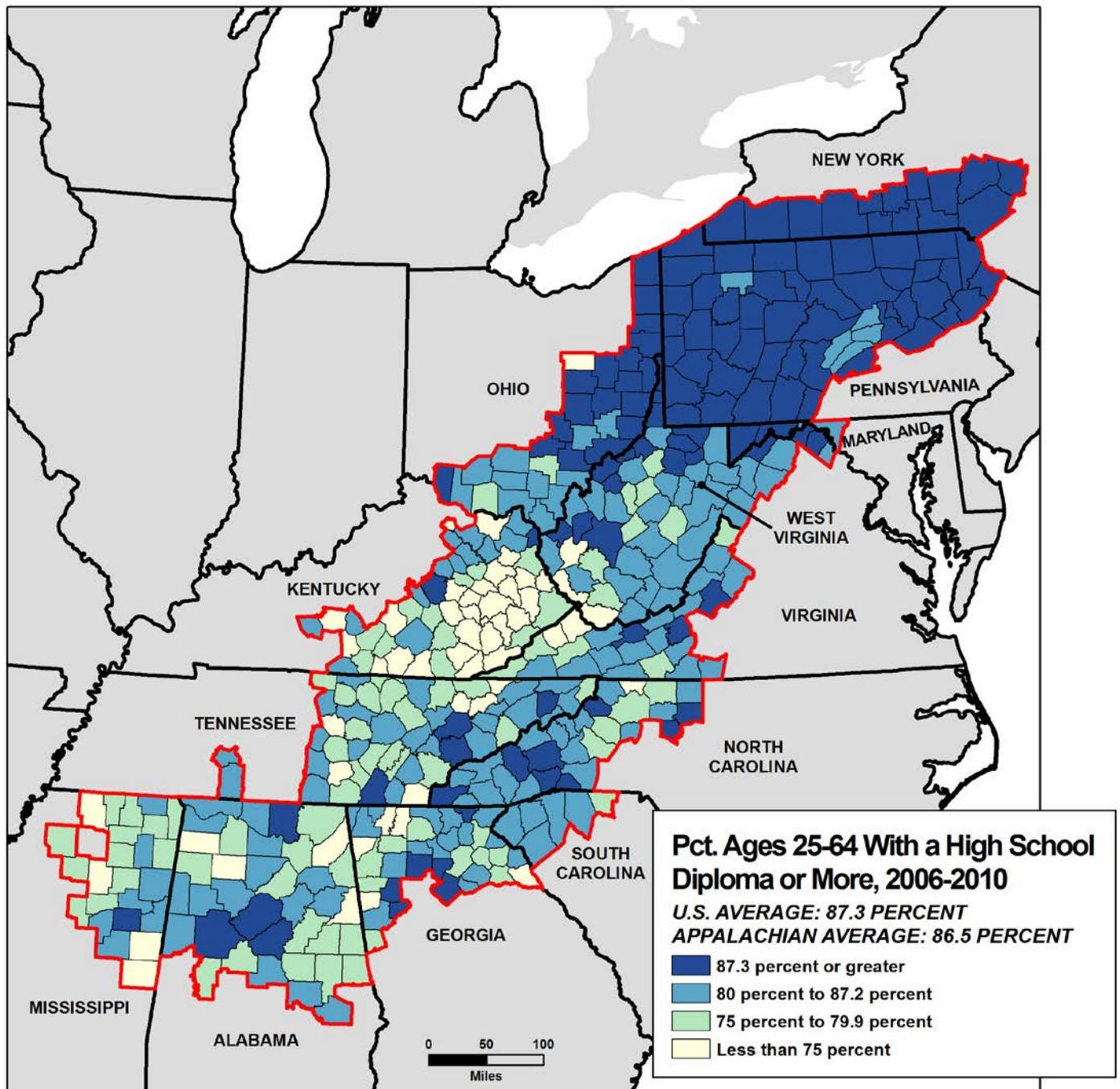


Figure 5.4: Percent of Persons Ages 25 to 64 in the Appalachian Region With a High School Diploma or More, 2006-2010



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 Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2010 American Community Survey.

In the 2006-2010 period, the percentage of working-age adults (ages 25 to 64) in the Appalachian region with at least a high school diploma was only slightly below the national average of just over 87 percent. (And both shares were slightly higher than they were in the 2005-2009 period.) In 127 of Appalachia’s 420 counties, the share matched or exceeded the national average. Nearly half of these 127 counties were outside metropolitan areas, and most were in northern or north central Appalachia. At the other end of the spectrum, less than three in four working-age adults had finished high school in 53 Appalachian counties—almost all of which were outside metropolitan areas, and more than half of which were in central Appalachia.