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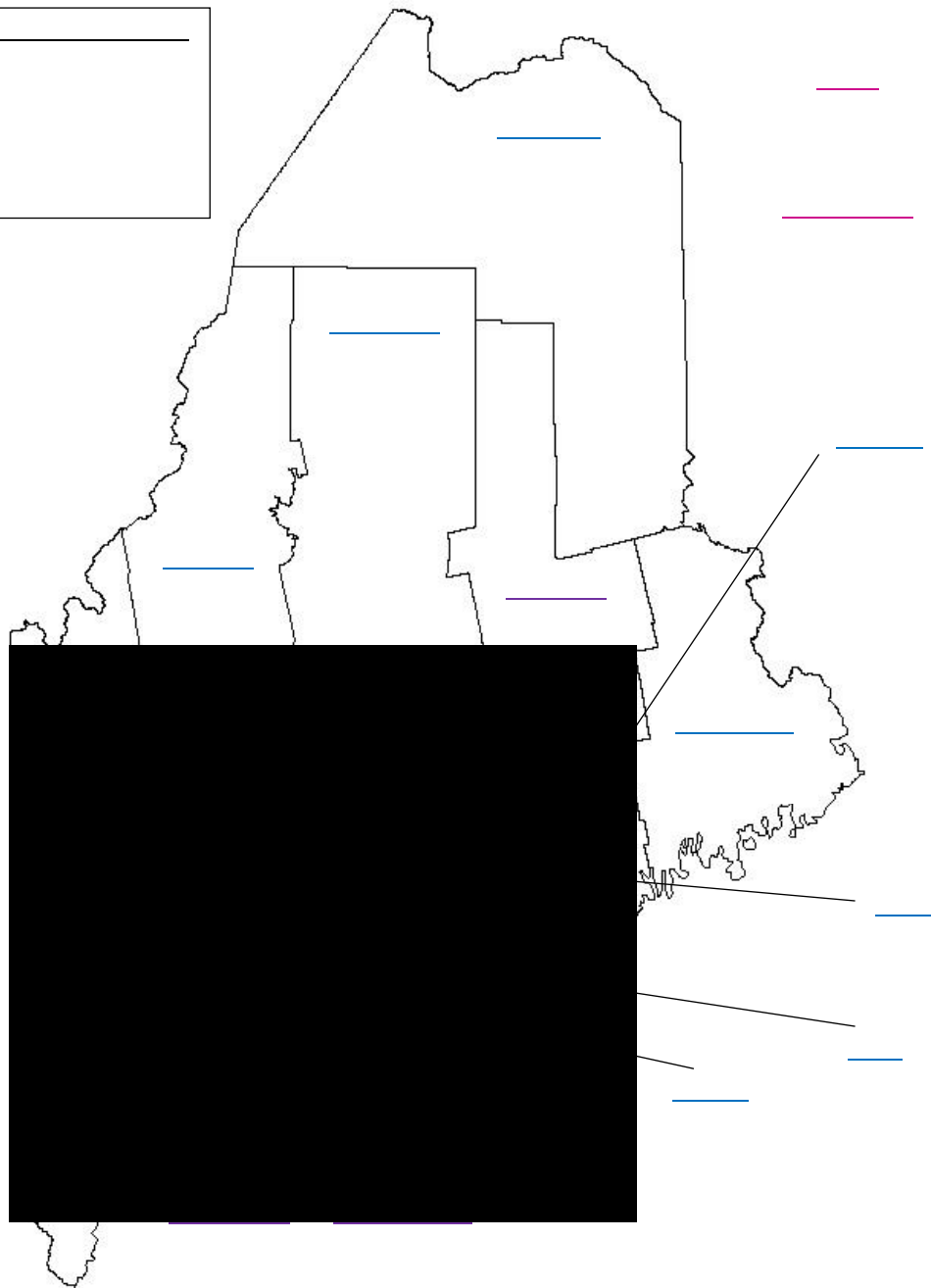
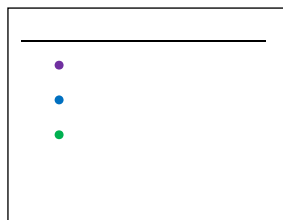
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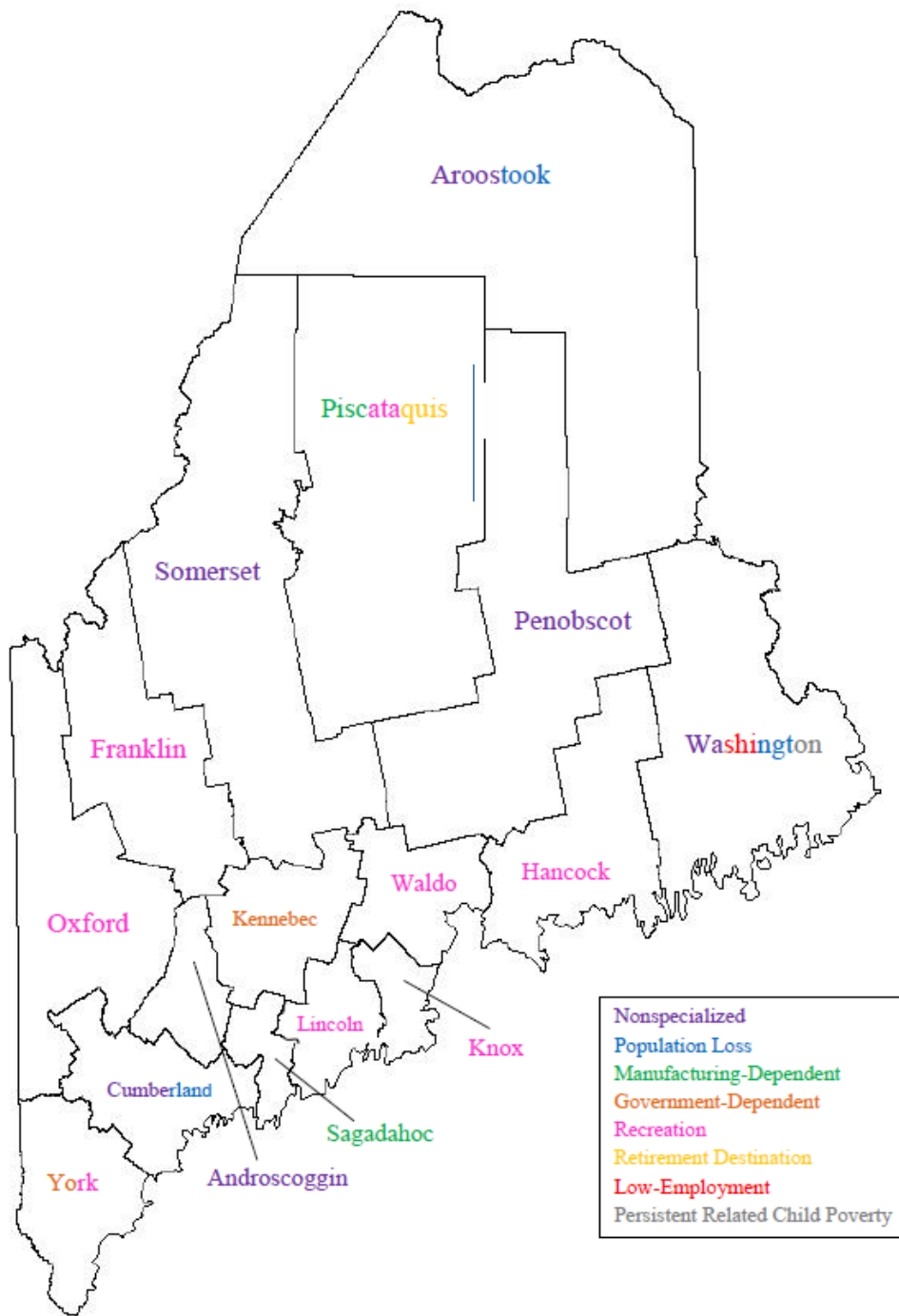
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How Rural is Maine?

