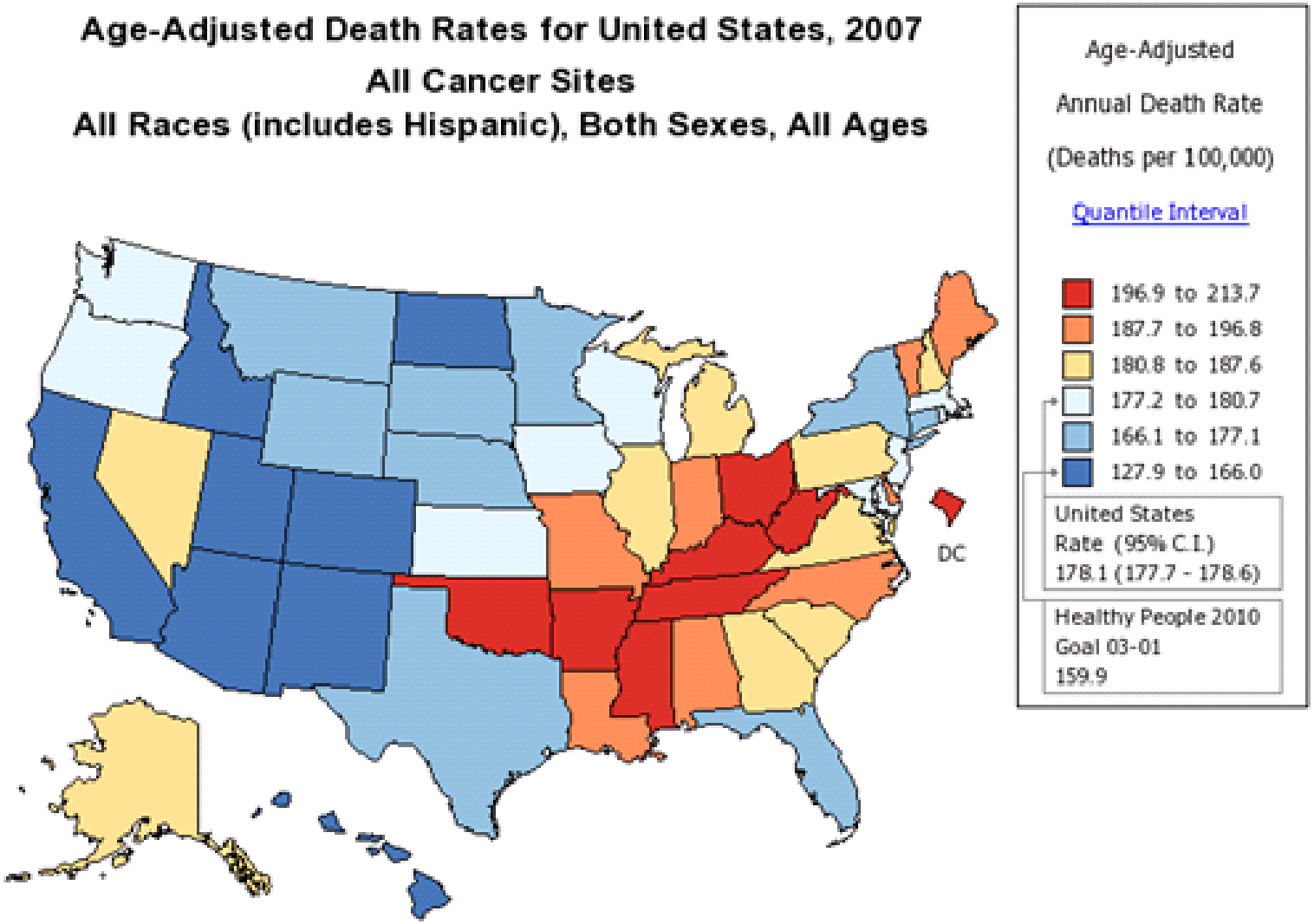
