

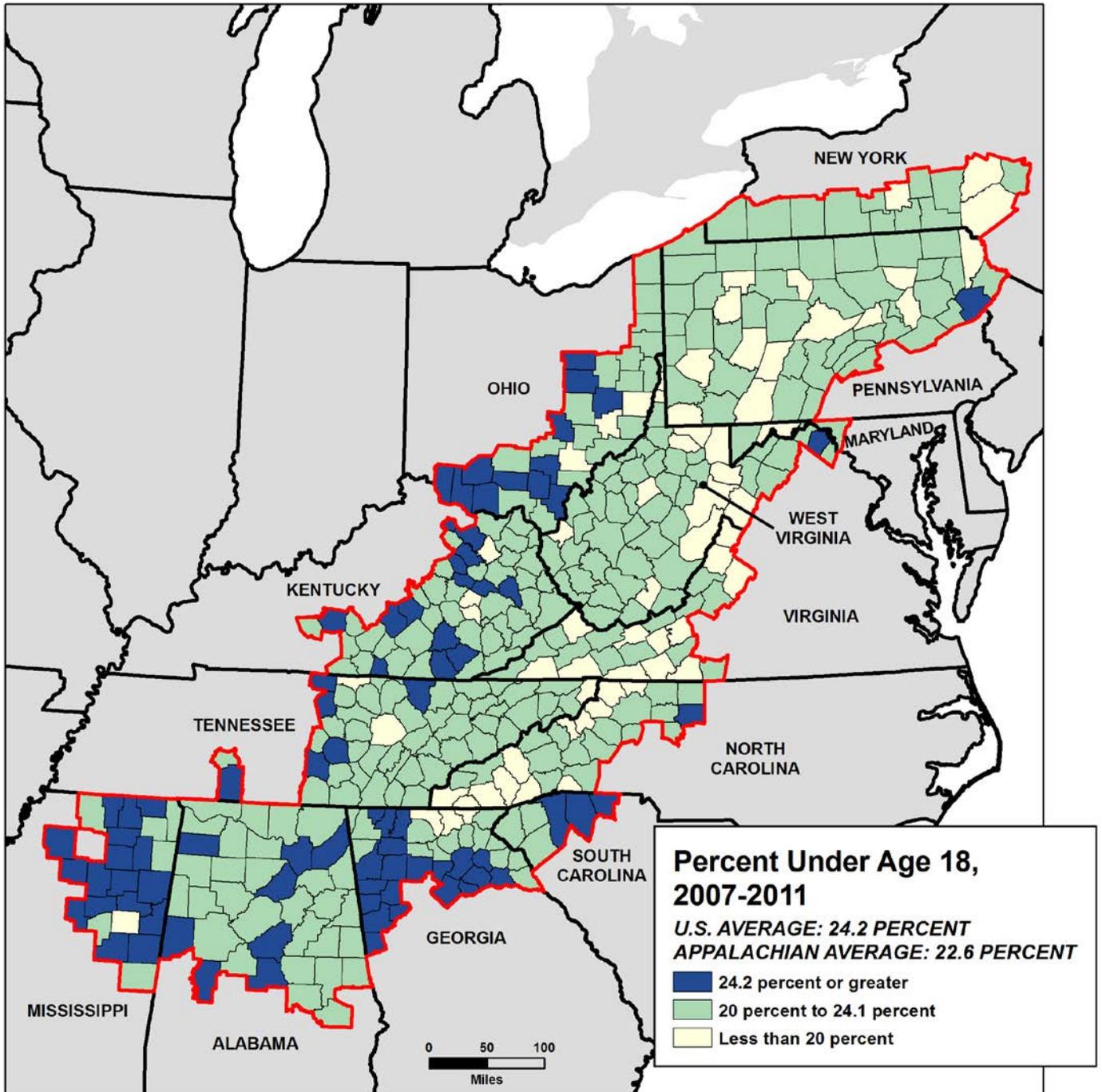
CHAPTER 2: AGE

Table 2.1: Population in the Appalachian Region by Age Group, 2007-2011

Population by Age Group	Total Population, 2007-2011	Percent of Population				Median Age (Years)
		Under Age 18	Ages 18-24	Ages 25-64	Ages 65 and over	
United States	306,603,772	24.2	10.0	53.0	12.9	37.0
Appalachian Region	25,138,634	22.6	9.7	52.8	15.0	39.6
Subregions						
Northern Appalachia	8,386,003	21.1	10.0	52.2	16.7	41.4
North Central Appalachia	2,414,961	22.0	9.6	53.2	15.2	40.1
Central Appalachia	1,916,690	22.4	8.7	54.0	14.9	40.2
South Central Appalachia	4,689,747	21.5	9.8	52.6	16.1	40.5
Southern Appalachia	7,731,233	25.0	9.5	53.1	12.4	36.9
County Types						
Large Metros (pop. 1 million +)	5,739,321	24.0	8.7	54.1	13.2	38.4
Small Metros (pop. <1 million)	10,131,903	22.1	10.5	52.5	15.0	39.3
Nonmetro, Adjacent to Large Metros	1,694,488	23.0	9.8	51.8	15.4	40.1
Nonmetro, Adjacent to Small Metros	5,035,983	21.8	9.3	52.5	16.3	41.0
Rural (nonmetro, not adj. to a metro)	2,536,939	22.6	9.1	52.3	16.0	40.5
Alabama	4,747,424	23.8	10.1	52.5	13.6	37.7
Appalachian Alabama	3,043,430	23.5	9.7	53.0	13.7	38.0
Non-Appalachian Alabama	1,703,994	24.4	10.6	51.4	13.6	37.0
Georgia	9,600,612	25.8	10.1	53.6	10.5	35.2
Appalachian Georgia	2,899,705	27.1	8.6	53.9	10.3	35.7
Non-Appalachian Georgia	6,700,907	25.2	10.7	53.5	10.5	34.9
Kentucky	4,316,040	23.7	9.6	53.5	13.2	37.8
Appalachian Kentucky	1,184,118	22.9	9.2	53.6	14.3	39.3
Non-Appalachian Kentucky	3,131,922	23.9	9.7	53.5	12.8	37.3
