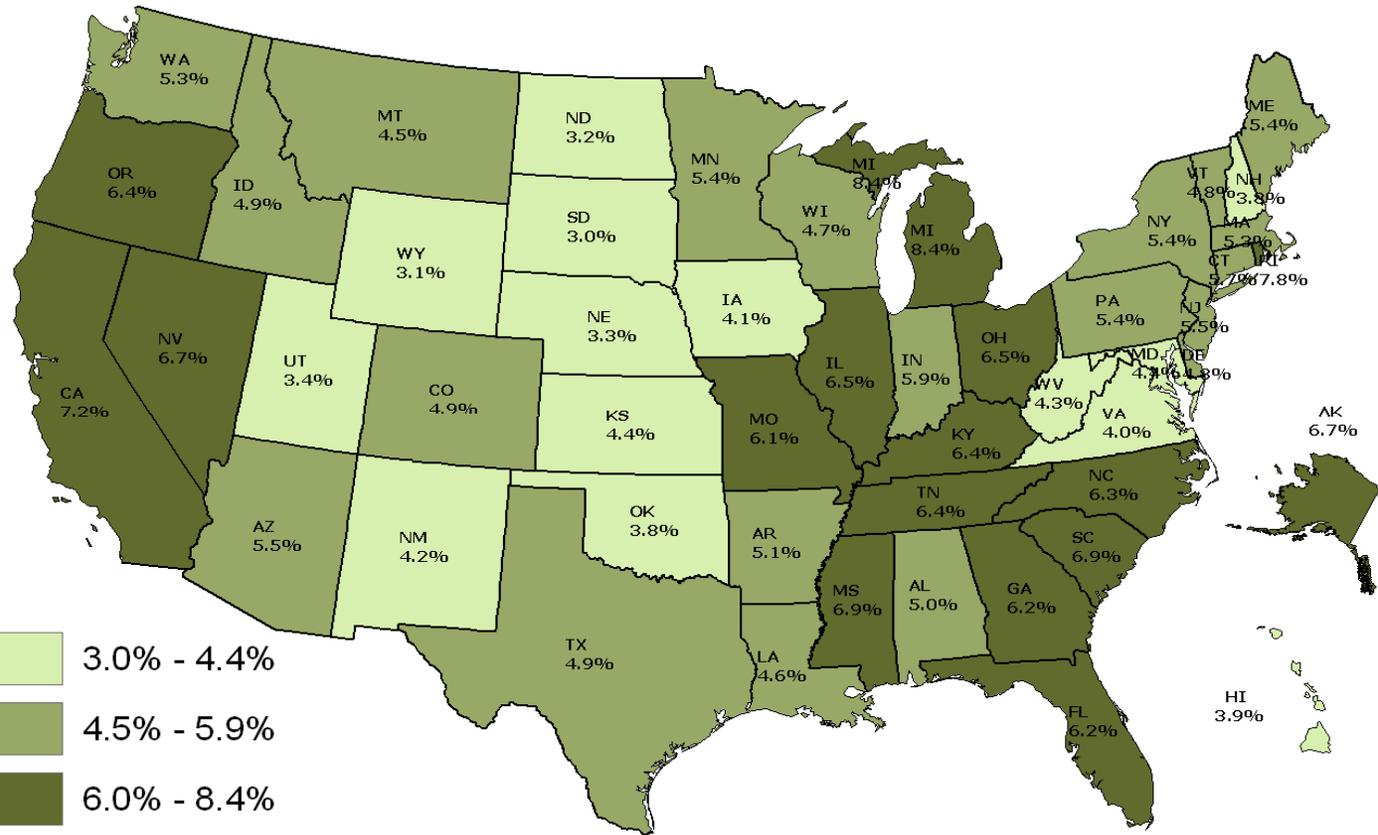
About the OESC's Labor Market Information Website

The screenshot shows the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission website. The main heading is "Labor Market Statistics - Economic Research and Analysis". Below this, there are two news items: "September 10, 2009: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims Decrease..." and "August 21, 2009: Oklahoma experiences an over-the-month increase in employment of 6,400...". The central chart is titled "Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate and Change from Previous Month's Total Non-Farm Employment". The chart displays two data series: "Change in Total Employment" (blue bars) and "Unemployment Rate" (red line with diamond markers). The x-axis represents months from Jan-03 to Jul-09. The y-axis ranges from -15,000 to 15,000 for the change in employment and 0% to 7% for the unemployment rate. Key data points for the change in employment are: Jan-03 (13,900), Feb-03 (3,100), Mar-03 (2,200), Apr-03 (2,600), May-03 (-7,300), Jun-03 (-1,000), Jul-03 (-700), Aug-03 (5,700), Sep-03 (-2,100), Oct-03 (-4,200), Nov-03 (1,200), Dec-03 (-12,400), Jan-04 (-6,700), Feb-04 (-8,000), Mar-04 (-9,500), Apr-04 (-1,000), and May-04 (6,400). The unemployment rate starts at approximately 3.5% in Jan-03 and rises to about 6.5% by Jul-09.

Labor Market Information by Area of Interest:

- News Releases:** Visit here for the latest News Releases including employment and unemployment rates and important agency announcements concerning unemployment insurance benefits.
- Local Area Unemployment Statistics:** Visit here for current and historical employment and unemployment data, as well as maps detailing the U.S. and Oklahoma's unemployment rates.

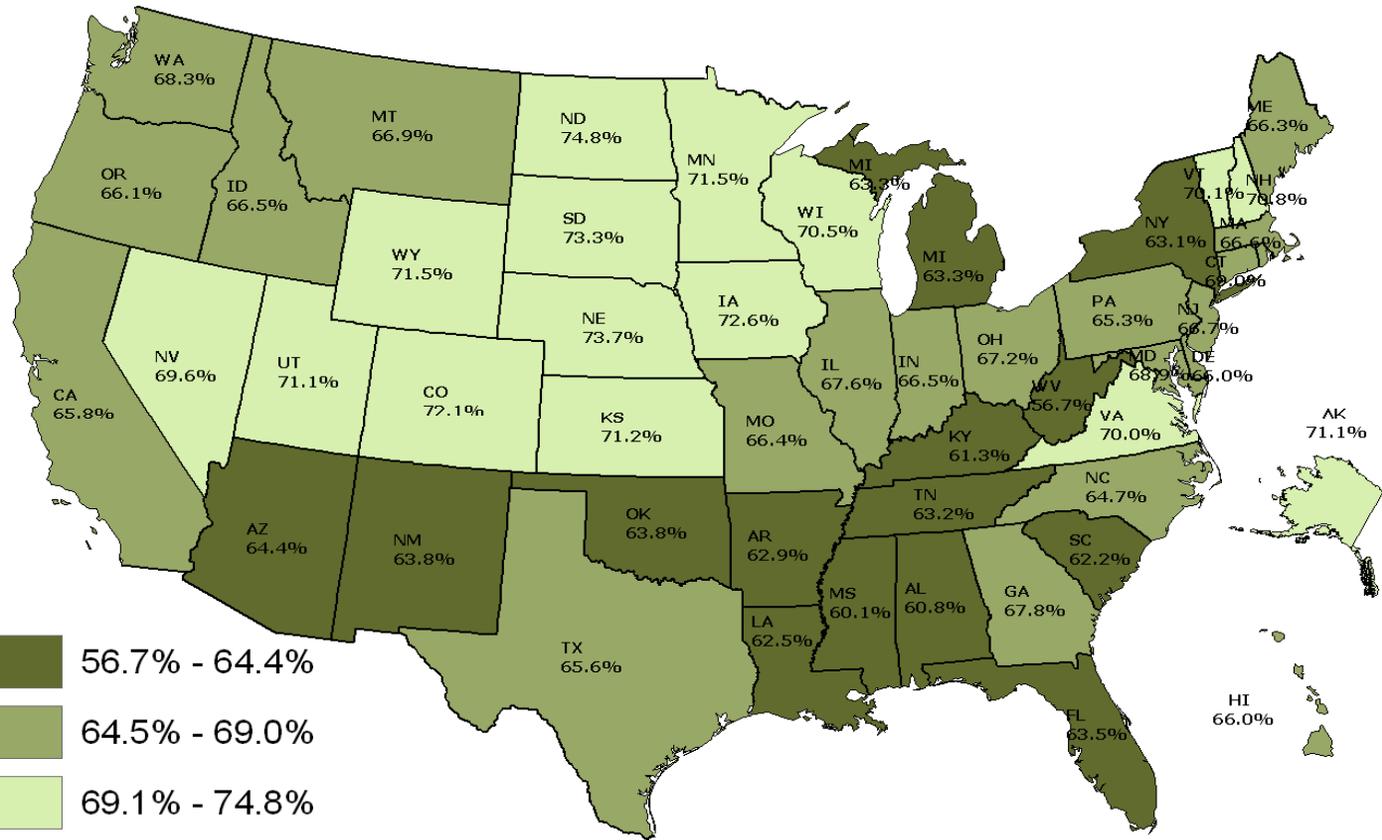
Figure 1: Unemployment Rate, 2008



State	Percent
South Dakota	3.0
Wyoming	3.1
North Dakota	3.2
Nebraska	3.3
Utah	3.4
New Hampshire	3.8
Oklahoma	3.8
Hawaii	3.9
Virginia	4.0
Iowa	4.1
New Mexico	4.2
West Virginia	4.3
Kansas	4.4
Maryland	4.4
Montana	4.5
Louisiana	4.6
Wisconsin	4.7
Delaware	4.8
Vermont	4.8
Colorado	4.9
Idaho	4.9
Texas	4.9
Alabama	5.0
Arkansas	5.1
Massachusetts	5.3
Washington	5.3
Maine	5.4
Minnesota	5.4
New York	5.4
Pennsylvania	5.4
Arizona	5.5
New Jersey	5.5
Connecticut	5.7
United States	5.8
Indiana	5.9
Missouri	6.1
Florida	6.2
Georgia	6.2
North Carolina	6.3
Kentucky	6.4
Oregon	6.4
Tennessee	6.4
Illinois	6.5
Ohio	6.5
Alaska	6.7
Nevada	6.7
Mississippi	6.9
South Carolina	6.9
District of Colum	7.0
California	7.2
Rhode Island	7.8
Michigan	8.4

Oklahoma, at 3.8 percent, has the 7th lowest average annual unemployment rate for 2008. Michigan has the highest average annual unemployment rate at 8.4 percent, while South Dakota has the lowest average annual unemployment rate at 3.0 percent. The national average annual unemployment rate for 2008 is 5.8 percent, or 2.0 percentage points higher than Oklahoma's.

Figure 2: Labor Force Participation Rate, 2008

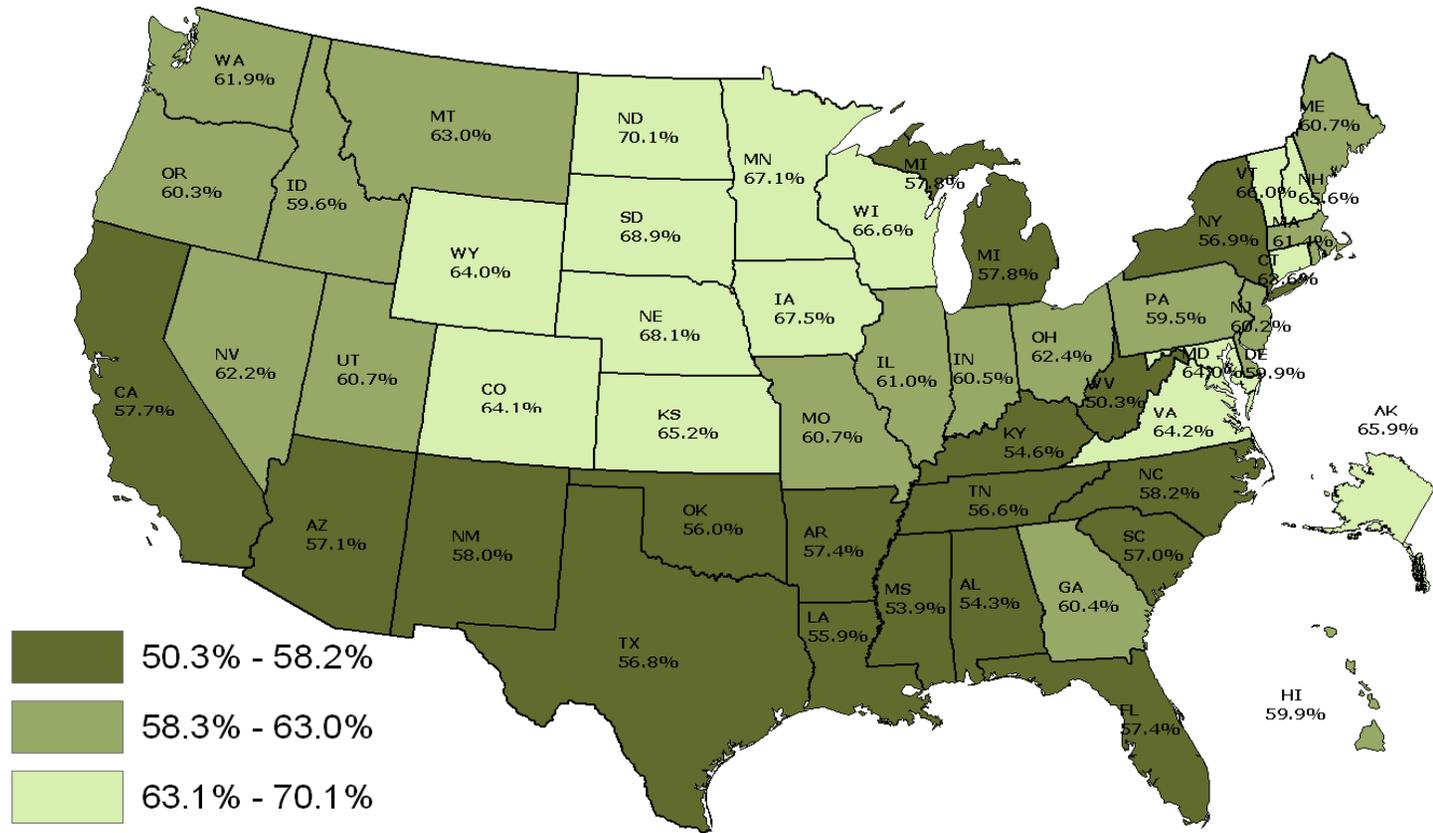


State	Percent
North Dakota	74.8
Nebraska	73.7
South Dakota	73.3
Iowa	72.6
Colorado	72.1
Minnesota	71.5
Wyoming	71.5
Kansas	71.2
Alaska	71.1
Utah	71.1
New Hampshire	70.8
Wisconsin	70.5
Vermont	70.1
Virginia	70.0
Nevada	69.6
District of Colum	69.2
Connecticut	69.0
Maryland	68.9
Washington	68.3
Georgia	67.8
Rhode Island	67.8
Illinois	67.6
Ohio	67.2
Montana	66.9
New Jersey	66.7
Massachusetts	66.6
Idaho	66.5
Indiana	66.5
Missouri	66.4
Maine	66.3
Oregon	66.1
Delaware	66.0
Hawaii	66.0
United States	66.0
California	65.8
Texas	65.6
Pennsylvania	65.3
North Carolina	64.7
Arizona	64.4
New Mexico	63.8
Oklahoma	63.8
Florida	63.5
Michigan	63.3
Tennessee	63.2
New York	63.1
Arkansas	62.9
Louisiana	62.5
South Carolina	62.2
Kentucky	61.3
Alabama	60.8
Mississippi	60.1
West Virginia	56.7

Oklahoma, at 63.8 percent, has the 12th lowest labor force participation rate in 2008. North Dakota has the highest labor force participation rate at 74.8 percent, while West Virginia has the lowest labor force participation rate at 56.7 percent. The national average for 2008 is 66.0 percent, or 2.2 percentage points higher than Oklahoma's.

