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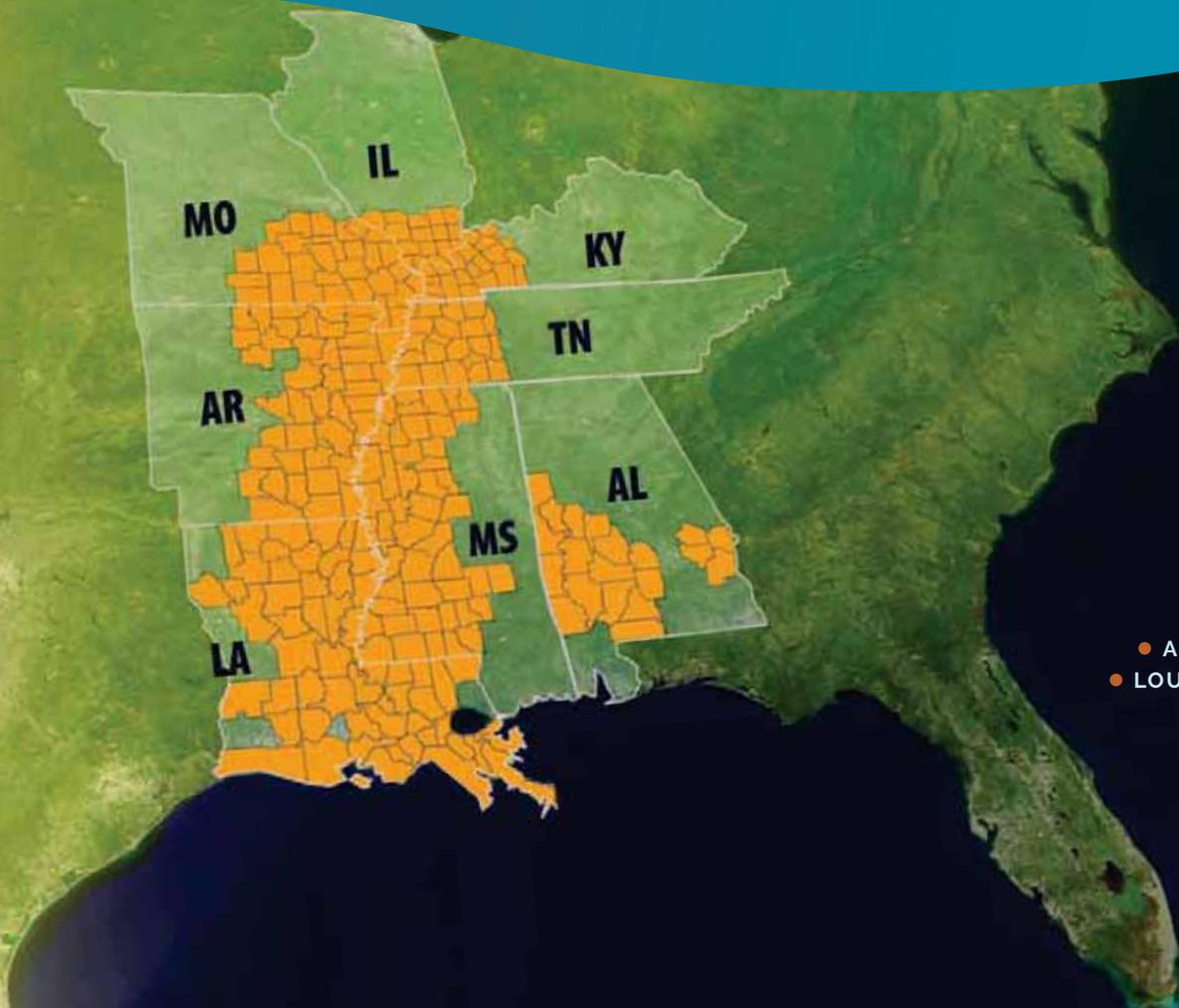
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The Delta region, made up of 252 counties and parishes in eight states, is one of the most historic, culturally rich parts of the country, yet daily life remains a struggle for many of the region's 10 million people. The Delta Regional Authority works to improve regional economic growth and opportunity through strategic economic development investments in the Delta region's communities, families, and businesses. This report was compiled in 2016.

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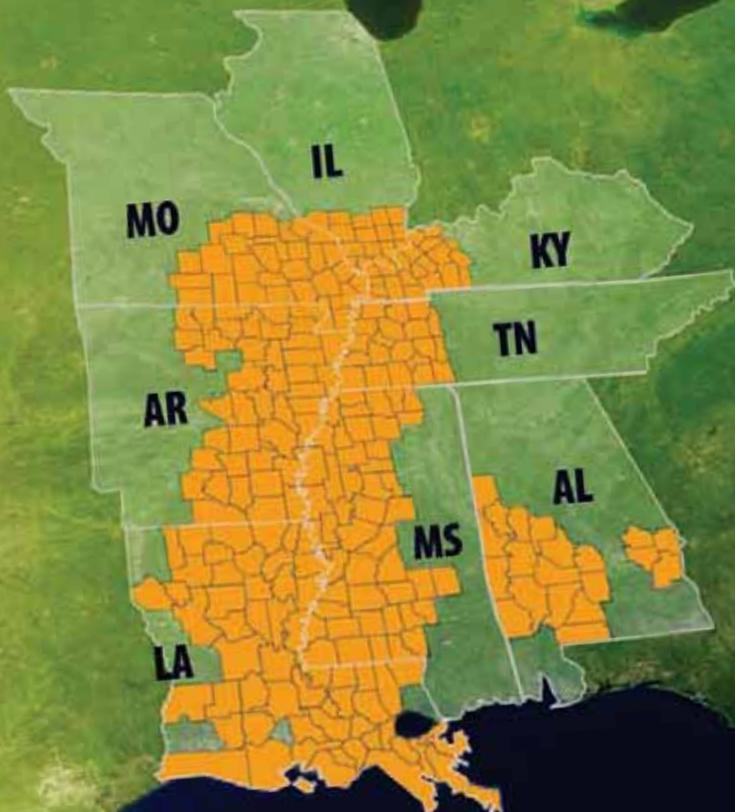
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As the Mississippi River Delta and Alabama Black Belt region competes for businesses, investment, and economic opportunity in the era of globalization, it is important for our communities to have the tools they need to attract resources and create strong environments for economic development and growth. *Today's Delta 2016* provides the data that allow community leaders, elected officials, and economic developers to know all the facts in order to tell the whole story, make strategic decisions, and compete for these valuable resources and investments that make the Delta region's economy vibrant.

Today's Delta 2016 is the third edition of the DRA's report on the status of Delta communities, presenting current county-by-county and state-level data across all eight DRA states by using indicators of population, educational attainment, poverty, health, economics, and housing. This information has, and will continue to, support communities, organizations, and local leaders in planning, developing, funding, and implementing economic and community development projects to address the ever-present needs of our local populations. These are projects that directly complement DRA's mission to help create jobs, build communities, and improve lives for the nearly 10 million people of the Delta region.

In the future, we hope to expand the *Today's Delta* project to incorporate data analyses from local and state subject-matter experts and include even more indicators to help us better understand our region and the opportunities and challenges facing Delta communities, families, and businesses. I look forward to the continued growth of this important tool and resource as our community leaders compete for funding, businesses, and investment for the Delta region

Continued gratitude is due to Jim Youngquist and his team at the UALR Institute for Economic Advancement for their research and commitment to this project. I hope that this project provides further guidance to Delta leaders, economic developers, students, researchers, and small businesses in reaching economic success and establishing the Delta region on the global stage as a great place to live, work, and invest.

Sincerely,

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One of the things Mississippi and the Delta region are known for is great storytelling. In order to build our communities into competitive economic engines, we must be able to tell the story of our people to the world. *Today's Delta* helps us as community leaders, economic developers, policy makers, and residents of the Delta region do that. In turn, that helps us compete for valuable resources and investment for our region, and make decisions that grow the economic competitiveness of our communities.

This comprehensive report and the accompanying online research database is a much-needed compilation of the indicators that describe the current reality of Delta communities, as well as the challenges and opportunities of families, workers and businesses. *Today's Delta* is an important project that provides our region's leadership the demographic, economic, educational, and health status of the region, allowing us to effectively address local needs.

With my fellow governors, I look forward to using this tool to craft informed policies and make smart investments that reach the communities, businesses and people that make the Delta such a unique place. We hope that community leaders, economic developers, educators and researchers will continue to utilize this tool and its online counterpart as a resource for strengthening the Delta region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phil Bryant".

Phil Bryant
Governor
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Today's Delta:

Addressing Perception and Reality

We often use the phrase “perception is reality.” Many of us whose professional and personal work is to help make the Delta region of the United States a better place to live, work, and learn know that perception does not always reflect the reality of the region. This report is the third edition of *Today's Delta*, published in cooperation with Arkansas' Institute for Economic Advancement (IEA). The purpose of this document will be to analyze and better understand the region's circumstances, to use that understanding to address areas of concern, and to work to achieve a better quality of life for the Delta's citizens.

Today's Delta provides the region's leaders with data on each of the Delta's eight states, covering demographics, educational attainment, poverty levels, health, economics, and housing. This kind of information can aid regional leaders and decision makers by presenting an accurate picture of circumstances in the Delta today—the reality, not just the perception.

The information in *Today's Delta* is presented on county, state, regional, and national levels. While there are a number of different data sets available for each state beyond the subsets contained in this report, the information provided in *Today's Delta* is unique as it is comparable, allowing an apples-to-apples analysis of each county and state.

Today's Delta includes data profiles organized by topic for each of the Delta's 252 counties and parishes. Each profile contains a map of the region and the relevant percentage totals for each topic. The profiles also include a bar chart comparing state, Delta regional, and national totals.

IEA is proud to partner with the DRA in developing a data set and informational maps that provide the people of the Delta with validated information for each parish, county, and state by means of which the leadership can enhance the future development of the Delta by addressing the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

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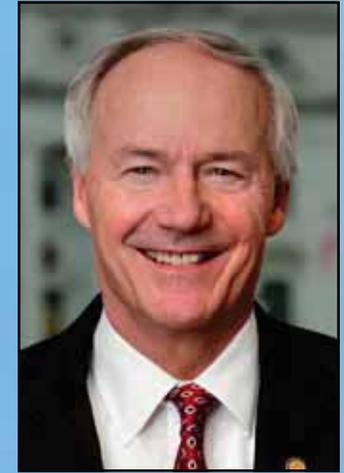
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A photograph of a woman walking and a man riding a bicycle on a bridge. The woman is in the foreground, wearing a white t-shirt, brown pants, and a pink cap, with a green jacket slung over her shoulder. She is smiling and looking upwards. The man is riding a bicycle in the background, wearing a blue t-shirt, grey shorts, and a black helmet. The bridge has a metal railing and a corrugated metal roof. Other people are visible in the background, including a young boy in a blue shirt and a woman in a white tank top. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

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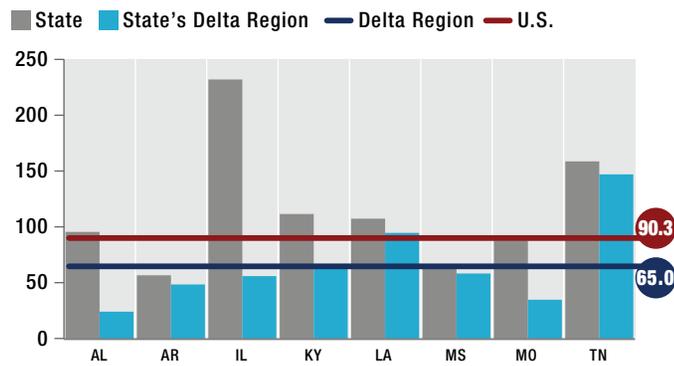
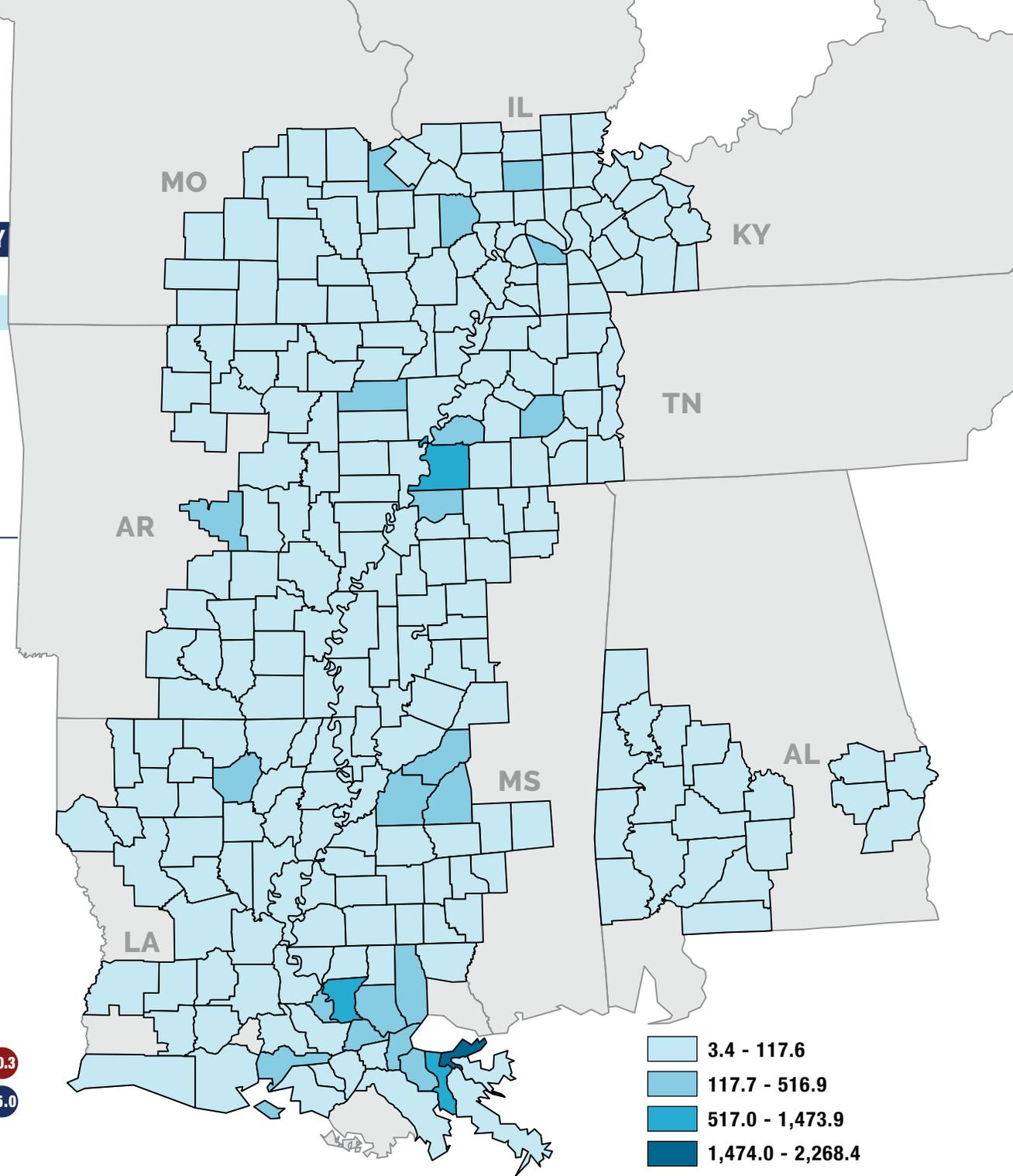
Big River Crossing foot and bike bridge connecting West Memphis, AR, and Memphis, TN. – Photo courtesy of Arkansas Parks & Tourism

Population Density

Delta Region by Counties/Parishes: 2014
(persons per square mile)

REGION	POPULATION DENSITY
United States	90.3
Delta Region	65.0
Alabama	24.5
Arkansas	48.8
Illinois	56.3
Kentucky	66.5
Louisiana	94.9
Mississippi	58.6
Missouri	35.2
Tennessee	147.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, Vintage 2014 Estimates, Release Date: March 2015

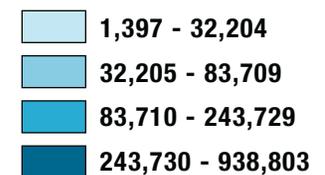
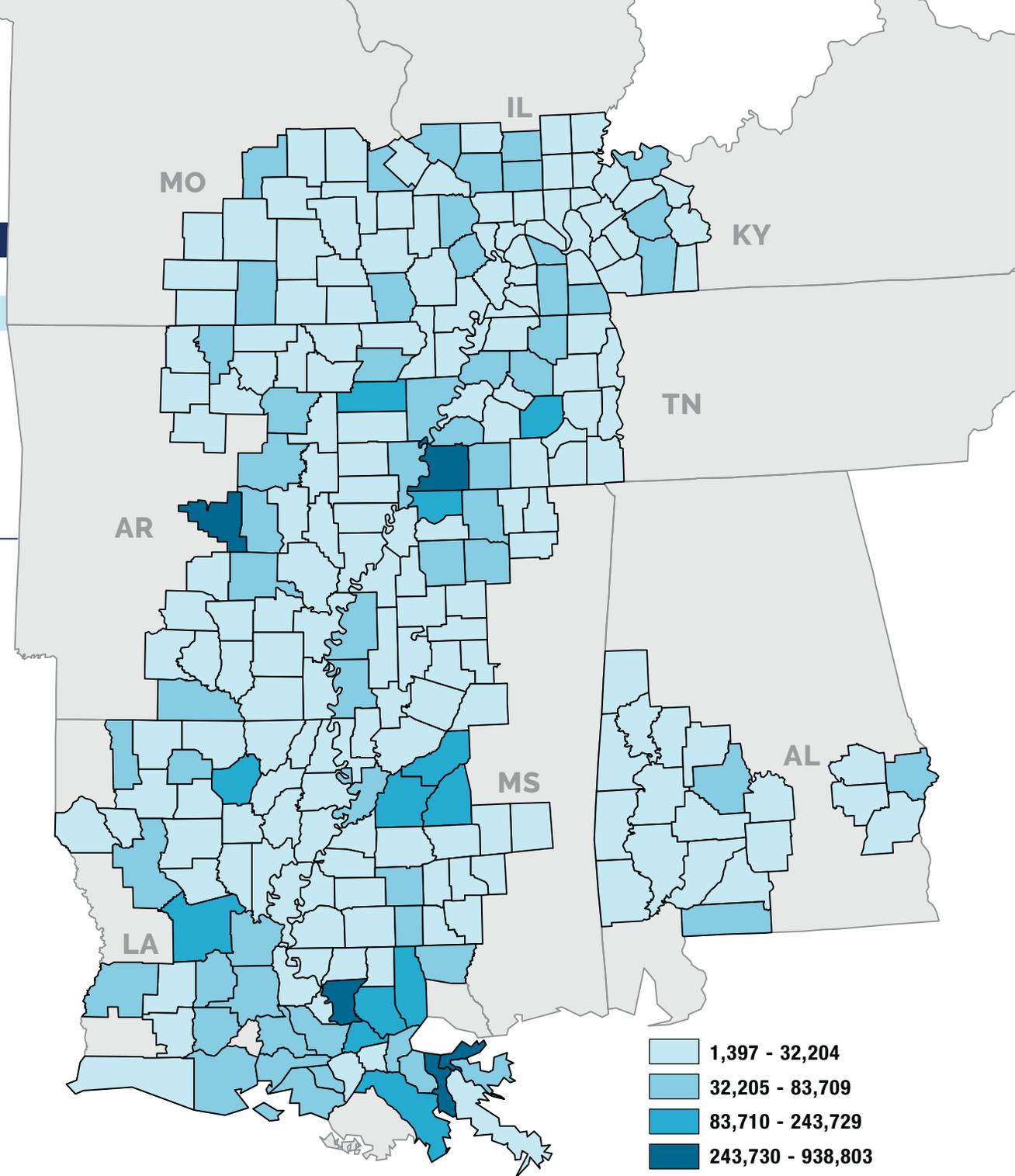


Total Population

Delta Region by Counties/Parishes: 2014

REGION	POPULATION
United States	318,857,056
Delta Region	9,925,799
Alabama	415,025
Arkansas	1,428,560
Illinois	339,875
Kentucky	498,965
Louisiana	3,403,673
Mississippi	1,583,379
Missouri	686,245
Tennessee	1,570,077

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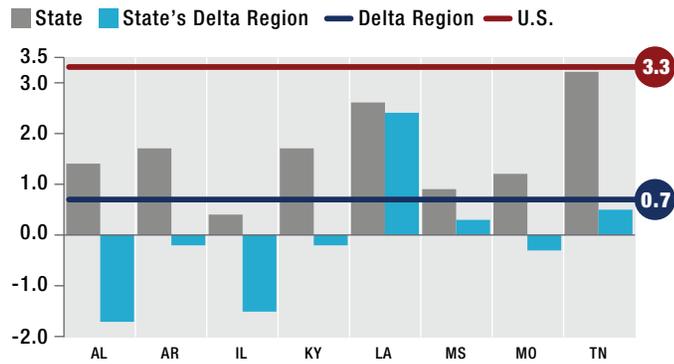
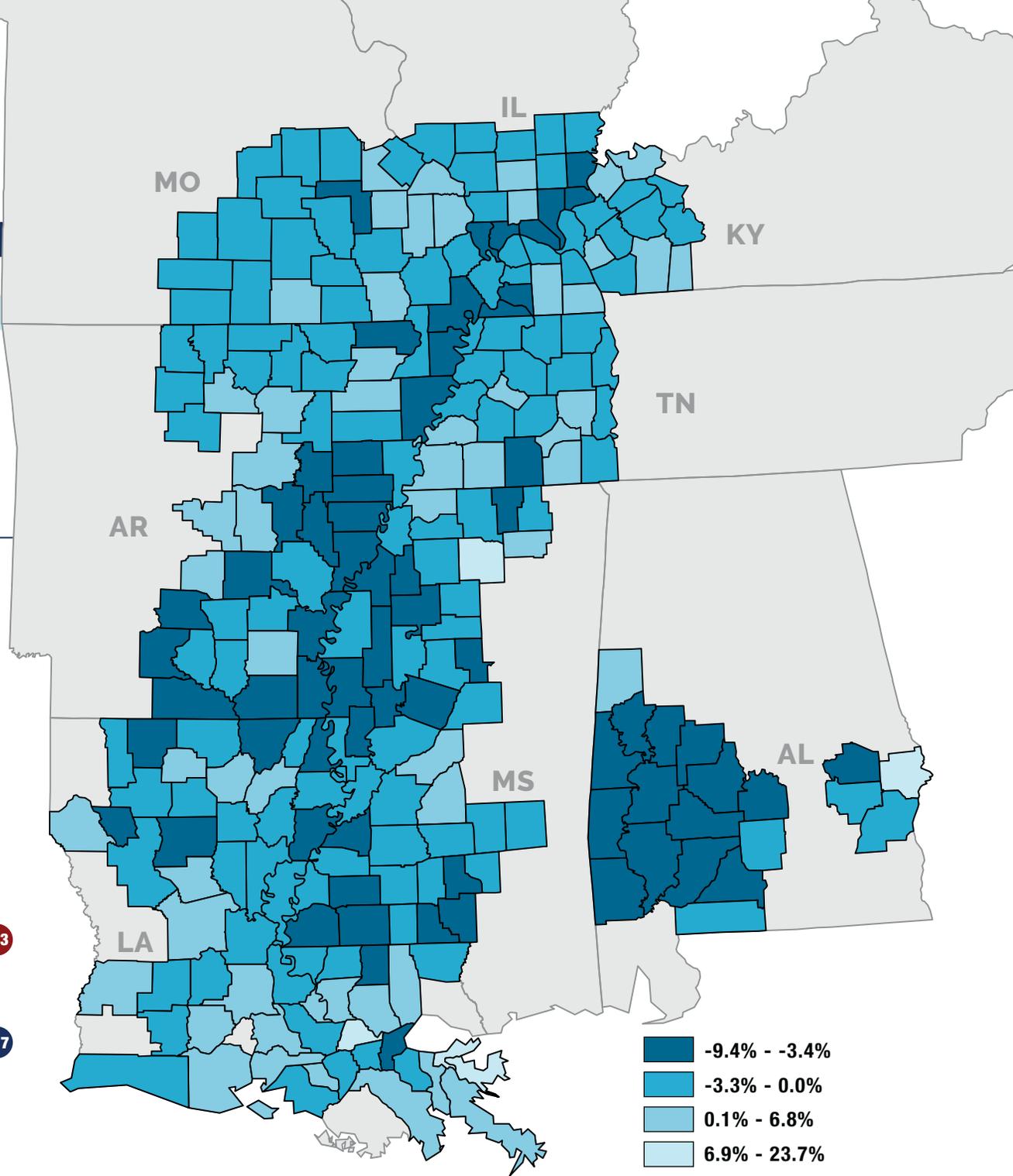


