

Appalachian Region Income Report, 2009

Per capita personal income was 20% lower in Appalachia than in the nation as a whole in 2007, \$29,274 as compared to \$36,601. That is true of average wages and salaries and total earnings per job as well. Other forms of income are even lower in Appalachia relative to the U.S. Proprietors' income and dividends, interest, and rent per capita are only 66% of the U.S. average, and these ratios have declined by at least 10 percentage points since the beginning of the decade.

Although all three Appalachian subregions had significantly lower per capita incomes than the nation as a whole, they tend to be higher in northern Appalachia and lower in central Appalachia. In central Appalachia, dividends, interest, rent, and proprietors' income per capita is about half of the U.S. average, while per capita personal income is 71% and per capita market income (personal income less transfer payments) is only 61% of the U.S. average. Per capita transfer payments reveal the opposite trend, tending to be much higher in Appalachia than in the nation as a whole, except in the southern states.

State trends reveal much greater disparities between Appalachia and the nation than regional averages. Per capita market income is only 48% and 57% of the national average in Appalachian Kentucky and Mississippi, respectively. It is less than 75% of the national average in Appalachian Maryland, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia as well. Real wages and salaries are 75% lower than the nation in Appalachian Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, and Virginia.

Average proprietors' earnings (including farm and nonfarm proprietors) were even lower than market income in Appalachia when compared to the nation. In Appalachian Kentucky and Virginia, they were 35% and 44% of the U.S. average in 2007, respectively. Proprietors' earnings were less than 75% of the U.S. average in the Appalachian portion of every state except Alabama, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. Per capita dividends, interest, and rental income was less than 75% of the nation in the Appalachian portion of every state except Alabama, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina. In Appalachian Kentucky the average proprietor earned only 35% of the U.S. average.

Per capita personal transfer payments (Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, etc.) were higher than the U.S. average in the Appalachian portion of every state except Georgia and South Carolina. That was true of the statewide average as well in every state except Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, and Virginia. On the other hand, per capita contributions for social insurance was much lower than the nation in Appalachia, and averaged less than the nation in every Appalachian state except Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

Per capita income and average wages and salaries are 20% lower in Appalachia

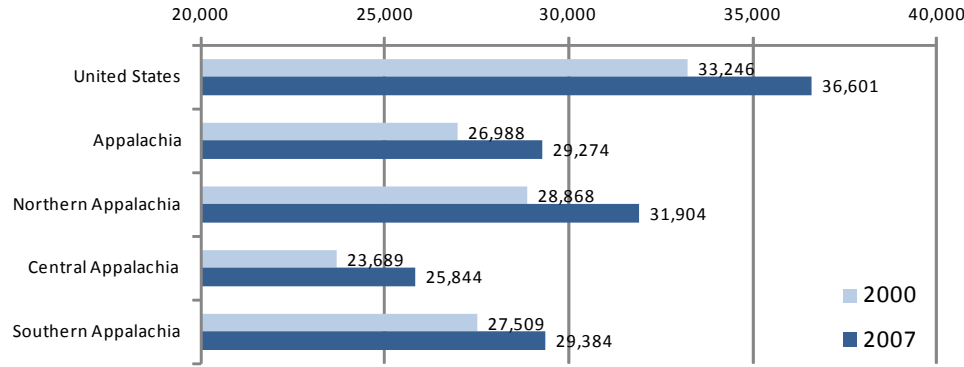
	United States		Appalachia		Northern Appalachia		Central Appalachia		Southern Appalachia	
	2000	2007	2000	2007	2000	2007	2000	2007	2000	2007
Per capita income index (ratio to U.S.)										
Personal income	1.00	1.00	0.81	0.80	0.87	0.87	0.71	0.71	0.83	0.80
Personal transfer payments	1.00	1.00	1.14	1.15	1.27	1.28	1.25	1.26	0.99	1.01
Personal market income	1.00	1.00	0.76	0.74	0.81	0.80	0.63	0.61	0.80	0.77
Dividends, interest, and rent	1.00	1.00	0.76	0.66	0.84	0.72	0.64	0.51	0.76	0.70
Proprietors' income	1.00	1.00	0.71	0.66	0.88	0.85	0.50	0.48	0.72	0.65
Total earnings per job	1.00	1.00	0.81	0.80	0.86	0.86	0.72	0.72	0.81	0.80
Wage and salary earnings per job	1.00	1.00	0.81	0.80	0.84	0.83	0.74	0.73	0.83	0.82
Wage and salary supplements per job	1.00	1.00	0.85	0.84	0.87	0.86	0.86	0.84	0.83	0.83
Proprietors earnings per proprietor	1.00	1.00	0.75	0.73	0.98	0.99	0.53	0.55	0.72	0.67
Real per capita income (2005 \$)										
Personal income	33,246	36,601	26,988	29,274	28,868	31,904	23,689	25,844	27,509	29,384
Personal transfer payments	4,278	5,388	4,862	6,185	5,421	6,919	5,342	6,811	4,236	5,444
Personal market income	28,968	31,213	22,126	23,089	23,448	24,985	18,347	19,033	23,272	23,941
Dividends, interest, and rent	6,064	6,416	4,583	4,252	5,084	4,623	3,880	3,254	4,628	4,518
Proprietors' income	2,883	3,284	2,059	2,181	2,552	2,784	1,443	1,564	2,062	2,124
Total earnings per job	43,448	46,350	35,031	37,071	37,476	39,878	31,186	33,403	35,219	36,942
Wage and salary earnings per job	38,672	41,600	31,395	33,463	32,622	34,605	28,459	30,424	31,906	34,041
Wage and salary supplements per job	7,599	9,482	6,438	7,988	6,585	8,156	6,499	7,983	6,315	7,885
Proprietors earnings per proprietor	29,313	27,386	22,002	19,940	28,723	27,063	15,636	15,099	21,178	18,298



Real per capita personal income

Thousands of chained 2005 dollars

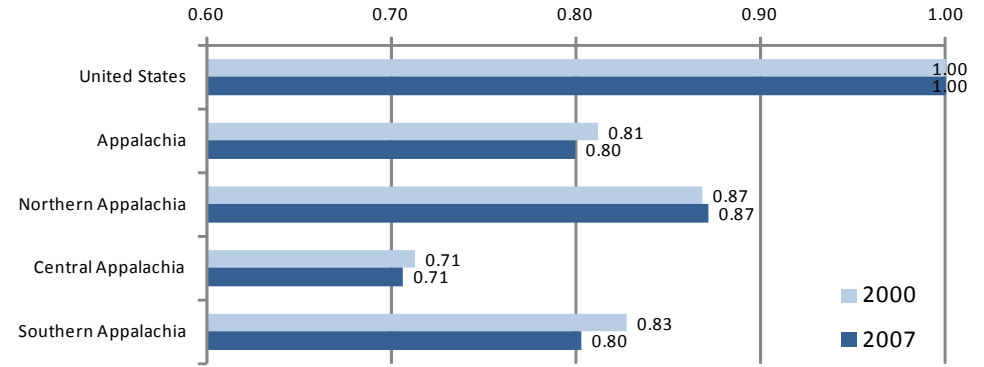
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Per capita personal income index

