

# The Older Population: 2010

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# Topics Presented

- Overview of the older population (i.e., the population 65 years and over) at the national level
- Discussion of the older population in regions, states and counties
- Comparison of data from the 2010 Census with data from Census 2000

# Age Questionnaire Item

# 2010 Census Question on Age and Date of Birth

4. What is this person's age and what is this person's date of birth?  
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*Print numbers in boxes.*

Age on April 1, 2010

Month

Day

Year of birth

# Overview of the Older Population

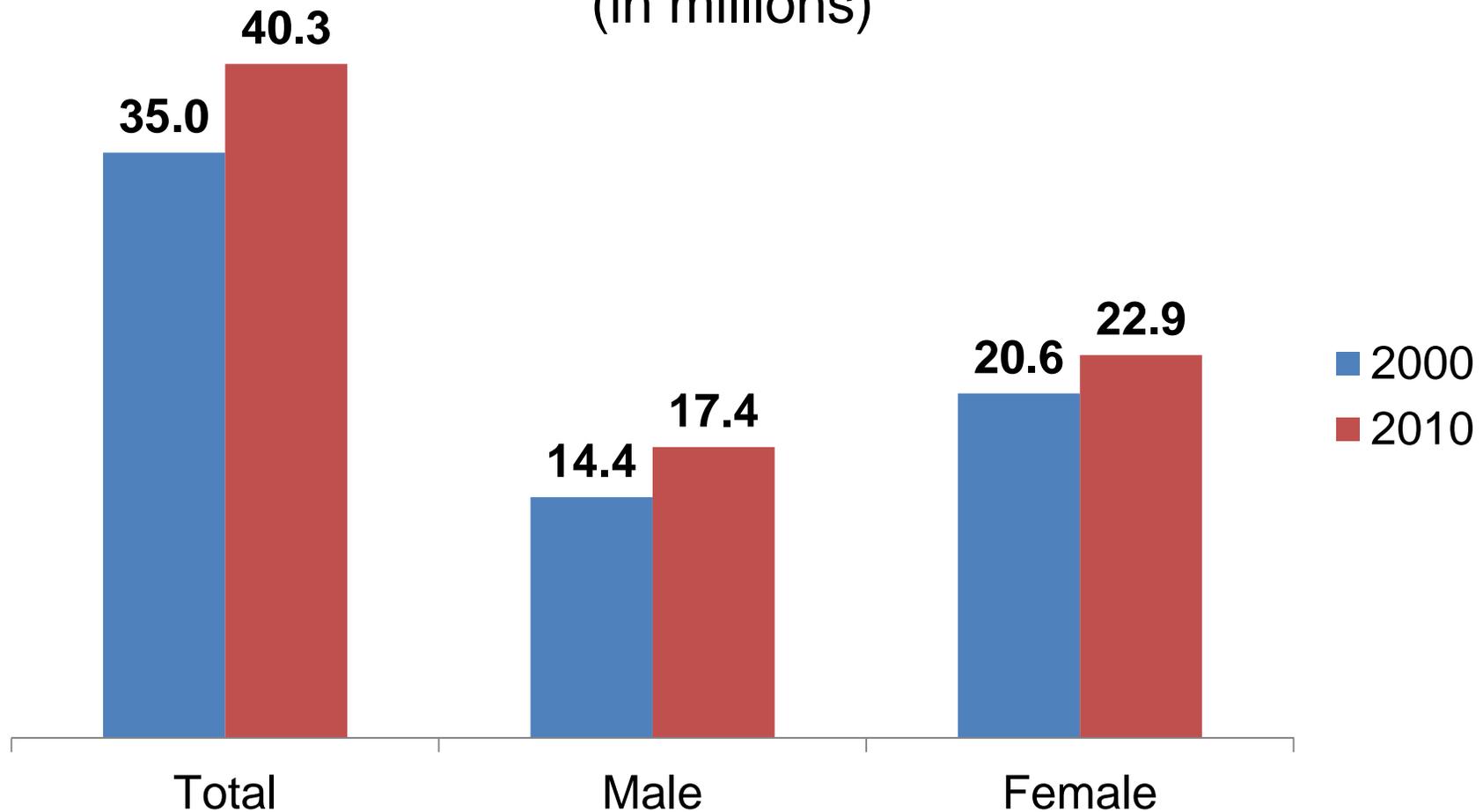
# Population Size

As of April 1, 2010:

- There were **40.3 million** people 65 years and over.
- The older population represented **13.0 percent** of the total population.

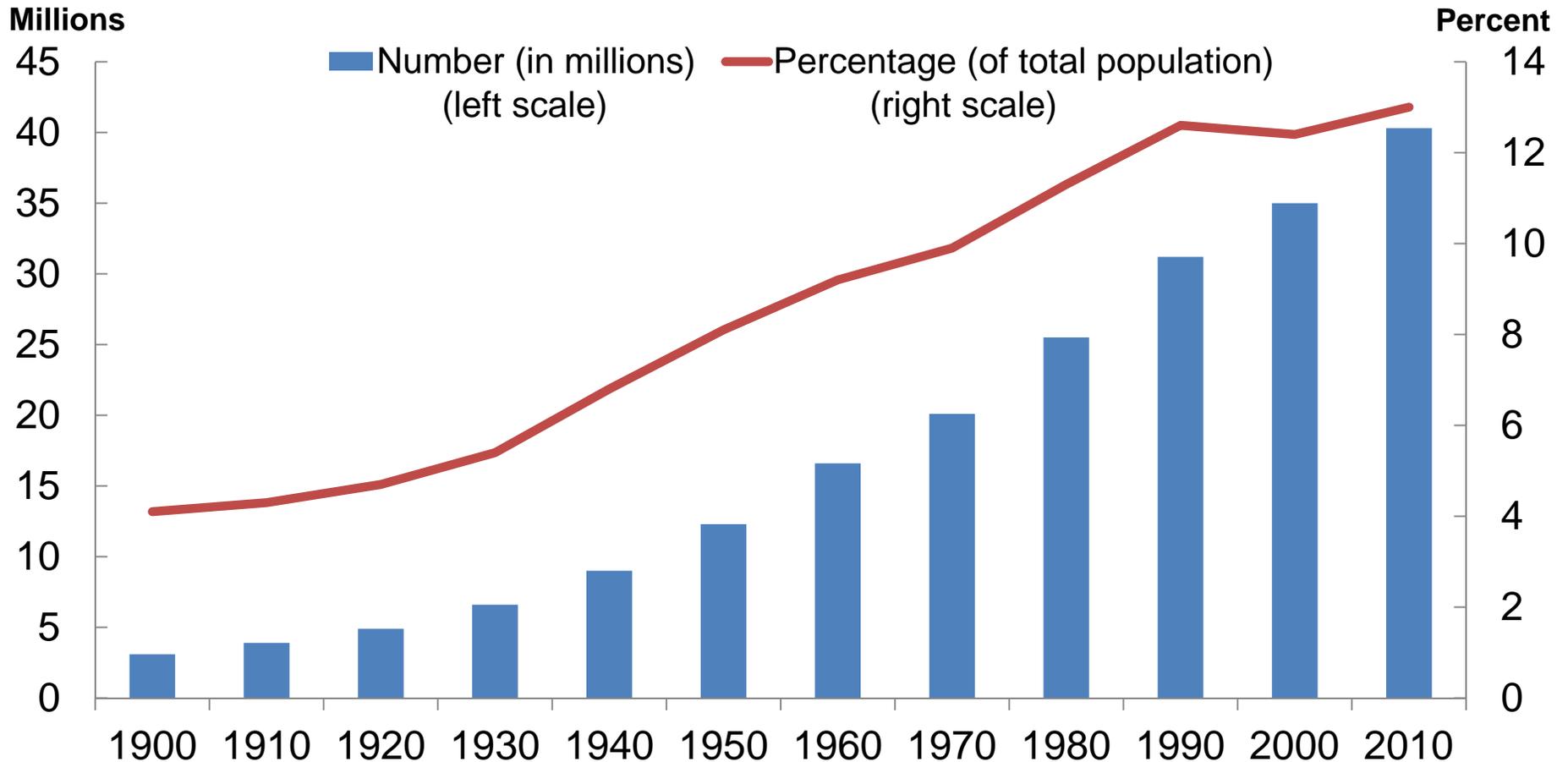
# Population 65 Years and Older by Sex: 2000 and 2010

(in millions)



Sources: 2010 Census; Census 2000

# Population 65 Years and Older by Size and Percent of Total Population: 1900 to 2010



Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial census of population, 1900 to 2010

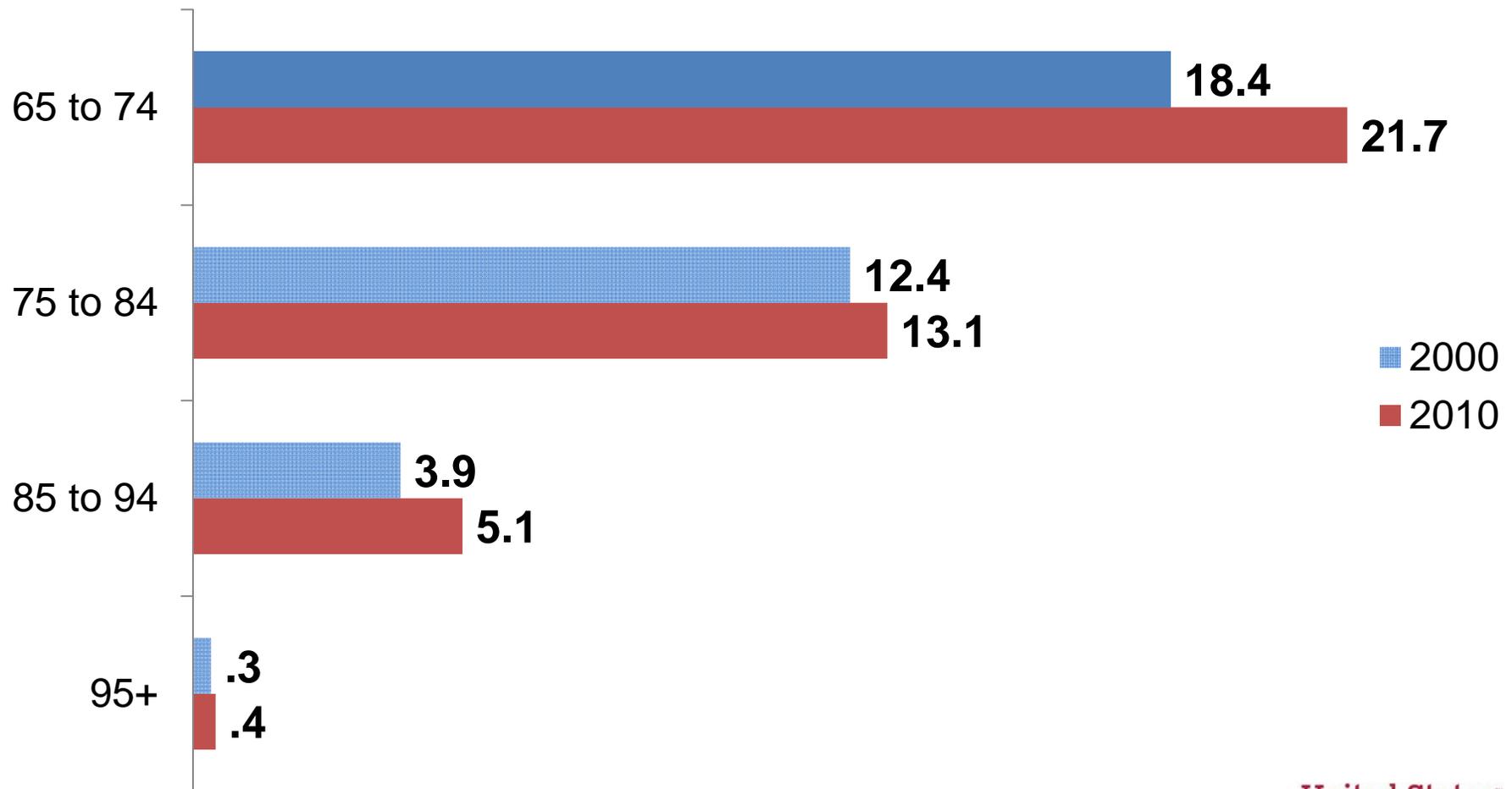
# Growth in the Older Population

Between **2000** and **2010**:

- The population 65 years and over grew at a faster rate than the total population.
- The older population grew **15.1 percent** (from 35.0 million to 40.3 million).
- The total population grew **9.7 percent** (from 281.4 million to 308.7 million).