Maryland	5,736,545	23.6	9.6	54.6	12.1	37.8
Appalachian Maryland	252,034	21.4	9.8	53.1	15.6	40.2
Non-Appalachian Maryland	5,484,511	23.7	9.6	54.7	11.9	37.6
Mississippi	2,956,700	25.6	10.4	51.3	12.7	35.9
Appalachian Mississippi	627,703	24.8	10.8	50.5	14.0	36.9
Non-Appalachian Mississippi	2,328,997	25.8	10.3	51.6	12.3	35.7
New York	19,302,448	22.5	10.1	53.9	13.4	37.8
Appalachian New York	1,066,767	21.3	12.8	50.4	15.5	39.7
Non-Appalachian New York	18,235,681	22.6	10.0	54.1	13.3	37.7
North Carolina	9,418,736	24.0	9.8	53.4	12.8	37.3
Appalachian North Carolina	1,686,926	21.6	9.1	52.7	16.6	41.1
Non-Appalachian North Carolina	7,731,810	24.5	10.0	53.5	12.0	36.4
Ohio	11,525,536	23.8	9.5	52.8	13.9	38.5
Appalachian Ohio	2,043,794	23.2	9.0	52.4	15.5	40.2
Non-Appalachian Ohio	9,481,742	23.9	9.6	52.8	13.6	38.1
Pennsylvania	12,660,739	22.1	9.8	52.7	15.4	39.9
Appalachian Pennsylvania	5,790,556	20.7	9.9	52.4	16.9	41.7
Non-Appalachian Pennsylvania	6,870,183	23.3	9.8	52.8	14.0	38.4
South Carolina	4,575,864	23.5	10.3	52.8	13.5	37.7
Appalachian South Carolina	1,160,395	23.7	10.2	52.5	13.6	37.8
Non-Appalachian South Carolina	3,415,469	23.4	10.3	52.9	13.4	37.6
Tennessee	6,297,991	23.7	9.5	53.5	13.3	37.8
Appalachian Tennessee	2,768,286	22.0	9.3	53.1	15.7	40.3
Non-Appalachian Tennessee	3,529,705	25.0	9.8	53.8	11.4	35.9
Virginia	7,926,192	23.3	10.1	54.6	12.1	37.3
Appalachian Virginia	768,548	19.6	11.8	52.0	16.6	41.0
Non-Appalachian Virginia	7,157,644	23.7	9.9	54.8	11.6	36.9
West Virginia (entire state)	1,846,372	21.0	9.2	53.8	15.9	41.1