Ratio of area to U.S. per capita personal income

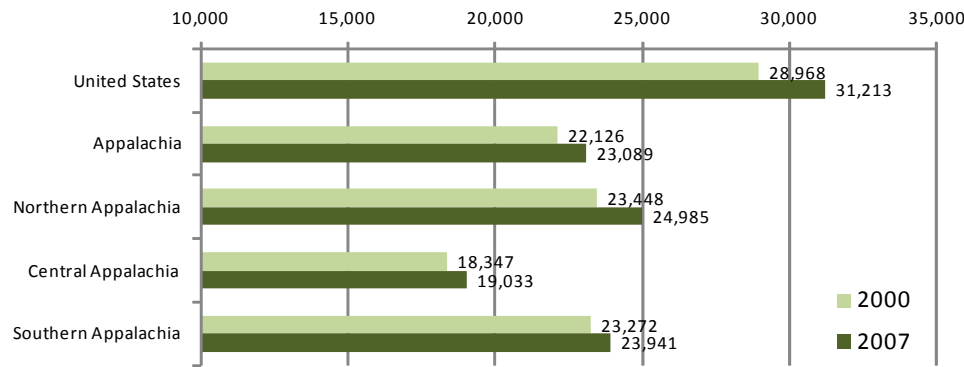
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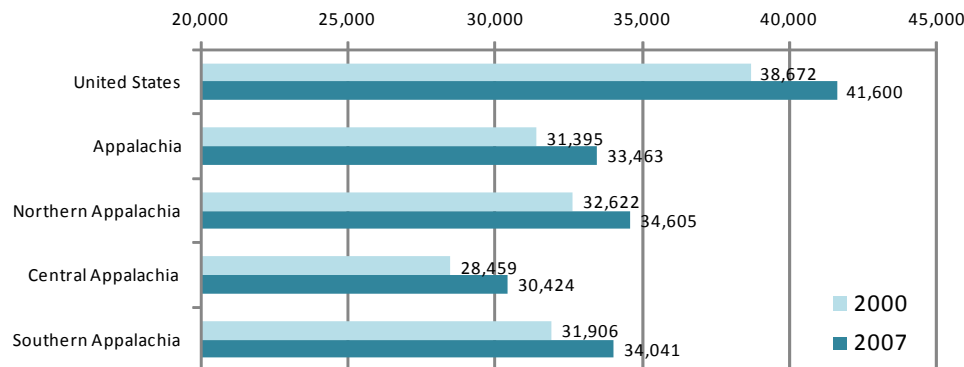
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Real wages and salaries per job

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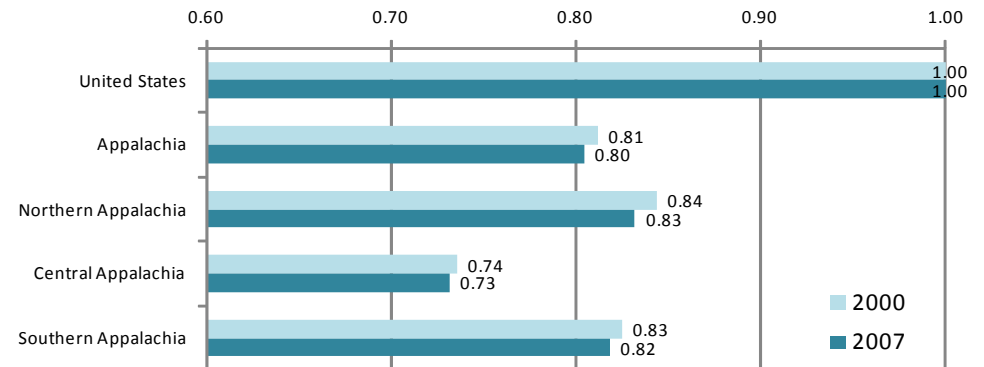
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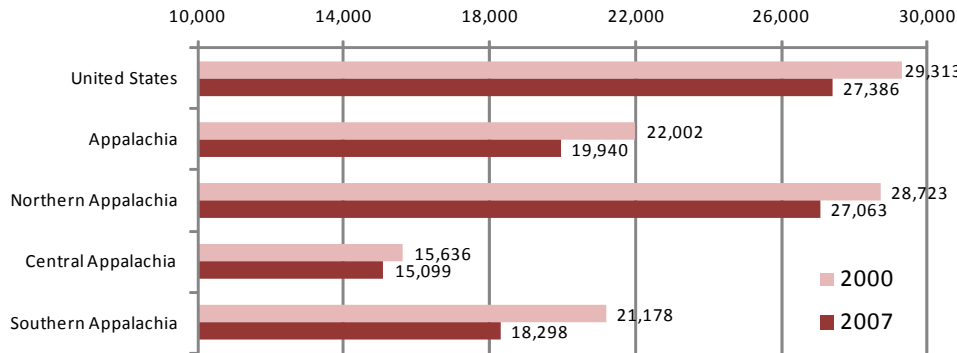




Proprietors earnings per proprietor

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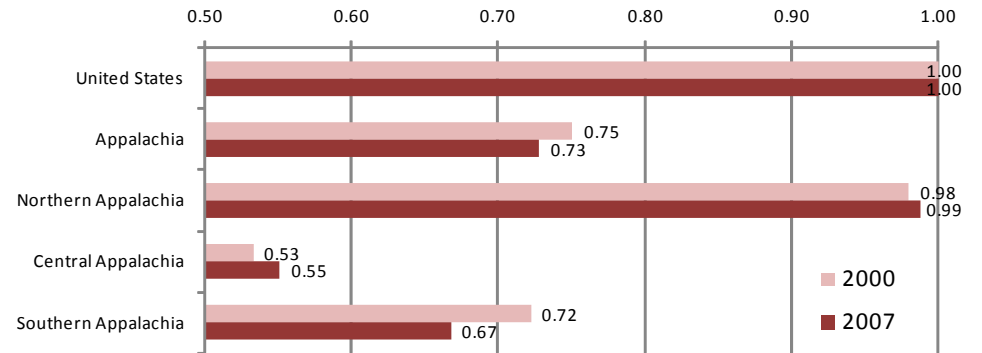
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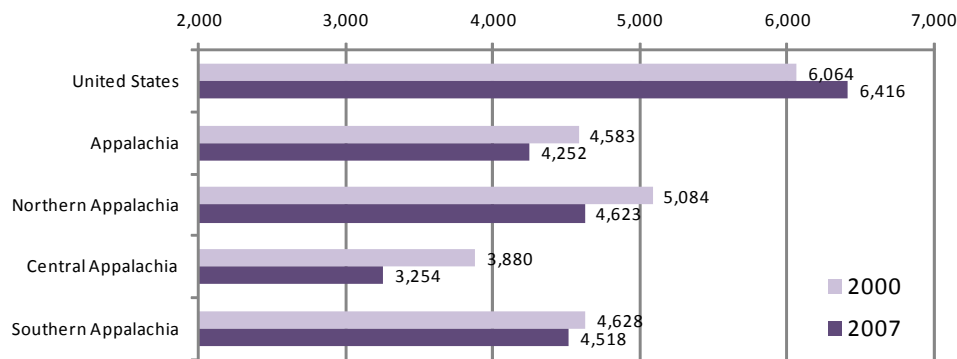
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Per capita dividends, interest, and rent

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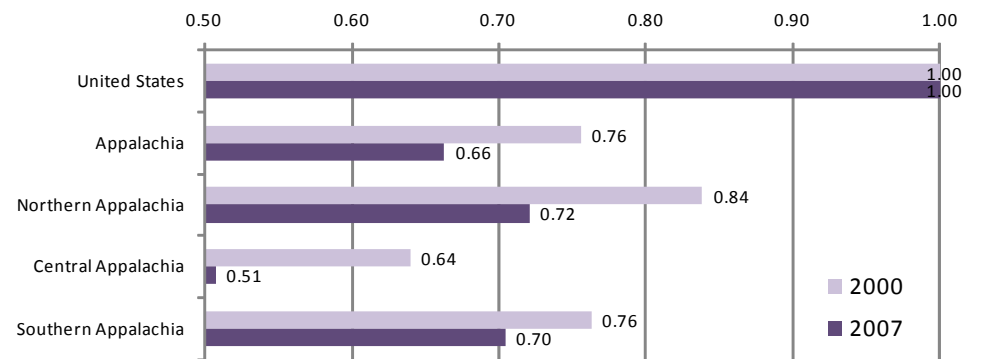
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Dividends, interest, rental earnings index