Percent Change in Total Population

Delta Region by Counties/Parishes: 2010-2014

REGION	PERCENT CHANGE
United States	3.3%
Delta Region	0.7%
Alabama	-1.7%
Arkansas	-0.2%
Illinois	-1.5%
Kentucky	-0.2%
Louisiana	2.4%
Mississippi	0.3%
Missouri	-0.3%
Tennessee	0.5%

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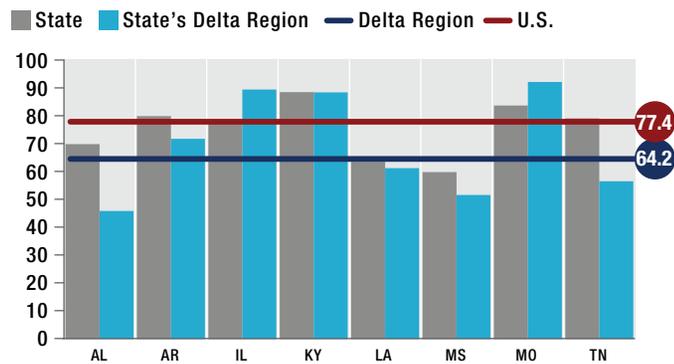
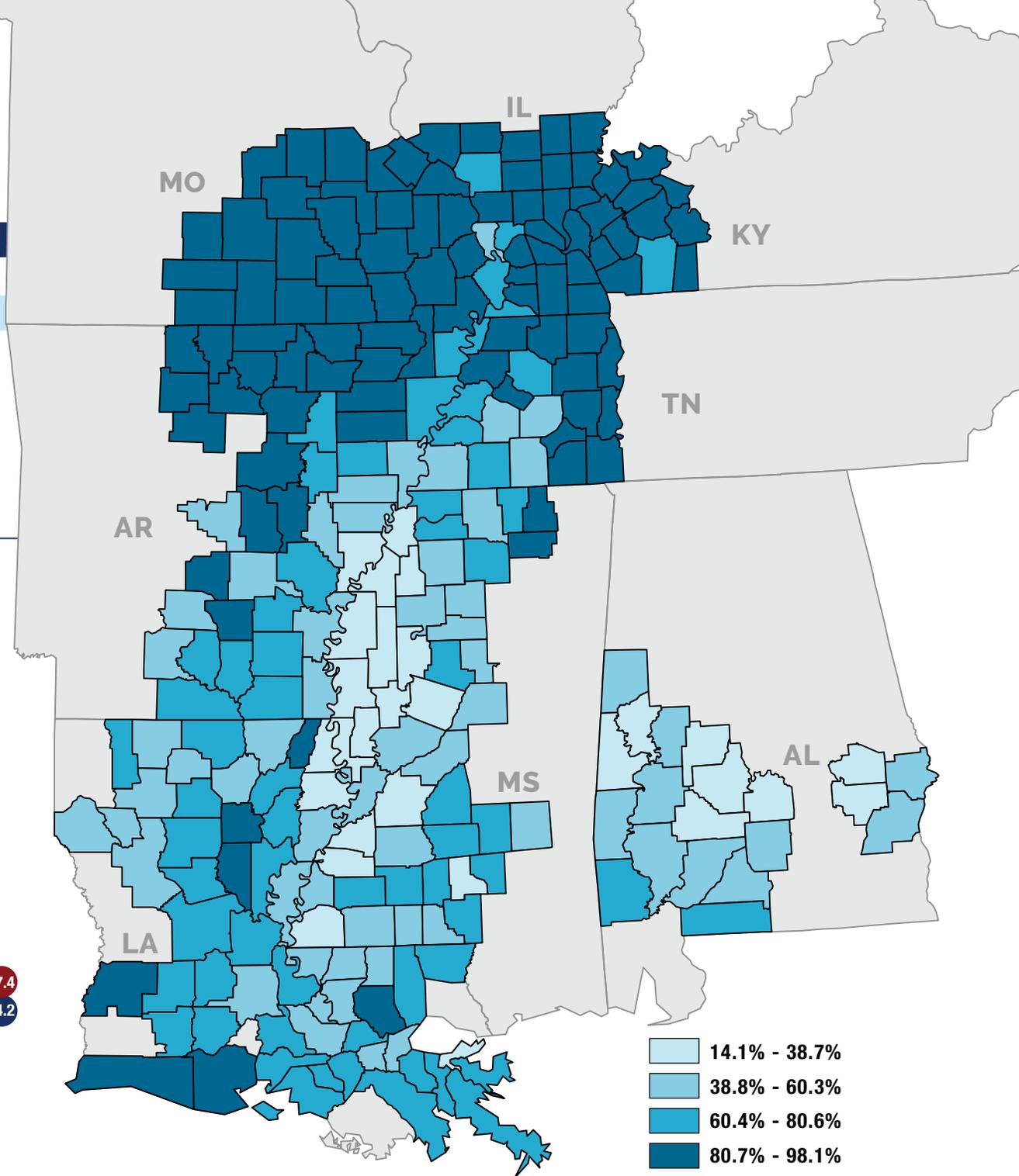
White Population*, Percent of Total Population

Delta Region by Counties/Parishes: 2014

**one race only*

REGION	PERCENT
United States	77.4%
Delta Region	64.2%
Alabama	45.8%
Arkansas	71.6%
Illinois	89.2%
Kentucky	88.2%
Louisiana	61.1%
Mississippi	51.5%
Missouri	91.9%
Tennessee	56.4%

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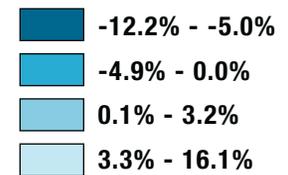
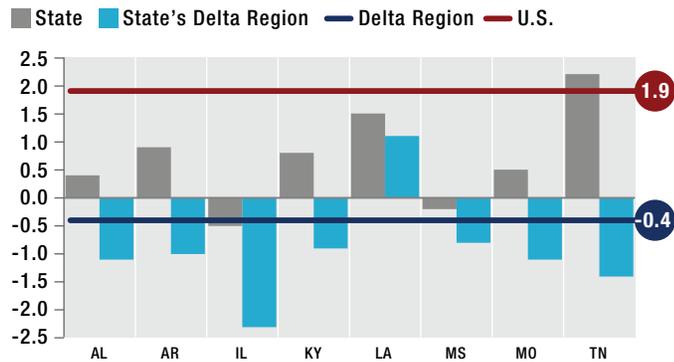
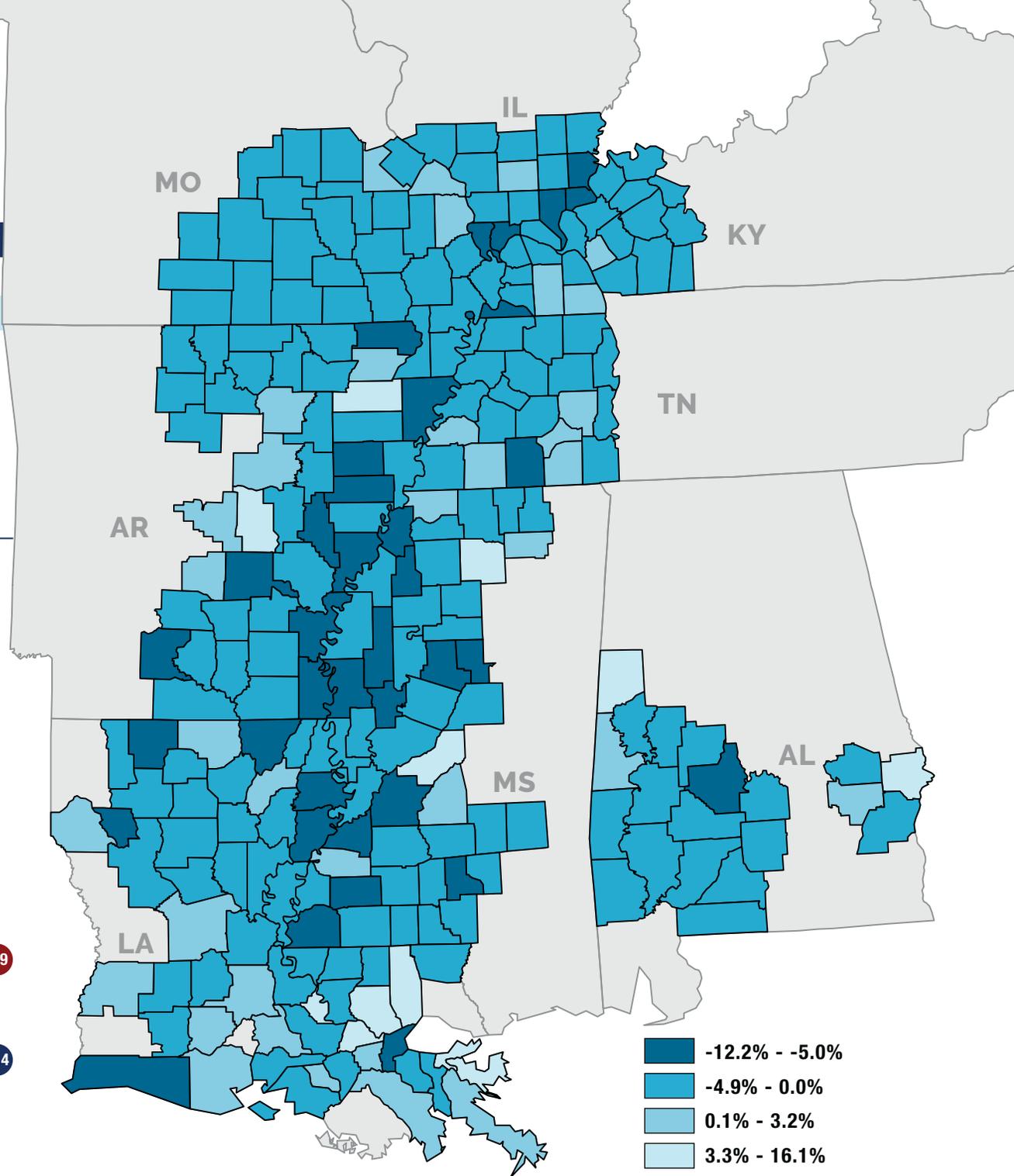
Percent Change in White Population*

Delta Region by Counties/Parishes: 2010-2014

*one race only

REGION	PERCENT CHANGE
United States	1.9%
Delta Region	-0.4%
Alabama	-1.1%
Arkansas	-1.0%
Illinois	-2.3%
Kentucky	-0.9%
Louisiana	1.1%
Mississippi	-0.8%
Missouri	-1.1%
Tennessee	-1.4%

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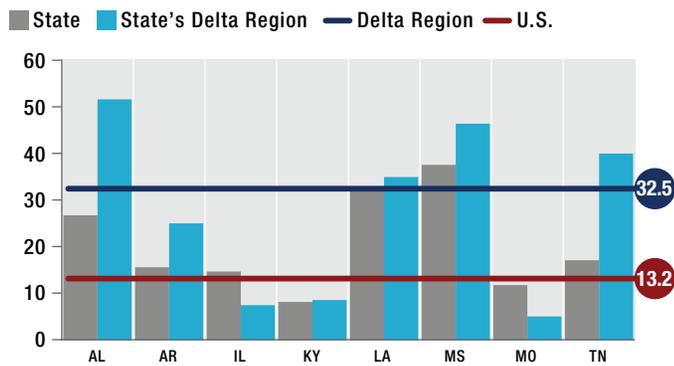
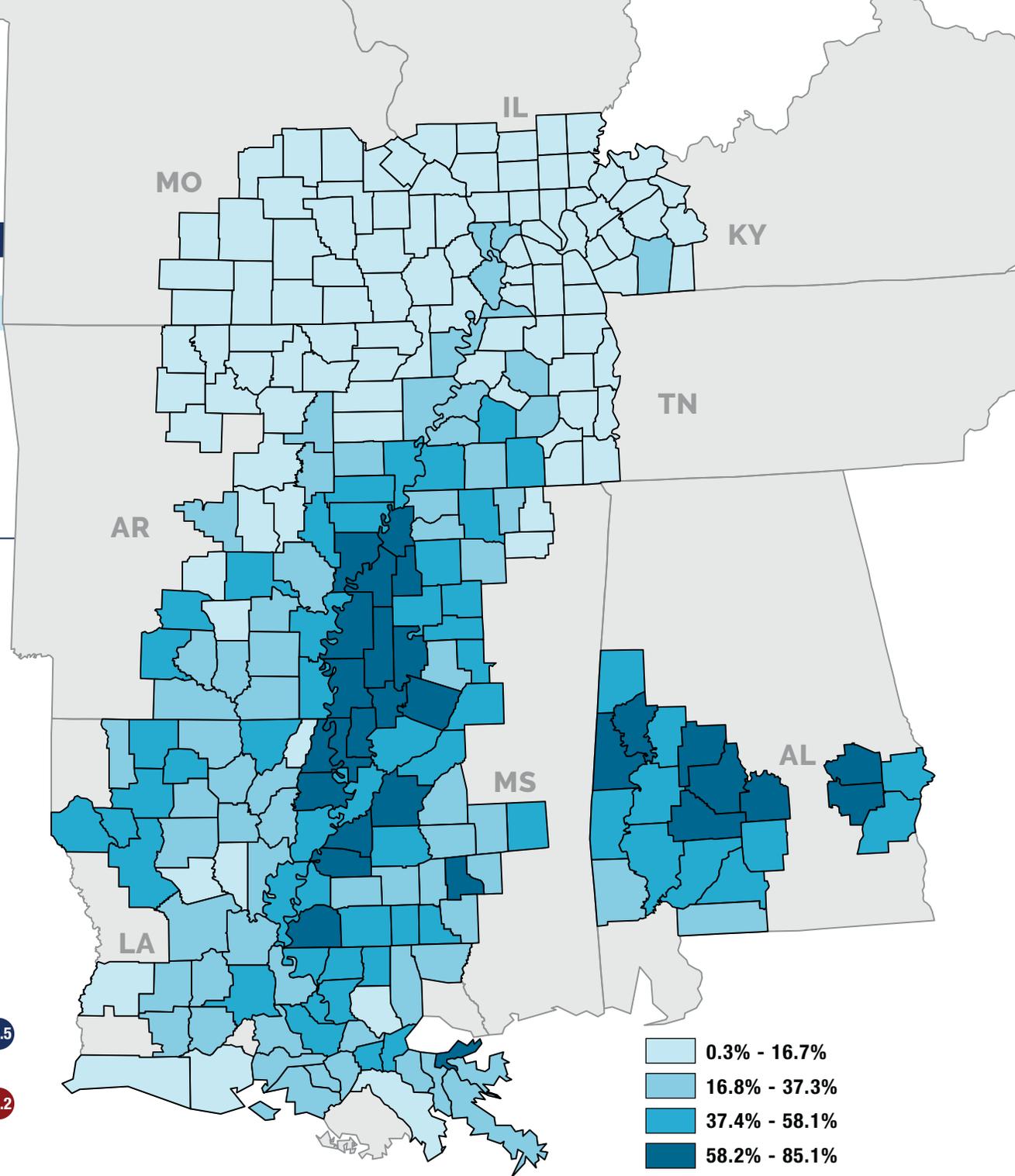
Black Population*, Percent of Total Population

Delta Region by Counties/Parishes: 2014

**one race only*

REGION	PERCENT
United States	13.2%
Delta Region	32.5%
Alabama	51.5%
Arkansas	25.0%
Illinois	7.5%
Kentucky	8.6%
Louisiana	34.9%
Mississippi	46.3%
Missouri	5.1%
Tennessee	39.9%

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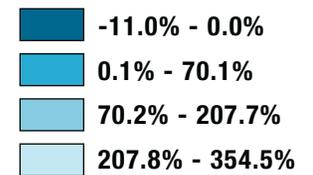
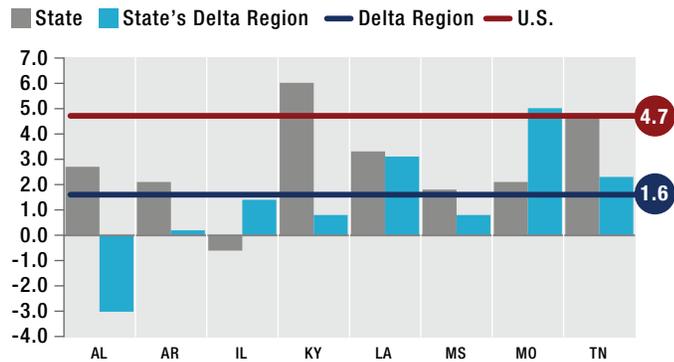
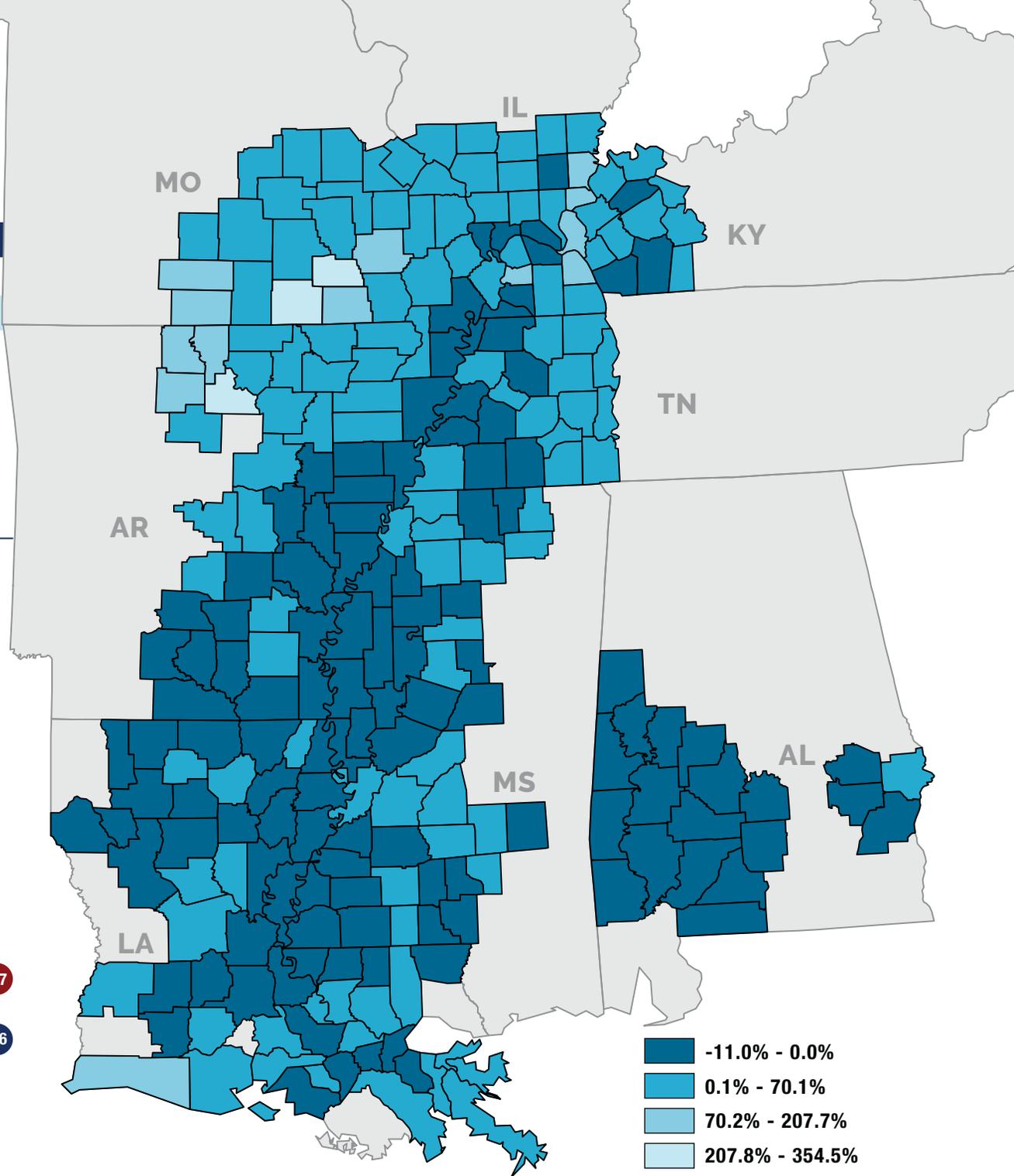
Percent Change in Black Population*

Delta Region by Counties/Parishes: 2010-2014

*one race only

REGION	PERCENT CHANGE
United States	4.7%
Delta Region	1.6%
Alabama	-3.0%
Arkansas	0.2%
Illinois	1.4%
Kentucky	0.8%
Louisiana	3.1%
Mississippi	0.8%
Missouri	5.0%
Tennessee	2.3%

