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From Service to Shelter: Housing Veterans in Rural America



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Housing Assistance Council

Building Rural Communities



- Established in 1971
- National nonprofit organization
- Created to increase the availability of decent and affordable housing for low-income people in rural areas throughout the U.S.
- Provide services to local, state, and national organizations

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Date: July 16, 2014

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Date: July 23, 2014

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Nonprofit Strategic Planning

Date: July 30, 2014

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Acquisition Rehabilitation for Rural Nonprofit Housing Development – New Orleans, LA

Date: August 12-14, 2014

<https://www.regonline.com/AquisitionRehab2014>

Sharpening Your Skills: Financial Management for Nonprofits – New Orleans, LA

Date: August 12-13, 2014

<https://www.regonline.com/NewOrleans-FM2014>

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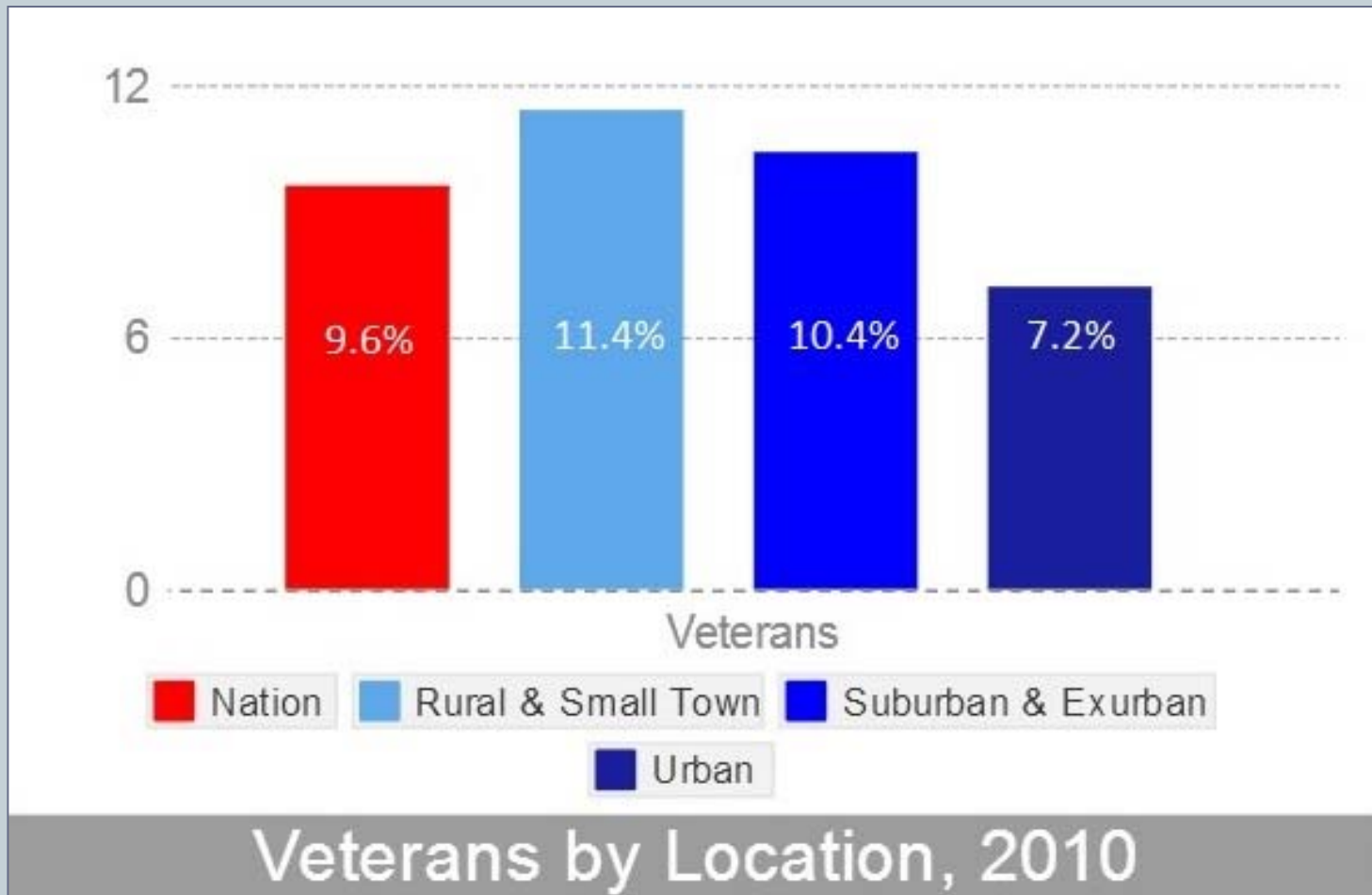
Poll for Discussion



