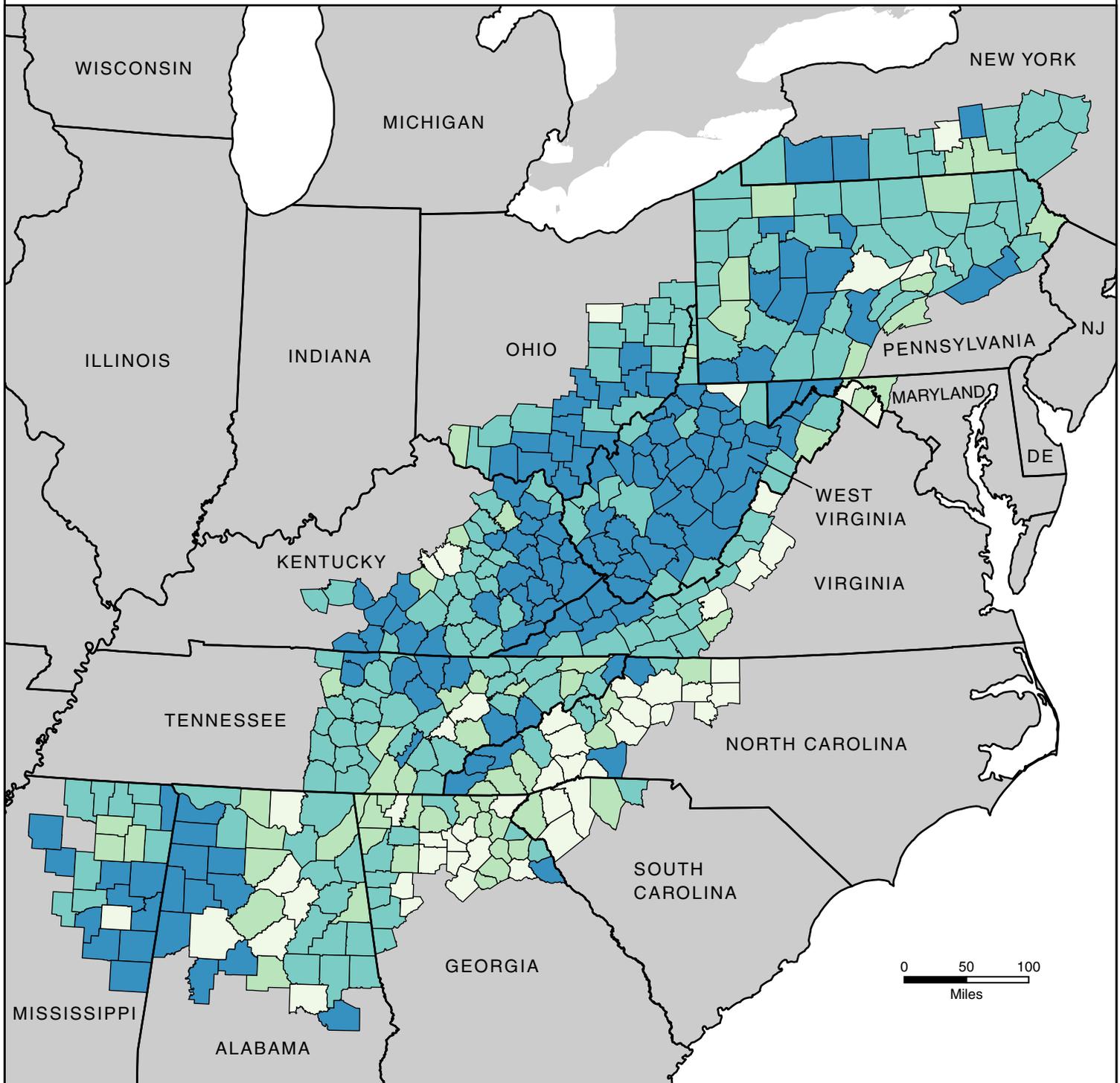


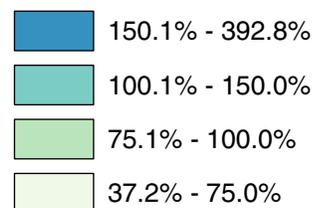
# Three-Year Average Unemployment Rates in Appalachia, 1998-2000

## Compared with the U.S. Average



Three-year average unemployment rate is a measure of long-term structural unemployment. It is calculated by dividing the three-year sum of persons unemployed by the three-year sum of the civilian labor force. The percent of the U.S. average is computed by dividing the county unemployment rate by the national average and multiplying by 100.

### Percent of the U.S. Average



U.S. average = 4.2%  
Appalachian average = 4.6%