The Great Plains: Trends in Rural Decline and Urban Growth

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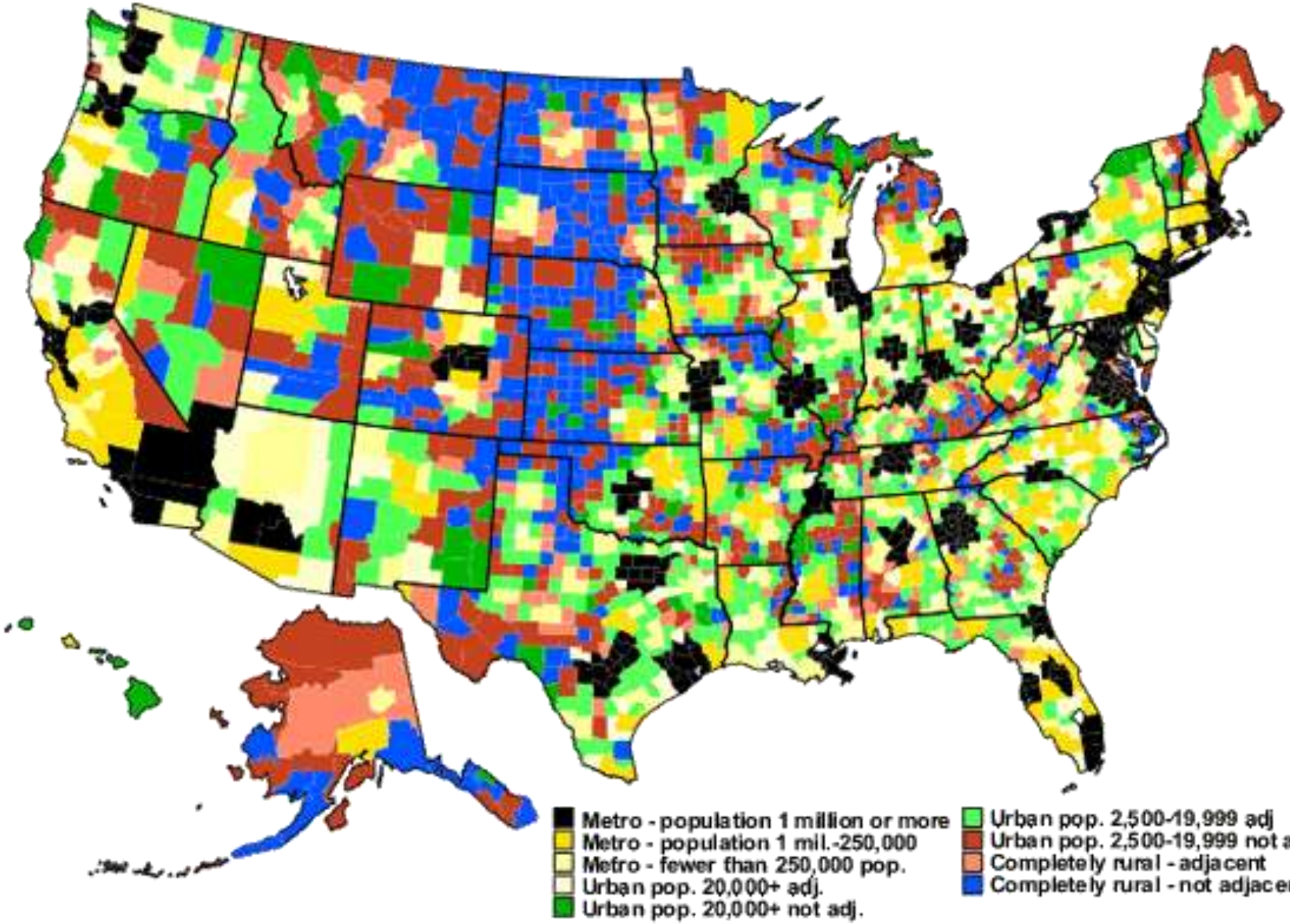

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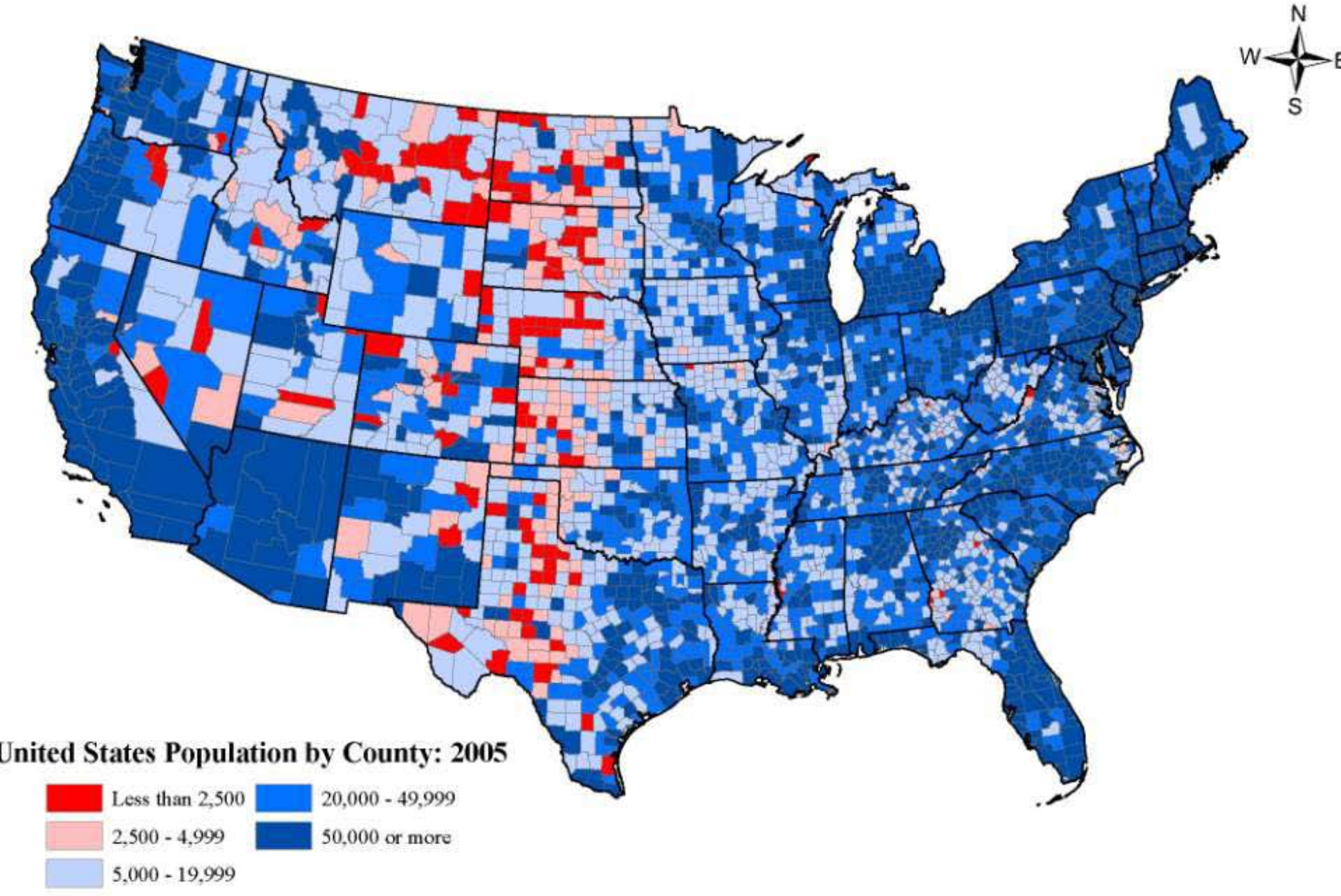

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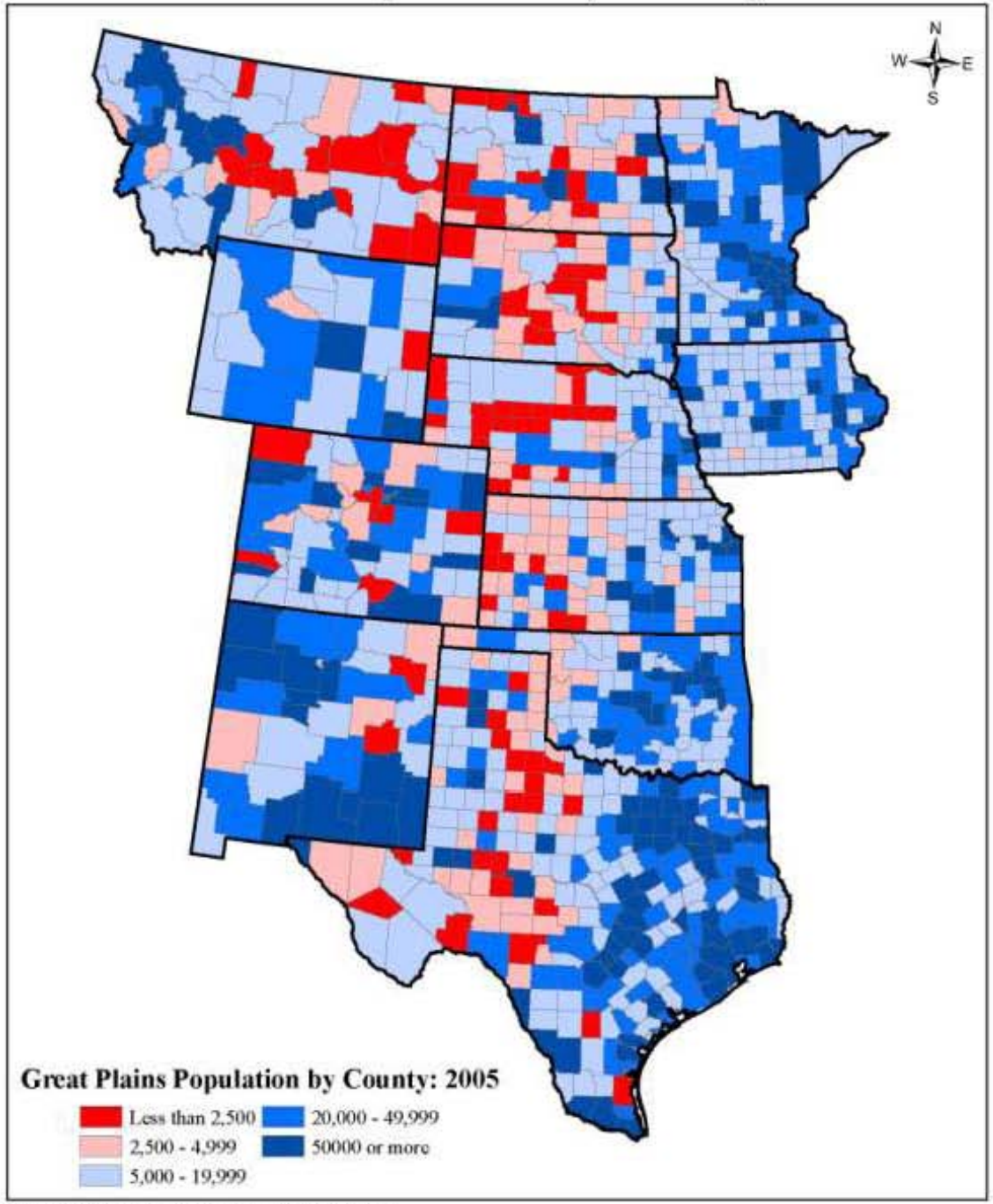

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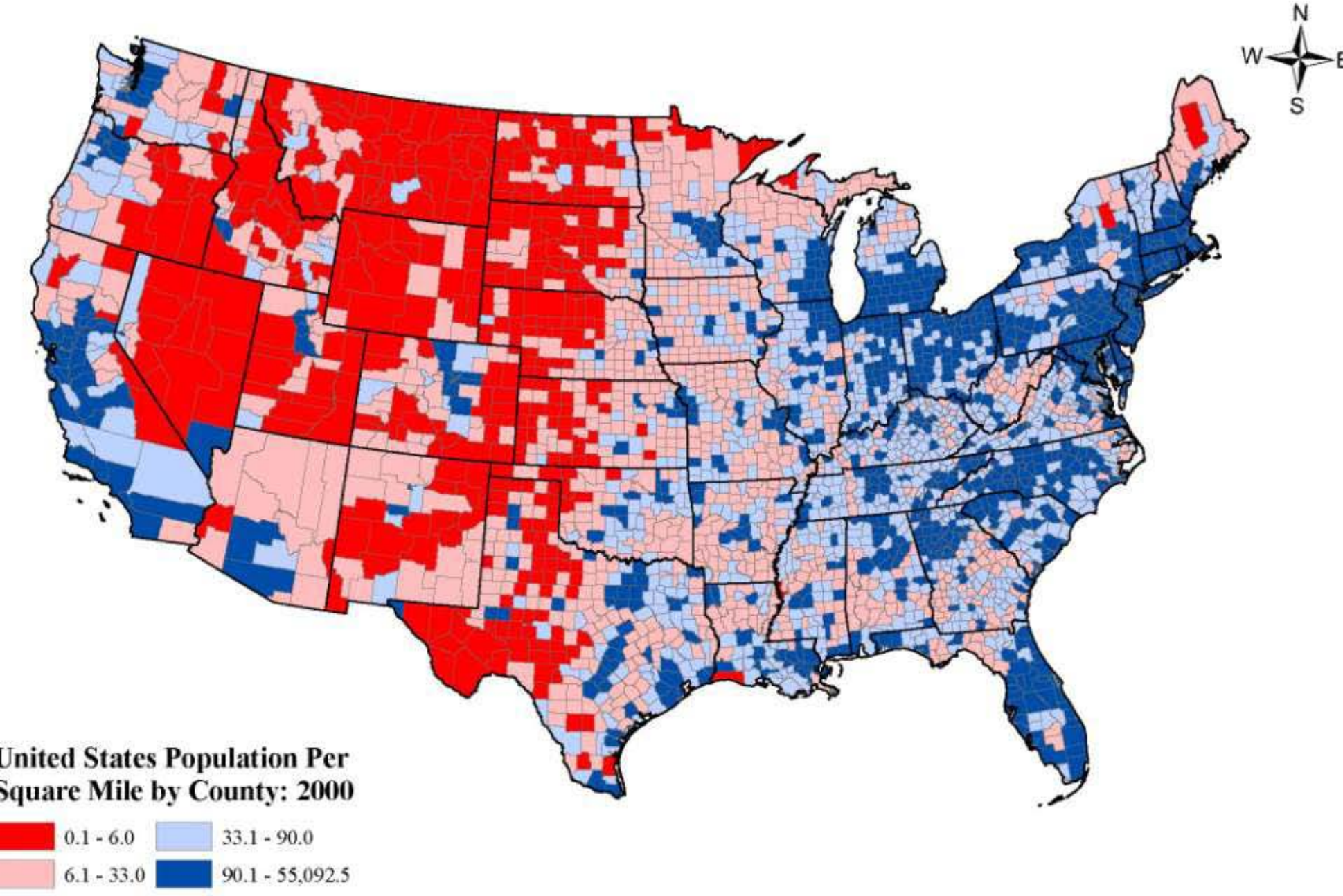

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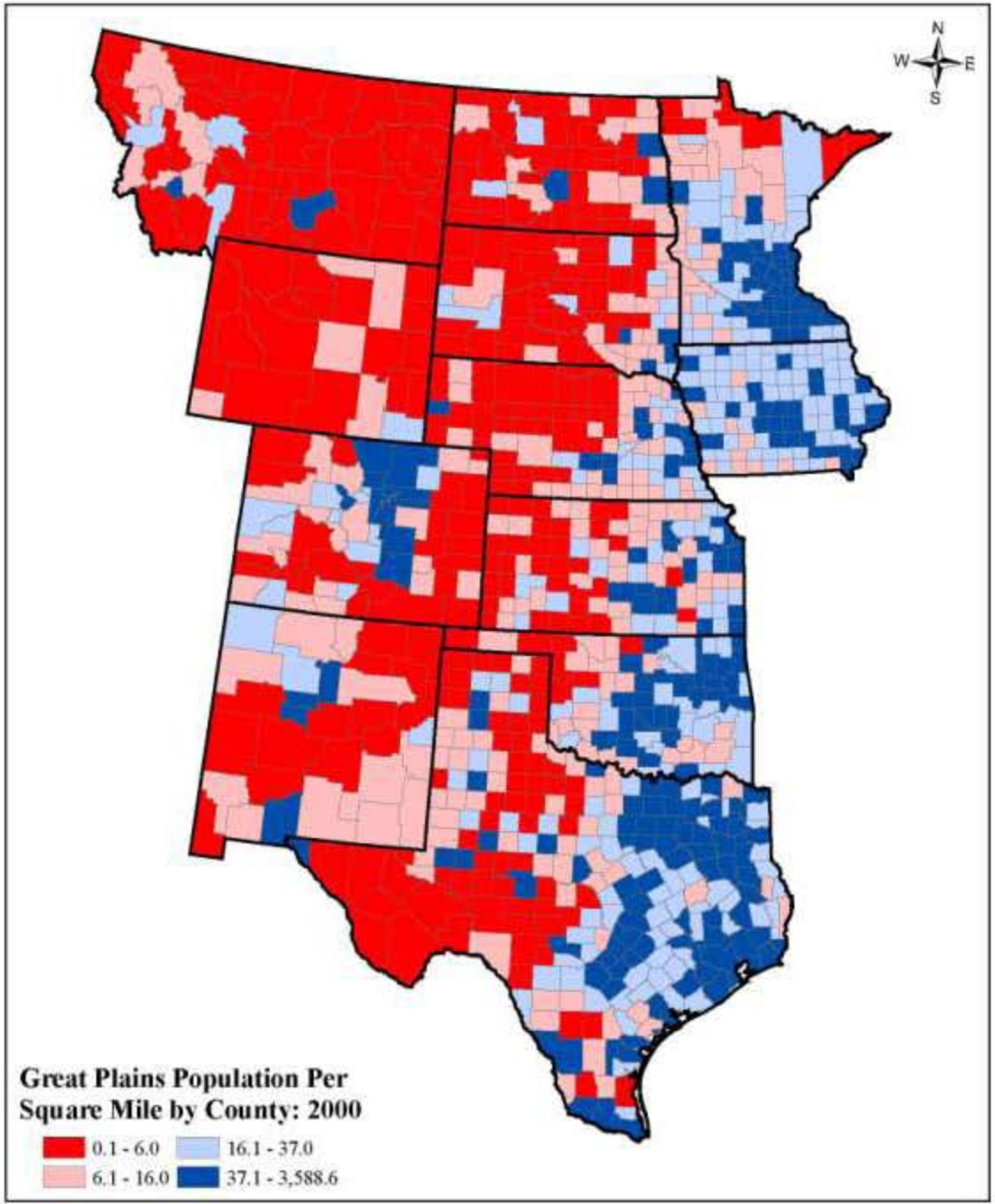

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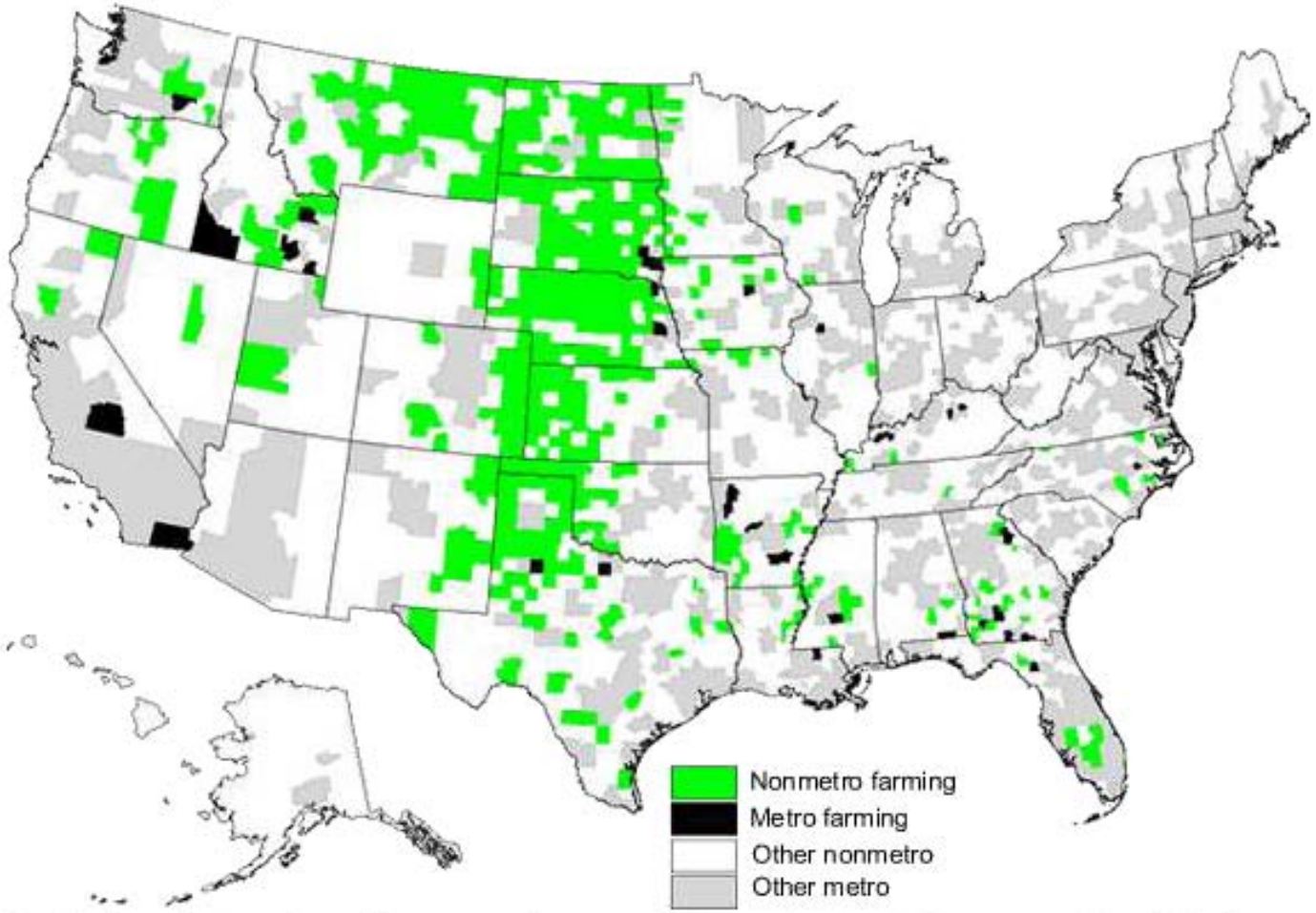

Farming-dependent counties–either an annual average of 15 percent or more total county earnings derived from farming during 1998-2000 or 15 percent or more of employed residents working in farm occupations in 2000.