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Veterans in Rural America

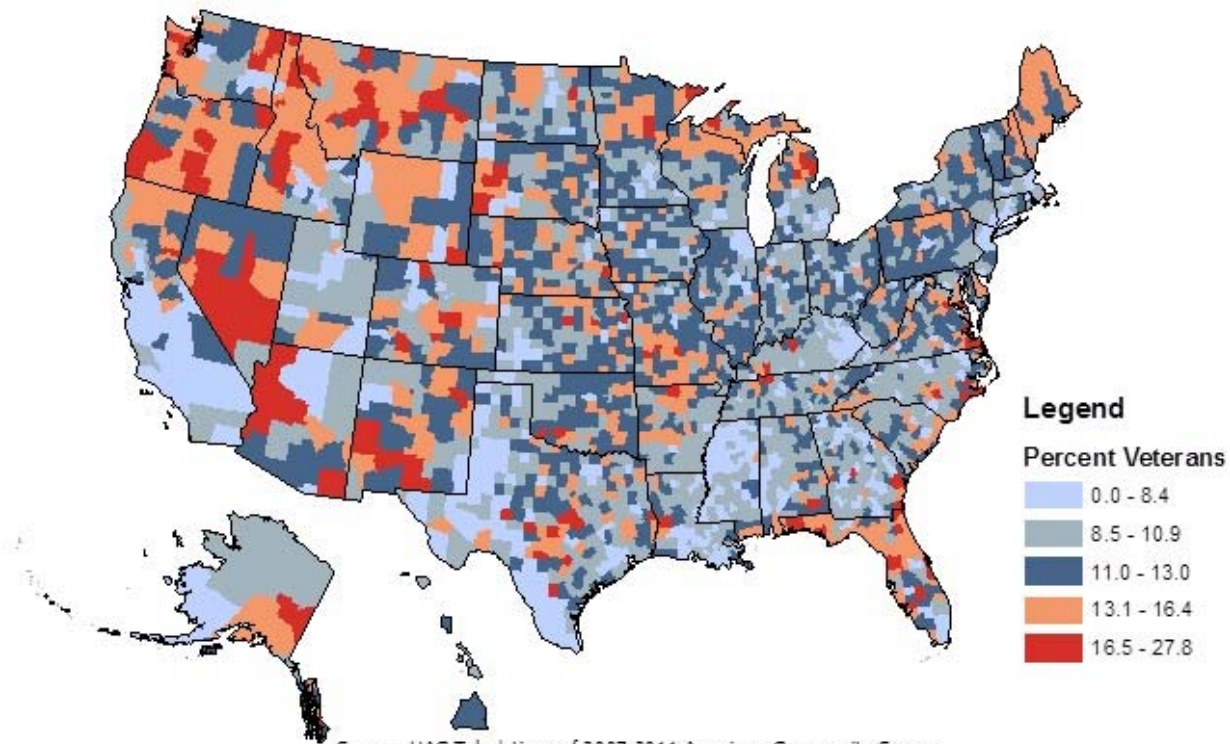


Veterans by Location, 2010

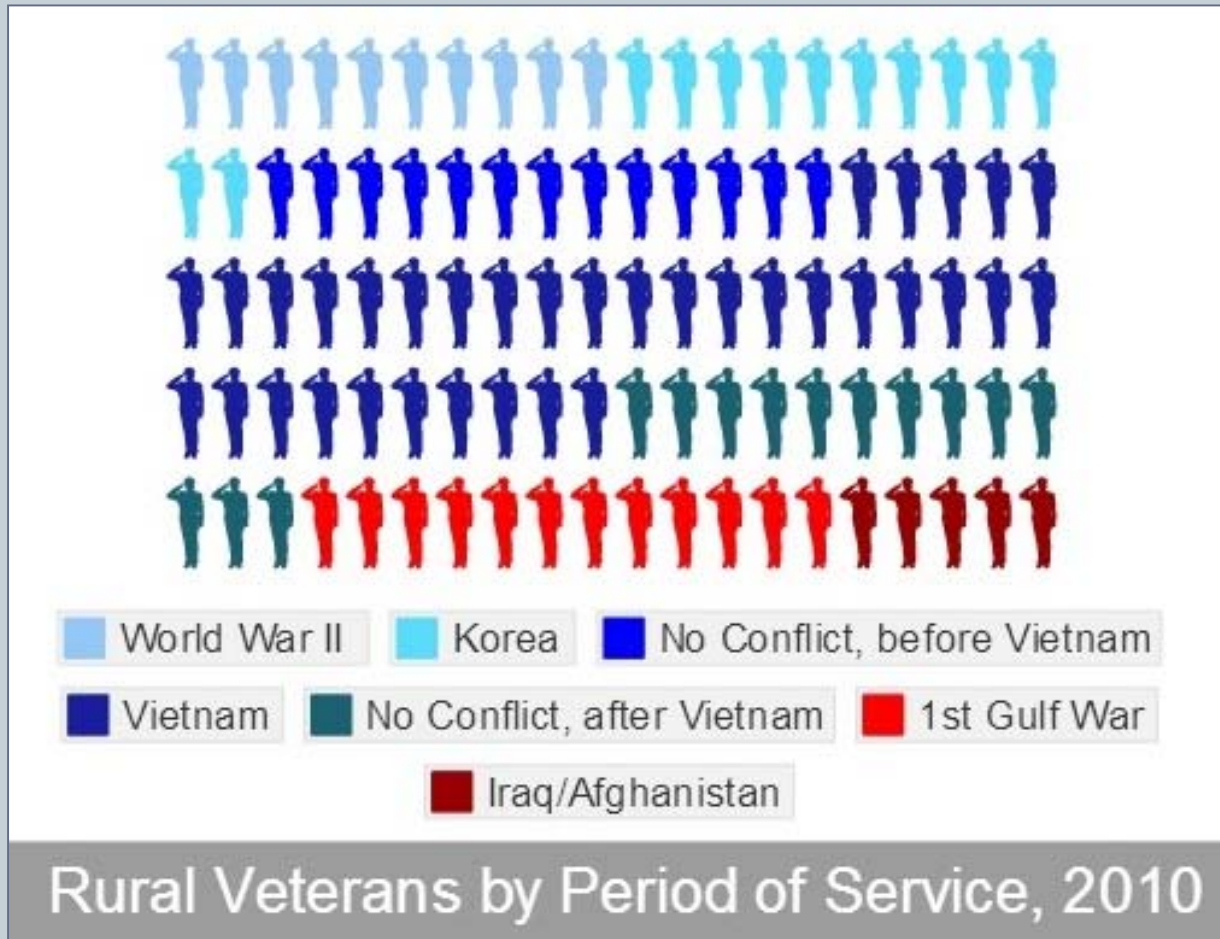
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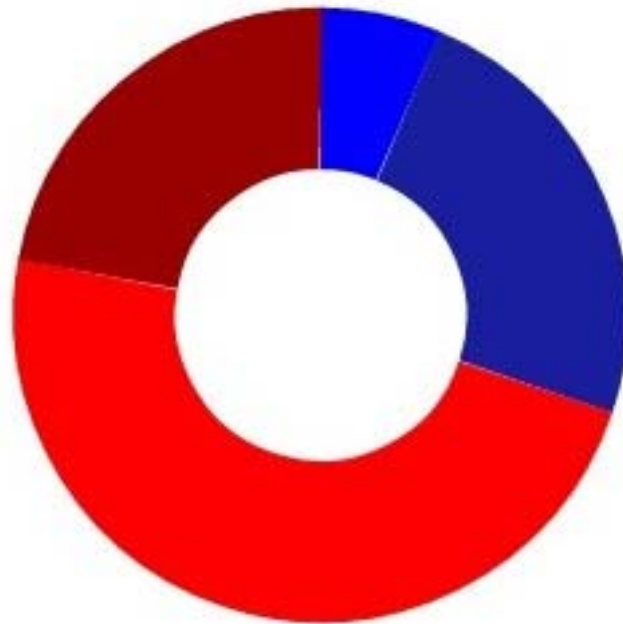
U.S. Veteran Population by County, 2011