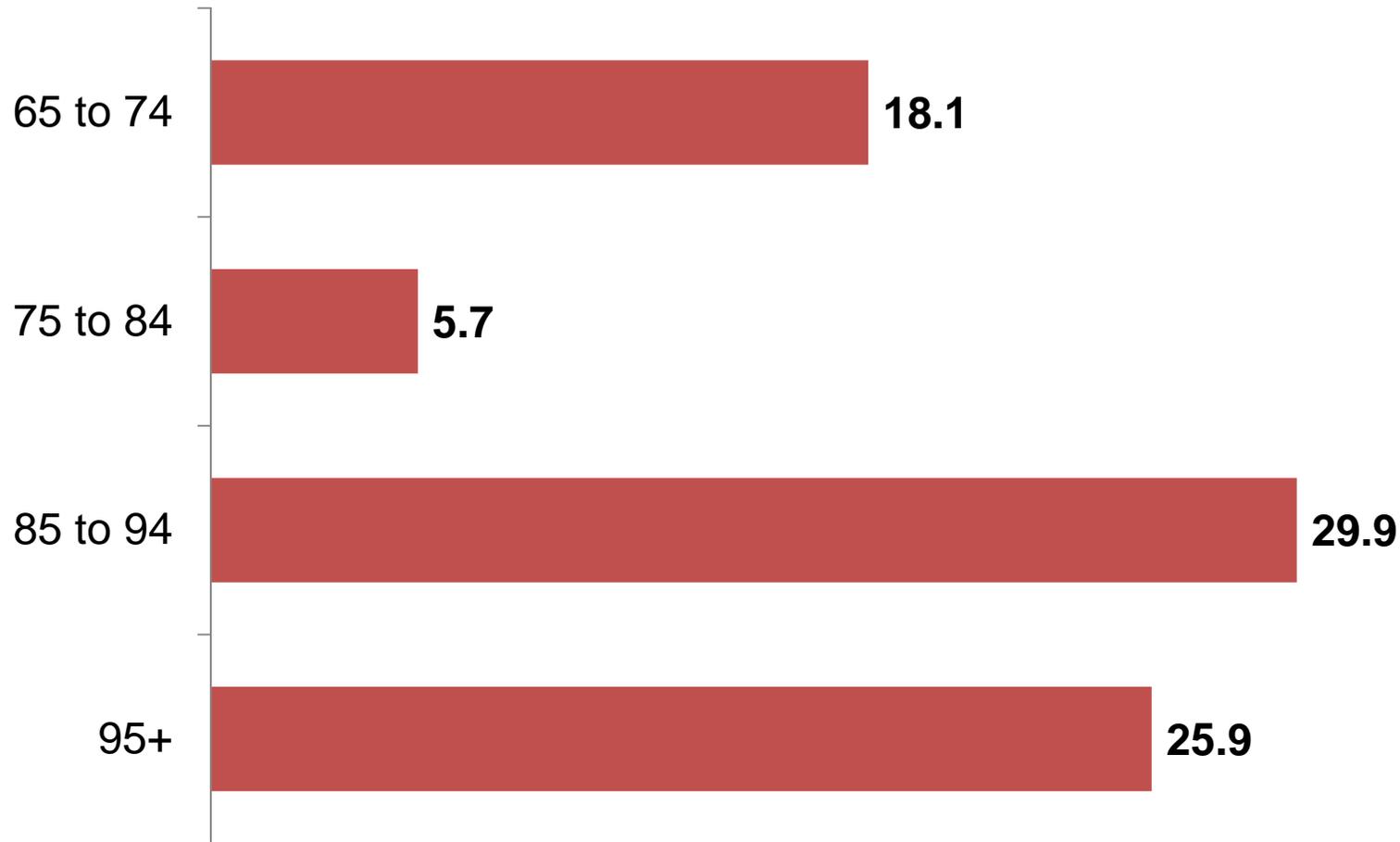
# Older Population by Selected Age Groups: 2000 and 2010

(in millions)



Sources: 2010 Census; Census 2000

# Percent Change by Selected Older Age Groups: 2000 to 2010

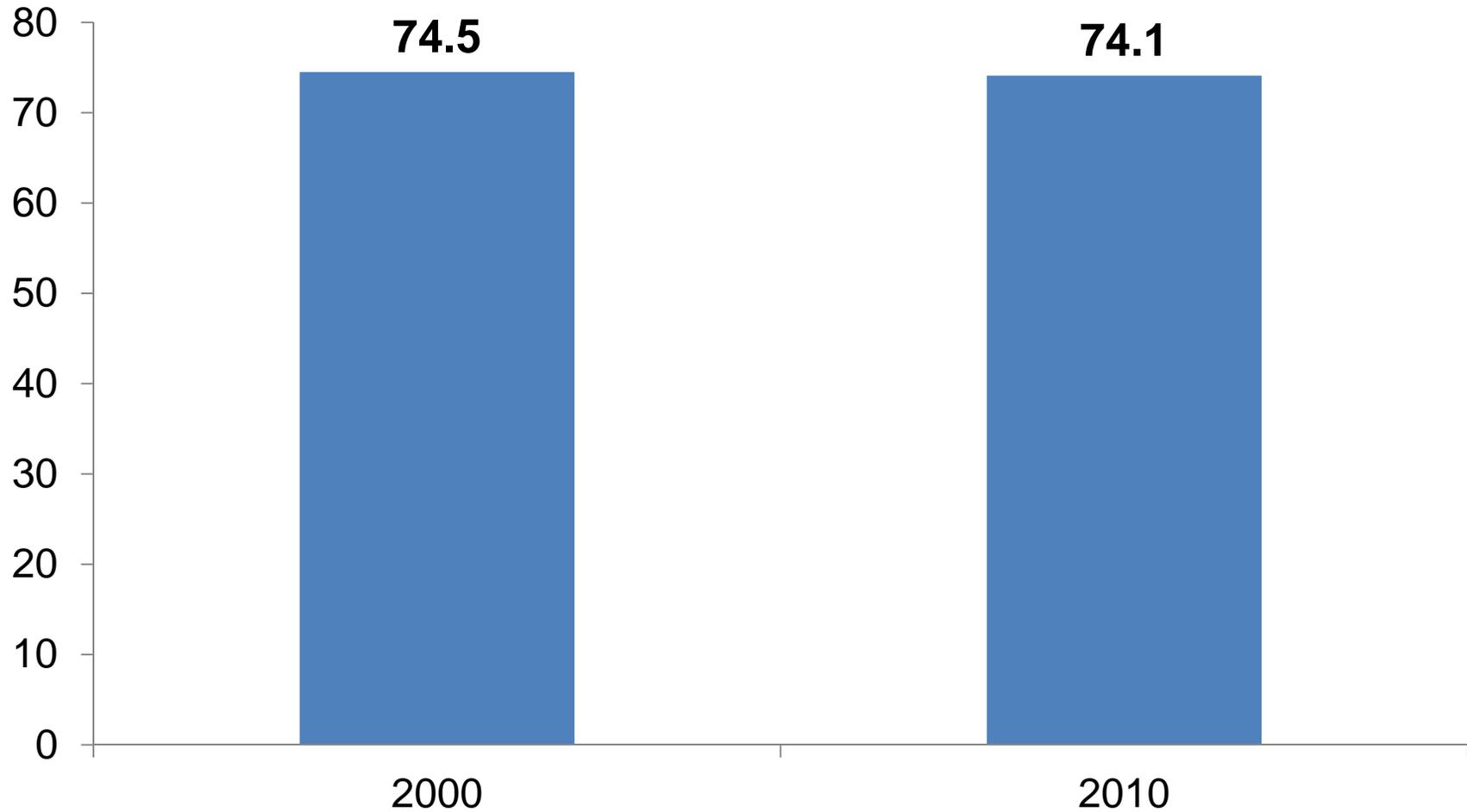


Sources: 2010 Census; Census 2000

# Percent Change by Selected 5-Year Age Groups: 2000 to 2010

Age Group	Percent Change 2000 to 2010
65 to 69	30.4
70 to 74	4.7
75 to 79	-1.3
80 to 84	16.1
85 to 89	29.8
90 to 95	30.2
95 to 99	25.9
100+	5.8

# Median Age of the Total Population 65 Years and Older



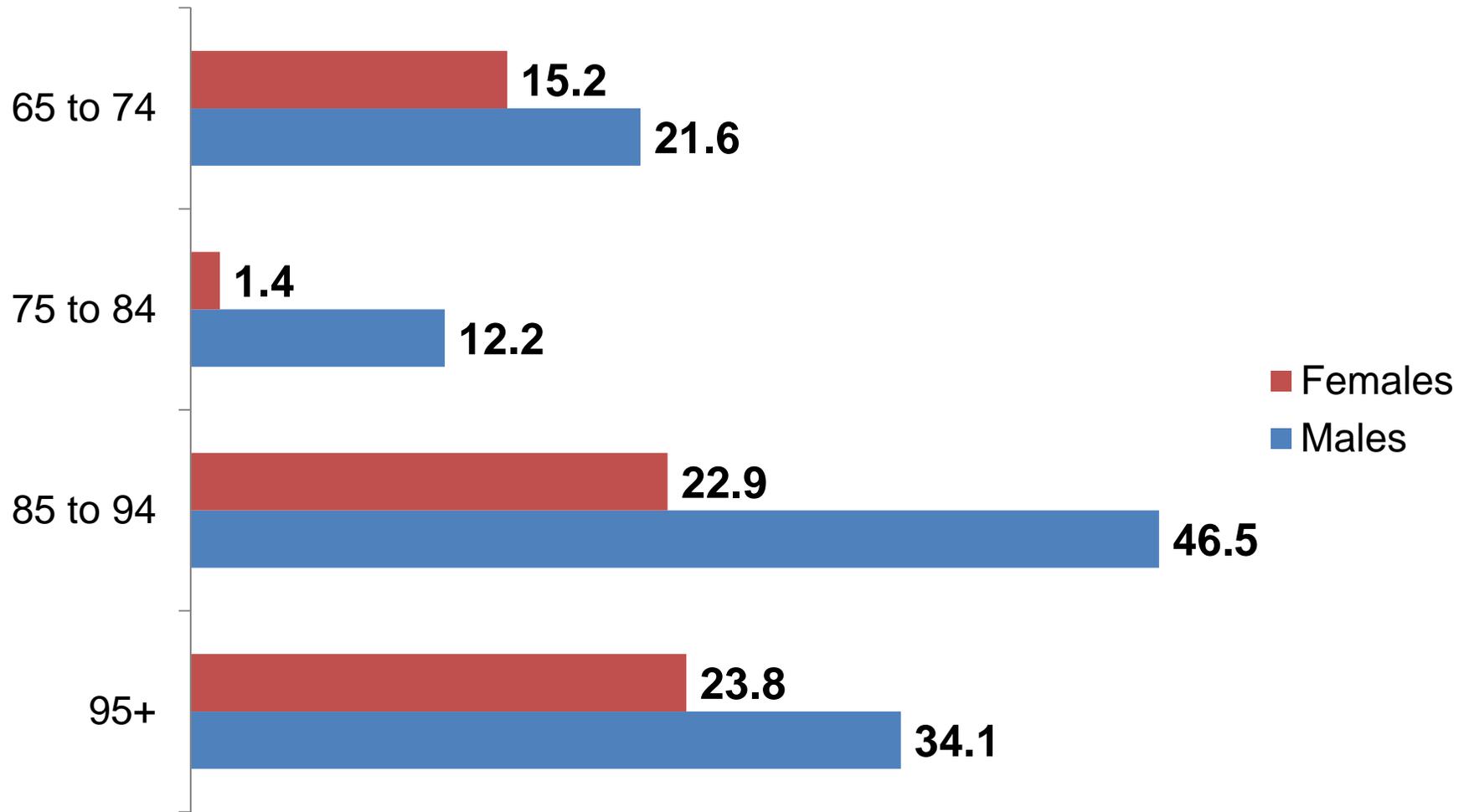
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# Growth in the Older Population by Sex

Between **2000** and **2010**:

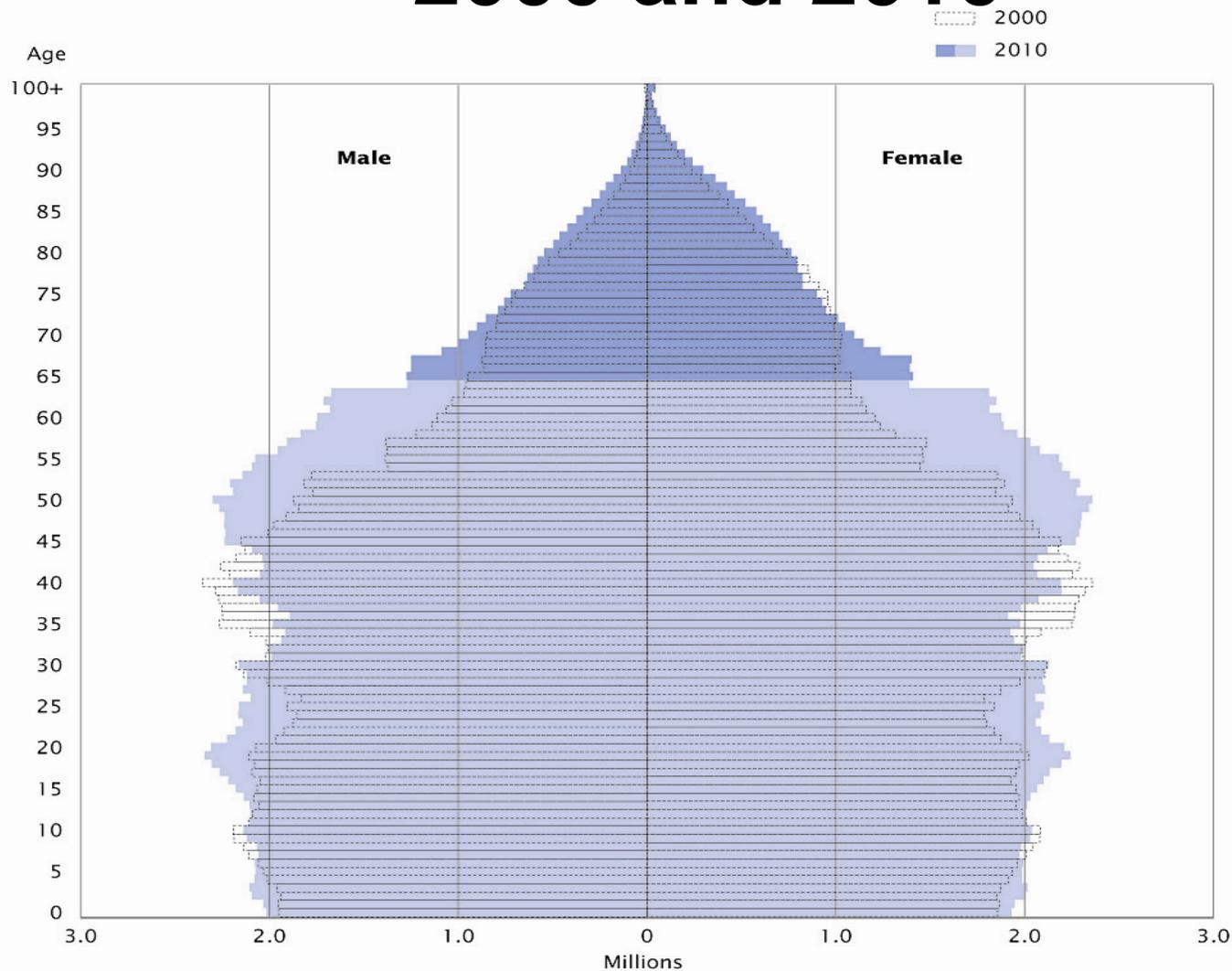
- Males experienced more rapid growth than females in the older ages.
- Males 65 years and older grew **20.5 percent** (from 14.4 million to 17.4 million).
- Females 65 years and older grew **11.3 percent** (from 20.6 million to 22.9 million).