State	Percent
North Dakota	70.1
South Dakota	68.9
Nebraska	68.1
Iowa	67.5
Minnesota	67.1
Wisconsin	66.6
Vermont	66.0
Alaska	65.9
New Hampshire	65.6
Kansas	65.2
District of Colum	64.5
Virginia	64.2
Colorado	64.1
Maryland	64.0
Wyoming	64.0
Connecticut	63.6
Montana	63.0
Ohio	62.4
Nevada	62.2
Rhode Island	62.0
Washington	61.9
Massachusetts	61.4
Illinois	61.0
Maine	60.7
Missouri	60.7
Utah	60.7
Indiana	60.5
Georgia	60.4
Oregon	60.3
New Jersey	60.2
Delaware	59.9
Hawaii	59.9
Idaho	59.6
Pennsylvania	59.5
United States	59.5
North Carolina	58.2
New Mexico	58.0
Michigan	57.8
California	57.7
Arkansas	57.4
Florida	57.4
Arizona	57.1
South Carolina	57.0
New York	56.9
Texas	56.8
Tennessee	56.6
Oklahoma	56.0
Louisiana	55.9
Kentucky	54.6
Alabama	54.3
Mississippi	53.9
West Virginia	50.3

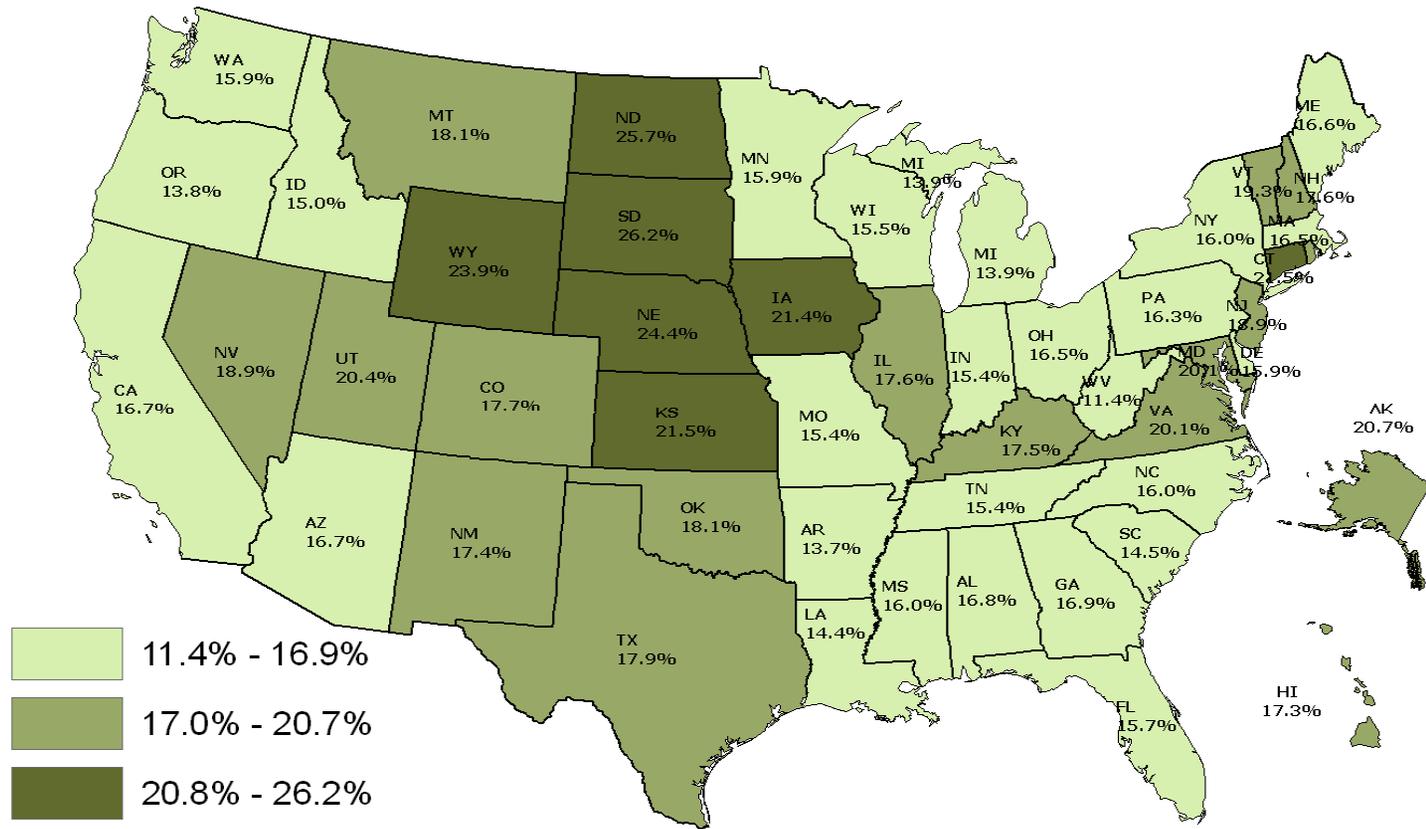
Figure 3: Female Labor Force Participation Rate, 2008



Oklahoma, at 56.0 percent, has the 6th lowest female labor force participation rate in 2008. West Virginia has the lowest female labor force participation rate at 50.3 percent, while North Dakota, at 70.1 percent, has the highest female labor force participation rate for 2008. The national average female participation rate for 2008 is 59.5 percent, or 3.5 percentage points higher than Oklahoma's.

State	Percent
West Virginia	11.4
Arkansas	13.7
Oregon	13.8
Michigan	13.9
Louisiana	14.4
South Carolina	14.5
Idaho	15.0
Indiana	15.4
Missouri	15.4
Tennessee	15.4
Wisconsin	15.5
Florida	15.7
Delaware	15.9
Minnesota	15.9
Washington	15.9
Mississippi	16.0
New York	16.0
North Carolina	16.0
Pennsylvania	16.3
Massachusetts	16.5
Ohio	16.5
Maine	16.6
Arizona	16.7
California	16.7
Alabama	16.8
United States	16.8
Georgia	16.9
Hawaii	17.3
New Mexico	17.4
Kentucky	17.5
Illinois	17.6
New Hampshire	17.6
Rhode Island	17.6
Colorado	17.7
Texas	17.9
Montana	18.1
Oklahoma	18.1
Nevada	18.9
New Jersey	18.9
District of Colum	19.1
Vermont	19.3
Maryland	20.1
Virginia	20.1
Utah	20.4
Alaska	20.7
Iowa	21.4
Connecticut	21.5
Kansas	21.5
Wyoming	23.9
Nebraska	24.4
North Dakota	25.7
South Dakota	26.2

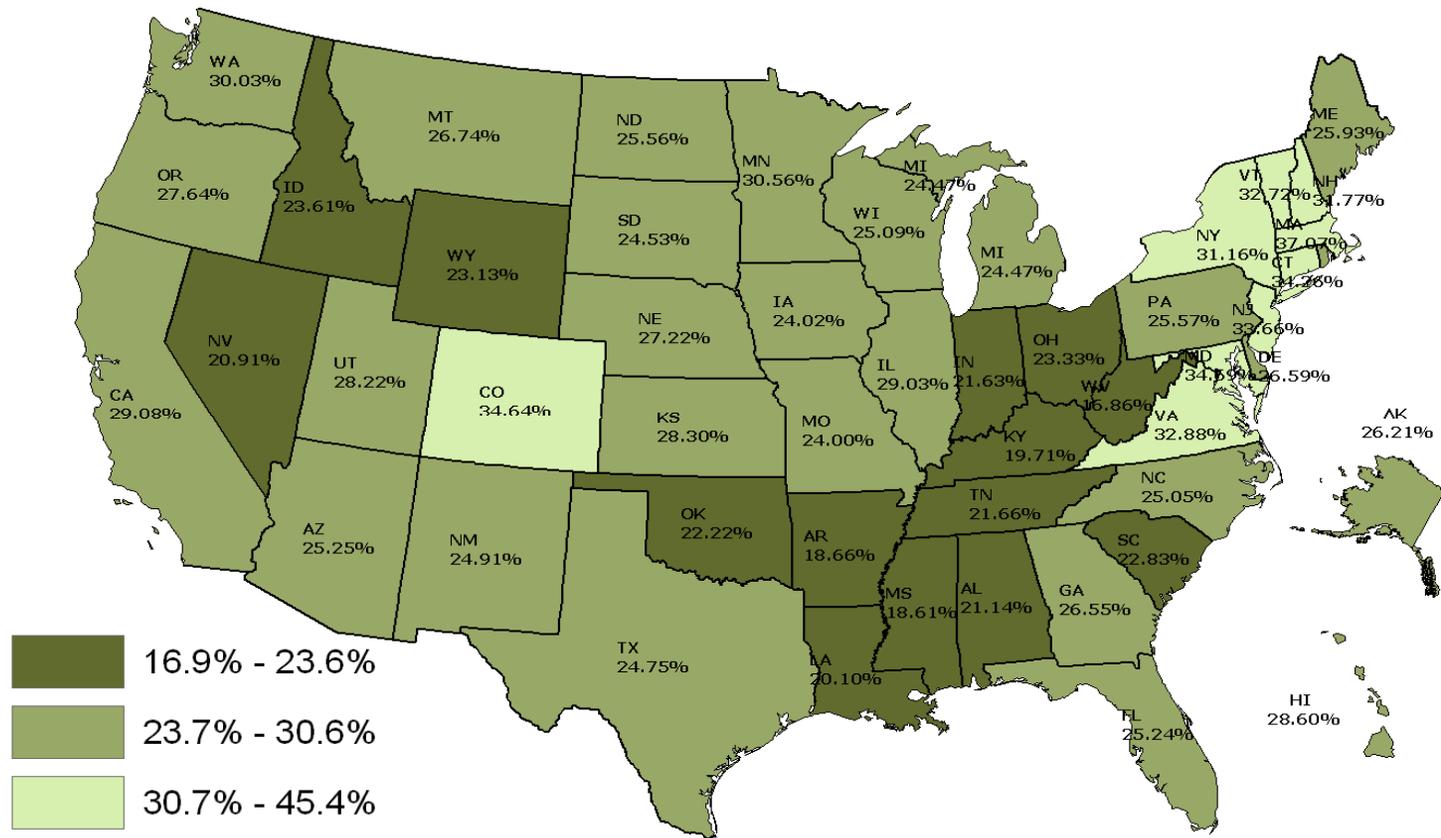
Figure 4: Labor Force Participation Rate, Age 65 and Older, 2008



Oklahoma, at 18.1 percent, has the 16th highest labor force participation rate of workers age 65 and older for 2008. South Dakota has the highest rate at 26.2 percent, while West Virginia has the lowest rate at 11.4 percent. The 2008 national average of labor force participation of workers 65 and older is 16.8 percent, or 1.3 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
Minnesota	8.7
North Dakota	8.7
Iowa	8.8
Kansas	8.9
Vermont	9.4
Nebraska	9.7
South Dakota	10.2

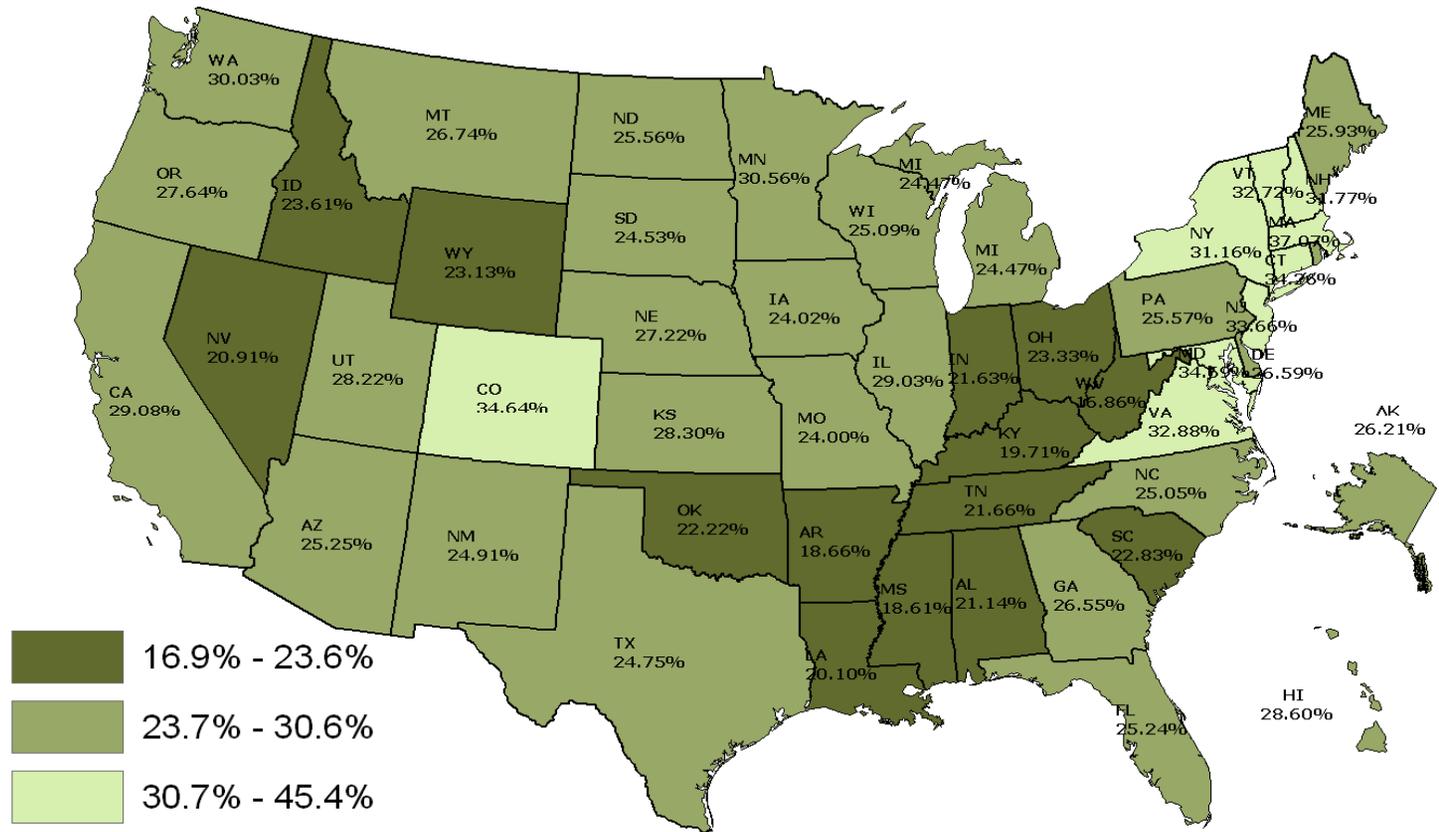
Figure 5: Percent of Multiple Job Holders, 2007



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
District of Colum	45.39
Massachusetts	37.07
Maryland	34.69
Colorado	34.64
Connecticut	34.26
New Jersey	33.66
Virginia	32.88
Vermont	32.72
New Hampshire	31.77
New York	31.16
Minnesota	30.56
Washington	30.03
Rhode Island	29.40
California	29.08
Illinois	29.03
Hawaii	28.60
Kansas	28.30
Utah	28.22
Oregon	27.64
Nebraska	27.22
United States	27.00
Montana	26.74
Delaware	26.59
Georgia	26.55
Alaska	26.21
Maine	25.93
Pennsylvania	25.57
North Dakota	25.56
Arizona	25.25
Florida	25.24
Wisconsin	25.09
North Carolina	25.05
New Mexico	24.91
Texas	24.75
South Dakota	24.53
Michigan	24.47
Iowa	24.02
Missouri	24.00
Idaho	23.61
Ohio	23.33
Wyoming	23.13
South Carolina	22.83
Oklahoma	22.22
Tennessee	21.66
Indiana	21.63
Alabama	21.14
Nevada	20.91
Louisiana	20.10
Kentucky	19.71
Arkansas	18.66
Mississippi	18.61
West Virginia	16.86

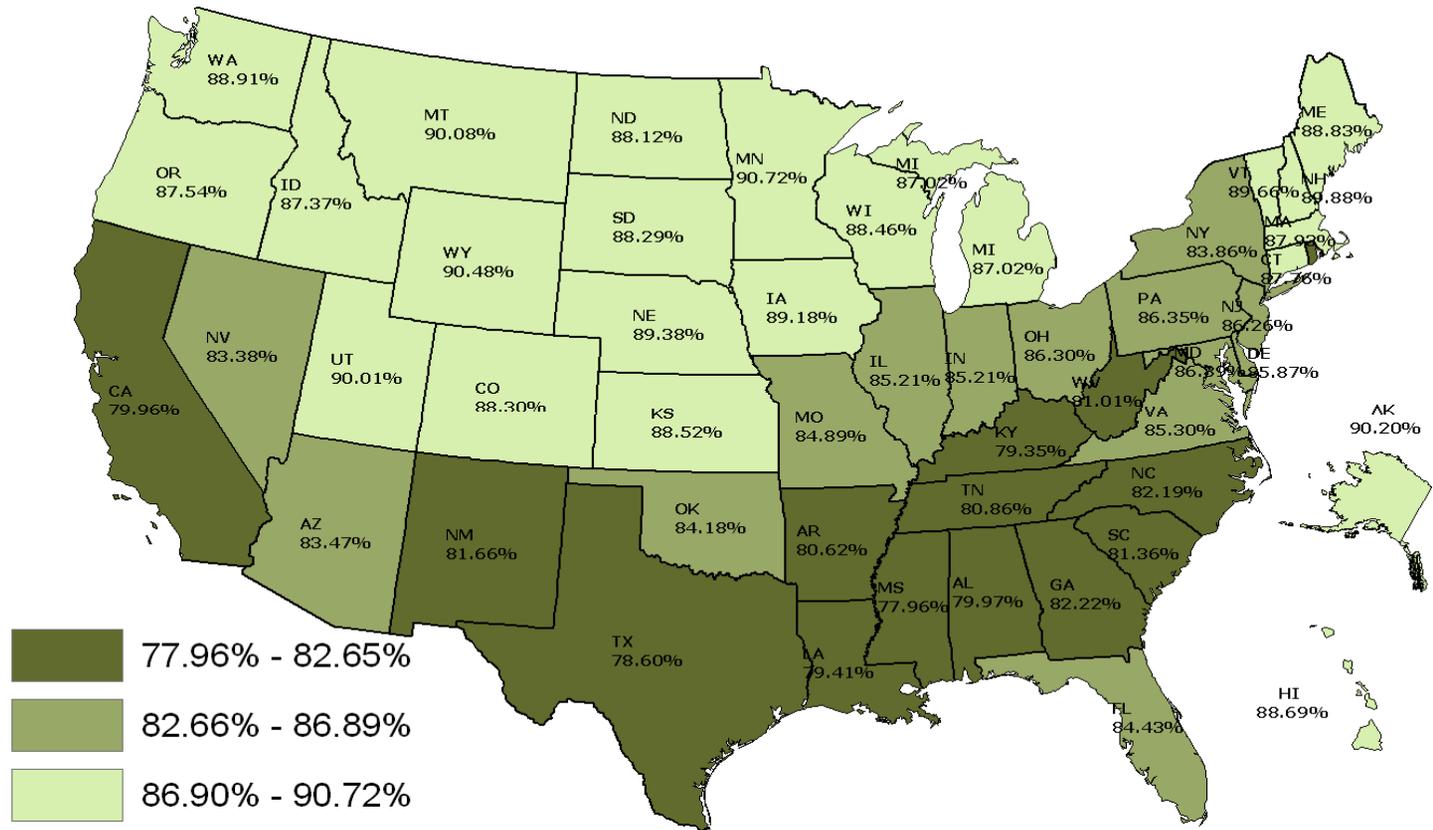
Figure 6: Percent of Population Age 25 and Over with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher, 2008



In 2008, at 22.22 percent, Oklahoma has the 10th lowest percent of the population, age 25 and over, holding a bachelor's degree or higher. The District of Columbia has the highest rate at 45.39 percent, while West Virginia has the lowest rate at 16.86 percent. The national average for 2008 is 27.0 percent, or 4.78 percentage points higher than Oklahoma's.