Veterans in Rural America



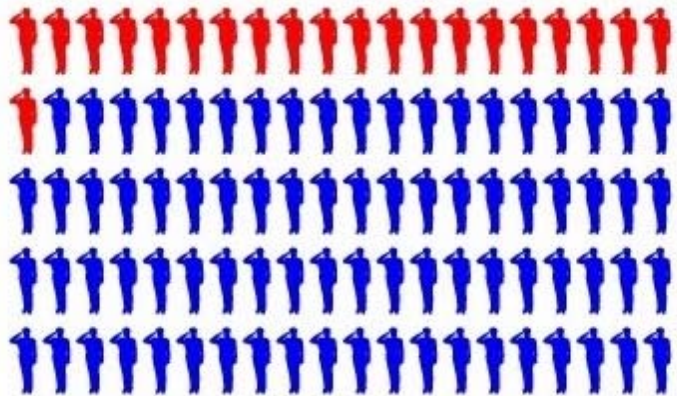
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■ 18-34 (6%) ■ 35-54 (24%) ■ 55-74 (48%) ■ 75+ (22%)

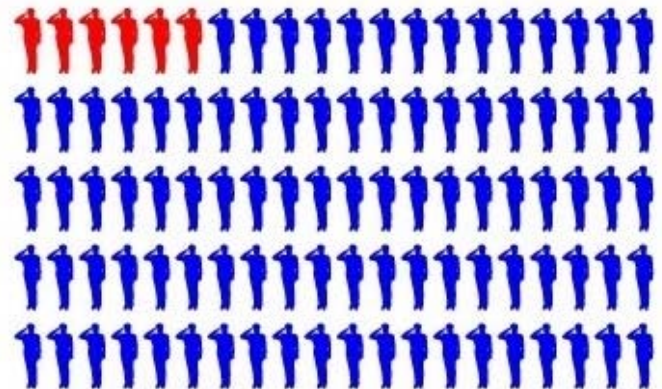
Rural Veterans by Age Group, 2010

Veterans in Rural America



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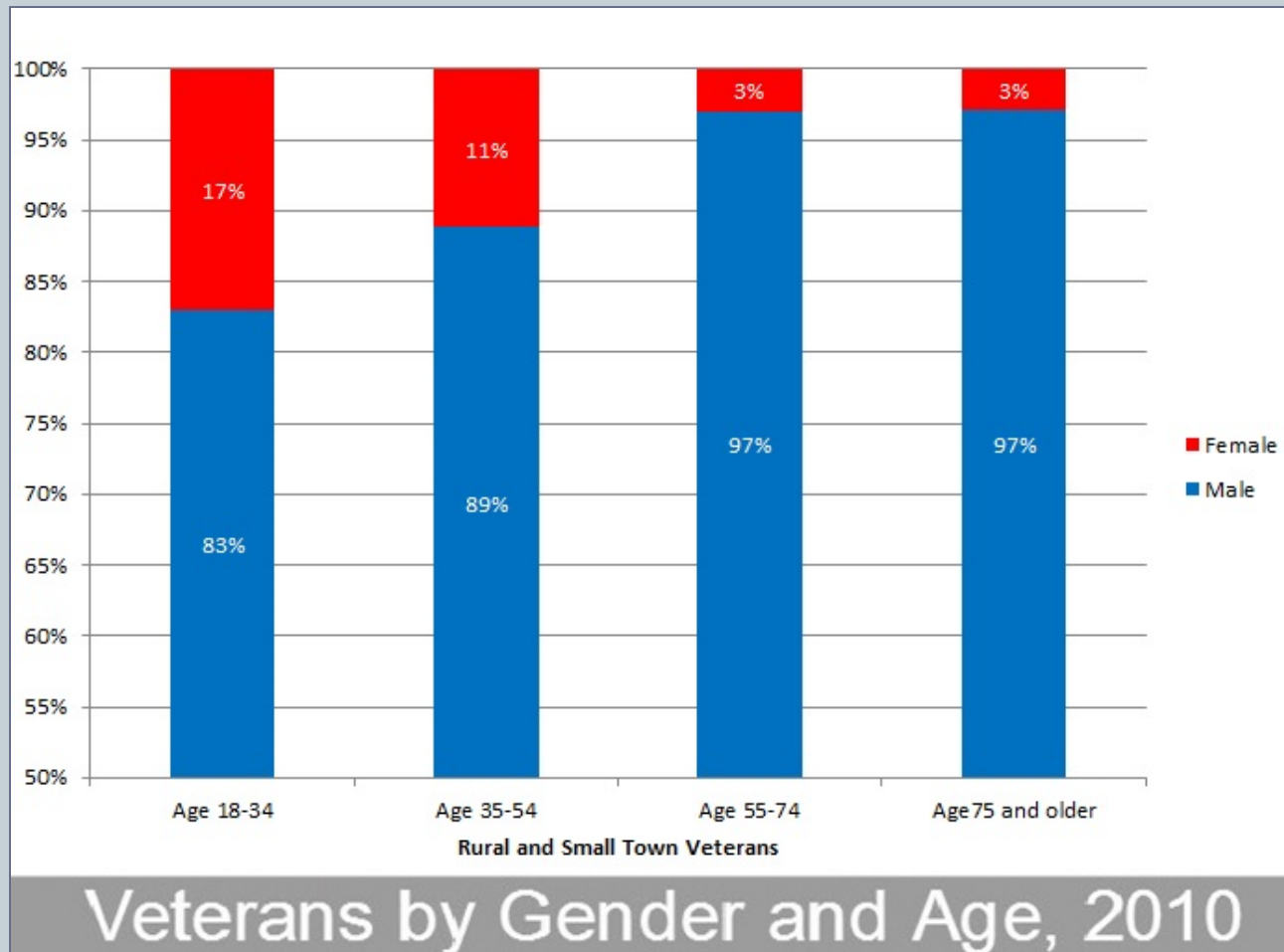
Minority Veterans, Age 20-34, 2010