# Percent Change by Selected Older Age Groups and Sex: 2000 to 2010



Sources: 2010 Census; Census 2000

# Age-Sex Population Pyramid: 2000 and 2010

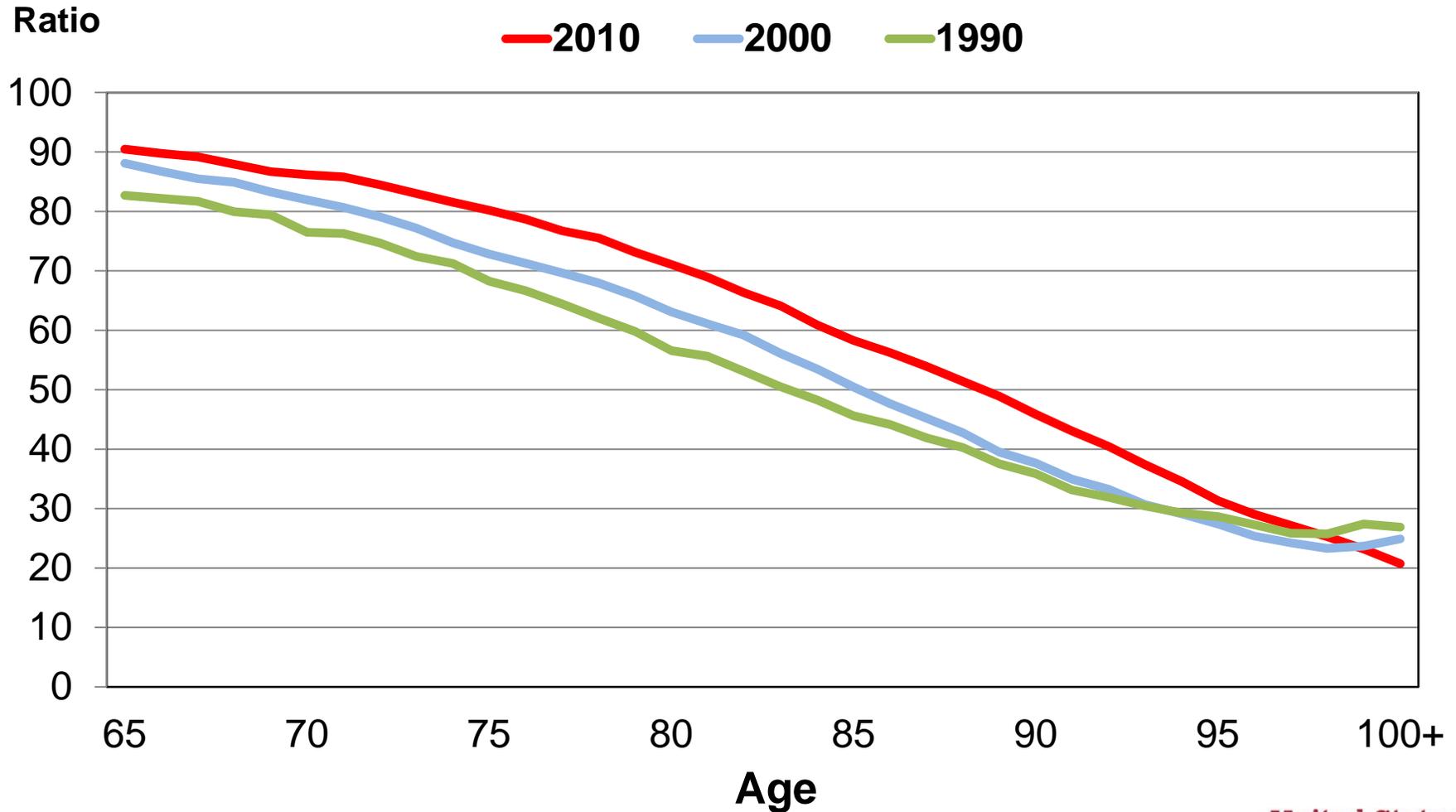


Note: The lighter shade of blue represents ages 0 to 64 in the 2010 Census. The darker shade of blue represents ages 65 years and over in the 2010 Census.

Sources: 2010 Census; Census 2000

# Sex Ratio by Age: 1990, 2000 and 2010

(Males per 100 females)