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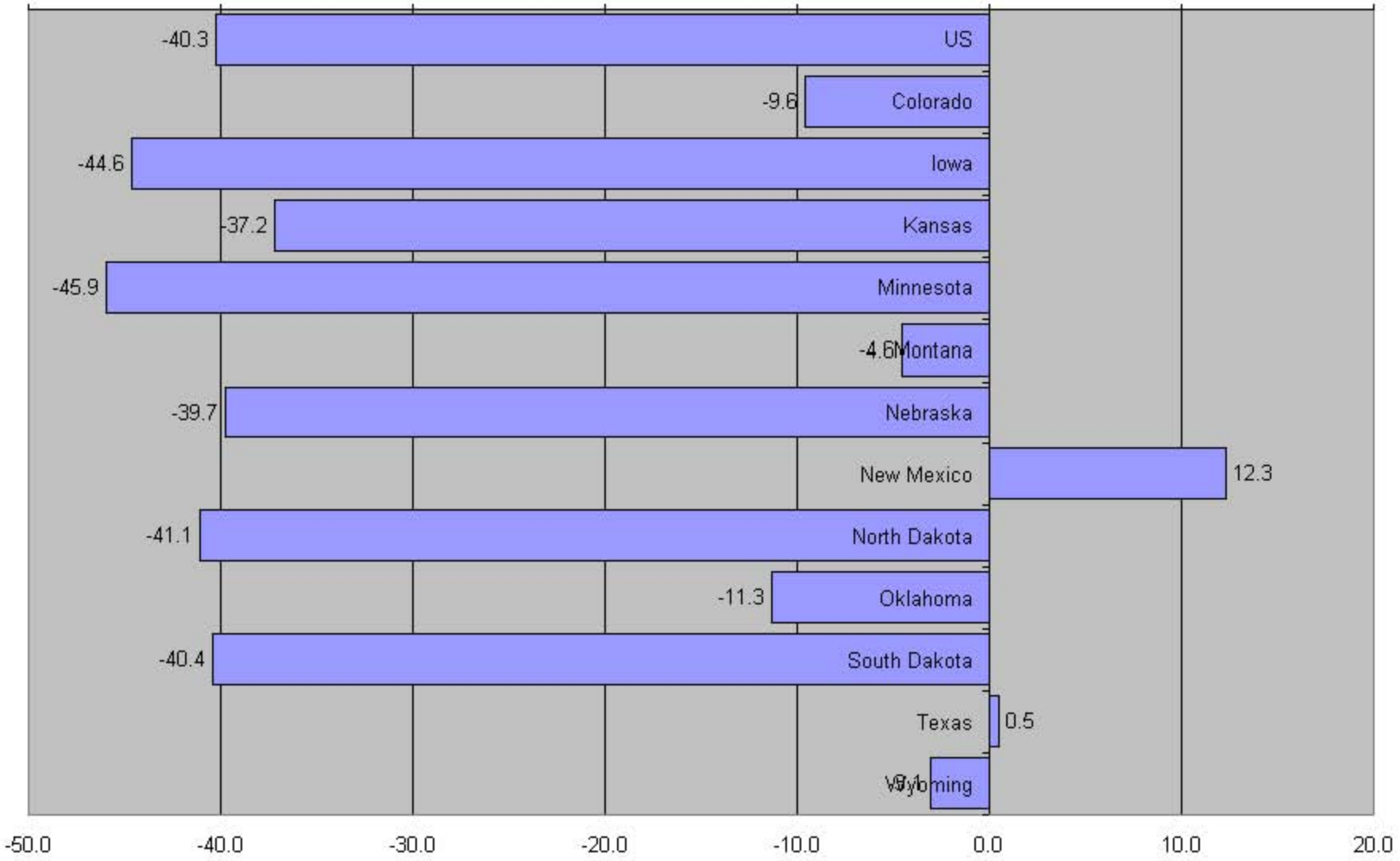

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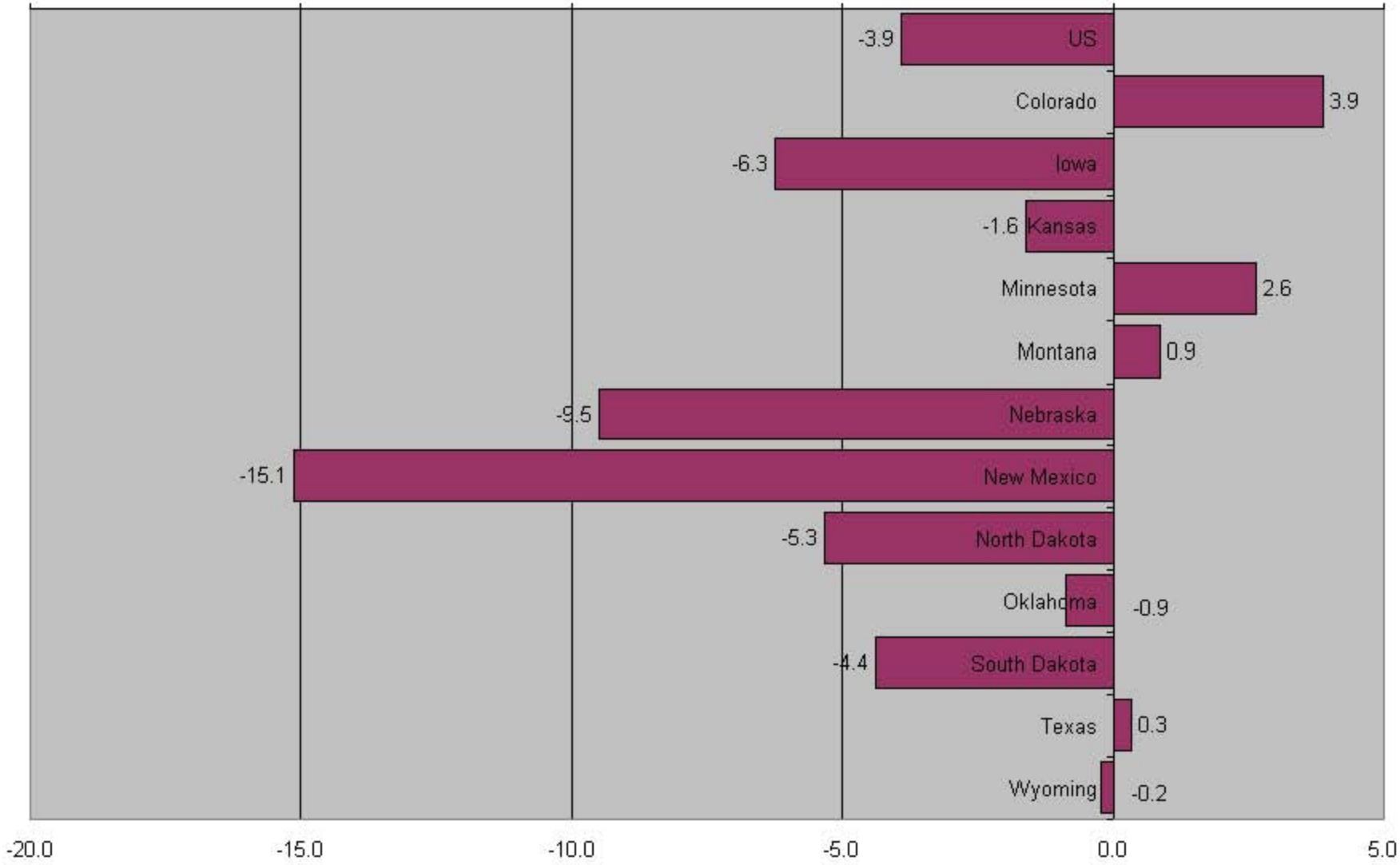

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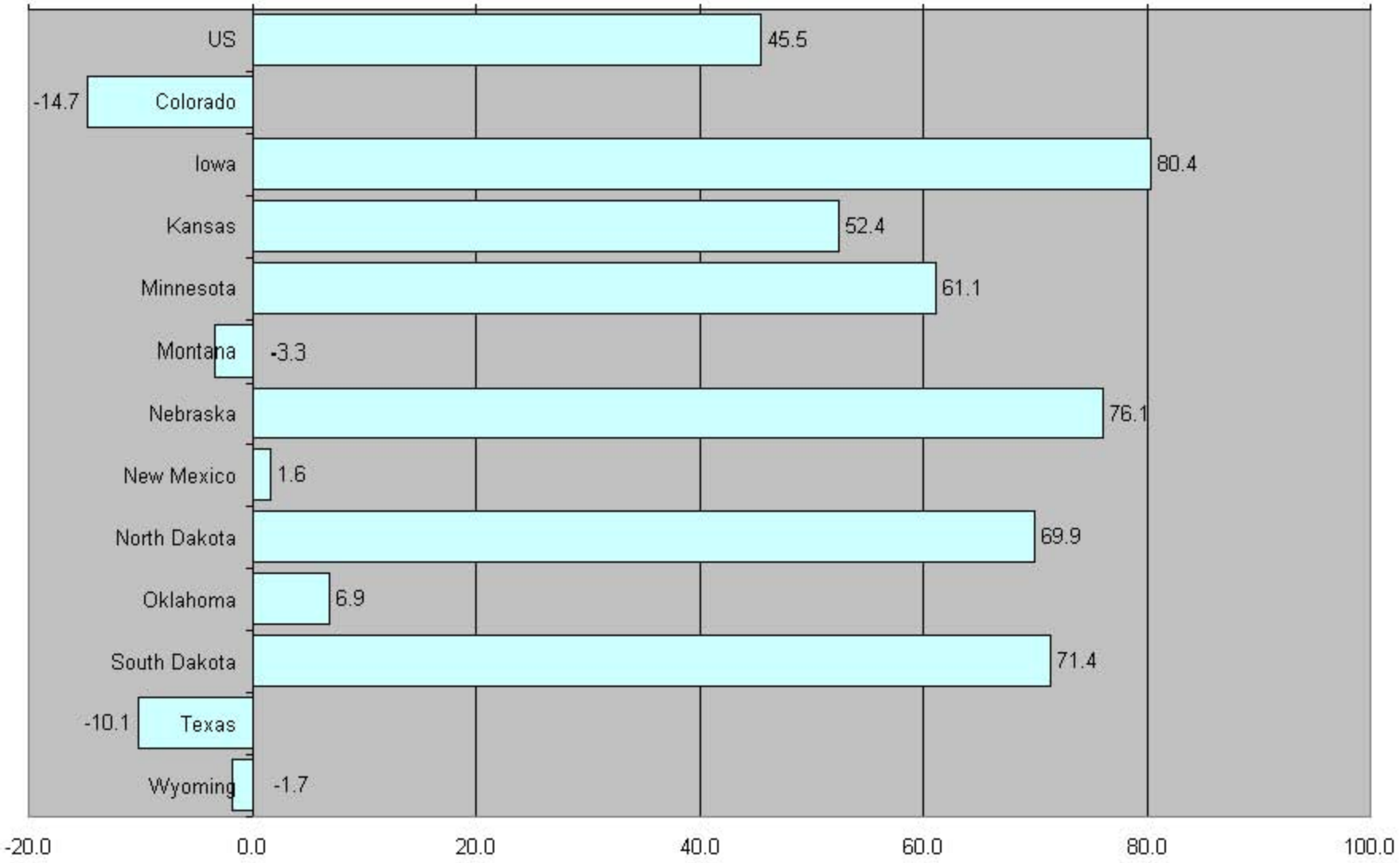

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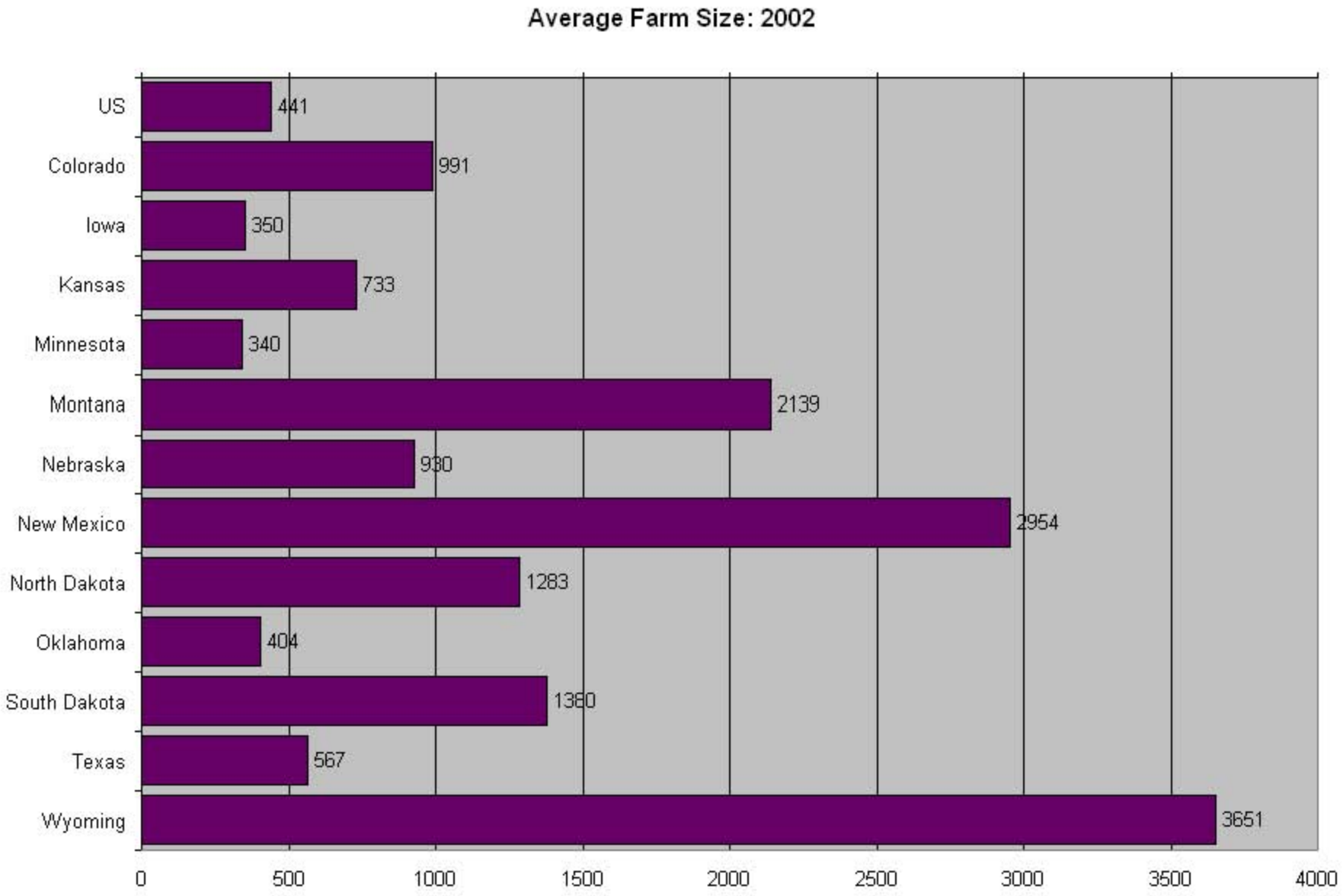

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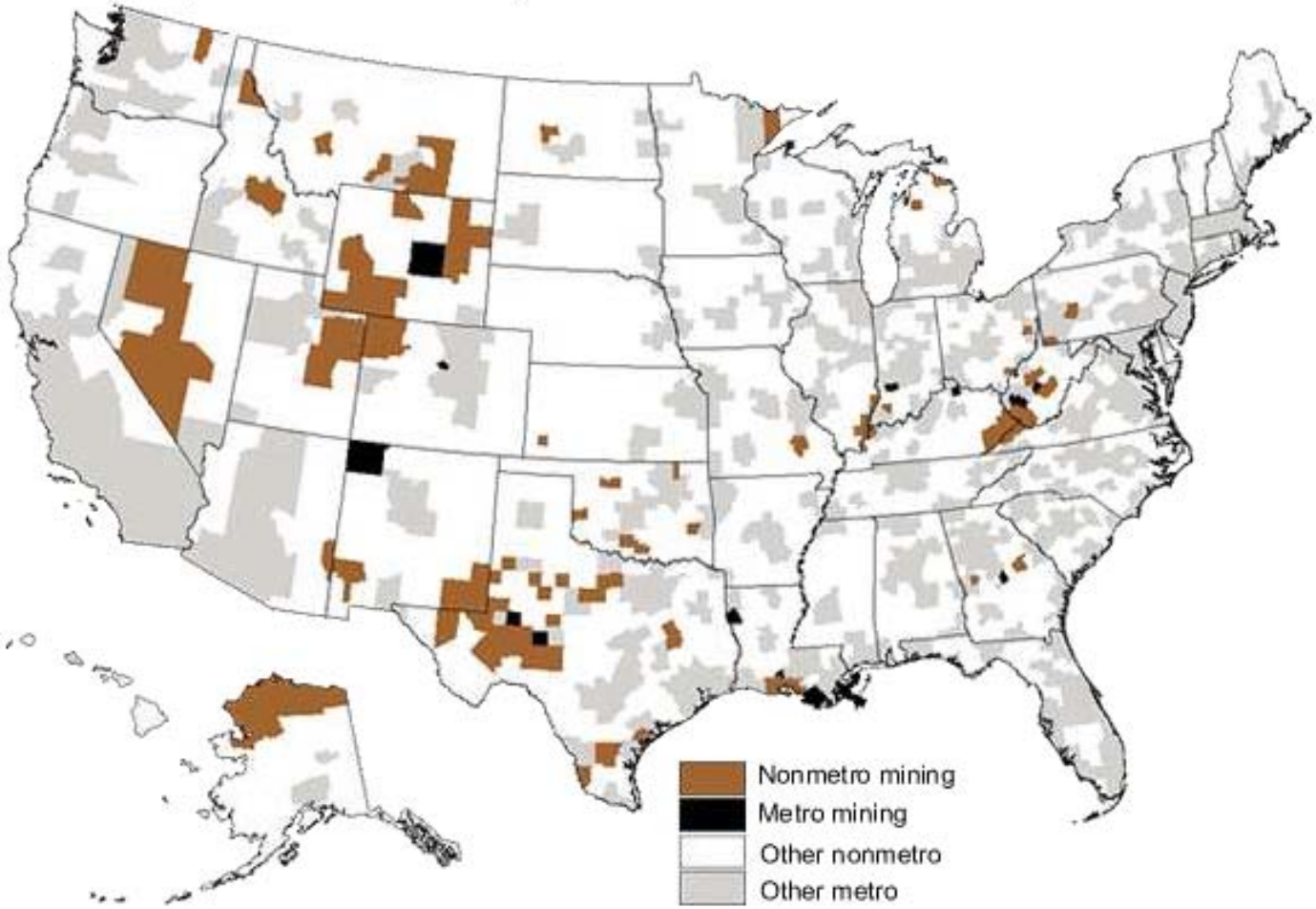

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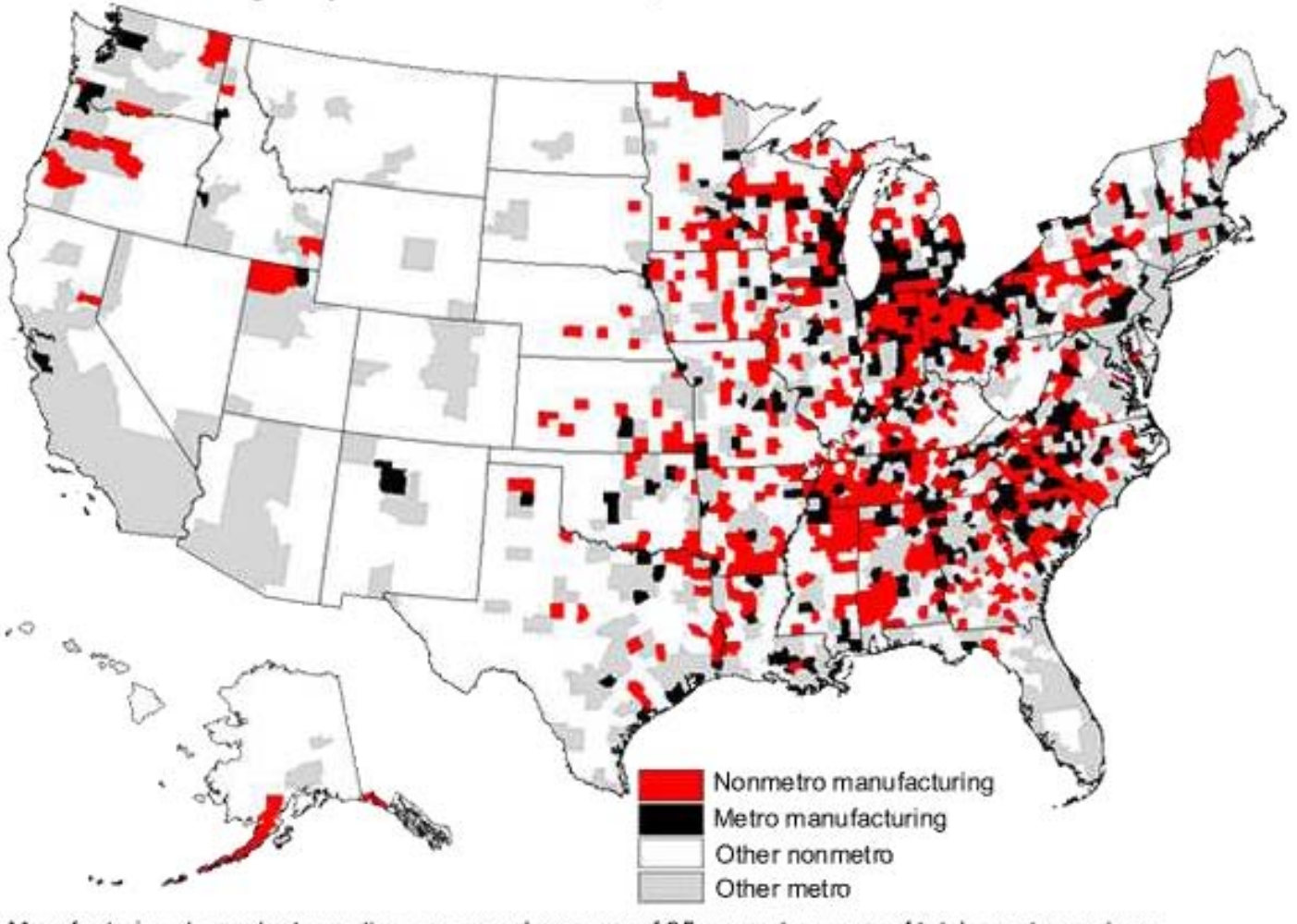

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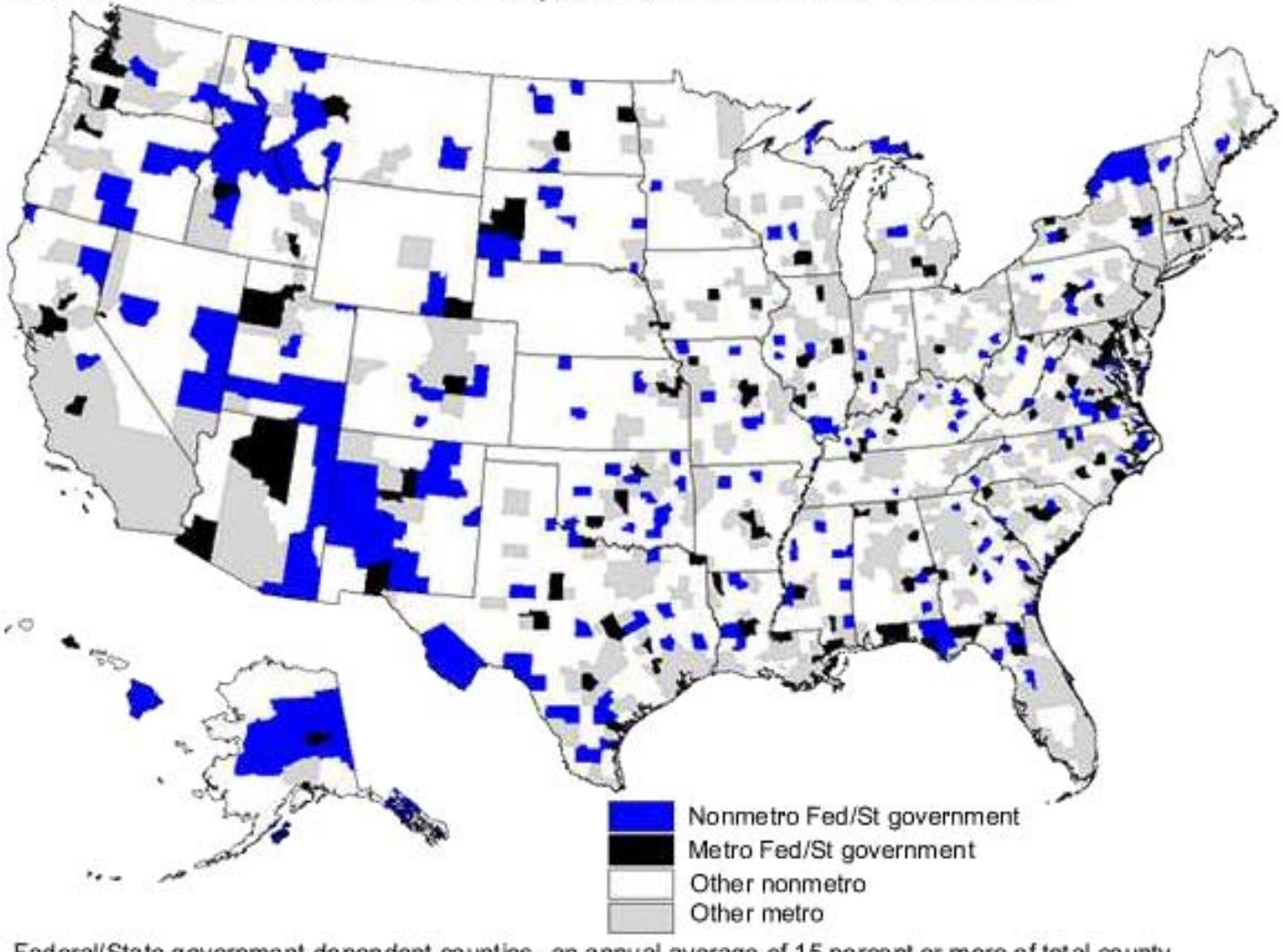