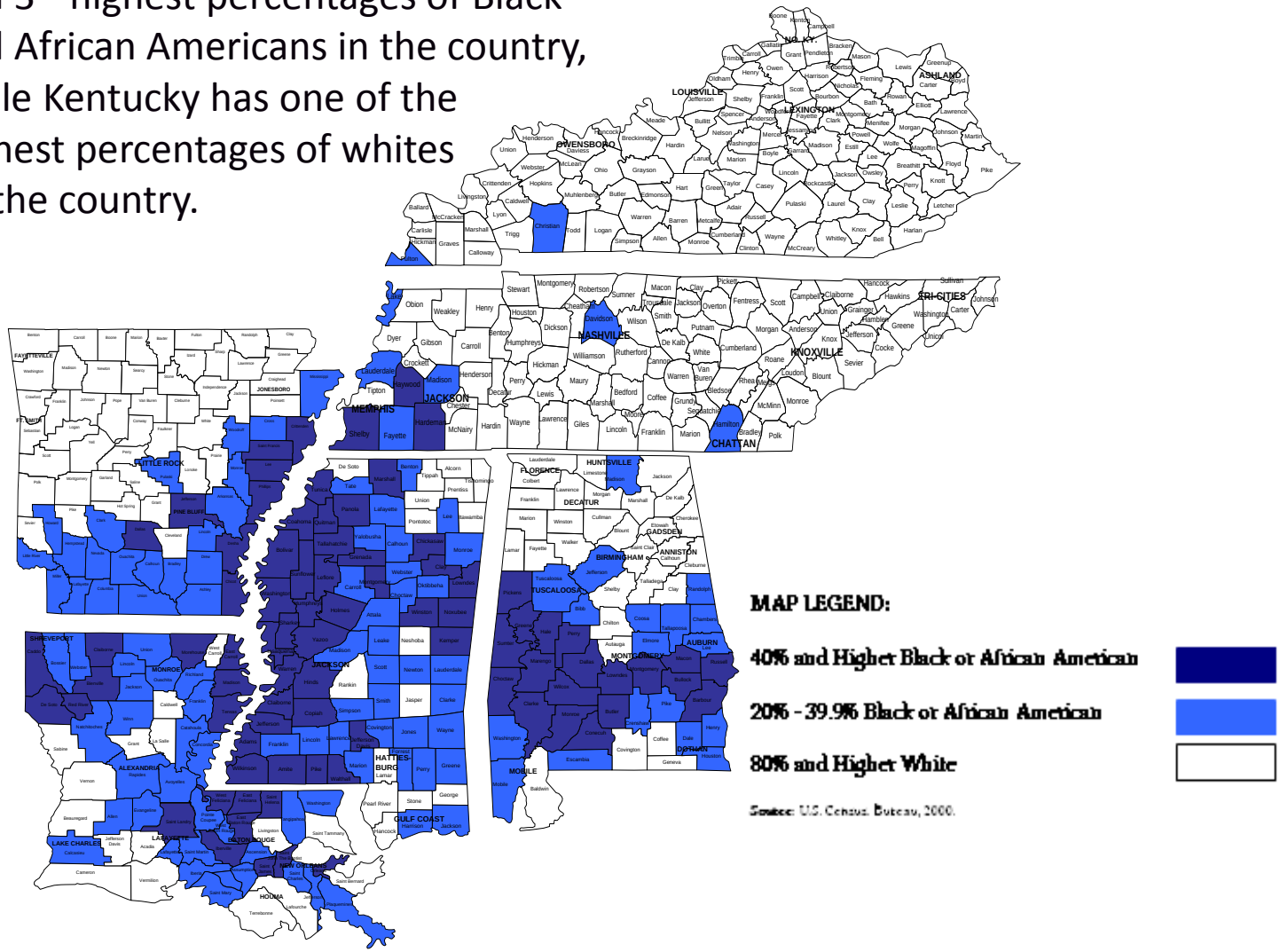
Cancer Mortality