State	Percent
Minnesota	90.72
Wyoming	90.48
Alaska	90.20
Montana	90.08
Utah	90.01
New Hampshire	89.88
Vermont	89.66
Nebraska	89.38
Iowa	89.18
Washington	88.91
Maine	88.83
Hawaii	88.69
Kansas	88.52
Wisconsin	88.46
Colorado	88.30
South Dakota	88.29
North Dakota	88.12
Massachusetts	87.93
Connecticut	87.76
Oregon	87.54
Idaho	87.37
Michigan	87.02
Maryland	86.89
Pennsylvania	86.35
Ohio	86.30
New Jersey	86.26
Delaware	85.87
Virginia	85.30
Indiana	85.21
Illinois	85.21
Missouri	84.89
Florida	84.43
Oklahoma	84.18
District of Colum	84.10
United States	84.00
New York	83.86
Arizona	83.47
Nevada	83.38
Rhode Island	82.65
Georgia	82.22
North Carolina	82.19
New Mexico	81.66
South Carolina	81.36
West Virginia	81.01
Tennessee	80.86
Arkansas	80.62
Alabama	79.97
California	79.96
Louisiana	79.41
Kentucky	79.35
Texas	78.60
Mississippi	77.96

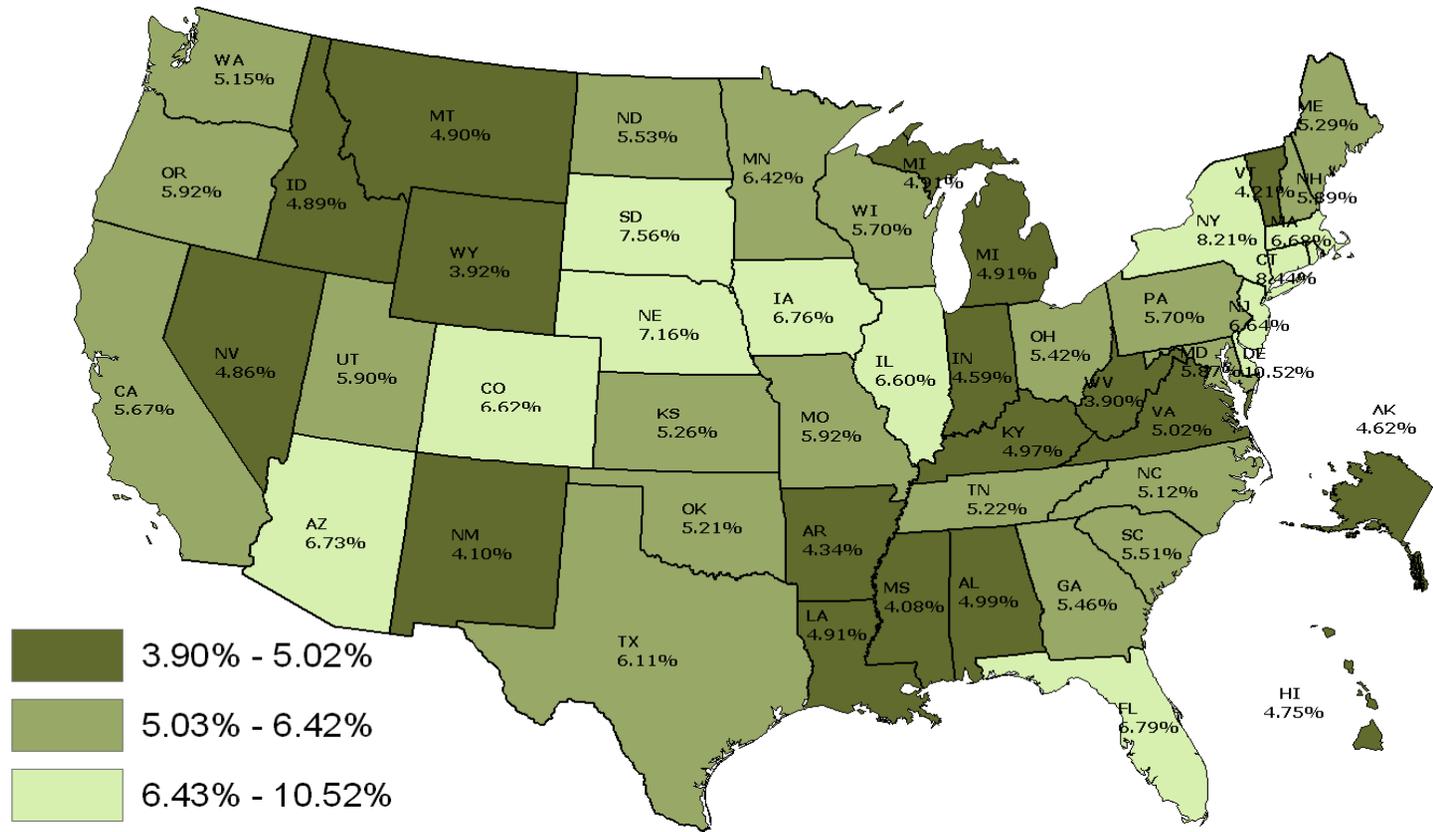
Figure 7: Percent of Population Age 25 and Over with a High School Diploma or Equivalent, 2008



For 2008, at 84.18 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 90.27 percent, while Mississippi has the lowest rate at 77.96 percent. The national average for 2008 is 84.00 percent, or 0.18 percentage points lower than Oklahoma's.

State	Percent
Delaware	10.52
Connecticut	8.44
New York	8.21
South Dakota	7.56
Nebraska	7.16
Rhode Island	6.95
Florida	6.79
Iowa	6.76
Arizona	6.73
Massachusetts	6.68
New Jersey	6.64
Colorado	6.62
Illinois	6.60
Minnesota	6.42
Texas	6.11
Missouri	5.92
Oregon	5.92
Utah	5.90
New Hampshire	5.89
Maryland	5.87
Wisconsin	5.70
Pennsylvania	5.70
United States	5.68
California	5.67
North Dakota	5.53
South Carolina	5.51
Georgia	5.46
Ohio	5.42
Maine	5.29
Kansas	5.26
Tennessee	5.22
Oklahoma	5.21
Washington	5.15
North Carolina	5.12
Virginia	5.02
Alabama	4.99
Kentucky	4.97
Michigan	4.91
Louisiana	4.91
Montana	4.90
Idaho	4.89
Nevada	4.86
Hawaii	4.75
Alaska	4.62
Indiana	4.59
Arkansas	4.34
Vermont	4.21
New Mexico	4.10
Mississippi	4.08
District of Colum	4.02
Wyoming	3.92
West Virginia	3.90

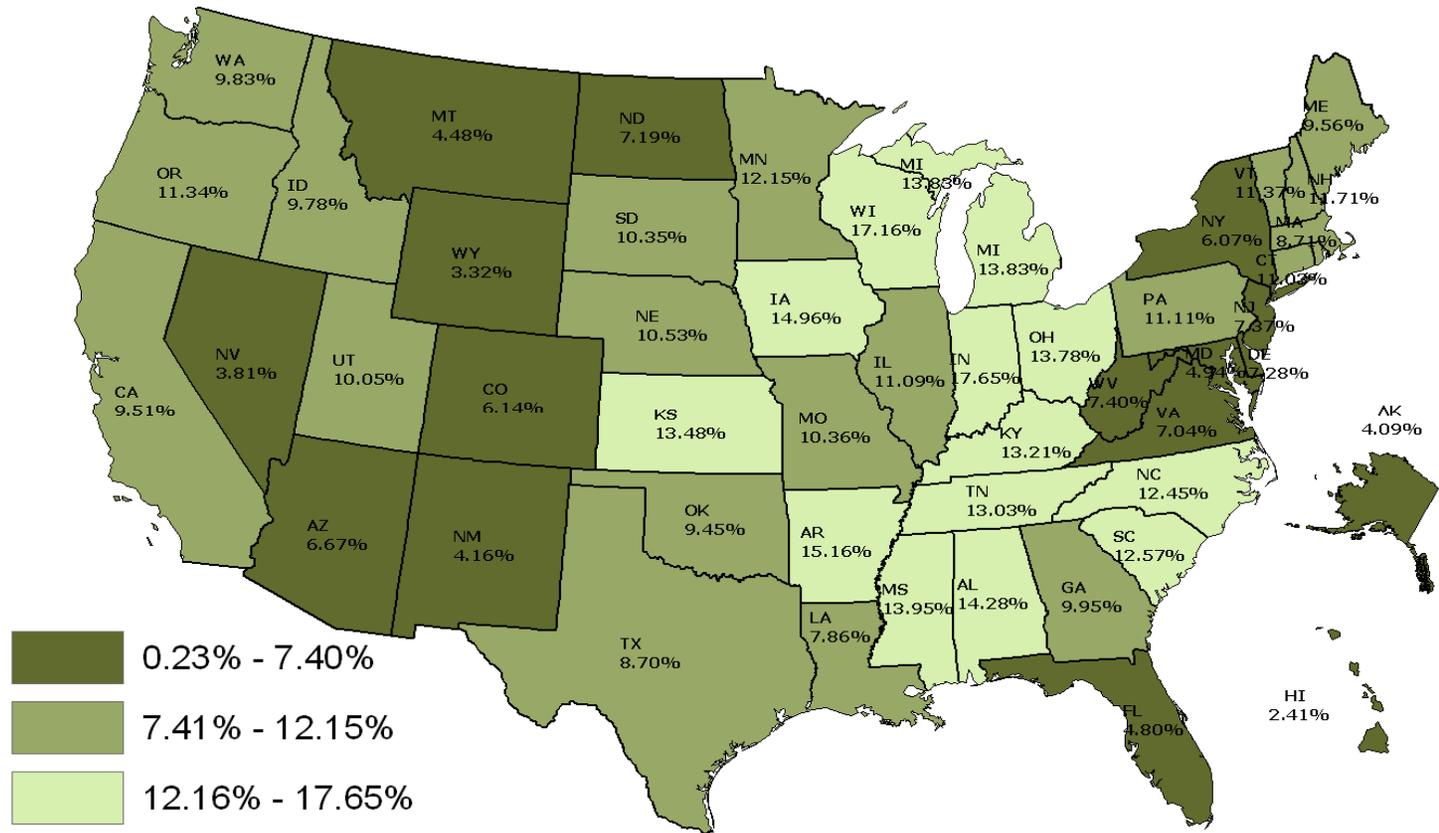
Figure 8: Percent of Nonfarm Employment in Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate, 2008



At 5.21 percent, Oklahoma has the 31st highest percent of employment in the finance, insurance, and real estate sector for 2008. Delaware has the highest percent of employment in this sector at 10.52 percent, while West Virginia has the lowest at 3.90 percent. The national average percent of employment in this sector for 2008 is 5.68 percent, or 0.47 percentage points higher than Oklahoma's.

State	Percent
Indiana	17.65
Wisconsin	17.16
Arkansas	15.16
Iowa	14.96
Alabama	14.28
Mississippi	13.95
Michigan	13.83
Ohio	13.78
Kansas	13.48
Kentucky	13.21
Tennessee	13.03
South Carolina	12.57
North Carolina	12.45
Minnesota	12.15
New Hampshire	11.71
Vermont	11.37
Oregon	11.34
Pennsylvania	11.11
Illinois	11.09
Connecticut	11.03
Nebraska	10.53
Missouri	10.36
South Dakota	10.35
Utah	10.05
Rhode Island	9.96
Georgia	9.95
Washington	9.83
Idaho	9.78
Maine	9.56
United States	9.56
California	9.51
Oklahoma	9.45
Massachusetts	8.71
Texas	8.70
Louisiana	7.86
West Virginia	7.40
New Jersey	7.37
Delaware	7.28
North Dakota	7.19
Virginia	7.04
Arizona	6.67
Colorado	6.14
New York	6.07
Maryland	4.94
Florida	4.80
Montana	4.48
New Mexico	4.16
Alaska	4.09
Nevada	3.81
Wyoming	3.32
Hawaii	2.41
District of Colum	0.23

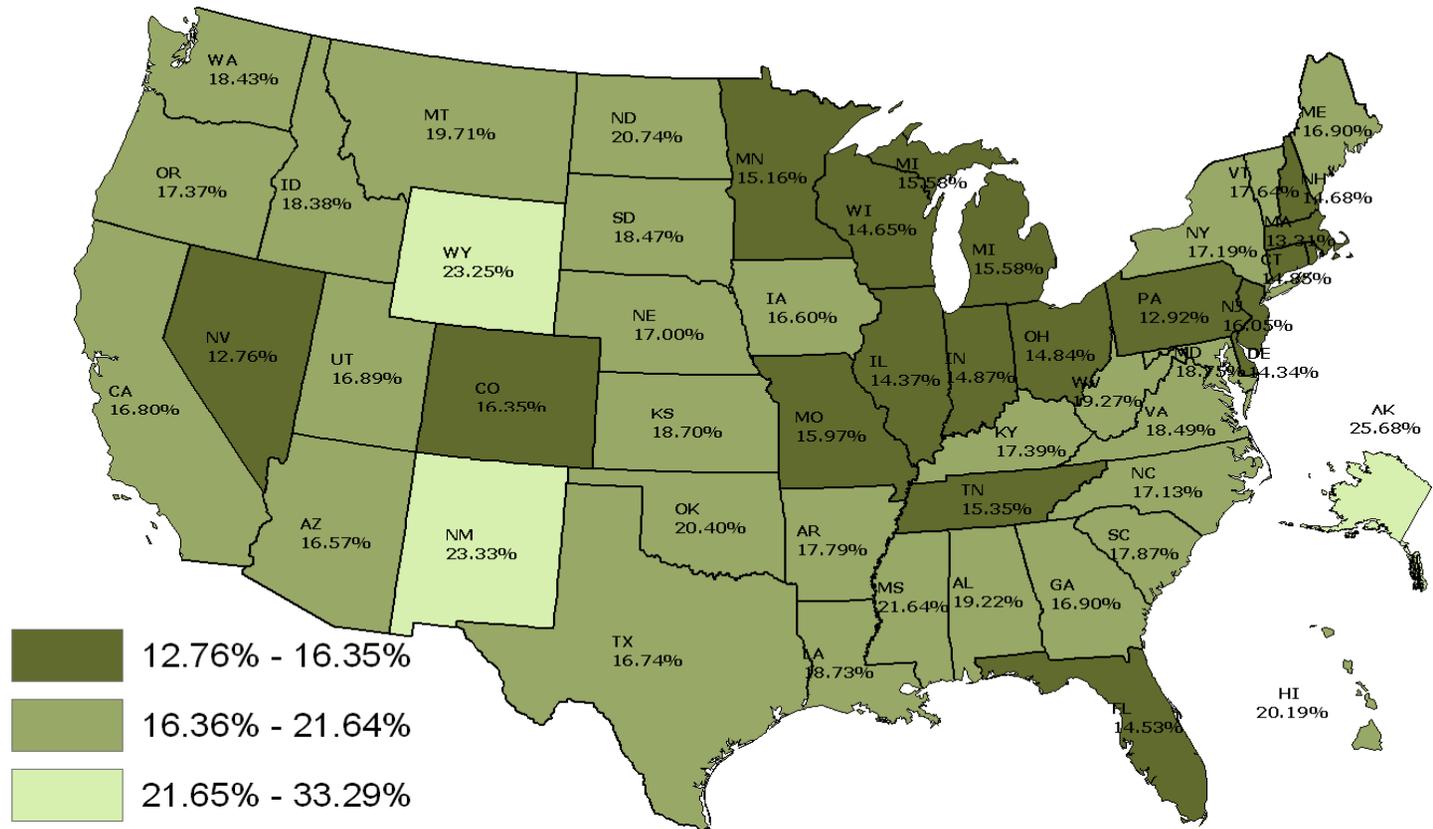
Figure 9: Percent of Nonfarm Employment in Manufacturing, 2008



At 9.45 percent, Oklahoma has the 31st highest percent of employment in the manufacturing sector for 2008. Indiana has the highest percent of employment in this sector at 17.65 percent, while the District of Columbia has the lowest at 0.23 percent. The national average percent of employment in this sector for 2008 is 9.56 percent, or 0.11 percentage points higher than Oklahoma's.