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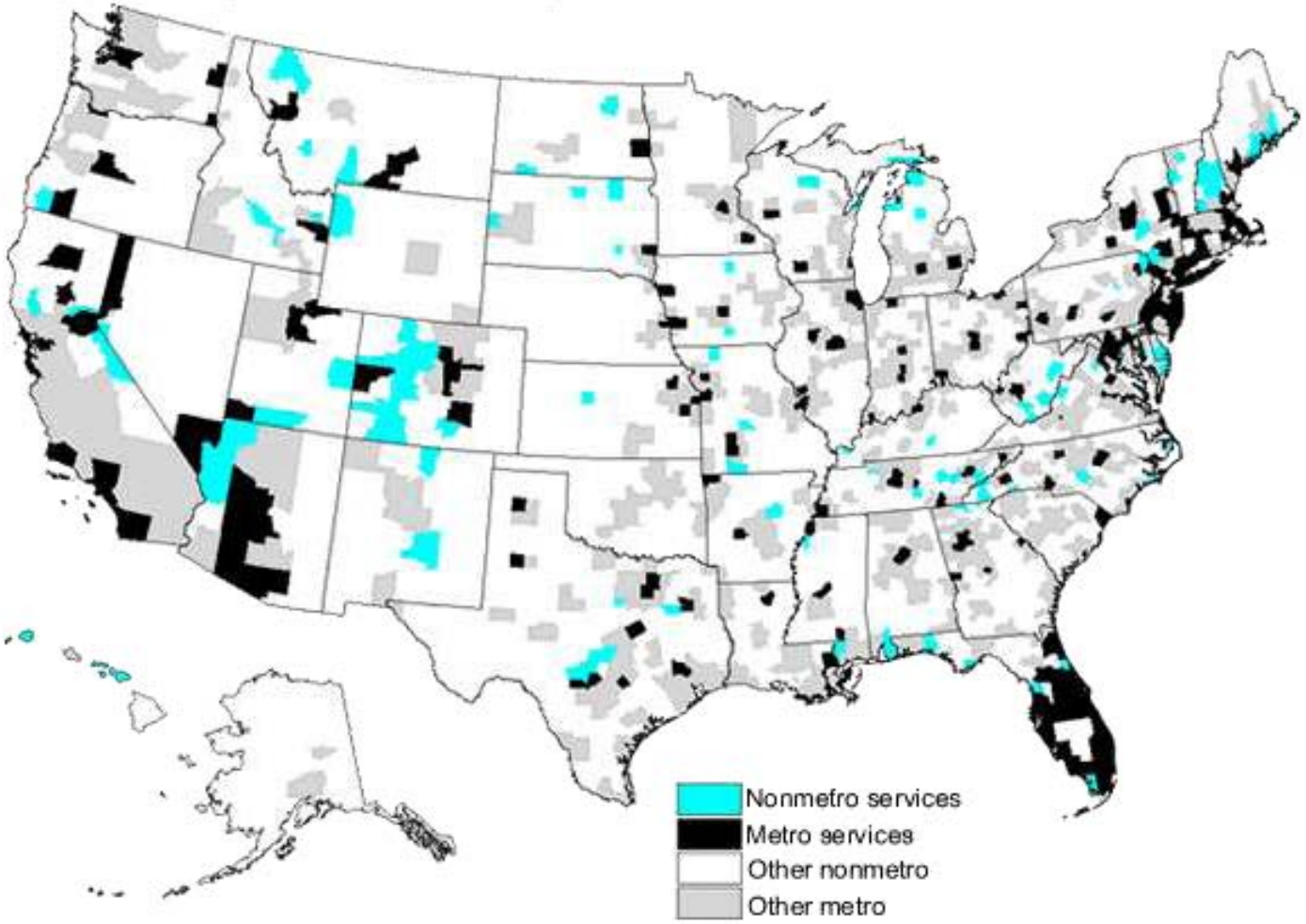

Services-dependent counties--an annual average of 45 percent or more of total county earnings derived from services (retail trade; finance and real estate; and services) during 1998-2000.

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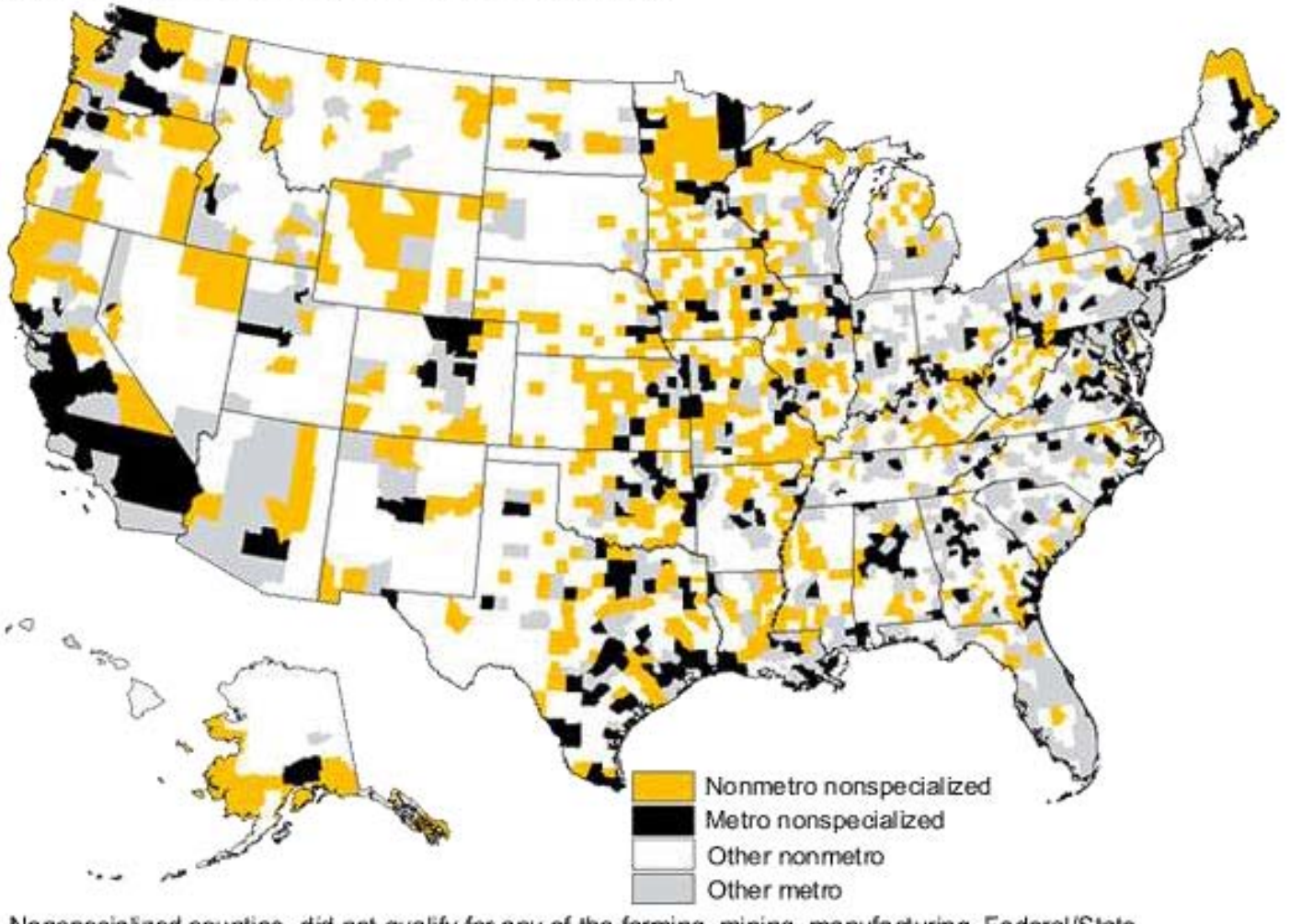

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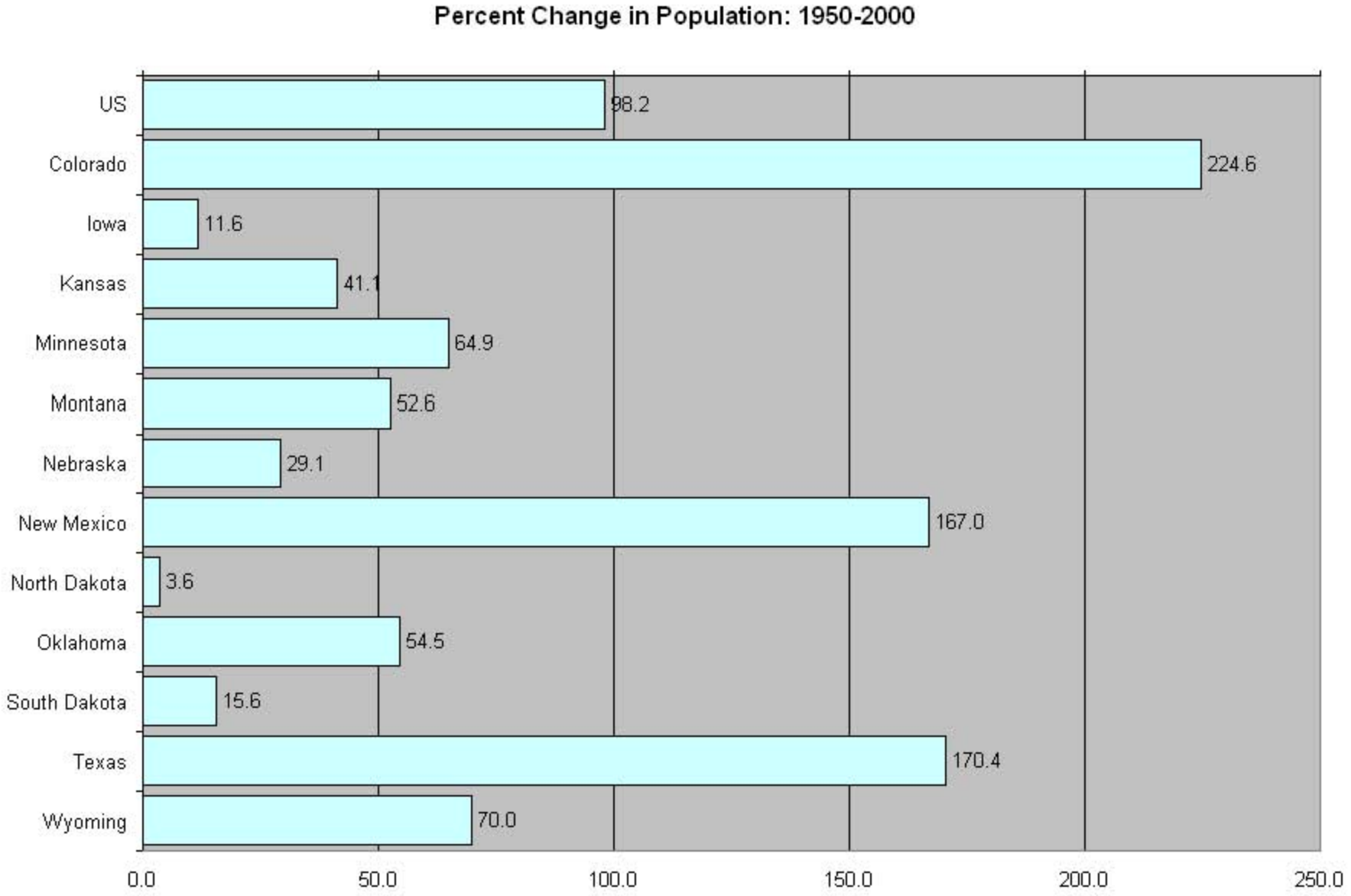
Percent Change in Population: 1950-2000
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Colorado
Iowa
Kansas
Minnesota
Montana
Nebraska
New Mexico
North Dakota
Oklahoma
South Dakota
Texas
Wyoming
98.2
224.6
11.6
41.1
64.9
52.6
29.1
167.0
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54.5
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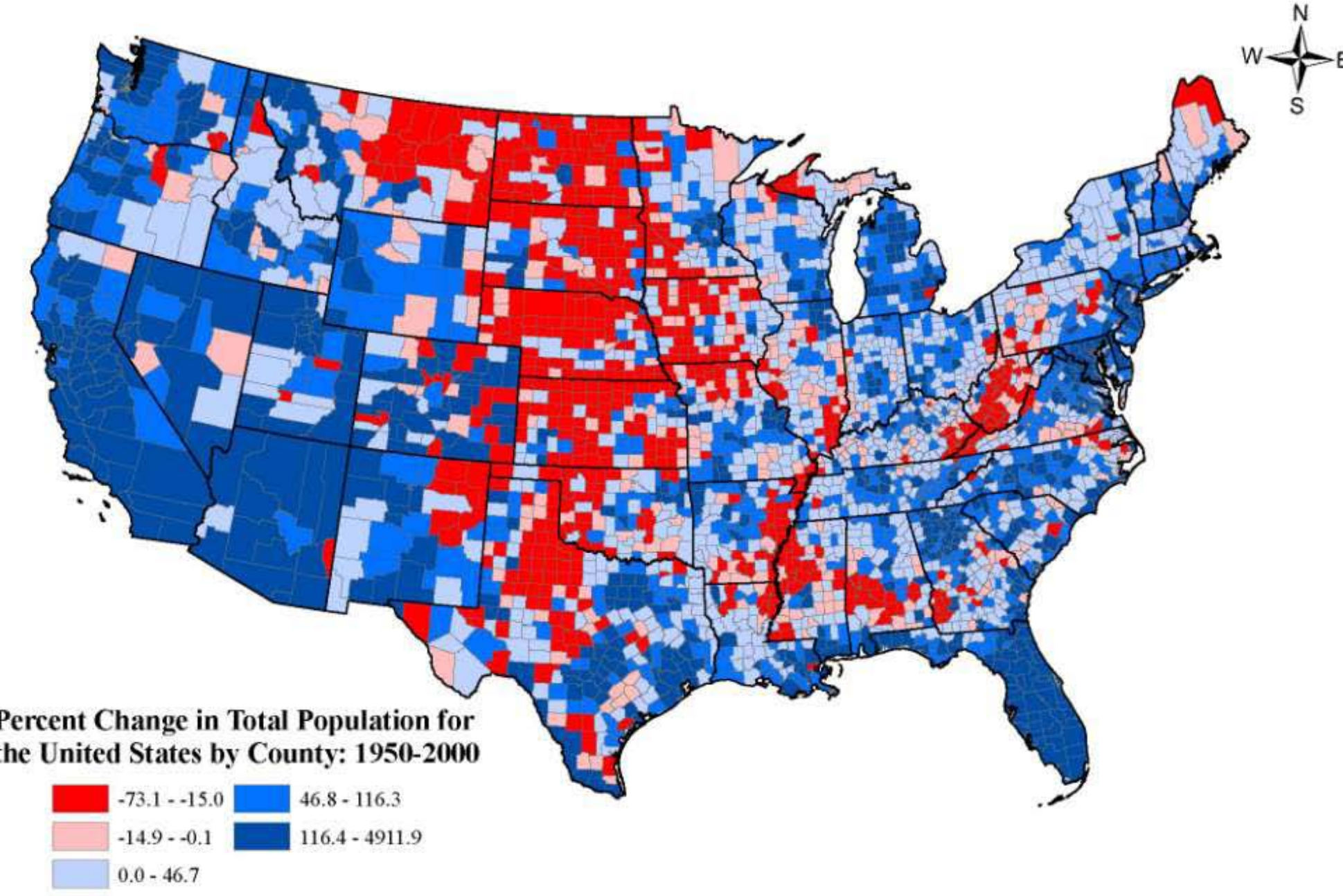

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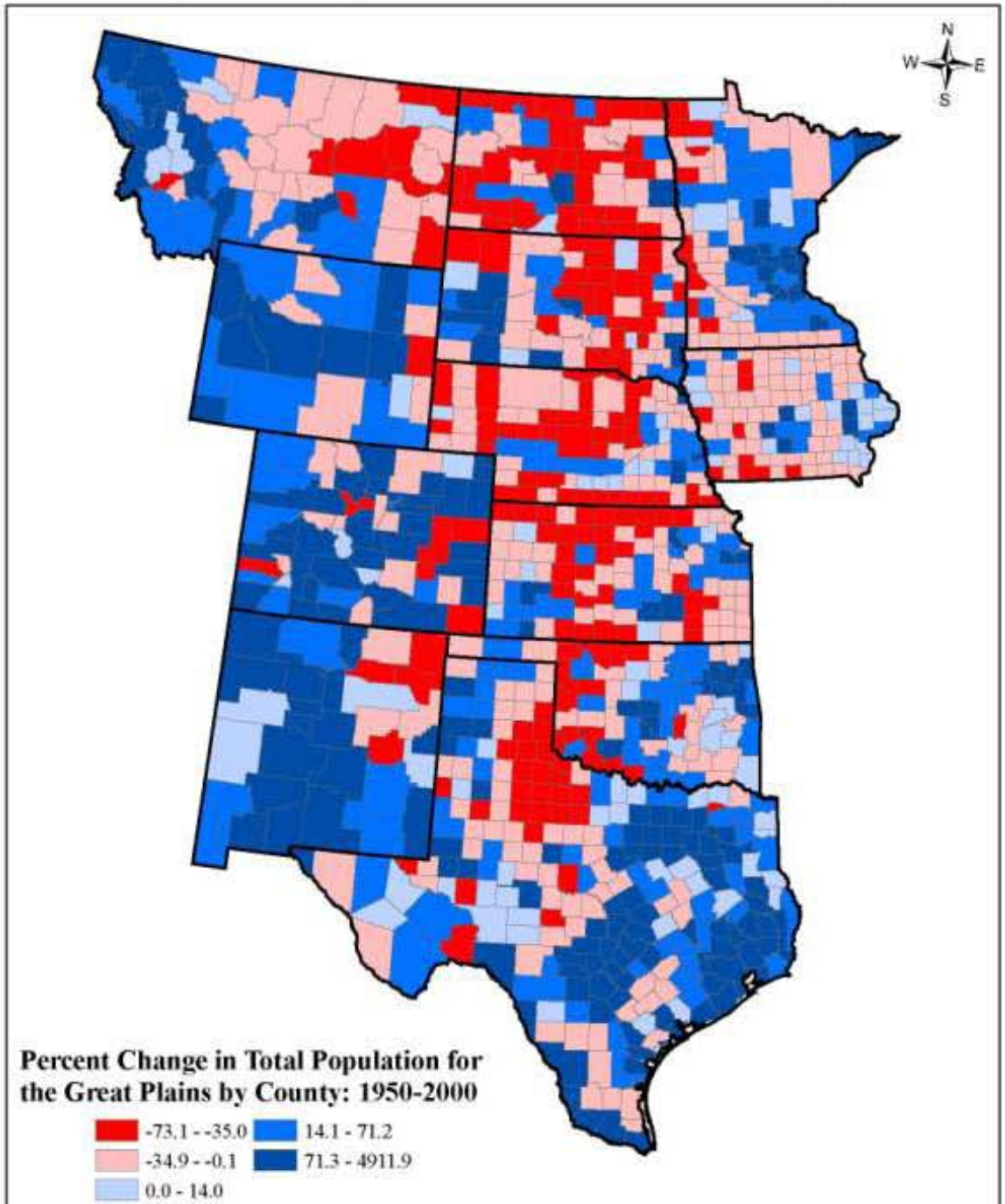

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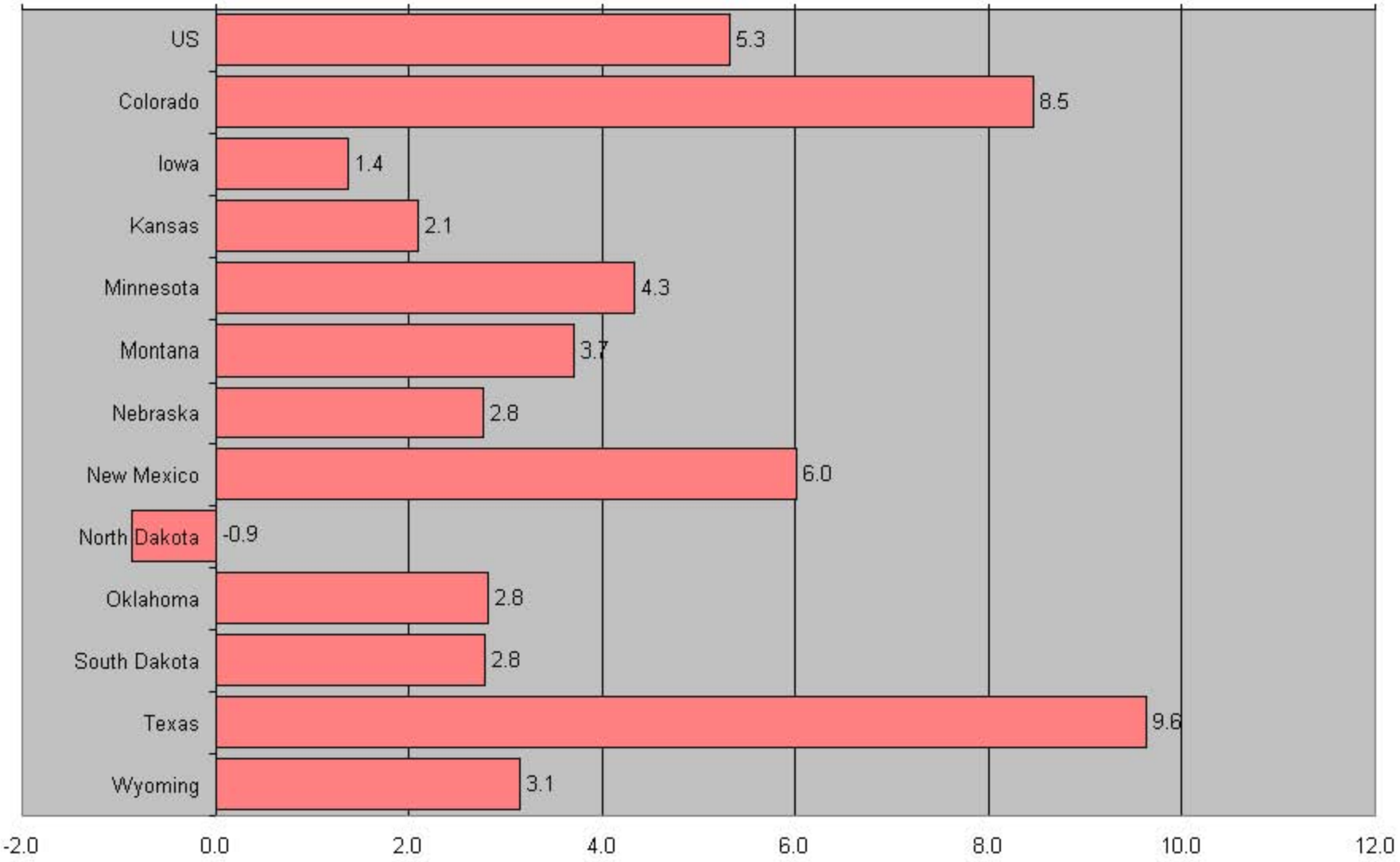

