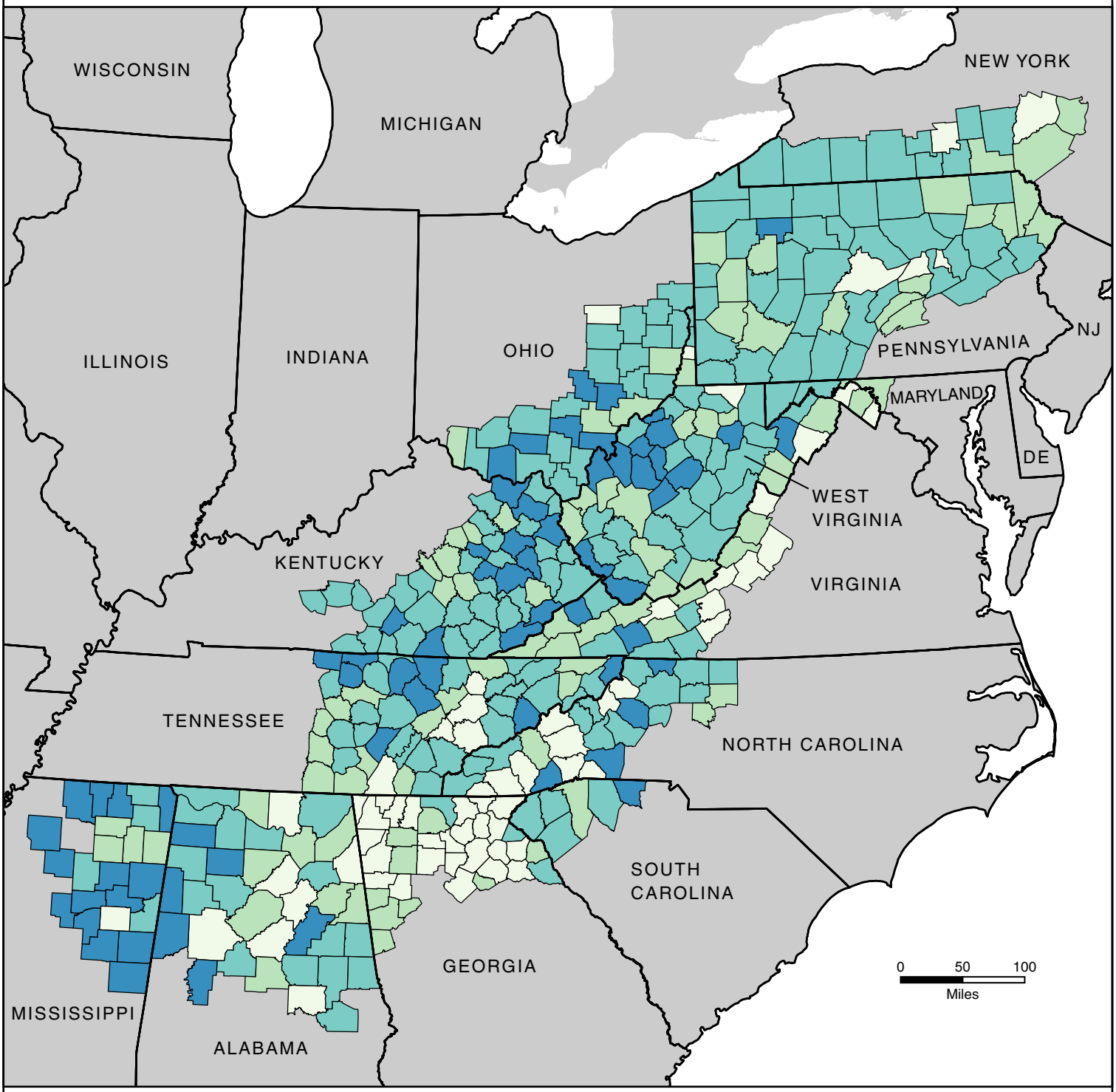
Relative Unemployment Rates in Appalachia, 2003

(County Rates as a Percentage of the U.S. Average)



An unemployment rate is the number of unemployed persons as a percentage of the civilian labor force. The percent of the U.S. average is computed by dividing the county unemployment rate by the national average and multiplying by 100. The map uses critical breaks such as the national average to organize the data into groups of common values.

U.S. average = 6.0%
Appalachian average = 5.8%

Percent of the U.S. Average

- 150.0% - 274.5%
- 100.1% - 149.9%
- 75.1% - 100.0%
- 39.3% - 75.0%

(Critical Breaks Classification)

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Map Created: October 2005.
Data Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, LAUS, 2003.