Ratio of area to U.S. per capita dividends, interest, and rental earnings

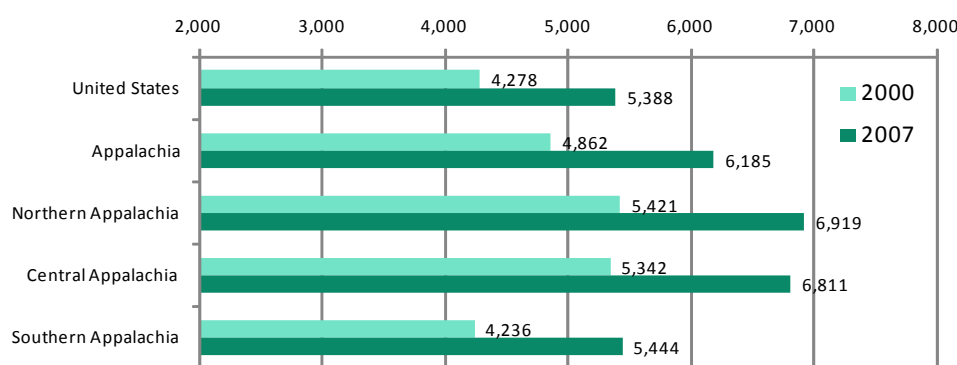
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Per capita transfer payments

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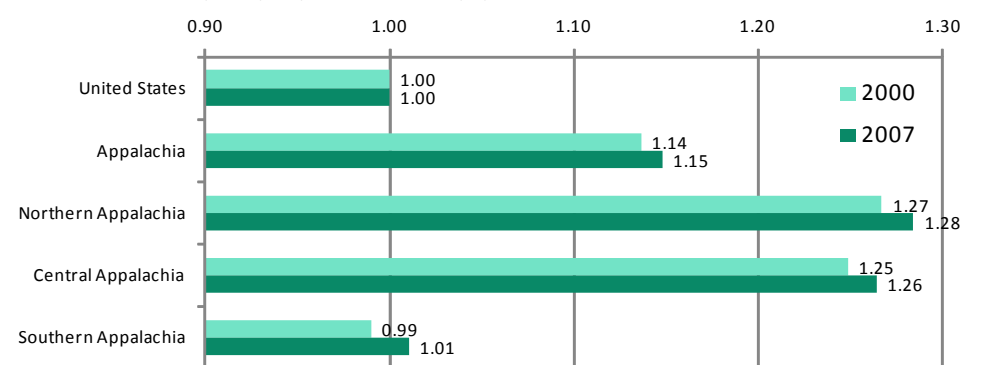
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Per capita transfer payments index

Ratio of area to U.S. per capita personal transfer payments

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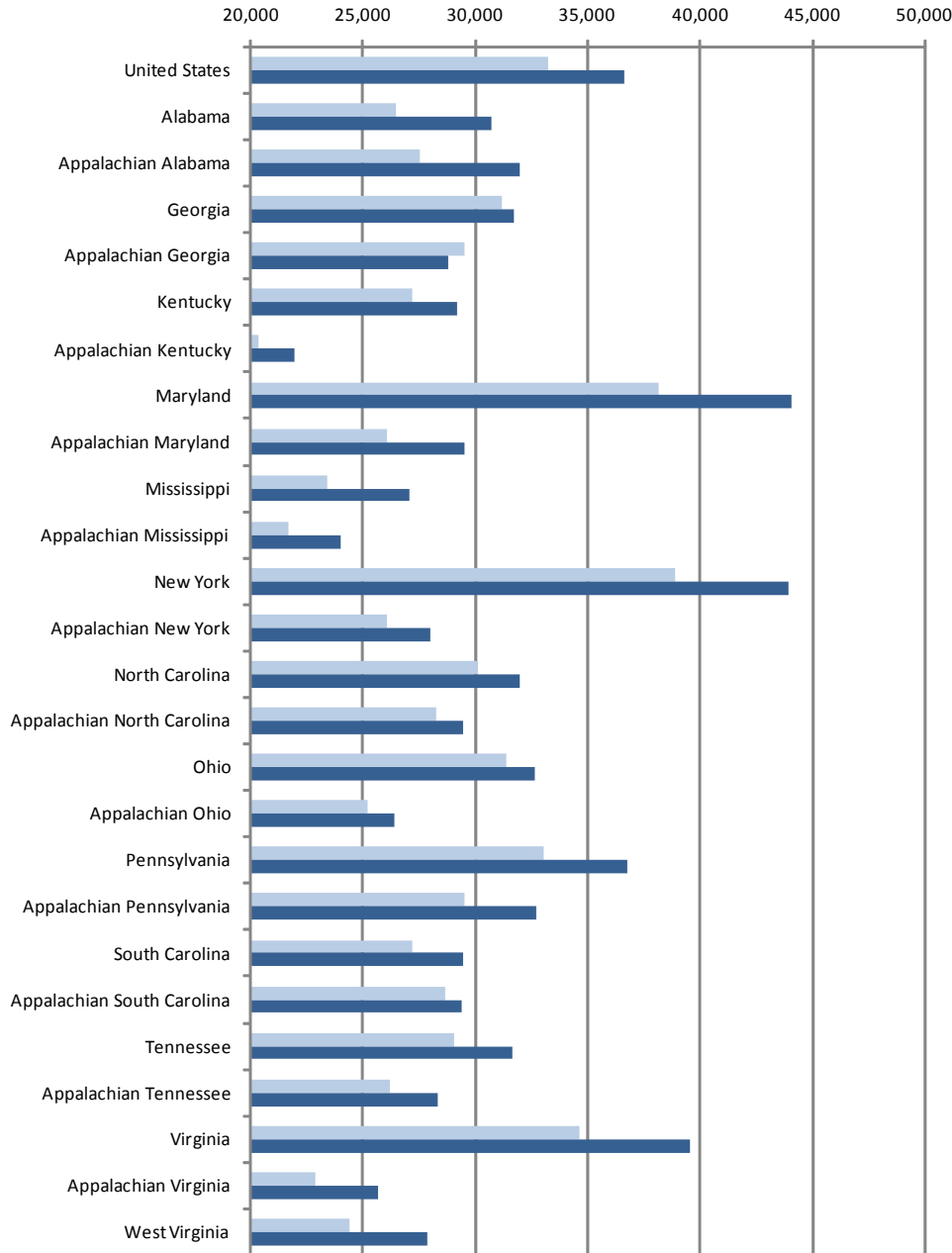