State	Percent
District of Colum	33.29
Alaska	25.68
New Mexico	23.33
Wyoming	23.25
Mississippi	21.64
North Dakota	20.74
Oklahoma	20.40
Hawaii	20.19
Montana	19.71
West Virginia	19.27
Alabama	19.22
Maryland	18.75
Louisiana	18.73
Kansas	18.70
Virginia	18.49
South Dakota	18.47
Washington	18.43
Idaho	18.38
South Carolina	17.87
Arkansas	17.79
Vermont	17.64
United States	17.59
Kentucky	17.39
Oregon	17.37
New York	17.19
North Carolina	17.13
Nebraska	17.00
Georgia	16.90
Maine	16.90
Utah	16.89
California	16.80
Texas	16.74
Iowa	16.60
Arizona	16.57
Colorado	16.35
New Jersey	16.05
Missouri	15.97
Michigan	15.58
Tennessee	15.35
Minnesota	15.16
Indiana	14.87
Connecticut	14.85
Ohio	14.84
New Hampshire	14.68
Wisconsin	14.65
Florida	14.53
Illinois	14.37
Delaware	14.34
Massachusetts	13.31
Rhode Island	13.18
Pennsylvania	12.92
Nevada	12.76

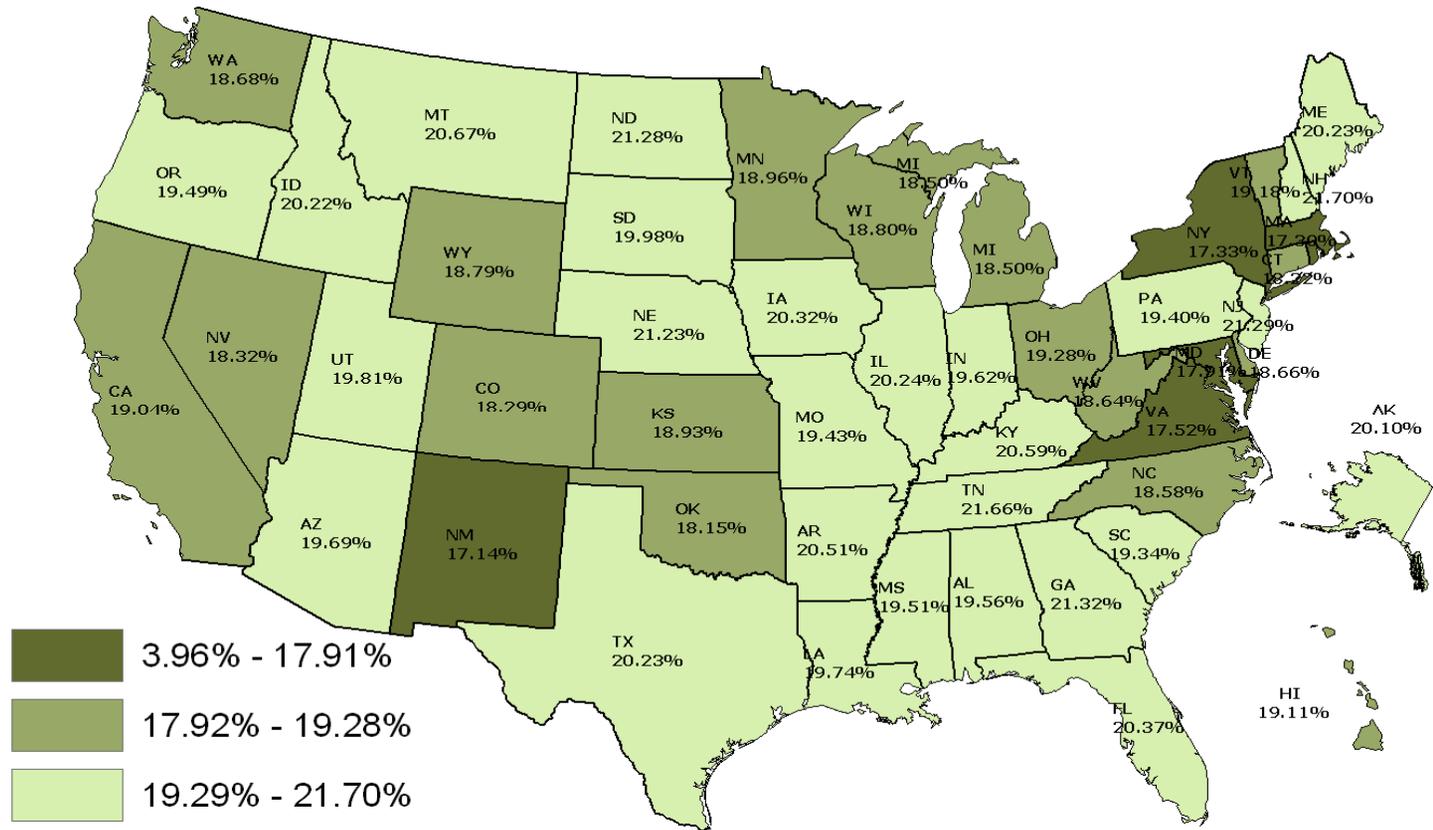
Figure 10: Percent of Nonfarm Employment in Government, 2008



At 20.40 percent, Oklahoma has the 7th highest percent of employment in the government sector for 2008. The District of Columbia has the highest percent of employment in this sector at 33.29 percent, while Nevada has the lowest at 12.76 percent. The national average percent of employment in this sector for 2008 is 17.59 percent, or 2.81 percentage points lower than Oklahoma's.

State	Percent
New Hampshire	21.70
Tennessee	21.66
Georgia	21.32
New Jersey	21.29
North Dakota	21.28
Nebraska	21.23
Montana	20.67
Kentucky	20.59
Arkansas	20.51
Florida	20.37
Iowa	20.32
Illinois	20.24
Maine	20.23
Texas	20.23
Idaho	20.22
Alaska	20.10
South Dakota	19.98
Utah	19.81
Louisiana	19.74
Arizona	19.69
Indiana	19.62
Alabama	19.56
Mississippi	19.51
Oregon	19.49
Missouri	19.43
Pennsylvania	19.40
South Carolina	19.34
Ohio	19.28
Vermont	19.18
Hawaii	19.11
United States	19.08
California	19.04
Minnesota	18.96
Kansas	18.93
Wisconsin	18.80
Wyoming	18.79
Washington	18.68
Delaware	18.66
West Virginia	18.64
North Carolina	18.58
Michigan	18.50
Nevada	18.32
Colorado	18.29
Connecticut	18.22
Oklahoma	18.15
Maryland	17.91
Virginia	17.52
New York	17.33
Massachusetts	17.30
New Mexico	17.14
Rhode Island	16.05
District of Colum	3.96

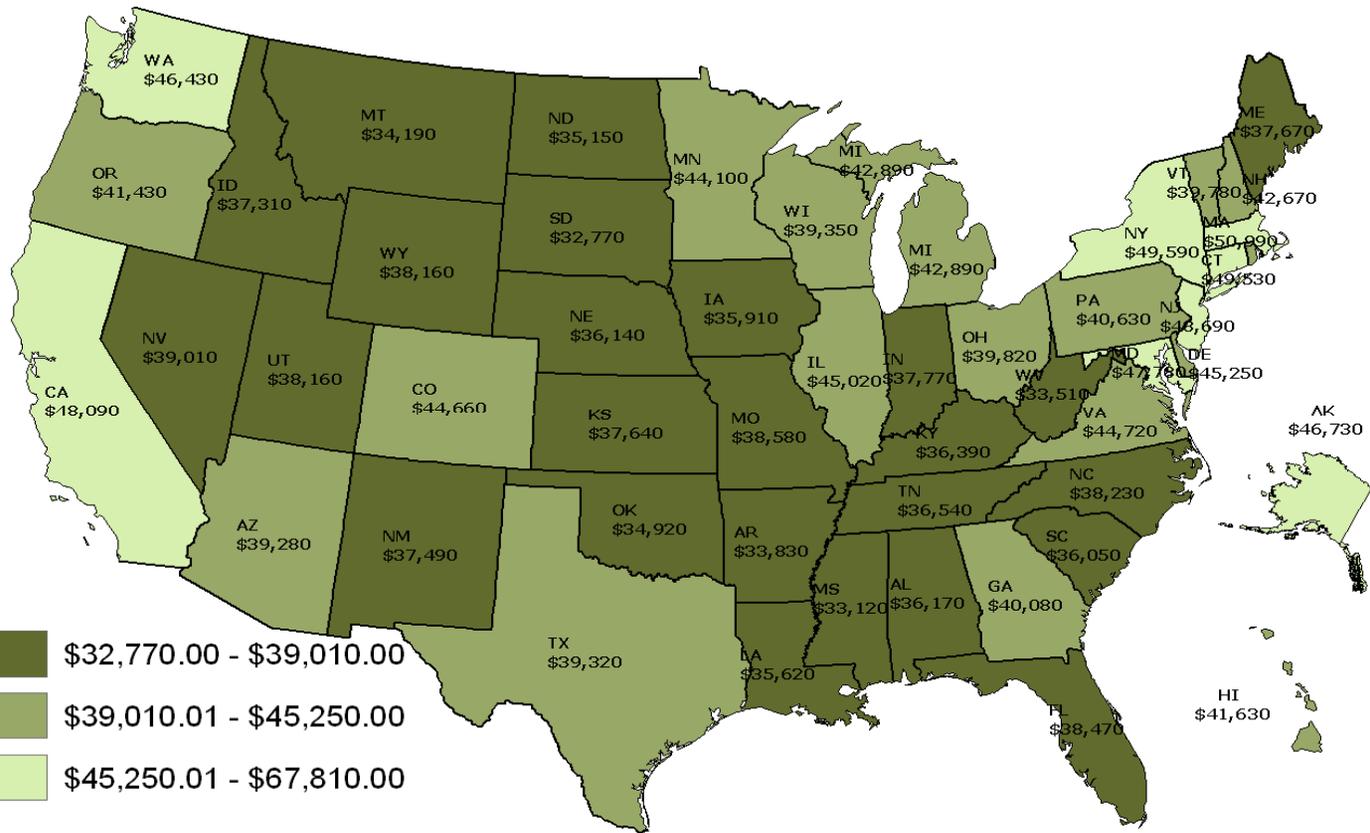
Figure 11: Percent of Nonfarm Employment in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities, 2008



At 18.15 percent, Oklahoma has the 8th lowest percent of employment in the Trade, Transportation, and Utilities sector for 2008. New Hampshire has the highest percent of employment in this sector at 21.70 percent, while the District of Columbia has the lowest at 3.96 percent. The national average percent of employment in this sector for 2008 is 19.08 percent, or 0.93 percentage points higher than Oklahoma's.

Figure 12: Median Annual Wage, 2008

State	Wage
District of Colum	\$67,810
Massachusetts	\$50,990
New York	\$49,590
Connecticut	\$49,530
New Jersey	\$48,690
California	\$48,090
Maryland	\$47,780
Alaska	\$46,730
Washington	\$46,430
Delaware	\$45,250
Illinois	\$45,020
Virginia	\$44,720
Colorado	\$44,660
Minnesota	\$44,100
Rhode Island	\$43,410
Michigan	\$42,890
New Hampshire	\$42,670
Hawaii	\$41,630
Oregon	\$41,430
United States	\$40,755
Pennsylvania	\$40,630
Georgia	\$40,080
Ohio	\$39,820
Vermont	\$39,780
Wisconsin	\$39,350
Texas	\$39,320
Arizona	\$39,280
Nevada	\$39,010
Missouri	\$38,580
Florida	\$38,470
North Carolina	\$38,230
Utah	\$38,160
Wyoming	\$38,160
Indiana	\$37,770
Maine	\$37,670
Kansas	\$37,640
New Mexico	\$37,490
Idaho	\$37,310
Tennessee	\$36,540
Kentucky	\$36,390
Alabama	\$36,170
Nebraska	\$36,140
South Carolina	\$36,050
Iowa	\$35,910
Louisiana	\$35,620
North Dakota	\$35,150
Oklahoma	\$34,920
Montana	\$34,190
Arkansas	\$33,830
West Virginia	\$33,510
Mississippi	\$33,120
South Dakota	\$32,770

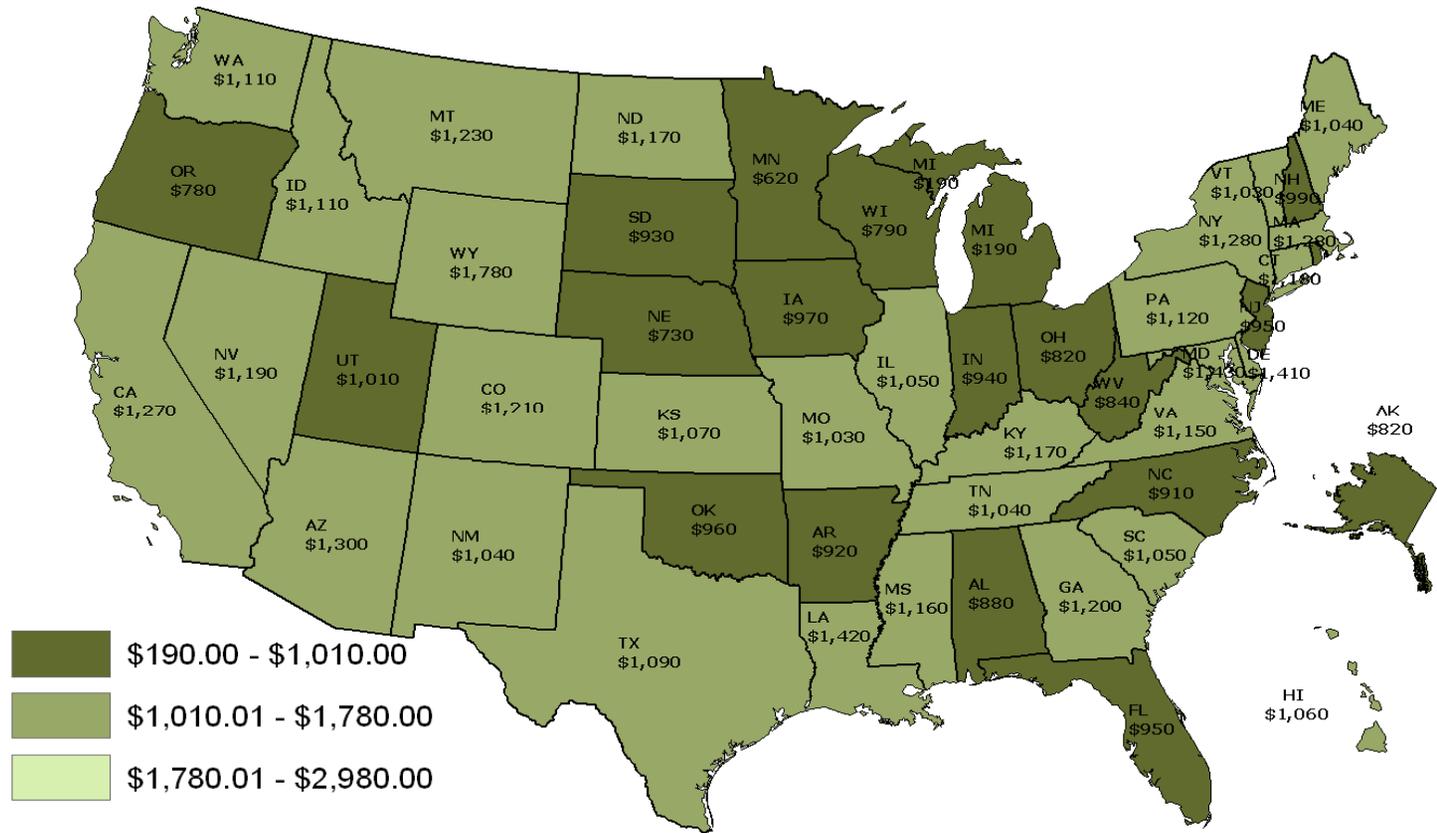


\$32,770.00 - \$39,010.00
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 \$45,250.01 - \$67,810.00

Oklahoma's median annual wage for 2008 is \$34,920 or 46th in the nation. The District of Columbia has the highest median annual wage at \$67,810, while South Dakota has the lowest at \$32,770. The national average for 2008 is \$40,755, or \$5,835 more than Oklahoma's.