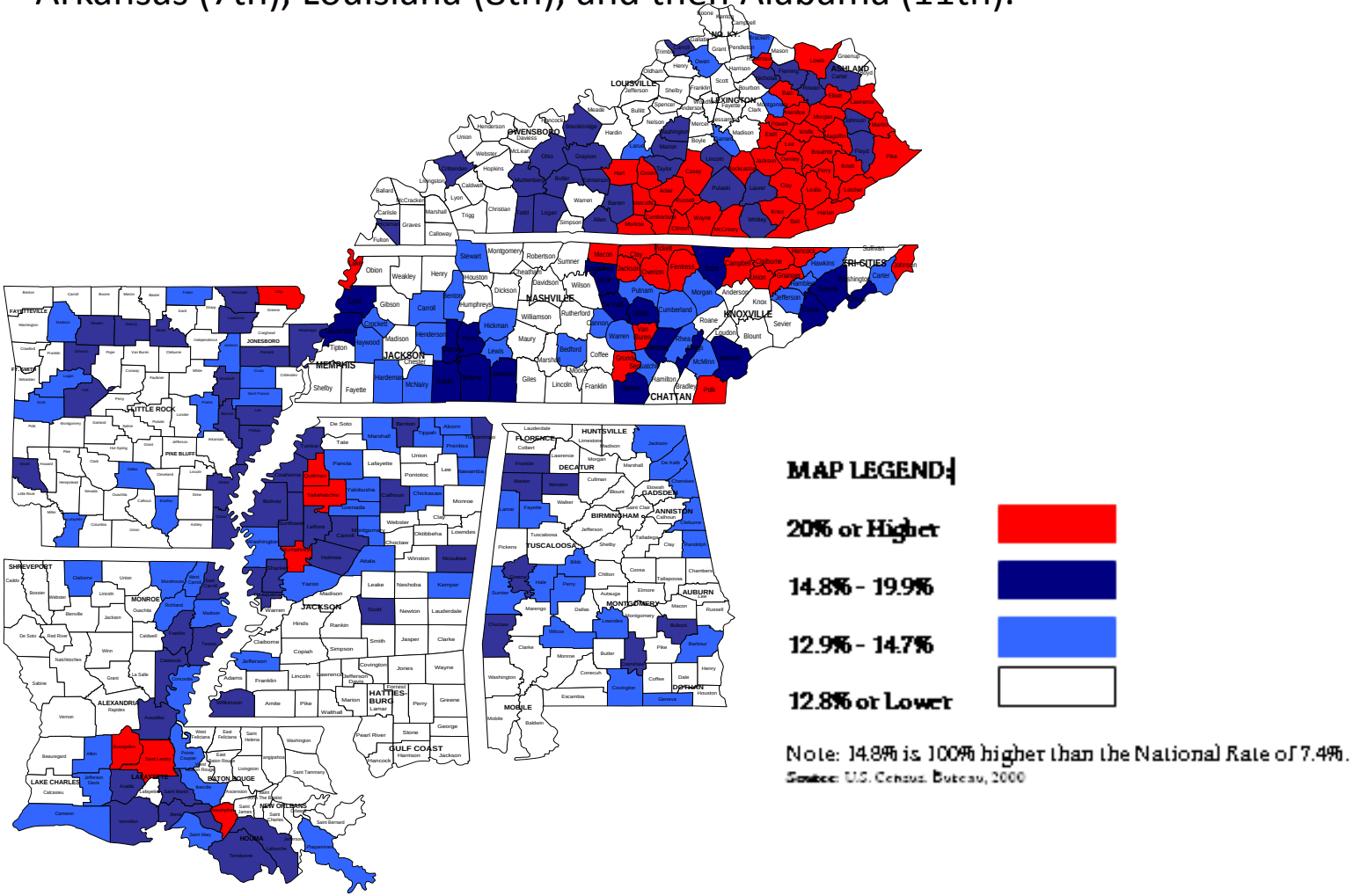
Race/Ethnicity

Mississippi and Louisiana have the 2nd and 3rd highest percentages of Black and African Americans in the country, while Kentucky has one of the highest percentages of whites in the country.