Real per capita personal income

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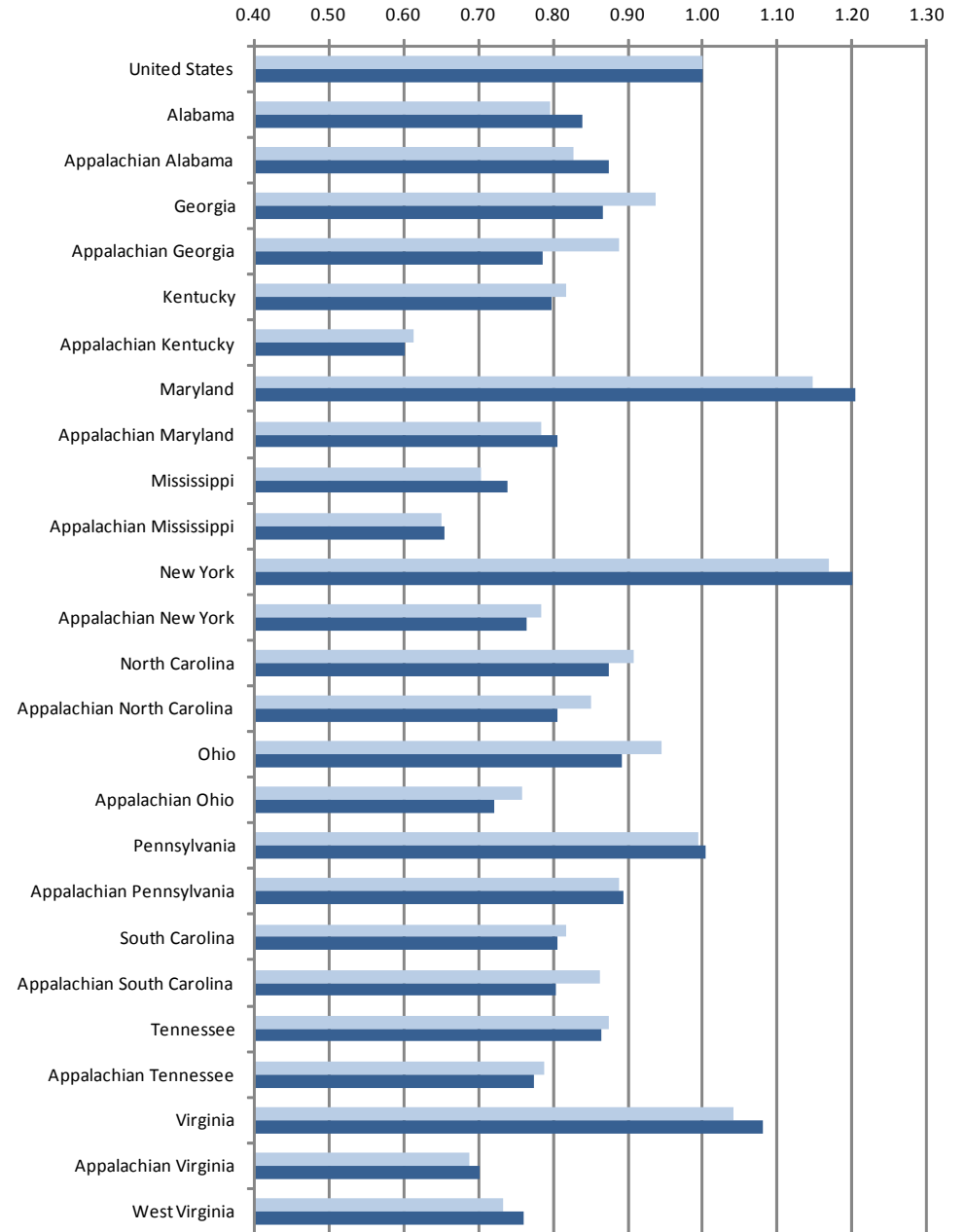
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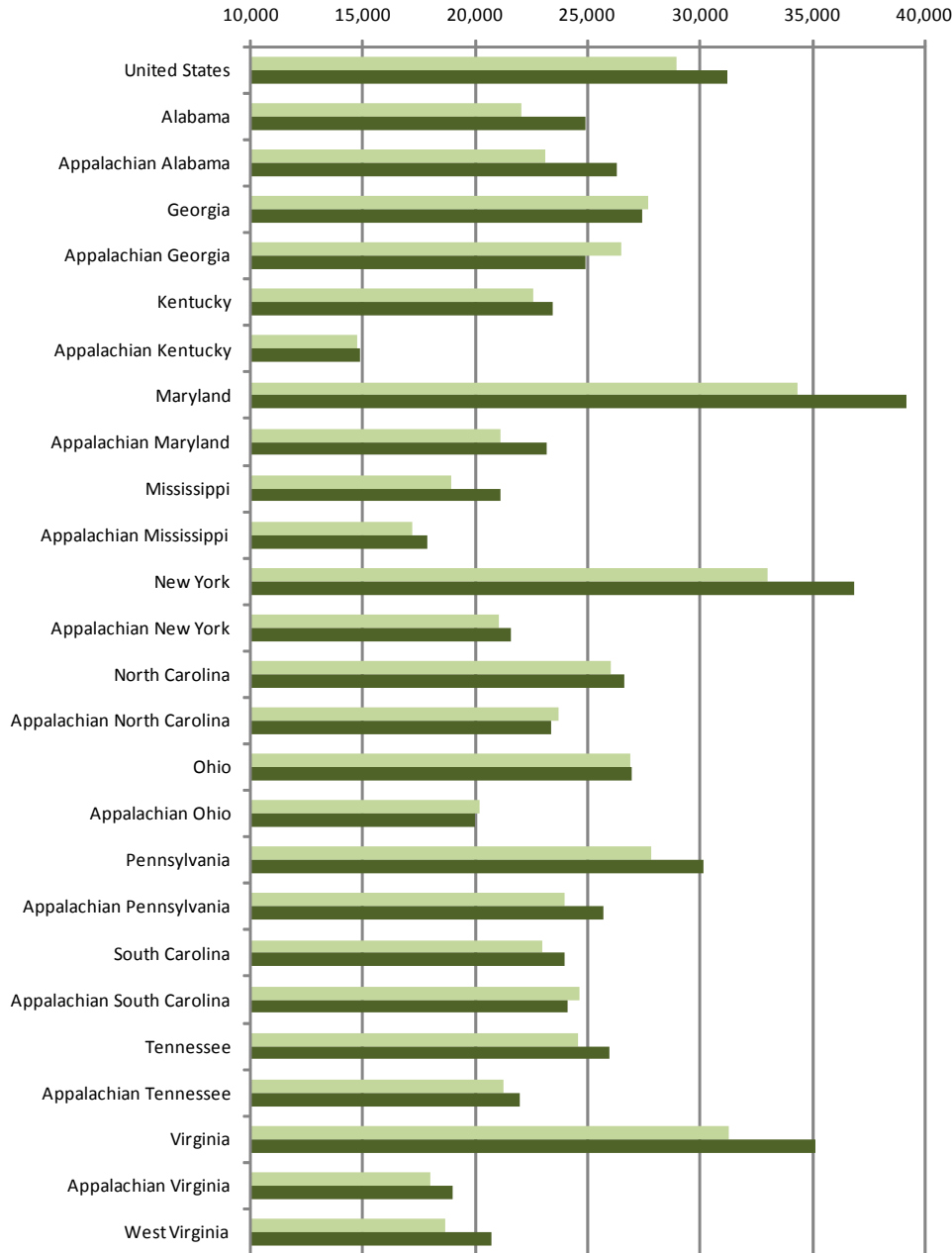