State	Wage
District of Colum	\$2,980
Wyoming	\$1,780
Maryland	\$1,430
Louisiana	\$1,420
Delaware	\$1,410
Arizona	\$1,300
Massachusetts	\$1,280
New York	\$1,280
California	\$1,270
Montana	\$1,230
Colorado	\$1,210
Georgia	\$1,200
Nevada	\$1,190
Connecticut	\$1,180
Kentucky	\$1,170
North Dakota	\$1,170
Mississippi	\$1,160
Virginia	\$1,150
Pennsylvania	\$1,120
Idaho	\$1,110
Washington	\$1,110
Texas	\$1,090
United States	\$1,087
Kansas	\$1,070
Hawaii	\$1,060
Illinois	\$1,050
South Carolina	\$1,050
Maine	\$1,040
New Mexico	\$1,040
Tennessee	\$1,040
Missouri	\$1,030
Vermont	\$1,030
Utah	\$1,010
New Hampshire	\$990
Iowa	\$970
Oklahoma	\$960
Florida	\$950
New Jersey	\$950
Indiana	\$940
South Dakota	\$930
Arkansas	\$920
North Carolina	\$910
Alabama	\$880
West Virginia	\$840
Alaska	\$820
Ohio	\$820
Rhode Island	\$810
Wisconsin	\$790
Oregon	\$780
Nebraska	\$730
Minnesota	\$620
Michigan	\$190

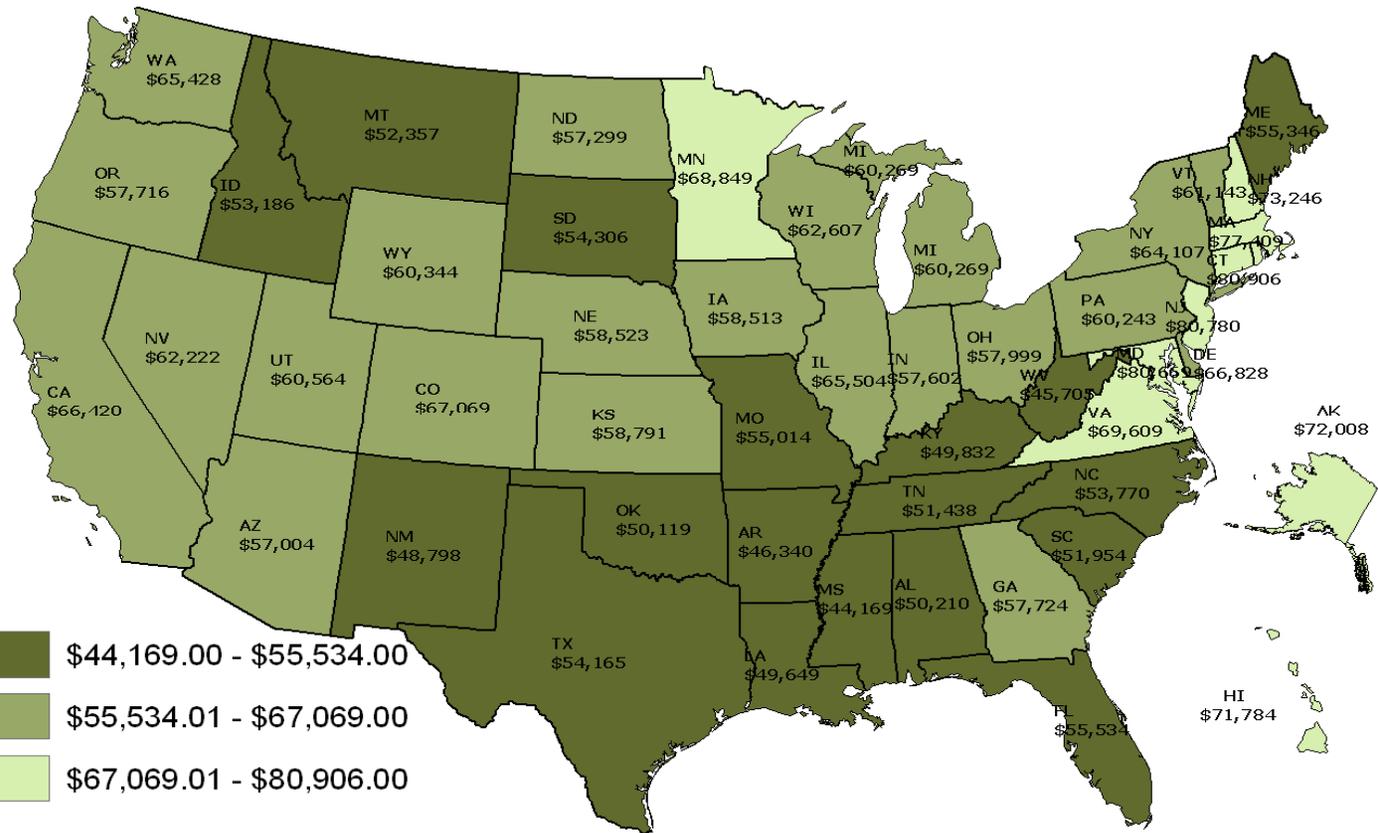
Figure 13: Change in Median Annual Wages, 2007-2008



Oklahoma experienced a \$960 increase in its average median wage from 2007 to 2008. This gave Oklahoma the 17th lowest increase in wages in the nation. The District of Columbia had the greatest increase from 2007 to 2008 at \$2,980, while Michigan had the lowest increase at \$190. The average increase for the nation was \$1,087, or \$127 more than Oklahoma's.

Figure 14: Median Family Income, 2008

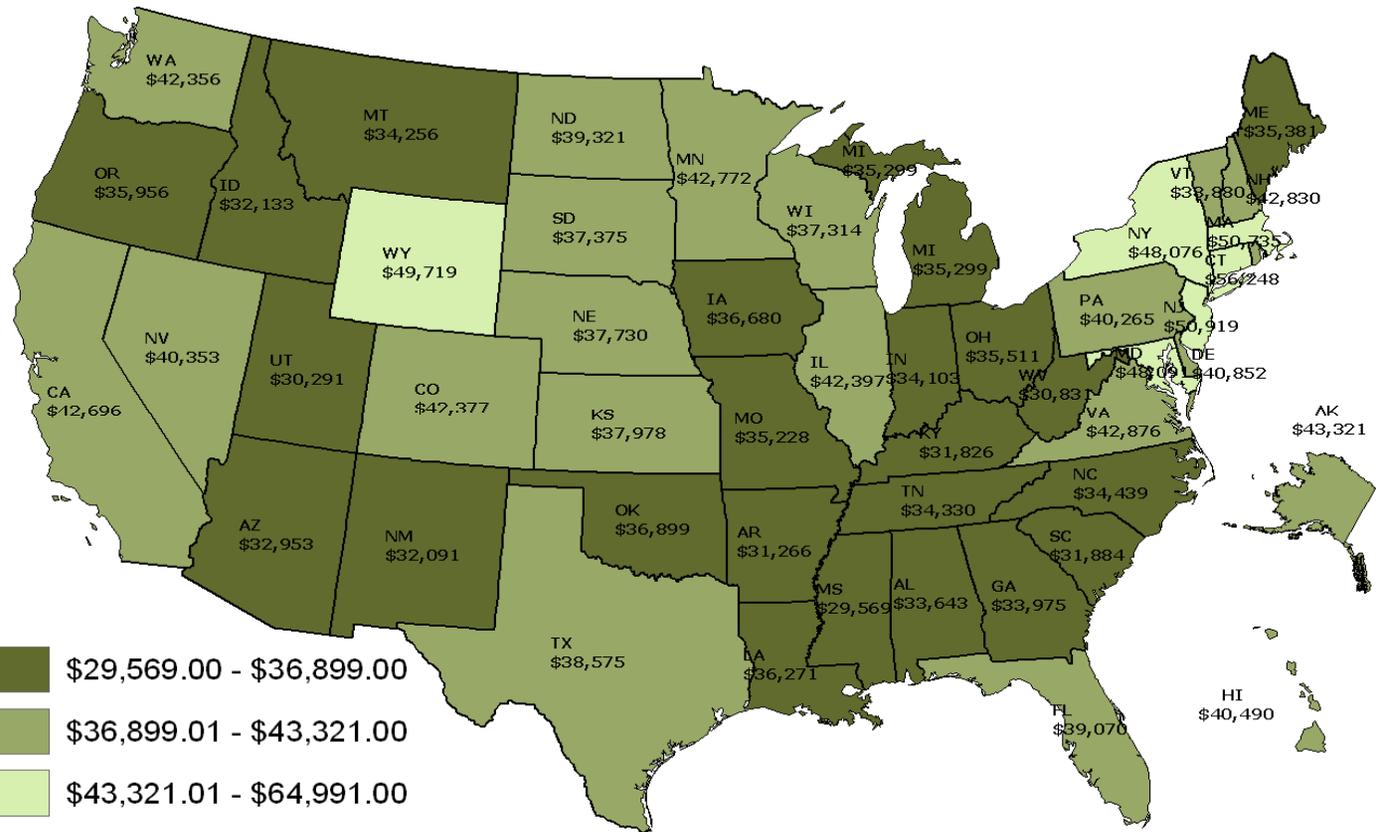
State	Income
Connecticut	\$80,906
New Jersey	\$80,780
Maryland	\$80,669
Massachusetts	\$77,409
New Hampshire	\$73,246
Alaska	\$72,008
Hawaii	\$71,784
Virginia	\$69,609
Minnesota	\$68,849
Rhode Island	\$68,740
Colorado	\$67,069
Delaware	\$66,828
California	\$66,420
Illinois	\$65,504
Washington	\$65,428
New York	\$64,107
Wisconsin	\$62,607
Nevada	\$62,222
Vermont	\$61,143
District of Colum	\$60,970
Utah	\$60,564
Wyoming	\$60,344
Michigan	\$60,269
Pennsylvania	\$60,243
United States	\$60,211
Kansas	\$58,791
Nebraska	\$58,523
Iowa	\$58,513
Ohio	\$57,999
Georgia	\$57,724
Oregon	\$57,716
Indiana	\$57,602
North Dakota	\$57,299
Arizona	\$57,004
Florida	\$55,534
Maine	\$55,346
Missouri	\$55,014
South Dakota	\$54,306
Texas	\$54,165
North Carolina	\$53,770
Idaho	\$53,186
Montana	\$52,357
South Carolina	\$51,954
Tennessee	\$51,438
Alabama	\$50,210
Oklahoma	\$50,119
Kentucky	\$49,832
Louisiana	\$49,649
New Mexico	\$48,798
Arkansas	\$46,340
West Virginia	\$45,705
Mississippi	\$44,169



Oklahoma, at \$50,119, has the 7th lowest median family income for 2008. Connecticut has the highest median family income at \$80,906, while Mississippi has the lowest at \$44,169. The national average for 2008 is \$60,211, or \$10,092 more than Oklahoma's.

Figure 15: Per Capita Personal Income, 2008

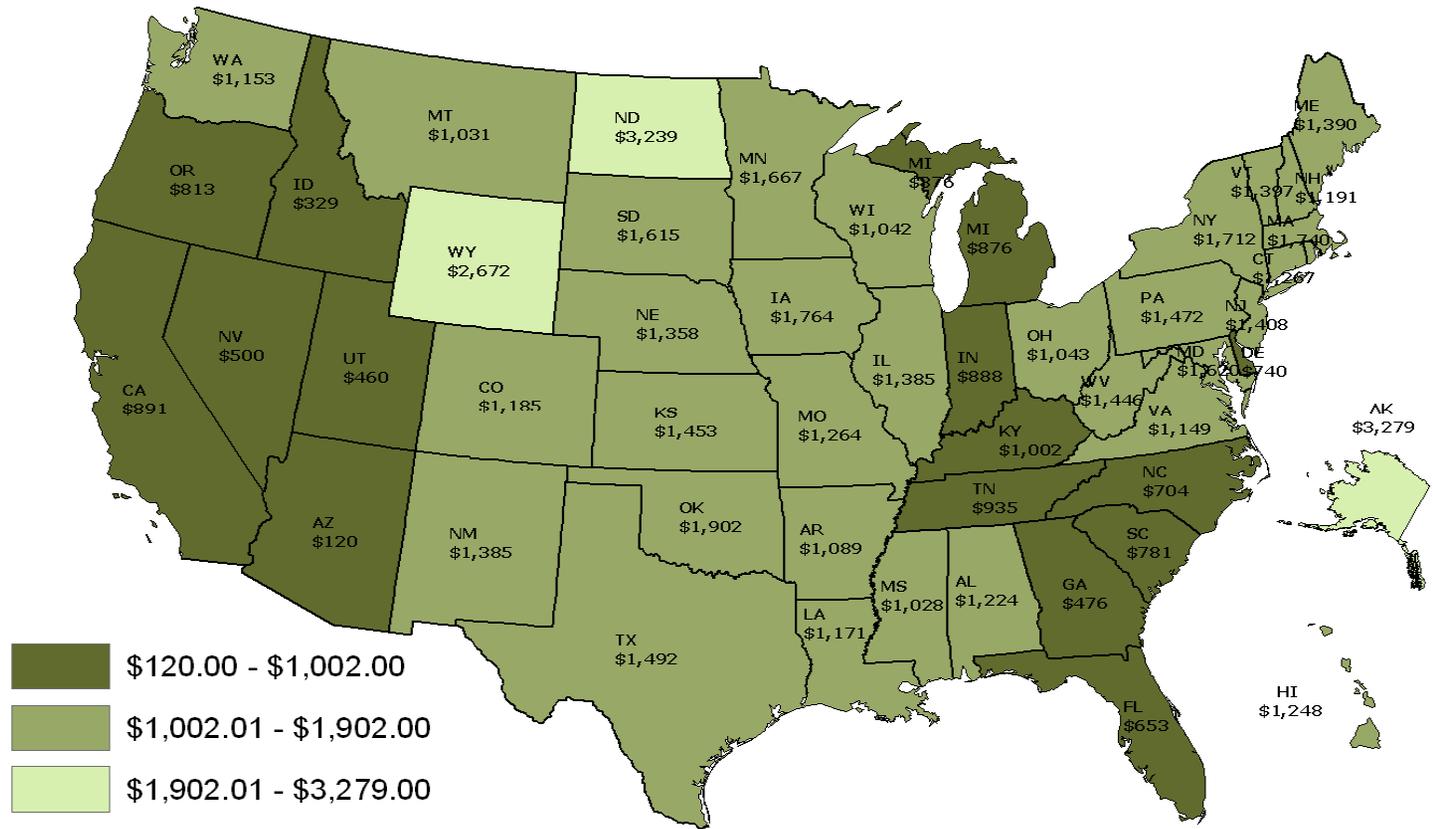
State	Income
District of Colum	\$64,991
Connecticut	\$56,248
New Jersey	\$50,919
Massachusetts	\$50,735
Wyoming	\$49,719
Maryland	\$48,091
New York	\$48,076
Alaska	\$43,321
Virginia	\$42,876
New Hampshire	\$42,830
Minnesota	\$42,772
California	\$42,696
Illinois	\$42,397
Colorado	\$42,377
Washington	\$42,356
Rhode Island	\$41,008
Delaware	\$40,852
Hawaii	\$40,490
Nevada	\$40,353
Pennsylvania	\$40,265
North Dakota	\$39,321
United States	\$39,106
Florida	\$39,070
Vermont	\$38,880
Texas	\$38,575
Kansas	\$37,978
Nebraska	\$37,730
South Dakota	\$37,375
Wisconsin	\$37,314
Oklahoma	\$36,899
Iowa	\$36,680
Louisiana	\$36,271
Oregon	\$35,956
Ohio	\$35,511
Maine	\$35,381
Michigan	\$35,299
Missouri	\$35,228
North Carolina	\$34,439
Tennessee	\$34,330
Montana	\$34,256
Indiana	\$34,103
Georgia	\$33,975
Alabama	\$33,643
Arizona	\$32,953
Idaho	\$32,133
New Mexico	\$32,091
South Carolina	\$31,884
Kentucky	\$31,826
Arkansas	\$31,266
West Virginia	\$30,831
Utah	\$30,291
Mississippi	\$29,569



Oklahoma, at \$36,899, has the 29th highest per capita personal income for 2008. The District of Columbia has the highest per capita personal income at \$64,991, while Mississippi has the lowest at \$29,569. The national average per capita personal income is \$39,106, or \$2,207 more than Oklahoma's.