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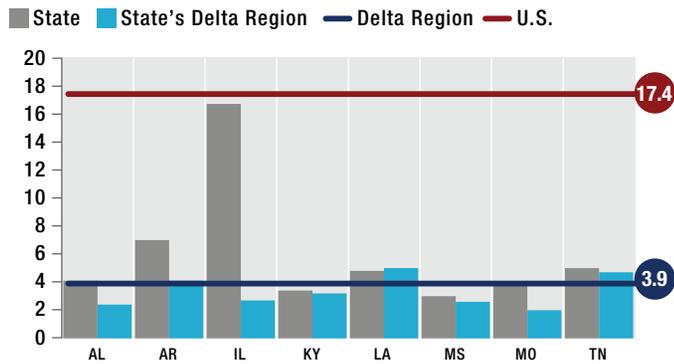
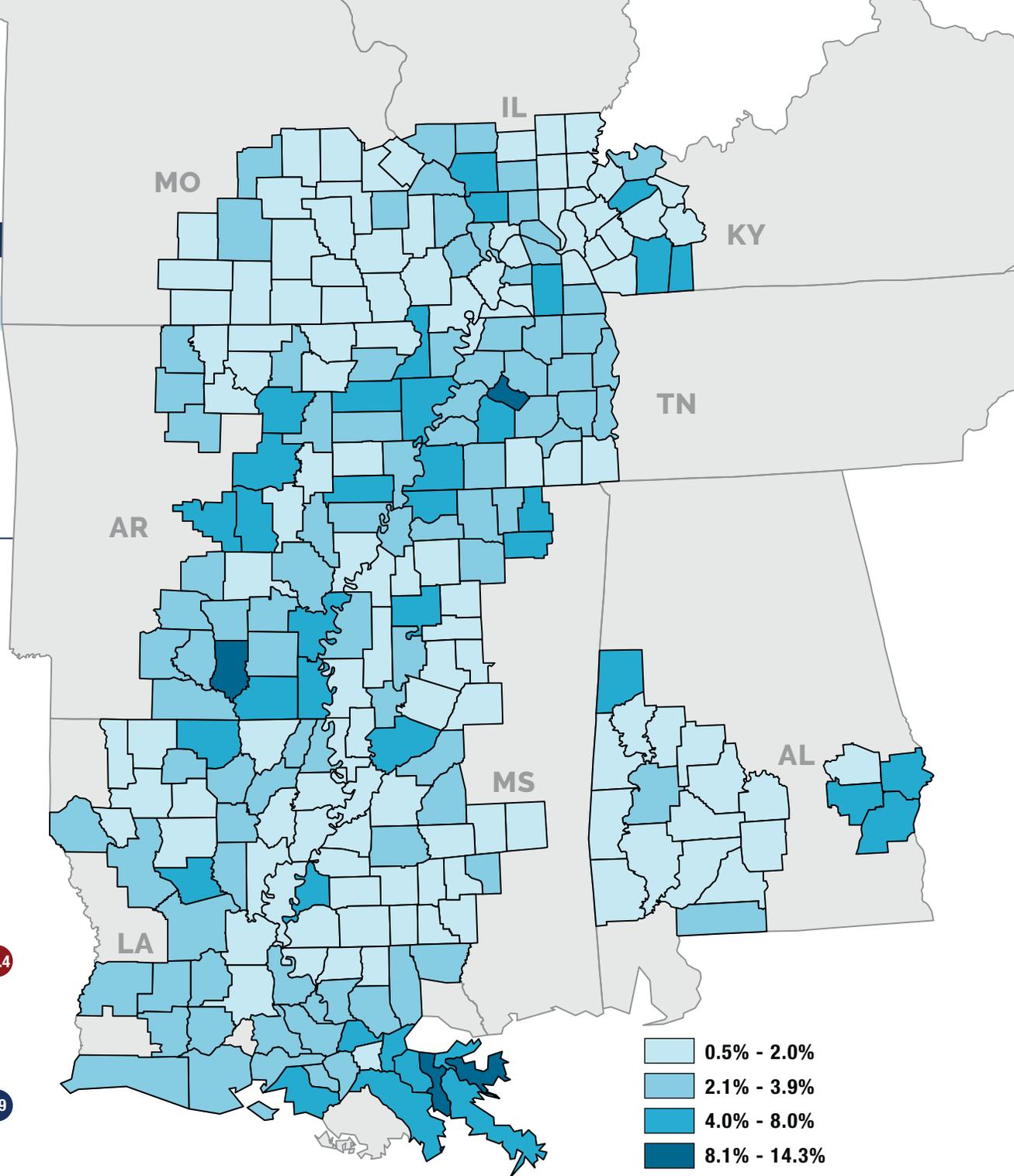
Hispanic Population*, Percent of Total Population

Delta Region by Counties/Parishes: 2014

**of any race*

REGION	PERCENT TOTAL
United States	17.4%
Delta Region	3.9%
Alabama	2.4%
Arkansas	4.1%
Illinois	2.7%
Kentucky	3.2%
Louisiana	5.0%
Mississippi	2.6%
Missouri	2.0%
Tennessee	4.7%

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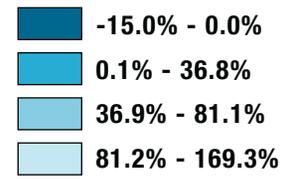
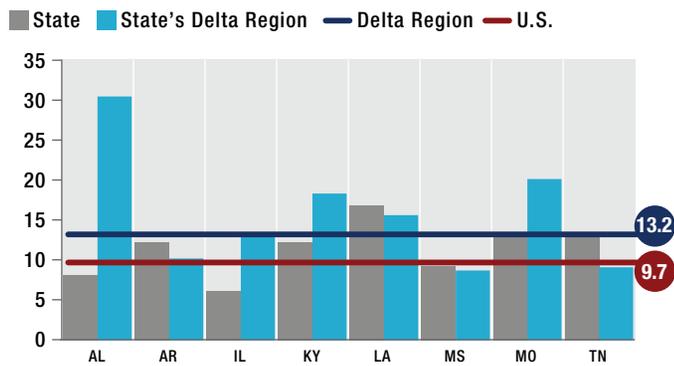
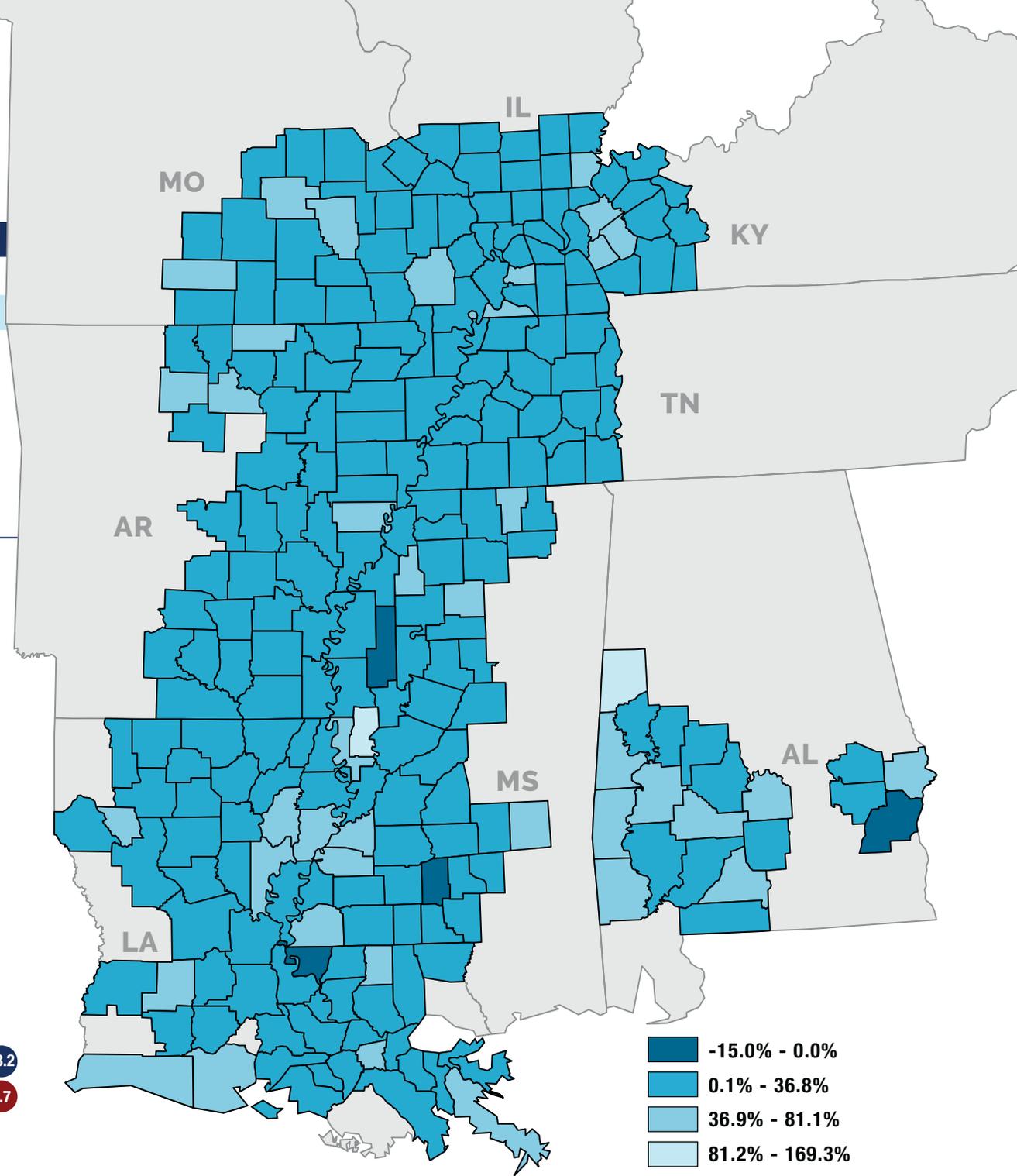
Percent Change in Hispanic Population*

Delta Region by Counties/Parishes: 2010-2014

*of any race

REGION	PERCENT CHANGE
United States	9.7%
Delta Region	13.2%
Alabama	30.4%
Arkansas	10.2%
Illinois	13.0%
Kentucky	18.3%
Louisiana	15.6%
Mississippi	8.7%
Missouri	20.1%
Tennessee	9.1%

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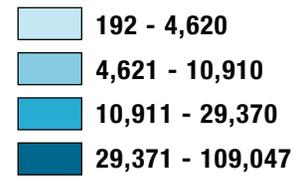
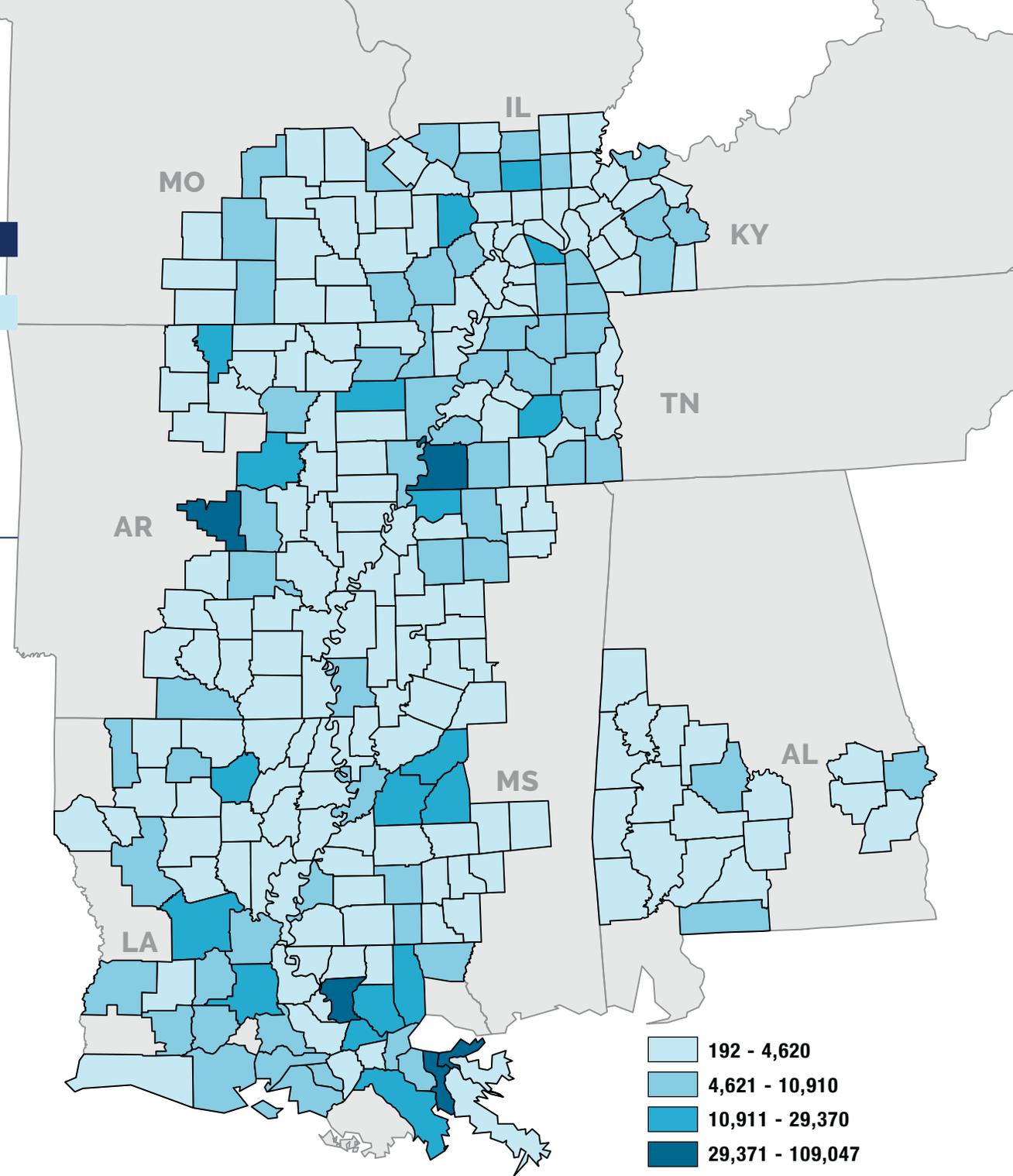


**Population
65 Years and Over**

Delta Region by Counties/Parishes: 2014

REGION	65+ POPULATION
United States	46,243,211
Delta Region	1,466,705
Alabama	69,094
Arkansas	229,793
Illinois	60,728
Kentucky	84,183
Louisiana	465,027
Mississippi	220,325
Missouri	120,292
Tennessee	217,263

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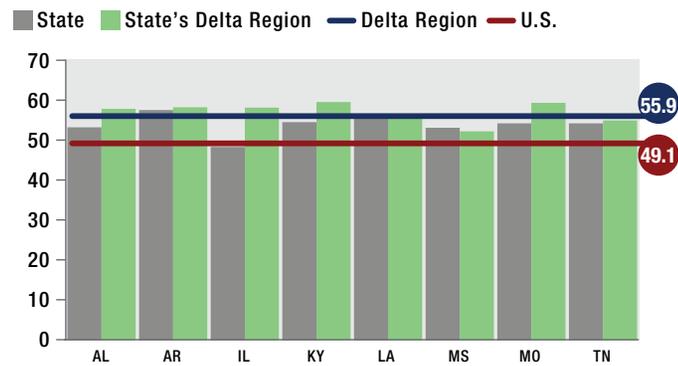
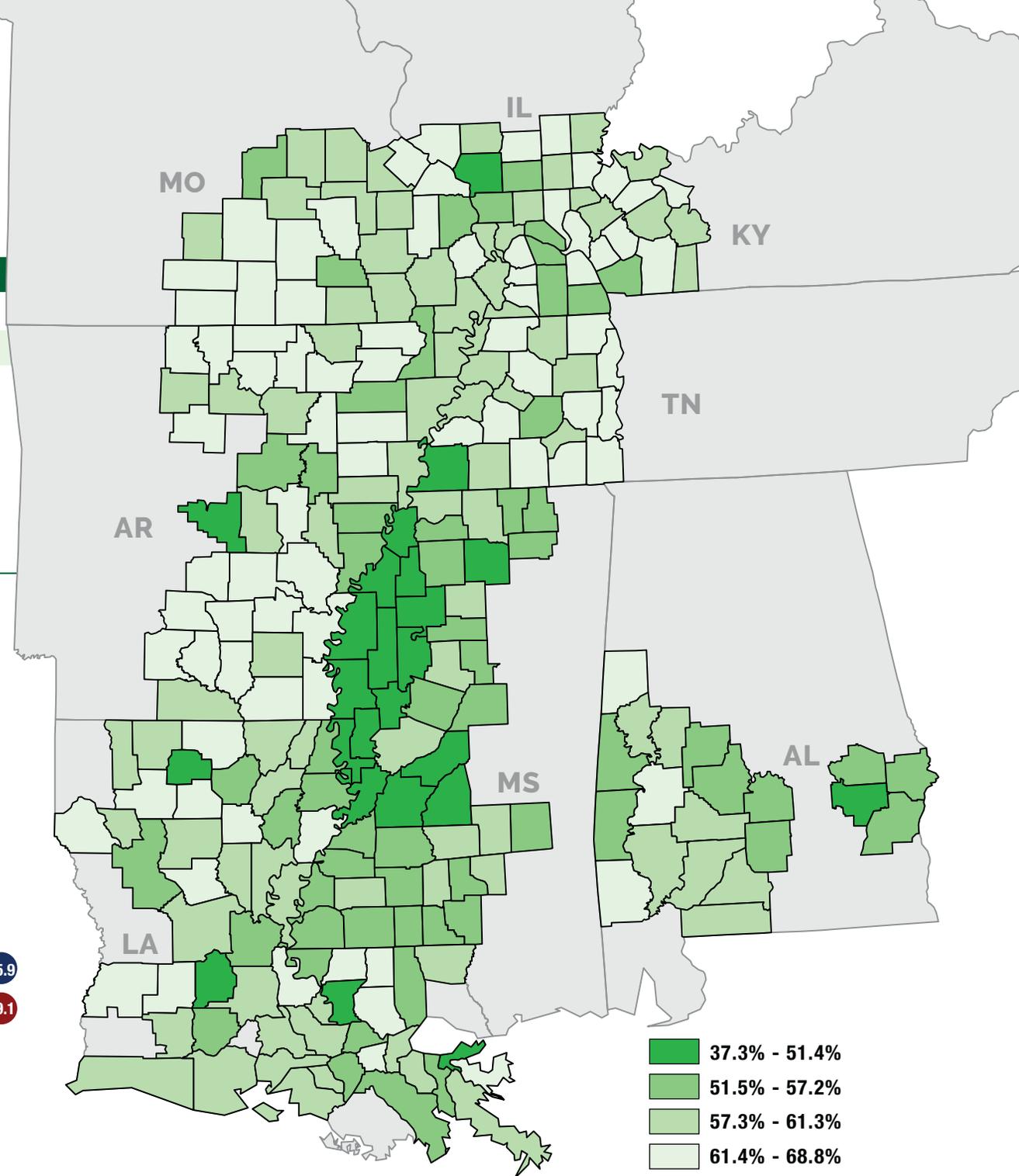
Percent of Population 25 Years and Older with High School Diploma or GED*

Delta Region by Counties/Parishes: 2010-2014

*highest level of education completed

REGION	PERCENT
United States	49.1%
Delta Region	55.9%
Alabama	57.7%
Arkansas	58.1%
Illinois	58.0%
Kentucky	59.4%
Louisiana	55.5%
Mississippi	52.1%
Missouri	59.2%
Tennessee	54.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey



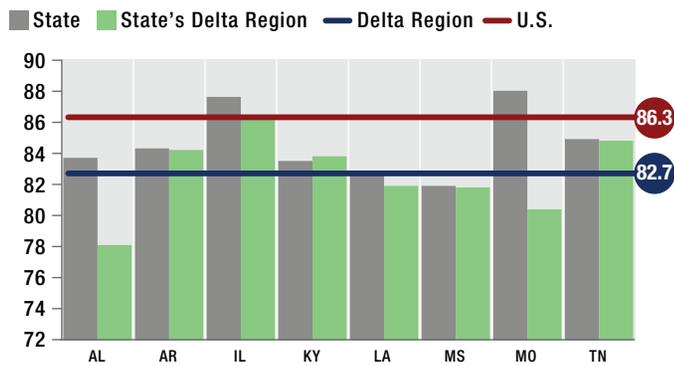
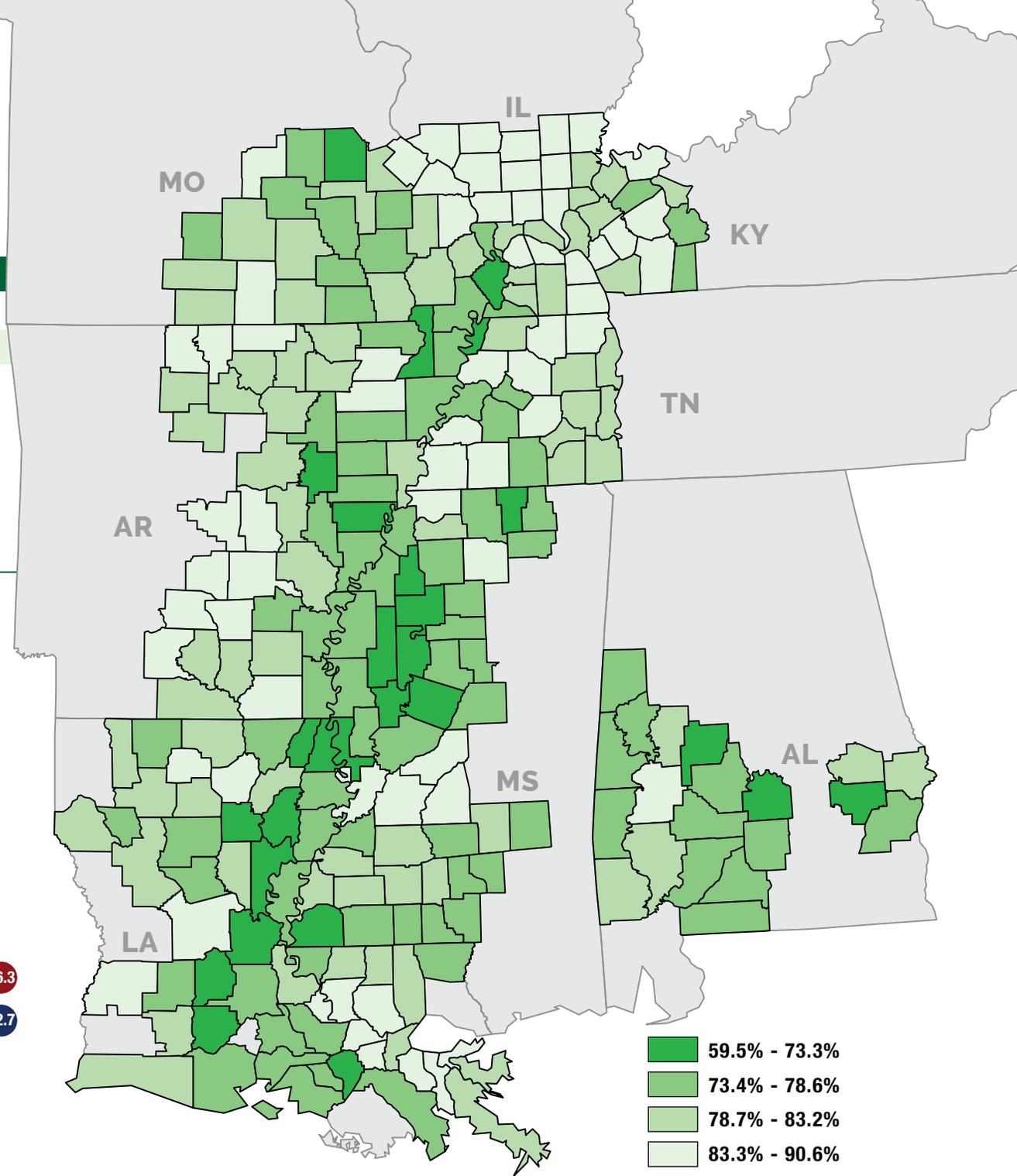