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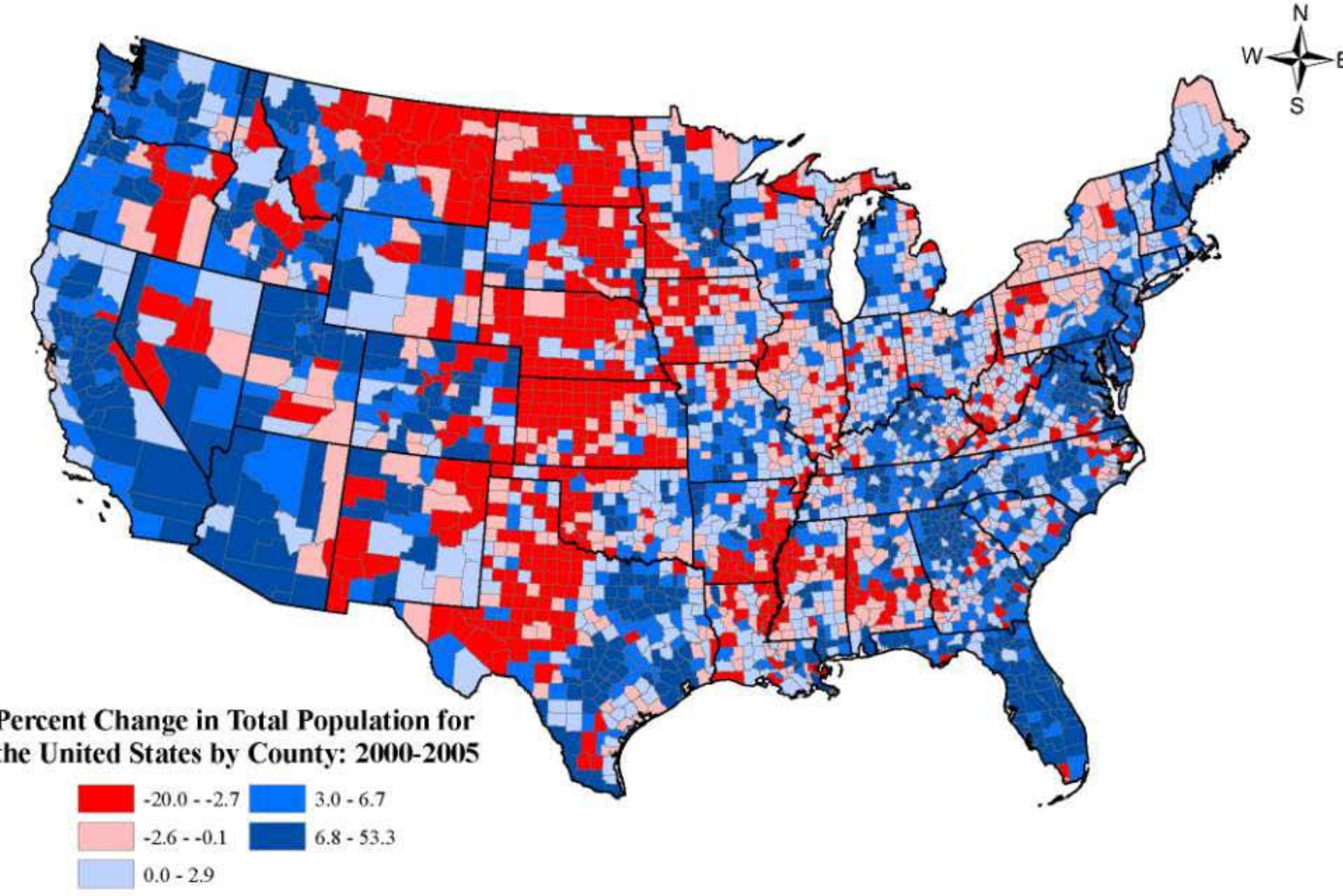

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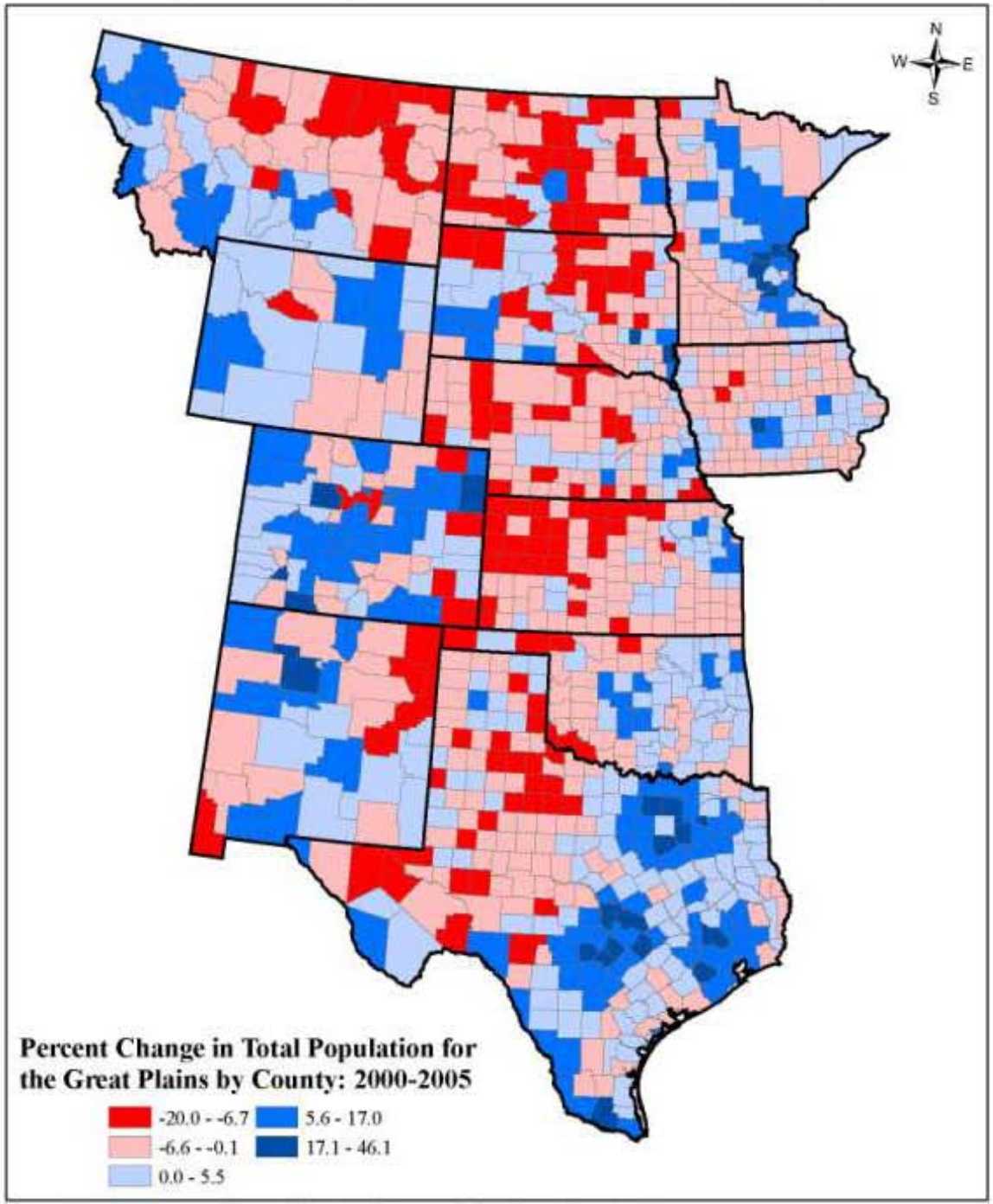

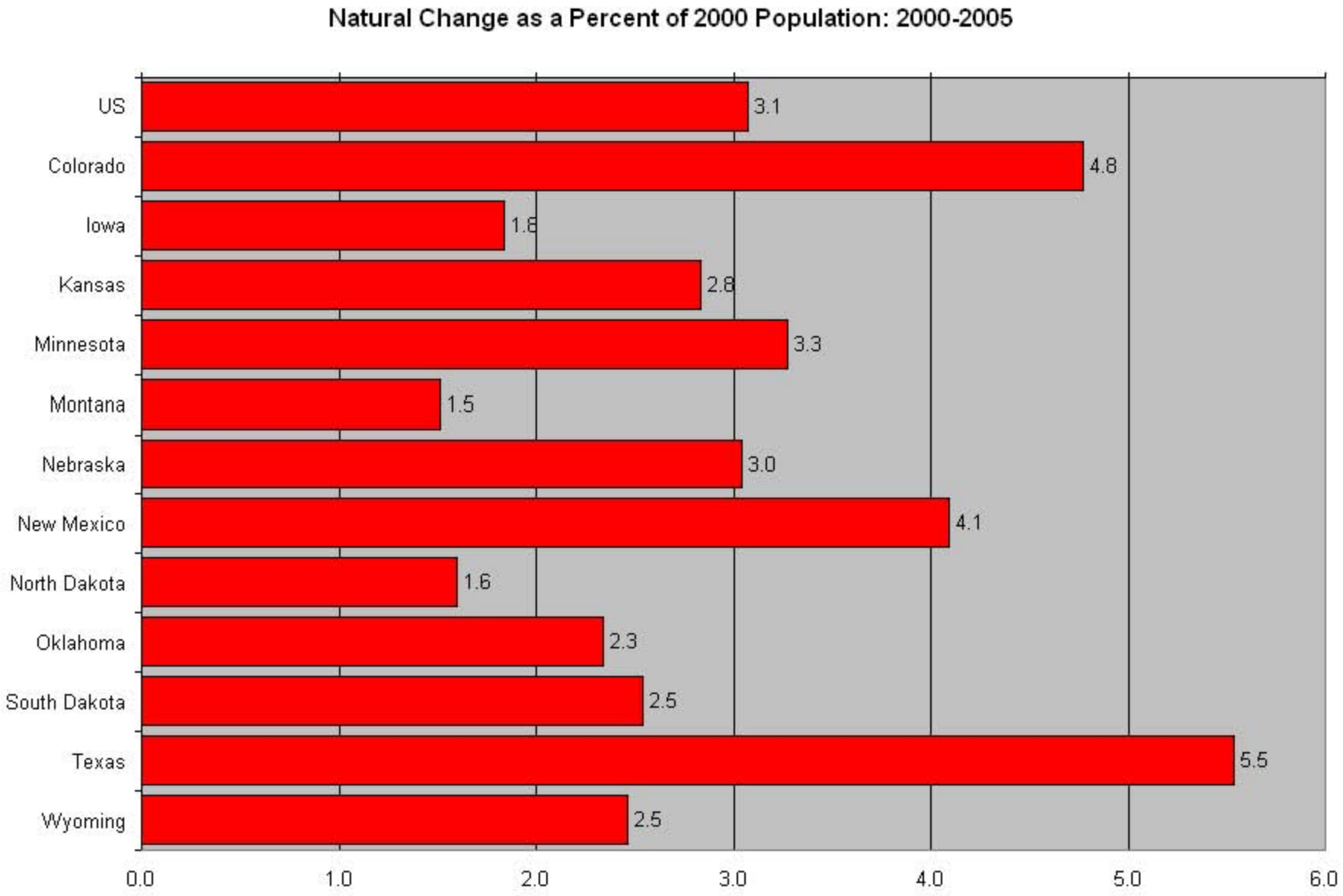

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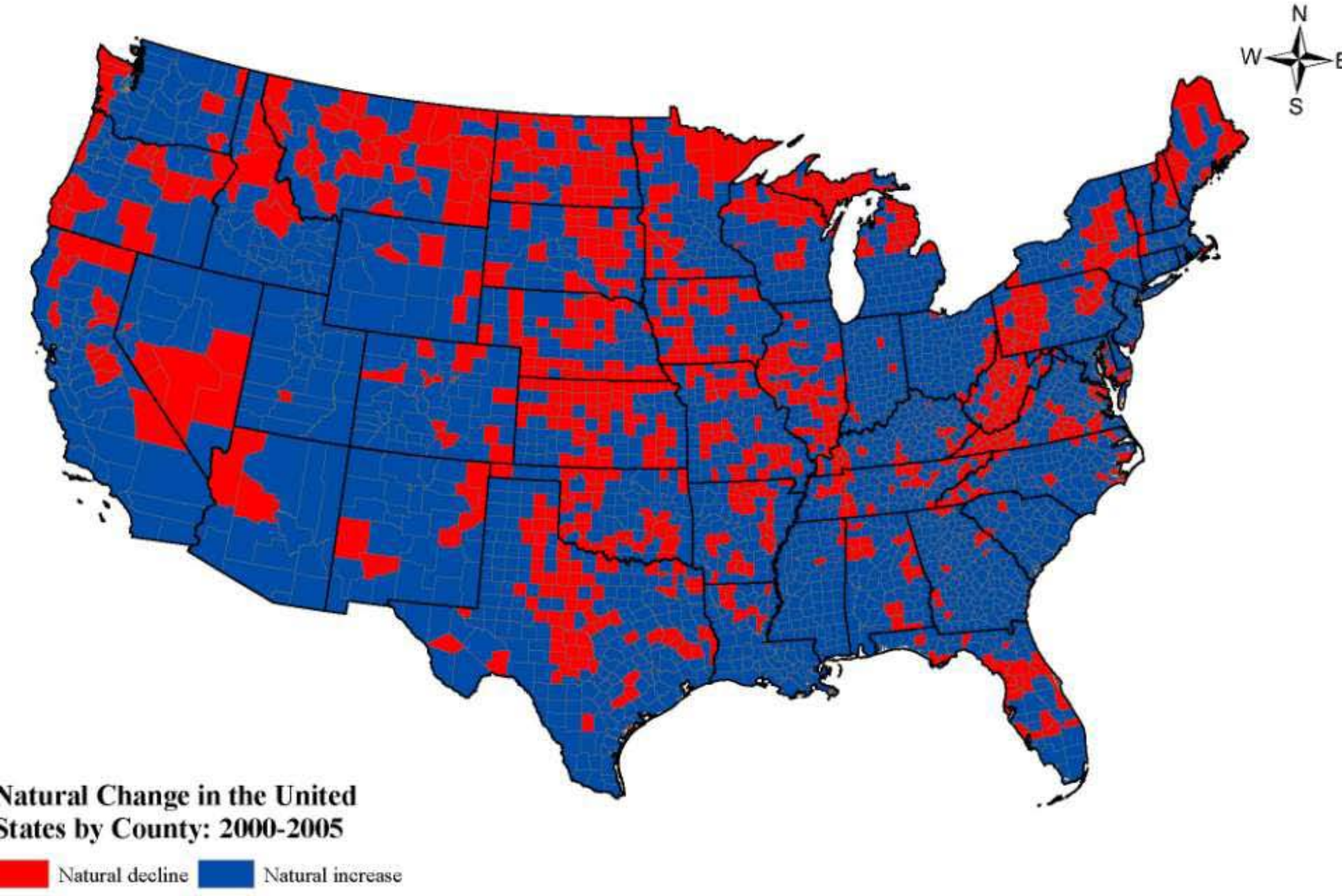

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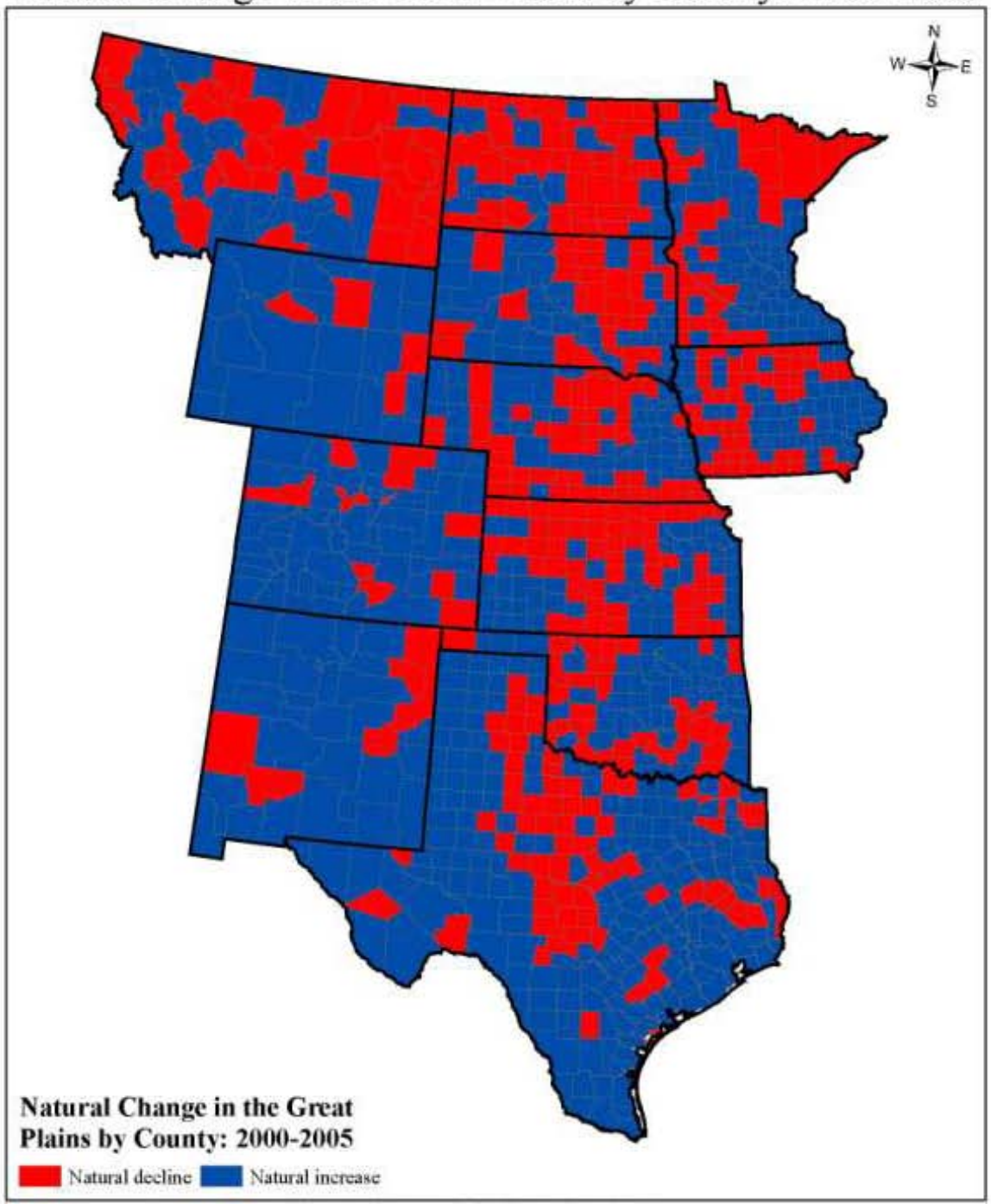

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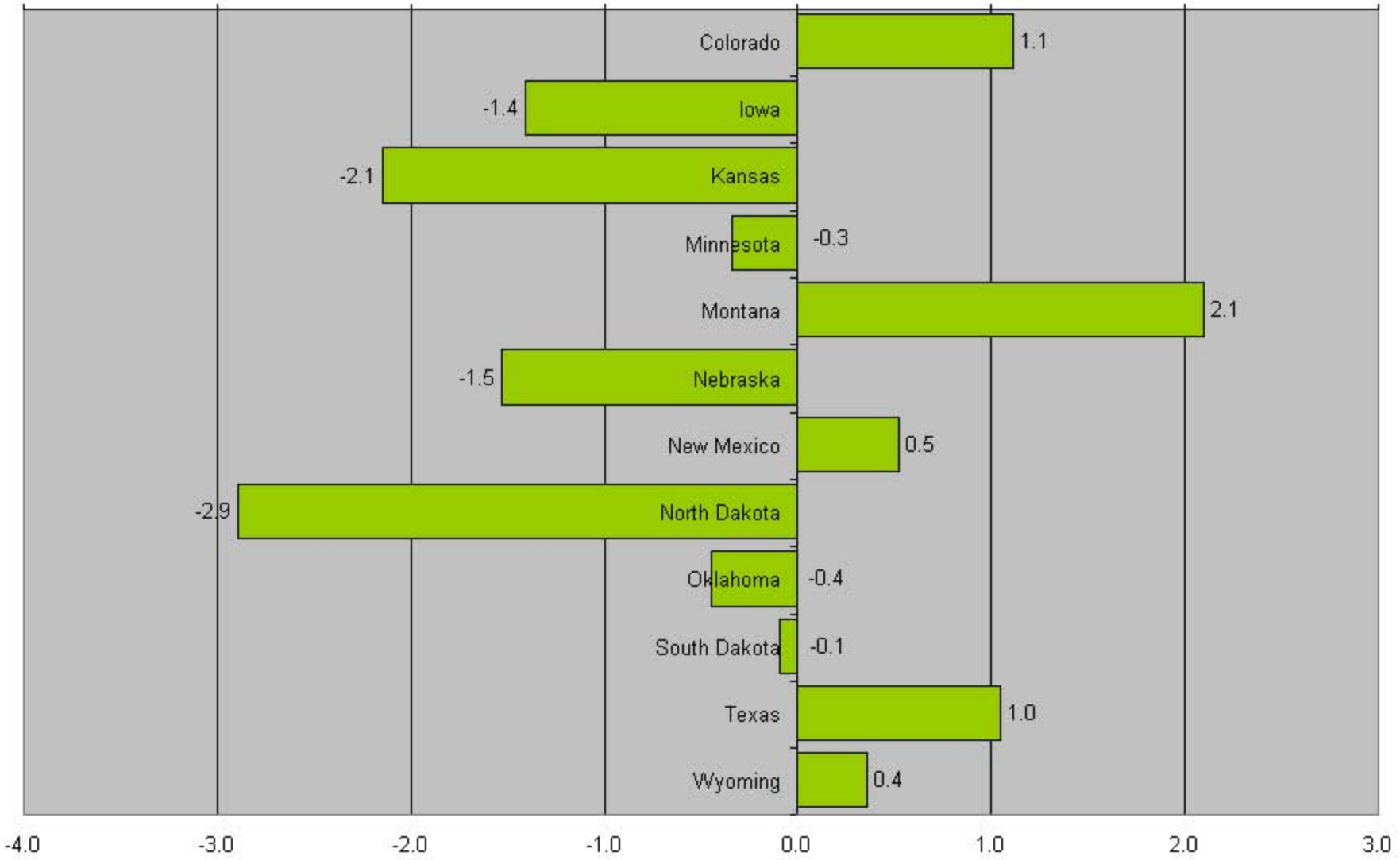