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey.

Figure 2.1: Percent of Population in the Appalachian Region Under Age 18, 2007-2011

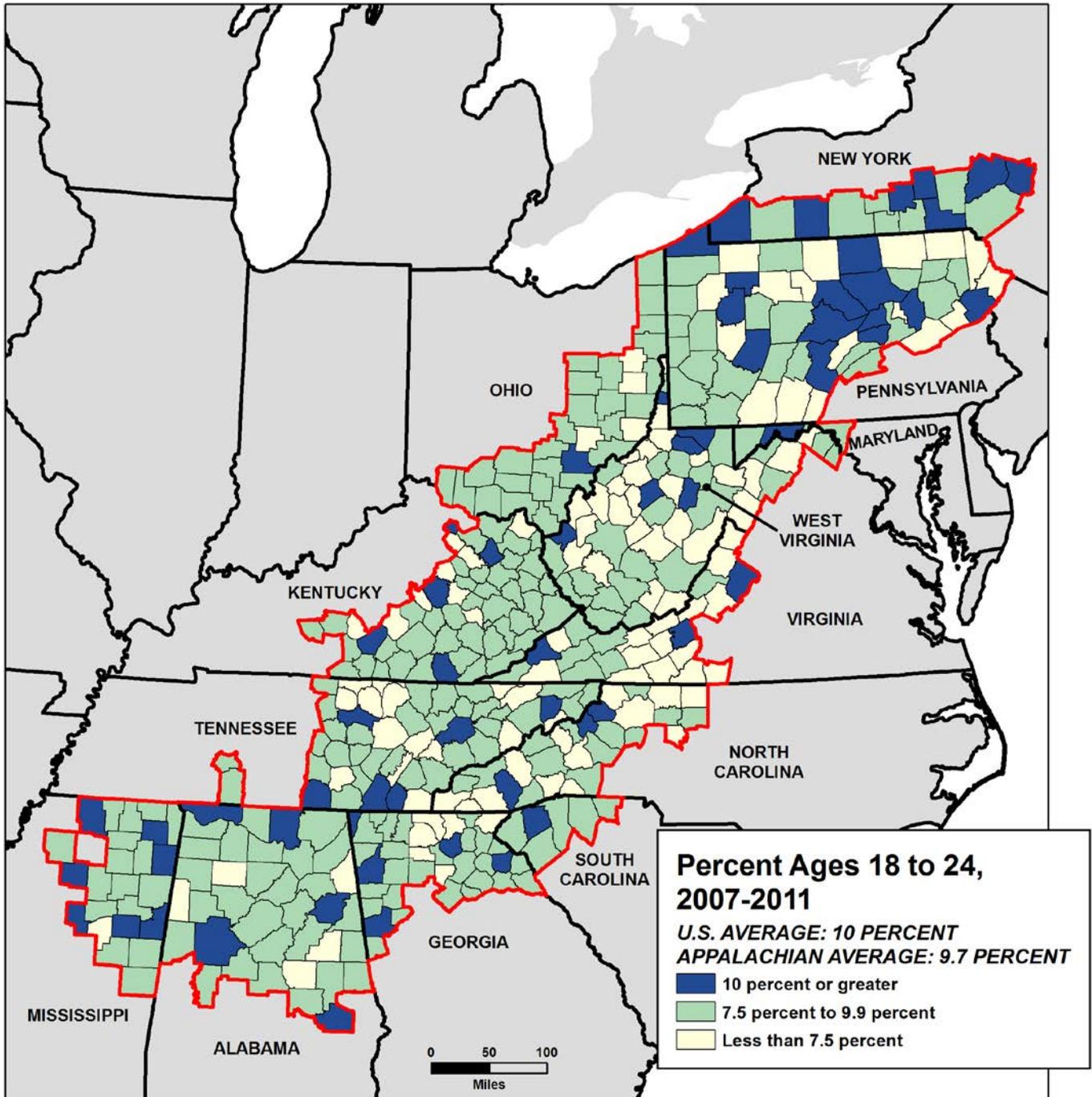


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During the 2007-2011 period, the share of children and youth in the Appalachian population was slightly below the national average of 24 percent. And the percentage actually fell below 20 percent