Percent of Population 25 Years and Older with a High School Diploma or Higher

Delta Region by Counties/Parishes: 2010-2014

REGION	PERCENT
United States	86.3%
Delta Region	82.7%
Alabama	78.1%
Arkansas	84.2%
Illinois	86.2%
Kentucky	83.8%
Louisiana	81.9%
Mississippi	81.8%
Missouri	80.4%
Tennessee	84.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey





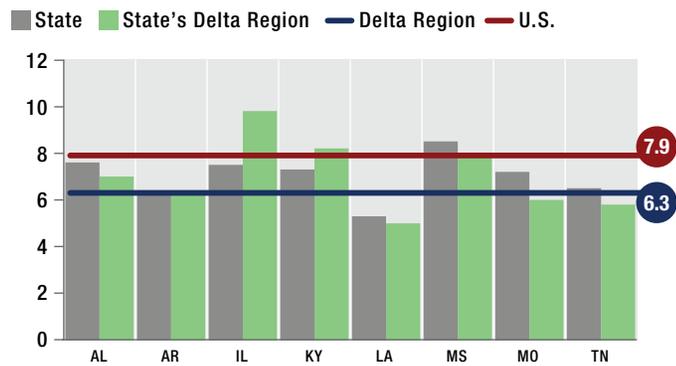
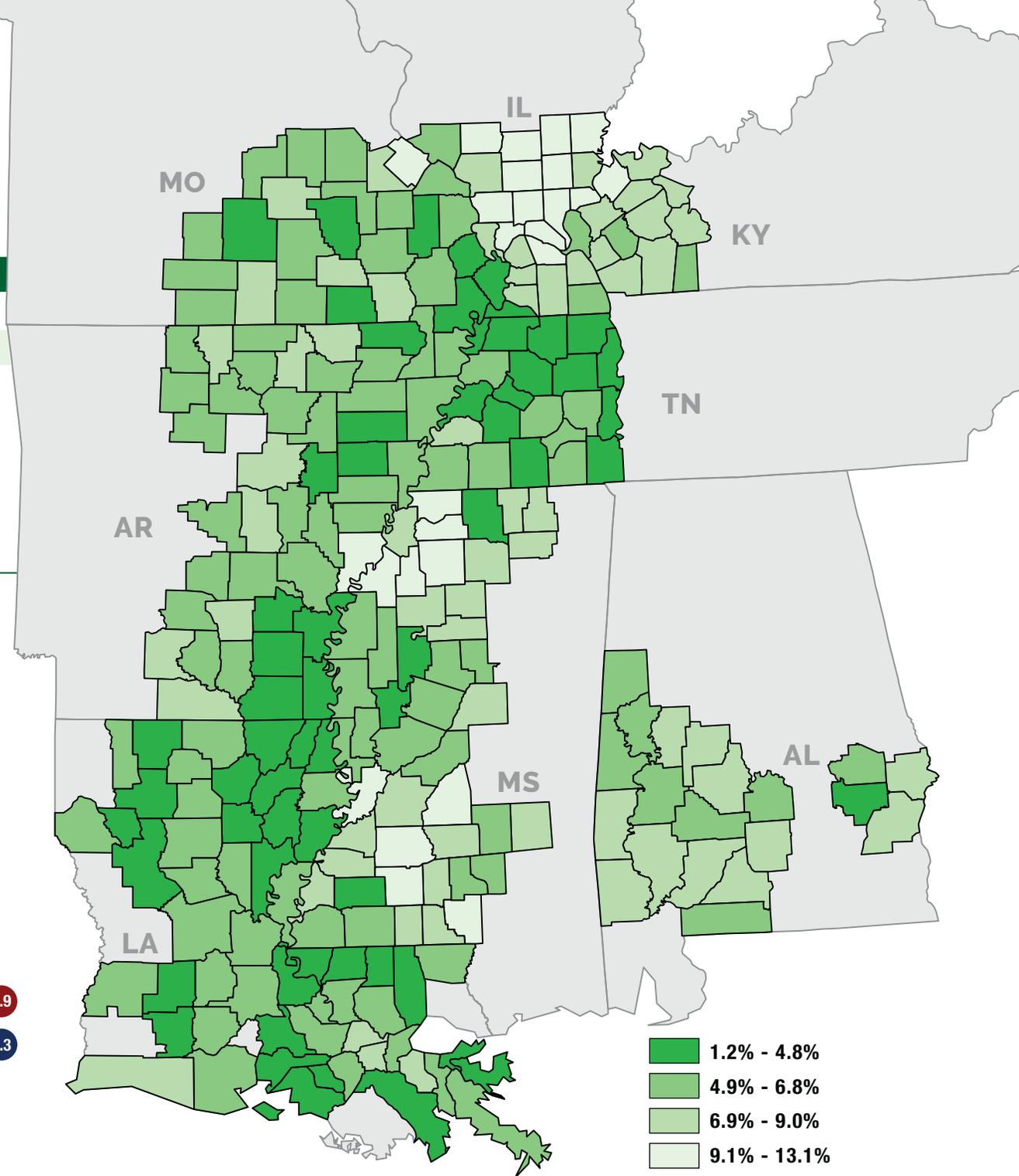
Percent of Population 25 Years and Older with Associate's* Degree

Delta Region by Counties/Parishes: 2010-2014

**highest level of education completed*

REGION	PERCENT
United States	7.9%
Delta Region	6.3%
Alabama	7.0%
Arkansas	6.3%
Illinois	9.8%
Kentucky	8.2%
Louisiana	5.0%
Mississippi	8.0%
Missouri	6.0%
Tennessee	5.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey





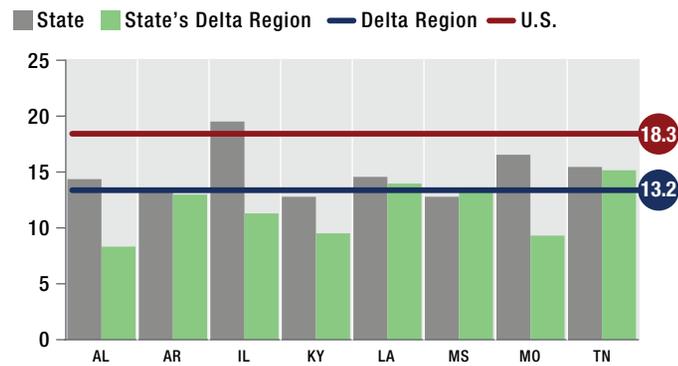
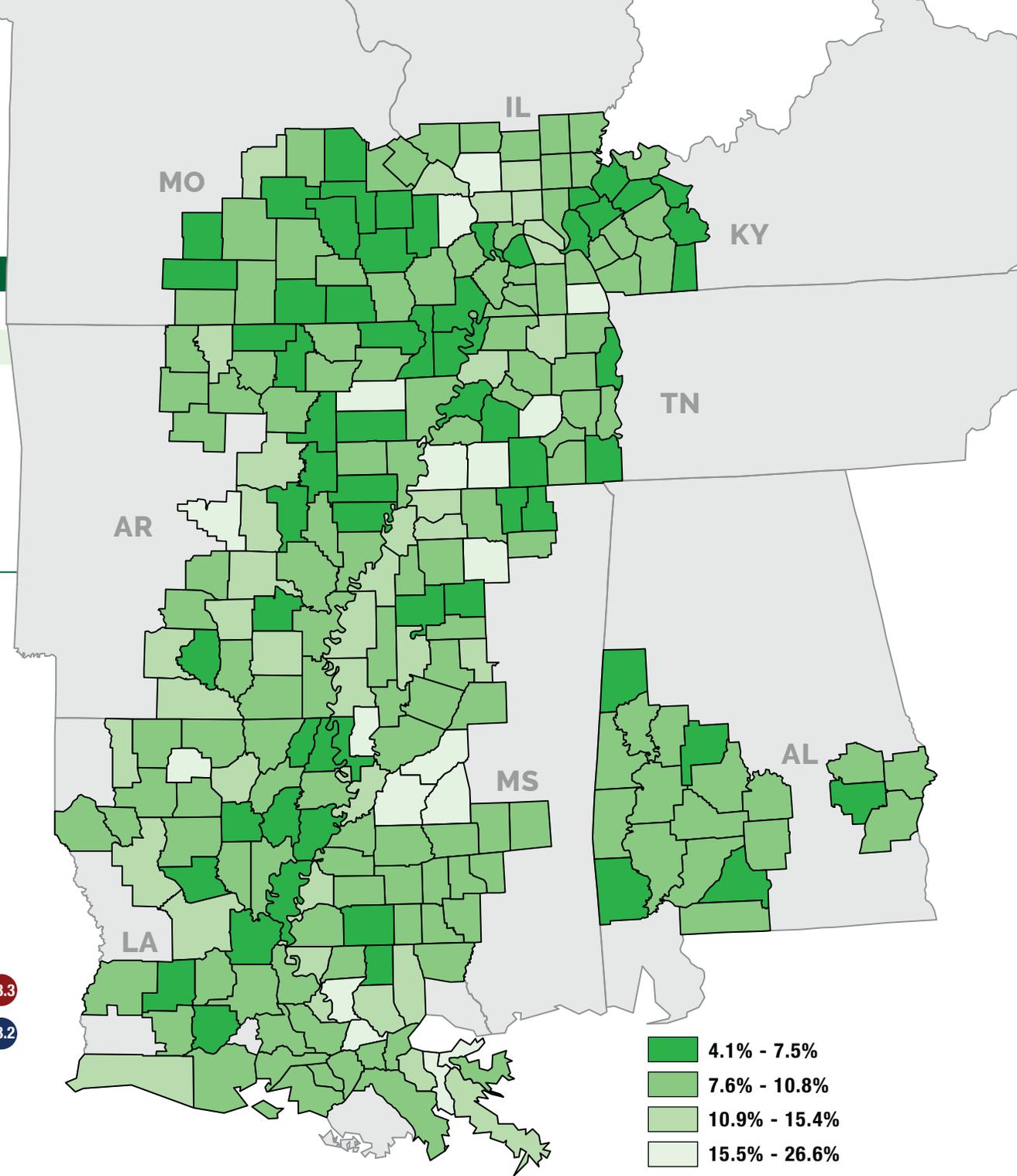
Percent of Population 25 Years and Older with Bachelor's* Degree

Delta Region by Counties/Parishes: 2010-2014

**highest level of education completed*

REGION	PERCENT
United States	18.3%
Delta Region	13.2%
Alabama	8.4%
Arkansas	13.1%
Illinois	11.4%
Kentucky	9.6%
Louisiana	14.1%
Mississippi	13.7%
Missouri	9.4%
Tennessee	15.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey



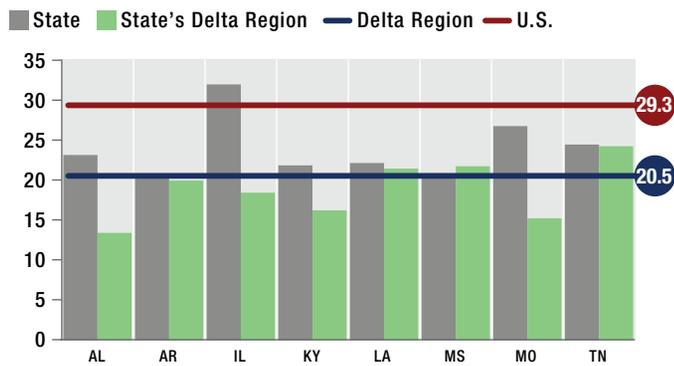
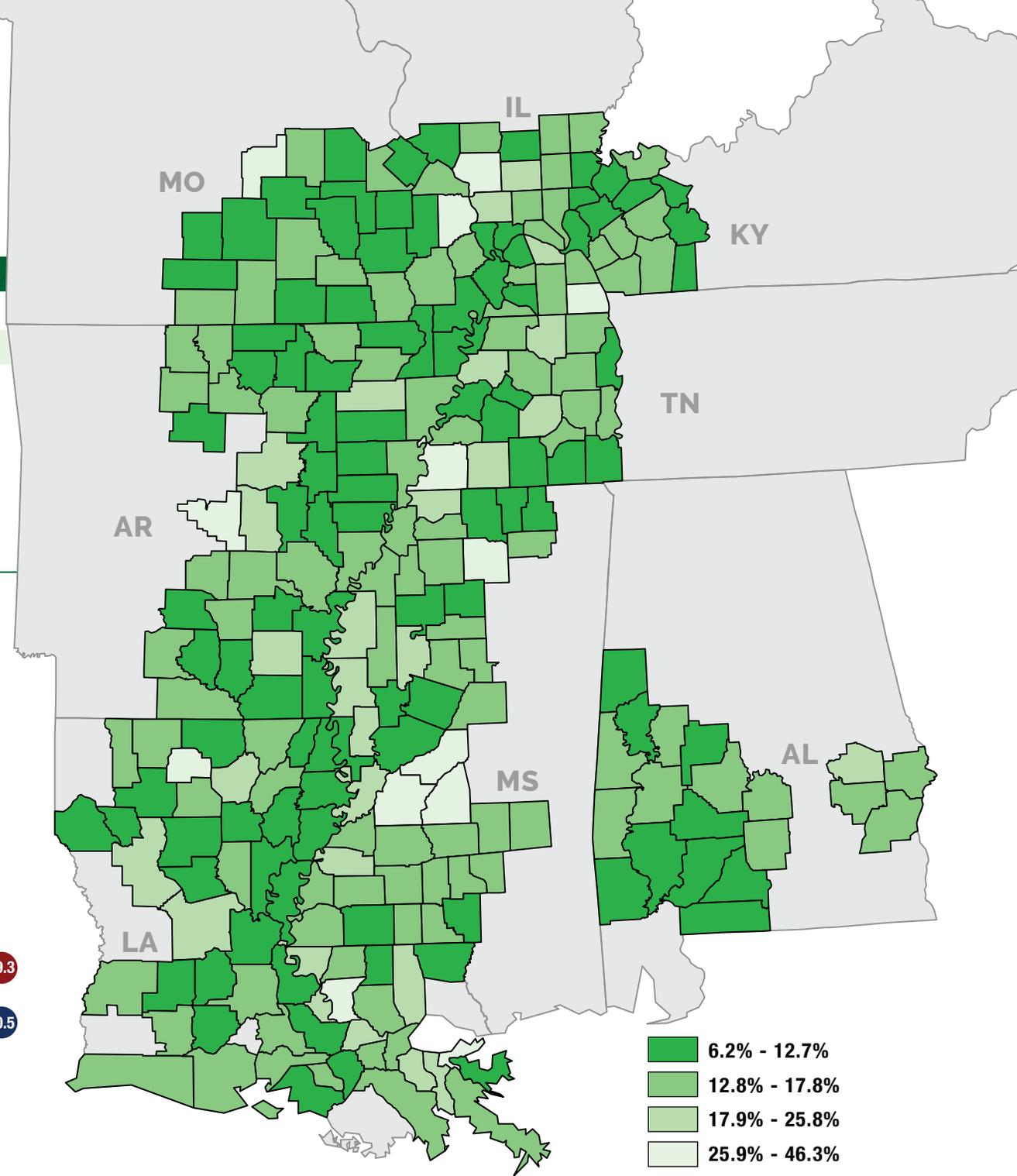


Percent of Population 25 Years and Older with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher

Delta Region by Counties/Parishes: 2010-2014

REGION	PERCENT
United States	29.3%
Delta Region	20.5%
Alabama	13.4%
Arkansas	19.9%
Illinois	18.4%
Kentucky	16.2%
Louisiana	21.4%
Mississippi	21.7%
Missouri	15.2%
Tennessee	24.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey



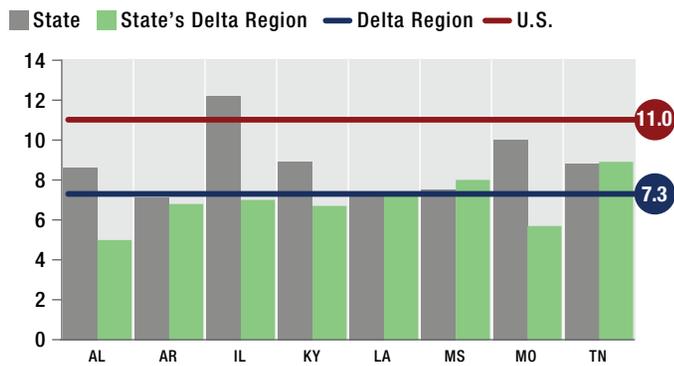
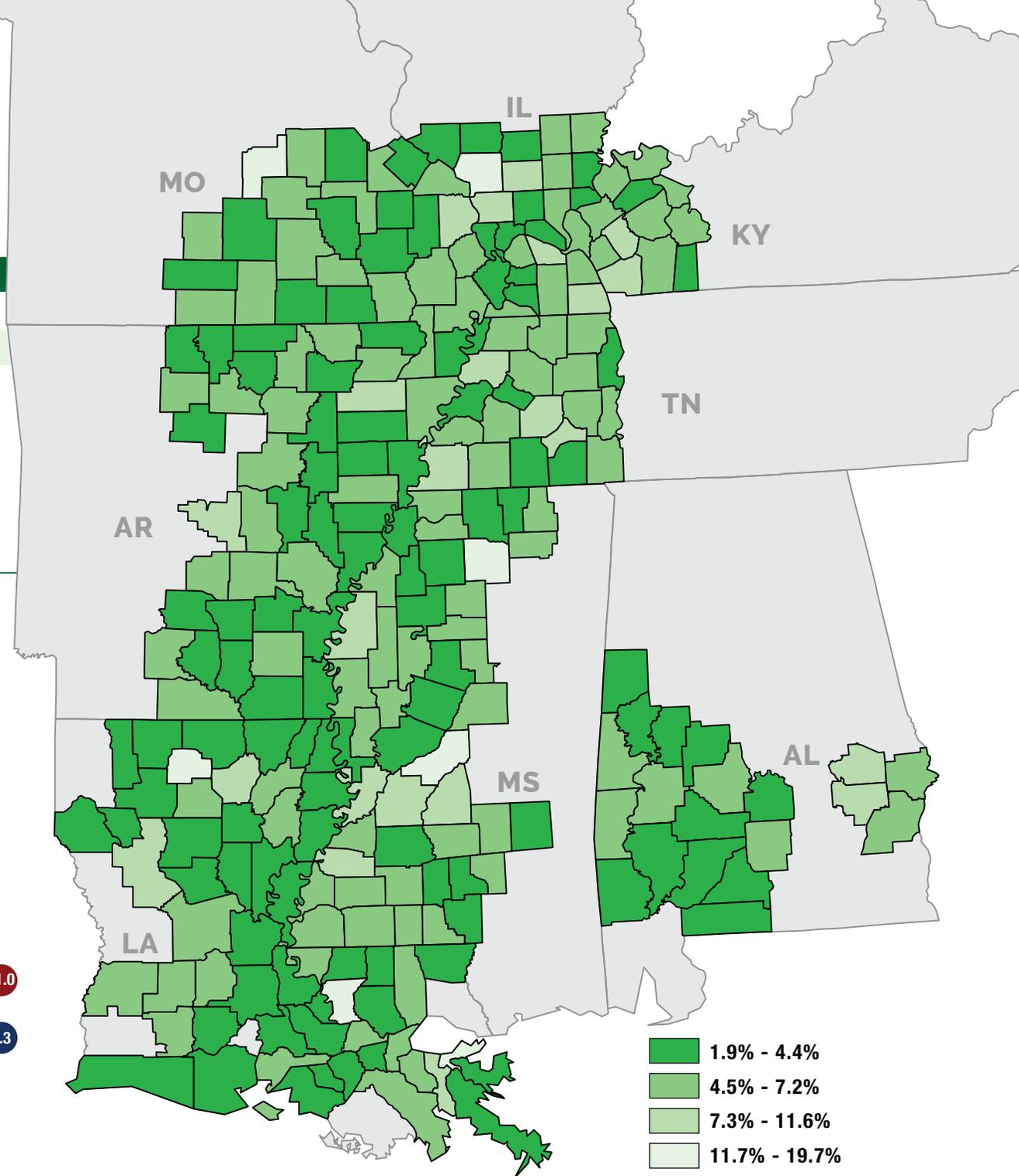


Percent of Population 25 Years and Older with Graduate or Professional Degree

Delta Region by Counties/Parishes: 2010-2014

REGION	PERCENT
United States	11.0%
Delta Region	7.3%
Alabama	5.0%
Arkansas	6.8%
Illinois	7.0%
Kentucky	6.7%
Louisiana	7.3%
Mississippi	8.0%
Missouri	5.7%
Tennessee	8.9%