| C | D | E | H | J | K | L |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------------|------|---|
| Geography | Total: | Urban: | Rural | Percent Rural | Rank | |
| Maine | 1328361 | 513542 | 814819 | 61.34% | 1 | |
| Vermont | 625741 | 243385 | 382356 | 61.10% | 2 | |
| West Virginia | 1852994 | 902810 | 950184 | 51.28% | 3 | |
| Mississippi | 2967297 | 1464224 | 1503073 | 50.65% | 4 | |
| Montana | 989415 | 553014 | 436401 | 44.11% | 5 | |
| Arkansas | 2915918 | 1637589 | 1278329 | 43.84% | 6 | |
| South Dakota | 814180 | 461247 | 352933 | 43.35% | 7 | |
| Kentucky | 4339367 | 2533343 | 1806024 | 41.62% | 8 | |
| Alabama | 4779736 | 2821804 | 1957932 | 40.96% | 9 | |
| North Dakota | 672591 | 402872 | 269719 | 40.10% | 10 | |
| New Hampshire | 1316470 | 793872 | 522598 | 39.70% | 11 | |
| Iowa | 3046355 | 1950256 | 1096099 | 35.98% | 12 | |
| Wyoming | 563626 | 364993 | 198633 | 35.24% | 13 | |
| Alaska | 710231 | 468893 | 241338 | 33.98% | 14 | |
| North Carolina | 9535483 | 6301756 | 3233727 | 33.91% | 15 | |
| Oklahoma | 3751351 | 2485029 | 1266322 | 33.76% | 16 | |
| South Carolina | 4625364 | 3067809 | 1557555 | 33.67% | 17 | |
| Tennessee | 6346105 | 4213245 | 2132860 | 33.61% | 18 | |
| Wisconsin | 5686986 | 3989638 | 1697348 | 29.85% | 19 | |
| Missouri | 5988927 | 4218371 | 1770556 | 29.56% | 20 | |