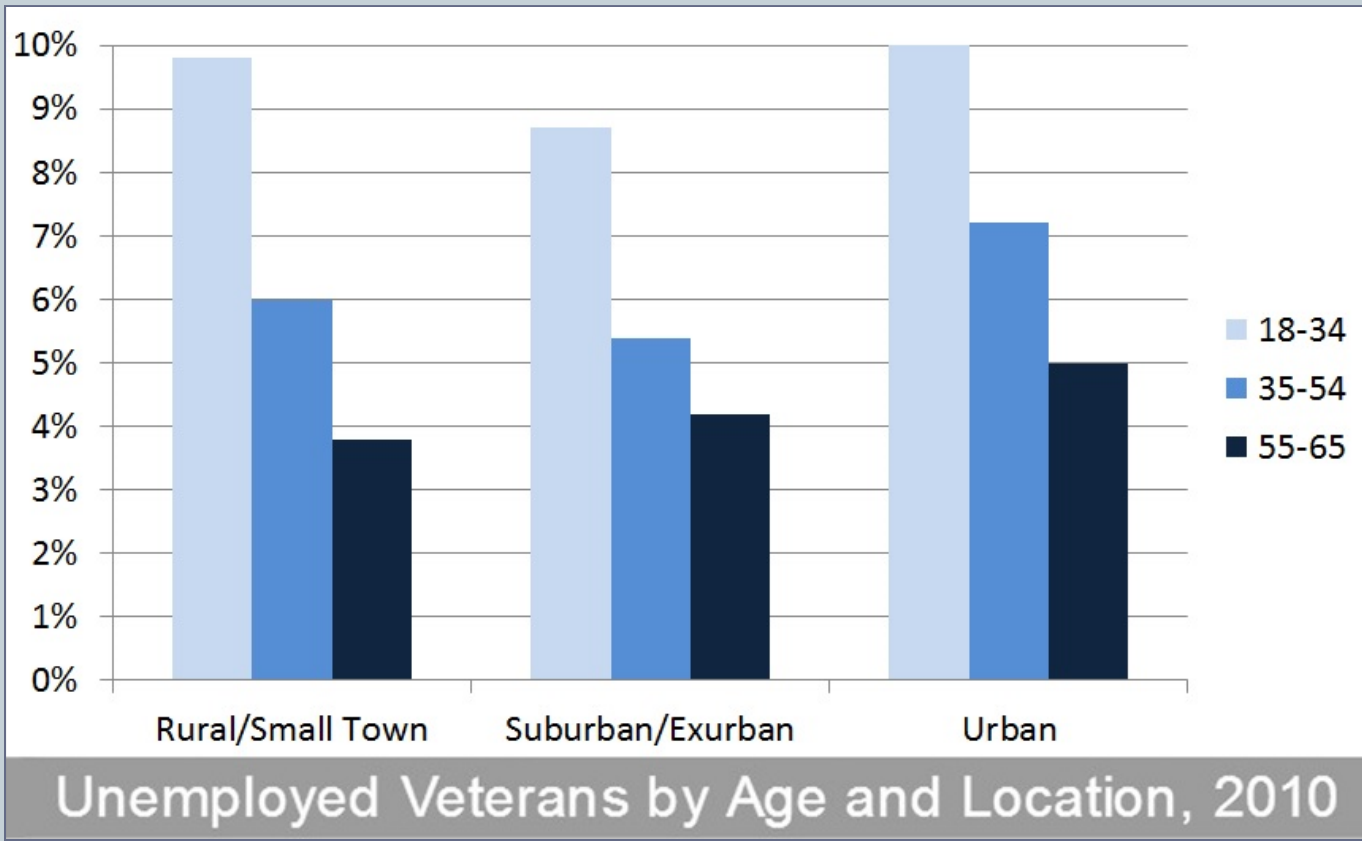
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Minority Veterans, Age 65+, 2010