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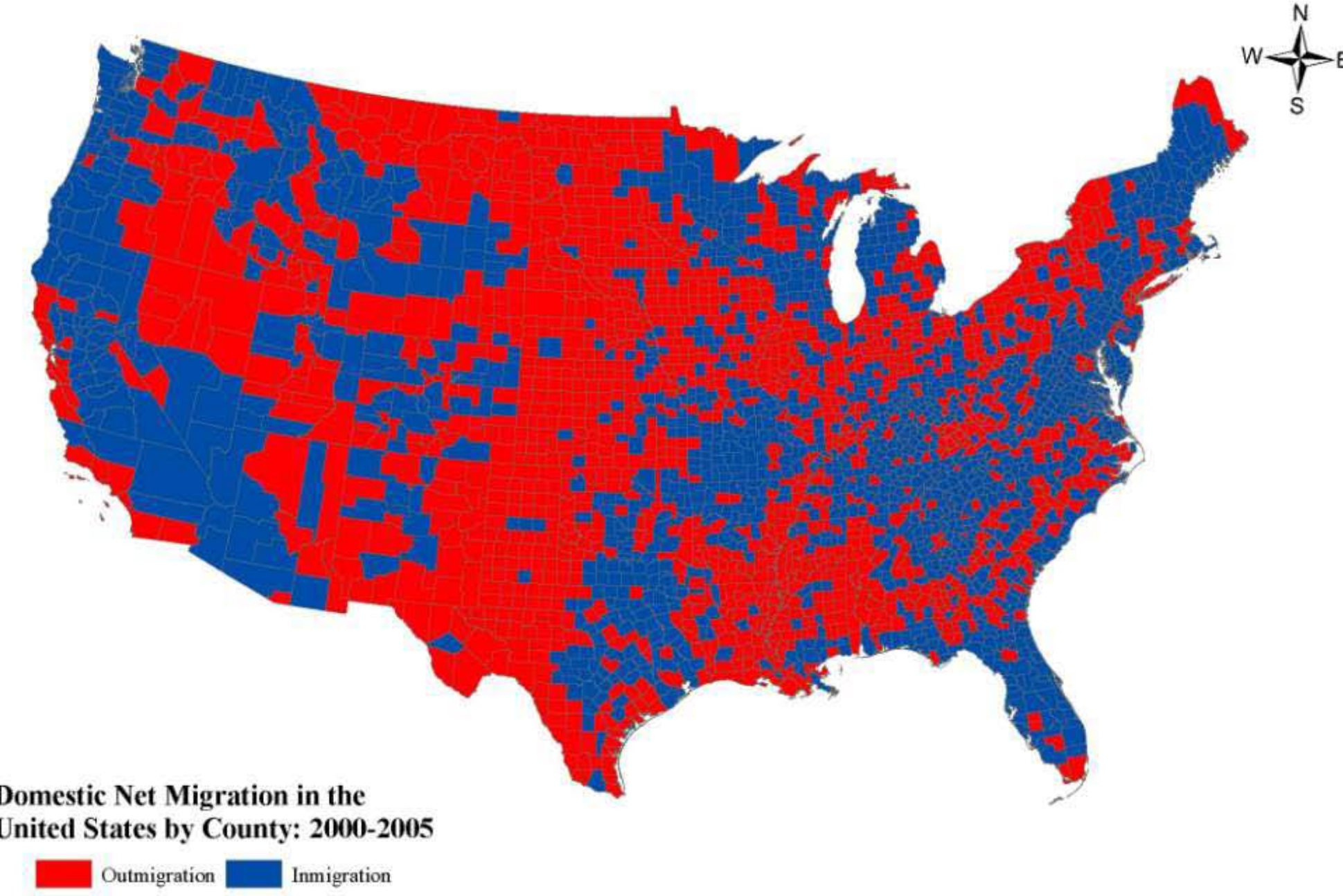

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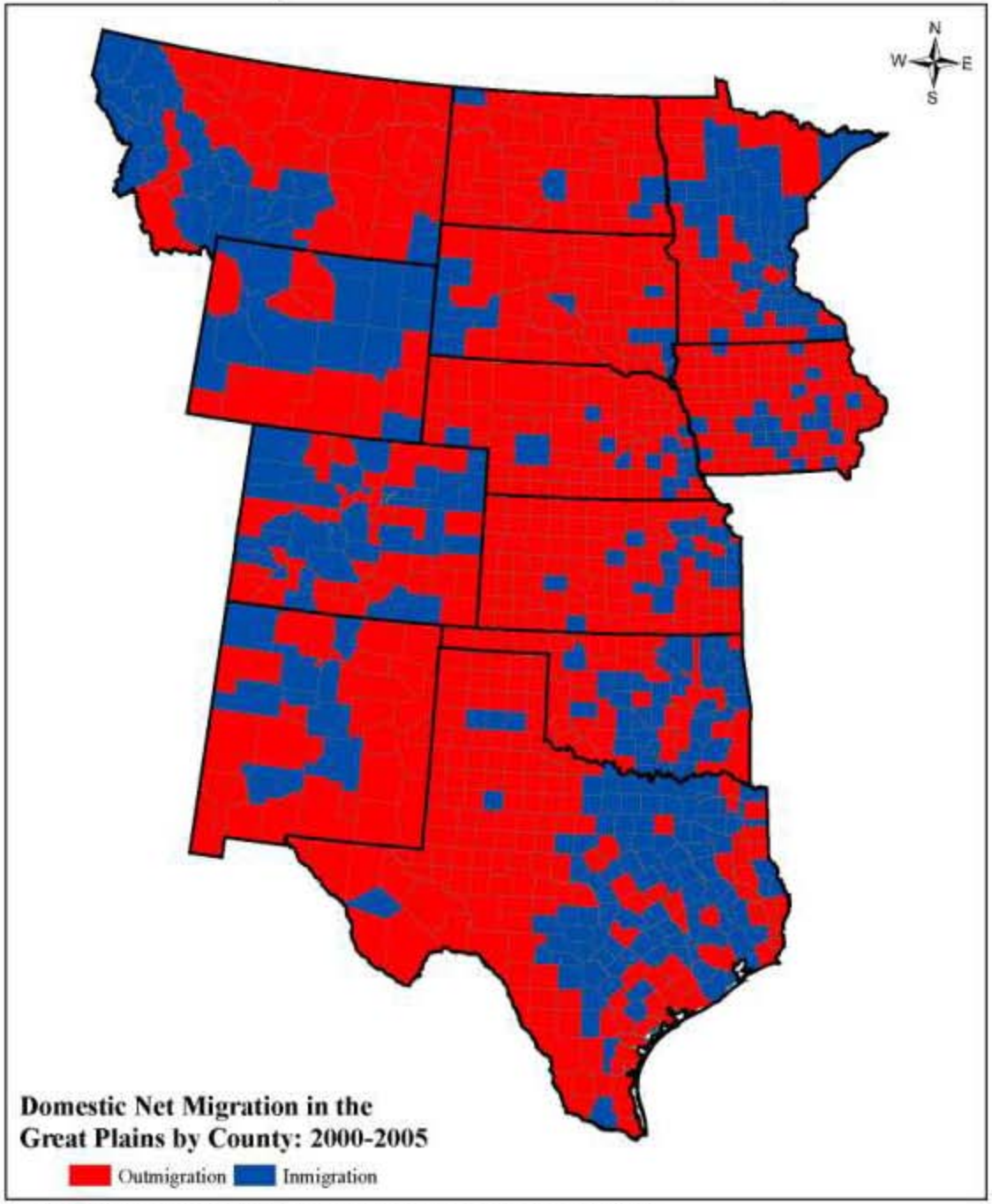

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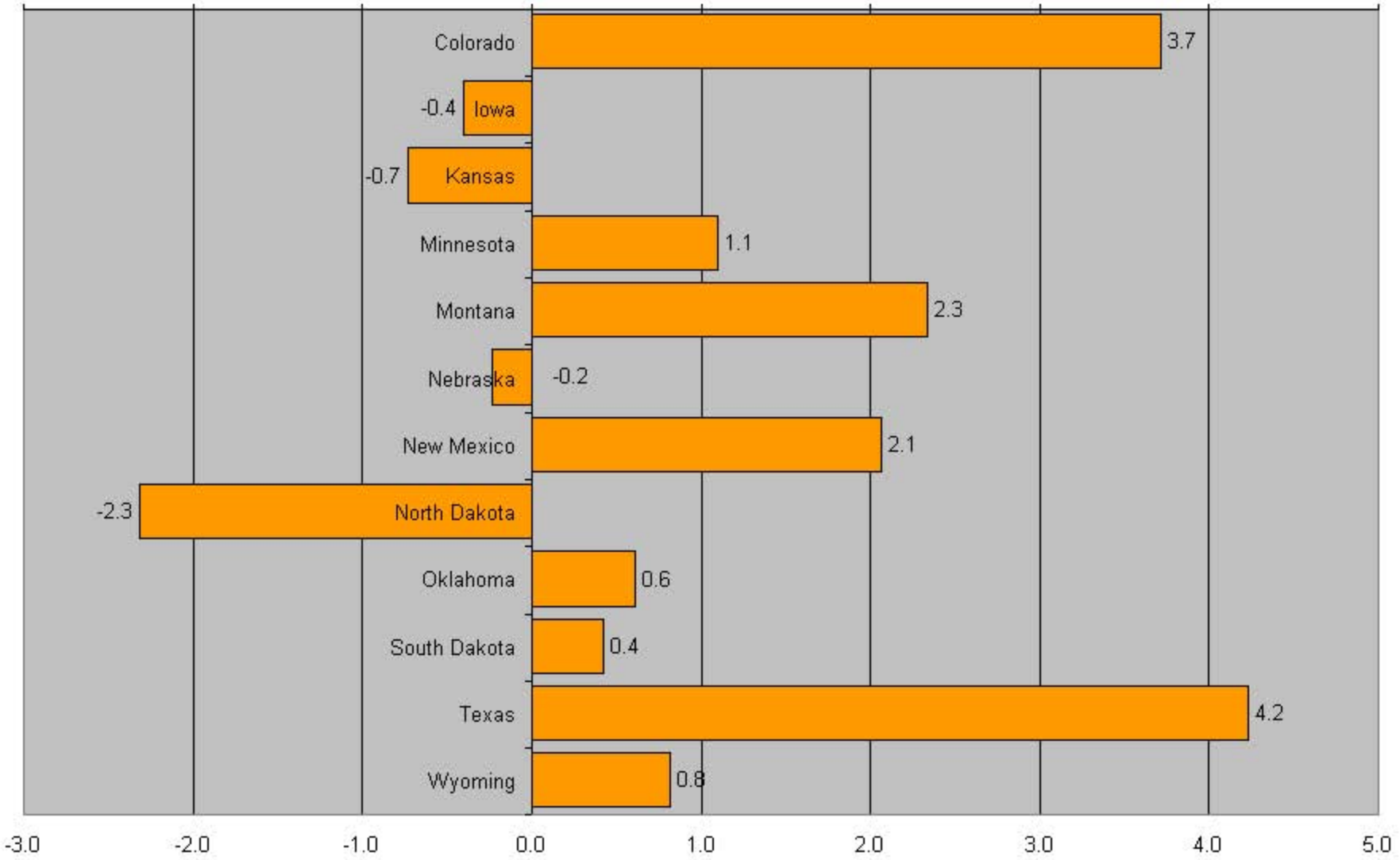

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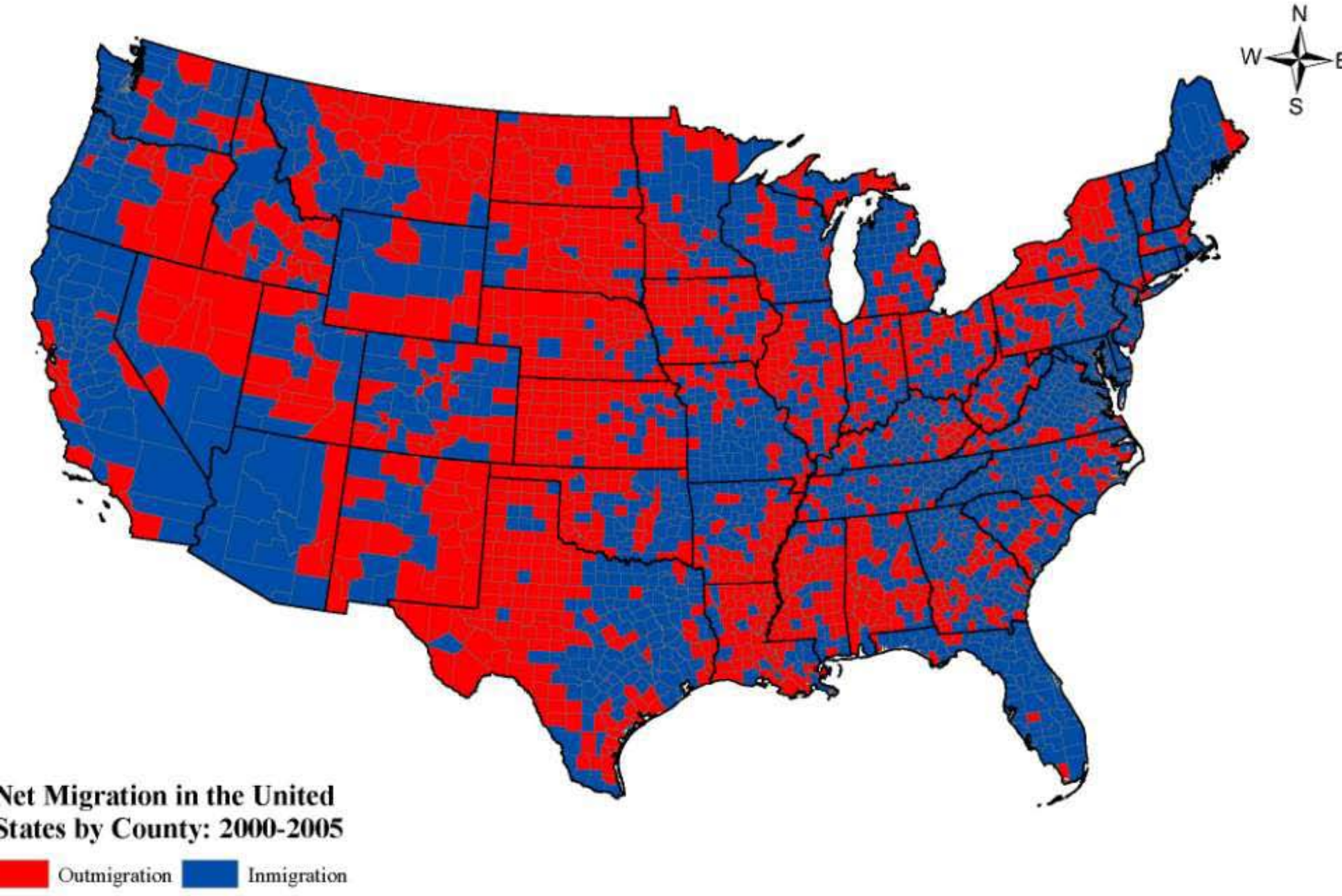

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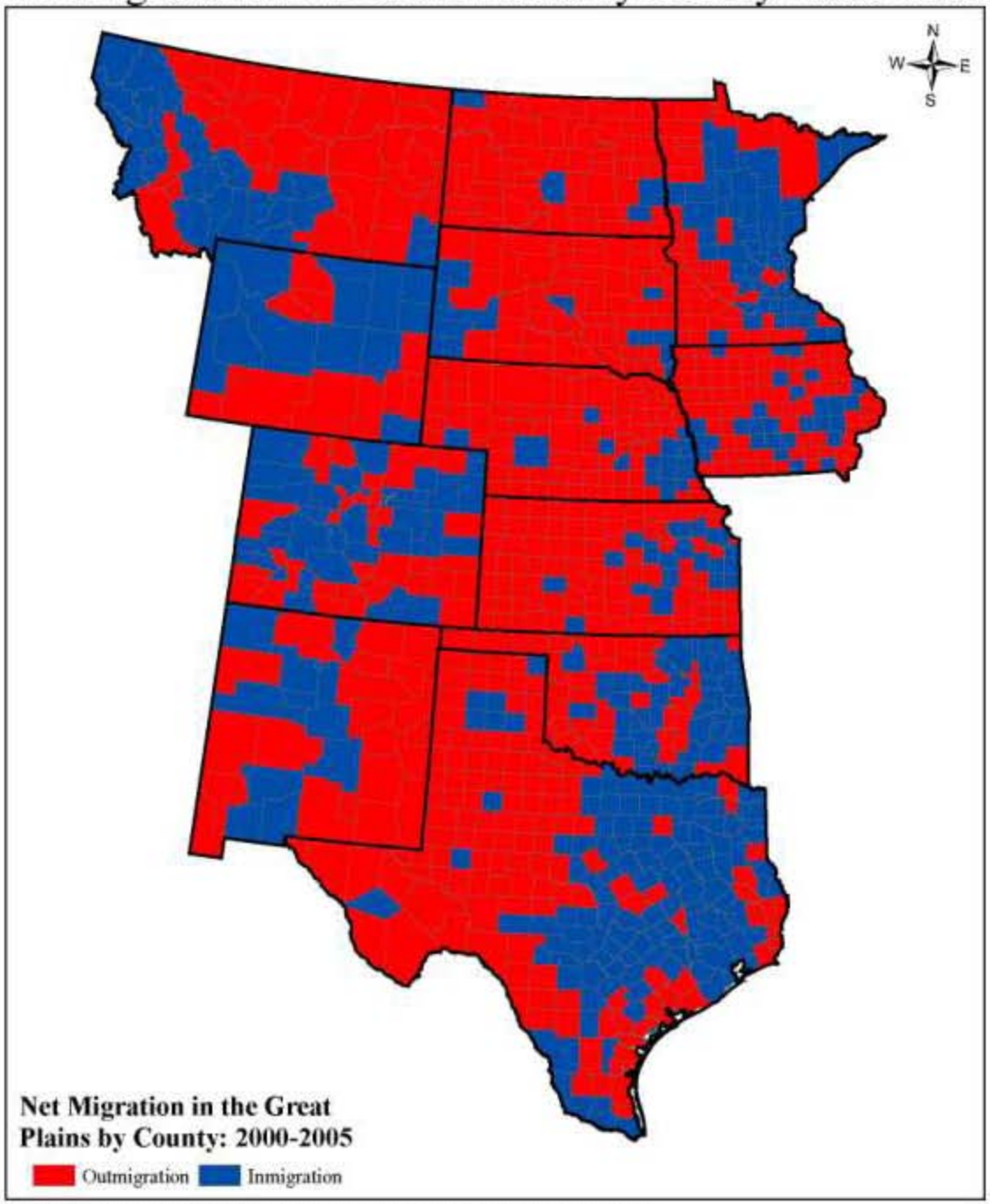

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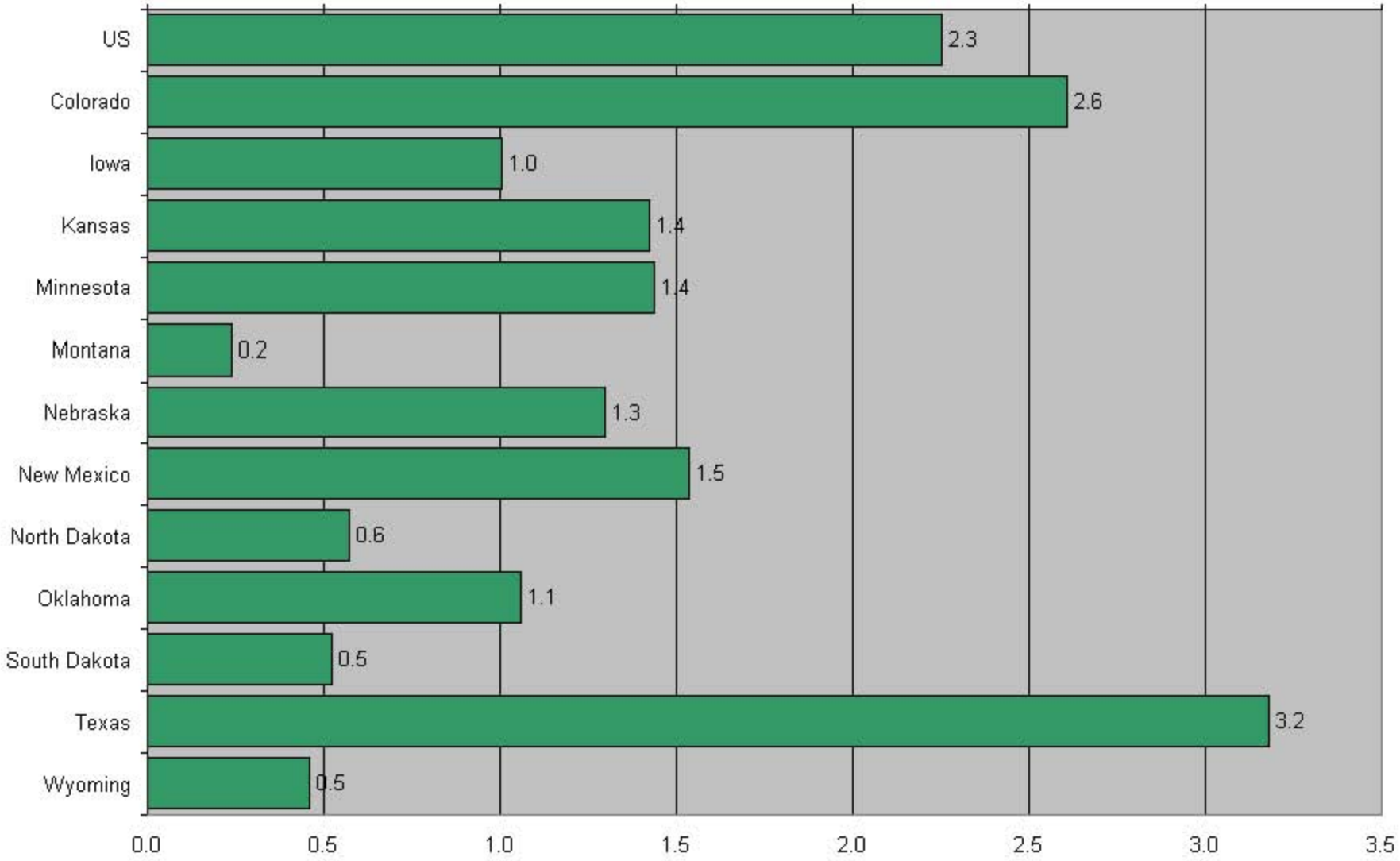

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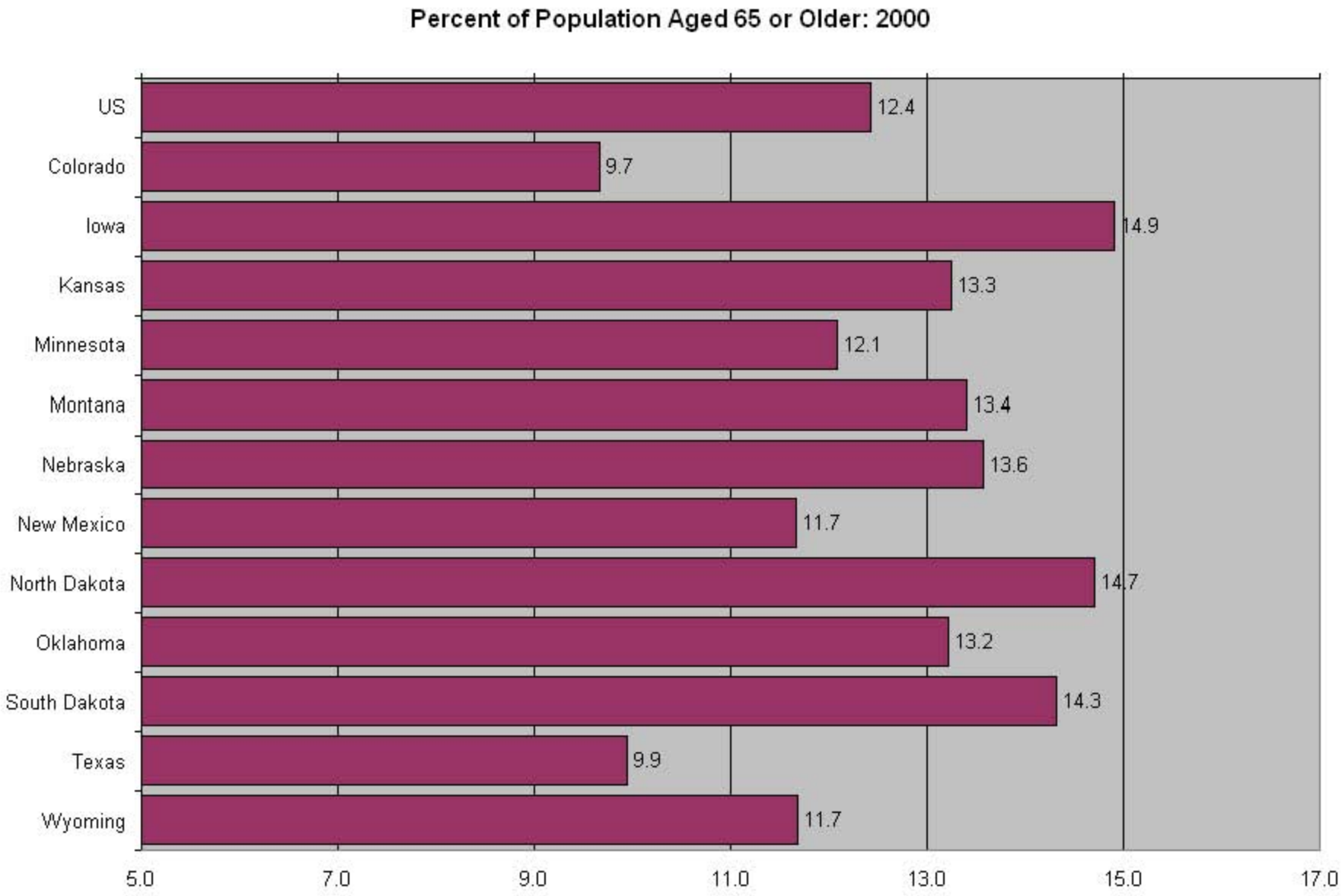