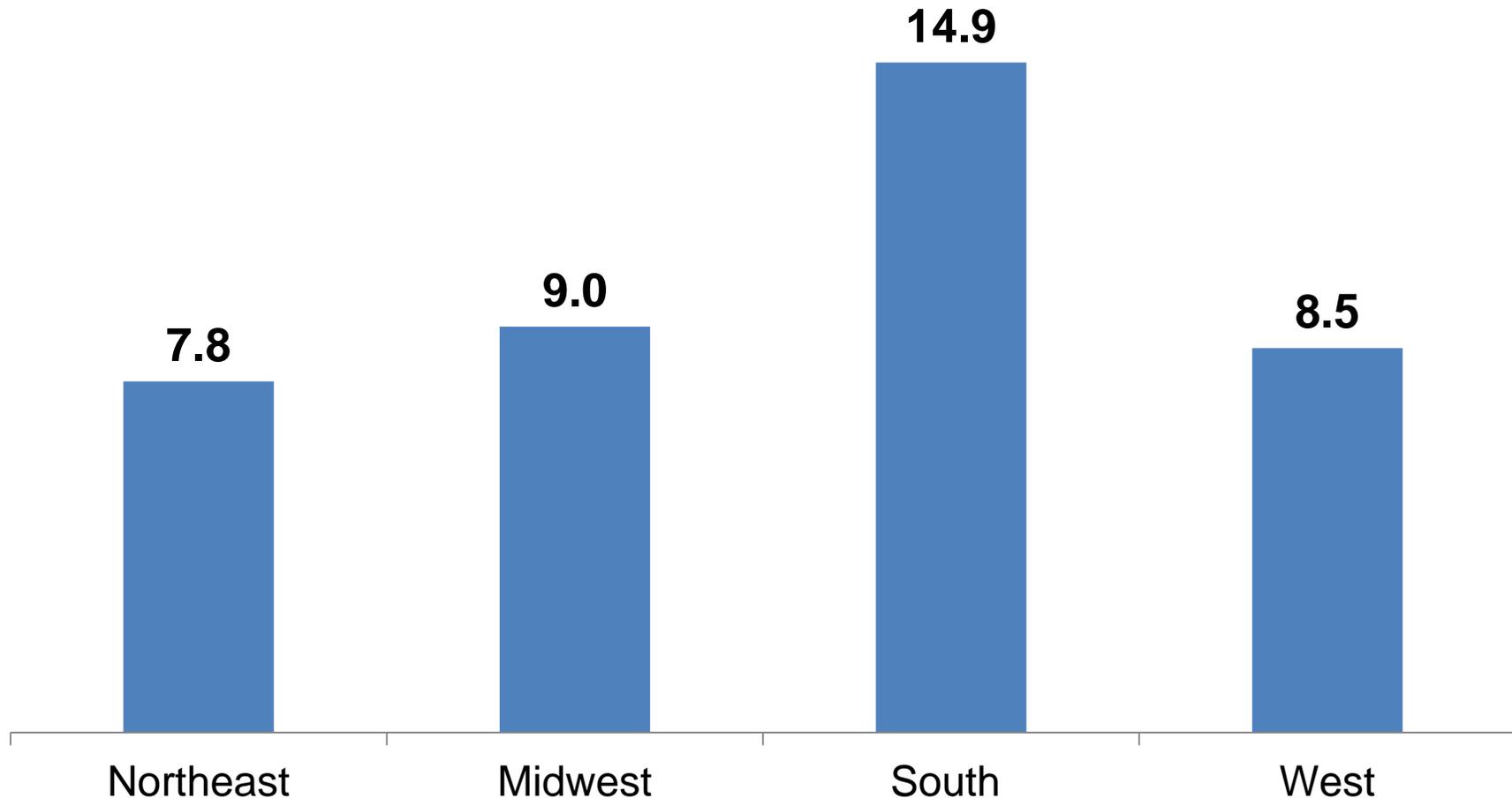


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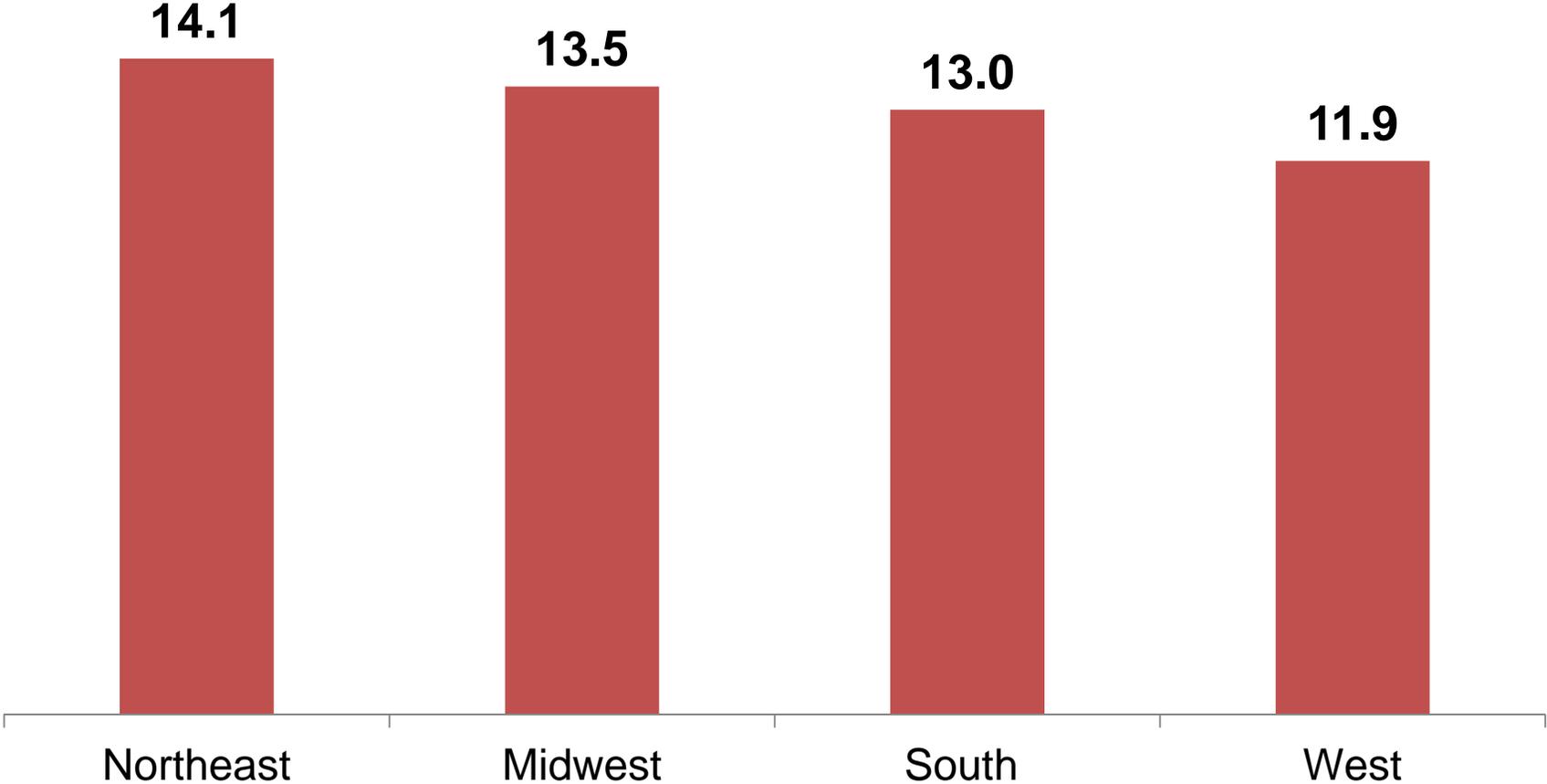
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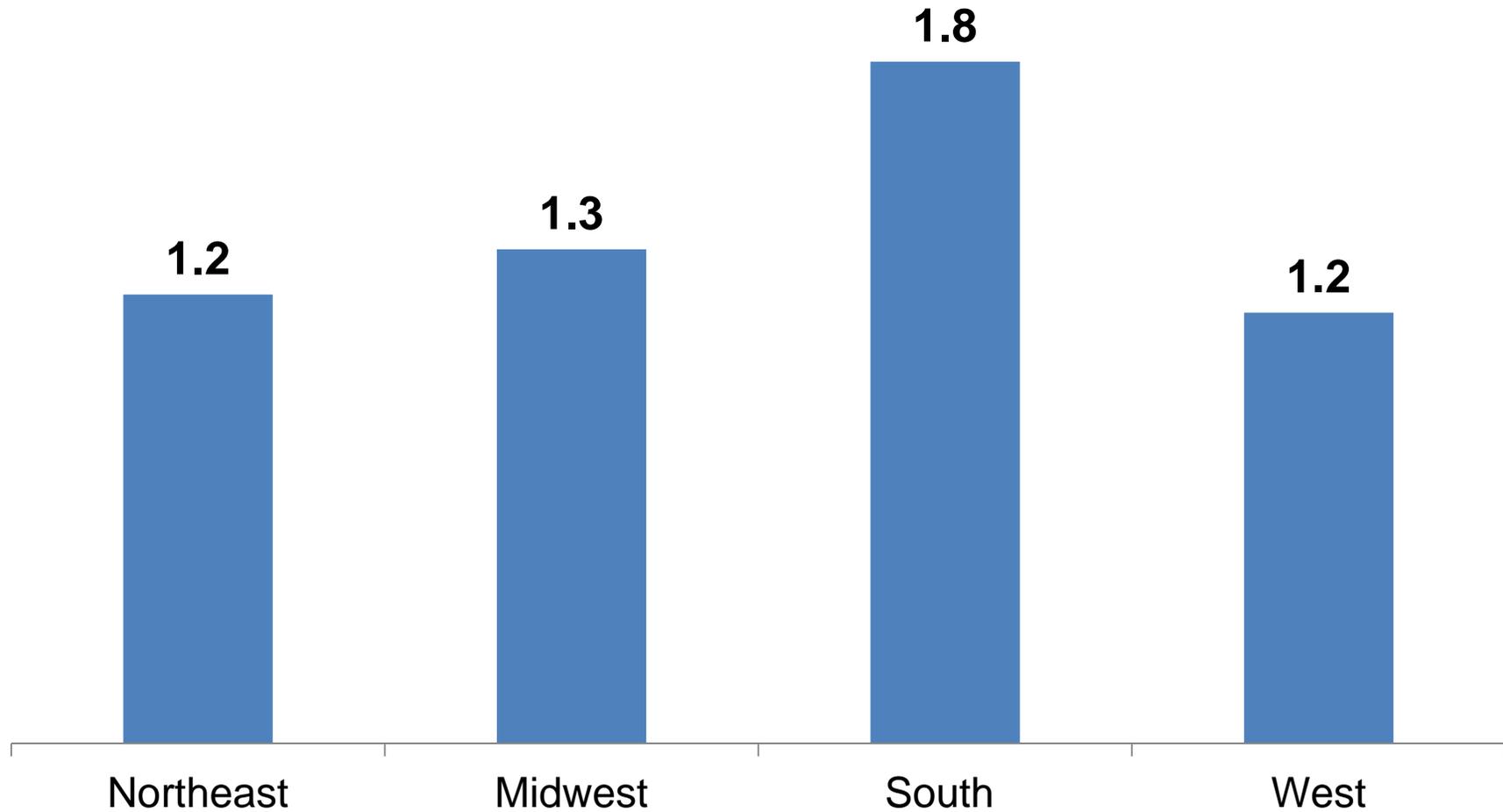
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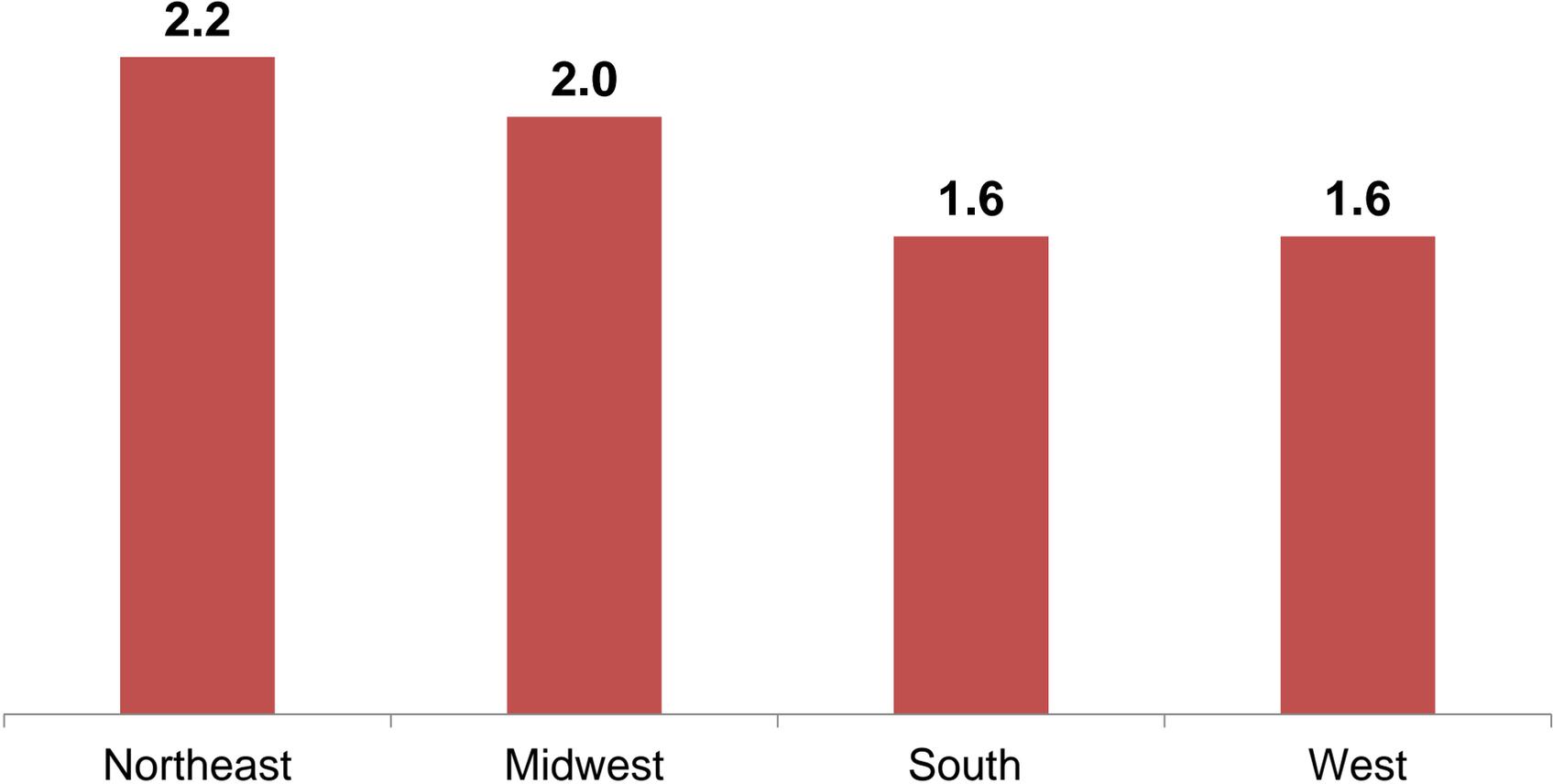
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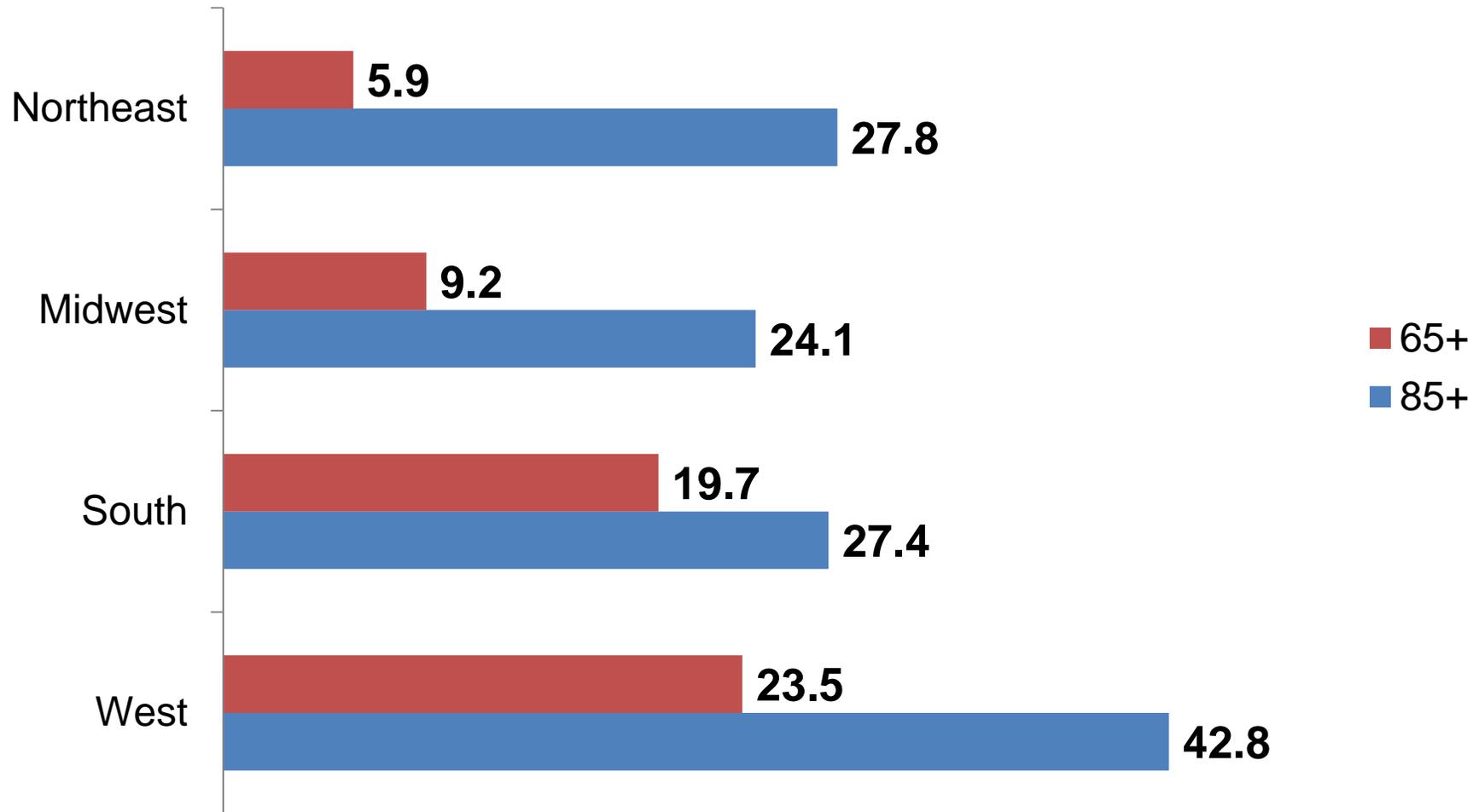
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# Percent Change by Selected Older Age Groups by Region: 2000 to 2010

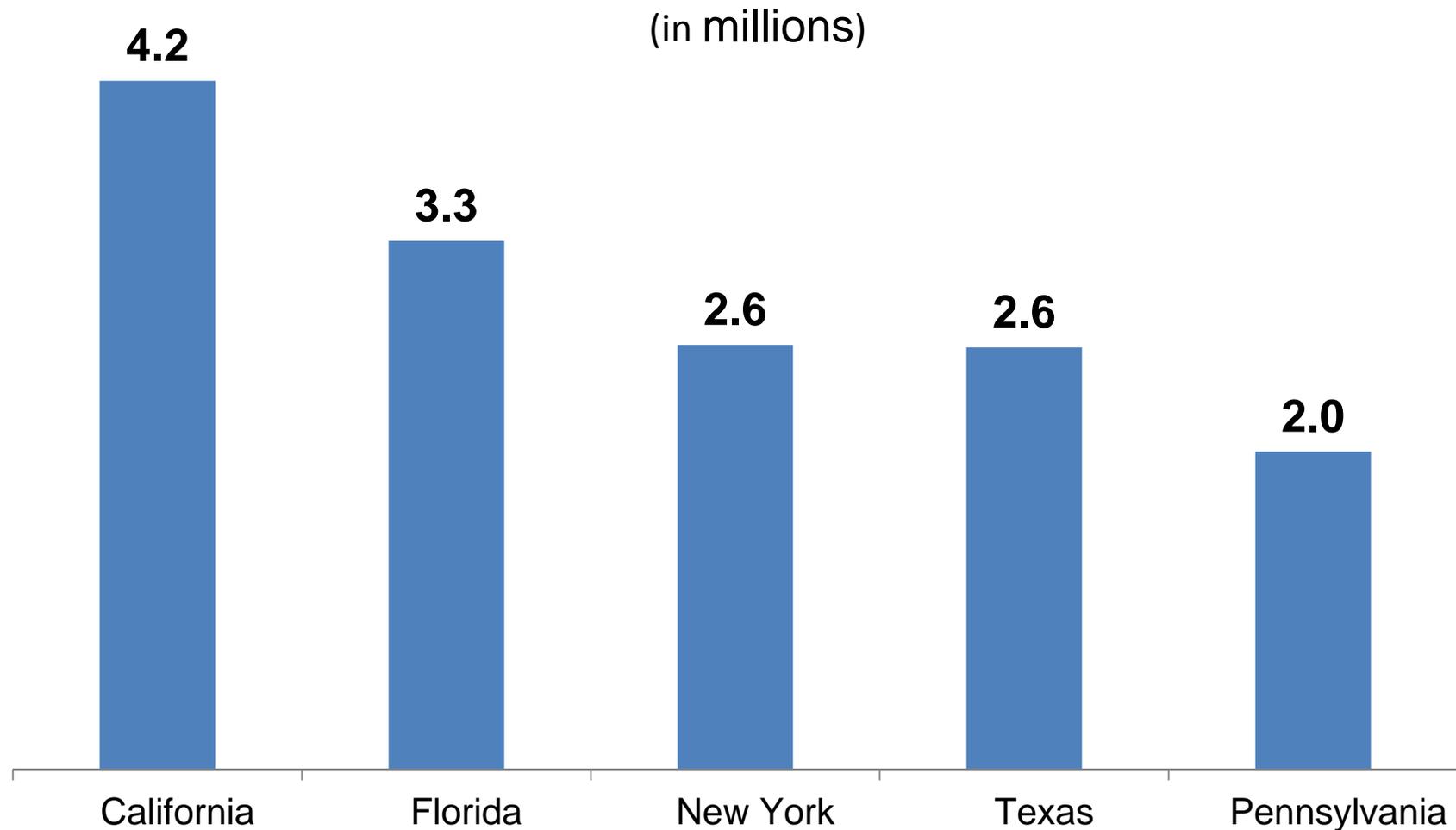


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# The Older Population by State: 2000 to 2010

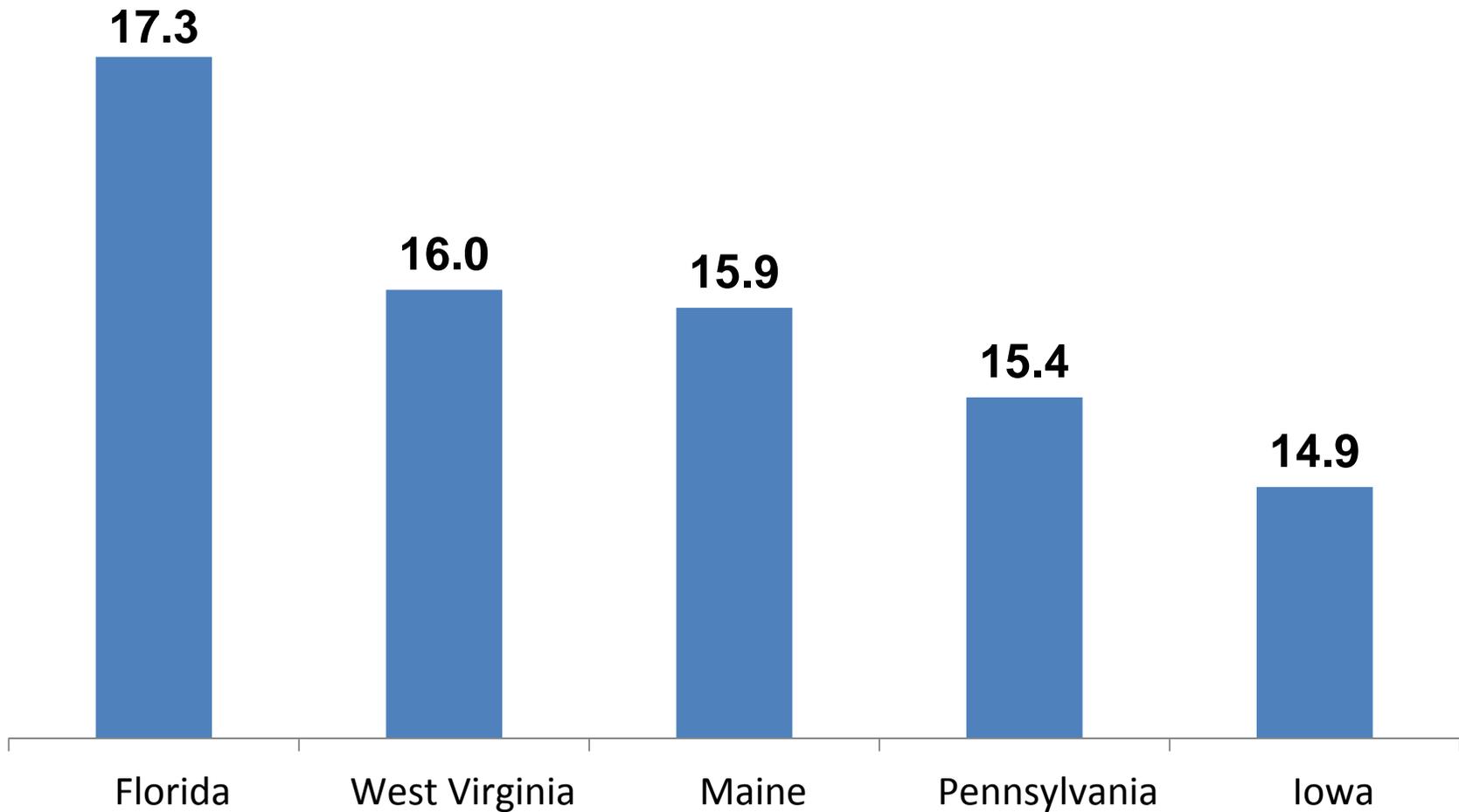
- Among the 50 states, Rhode Island was the only one to exhibit a decrease in the number of people 65 years and over (declining from 152,402 in 2000 to 151,881 in 2010).
- The District of Columbia's older population also declined during the decade from 69,898 in 2000 to 68,809 in 2010.