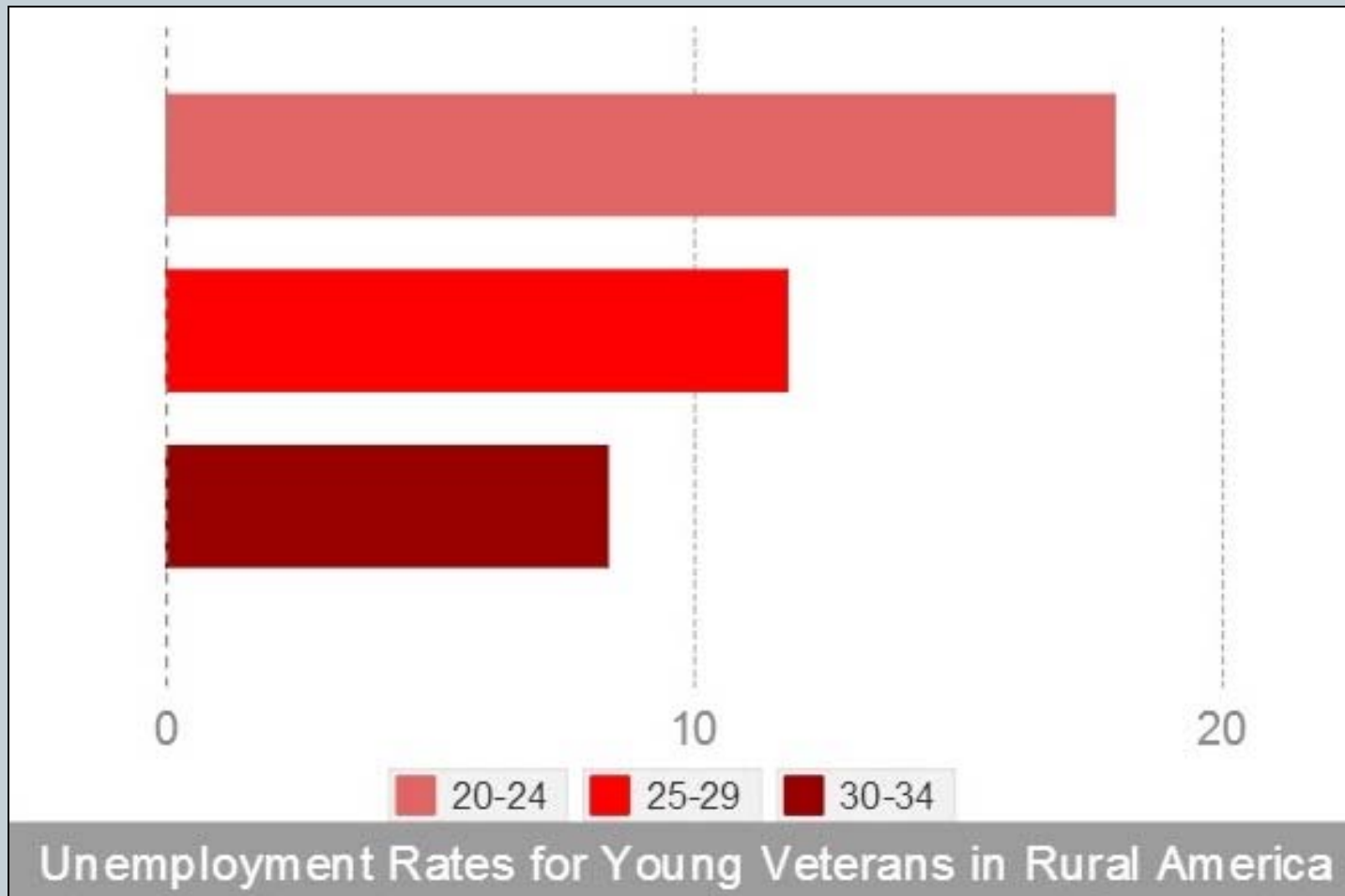
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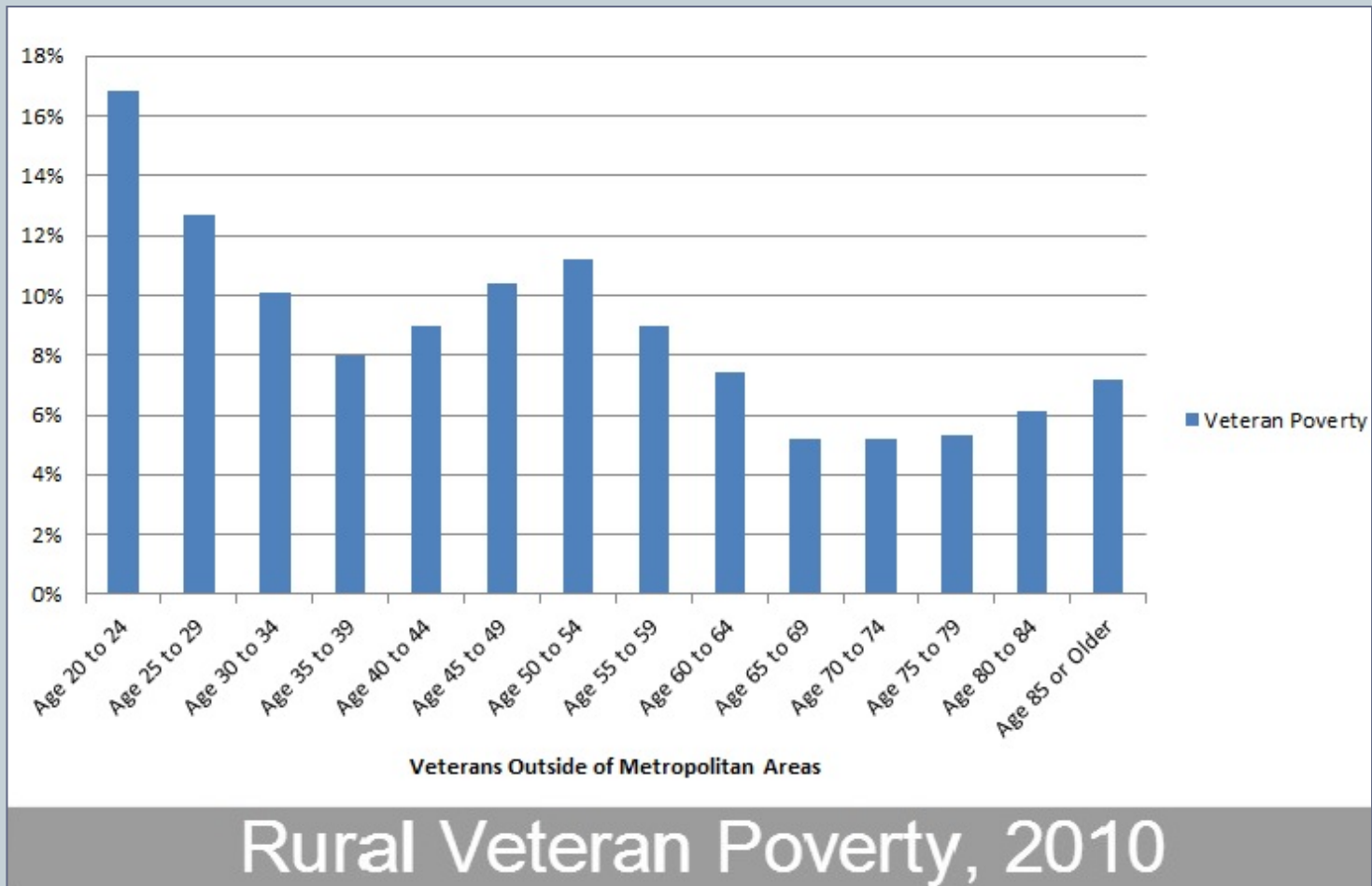
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