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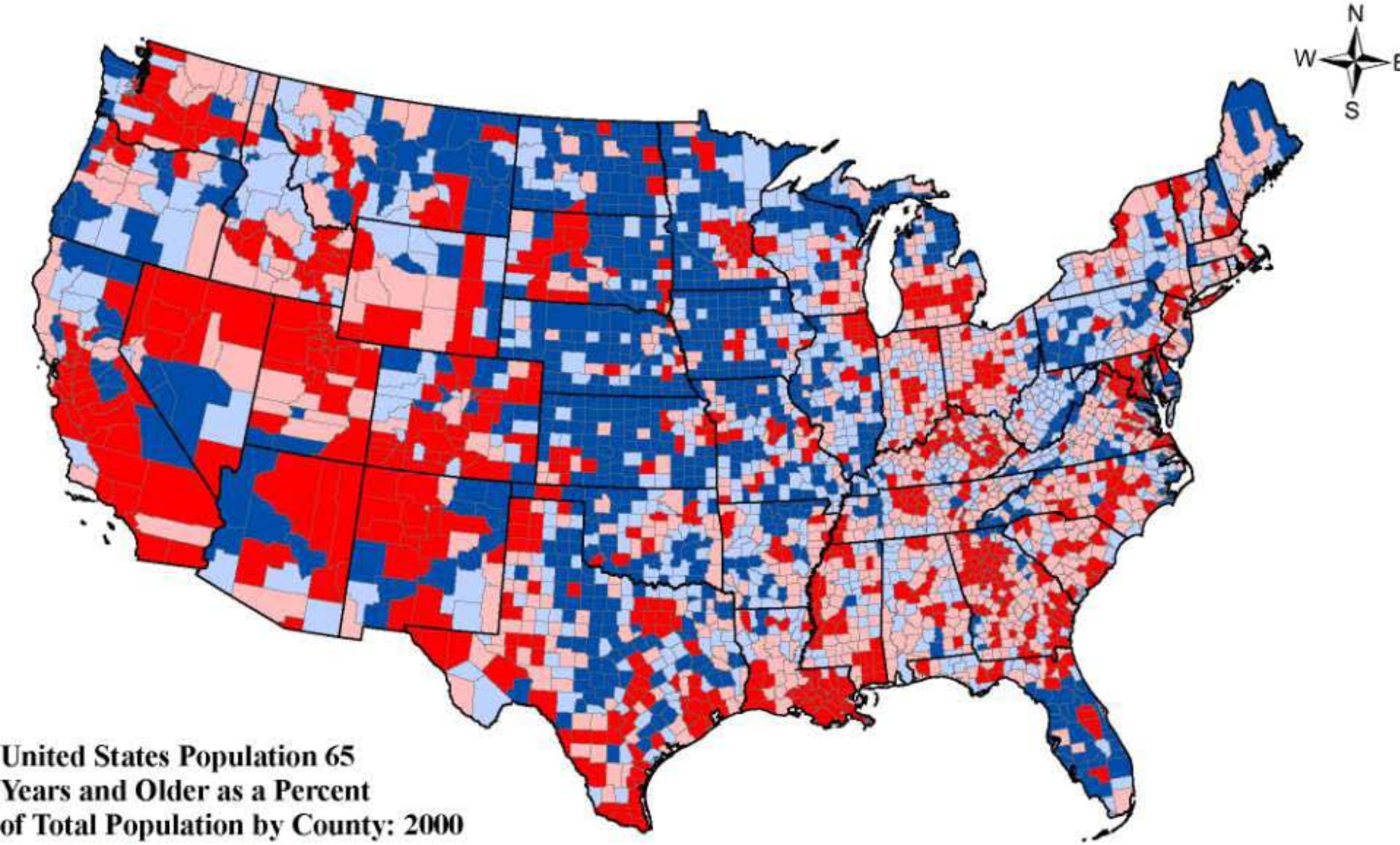

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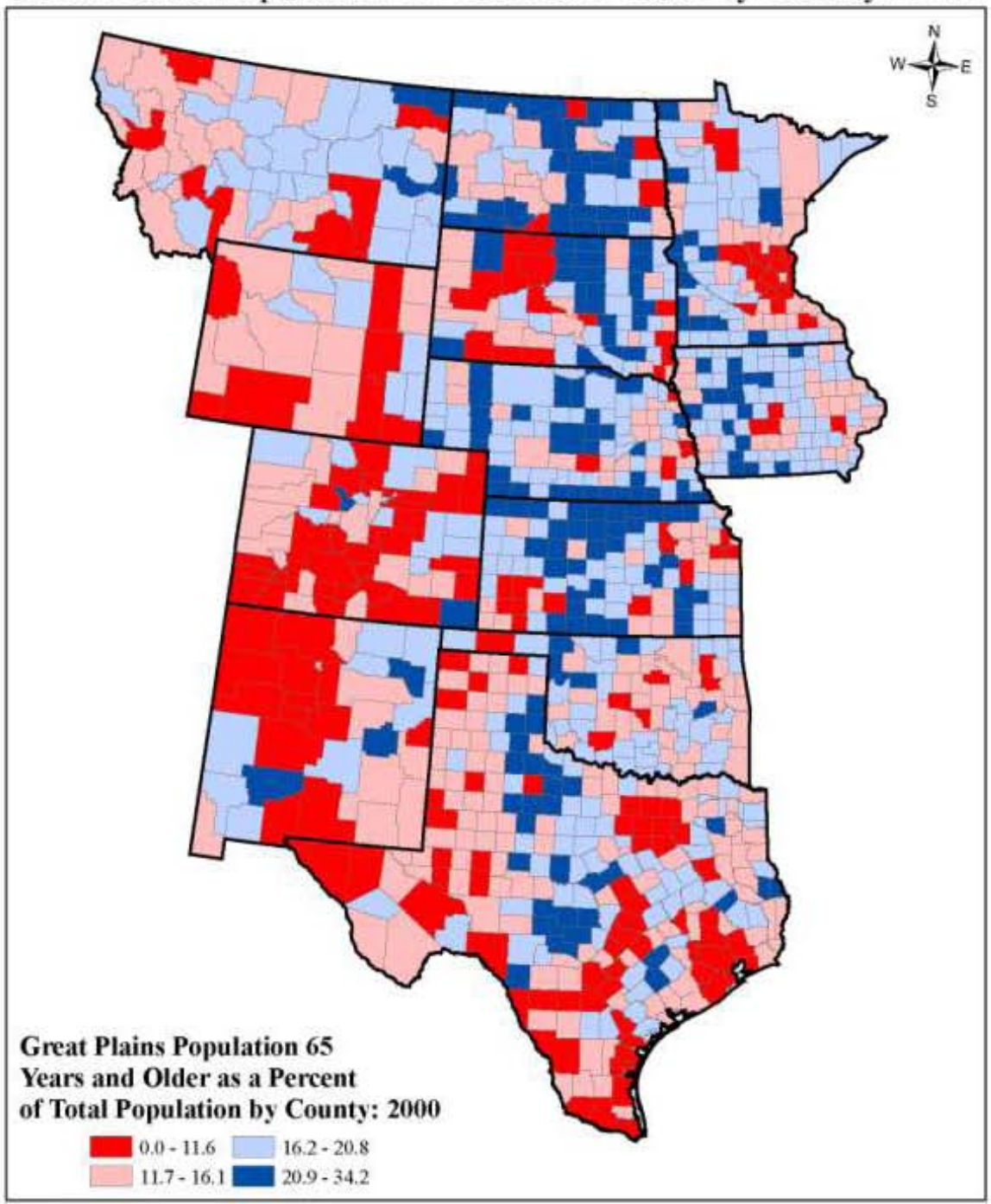

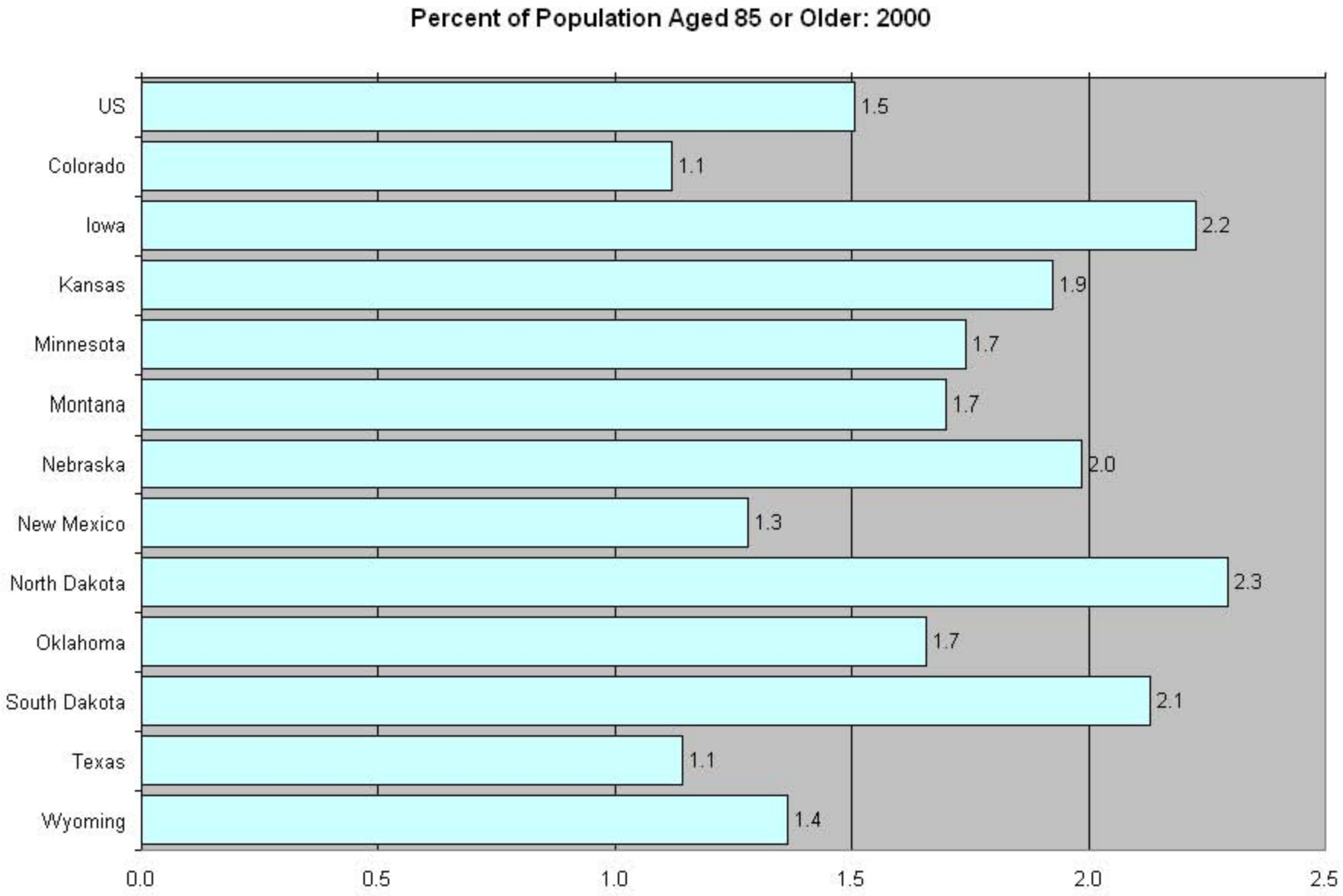

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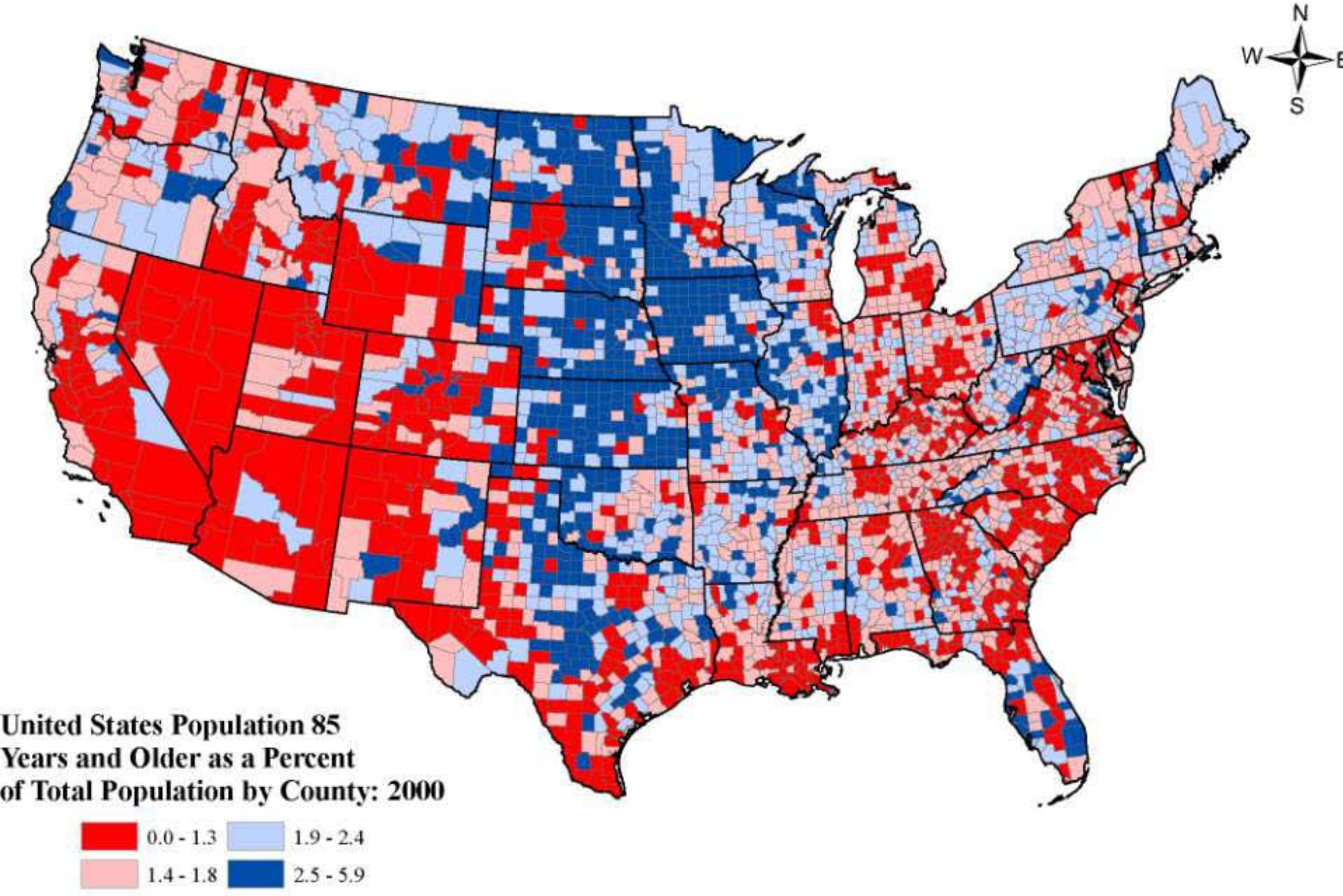

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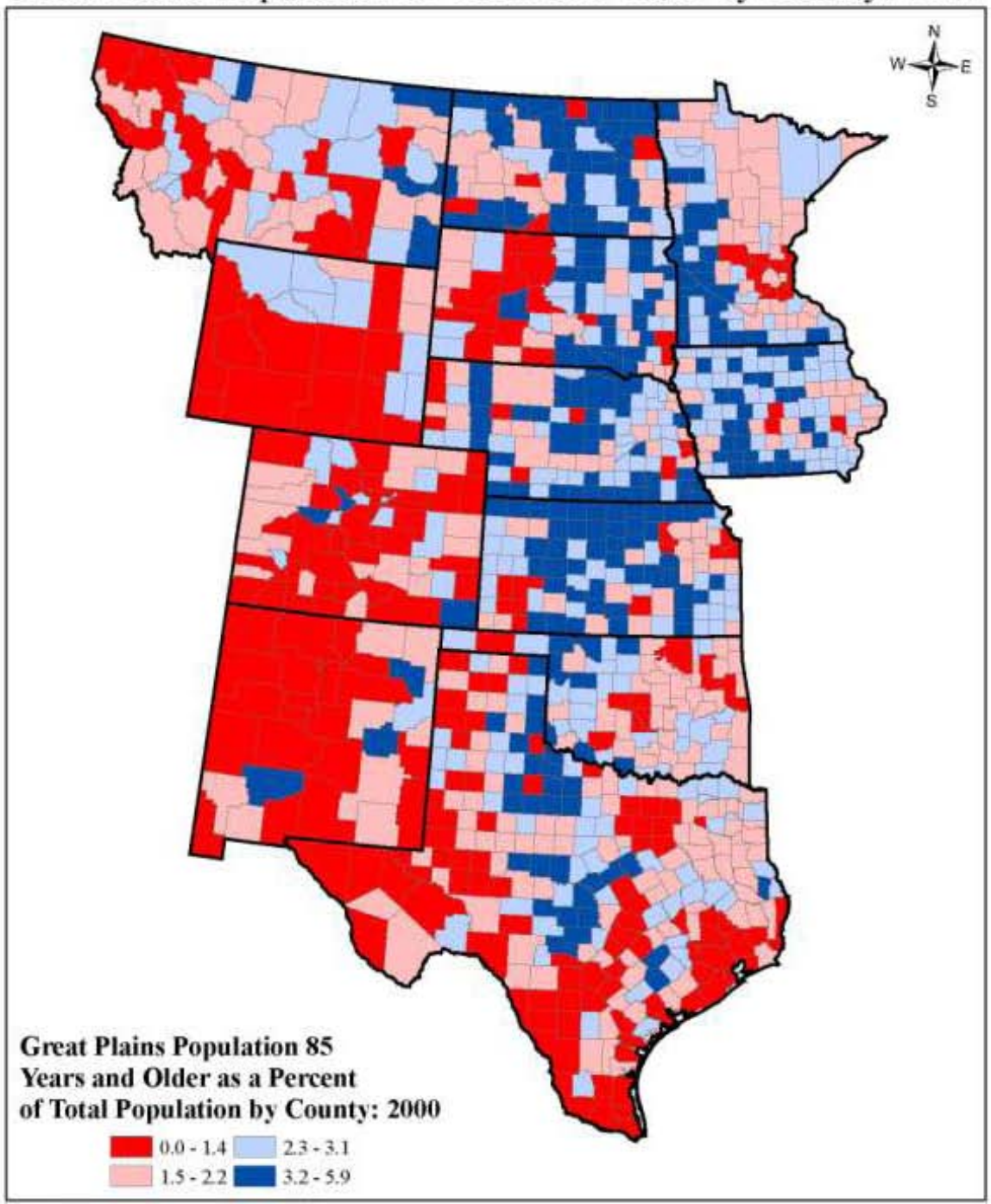

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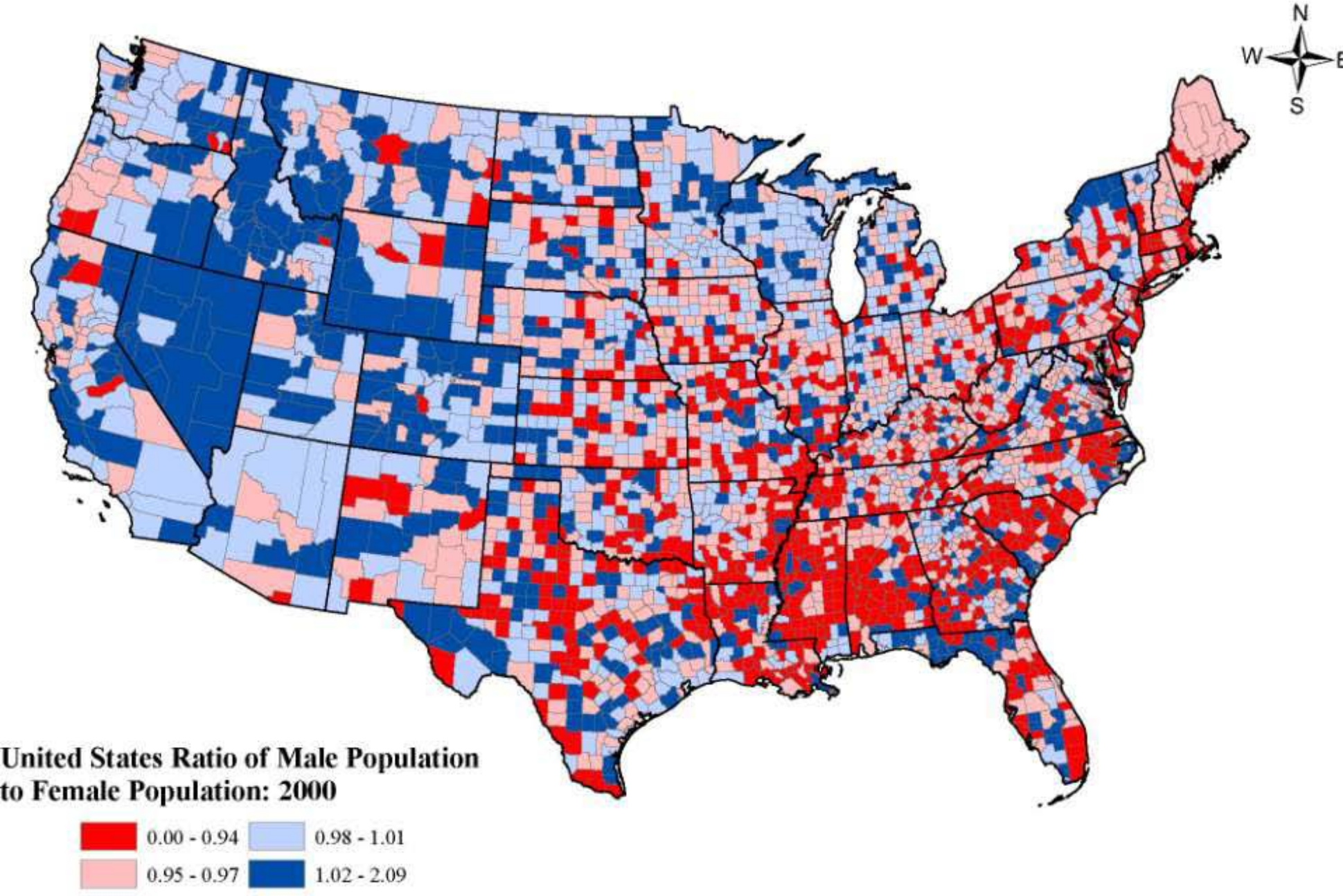