RURAL AND URBAN POPULATION BY STATE (2017)

| | U.S. | Maine | Ohio | Nebraska | New Mexico |
|---|-------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Rural | 46,082,739 | 544,216 | 2,356,269 | 666,846 | 686,089 |
| <i>% of Total</i> | 14.1% | 40.7% | 20.2% | 34.7% | 32.9 |
| Urban | 279,636,439 | 791,691 | 9,302,340 | 1,253,230 | 1,401,981 |
| <i>% of Total</i> | 85.9% | 59.3% | 79.8% | 65.3% | 67.1% |
| Total | 325,719,178 | 1,335,907 | 11,658,609 | 1,920,076 | 2,088,070 |
| % Population change (April 2010 – July 2018) | 6.0% | 0.8% | 1.3% | 5.6% | 1.8% |

METRO AND NONMETRO COUNTY-LEVEL DESIGNATIONS BY STATE (2017)

| | U.S. | Maine | Ohio | Nebraska | New Mexico |
|---|-------|--------|---------|----------|------------|
| Metropolitan counties | 1,236 | 5 | 38 | 16 | 7 |
| <i>% of Total</i> | 38.4% | 31.2% | 43.2% | 17.2% | 21.2% |
| Nonmetro counties (micropolitan) | 1,985 | 11 (1) | 50 (33) | 77 (17) | 26 (14) |
| <i>% of Total</i> | 61.6% | 68.8% | 56.8% | 82.8% | 78.8% |
| Total | 3,221 | 16 | 88 | 93 | 33 |