Real per capita market income

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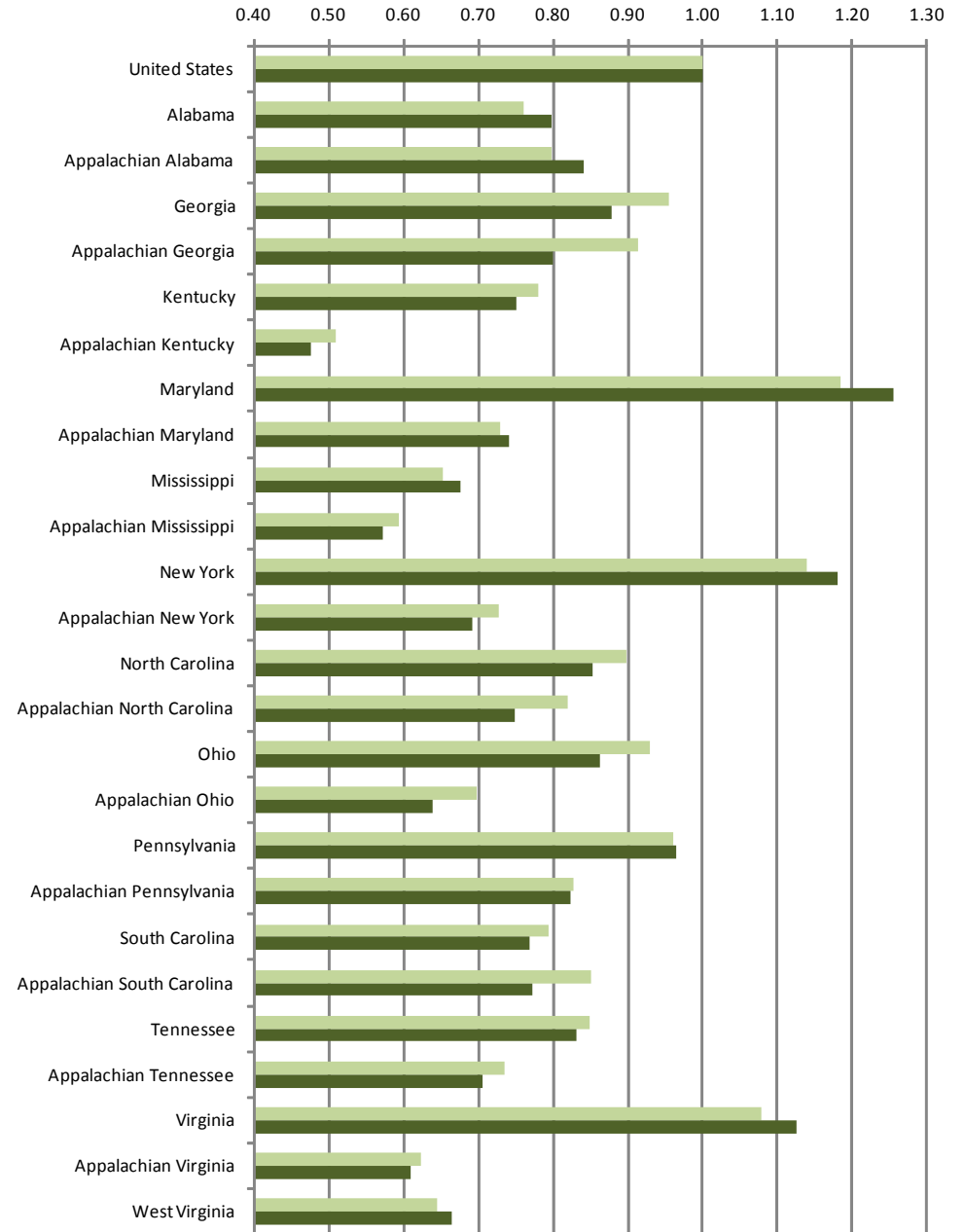
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Per capita market income index

Ratio of area to U.S. per capita market income

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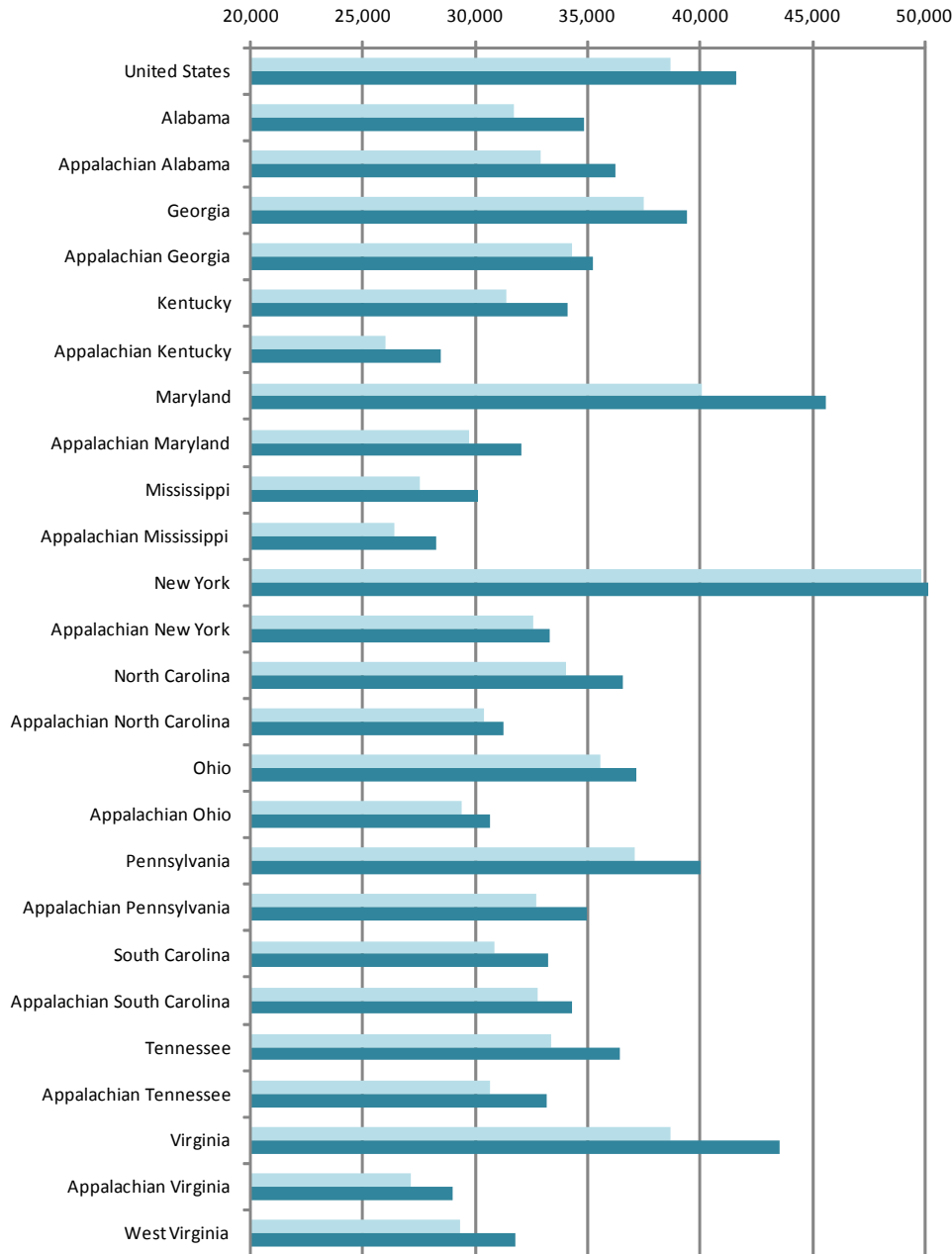