State	Income
Alaska	\$3,279
North Dakota	\$3,239
Wyoming	\$2,672
District of Colum	\$2,507
Oklahoma	\$1,902
Iowa	\$1,764
Massachusetts	\$1,740
New York	\$1,712
Minnesota	\$1,667
Maryland	\$1,620
South Dakota	\$1,615
Texas	\$1,492
Pennsylvania	\$1,472
Kansas	\$1,453
West Virginia	\$1,446
New Jersey	\$1,408
Vermont	\$1,397
Maine	\$1,390
Illinois	\$1,385
New Mexico	\$1,385
Nebraska	\$1,358
United States	\$1,281
Connecticut	\$1,267
Missouri	\$1,264
Hawaii	\$1,248
Alabama	\$1,224
New Hampshire	\$1,191
Colorado	\$1,185
Rhode Island	\$1,179
Louisiana	\$1,171
Washington	\$1,153
Virginia	\$1,149
Arkansas	\$1,089
Ohio	\$1,043
Wisconsin	\$1,042
Montana	\$1,031
Mississippi	\$1,028
Kentucky	\$1,002
Tennessee	\$935
California	\$891
Indiana	\$888
Michigan	\$876
Oregon	\$813
South Carolina	\$781
Delaware	\$740
North Carolina	\$704
Florida	\$653
Nevada	\$500
Georgia	\$476
Utah	\$460
Idaho	\$329
Arizona	\$120

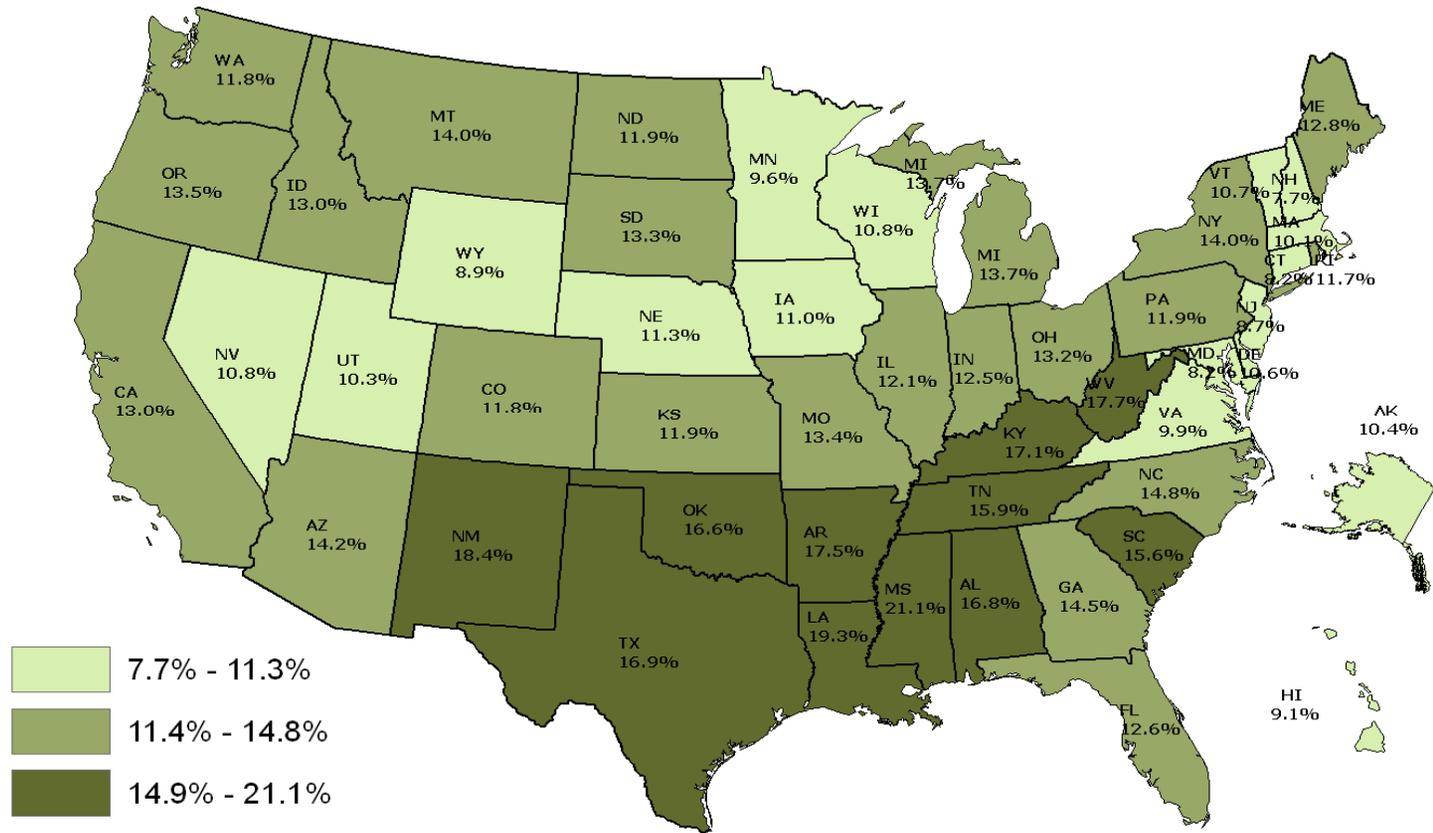
Figure 16: Change in Per Capita Personal Income, 2007 - 2008



Oklahoma experienced a \$1,902 increase in per capita personal income between 2007 and 2008. This was the 5th largest increase in the nation. Alaska had the greatest increase in per capita personal income between 2007 and 2008 at \$3,279, while Arizona had the smallest increase at \$120. The national average increase was \$1,281, or \$621 less than Oklahoma's.

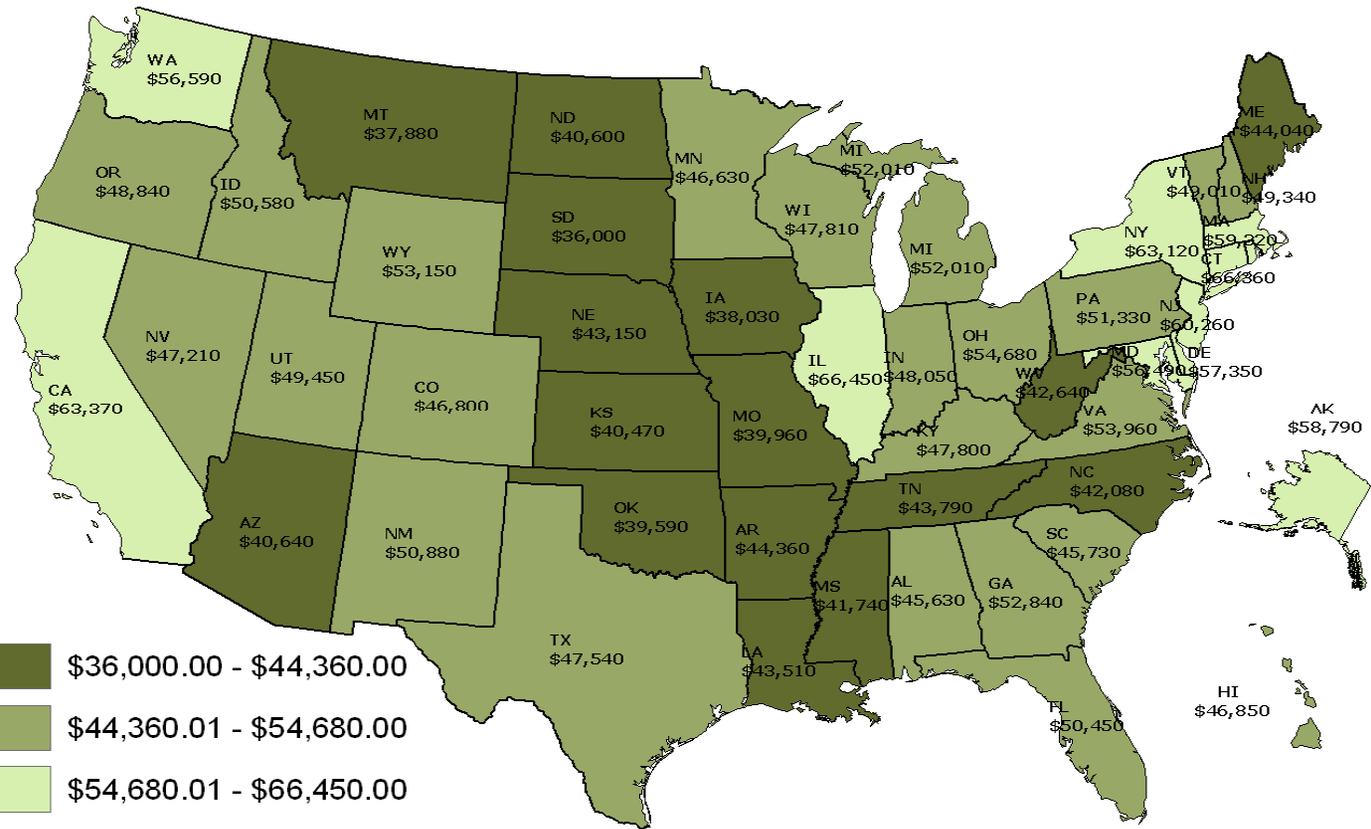
State	Percent
New Hampshire	7.7
Connecticut	8.2
Maryland	8.2
New Jersey	8.7
Wyoming	8.9
Hawaii	9.1
Minnesota	9.6
Virginia	9.9
Massachusetts	10.1
Utah	10.3
Alaska	10.4
Delaware	10.6
Vermont	10.7
Nevada	10.8
Wisconsin	10.8
Iowa	11.0
Nebraska	11.3
Rhode Island	11.7
Colorado	11.8
Washington	11.8
Kansas	11.9
North Dakota	11.9
Pennsylvania	11.9
Illinois	12.1
Indiana	12.5
Florida	12.6
Maine	12.8
California	13.0
Idaho	13.0
Ohio	13.2
South Dakota	13.3
United States	13.3
Missouri	13.4
Oregon	13.5
Michigan	13.7
Montana	14.0
New York	14.0
Arizona	14.2
Georgia	14.5
North Carolina	14.8
South Carolina	15.6
Tennessee	15.9
Oklahoma	16.6
Alabama	16.8
Texas	16.9
Kentucky	17.1
Arkansas	17.5
West Virginia	17.7
New Mexico	18.4
District of Colum	18.8
Louisiana	19.3
Mississippi	21.1

Figure 17: Percent of Population Below the Poverty Line, 2008



Oklahoma, at 16.6 percent, has the 10th highest percent of population below the poverty line for 2008. New Hampshire has the lowest at 7.7 percent, while Mississippi has the highest at 21.1 percent. The national average is 13.3 percent, or 3.3 percentage points lower than Oklahoma's.

Figure 18: Median Wage of Secondary School Teachers, 2008



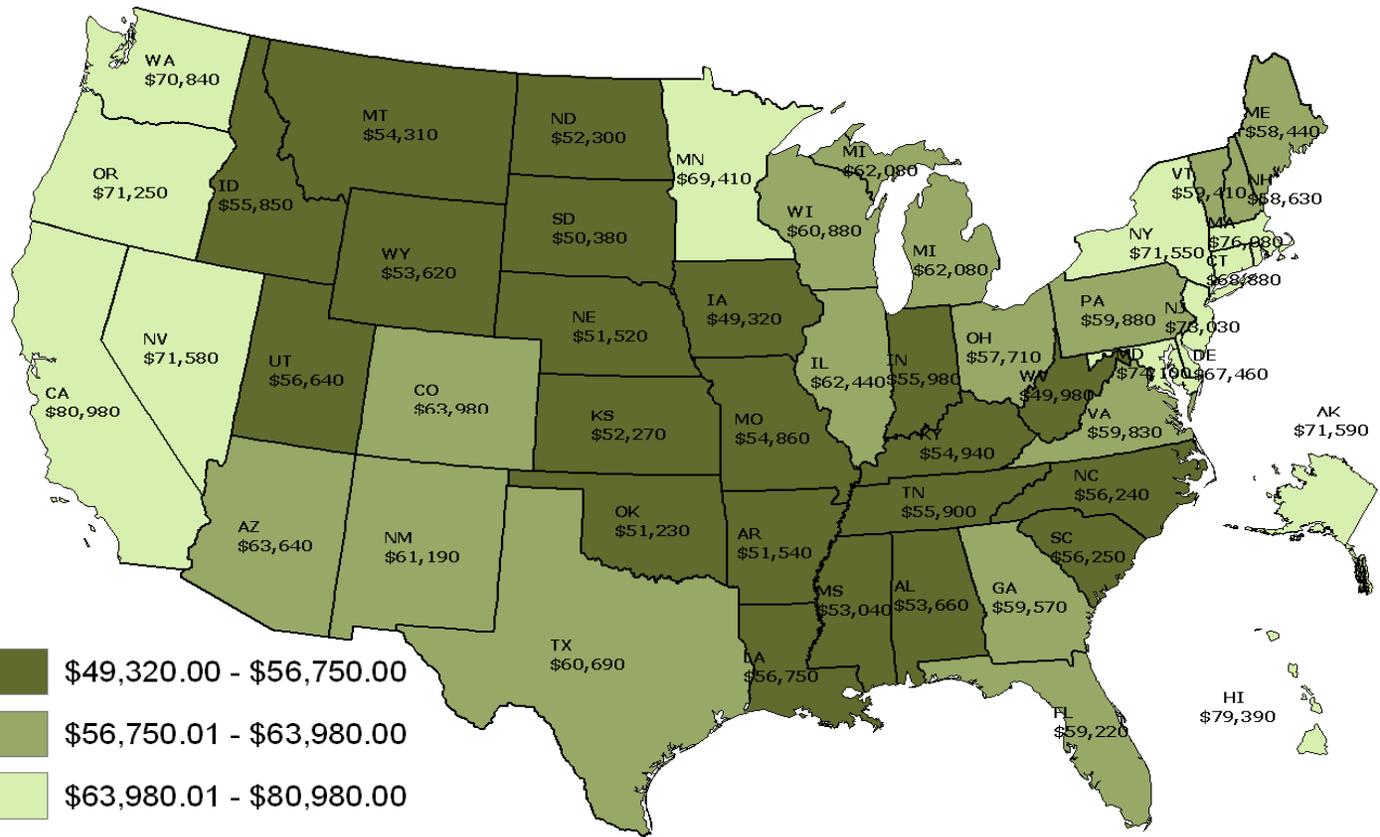
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 \$54,680.01 - \$66,450.00

State	Wage
Illinois	\$66,450
Connecticut	\$66,360
California	\$63,370
New York	\$63,120
Rhode Island	\$62,090
New Jersey	\$60,260
Massachusetts	\$59,320
Alaska	\$58,790
Delaware	\$57,350
Washington	\$56,590
Maryland	\$56,490
Ohio	\$54,680
Virginia	\$53,960
Wyoming	\$53,150
Georgia	\$52,840
Michigan	\$52,010
Pennsylvania	\$51,330
New Mexico	\$50,880
Idaho	\$50,580
Florida	\$50,450
Utah	\$49,450
New Hampshire	\$49,340
United States	\$49,291
Vermont	\$49,010
Oregon	\$48,840
District of Colum	\$48,590
Indiana	\$48,050
Wisconsin	\$47,810
Kentucky	\$47,800
Texas	\$47,540
Nevada	\$47,210
Hawaii	\$46,850
Colorado	\$46,800
Minnesota	\$46,630
South Carolina	\$45,730
Alabama	\$45,630
Arkansas	\$44,360
Maine	\$44,040
Tennessee	\$43,790
Louisiana	\$43,510
Nebraska	\$43,150
West Virginia	\$42,640
North Carolina	\$42,080
Mississippi	\$41,740
Arizona	\$40,640
North Dakota	\$40,600
Kansas	\$40,470
Missouri	\$39,960
Oklahoma	\$39,590
Iowa	\$38,030
Montana	\$37,880
South Dakota	\$36,000

Oklahoma, at \$39,590, has the 4th lowest median wage of secondary school teachers for 2008. Illinois has the highest wage at \$66,450, while South Dakota has the lowest wage at \$36,000. The national median wage of secondary school teachers for 2008 is \$49,291, or \$9,701 more than Oklahoma's.