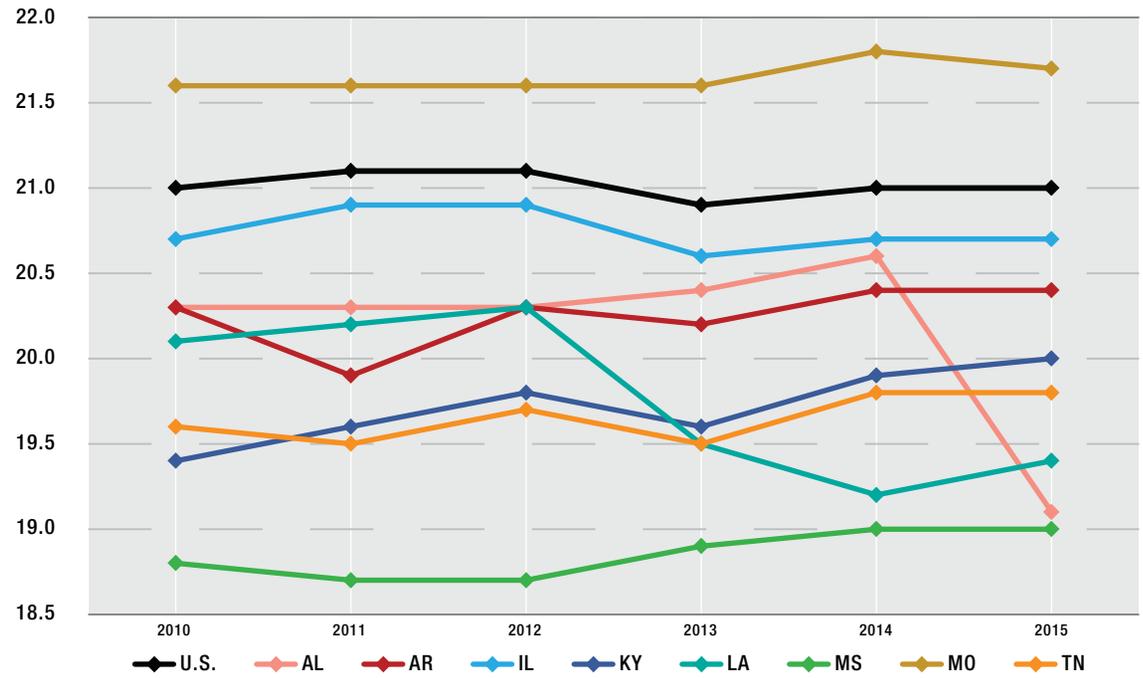
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Average Composite ACT Score

Delta Region States: 2010-2015

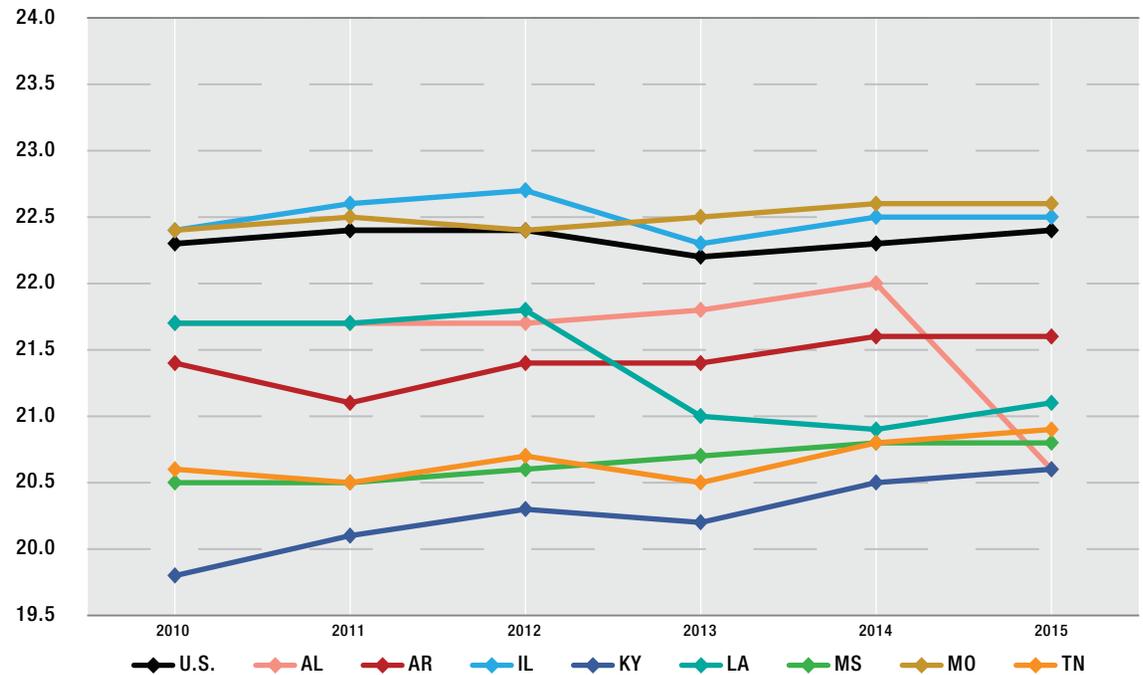
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Average Composite ACT Score of White Population

Delta Region States: 2010-2015

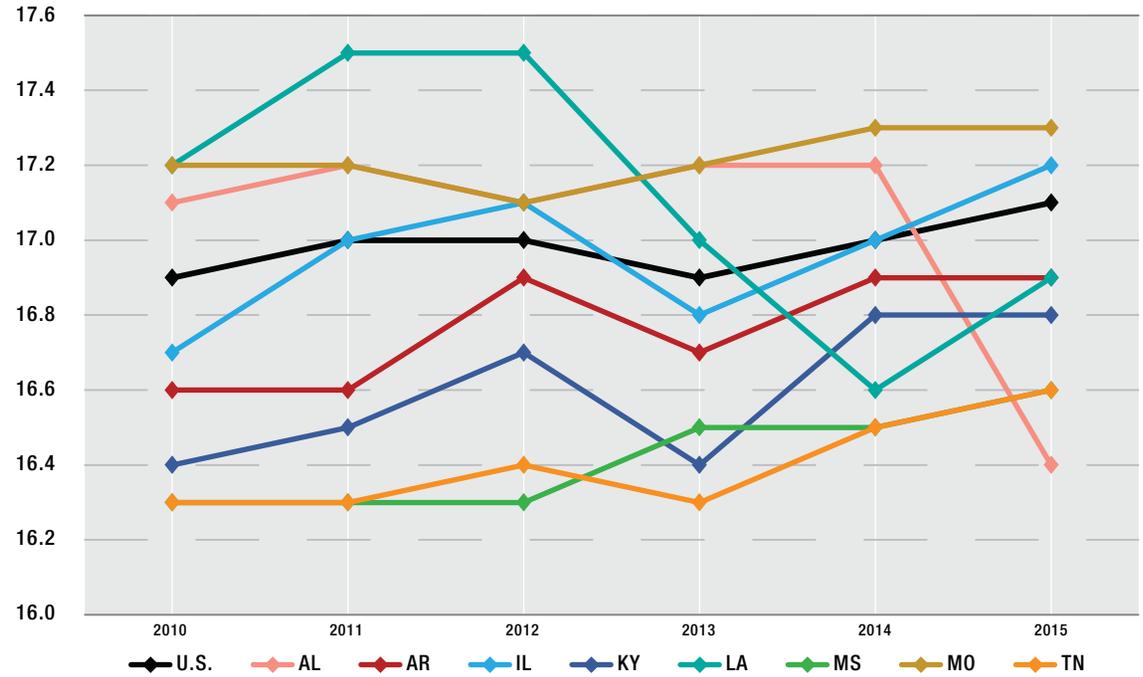
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Delta Region States: 2010-2015

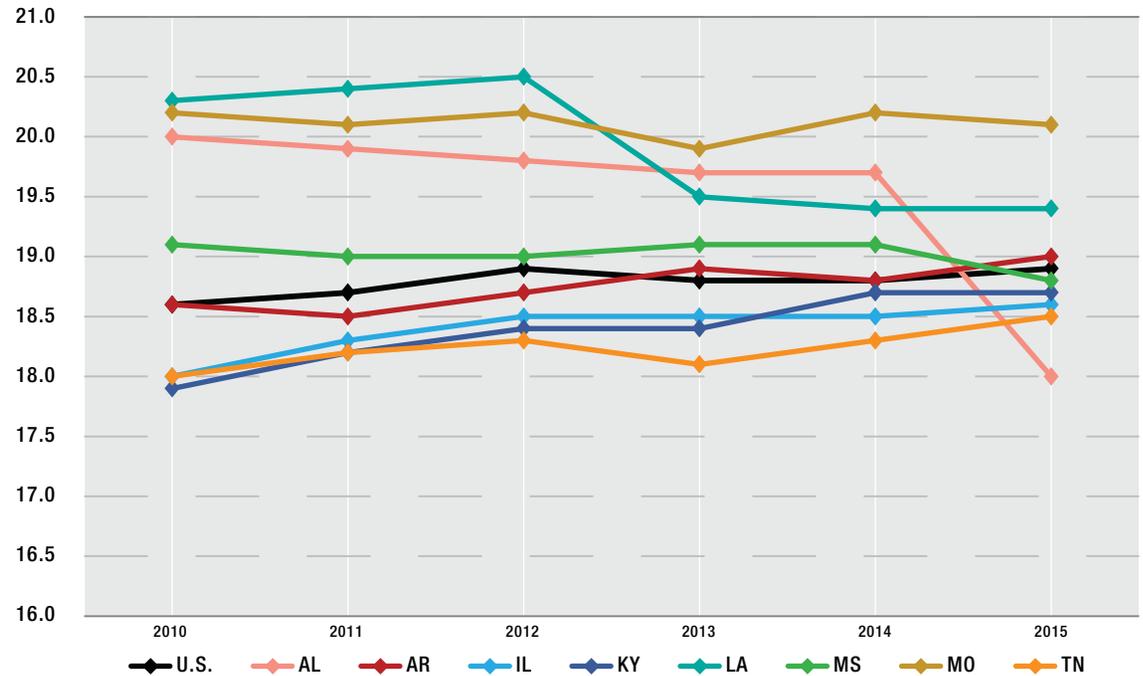
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Average Composite ACT Score of Hispanic Population

Delta Region States: 2010-2015

Source: ACT, www.act.org





FAMILIES AND POVERTY

Community Garden at Martin Housing Authority Crossroads Teen Center – Martin, TN

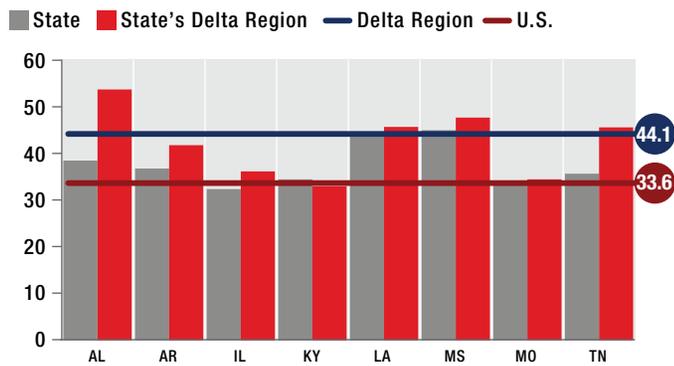
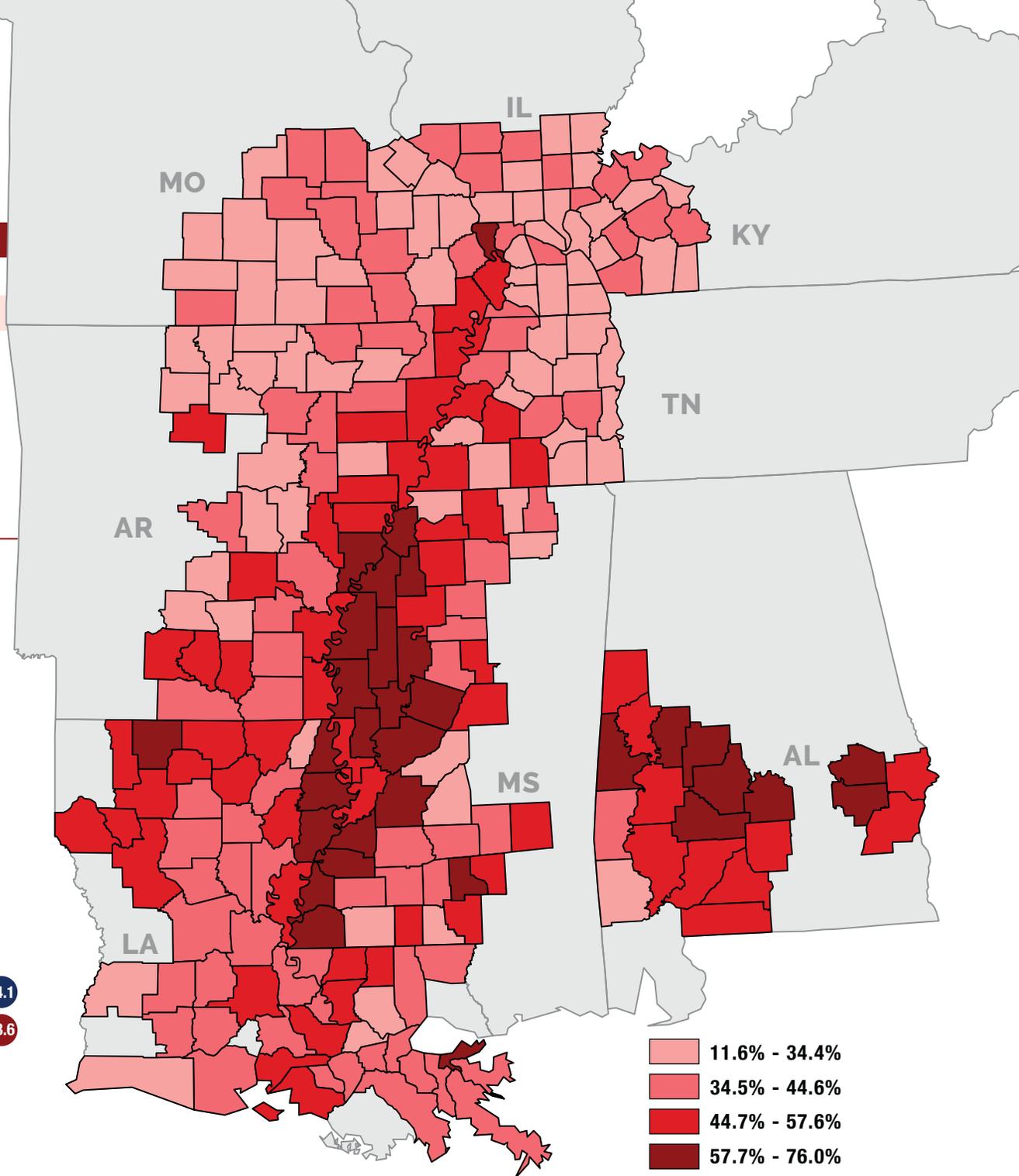


Percent of Children in Single Parent Families

Delta Region by Counties/Parishes: 2010-2014

REGION	PERCENT
United States	33.6%
Delta Region	44.1%
Alabama	53.6%
Arkansas	41.7%
Illinois	36.1%
Kentucky	32.9%
Louisiana	45.6%
Mississippi	47.6%
Missouri	34.4%
Tennessee	45.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey



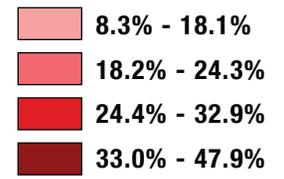
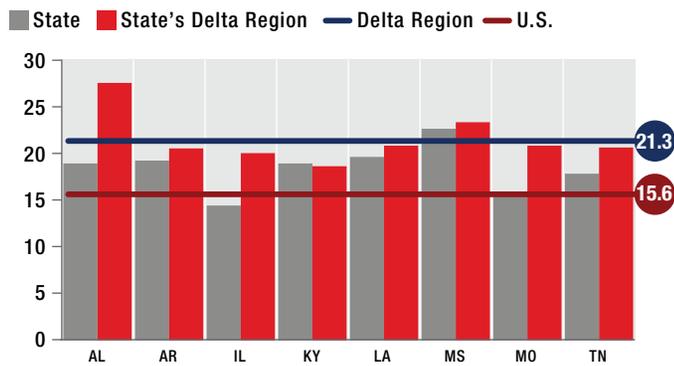
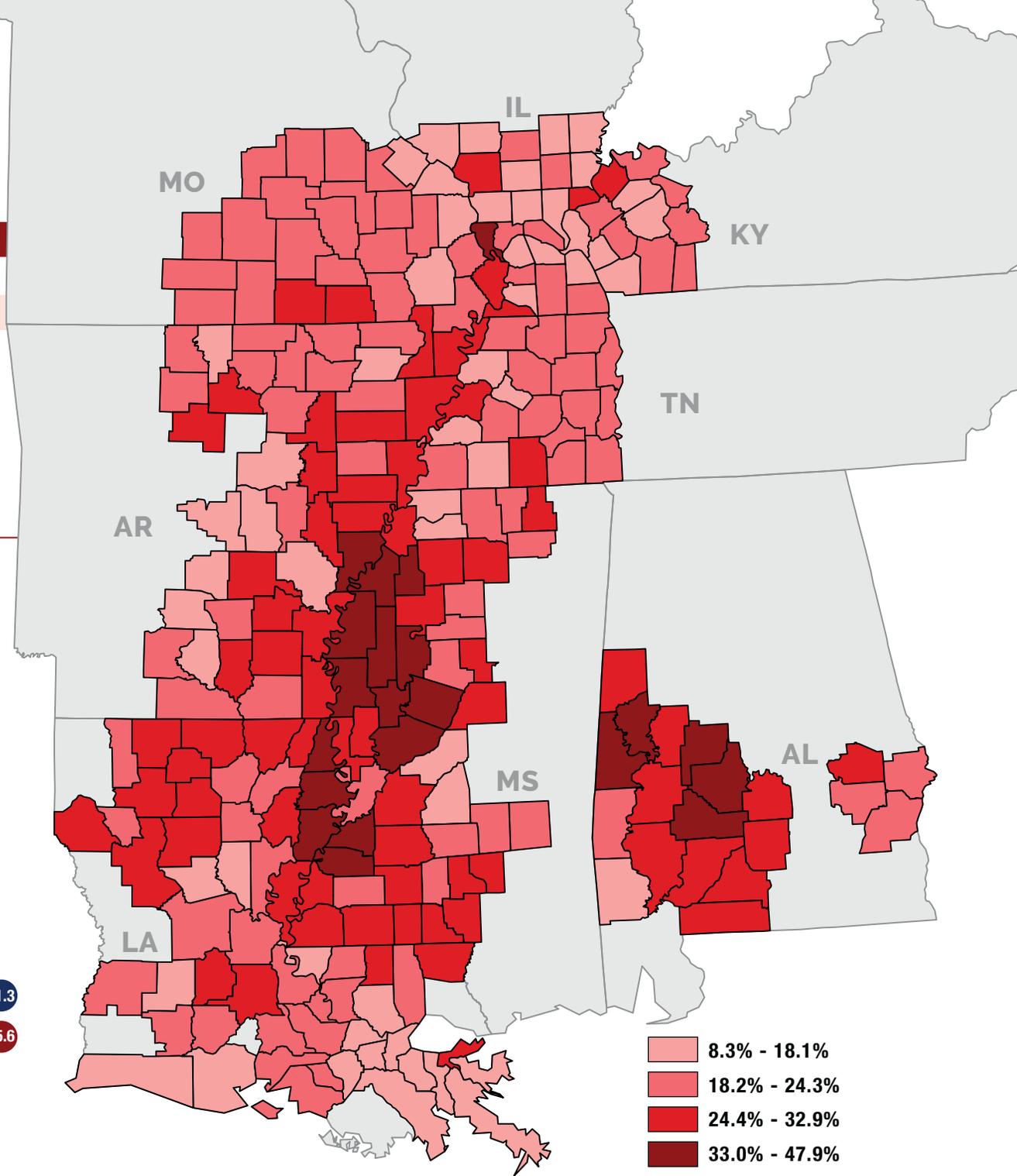


Percent of Population Living in Poverty

Delta Region by Counties/Parishes: 2010-2014

REGION	PERCENT
United States	15.6%
Delta Region	21.3%
Alabama	27.5%
Arkansas	20.5%
Illinois	20.0%
Kentucky	18.6%
Louisiana	20.8%
Mississippi	23.3%
Missouri	20.8%
Tennessee	20.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey



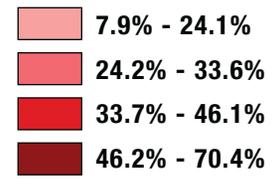
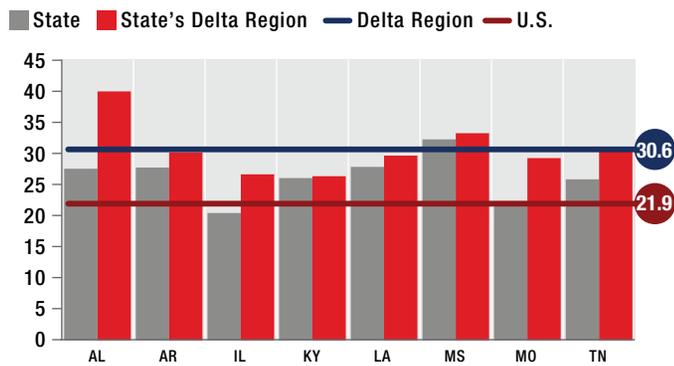
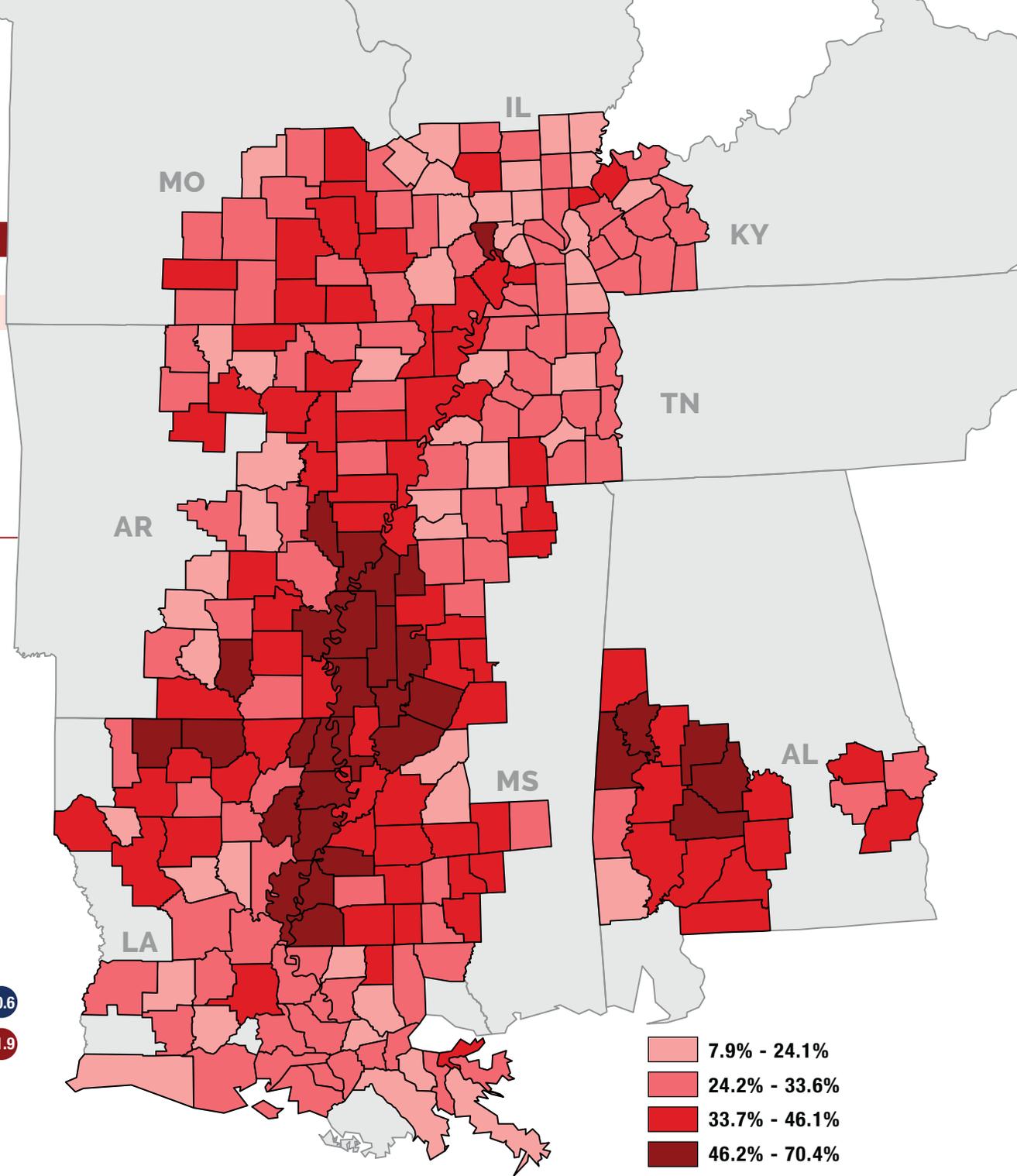