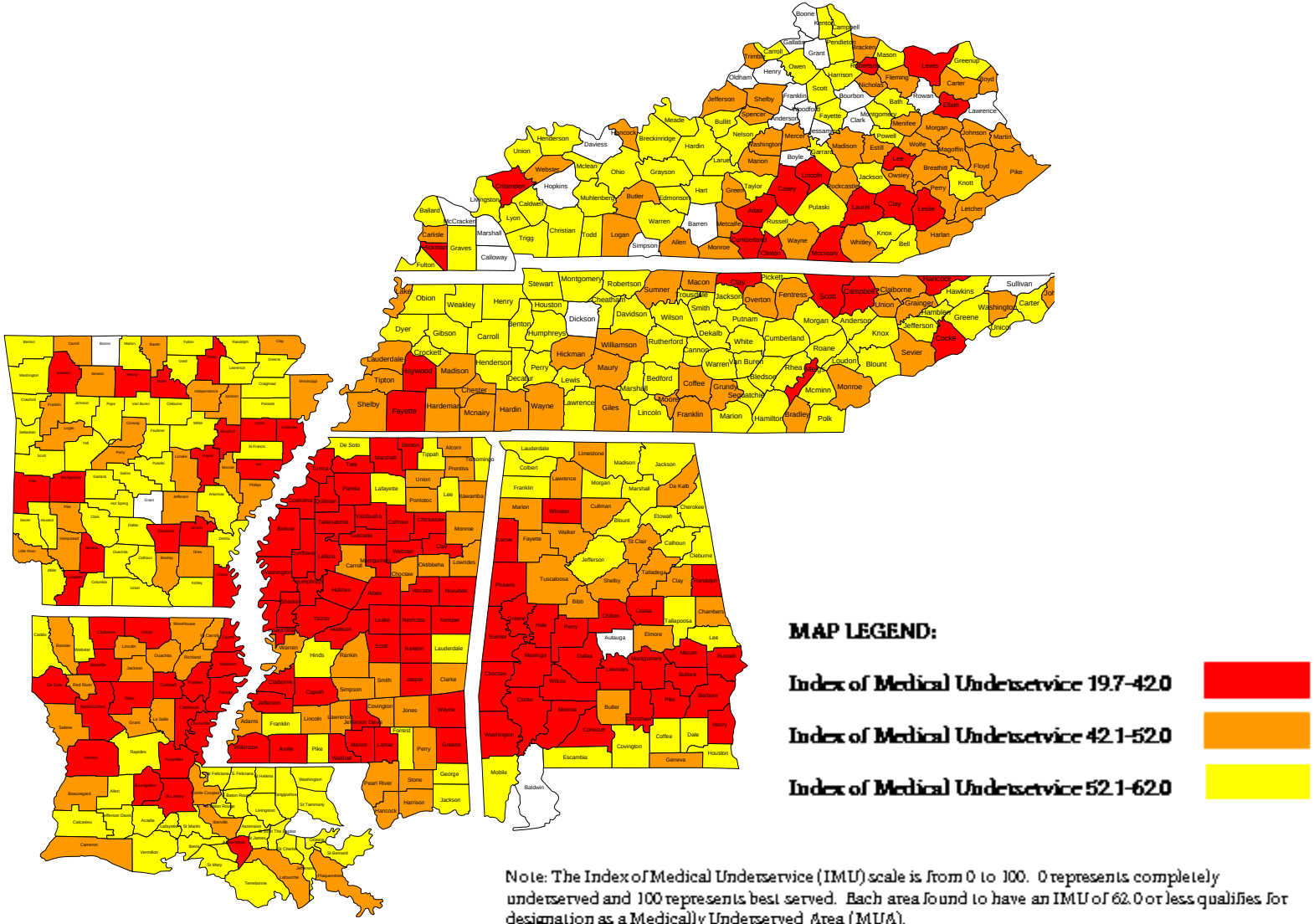


Education

Kentucky has the highest rate of low education (less than grade 9 education) in the country followed by Mississippi (5th), Tennessee (6th), Arkansas (7th), Louisiana (8th), and then Alabama (11th).