Figure 19: Median Wage of Registered Nurses, 2008

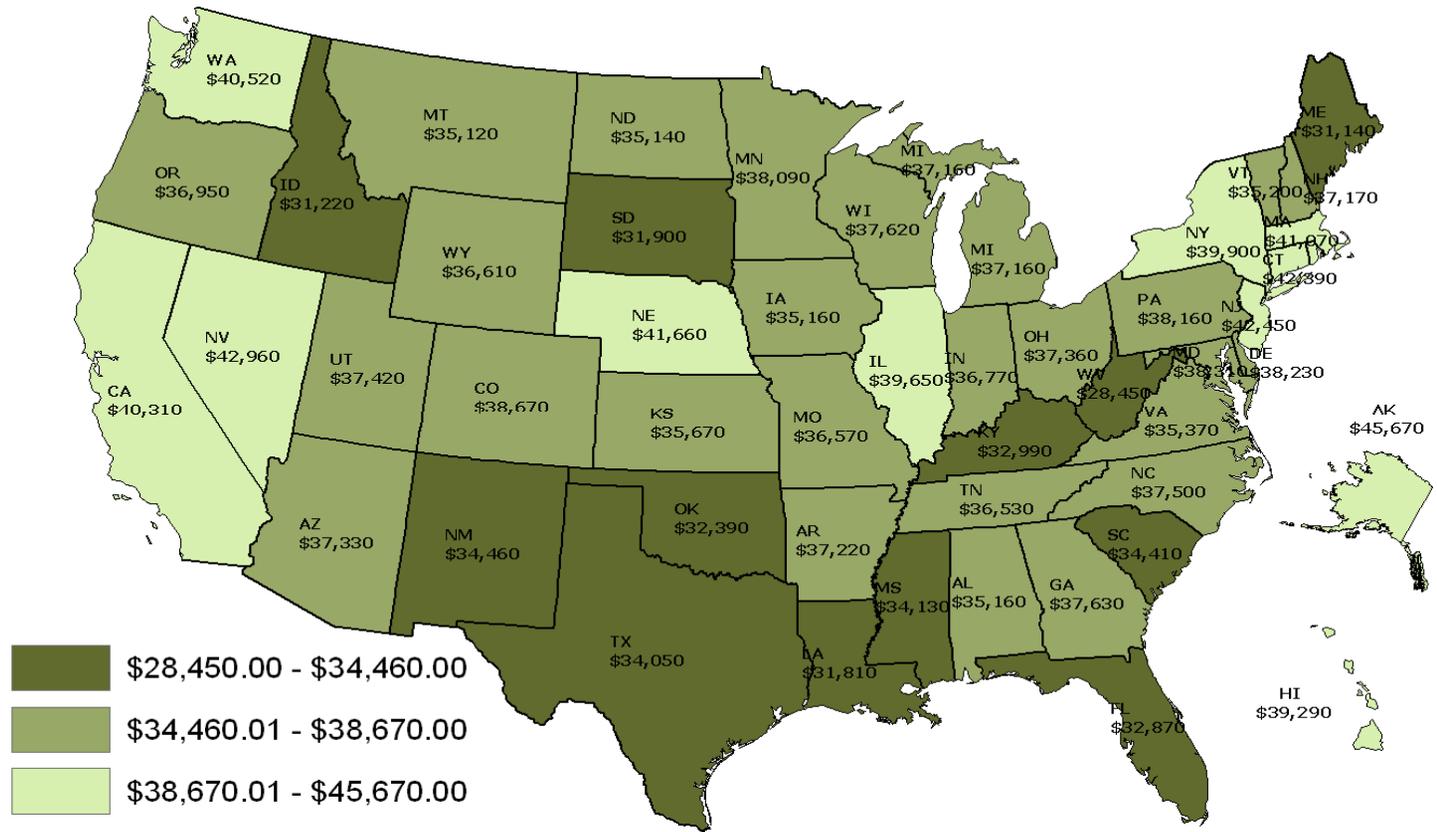
State	Wage
California	\$80,980
Hawaii	\$79,390
Massachusetts	\$76,080
Maryland	\$74,100
New Jersey	\$73,030
District of Colum	\$72,930
Alaska	\$71,590
Nevada	\$71,580
New York	\$71,550
Oregon	\$71,250
Washington	\$70,840
Minnesota	\$69,410
Connecticut	\$68,880
Rhode Island	\$68,440
Delaware	\$67,460
Colorado	\$63,980
Arizona	\$63,640
Illinois	\$62,440
Michigan	\$62,080
United States	\$61,209
New Mexico	\$61,190
Wisconsin	\$60,880
Texas	\$60,690
Pennsylvania	\$59,880
Virginia	\$59,830
Georgia	\$59,570
Vermont	\$59,410
Florida	\$59,220
New Hampshire	\$58,630
Maine	\$58,440
Ohio	\$57,710
Louisiana	\$56,750
Utah	\$56,640
South Carolina	\$56,250
North Carolina	\$56,240
Indiana	\$55,980
Tennessee	\$55,900
Idaho	\$55,850
Kentucky	\$54,940
Missouri	\$54,860
Montana	\$54,310
Alabama	\$53,660
Wyoming	\$53,620
Mississippi	\$53,040
North Dakota	\$52,300
Kansas	\$52,270
Arkansas	\$51,540
Nebraska	\$51,520
Oklahoma	\$51,230
South Dakota	\$50,380
West Virginia	\$49,980
Iowa	\$49,320



Oklahoma, at \$51,230, has the 4th lowest median wage for registered nurses for 2008. California, at \$80,980, has the highest median wage, while Iowa has the lowest at \$49,320. The national median wage for registered nurses is \$61,209, or \$9,979 more than Oklahoma's.

State	Wage
Alaska	\$45,670
Nevada	\$42,960
New Jersey	\$42,450
Connecticut	\$42,390
Nebraska	\$41,660
Massachusetts	\$41,070
District of Colum	\$40,670
Washington	\$40,520
California	\$40,310
New York	\$39,900
Rhode Island	\$39,730
Illinois	\$39,650
Hawaii	\$39,290
Colorado	\$38,670
Maryland	\$38,310
Delaware	\$38,230
Pennsylvania	\$38,160
Minnesota	\$38,090
Georgia	\$37,630
Wisconsin	\$37,620
North Carolina	\$37,500
Utah	\$37,420
Ohio	\$37,360
Arizona	\$37,330
Arkansas	\$37,220
New Hampshire	\$37,170
Michigan	\$37,160
Oregon	\$36,950
United States	\$36,945
Indiana	\$36,770
Wyoming	\$36,610
Missouri	\$36,570
Tennessee	\$36,530
Kansas	\$35,670
Virginia	\$35,370
Vermont	\$35,200
Alabama	\$35,160
Iowa	\$35,160
North Dakota	\$35,140
Montana	\$35,120
New Mexico	\$34,460
South Carolina	\$34,410
Mississippi	\$34,130
Texas	\$34,050
Kentucky	\$32,990
Florida	\$32,870
Oklahoma	\$32,390
South Dakota	\$31,900
Louisiana	\$31,810
Idaho	\$31,220
Maine	\$31,140
West Virginia	\$28,450

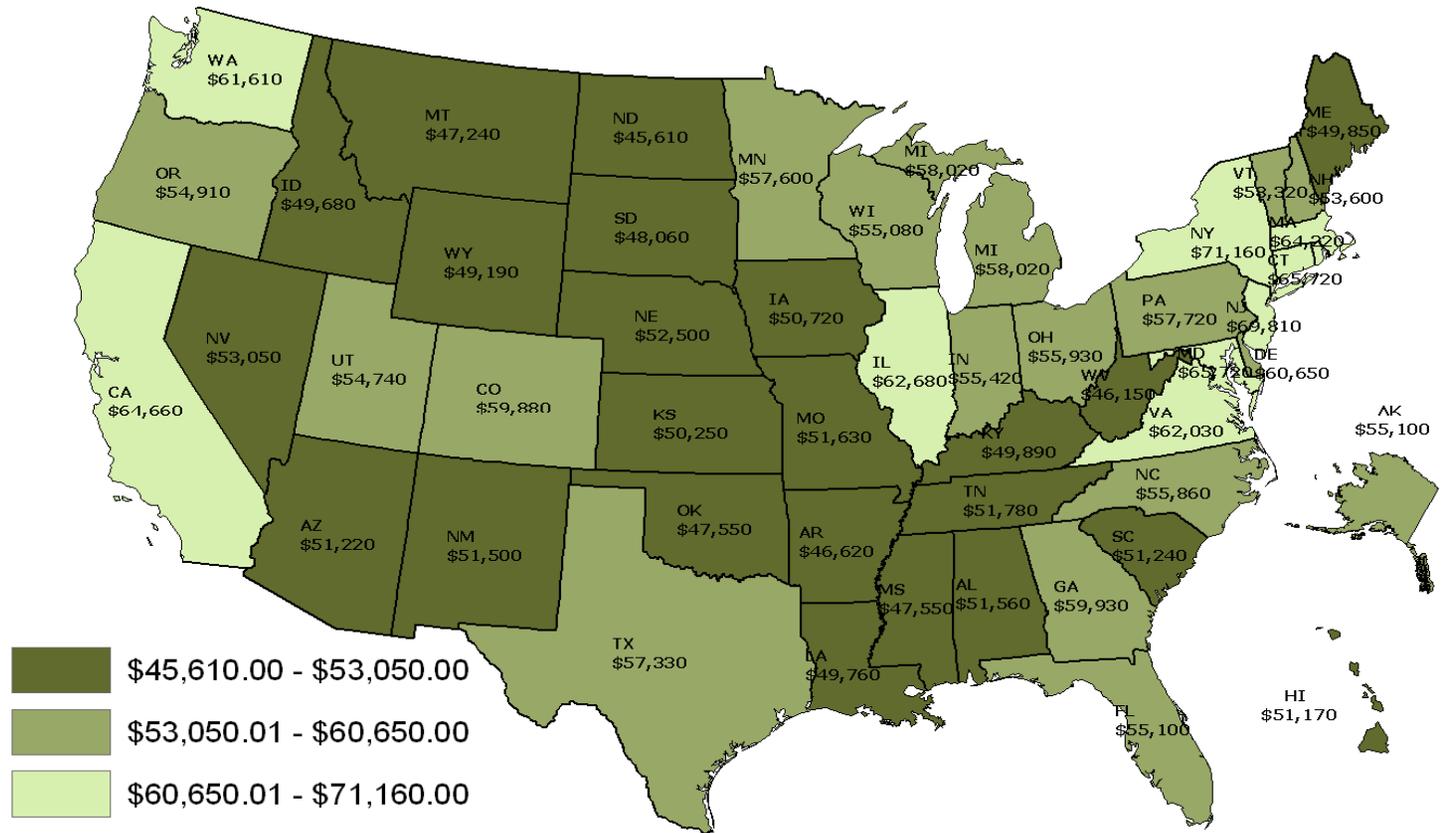
Figure 20: Median Wage of Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor Trailer, 2008



Oklahoma ranks 46th in the nation in terms of the median wage of heavy and tractor trailer truck drivers. The median wage for Oklahoma, in 2008, is \$32,390. Alaska has the highest median wage at \$45,670, while West Virginia has the lowest at \$28,450. The national median wage for heavy and tractor trailer truck drivers in 2008 is \$36,945, or \$4,555 more than Oklahoma's.

State	Wage
New York	\$71,160
District of Colum	\$70,270
New Jersey	\$69,810
Connecticut	\$65,720
Maryland	\$65,720
California	\$64,660
Massachusetts	\$64,220
Illinois	\$62,680
Virginia	\$62,030
Washington	\$61,610
Rhode Island	\$61,240
Delaware	\$60,650
Georgia	\$59,930
Colorado	\$59,880
Vermont	\$58,320
Michigan	\$58,020
Pennsylvania	\$57,720
Minnesota	\$57,600
Texas	\$57,330
Ohio	\$55,930
North Carolina	\$55,860
United States	\$55,453
Indiana	\$55,420
Alaska	\$55,100
Florida	\$55,100
Wisconsin	\$55,080
Oregon	\$54,910
Utah	\$54,740
New Hampshire	\$53,600
Nevada	\$53,050
Nebraska	\$52,500
Tennessee	\$51,780
Missouri	\$51,630
Alabama	\$51,560
New Mexico	\$51,500
South Carolina	\$51,240
Arizona	\$51,220
Hawaii	\$51,170
Iowa	\$50,720
Kansas	\$50,250
Kentucky	\$49,890
Maine	\$49,850
Louisiana	\$49,760
Idaho	\$49,680
Wyoming	\$49,190
South Dakota	\$48,060
Mississippi	\$47,550
Oklahoma	\$47,550
Montana	\$47,240
Arkansas	\$46,620
West Virginia	\$46,150
North Dakota	\$45,610

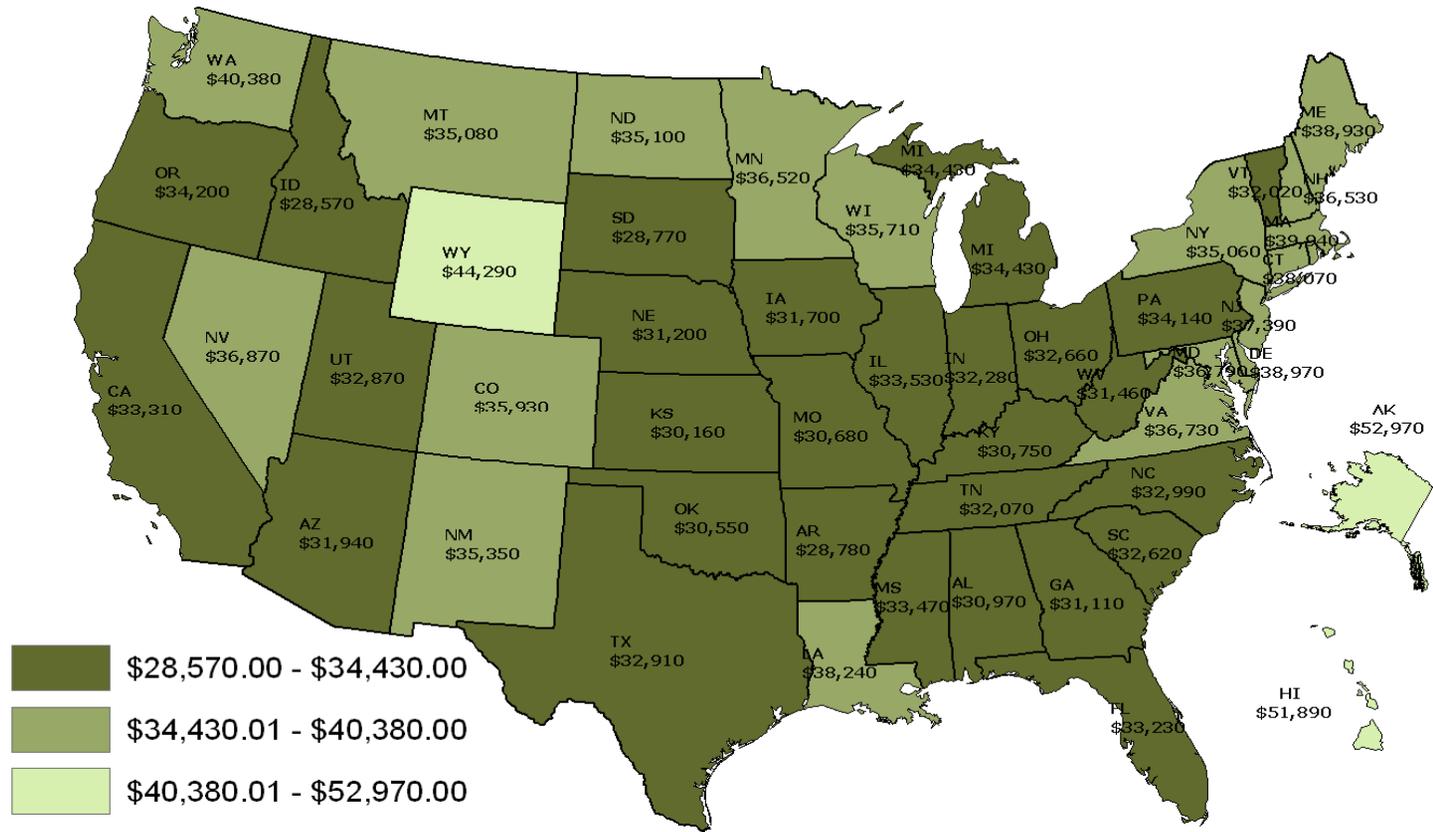
Figure 21: Median Wage of Accountants and Auditors, 2008



Oklahoma, at \$47,550, has the 5th lowest median wage of accountants and auditors for 2008. New York, at \$71,160, has the highest median wage, while North Dakota has the lowest at \$45,610. The national median wage for accountants and auditors for 2008 is \$55,453, or \$7,903 more than Oklahoma's.