in one-sixth of the region's counties (mostly outside metropolitan areas). Yet in another one-fifth of the counties, the proportion under age 18 matched or exceeded the national average. Most of these were in southern Appalachia—the only subregion where the under-18 share exceeded the national average.

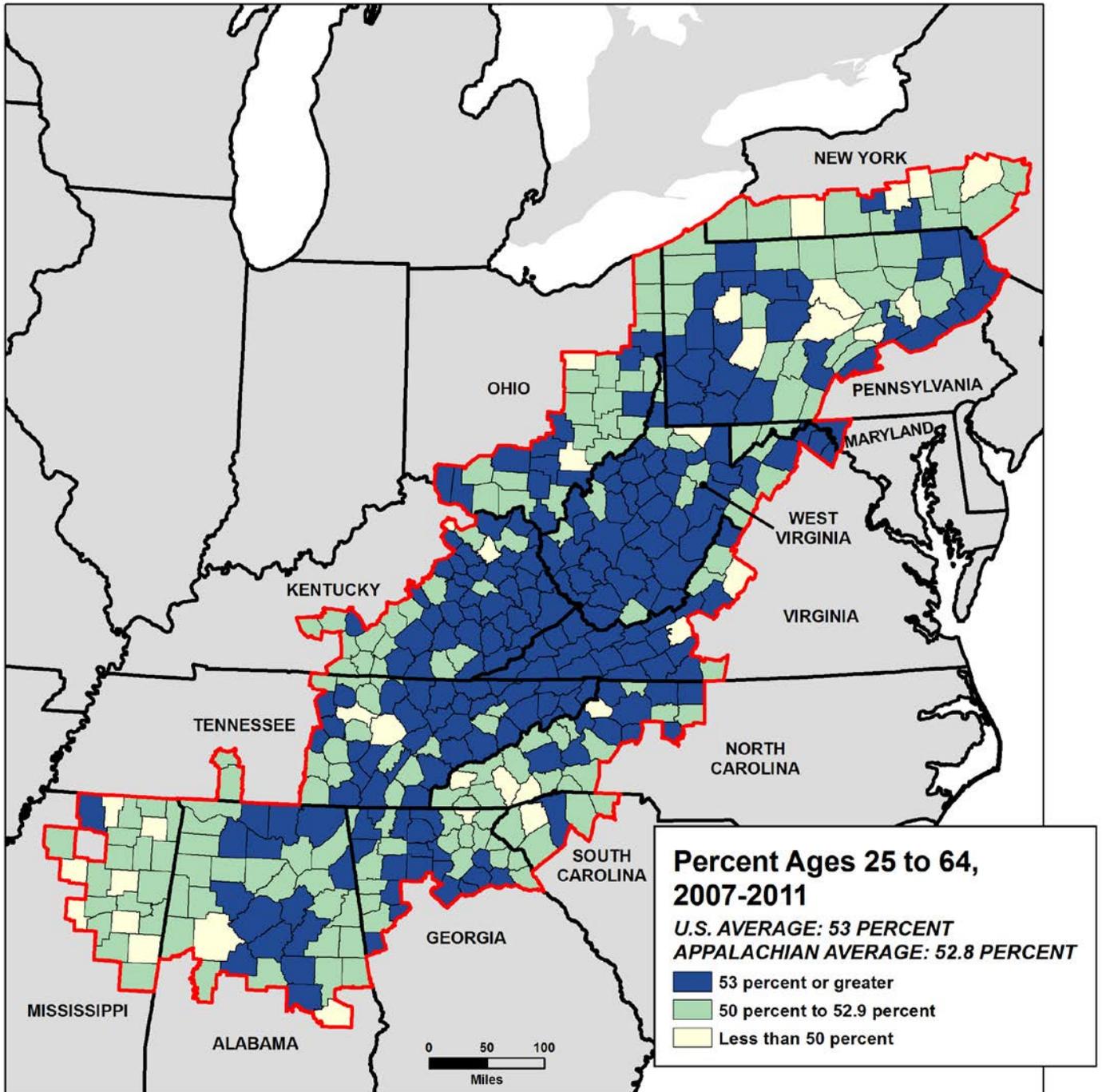
Figure 2.2: Percent of Population in the Appalachian Region Ages 18 to 24, 2007-2011