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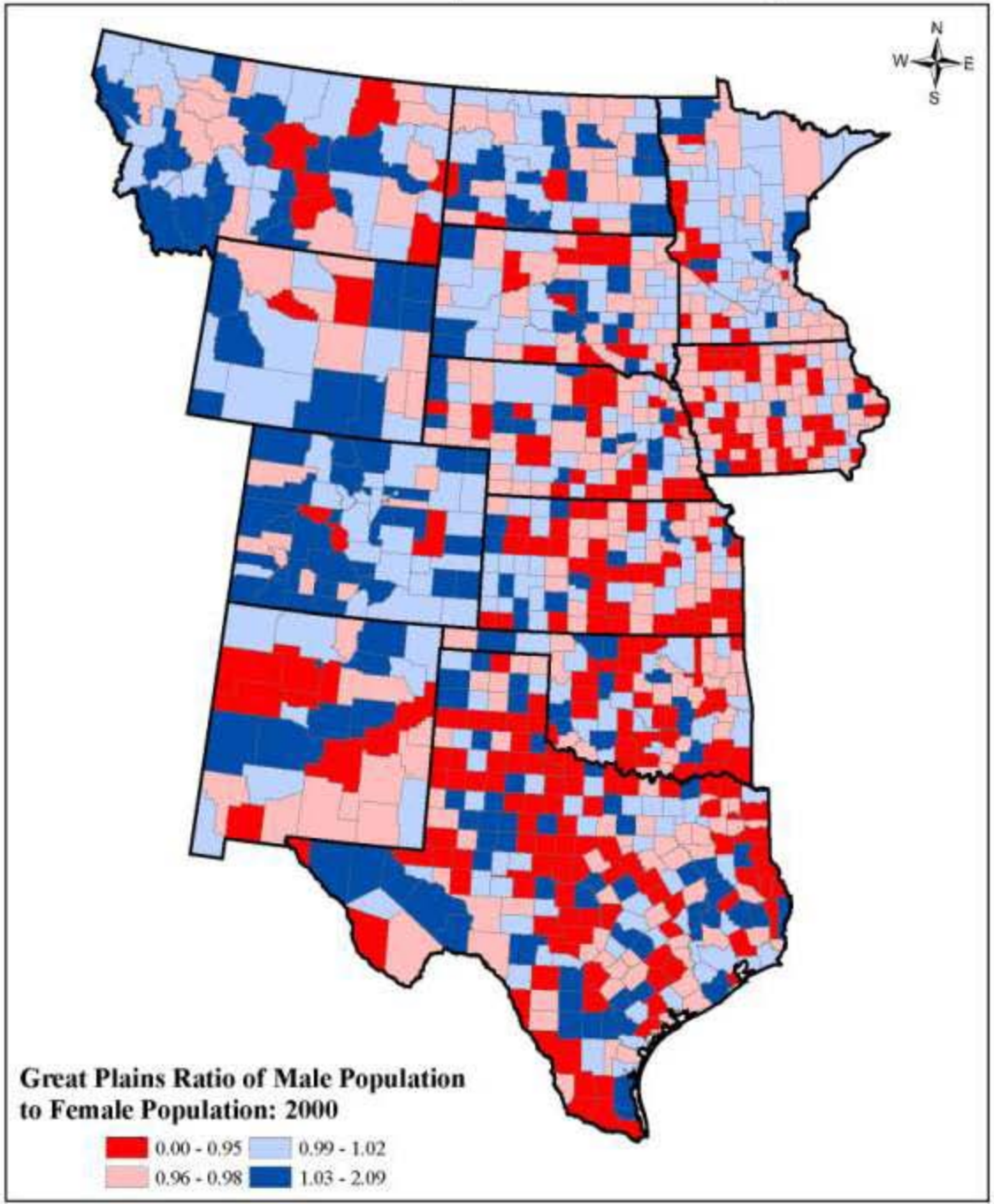

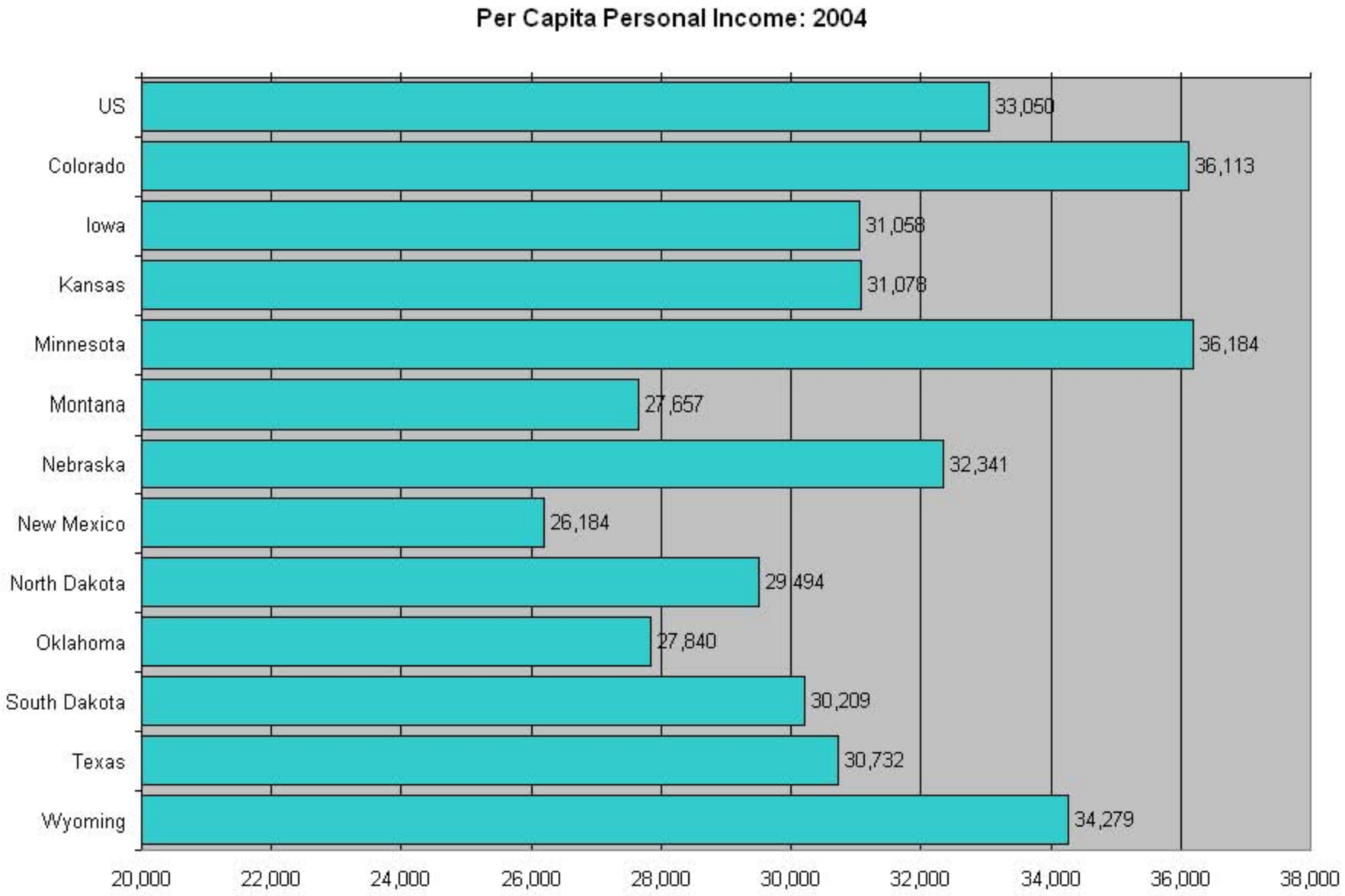

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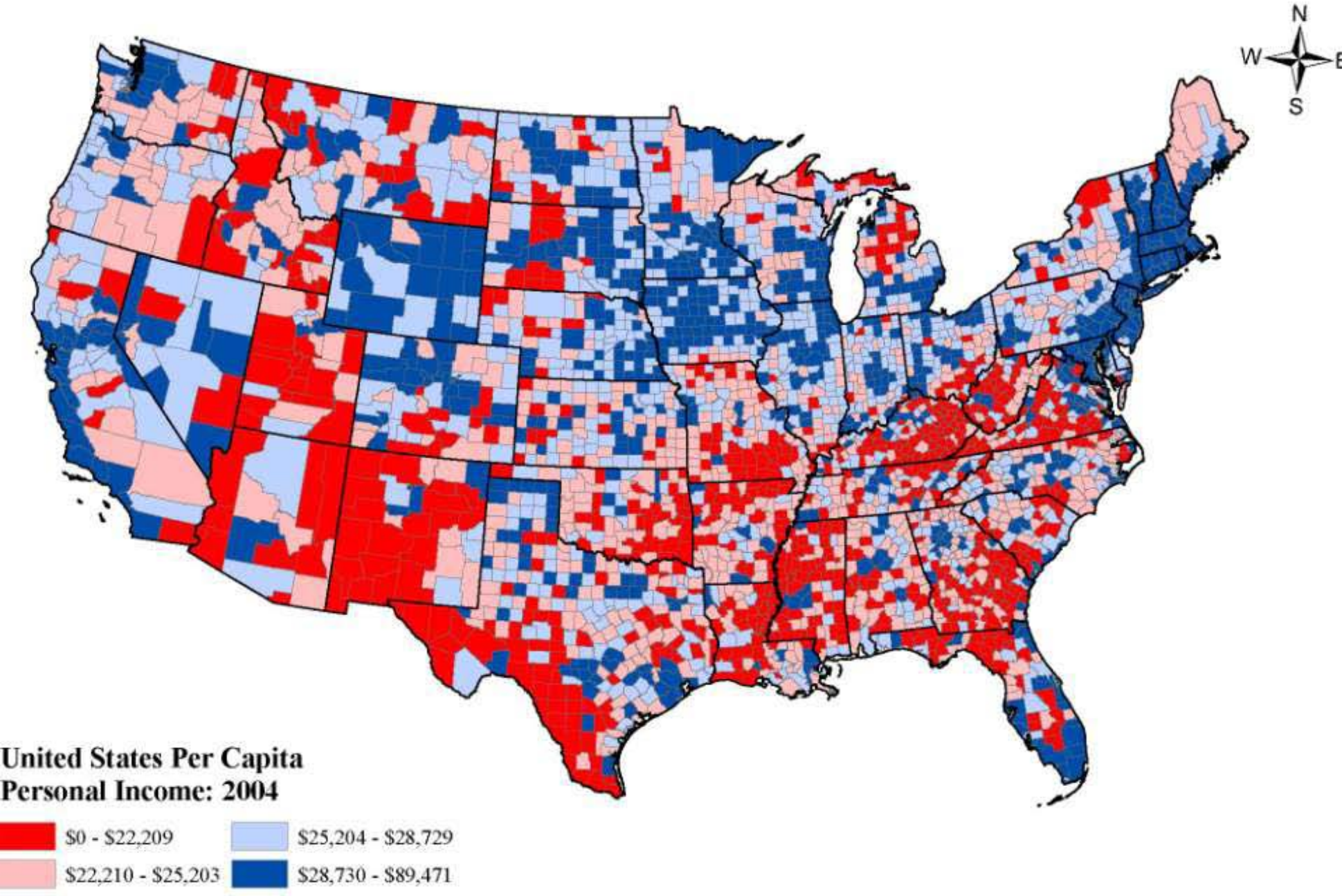

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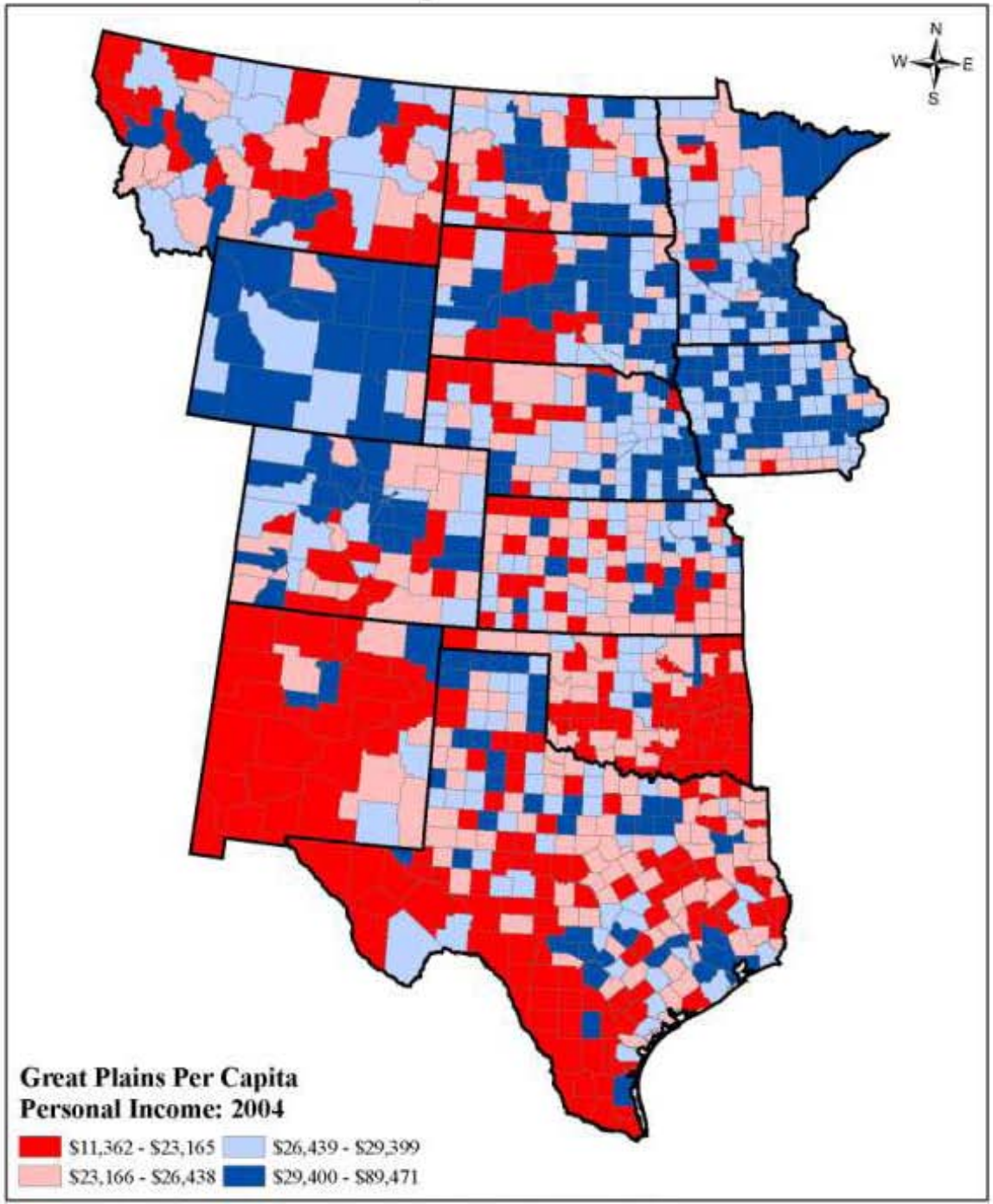

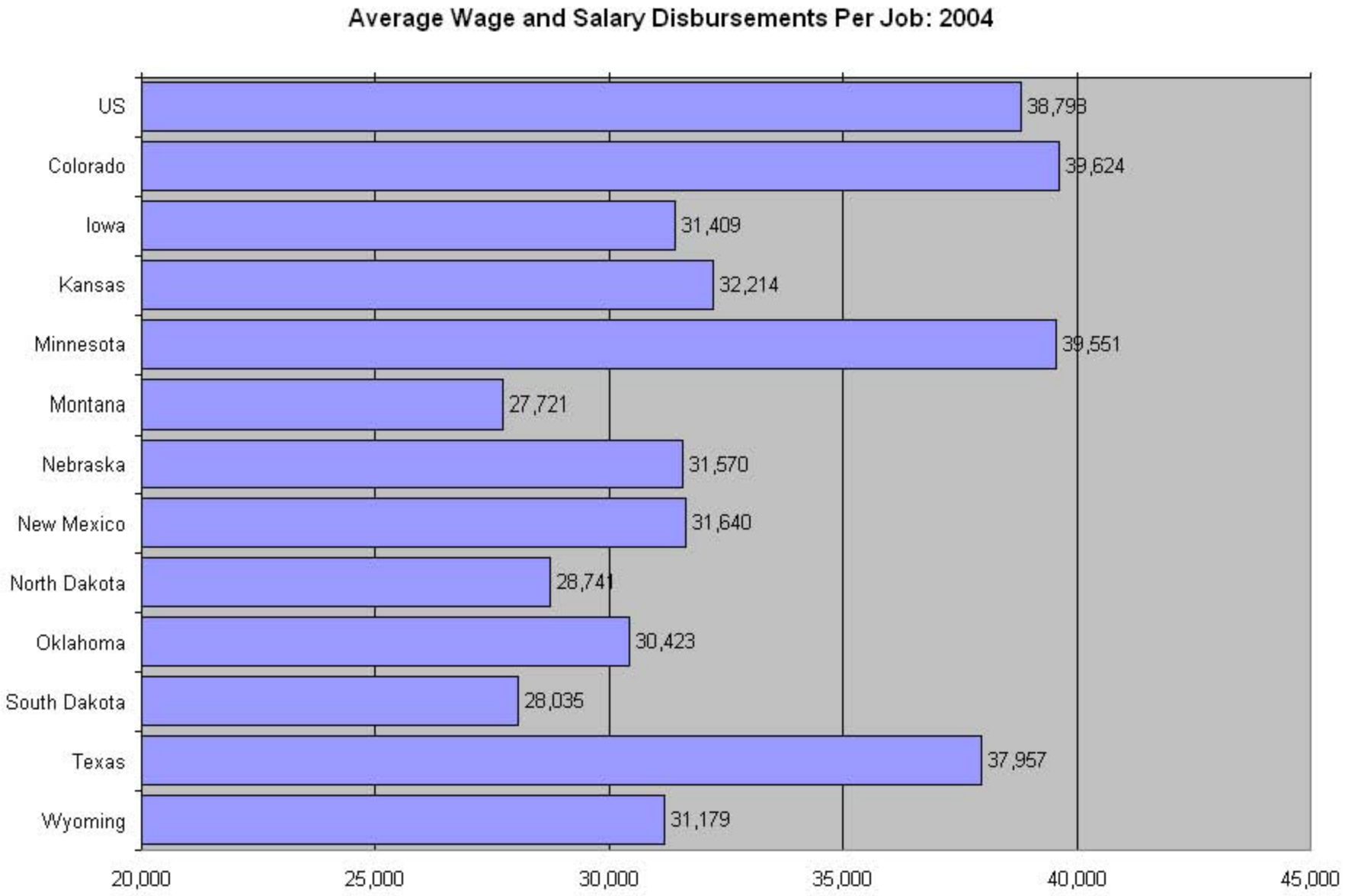

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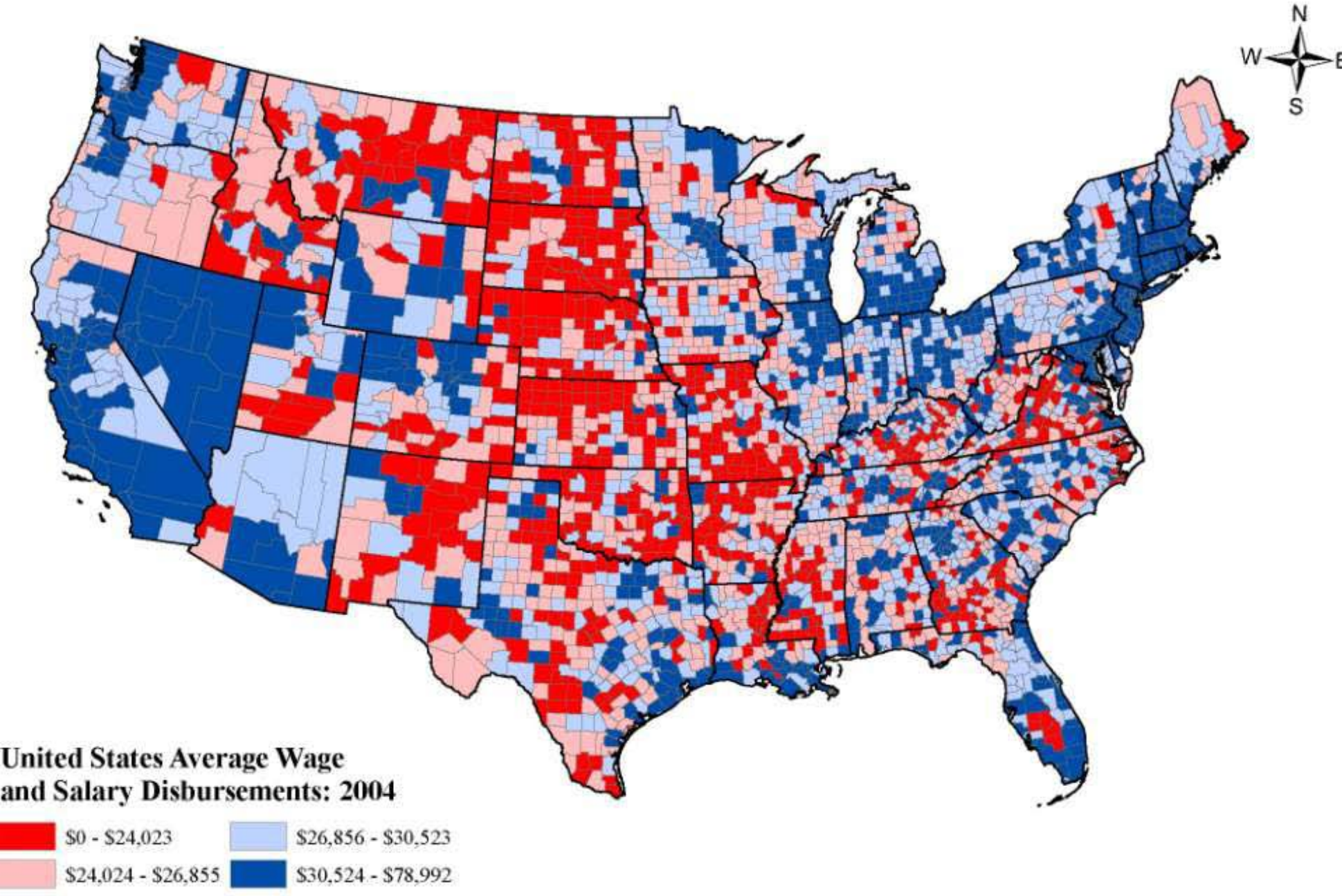

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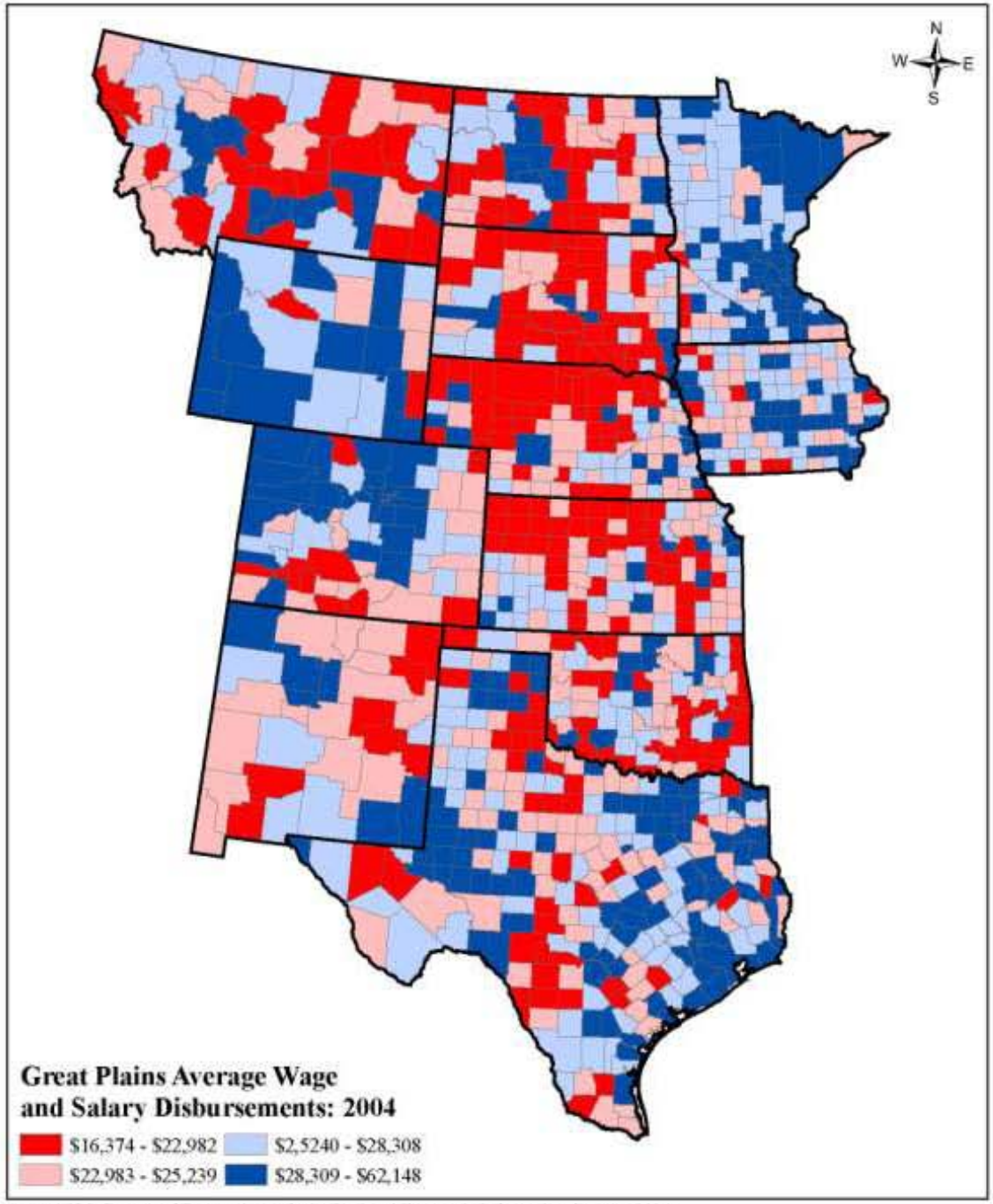