Access to Care

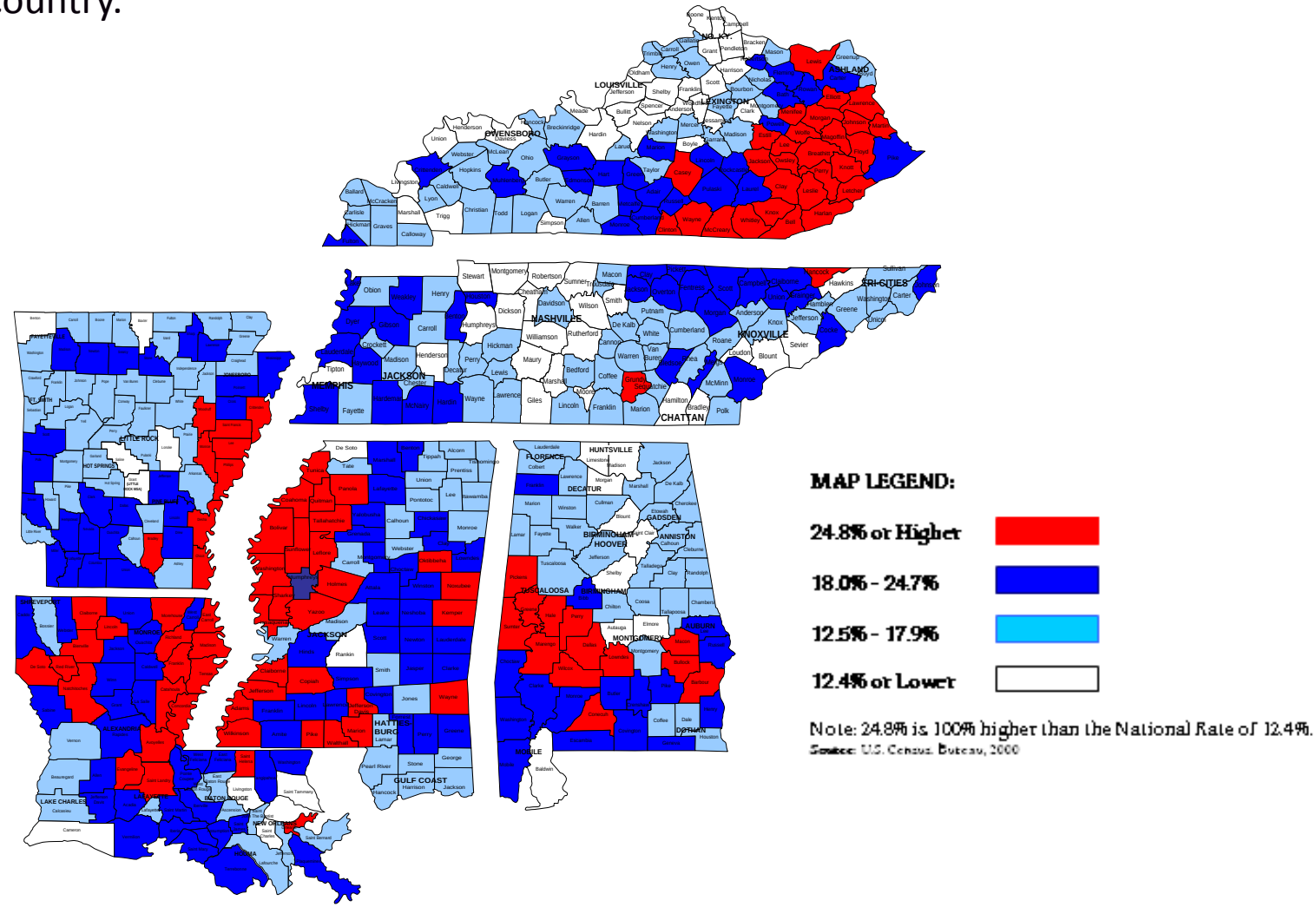
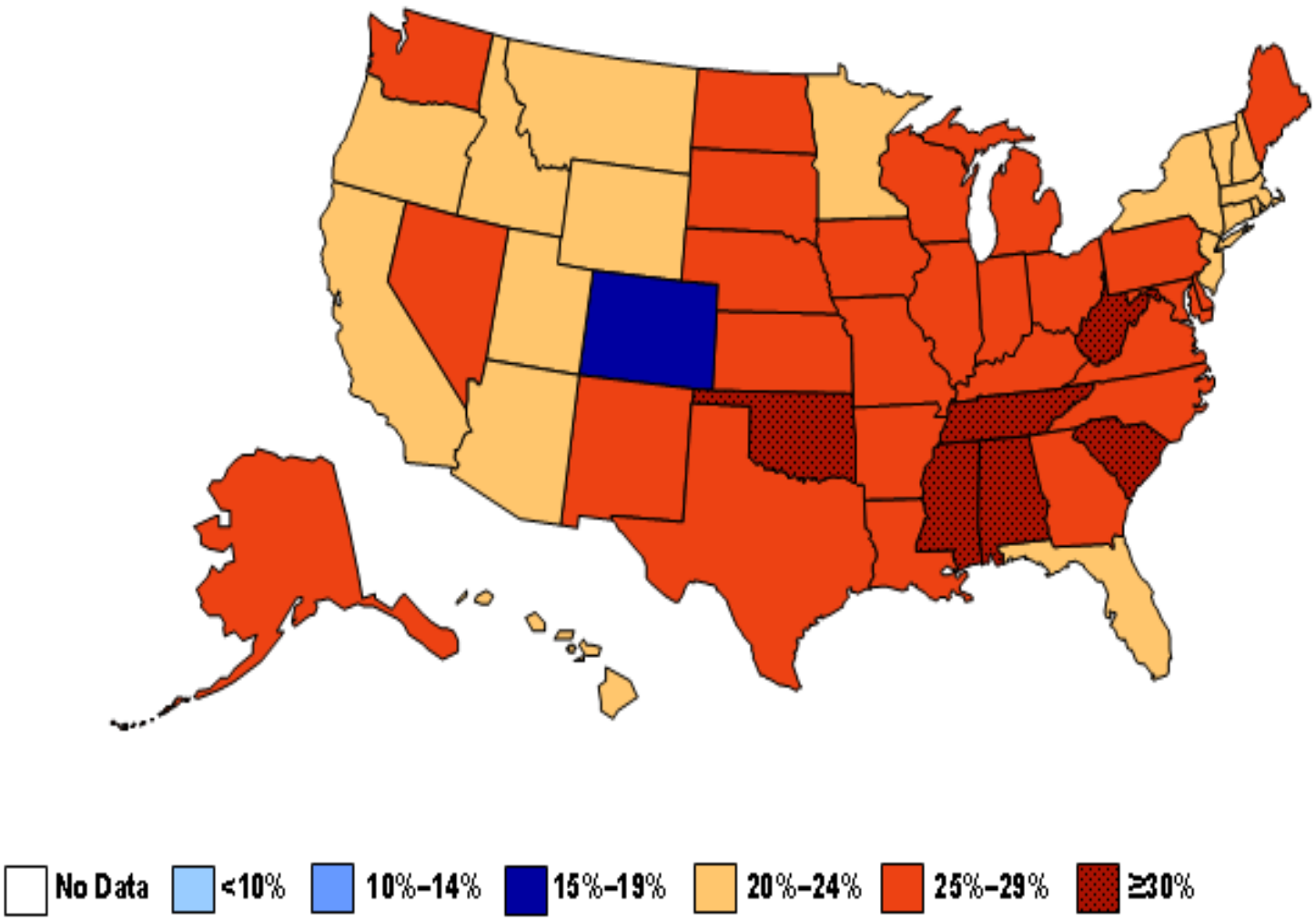


Note: The Index of Medical Underservice (IMU) scale is from 0 to 100. 0 represents completely underserved and 100 represents best served. Each area found to have an IMU of 62.0 or less qualifies for designation as a Medically Underserved Area (MUA).

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Accessed July 2006.

Poverty

The six Mid-South states have the 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 16th highest percentages of persons living below the poverty level in the country.



Obesity Trends Among U.S. Adults BRFSS, 2008