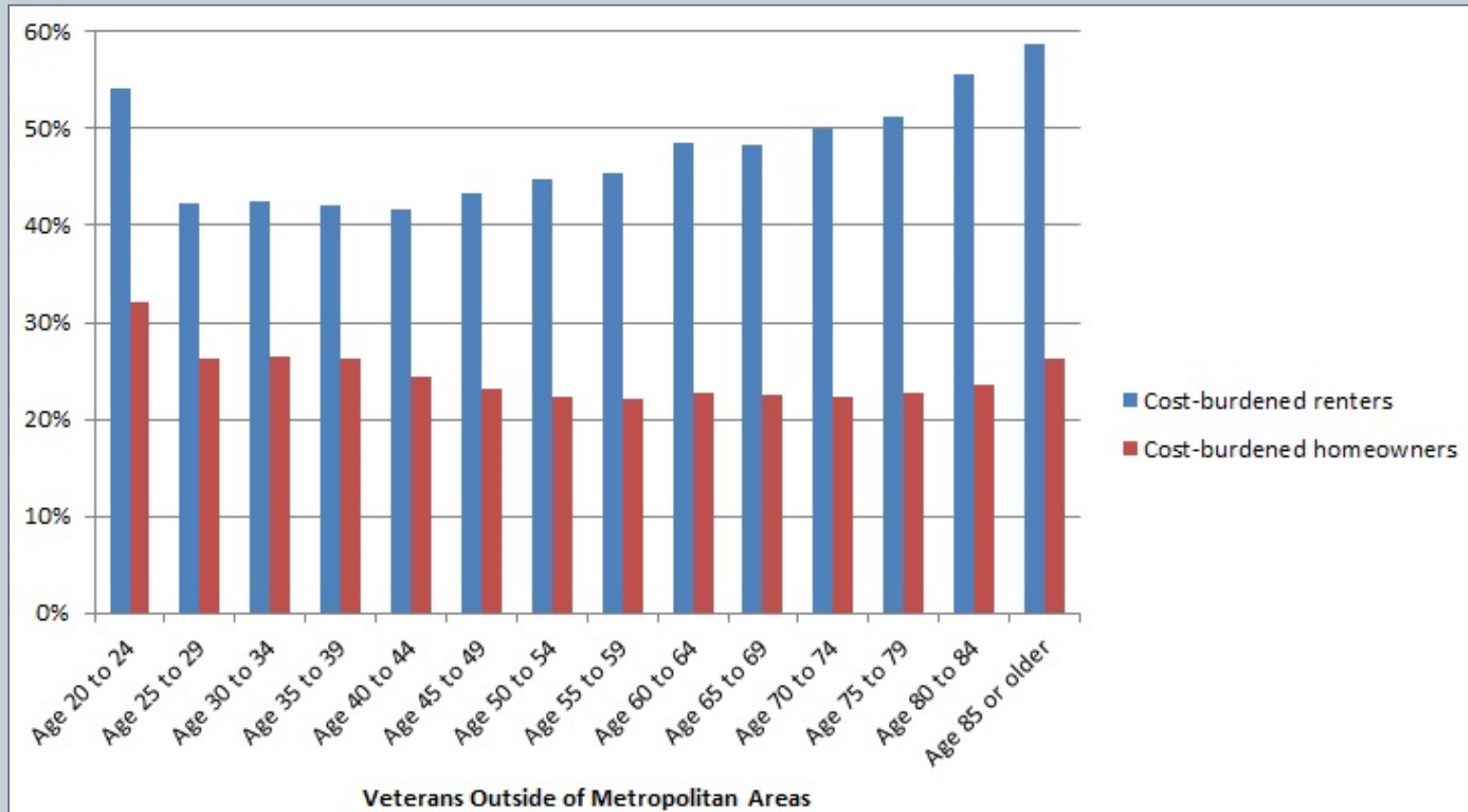
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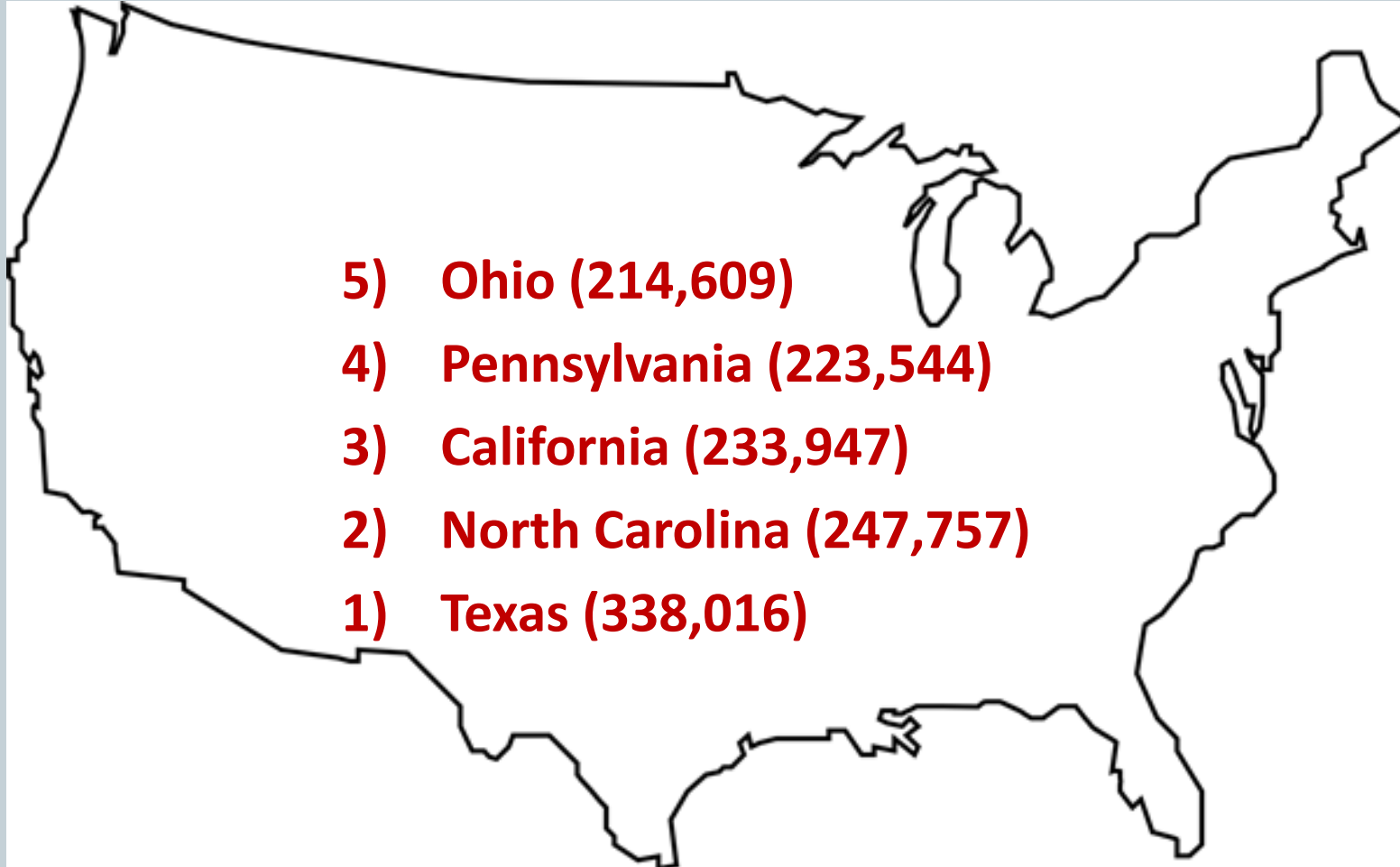
Veterans and Housing Affordability, 2010