RACIAL/ETHNIC DEMOGRAPHICS BY STATE (2017)

| | U.S. | Maine | Ohio | Nebraska | New Mexico |
|---|-------|-------|-------|----------|------------|
| White alone | 76.6% | 94.7% | 82.2% | 88.6% | 82.2% |
| Black or African American alone | 13.4% | 1.6% | 12.9% | 5.1% | 2.5% |
| American Indian and Alaska Native alone | 1.3% | 0.7% | 0.3% | 1.5% | 10.9% |
| Asian alone | 5.8% | 1.2% | 2.3% | 2.6% | 1.7% |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone | 0.2% | N/A | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.2% |
| Two or More Races | 2.7% | 1.8% | 2.3% | 2.2% | 2.5% |
| Hispanic or Latino | 18.1% | 1.6% | 3.8% | 11.0% | 48.8% |
| White alone, not Hispanic or Latino | 60.7% | 93.3% | 79.1% | 79.0% | 37.5% |
| Female persons | 50.8% | 51.0% | 51.0% | 50.1% | 50.5% |

AGE AND HEALTH DEMOGRAPHICS BY STATE (2017)

| | U.S. | Maine | Ohio | Nebraska | New Mexico |
|---|-------|-------|-------|----------|------------|
| Under 5 | 6.1% | 4.8% | 6.0% | 6.9% | 6.1% |
| Under 18 | 22.6% | 18.9% | 22.3% | 24.8% | 23.4% |
| 65 and older | 15.6% | 19.9% | 16.7% | 15.4% | 16.9% |
| With a disability, under 65 | 8.7% | 11.8% | 10.0% | 7.6% | 10.4% |
| Without health insurance, under 65 | 10.2% | 10.0% | 7.0% | 9.6% | 10.7% |

RURAL AND URBAN ECONOMIC INDICATORS BY STATE (2017)

| | | U.S. | Maine | Ohio | Nebraska | New Mexico |
|-----------------------------|--|---------------|----------|----------|-----------|------------|
| Per-capita income | | \$51,640 | \$46,455 | \$46,732 | \$50,809 | \$39,811 |
| | <i>Rural</i> | \$38,188 | \$41,626 | \$39,710 | \$52,573 | \$37,529 |
| | <i>Urban</i> | \$53,626 | \$49,775 | \$48,510 | \$47,492 | \$40,927 |
| | <i>Difference</i> | - \$15,438 | -\$8,149 | -\$8,800 | \$5,081 | -\$3,398 |
| | <i>Rural as % of urban</i> | 74.0% | 89.6% | 85.0% | 103.5% | 94.3% |
| Earnings per job | | \$60,660 | \$48,622 | \$55,843 | \$54,765 | \$48,874 |
| | <i>Rural</i> | \$43,943 | \$43,098 | \$48,072 | \$47,270 | \$48,445 |
| | <i>Urban</i> | \$62,980 | \$51,817 | \$57,476 | \$58,605 | \$49,066 |
| | <i>Difference</i> | - \$19,037 | -\$8,719 | -\$9,404 | -\$11,335 | -\$621 |
| | <i>Rural as % of urban</i> | 72.4% | 88.6% | 86.1% | 86.3% | 99.1% |
| Poverty rate | | 13.4% | 11.1% | 14.0% | 10.8% | 19.7% |
| | <i>Rural</i> | 16.4% | 13.2% | 14.5% | 11.8% | 23.3% |
| | <i>Urban</i> | 12.9% | 9.6% | 13.8% | 10.2% | 17.9% |
| | <i>Difference</i> | 3.5% | 3.6% | 0.7% | 1.6% | 5.4% |
| Unemployment rate | | 4.4% | 3.3% | 5.0% | 2.9% | 6.2% |
| | <i>Rural</i> | 4.7% | 3.8% | 5.2% | 2.8% | 6.7% |
| | <i>Urban</i> | 4.3% | 2.9% | 5.0% | 3.0% | 5.9% |
| | <i>Difference</i> | 0.4% | 0.9% | 0.2% | -0.2% | 0.8% |
| Food insecurity rate | (2015-2017 avg.) | | | | | |
| | <i>Food insecure households</i> | 12.3% | 14.4% | 13.7% | 13.5% | 17.9% |
| | <i>Very low food secure households</i> | 4.8% | 6.4% | 6.1% | 5.4% | 6.6% |