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The share of young adults (ages 18 to 24) in Appalachia roughly equaled the national average in the 2007-2011 period. Yet there also were great variations within the region. For example, persons in this age group made up at least 15 percent of the population in 22 counties—most of which house colleges and universities. In contrast, 18-to-24-year-olds made up less than 7.5 percent of the population in 112 Appalachian counties. Of the counties in this latter group, 81 were outside metropolitan areas, suggesting a possible lack of opportunities in these communities for youth making the transition to adulthood.

Figure 2.3: Percent of Population in the Appalachian Region Ages 25 to 64, 2007-2011

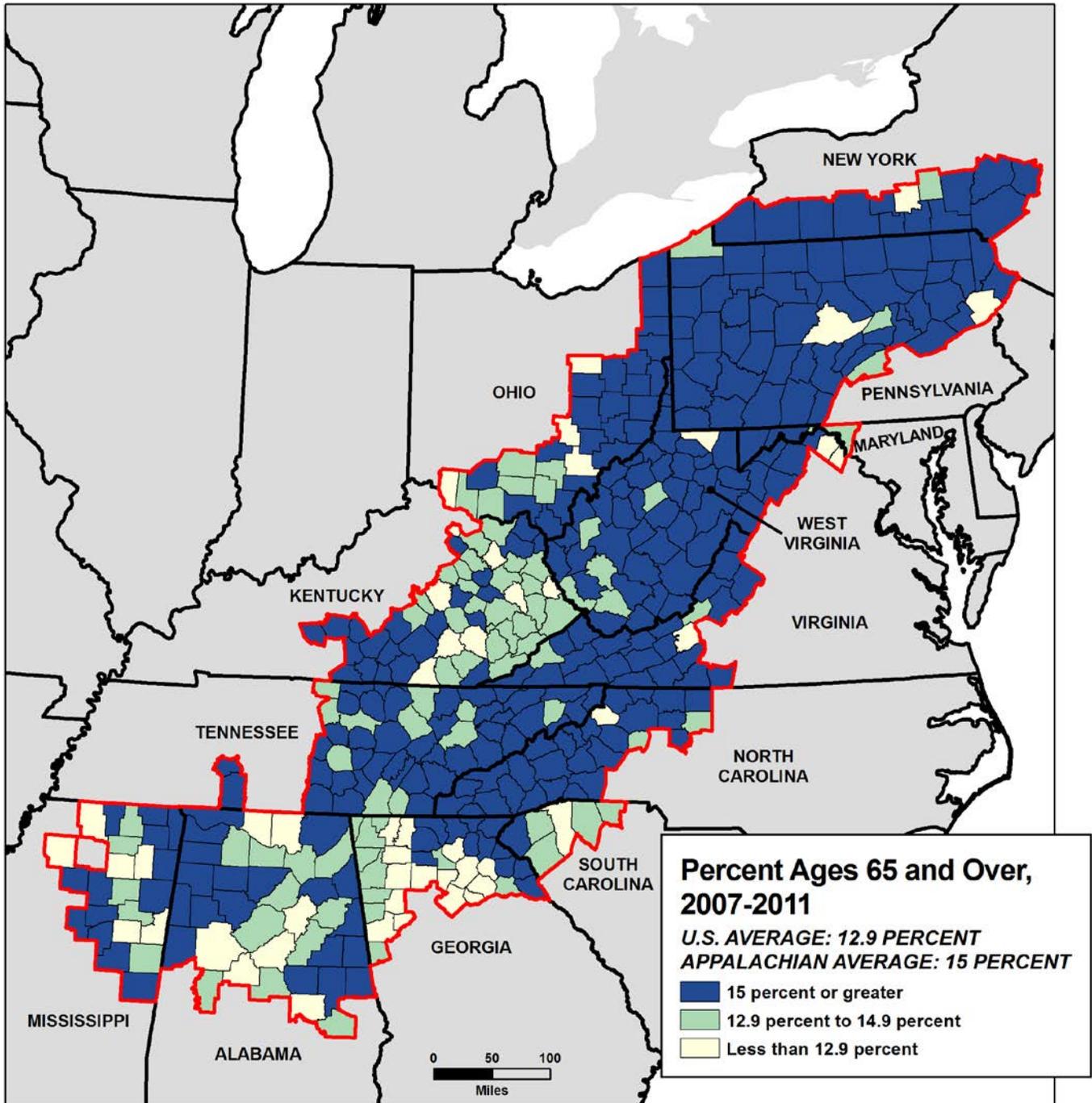


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Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey.

In both the United States and Appalachia, adults in the prime working ages (ages 25 to 64) made up a slight majority of all residents in the 2007-2011 period. In more than half of Appalachian counties, the percentage of persons in this age group matched or exceeded the national average. But there were 34 counties in the region (28 of which were outside metropolitan areas) where 25-to-64-year-olds made up less than half of the population. Many of these counties house colleges and universities (and thus had a high share of their populations in the 18-to-24 age range.)

Figure 2.4: Percent of Population in the Appalachian Region Ages 65 and Over, 2007-2011