State Trivia

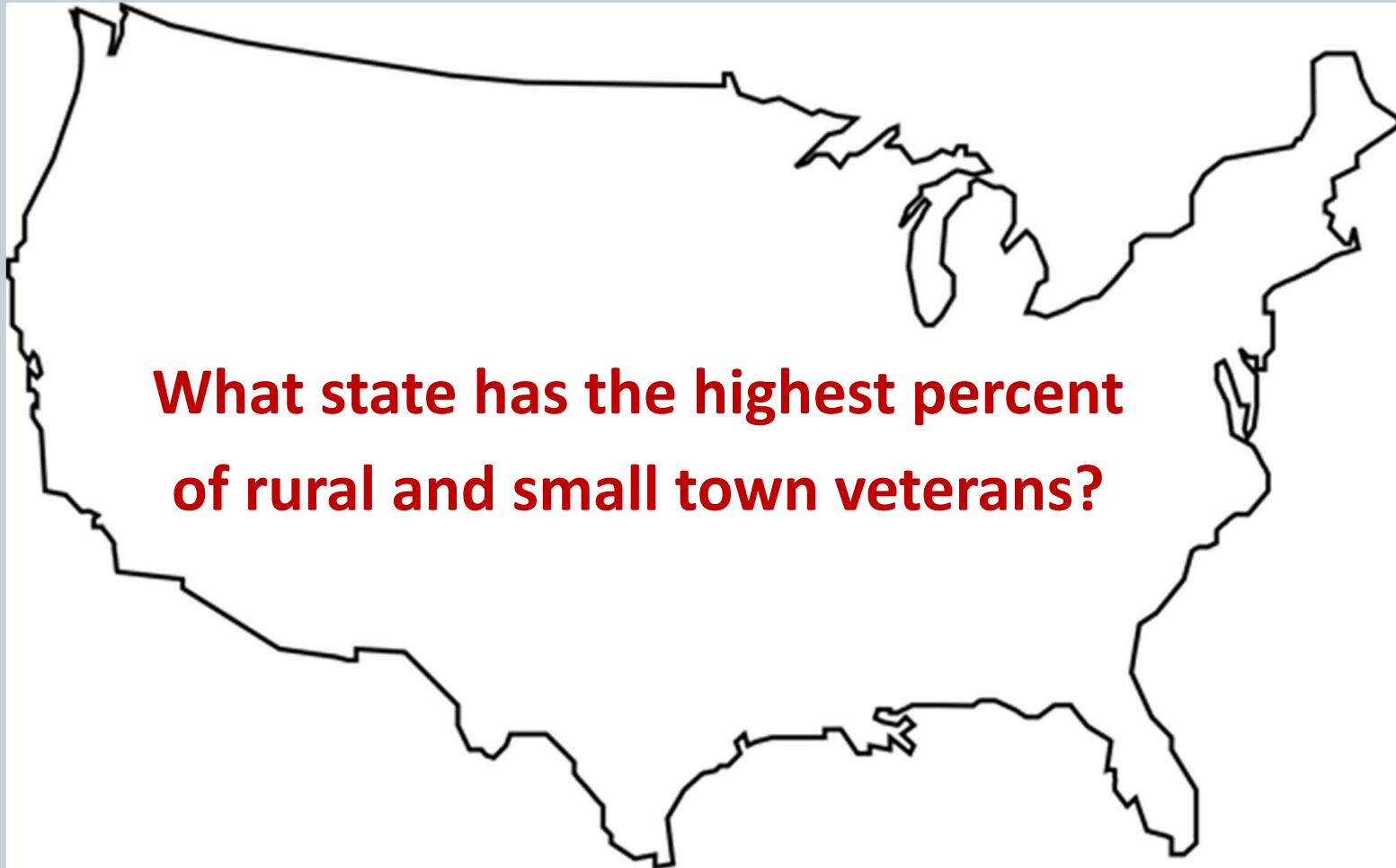


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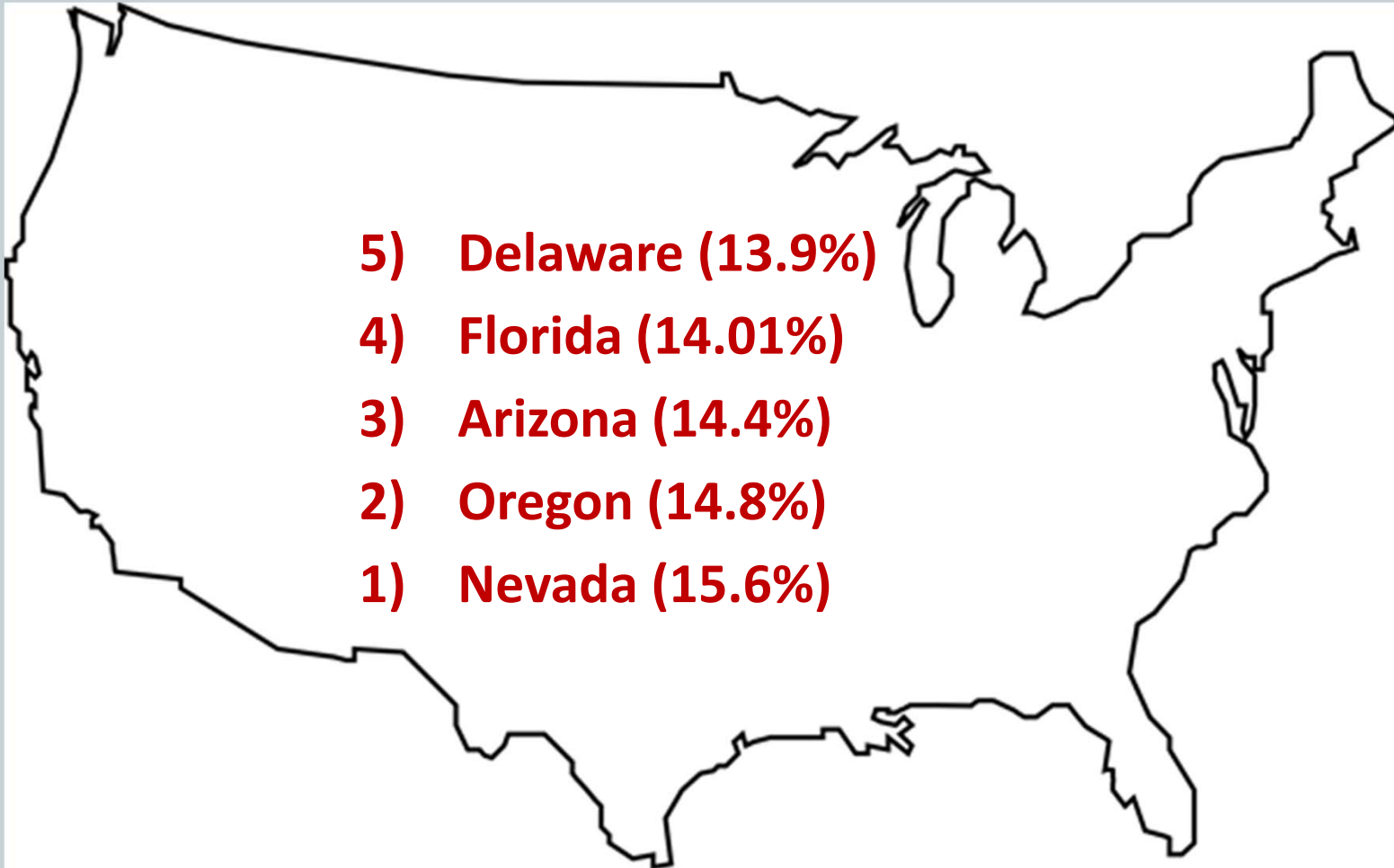