# Top 5 States with the Largest Number of People 65 Years and Older: 2010



Source: 2010 Census

# Top 5 States with the Largest Percentage of People 65 Years and Older: 2010

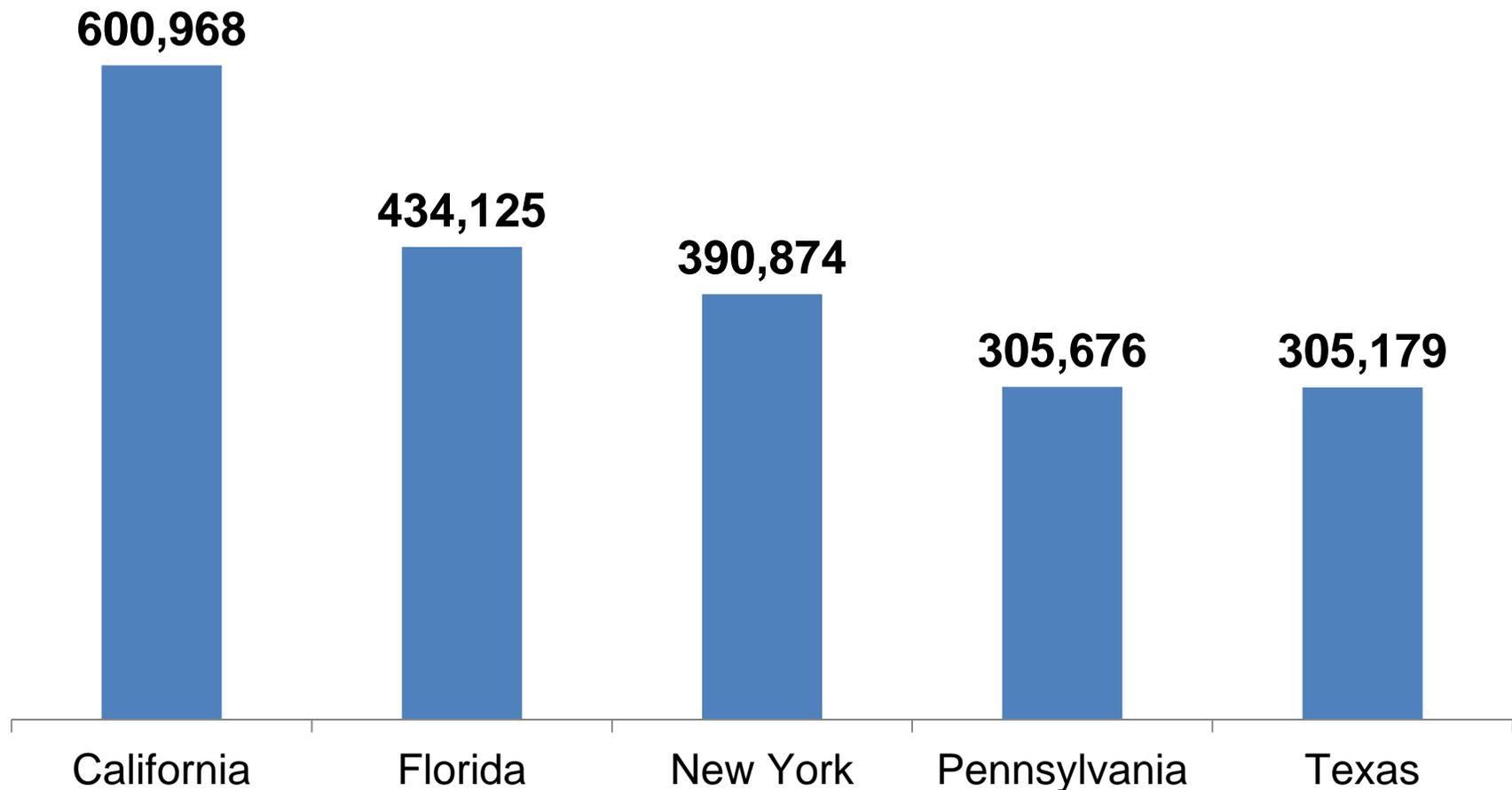


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# The Population 85 Years and Over by State: 2000 to 2010

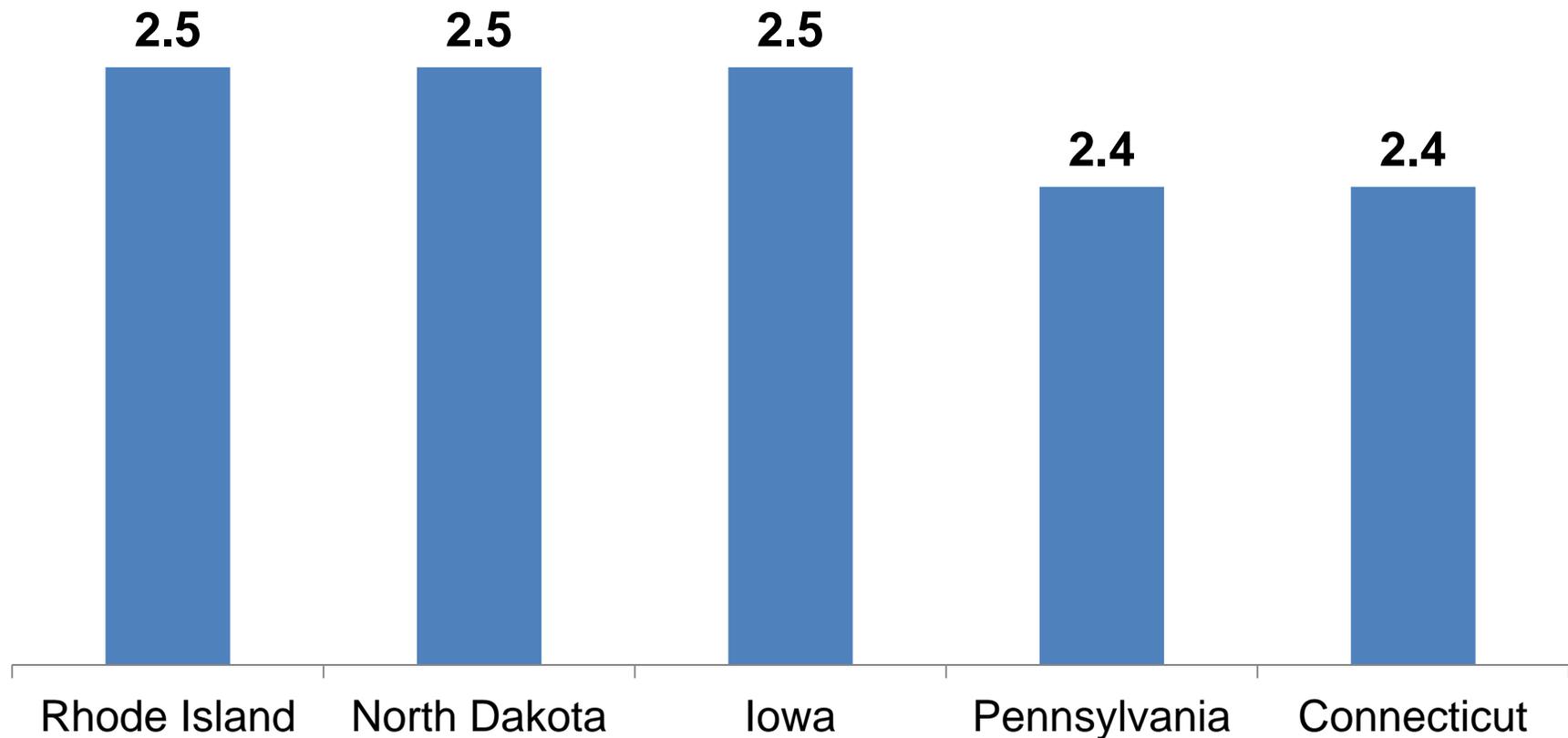
- All states exhibited an increase in the number of people 85 years and over between 2000 and 2010.
- Alaska had the largest percent change (**78.9 percent**) by increasing from 2,634 in 2000 to 4,711 in 2010.
- Mississippi had the smallest percent change (**3.4 percent**) by increasing from 42,891 in 2000 to 44,359 in 2010.

# Top 5 States with the Largest Number of People 85 Years and Older: 2010

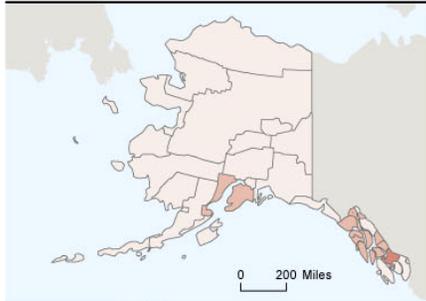


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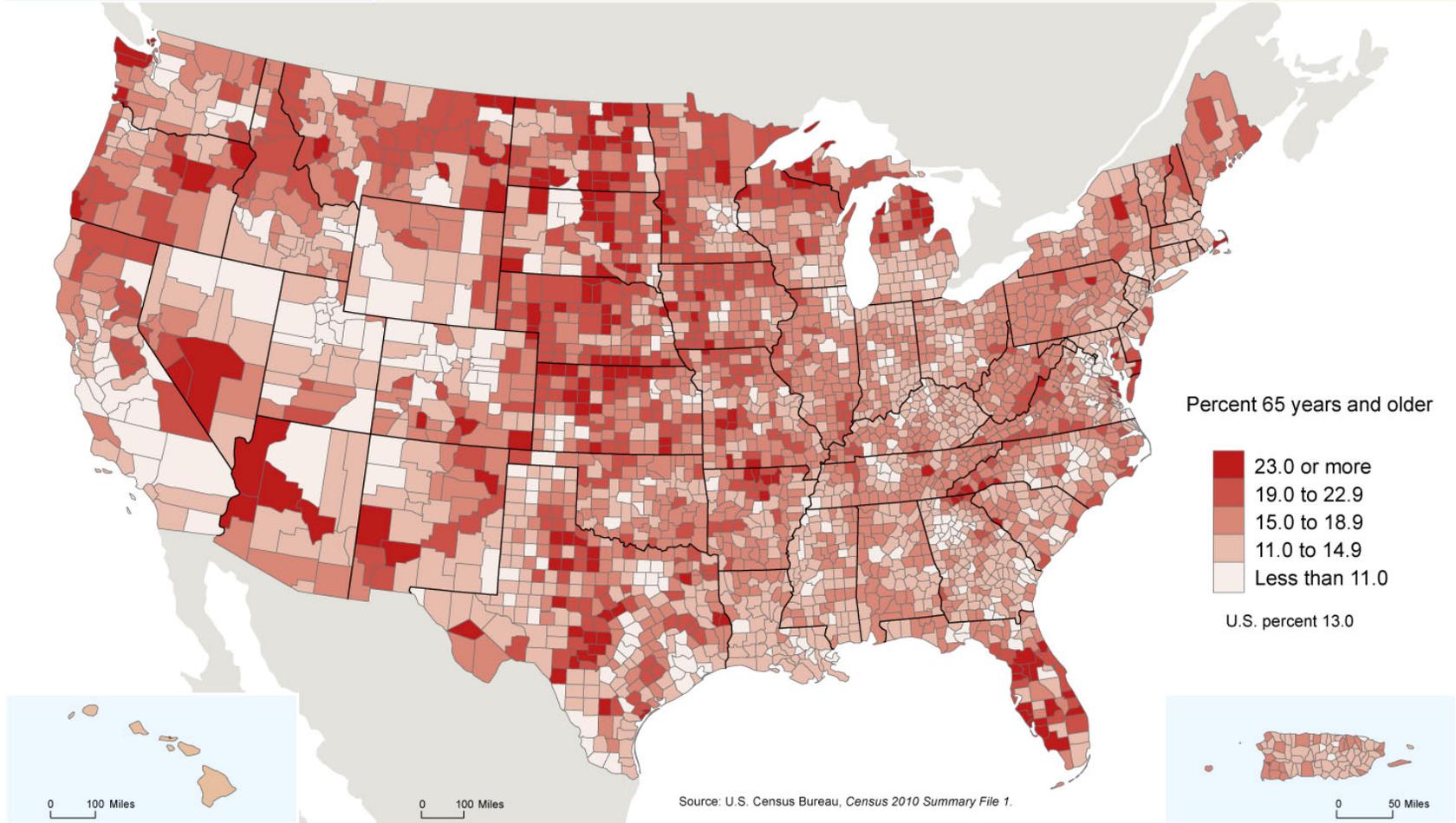