Percent of Population Under 18 Years of Age Living in Poverty

Delta Region by Counties/Parishes: 2010-2014

REGION	PERCENT
United States	21.9%
Delta Region	30.6%
Alabama	39.9%
Arkansas	30.1%
Illinois	26.6%
Kentucky	26.3%
Louisiana	29.6%
Mississippi	33.2%
Missouri	29.2%
Tennessee	30.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey



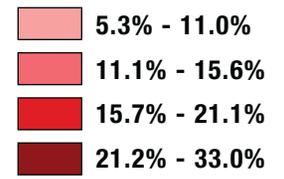
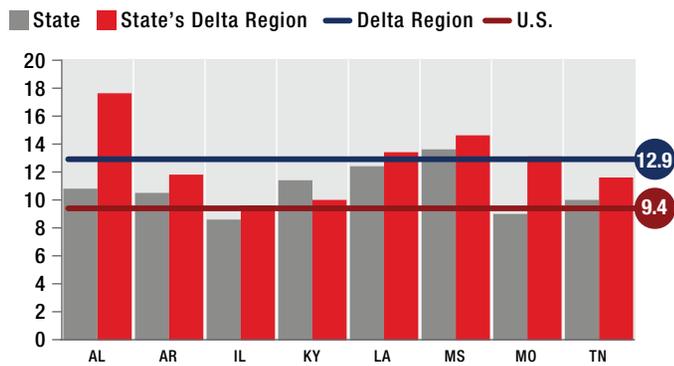
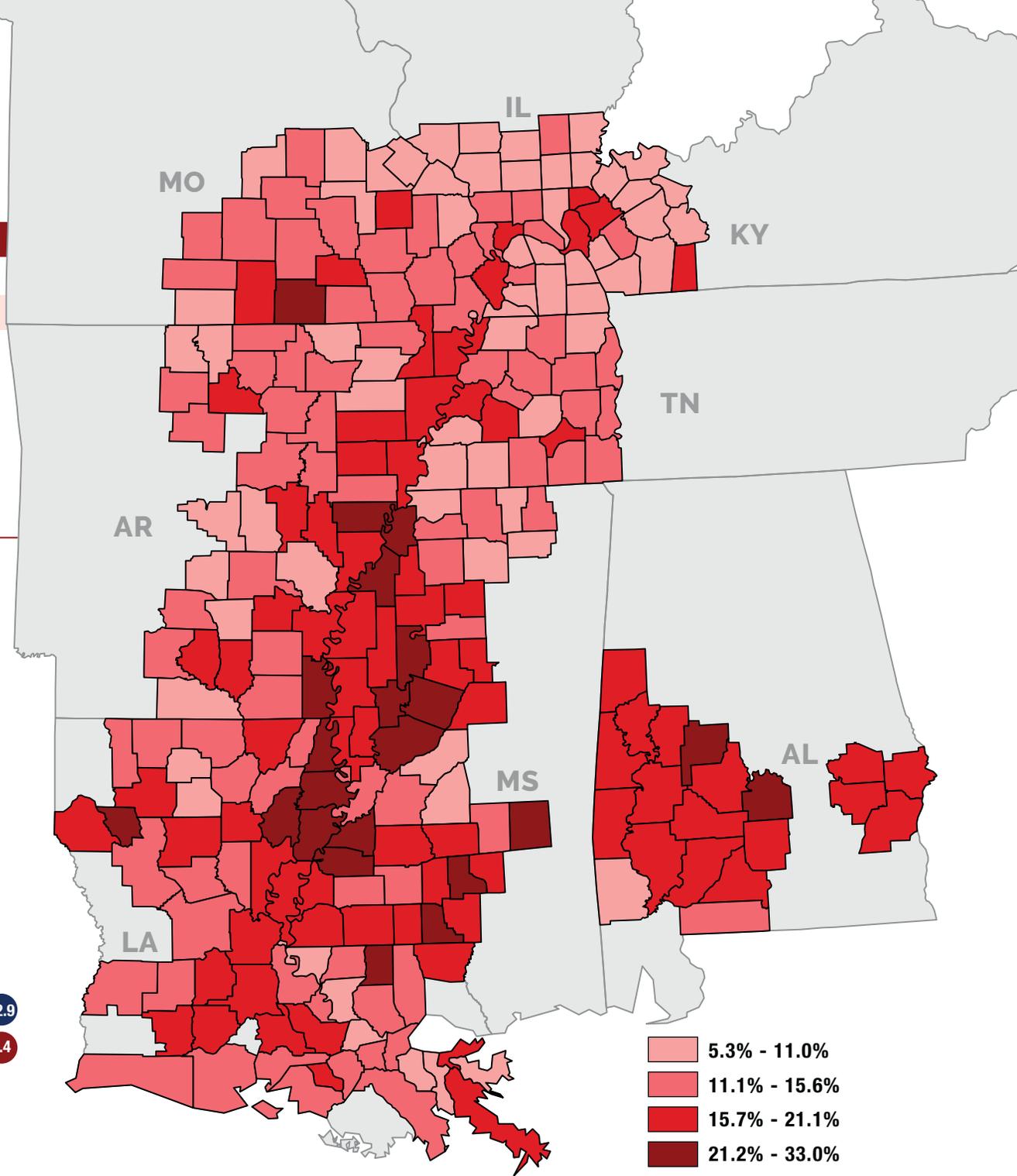


Percent of Population 65 Years and Over Living in Poverty

Delta Region by Counties/Parishes: 2010-2014

REGION	PERCENT
United States	9.4%
Delta Region	12.9%
Alabama	17.6%
Arkansas	11.8%
Illinois	9.6%
Kentucky	10.0%
Louisiana	13.4%
Mississippi	14.6%
Missouri	13.1%
Tennessee	11.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey



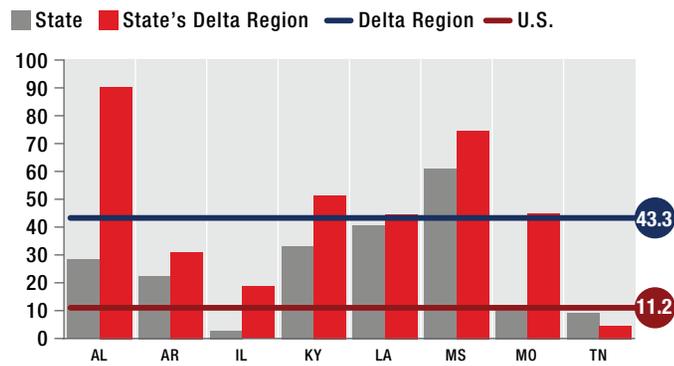
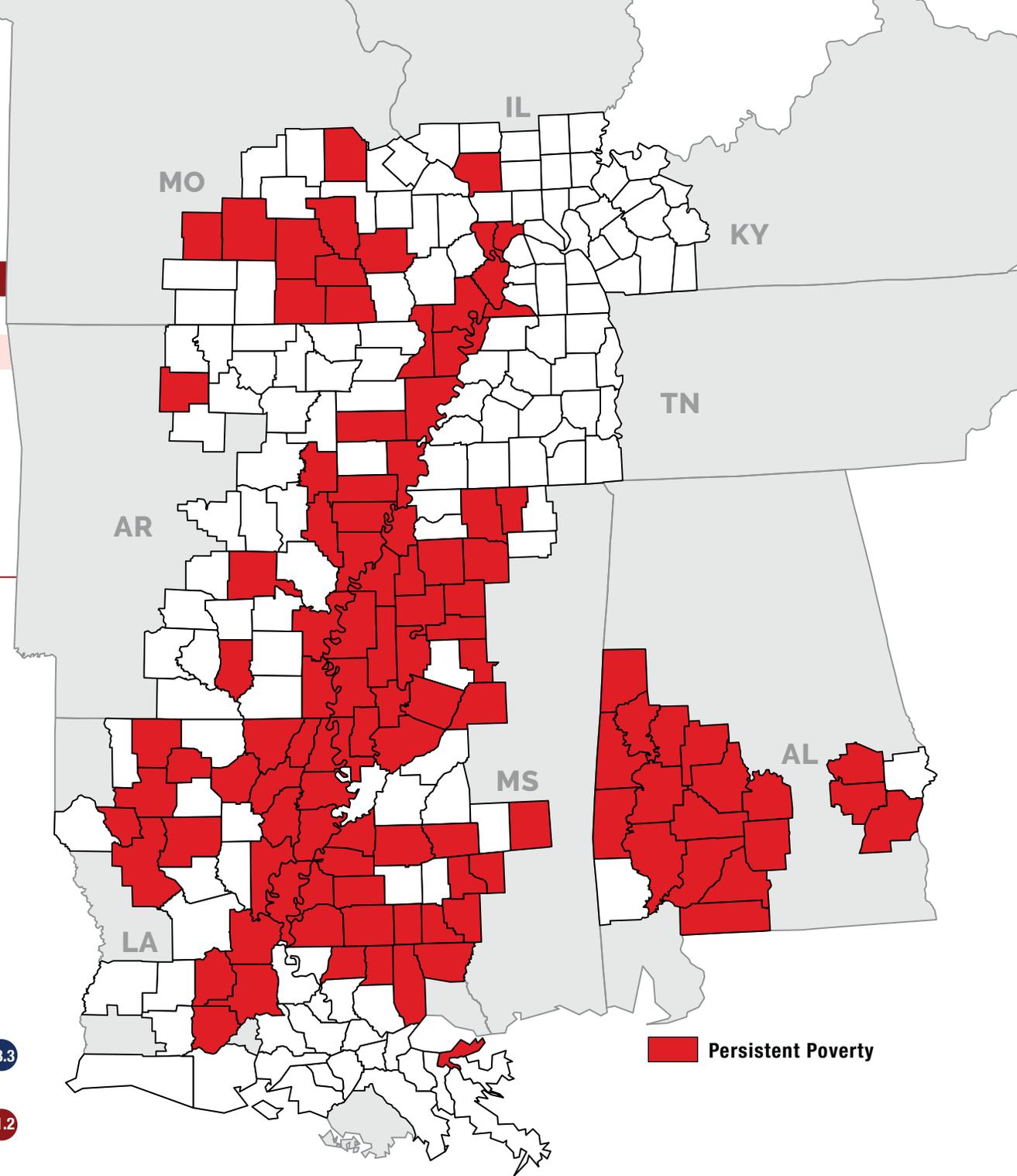
Persistent Poverty

Delta Region by Counties/Parishes: 1980-2011

Note: A county/parish was classified as in persistent poverty if 20 percent or more of its residents were living in poverty over the last 30 years.

REGION	PERCENT
United States	11.2%
Delta Region	43.3%
Alabama	90.0%
Arkansas	31.0%
Illinois	18.8%
Kentucky	4.8%
Louisiana	44.6%
Mississippi	74.5%
Missouri	44.8%
Tennessee	4.8%

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, Atlas of Rural and Small-Town America





HEALTH DISPARITIES

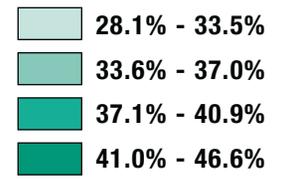
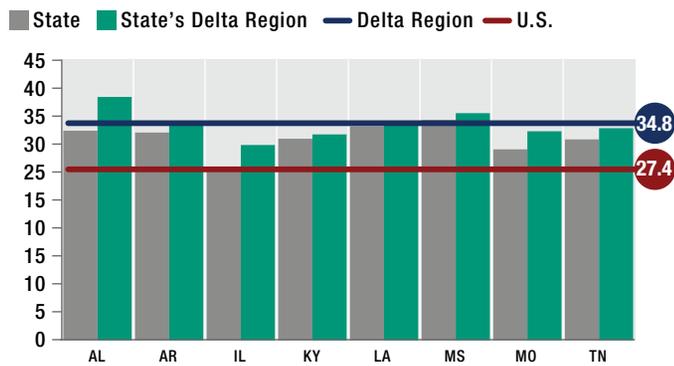
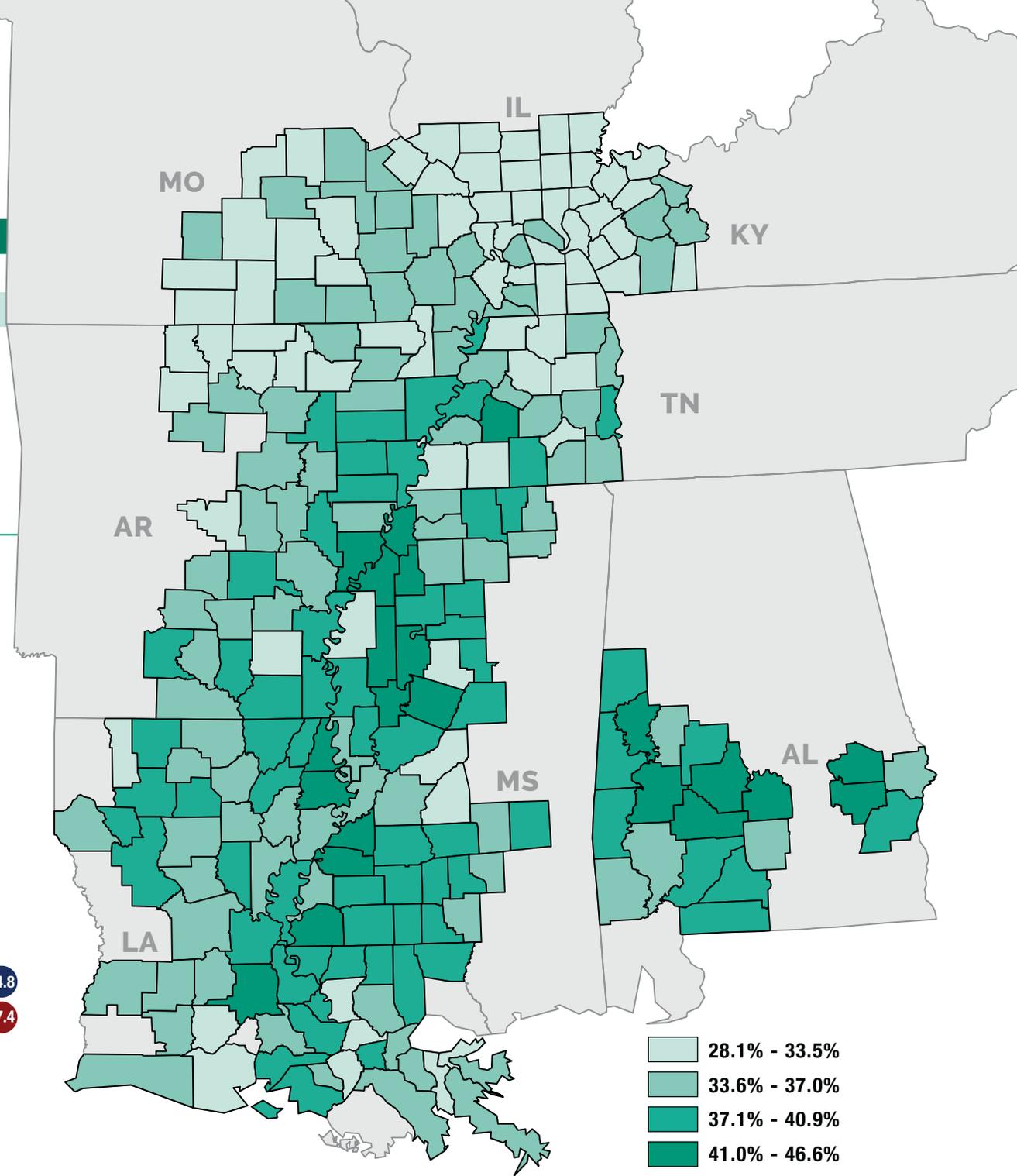


Percent of Adults 20 Years of Age and Over Who are Obese

Delta Region by Counties/Parishes: 2012

REGION	PERCENT
United States	27.4%
Delta Region	34.8%
Alabama	39.0%
Arkansas	34.7%
Illinois	31.3%
Kentucky	33.0%
Louisiana	34.9%
Mississippi	36.4%
Missouri	33.5%
Tennessee	34.0%

Source: National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Division of Diabetes Translation



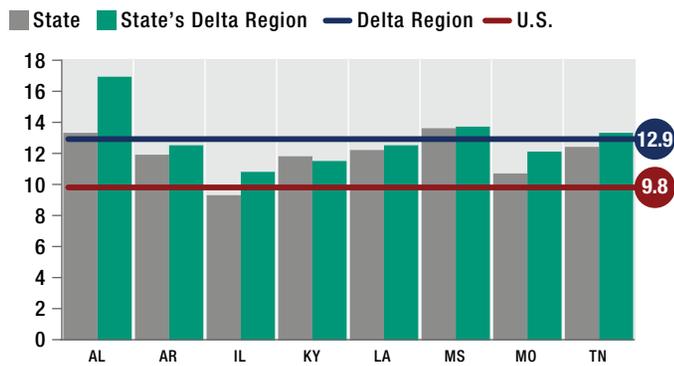
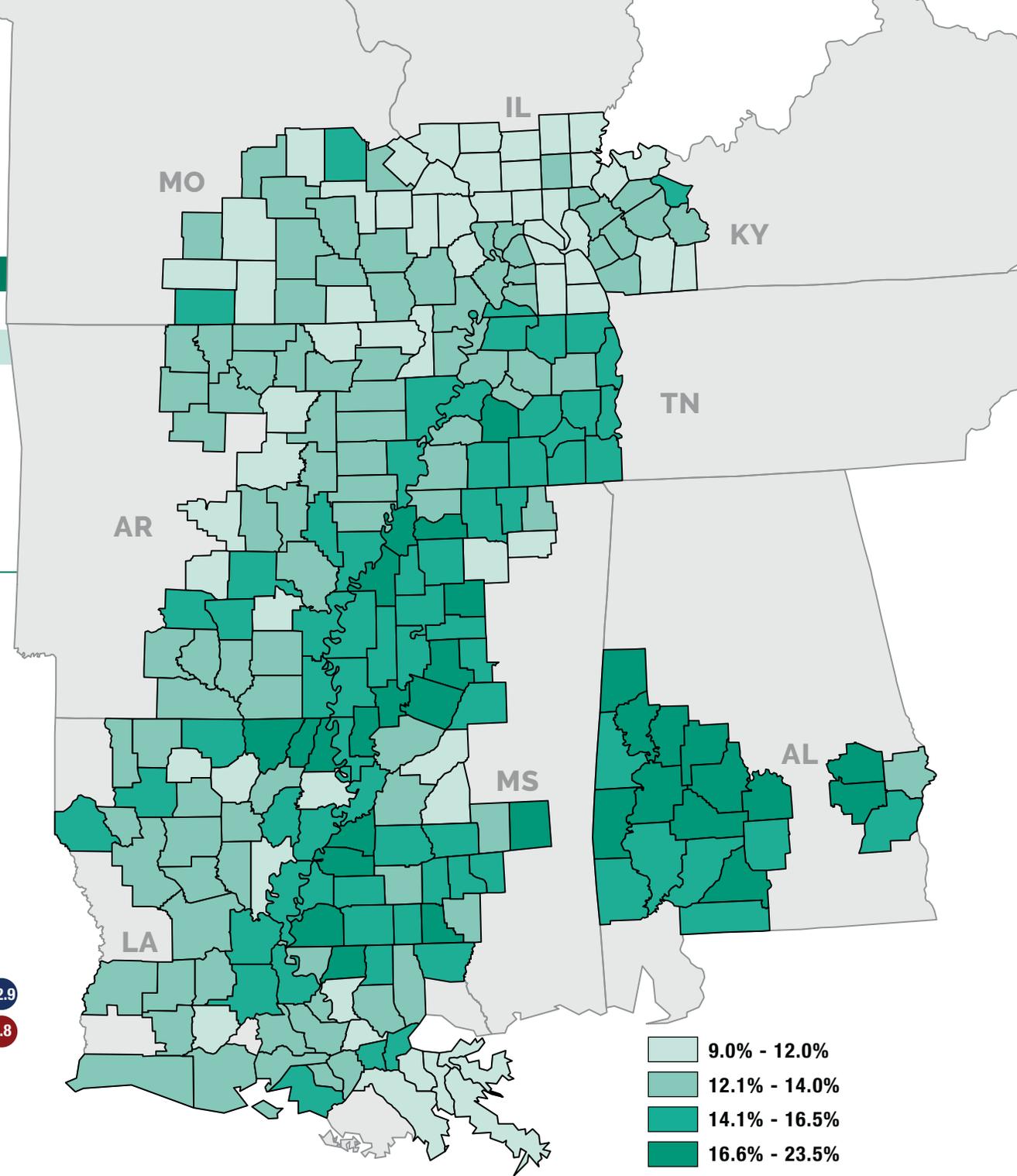