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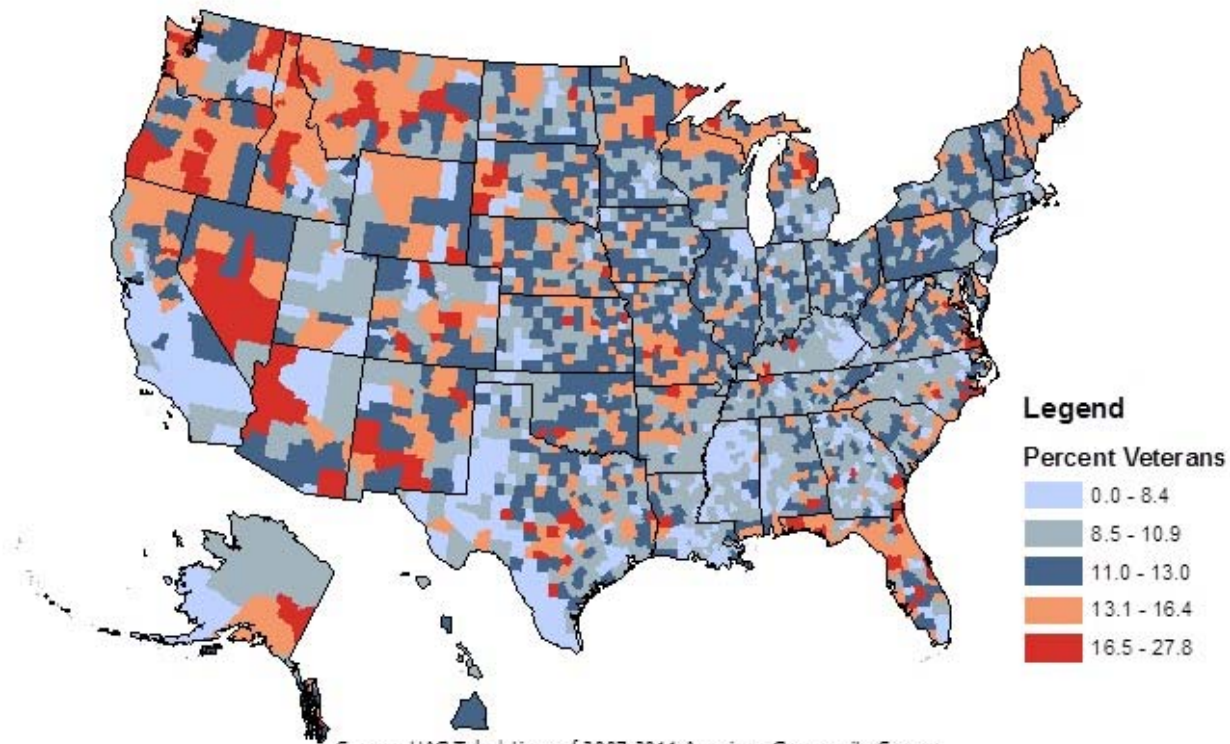
Answer



Veterans in Rural America



U.S. Veteran Population by County, 2011



Veteran Housing Issues in Rural America



Cathy ten Broeke

Rural Veteran Homelessness



- Veterans typically make up a greater percentage of the homeless population in rural America



NICK
Army National Guard
Stormi Greener

The HUD-VASH Program in Rural America



- Credited in lowering the homeless veteran population by 17.2 percent since 2009
- Barriers exist in rural America
 - Distances to VA facilities and other service providers
 - Only 3 percent of HUD-VASH vouchers are allocated to VA Medical Centers in rural America
 - Restrictions on tribal lands



Photo by Carlos González



Photo by Cathy ten Broeke

Challenges for Serving Rural Homeless



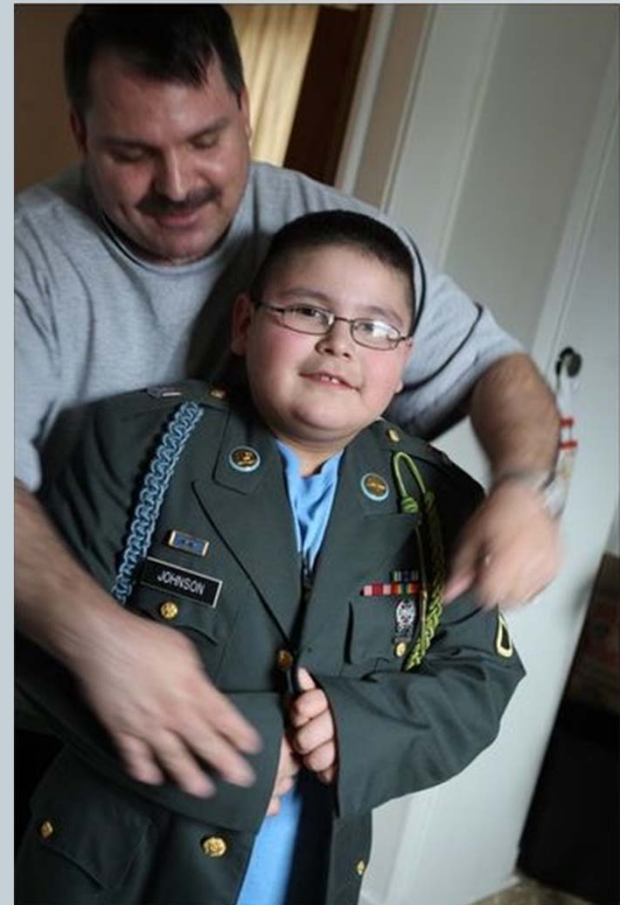
- Less likely to experience “literal homelessness”
- Fewer shelters and homeless service providers
- Substandard housing



Beyond HUD-VASH



- VA Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Program
- Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)



Veteran Seniors in Rural America



- In the next ten years, 70 percent of veterans in rural America will be over the age of 65

Housing Accessibility for Veterans



- Critical for senior veterans and veterans with service-related disabilities
- Home modifications help veterans remain in their homes
- Federal grants to assist with modifications



Home Modification Loans and Grants



- VA Special Home Adaptation Grants (SHA)
- VA Specially Adaptive Housing Grants (SAH)
- Temporary Residence Assistance
- VA Home Improvements and Structural Alterations (HISA)
- USDA Section 504: Very Low-Income Repairs Loans and Grants



Other Programs and Resources



- For a directory of VA facilities near you:
 - ✦ <http://www.va.gov/directory/guide>
- National Call Center for Homeless Veterans
 - ✦ 1-877-4AID-VET
- Department of Labor
 - VETS (Veterans Employment and Training Services)
 - ✦ <http://www.dol.gov/vets/>
- Department of Transportation
 - Veterans Transportation Service
 - Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative
 - ✦ http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13094_13528.html

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*Discuss – How have your initial rankings changed?
Or why did they stay the same?*



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