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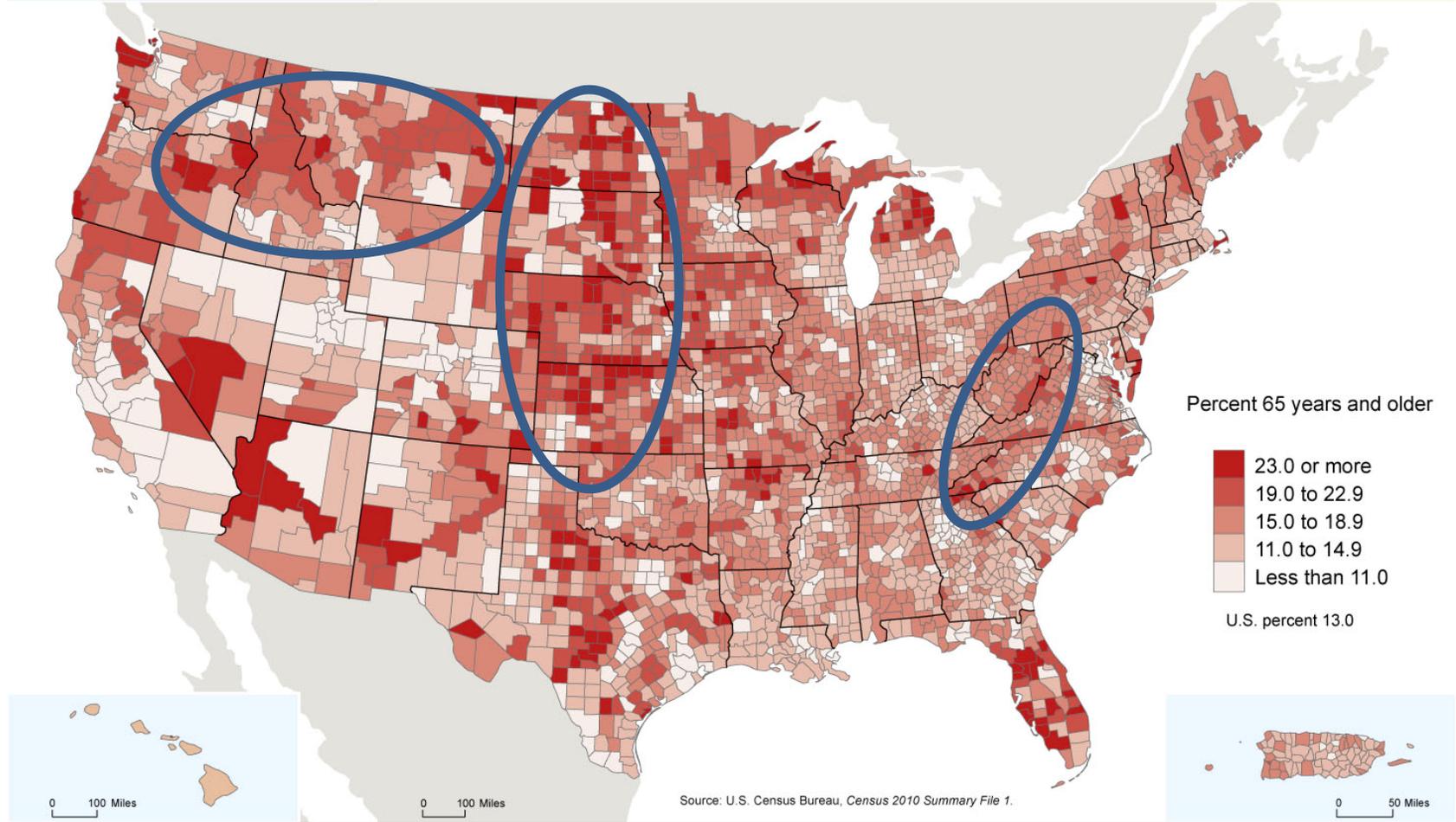
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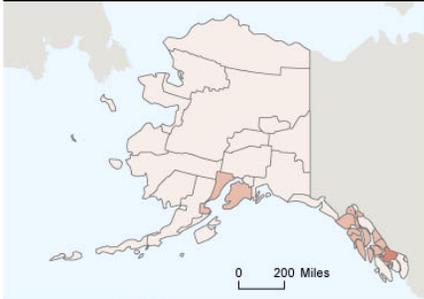


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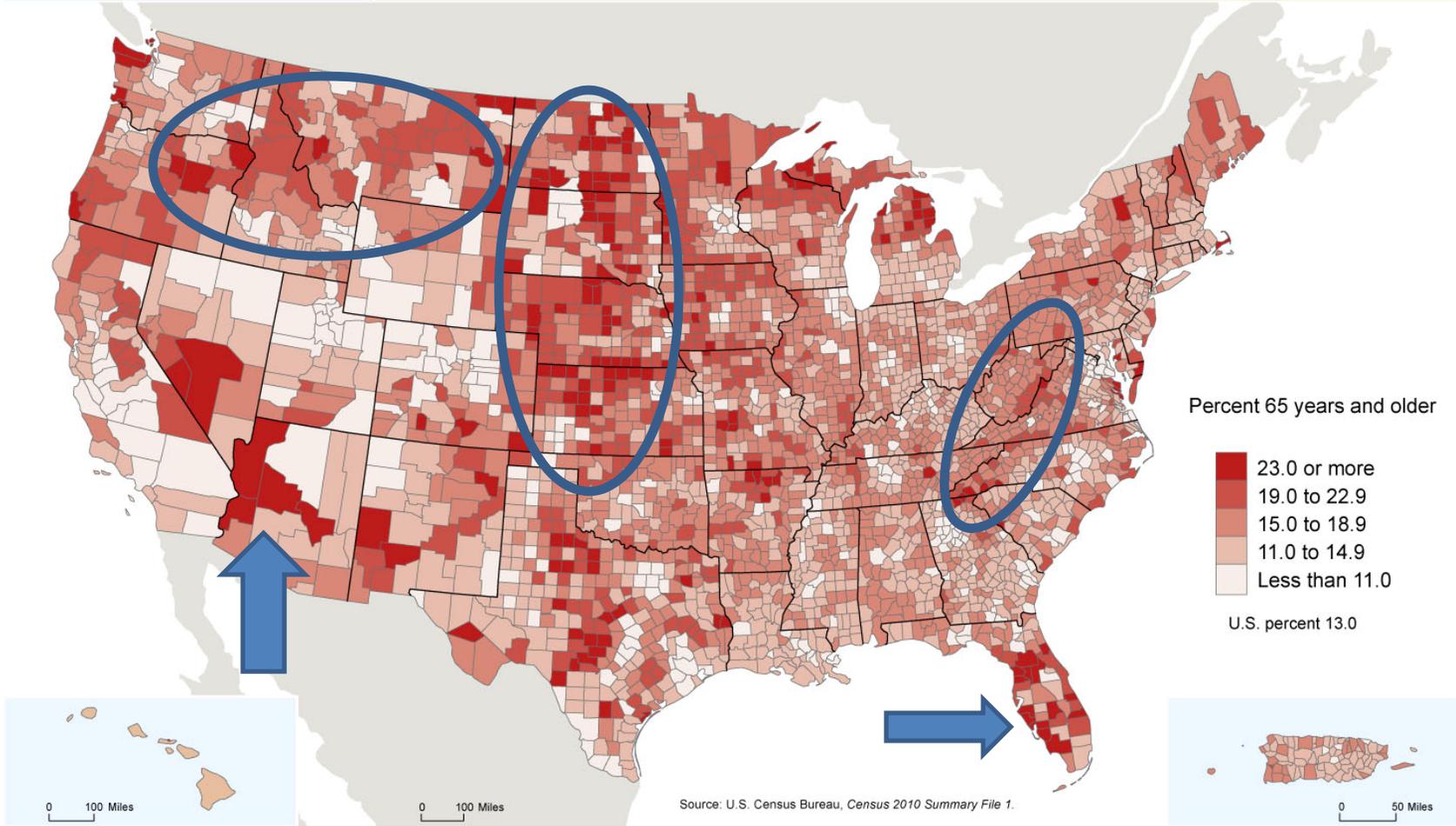


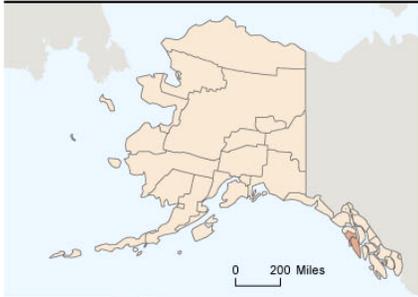
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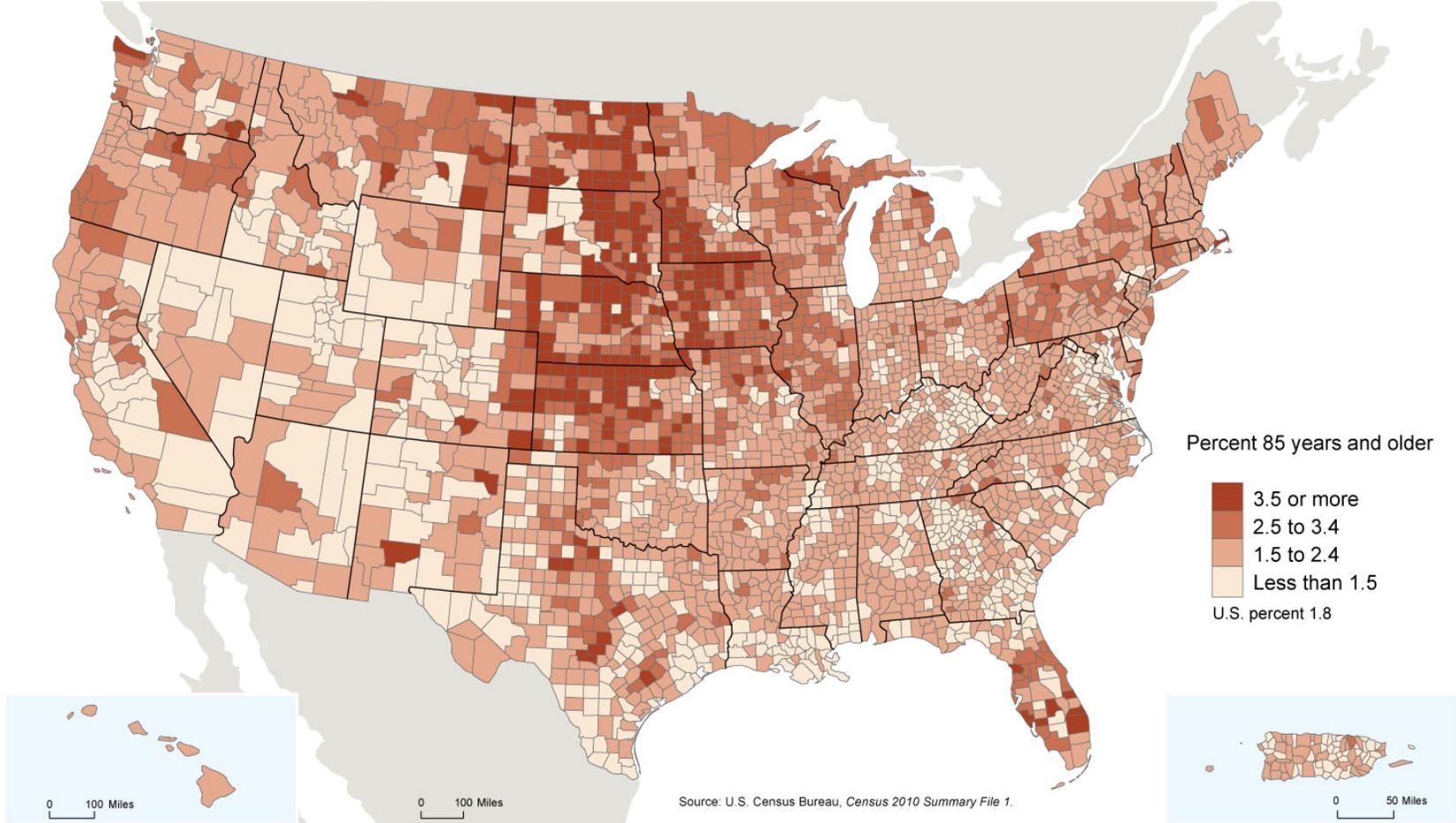
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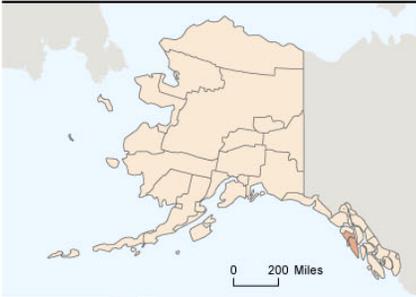




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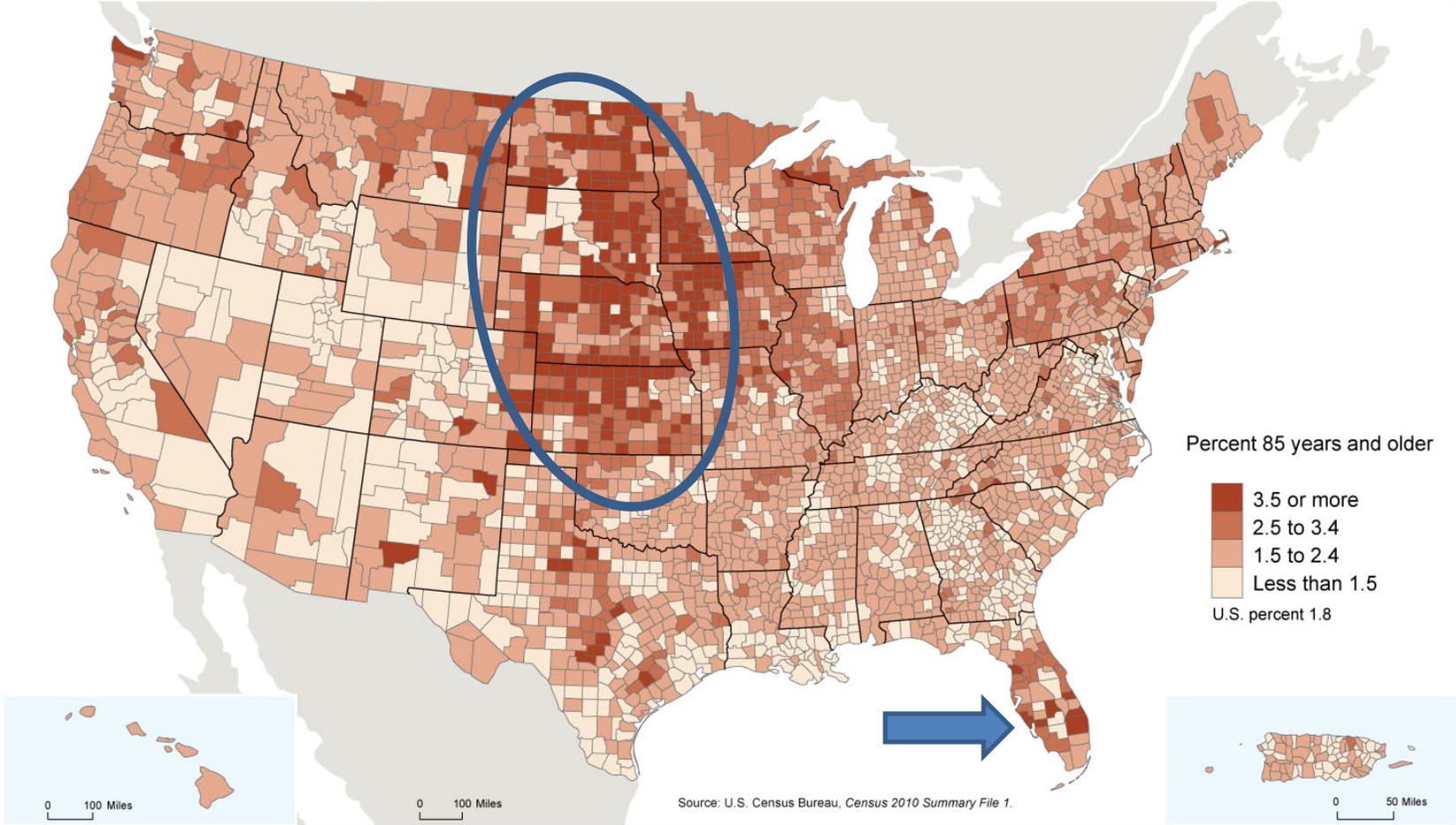
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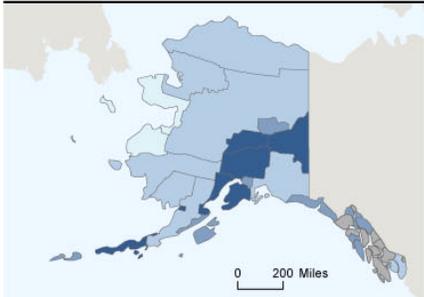