Percent of Adults 20 Years of Age and Over with Diagnosed Diabetes

Delta Region by Counties/Parishes: 2012

REGION	PERCENT
United States	9.8%
Delta Region	12.9%
Alabama	16.9%
Arkansas	12.5%
Illinois	10.8%
Kentucky	11.5%
Louisiana	12.5%
Mississippi	13.7%
Missouri	12.1%
Tennessee	13.3%

Source: National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Division of Diabetes Translation



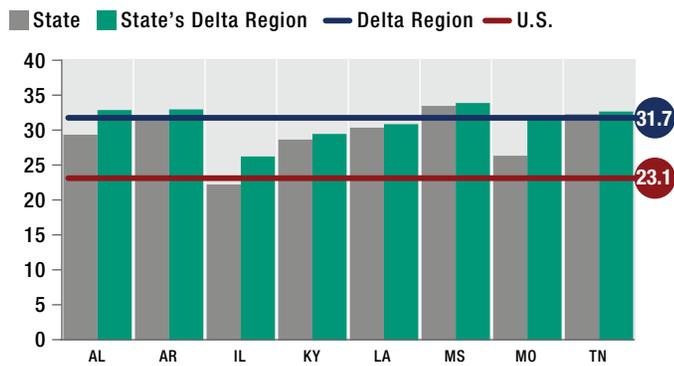
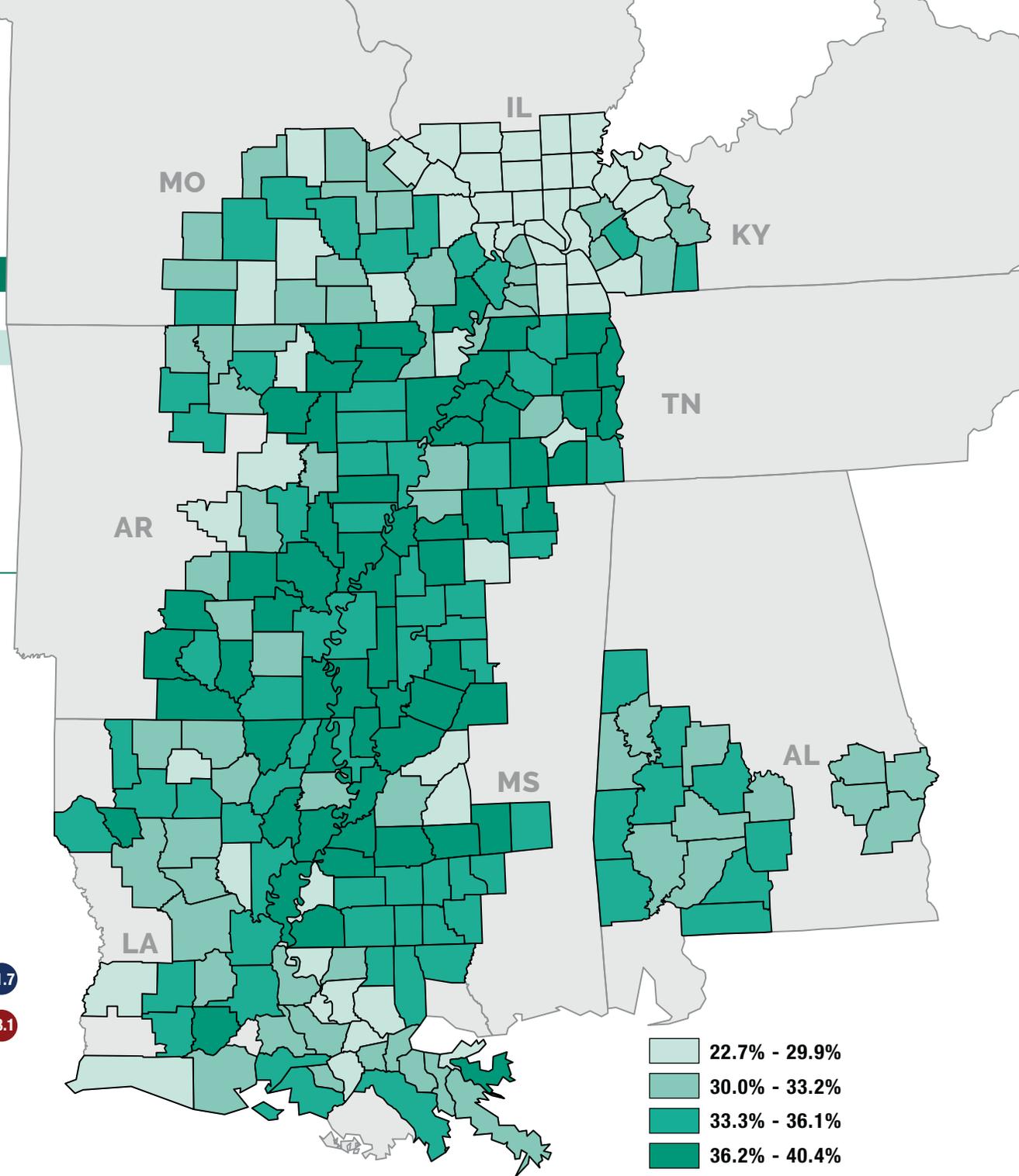


Percent of Adults 20 Years of Age and Over Who are Physically Inactive

Delta Region by Counties/Parishes: 2012

REGION	PERCENT
United States	23.1%
Delta Region	31.7%
Alabama	32.8%
Arkansas	32.9%
Illinois	26.2%
Kentucky	29.4%
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Mississippi	33.8%
Missouri	31.6%
Tennessee	32.6%

Source: National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Division of Diabetes Translation





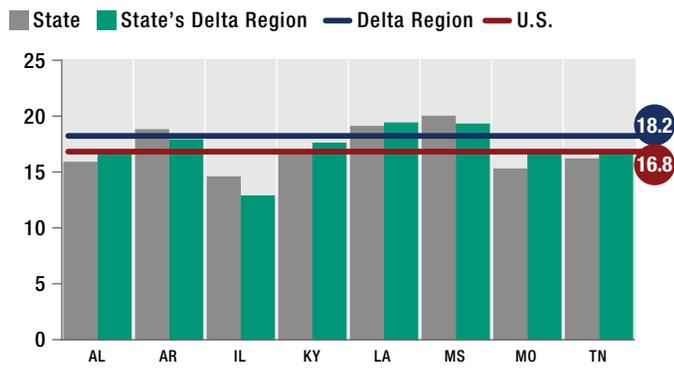
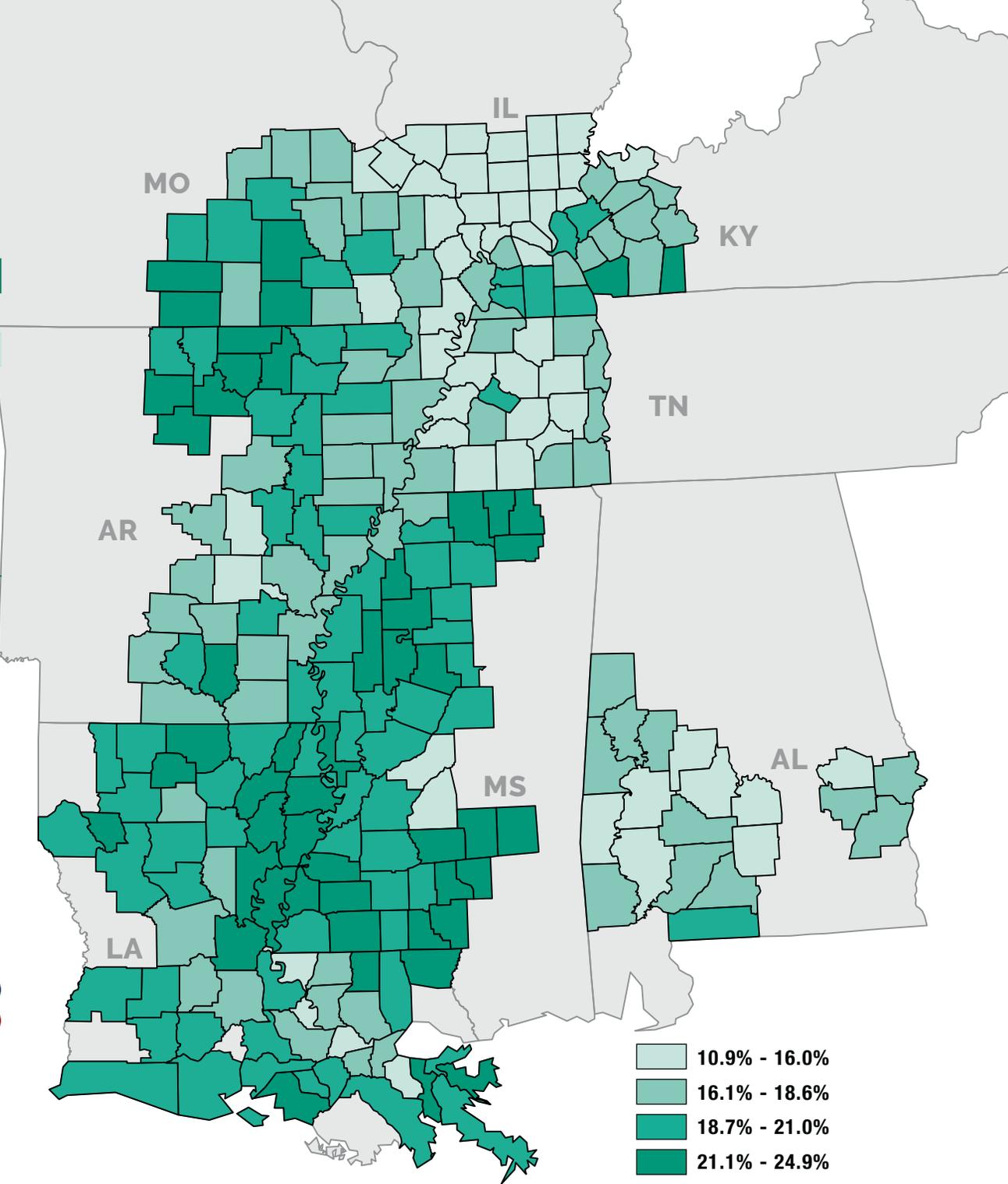
Percent of Population Under 65 Years of Age Without Health Insurance*

Delta Region by Counties/Parishes: 2012

*all income levels

REGION	PERCENT
United States	16.8%
Delta Region	18.2%
Alabama	16.6%
Arkansas	17.9%
Illinois	12.9%
Kentucky	17.6%
Louisiana	19.4%
Mississippi	19.3%
Missouri	16.8%
Tennessee	16.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Health Insurance Estimates



A man with a goatee, wearing a light-colored work shirt, is sitting in a chair in a factory setting. He is smiling slightly. The background shows industrial machinery, including what appears to be a conveyor belt system with blue components. An orange banner is overlaid on the image, containing the text "ECONOMICS AND EMPLOYMENT".

ECONOMICS AND EMPLOYMENT

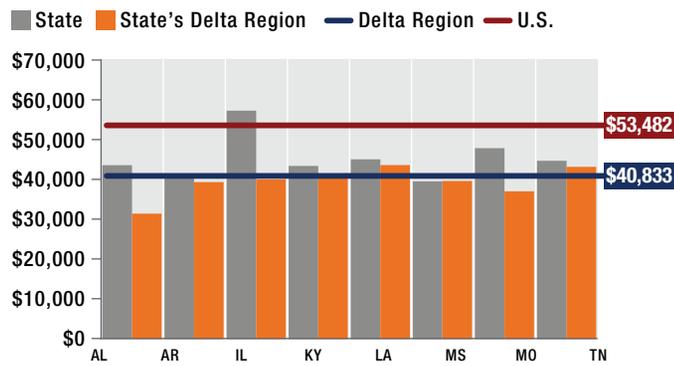
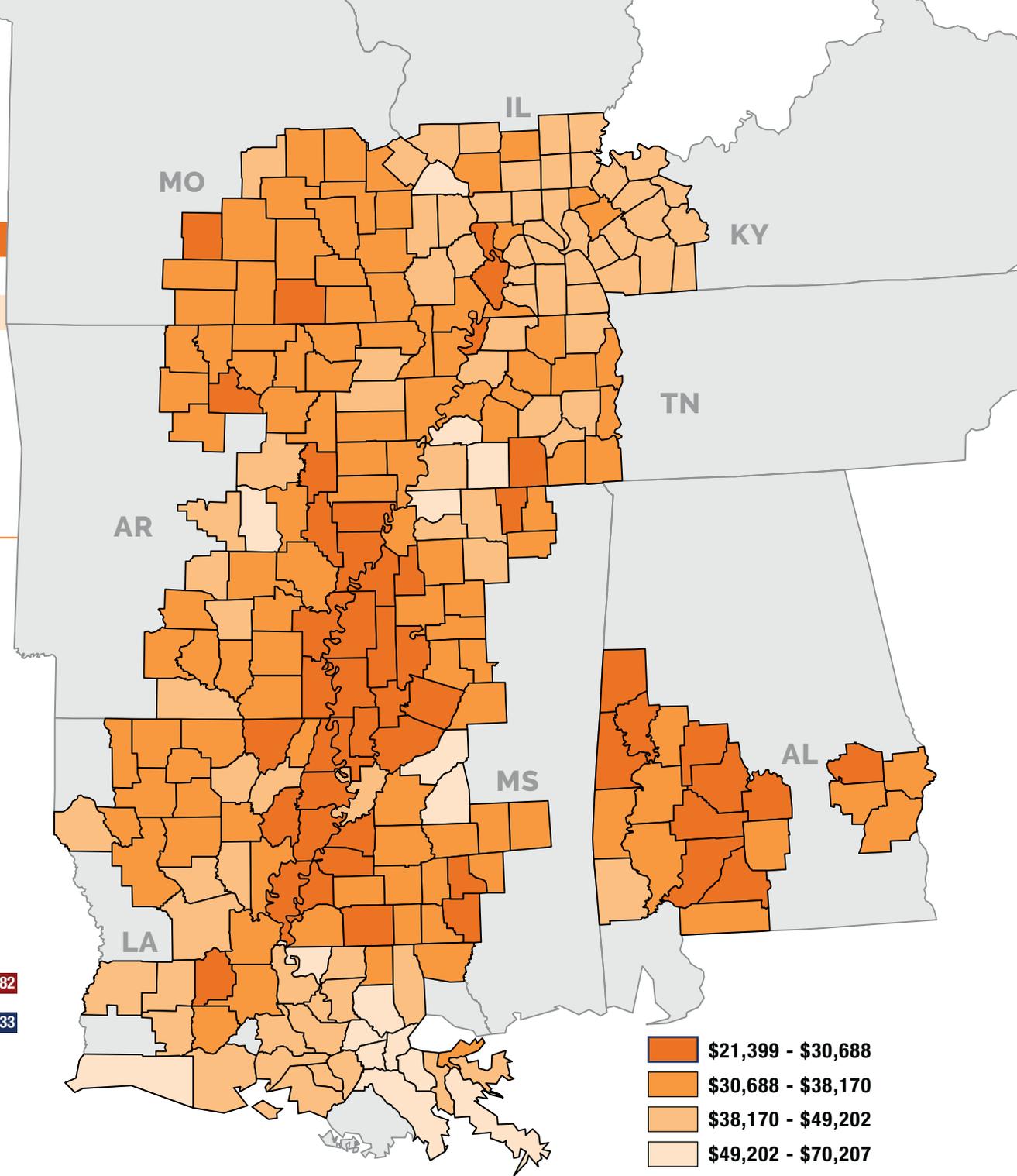
Alabama Industrial Development Training Site – Southwest Alabama

Median Household Income

Delta Region by Counties/Parishes: 2010-2014

REGION	INCOME
United States	\$53,482
Delta Region	\$40,833
Alabama	\$31,383
Arkansas	\$39,279
Illinois	\$39,981
Kentucky	\$40,977
Louisiana	\$43,548
Mississippi	\$39,554
Missouri	\$36,980
Tennessee	\$43,090

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey



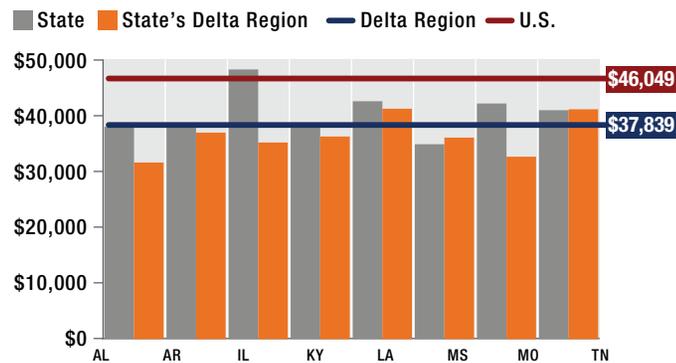
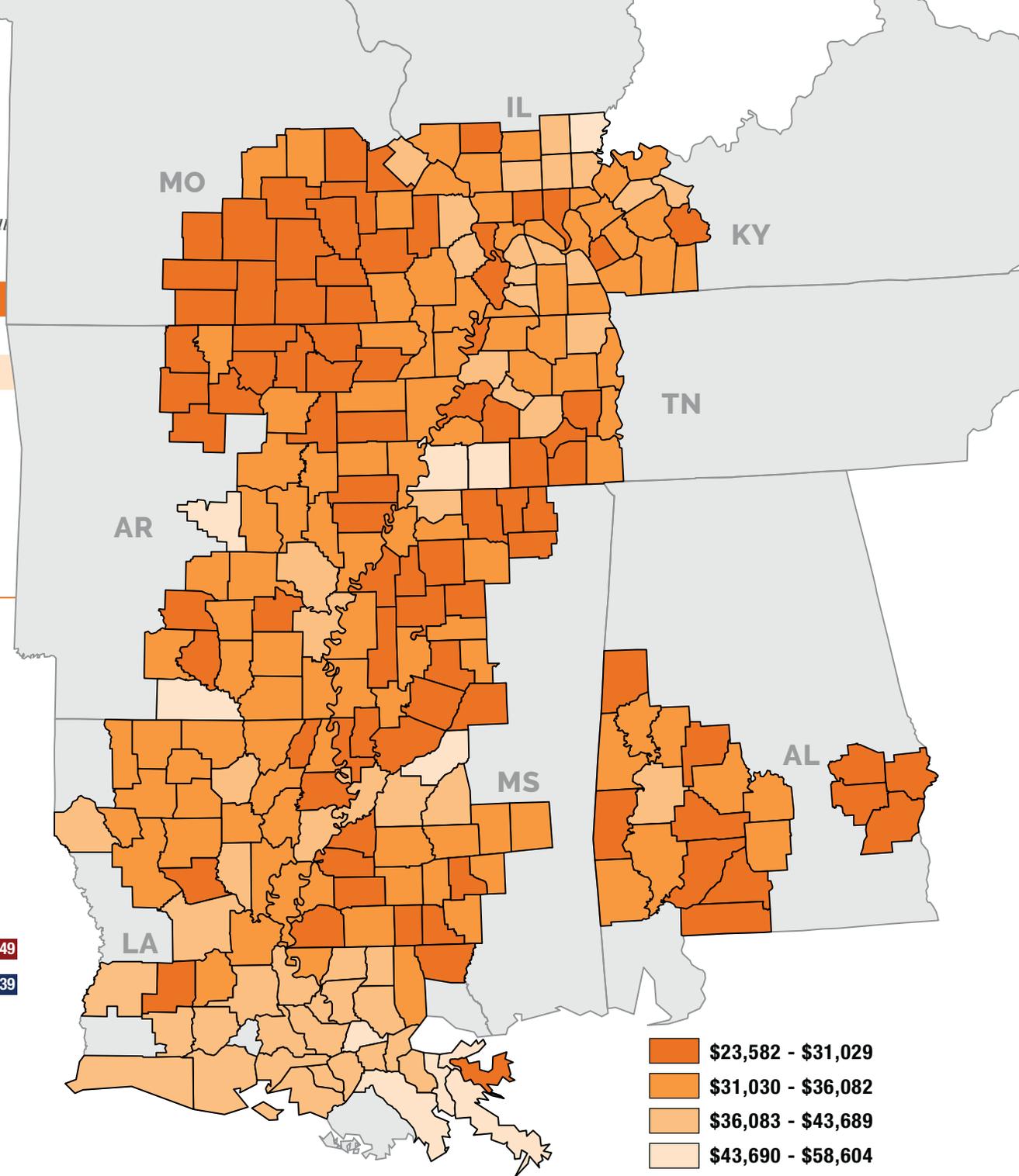
Per Capita Personal Income

Delta Region by Counties/Parishes: 2014

Note: Per capita personal income was computed using Census Bureau midyear population estimates. Estimates for 2010-2014 reflect county population estimates available as of March 2015. All dollar estimates are in current dollars (not adjusted for inflation).