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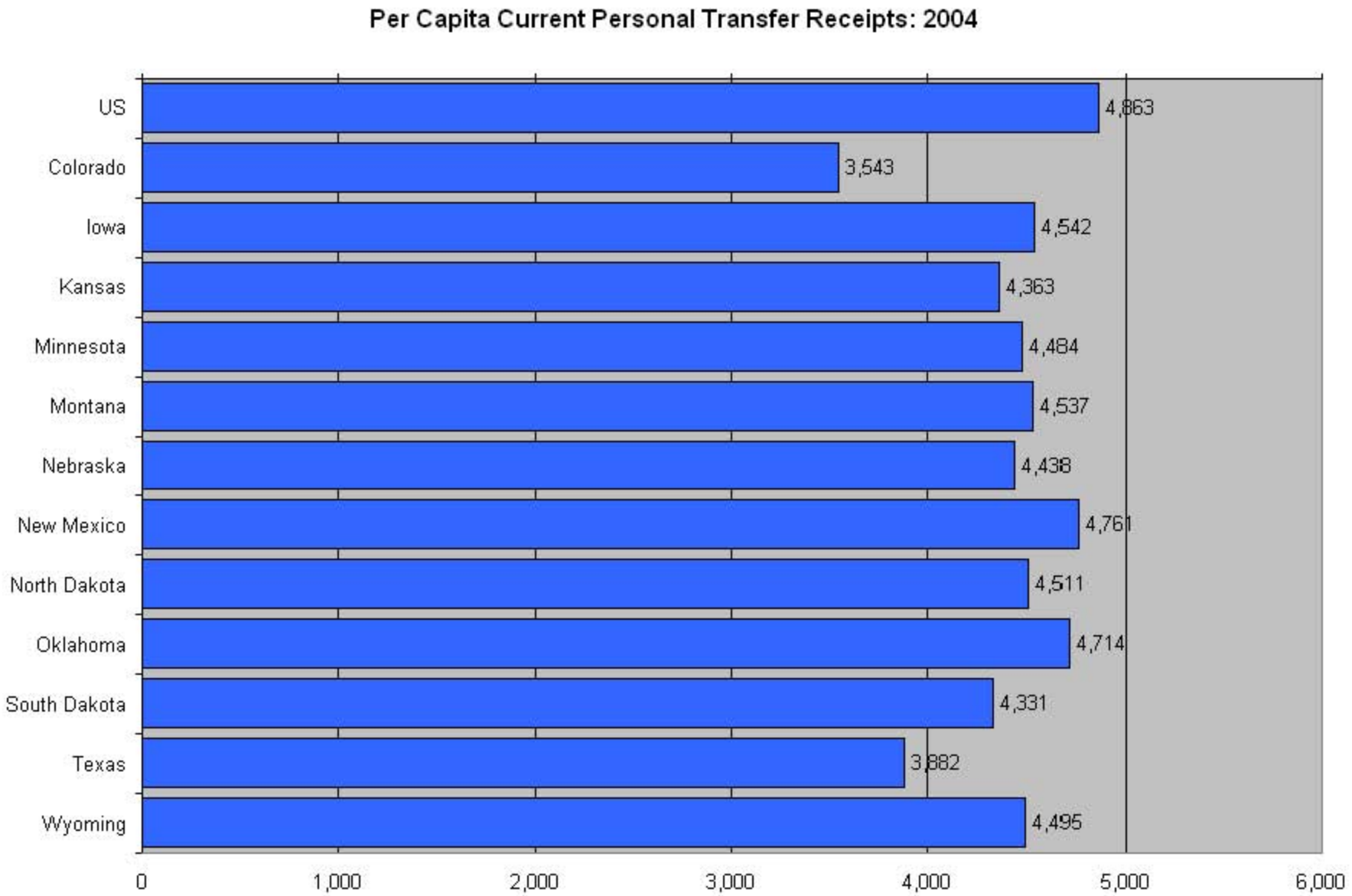

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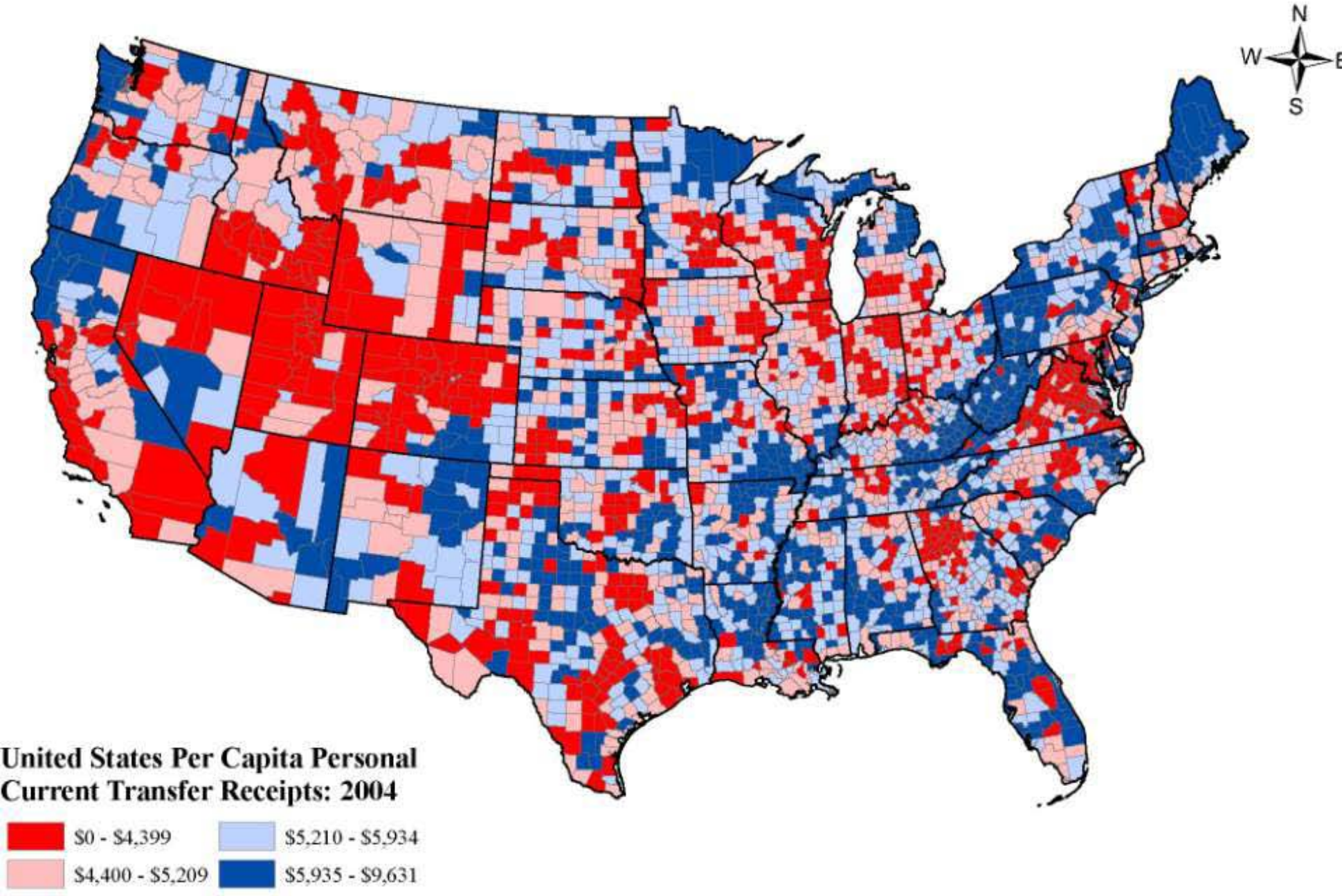

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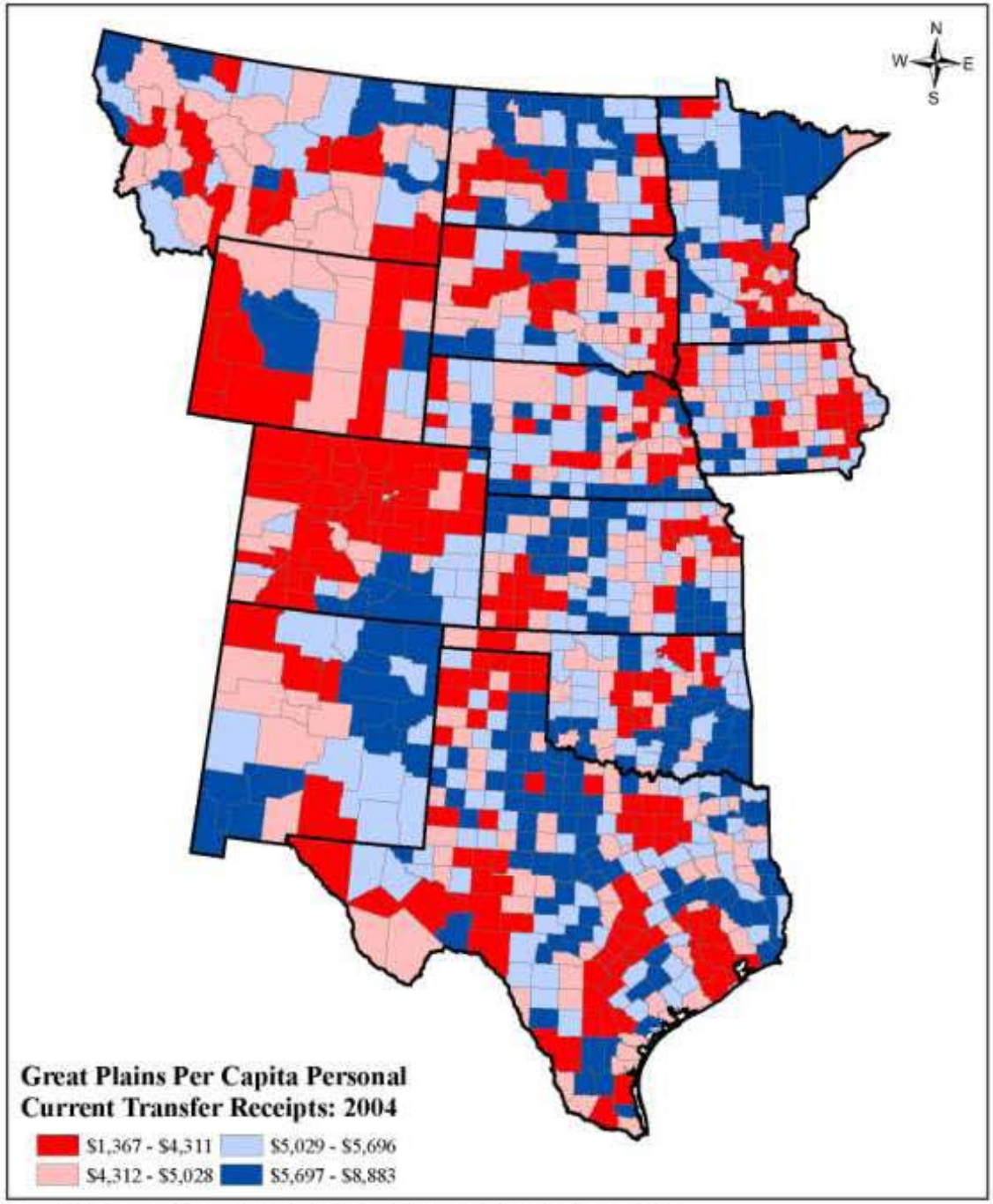

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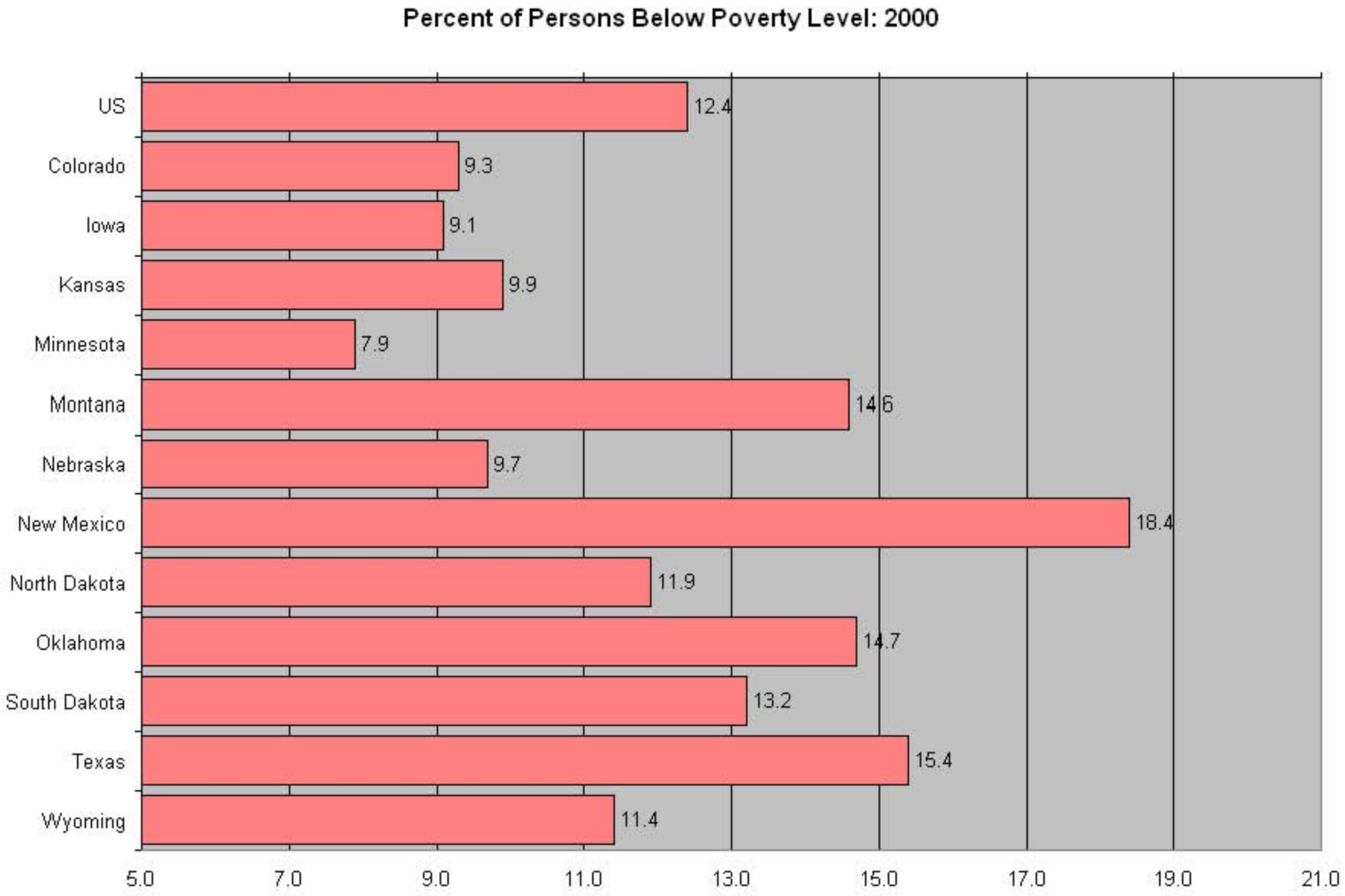

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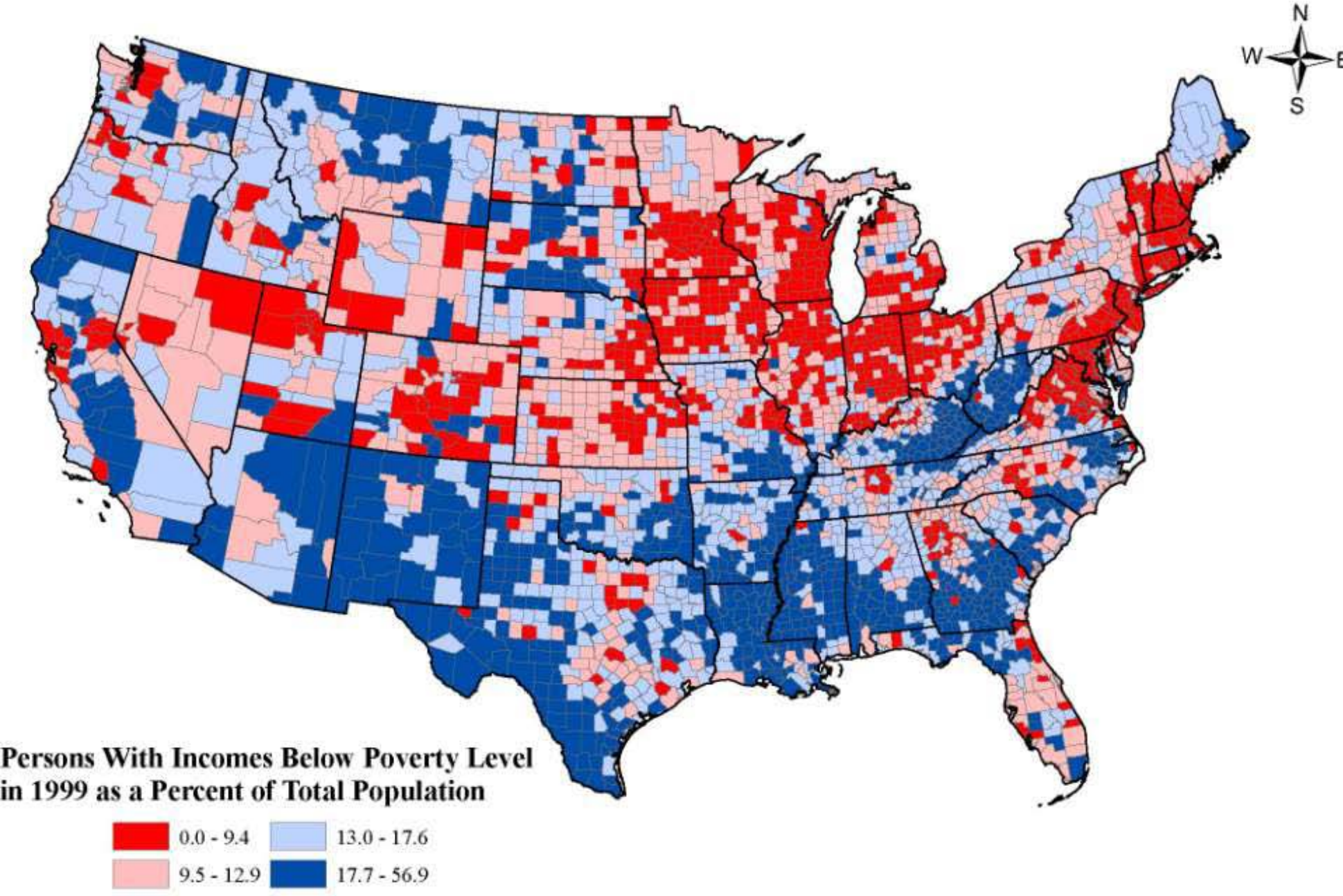

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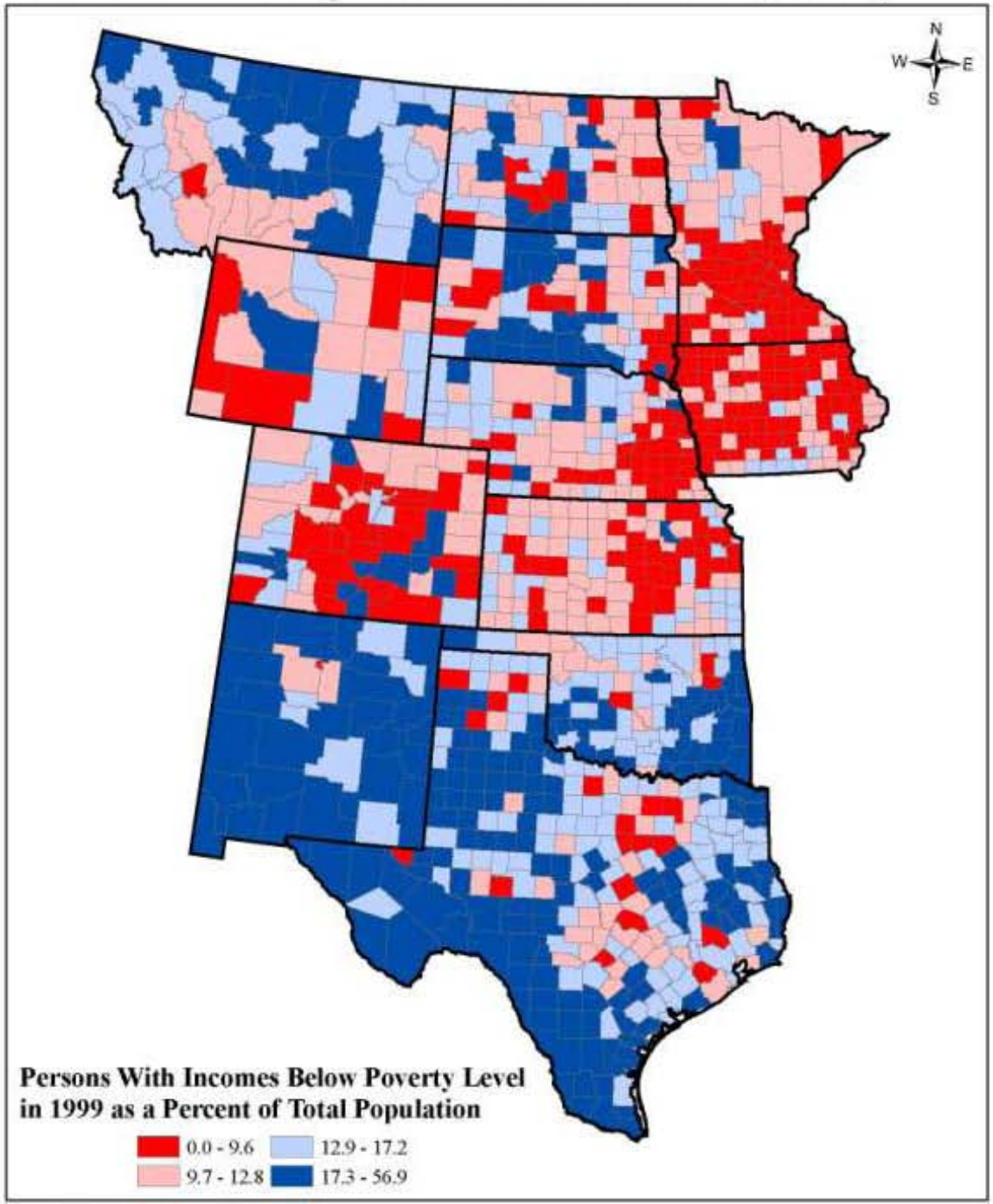

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