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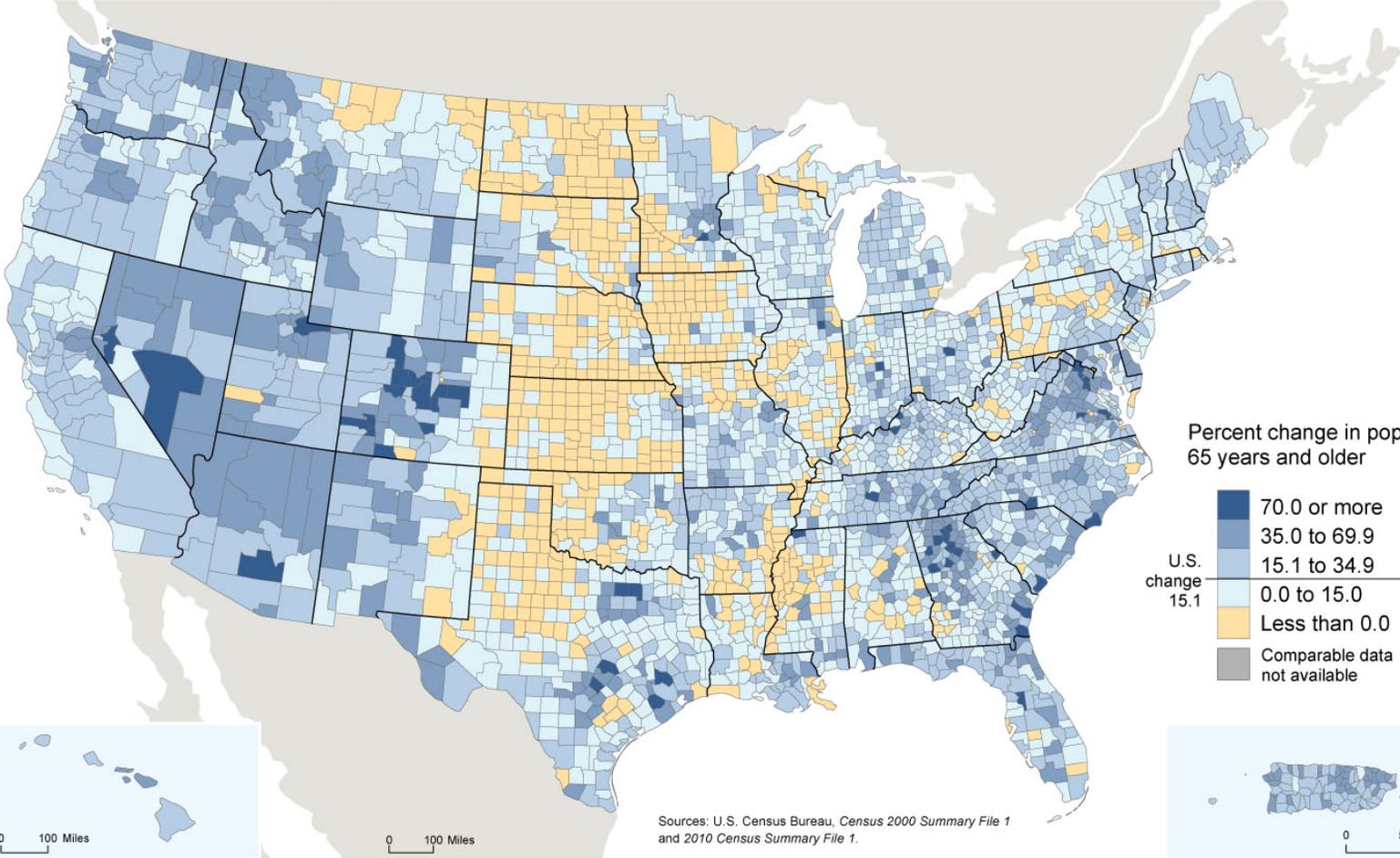
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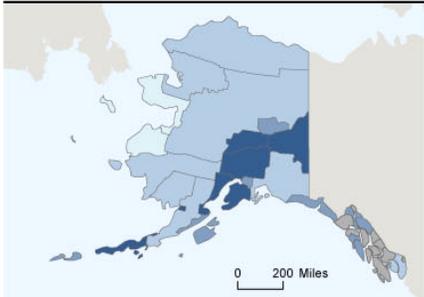




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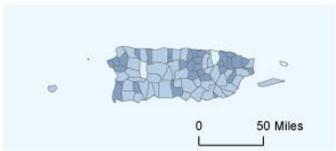
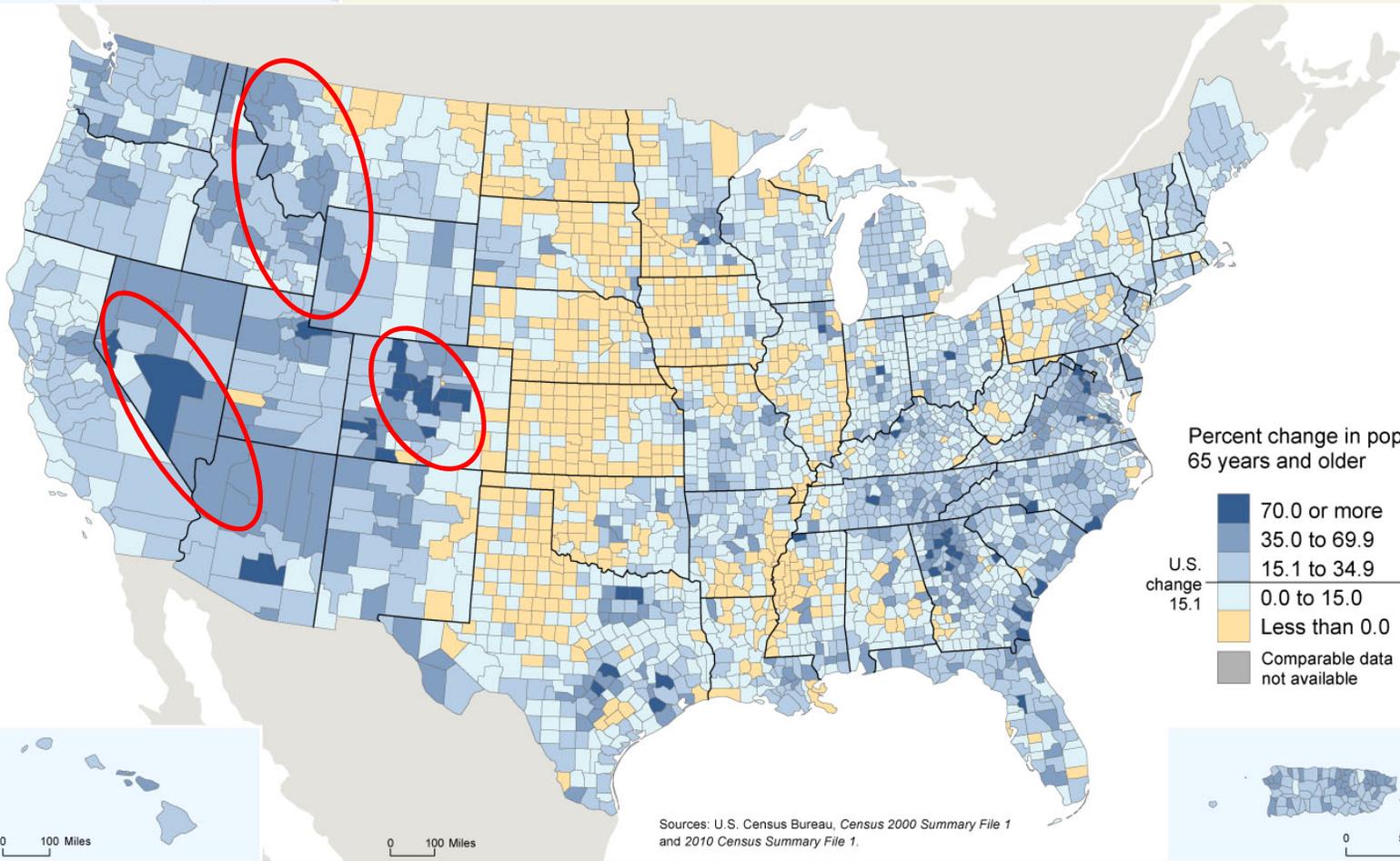
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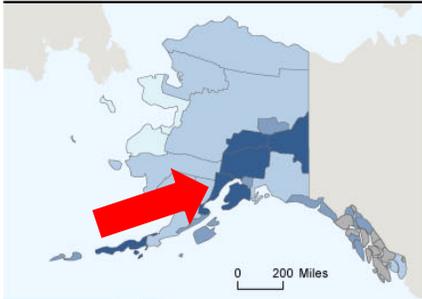




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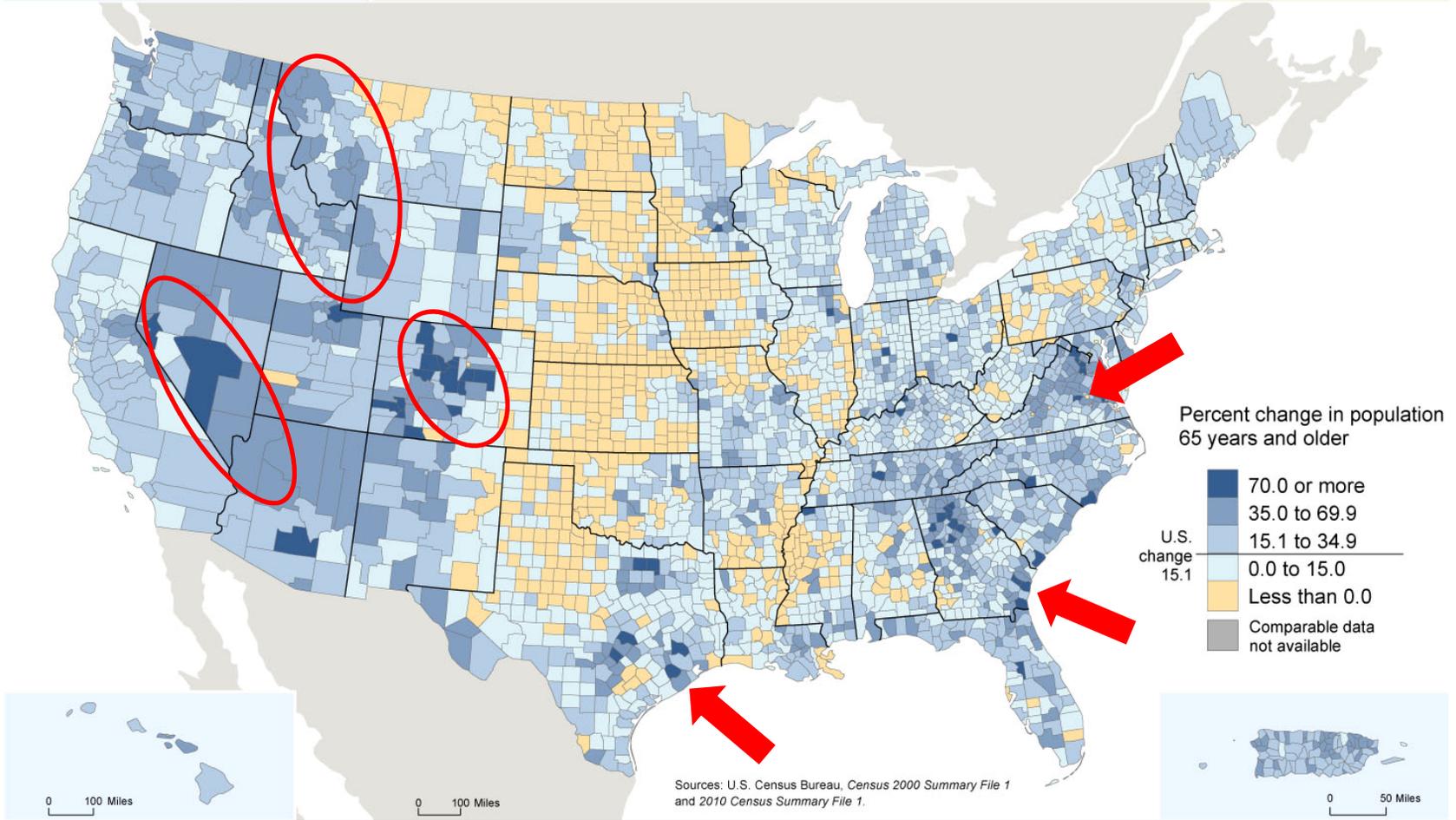
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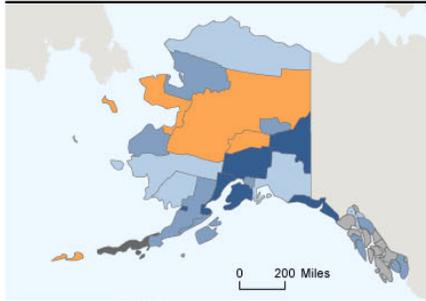