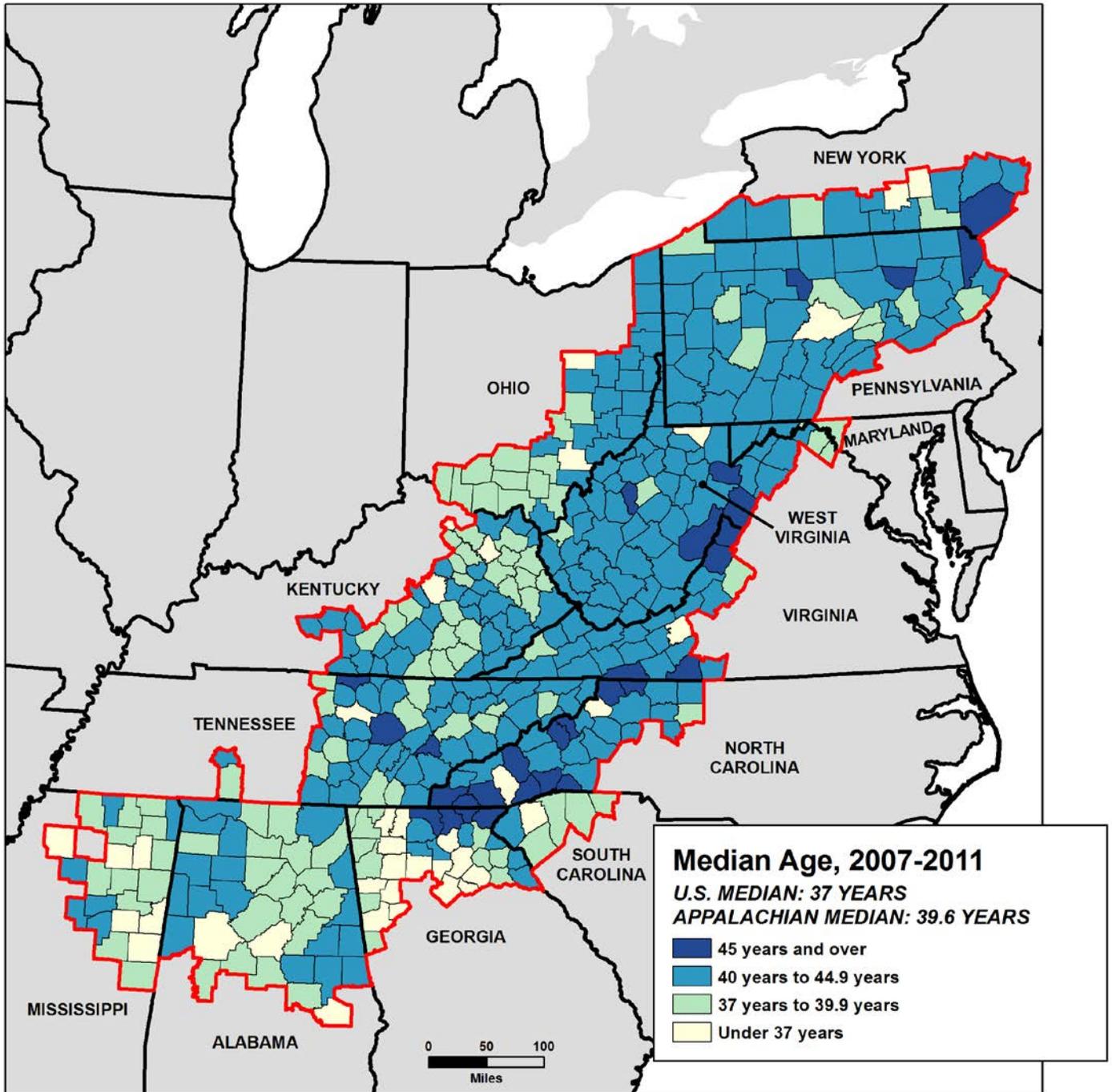


Map Title: Percent of Population in the Appalachian Region Ages 65 and Over, 2007-2011

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey.

The Appalachian region had a larger proportion of residents ages 65 and over in the 2007-2011 period than did the nation as a whole. And in 371 of the region's 420 counties, the share of persons in this age group matched or exceeded the national average. Older persons, in fact, made up at least 15 percent of the population in more than two-thirds of Appalachia's counties, most of which were outside metropolitan areas. In contrast, a majority of the 49 Appalachian counties with older population shares below the national average were either in metro areas or home to colleges and universities. And in Appalachia and the nation, the share of residents ages 65 and over is expected to increase over the coming years as the large baby boom cohorts continue to move into this age group.

Figure 2.5: Median Age of Persons in the Appalachian Region, 2007-2011



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On average, the Appalachian population was more than two-and-a-half years older than that of the United States as a whole during the 2007-2011 period. Indeed, the median age of the population (the point at which half the population is older and half is younger) was at least 40 years in nearly two-thirds of the region’s counties. In 30 counties—almost all of which were outside metro areas—the median age was at least 45 years. Most of the counties with populations younger than the national median age were in southern Appalachia—the only subregion where the overall age structure roughly resembled that of the nation. In most Appalachian counties, median age will likely continue to rise with the aging of the region’s population.