Real wages and salaries per job

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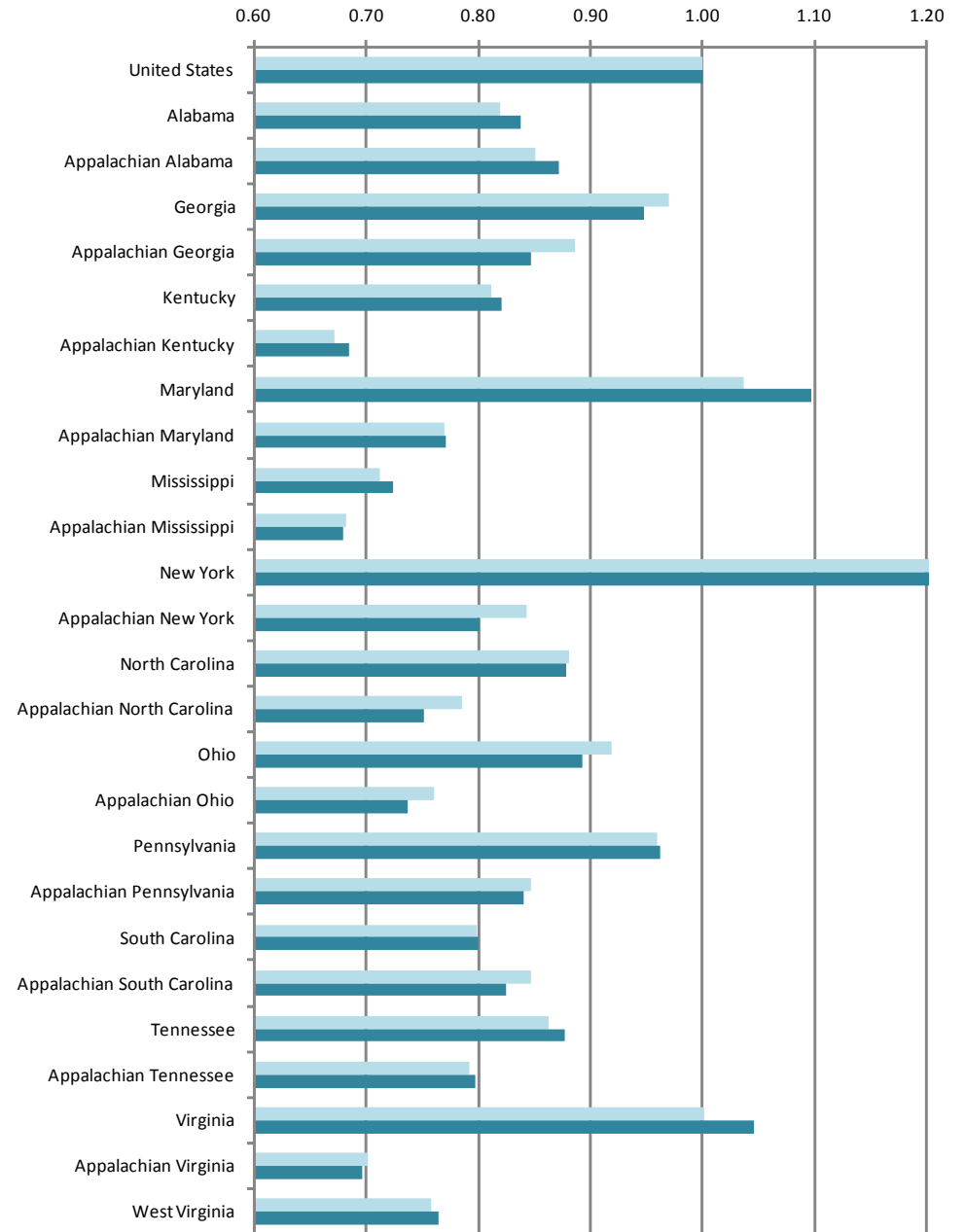
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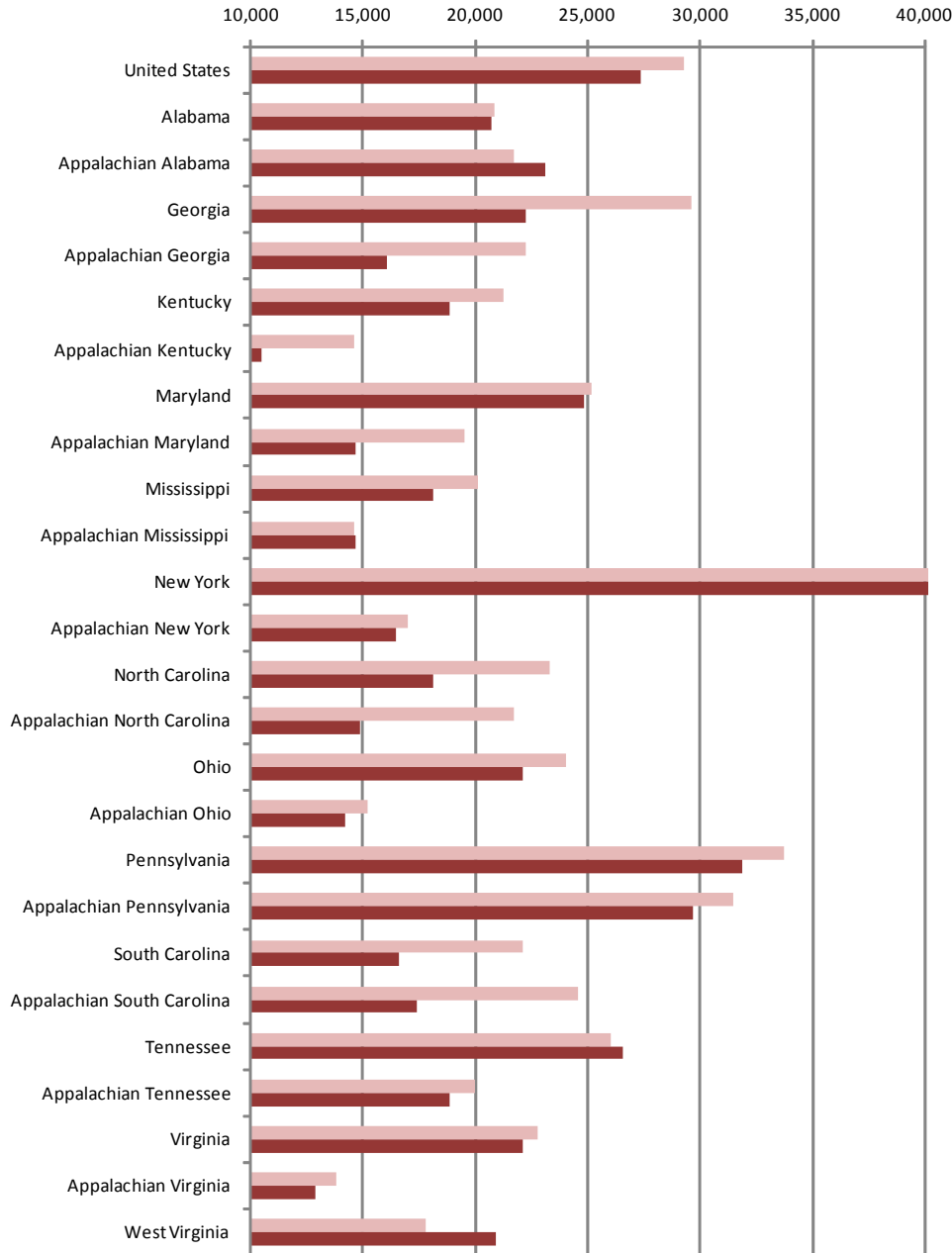