State	Wage
Alaska	\$52,970
Hawaii	\$51,890
District of Colum	\$44,480
Wyoming	\$44,290
Washington	\$40,380
Massachusetts	\$39,940
Rhode Island	\$39,520
Delaware	\$38,970
Maine	\$38,930
Louisiana	\$38,240
Connecticut	\$38,070
New Jersey	\$37,390
Nevada	\$36,870
Maryland	\$36,790
Virginia	\$36,730
New Hampshire	\$36,530
Minnesota	\$36,520
Colorado	\$35,930
Wisconsin	\$35,710
New Mexico	\$35,350
United States	\$35,179
North Dakota	\$35,100
Montana	\$35,080
New York	\$35,060
Michigan	\$34,430
Oregon	\$34,200
Pennsylvania	\$34,140
Illinois	\$33,530
Mississippi	\$33,470
California	\$33,310
Florida	\$33,230
North Carolina	\$32,990
Texas	\$32,910
Utah	\$32,870
Ohio	\$32,660
South Carolina	\$32,620
Indiana	\$32,280
Tennessee	\$32,070
Vermont	\$32,020
Arizona	\$31,940
Iowa	\$31,700
West Virginia	\$31,460
Nebraska	\$31,200
Georgia	\$31,110
Alabama	\$30,970
Kentucky	\$30,750
Missouri	\$30,680
Oklahoma	\$30,550
Kansas	\$30,160
Arkansas	\$28,780
South Dakota	\$28,770
Idaho	\$28,570

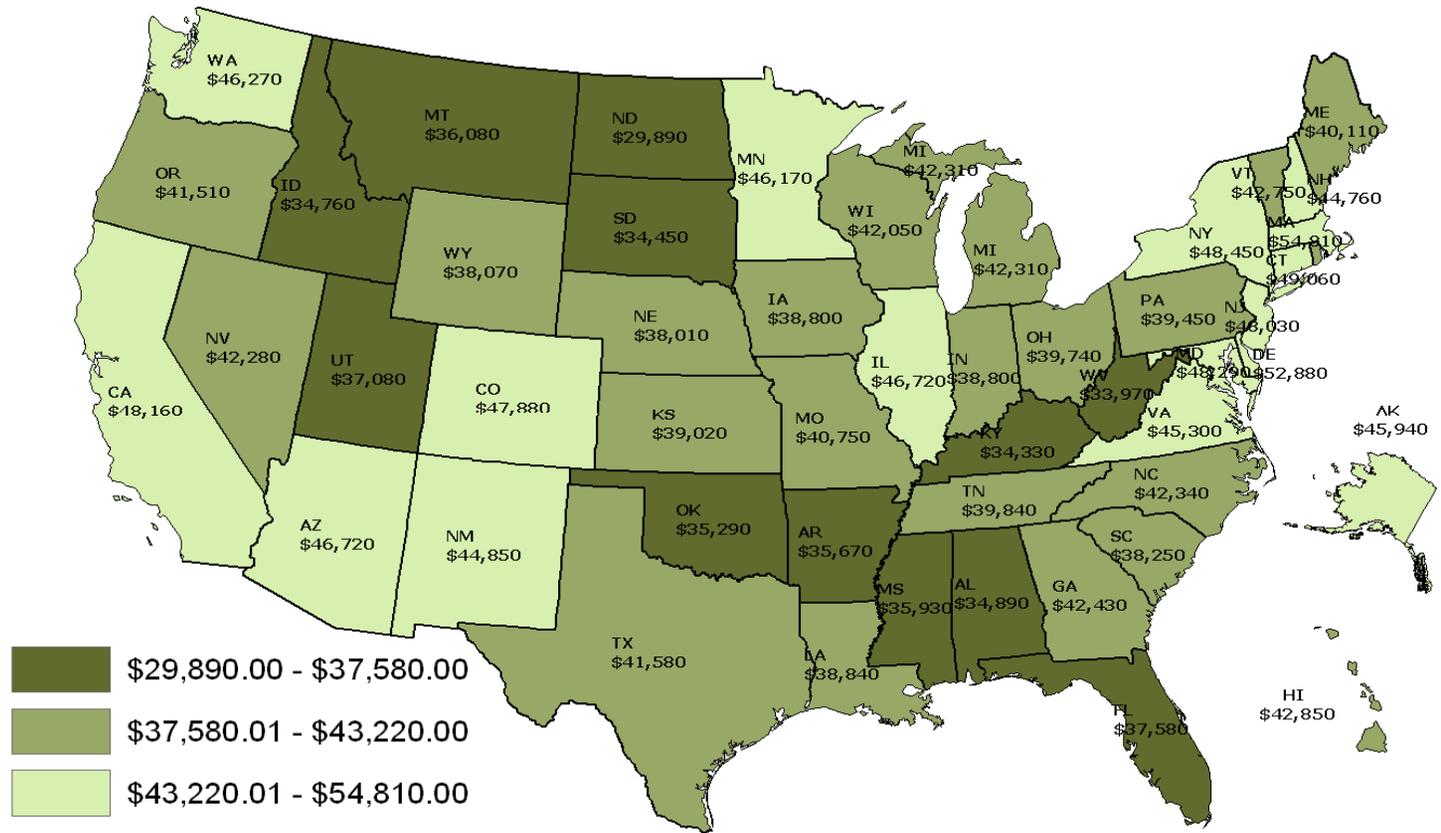
Figure 22: Median Wage of Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers, 2008



Oklahoma, at \$30,550, has the 5th lowest median wage for welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers in 2008. Alaska has the highest median wage at \$52,970, while Idaho has the lowest at \$28,570. The national median wage for welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers for 2008 is \$35,179, or \$4,629 more than Oklahoma's.

State	Wage
Massachusetts	\$54,810
District of Colum	\$54,080
Delaware	\$52,880
Connecticut	\$49,060
New York	\$48,450
Maryland	\$48,290
California	\$48,160
New Jersey	\$48,030
Colorado	\$47,880
Arizona	\$46,720
Illinois	\$46,720
Washington	\$46,270
Minnesota	\$46,170
Alaska	\$45,940
Virginia	\$45,300
New Mexico	\$44,850
New Hampshire	\$44,760
Rhode Island	\$43,220
Hawaii	\$42,850
Vermont	\$42,750
Georgia	\$42,430
North Carolina	\$42,340
Michigan	\$42,310
Nevada	\$42,280
Wisconsin	\$42,050
United States	\$41,790
Texas	\$41,580
Oregon	\$41,510
Missouri	\$40,750
Maine	\$40,110
Tennessee	\$39,840
Ohio	\$39,740
Pennsylvania	\$39,450
Kansas	\$39,020
Louisiana	\$38,840
Indiana	\$38,800
Iowa	\$38,800
South Carolina	\$38,250
Wyoming	\$38,070
Nebraska	\$38,010
Florida	\$37,580
Utah	\$37,080
Montana	\$36,080
Mississippi	\$35,930
Arkansas	\$35,670
Oklahoma	\$35,290
Alabama	\$34,890
Idaho	\$34,760
South Dakota	\$34,450
Kentucky	\$34,330
West Virginia	\$33,970
North Dakota	\$29,890

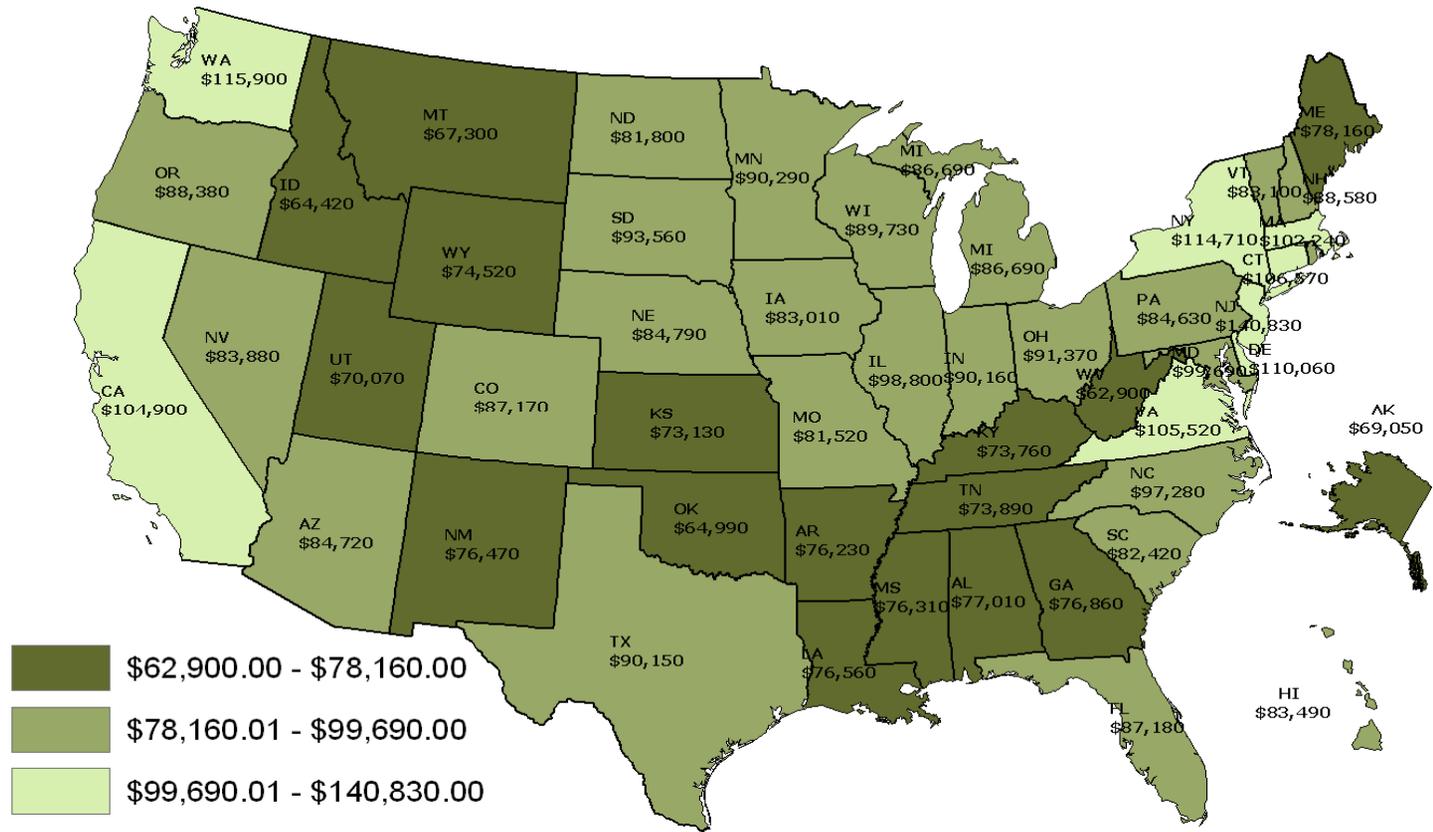
Figure 23: Median Wage of Computer Support Specialists, 2008



Oklahoma, at \$35,290, has the 7th lowest median wage in 2008 for computer support specialists. Massachusetts has the highest median wage at \$54,810, while North Dakota has the lowest at \$29,890. The national median wage for computer support specialists for 2008 is \$41,790, or \$6,500 more than Oklahoma's.

State	Wage
New Jersey	\$140,830
District of Colum	\$117,580
Washington	\$115,900
New York	\$114,710
Delaware	\$110,060
Connecticut	\$106,570
Virginia	\$105,520
California	\$104,900
Massachusetts	\$102,240
Maryland	\$99,690
Illinois	\$98,800
Rhode Island	\$98,080
North Carolina	\$97,280
South Dakota	\$93,560
Ohio	\$91,370
Minnesota	\$90,290
Indiana	\$90,160
Texas	\$90,150
Wisconsin	\$89,730
New Hampshire	\$88,580
Oregon	\$88,380
United States	\$87,459
Florida	\$87,180
Colorado	\$87,170
Michigan	\$86,690
Nebraska	\$84,790
Arizona	\$84,720
Pennsylvania	\$84,630
Nevada	\$83,880
Hawaii	\$83,490
Vermont	\$83,100
Iowa	\$83,010
South Carolina	\$82,420
North Dakota	\$81,800
Missouri	\$81,520
Maine	\$78,160
Alabama	\$77,010
Georgia	\$76,860
Louisiana	\$76,560
New Mexico	\$76,470
Mississippi	\$76,310
Arkansas	\$76,230
Wyoming	\$74,520
Tennessee	\$73,890
Kentucky	\$73,760
Kansas	\$73,130
Utah	\$70,070
Alaska	\$69,050
Montana	\$67,300
Oklahoma	\$64,990
Idaho	\$64,420
West Virginia	\$62,900

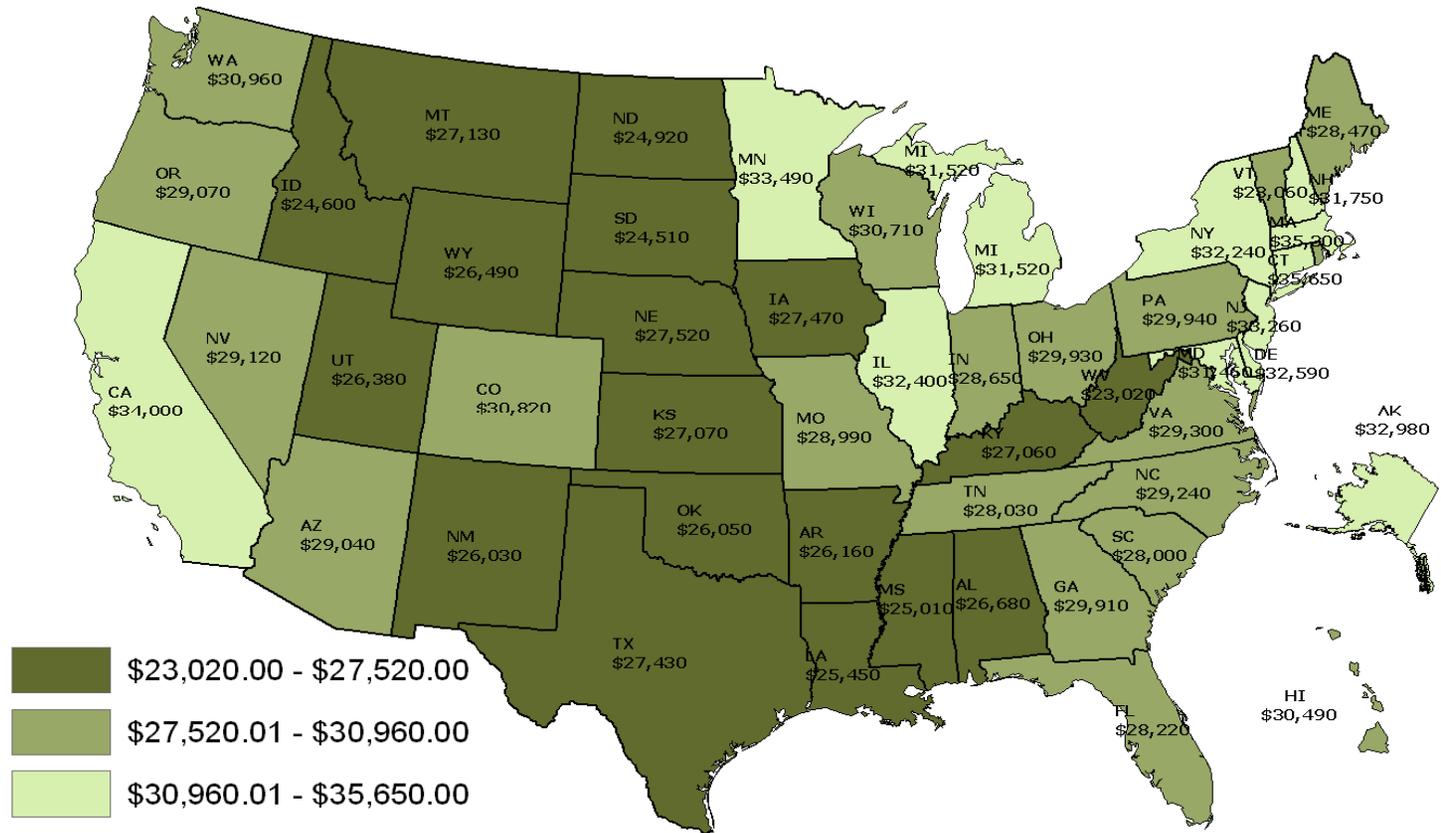
Figure 24: Median Wage of General and Operations Managers, 2008



Oklahoma, at \$64,990, has the 3rd lowest median wage of general and operations managers for 2008. New Jersey has the highest median wage at \$140,830, while West Virginia has the lowest at \$62,900. The national median wage of general and operations managers for 2008 is \$87,459, or \$22,469 more than Oklahoma's.

State	Wage
Connecticut	\$35,650
Massachusetts	\$35,300
California	\$34,000
District of Colum	\$33,570
Minnesota	\$33,490
New Jersey	\$33,260
Alaska	\$32,980
Delaware	\$32,590
Illinois	\$32,400
New York	\$32,240
New Hampshire	\$31,750
Michigan	\$31,520
Maryland	\$31,460
Washington	\$30,960
Colorado	\$30,820
Wisconsin	\$30,710
Hawaii	\$30,490
Rhode Island	\$30,380
Pennsylvania	\$29,940
Ohio	\$29,930
Georgia	\$29,910
Virginia	\$29,300
North Carolina	\$29,240
United States	\$29,147
Nevada	\$29,120
Oregon	\$29,070
Arizona	\$29,040
Missouri	\$28,990
Indiana	\$28,650
Maine	\$28,470
Florida	\$28,220
Vermont	\$28,060
Tennessee	\$28,030
South Carolina	\$28,000
Nebraska	\$27,520
Iowa	\$27,470
Texas	\$27,430
Montana	\$27,130
Kansas	\$27,070
Kentucky	\$27,060
Alabama	\$26,680
Wyoming	\$26,490
Utah	\$26,380
Arkansas	\$26,160
Oklahoma	\$26,050
New Mexico	\$26,030
Louisiana	\$25,450
Mississippi	\$25,010
North Dakota	\$24,920
Idaho	\$24,600
South Dakota	\$24,510
West Virginia	\$23,020

Figure 25: Median Wage of Customer Service Representatives, 2008



Oklahoma, at \$26,050, has the 8th lowest median wage of customer service representatives for 2008. Connecticut, at \$35,650, has the highest median wage, while West Virginia has the lowest at \$23,020. The national median wage of customer service representatives for 2008 is \$29,147, or \$3,097 more than Oklahoma's.