RURAL AND URBAN EDUCATION ATTAINMENT BY STATE

(% OF PERSONS 25 AND OLDER) (2013-2017)

| | Level of Completion | Rural | Urban | Difference | Total |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------|-------|------------|-------|
| U.S. | Not completing high school | 14.4% | 12.4% | 2.0% | 12.7% |
| | Completing high school only | 35.9% | 25.9% | 10.0% | 27.3% |
| | Completing some college | 30.4% | 28.8% | 1.6% | 29.1% |
| | Completing college | 19.3% | 32.9% | -13.6% | 30.9% |
| Maine | Not completing high school | 9.0% | 7.1% | 1.9% | 7.9% |
| | Completing high school only | 36.4% | 29.5% | 6.9% | 32.3% |
| | Completing some college | 29.9% | 29.2% | 0.7% | 29.5% |
| | Completing college | 24.8% | 34.2% | -9.4% | 30.3% |
| Ohio | Not completing high school | 12.3% | 9.7% | 2.6% | 10.2% |
| | Completing high school only | 43.3% | 31.1 | 12.2% | 33.6 |
| | Completing some college | 27.8% | 29.3% | -1.5 | 29.0% |
| | Completing college | 16.6% | 30.0% | -13.4% | 27.2% |
| Nebraska | Not completing high school | 9.7% | 8.8% | 0.9% | 9.1% |
| | Completing high school only | 32.5% | 23.3% | 9.2% | 26.7% |
| | Completing some college | 36.1% | 32.2% | 3.9% | 33.6% |
| | Completing college | 21.7% | 35.7% | -14.0% | 30.6% |
| New Mexico | Not completing high school | 18.4% | 13.4% | 5.0% | 15.0% |
| | Completing high school only | 30.3% | 24.6% | 5.7% | 26.4% |
| | Completing some college | 31.8% | 31.6% | 0.2% | 31.7% |
| | Completing college | 19.5% | 30.4% | -10.9% | 26.9% |

LAWYER PRESENCE BY STATE (2016)

| | U.S. | Maine | Ohio | Nebraska | New Mexico |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Total population | 325,719,178 | 1,335,907 | 11,658,609 | 1,920,076 | 2,088,070 |
| Total housing units* | 137,403,460 | 742,585 | 5,201,485 | 837,568 | 937,926 |
| Number of active lawyers | 1,338,678 | 3,988 | 37,873 | 5,565 | 5,428 |
| Households per lawyer | 103 | 186 | 137 | 151 | 173 |
| Residents per lawyer | 243 | 335 | 308 | 345 | 385 |

ANNUAL LAW SCHOOL TUITION BY STATE

| *U.S. data from 2012 ABA report | U.S.* | Maine | Ohio | Nebraska | New Mexico |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| Number of ABA law schools | 203 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 1 |
| <i>Public schools</i> | 86 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| <i>Private schools</i> | 117 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| Average annual law school tuition | \$33,350 | \$27,825 | \$33,588 | \$31,497 | \$26,818 |
| <i>Public average (total)</i> | \$29,708 | \$27,825 | \$27,651 | \$26,498 | \$26,818 |
| <i>Public average (in-state resident)</i> | \$23,214 | \$22,290 | \$24,549 | \$16,078 | \$16,800 |
| <i>Public average (non-resident)</i> | \$36,202 | \$33,360 | \$30,753 | \$36,918 | \$36,836 |
| <i>Private average</i> | \$40,634 | N/A | \$39,524 | \$41,494 | N/A |