Proprietors earnings per proprietor

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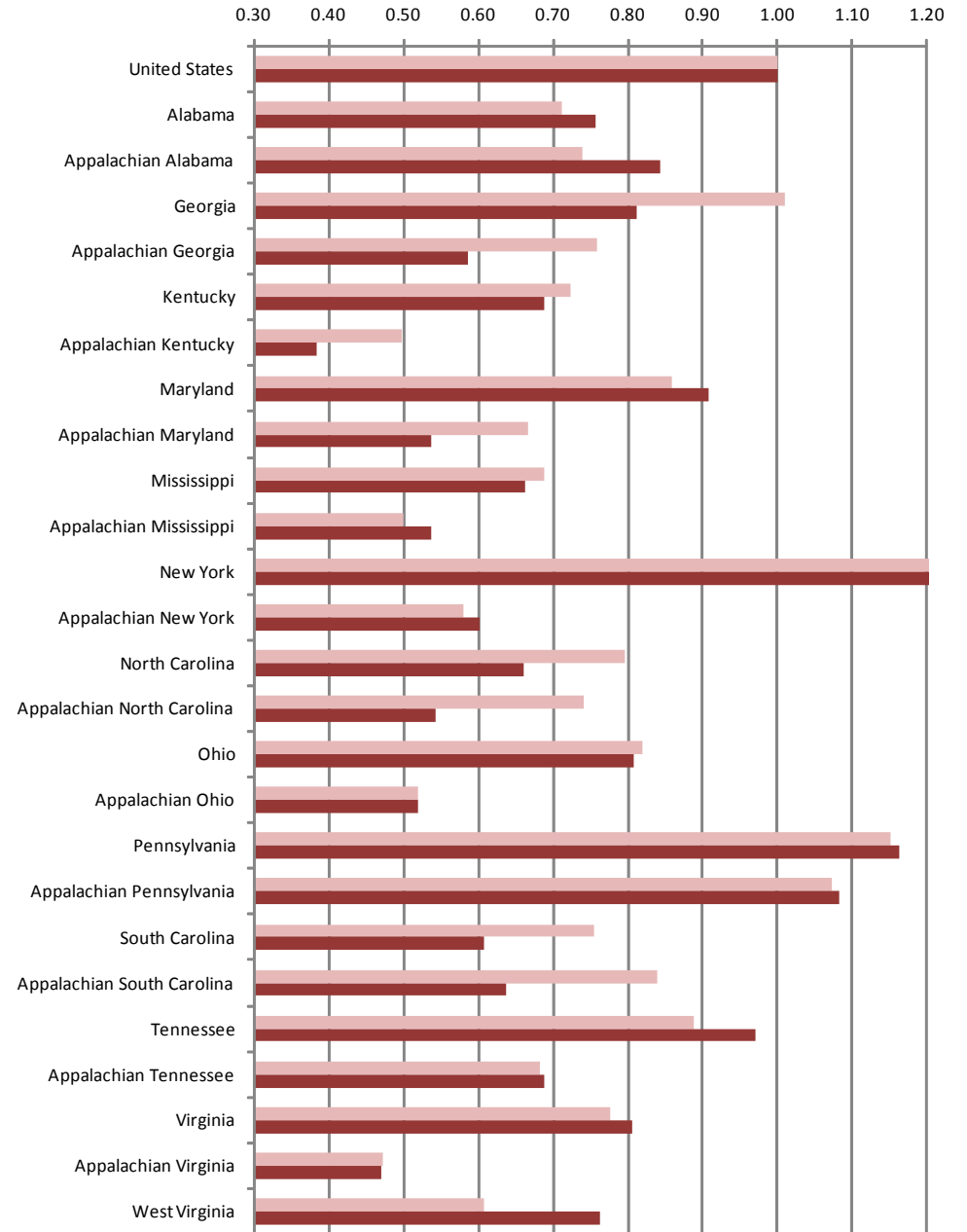
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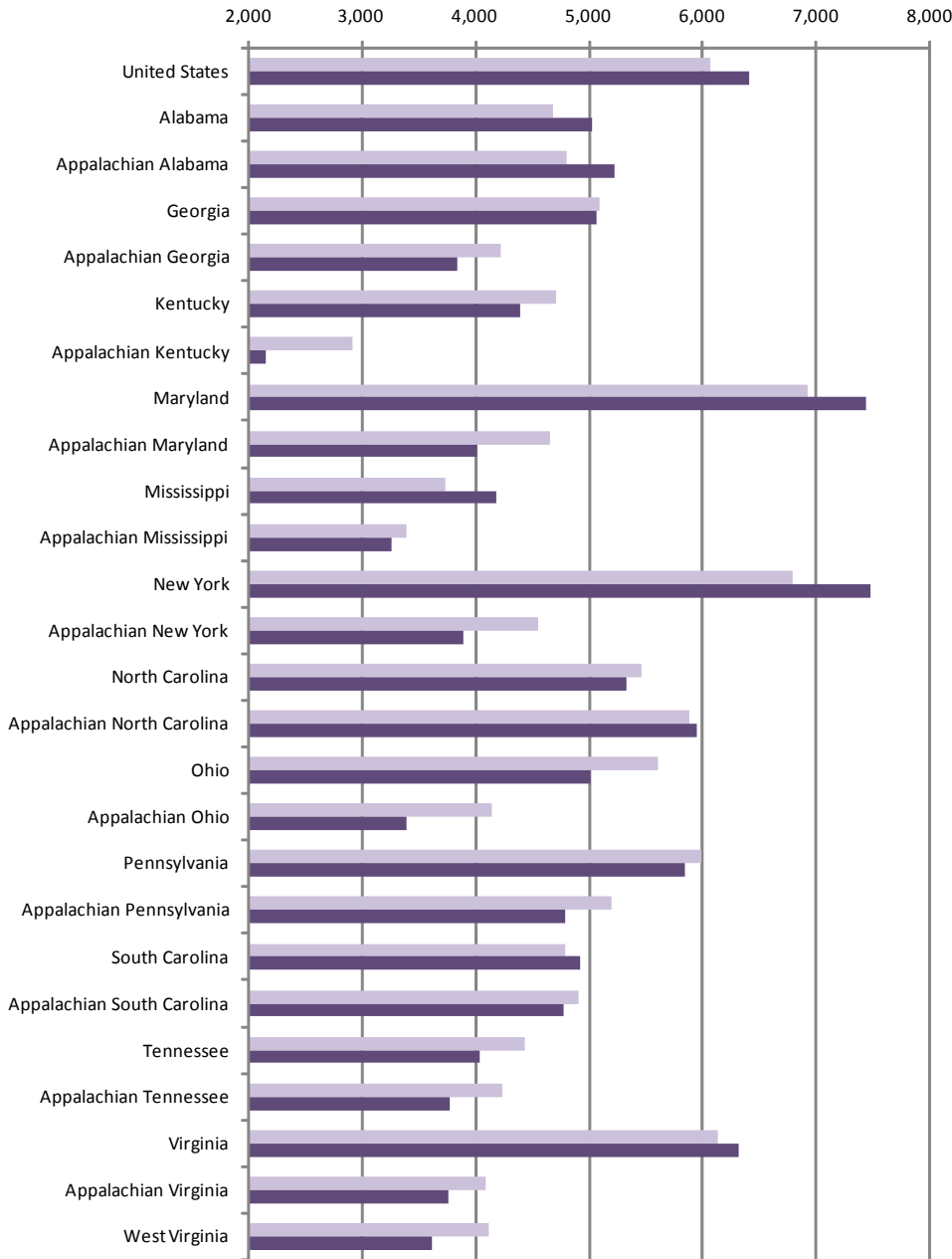