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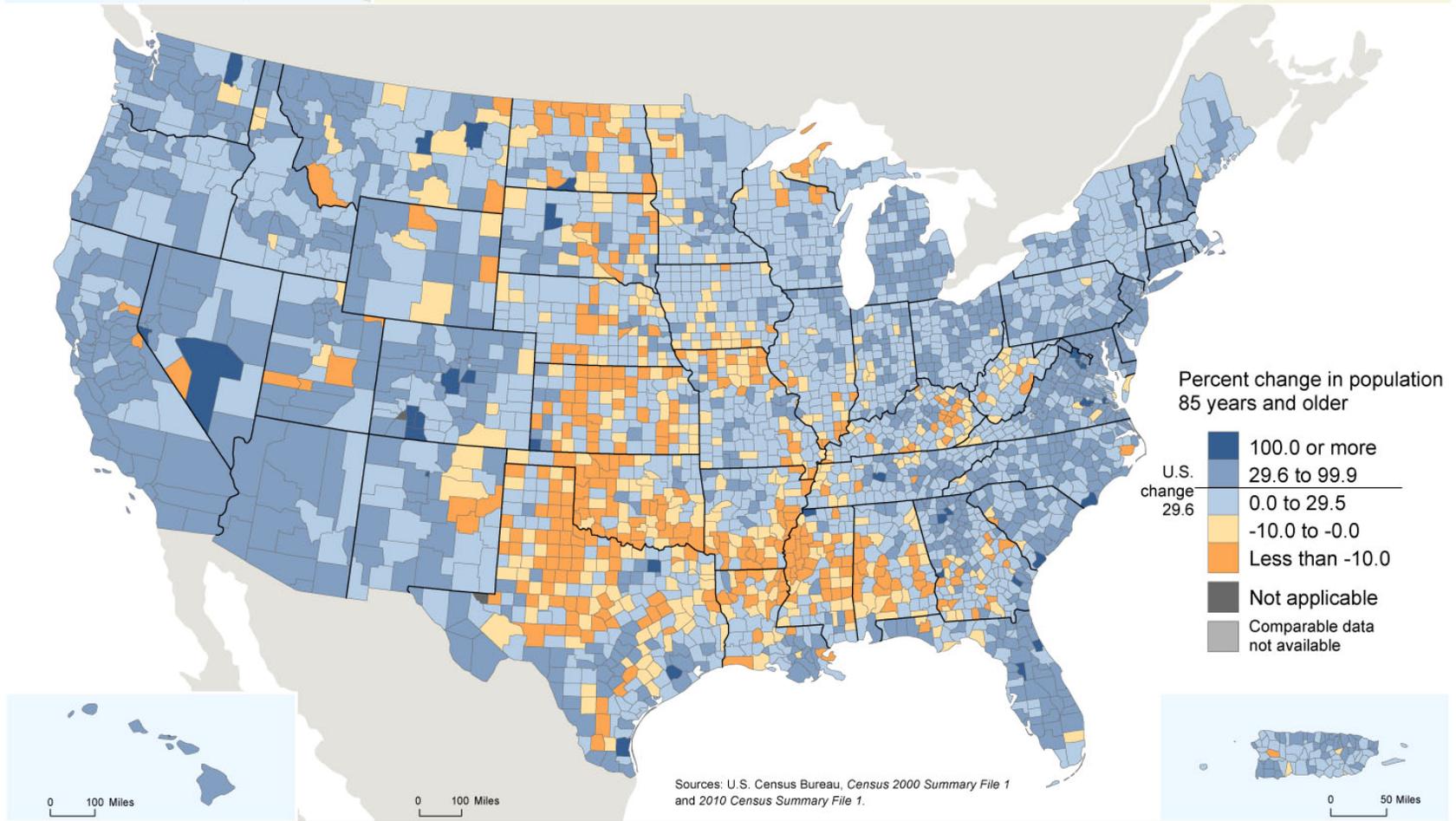
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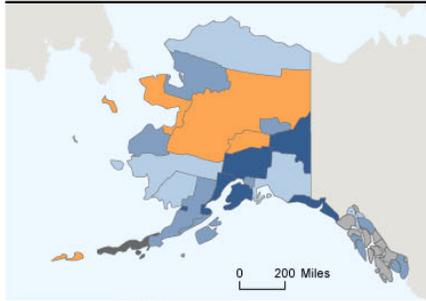




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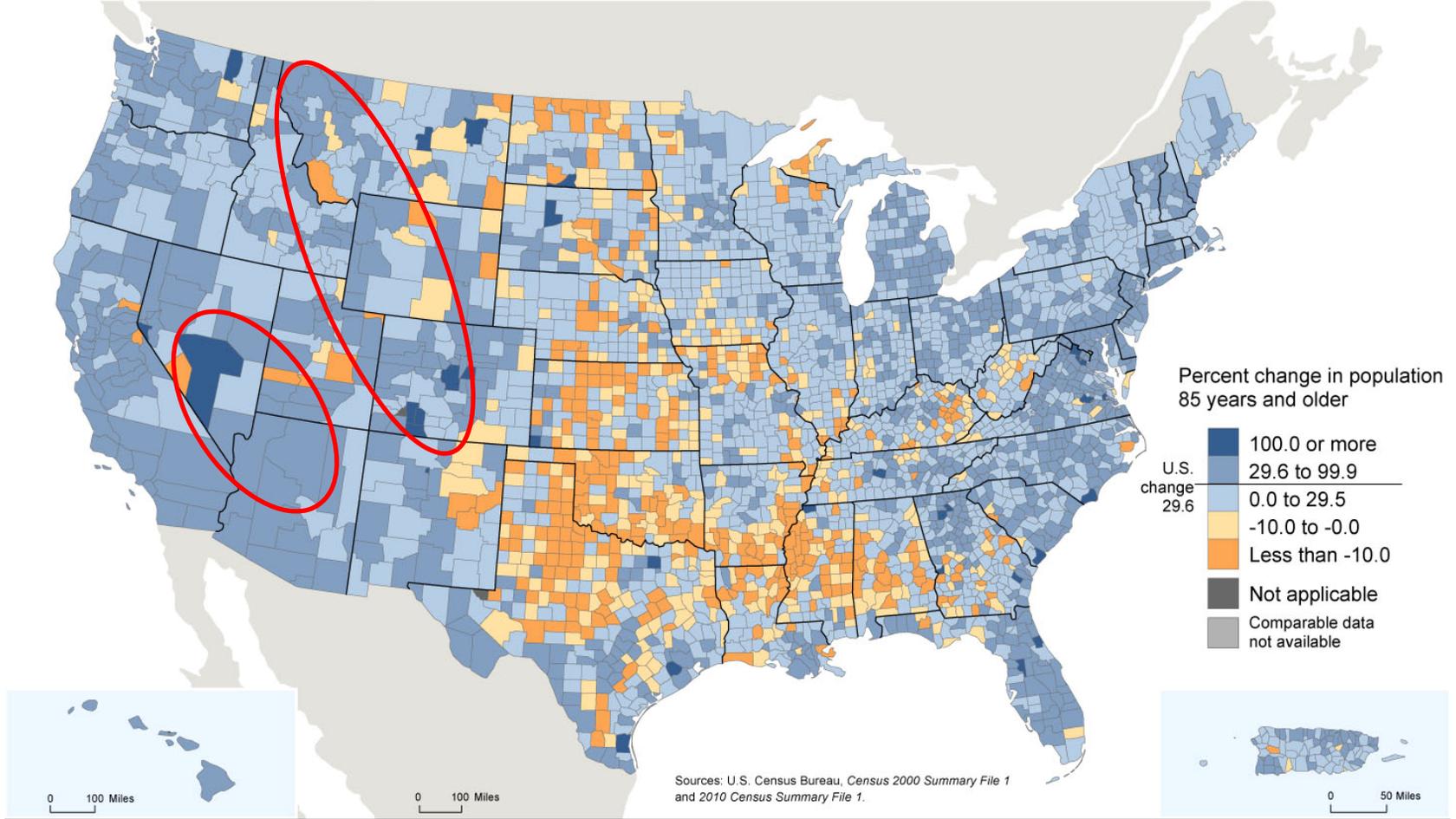
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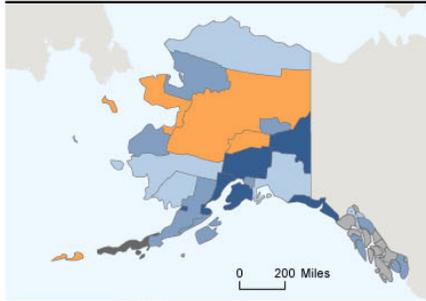




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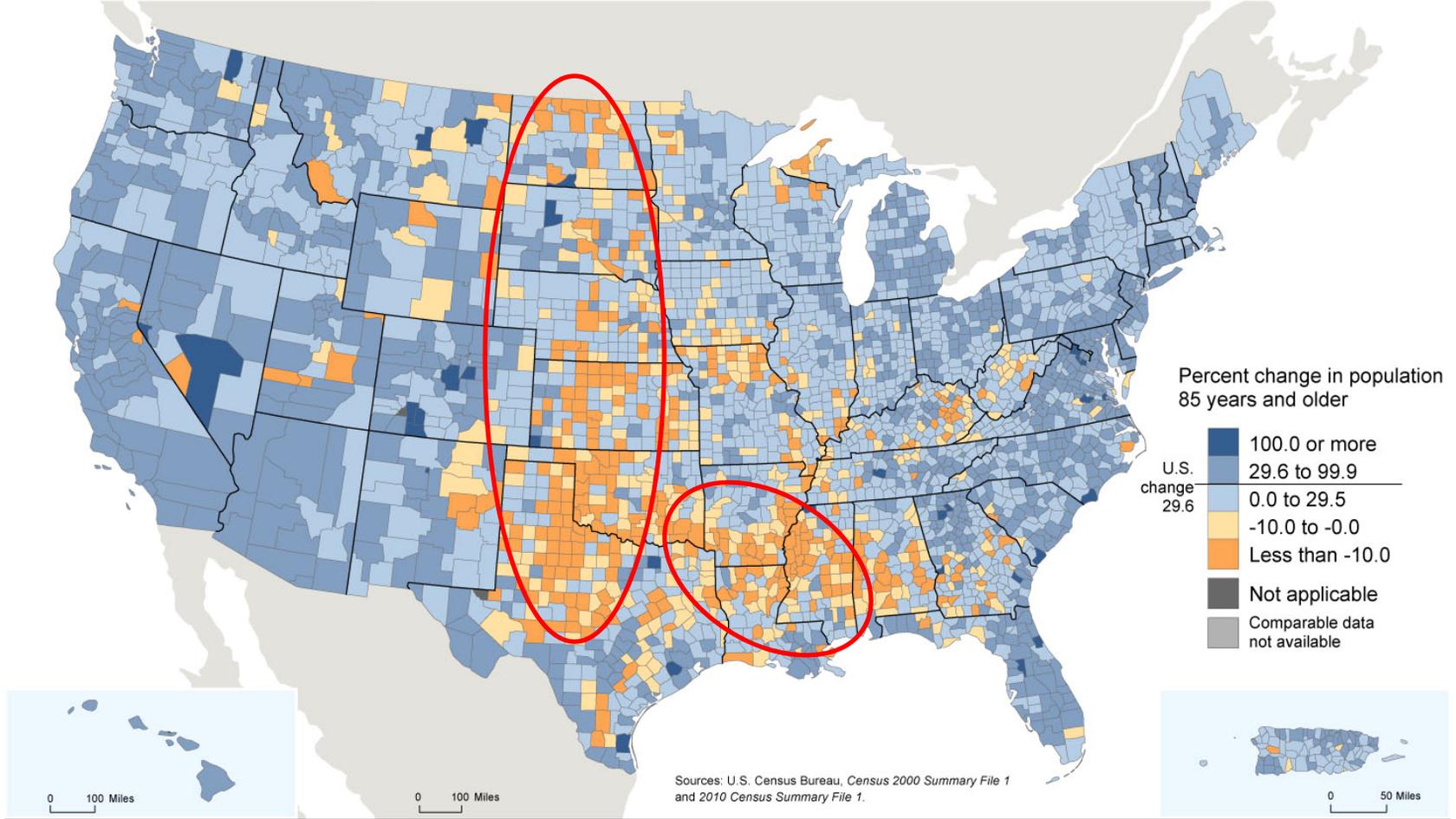
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# The Older Population in the United States: 2010

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### INTRODUCTION

The older population is an important and growing segment of the United States population.<sup>1</sup> In fact, more people were 65 years and over in 2010 than in any previous census.<sup>2</sup> Between 2000 and 2010, the population 65 years and over increased at a faster rate (15.1 percent) than the total U.S. population (9.7 percent). In addition to growth in the older population, pronounced growth in the male population 65 years and over occurred during the decade. The disproportionate increase in the older male population has not only contributed to the growth of the overall population 65 years and over, but has also led to a narrowing of the gap between males and females at the older ages. As larger numbers of males and females reach age 65 years and over, it becomes increasingly important to understand this population as well as the implications population aging has for various family, social, and economic aspects of society.

<sup>1</sup> In this report, the term "older" population refers to the population 65 years and over.

<sup>2</sup> Although the decennial censuses collected data on age since 1790, the specific age of a person in complete years (as of last birthday) was not collected until 1850, and data on the population 65 years and over was not published until 1870. Prior to 1850, enumerators marked people as being in a particular age group. Thus, comparisons of the population 65 years and over using historical census data are made with years in which the 65 years and over population was specifically published. In 1870, the population 65 years and over totaled 1.2 million and represented 3.0 percent of the total U.S. population. Source: <[www.census.gov/prod/www/abs/decennial/1870.html](http://www.census.gov/prod/www/abs/decennial/1870.html)>.

### Figure 1. Reproduction of the Question on Age and Date of Birth From the 2010 Census

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Age on April 1, 2010	Month	Day	Year of birth
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census questionnaire.

This report describes the older population of the United States in 2010. It is part of a series that provides an overview of the population and housing data collected from the 2010 Census. It also provides information on the age and sex structure and geographic distribution of the population 65 years and over at the national and subnational levels.<sup>3</sup> The data for this report are based on the *2010 Census Summary File 1*, which is among the first data products released from the 2010 Census.<sup>4</sup>

### AGE QUESTION

Data on the age composition of the United States and your community are derived from the 2010 Census question on age and date of birth (Figure 1).

<sup>3</sup> This report discusses data for the 50 states and the District of Columbia as well as lower levels of geography within the states. Data for Puerto Rico are not discussed in this report.

<sup>4</sup> The 2010 Census Summary File 1 (SF1) contains data on age, sex, race, Hispanic origin, group quarters, relationship, tenure, and households at a variety of geographic levels down to the block level. For a detailed schedule of 2010 Census products and release dates, visit <[www.census.gov/population/www/cen2010/glance/index.html](http://www.census.gov/population/www/cen2010/glance/index.html)>.

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