REGION	INCOME
United States	\$46,049
Delta Region	\$37,839
Alabama	\$31,206
Arkansas	\$36,489
Illinois	\$34,735
Kentucky	\$35,792
Louisiana	\$40,715
Mississippi	\$35,606
Missouri	\$32,227
Tennessee	\$40,611

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis



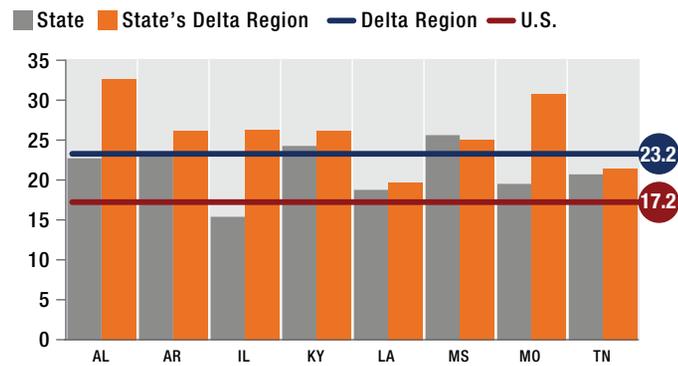
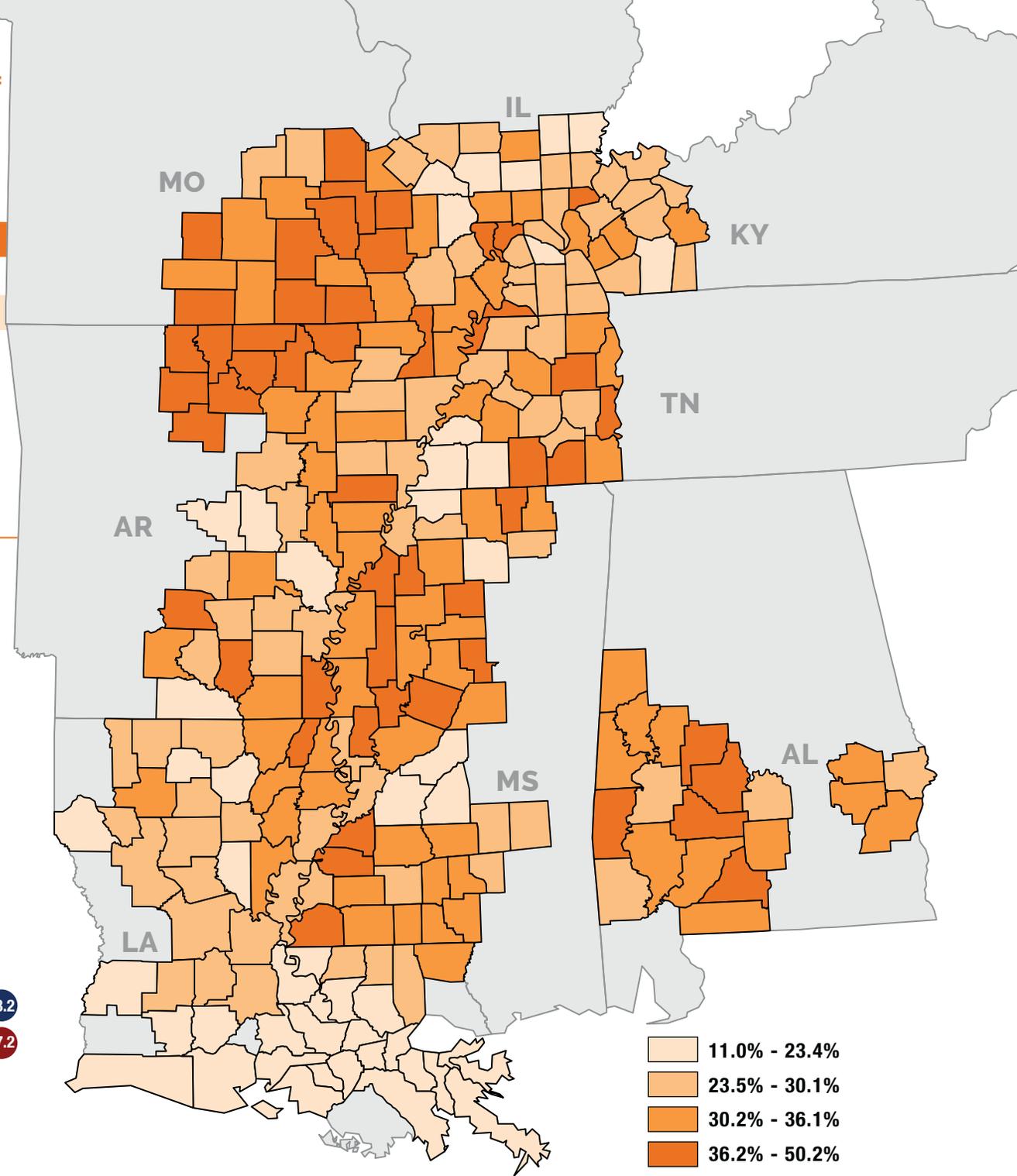


Transfer Receipts as Percent of Total Personal Income

Delta Region by Counties/Parishes: 2014

REGION	PERCENT
United States	17.2%
Delta Region	23.2%
Alabama	32.5%
Arkansas	26.2%
Illinois	26.3%
Kentucky	26.1%
Louisiana	19.6%
Mississippi	25.0%
Missouri	30.7%
Tennessee	21.3%

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

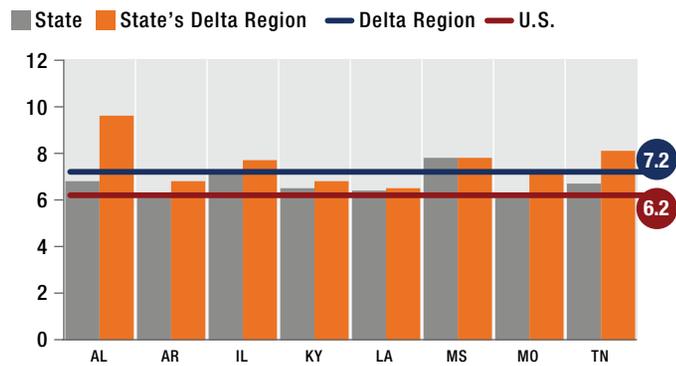
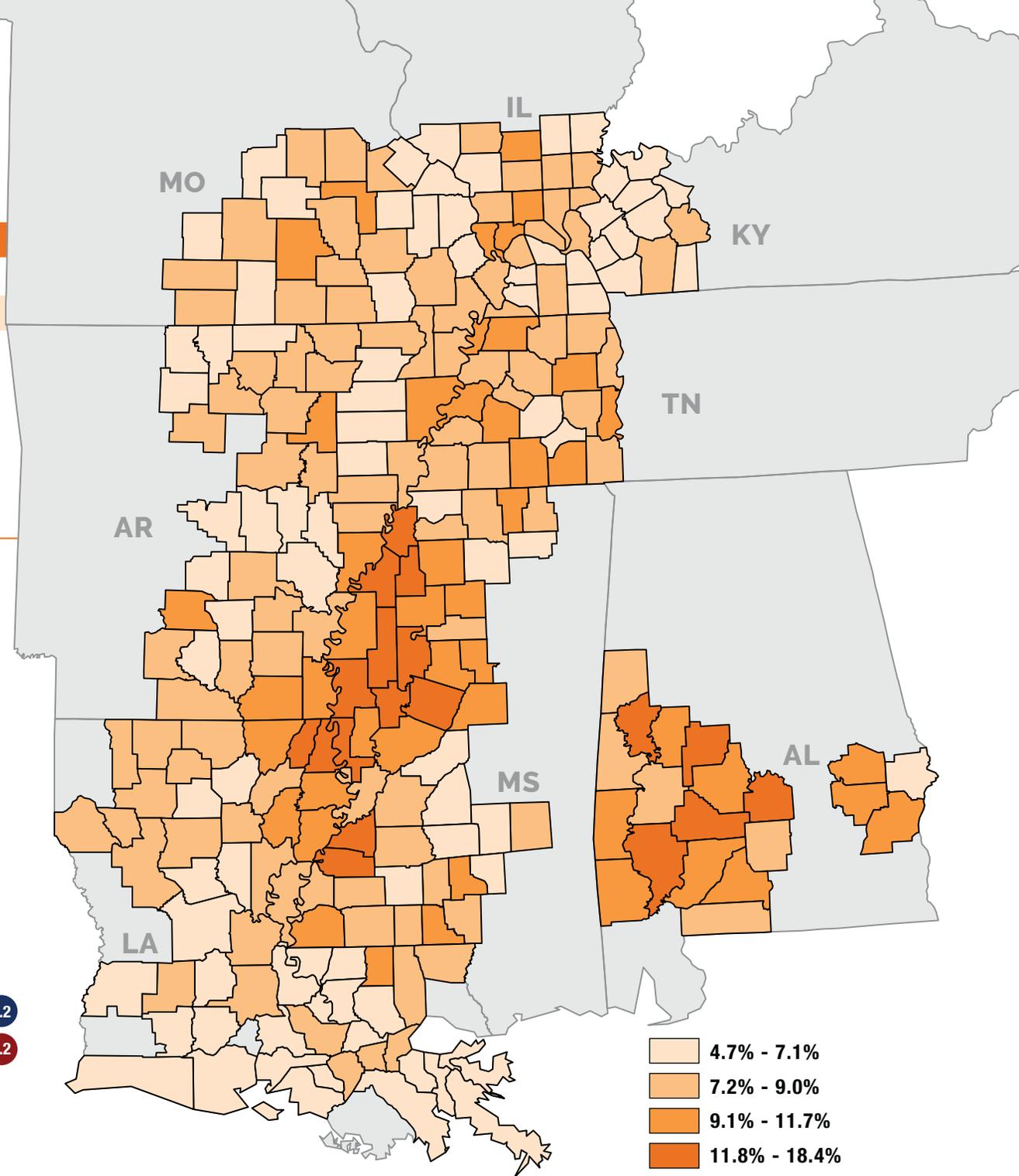


Unemployment Rate

Delta Region by Counties/Parishes: 2014

REGION	PERCENT
United States	6.2%
Delta Region	7.2%
Alabama	9.6%
Arkansas	6.8%
Illinois	7.7%
Kentucky	6.8%
Louisiana	6.5%
Mississippi	7.8%
Missouri	7.1%
Tennessee	8.1%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics



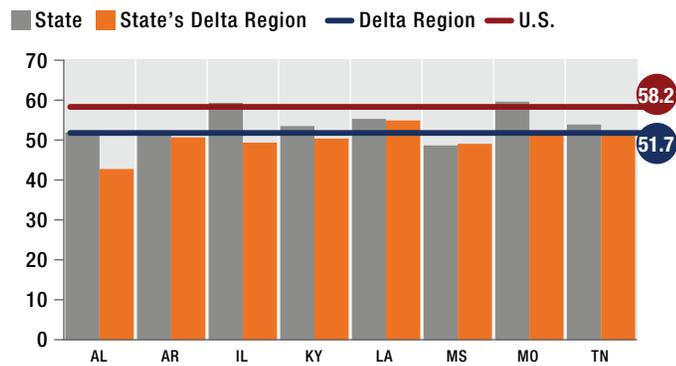
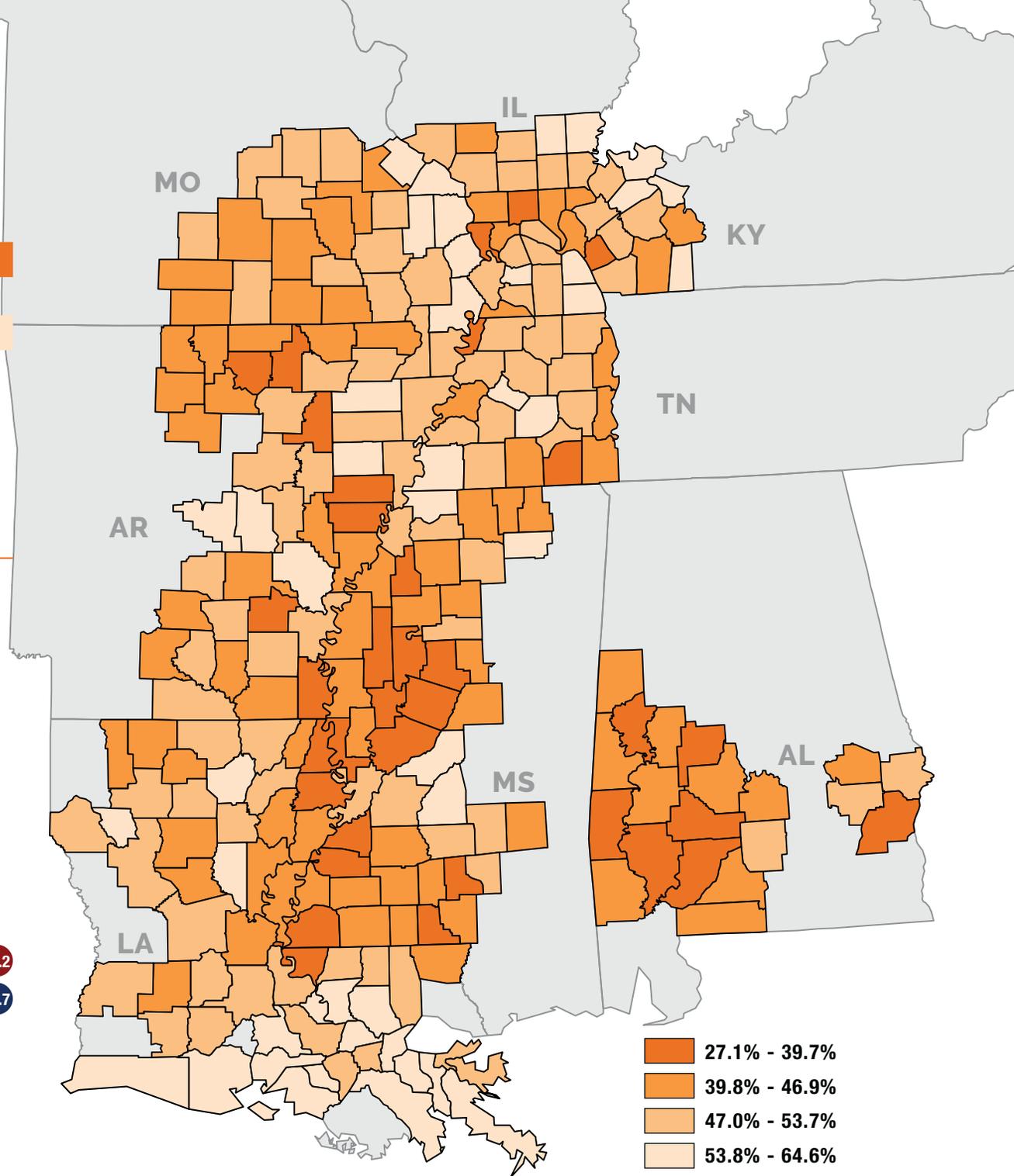
Employment/ Population Ratio

Delta Region by Counties/Parishes: 2014

Note: Employment Population Ratio was calculated by taking the total employment divided by the total population over age 16.

REGION	PERCENT
United States	58.2%
Delta Region	51.7%
Alabama	42.7%
Arkansas	50.6%
Illinois	49.3%
Kentucky	50.3%
Louisiana	54.8%
Mississippi	49.0%
Missouri	51.5%
Tennessee	52.1%

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics and U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division. Release Date: June 2015



HOUSING



Crosstown Concourse Mixed-Use Vertical Urban Village – Memphis, TN

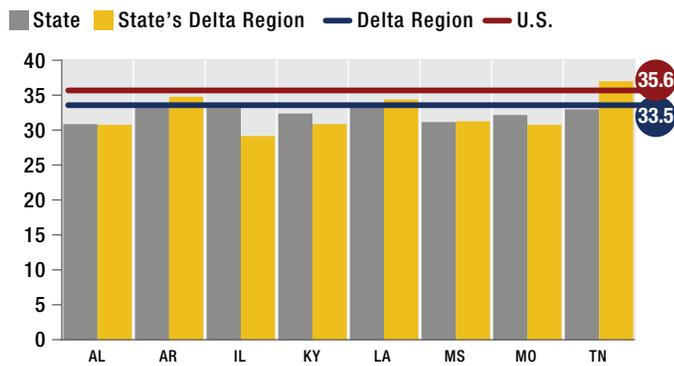
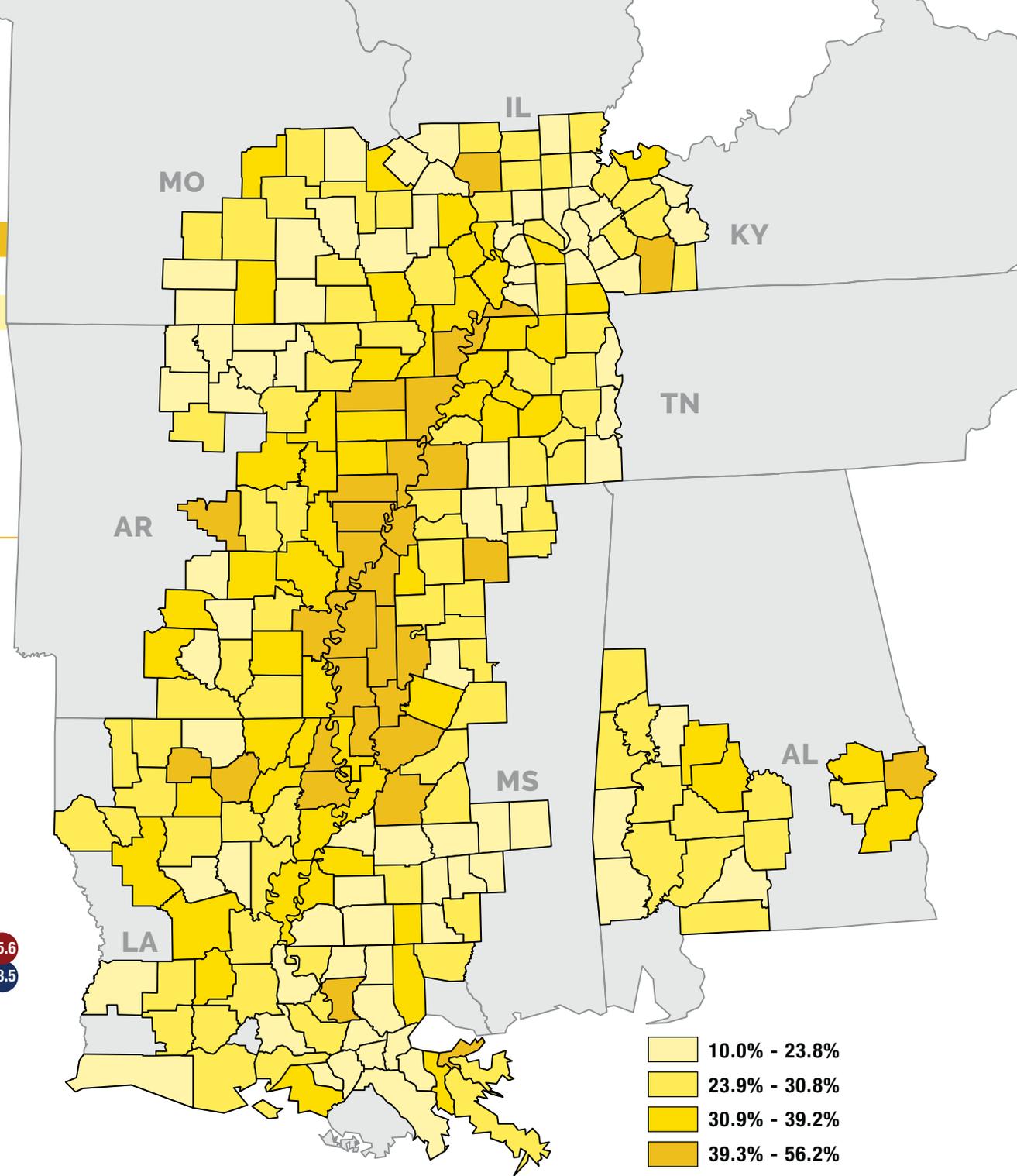


Percent of Renter-Occupied Housing Units

Delta Region by Counties/Parishes: 2010-2014

REGION	PERCENT
United States	35.6%
Delta Region	33.5%
Alabama	30.7%
Arkansas	34.7%
Illinois	29.1%
Kentucky	30.8%
Louisiana	34.3%
Mississippi	31.2%
Missouri	30.7%
Tennessee	36.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey



DEFINITIONS AND SOURCES

Population Density: Total population within a geographic entity (for example, United States, state, or county) divided by the land area of that entity measured in square miles. U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division.

Population with a High School Diploma or GED: The percent of the population 25 years of age and over who have only a high school diploma, GED, or the equivalent. U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey.

Population with a High School Diploma or Higher: The percent of the population 25 years of age and over whose highest degree was a high school diploma or its equivalent, people who attended college but did not receive a degree, and people who received an Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's, Professional or Doctorate Degree. People who reported completing the 12th grade but not receiving a diploma are not included. U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey.

Population with Associate's Degree: The percent of the population 25 years of age and over whose highest degree is an Associate's Degree. U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey.

Population with Bachelor's Degree: The percent of the population 25 years of age and over whose highest degree is a Bachelor's Degree. U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey.

Population with Bachelor's Degree or Higher: The percent of the population 25 years of age and over who received a Bachelor's, Master's, Professional, or Doctorate Degree. U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey.

Population with Graduate or Professional Degree: The percent of the population 25 years of age and over whose highest degree is a Graduate or Professional Degree. U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey.

Children in Single Parent Families: The percent of children under 18 years of age in family households who live with a male/female householder with no spouse present. U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey.

Population Living in Poverty: The percent of the population living in poverty is the sum of the population below the poverty level divided by the total population in families for whom poverty status has been determined. Poverty status is determined from income data. Poverty thresholds are arranged in a two dimensional matrix based on family size and number of children in the family. The total income of the family was tested against the appropriate threshold to determine the poverty status of the family. If the family income was less than the corresponding cutoff, the family was classified as below the poverty level. U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey.

Children in Poverty: The percent of children under 18 years of age in poverty is the sum of children below the poverty level divided by the total number of children in families. U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey.

Elderly in Poverty: The percent of elderly in poverty is the sum of the population 65 years of age and over below the poverty level divided by the total number of people age 65 and over. The Census Bureau uses a set of dollar value thresholds that vary by family size and composition to determine who is in poverty. Further, poverty thresholds for people living alone or with nonrelatives (unrelated individuals) and two-person families vary by age (under 65 years or 65 years and older). U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey.

Obesity Rate: The percent of adults who reported having a body mass index (BMI) greater than or equal to 30.0 on the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System survey. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Diabetes Rate: The percent of adults who reported having been diagnosed with diabetes by a doctor on the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System survey. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Physical Inactivity: The percent of adults who reported not having participated in any physical activities or exercises such as running, calisthenics,

golf, gardening, or walking for exercise other than their regular job on the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System survey. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Percent Uninsured: The percent of persons without health insurance is the number of uninsured persons under 65 years of age divided by the total number of persons under 65 years of age. U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Health Insurance Estimates.

Median Household Income: Median household income divides the income distribution into two equal parts, one having incomes above the median and the other having incomes below the median. U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey.

Per Capita Personal Income: The total personal income divided by the population. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Transfer Receipts Ratio: The ratio of personal current transfer receipts to total personal income. Personal current transfer receipts consists of income payments to persons for which no current services are performed and net insurance settlements. It is the sum of government social benefits and net current transfer receipts from business. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Unemployment Rate: The unemployment rate is the number of unemployed divided by the civilian labor force. U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

Employment to Population Ratio: Calculated by dividing the total employed population by the total population 16 years of age and over. U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics and U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division.

Renter Occupied Housing Unit: All occupied housing units which are not owner occupied, whether they are rented or occupied without payment of rent, are classified as renter occupied. The number of renter occupied housing units is divided by the total number of occupied housing units. U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey.

The background features a large, semi-transparent watermark of the Delta Regional Authority logo. The logo is circular with a braided border. Inside the border, the words "DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY" are written in a large, serif font. Below the main text, there are smaller inscriptions: "ALABAMA • LOUISIANA • ARKANSAS • MISSISSIPPI • GEORGIA • FLORIDA". The logo also includes a stylized eagle with spread wings and a floral wreath. The background image is a satellite-style map of the Delta region, showing a mix of green fields and brownish-yellow land.

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