Per capita dividends, interest, and rent

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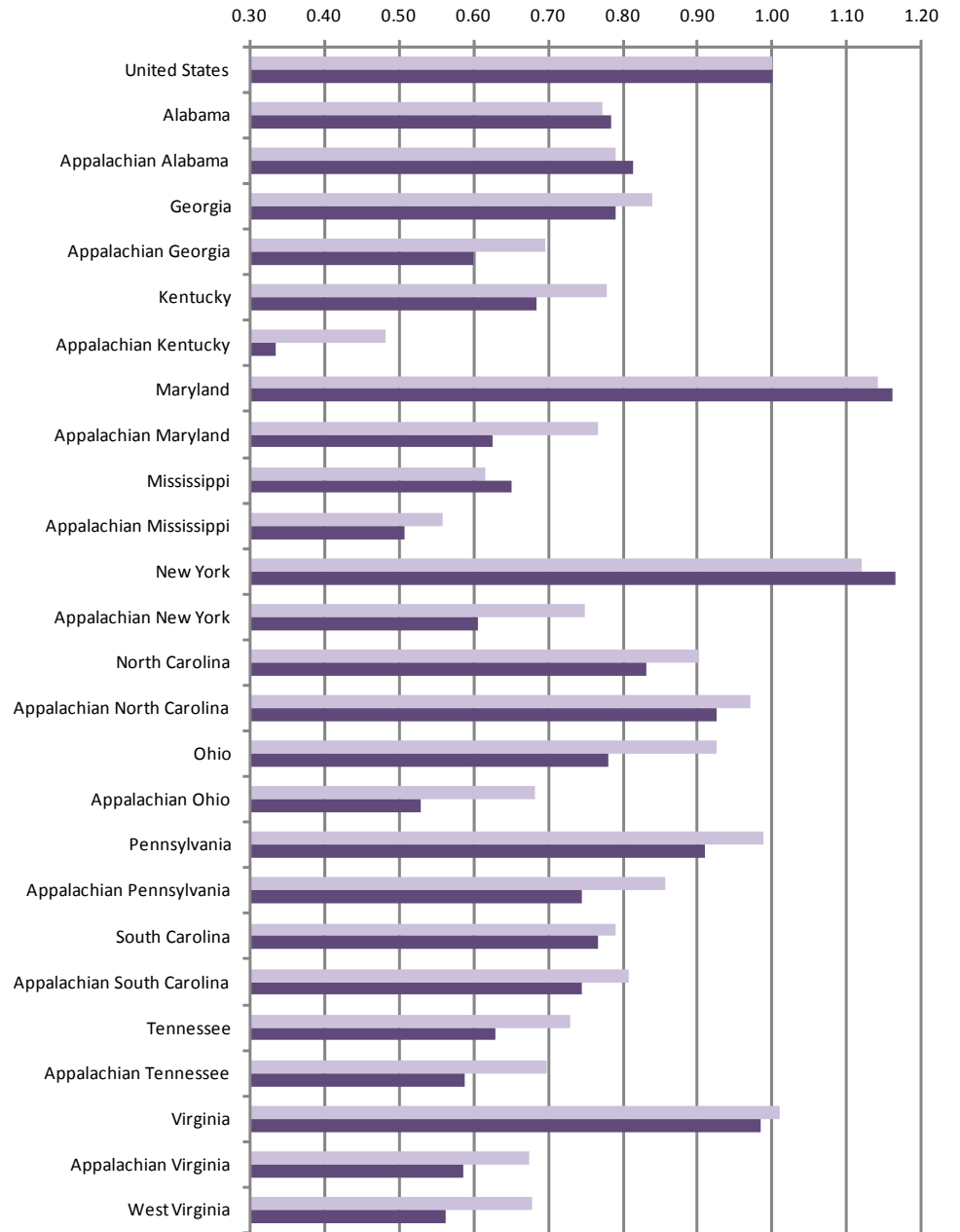
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Dividends, interest, rental earnings index

Ratio of area to U.S. dividends, interest, and rental earnings

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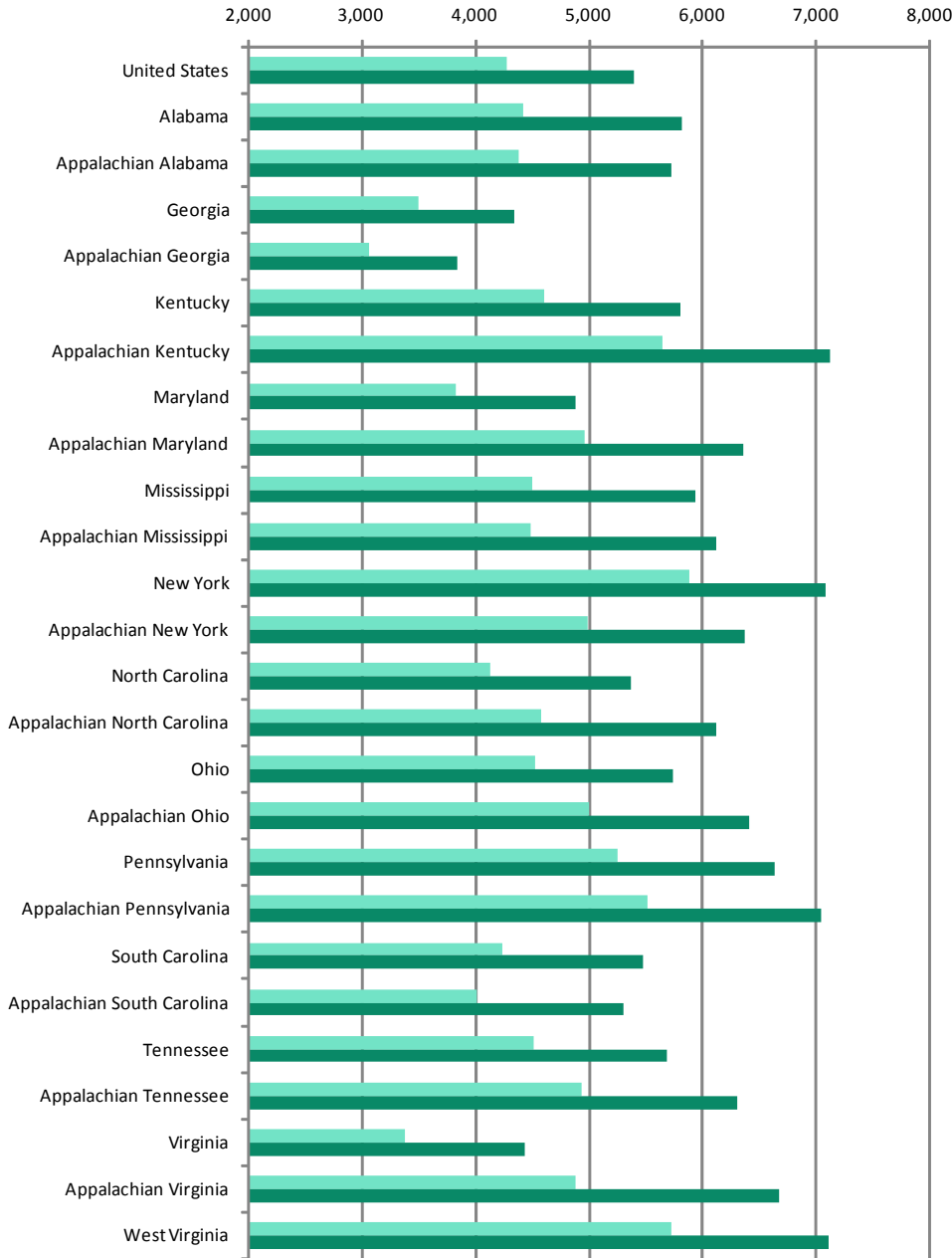




Per capita transfer payments

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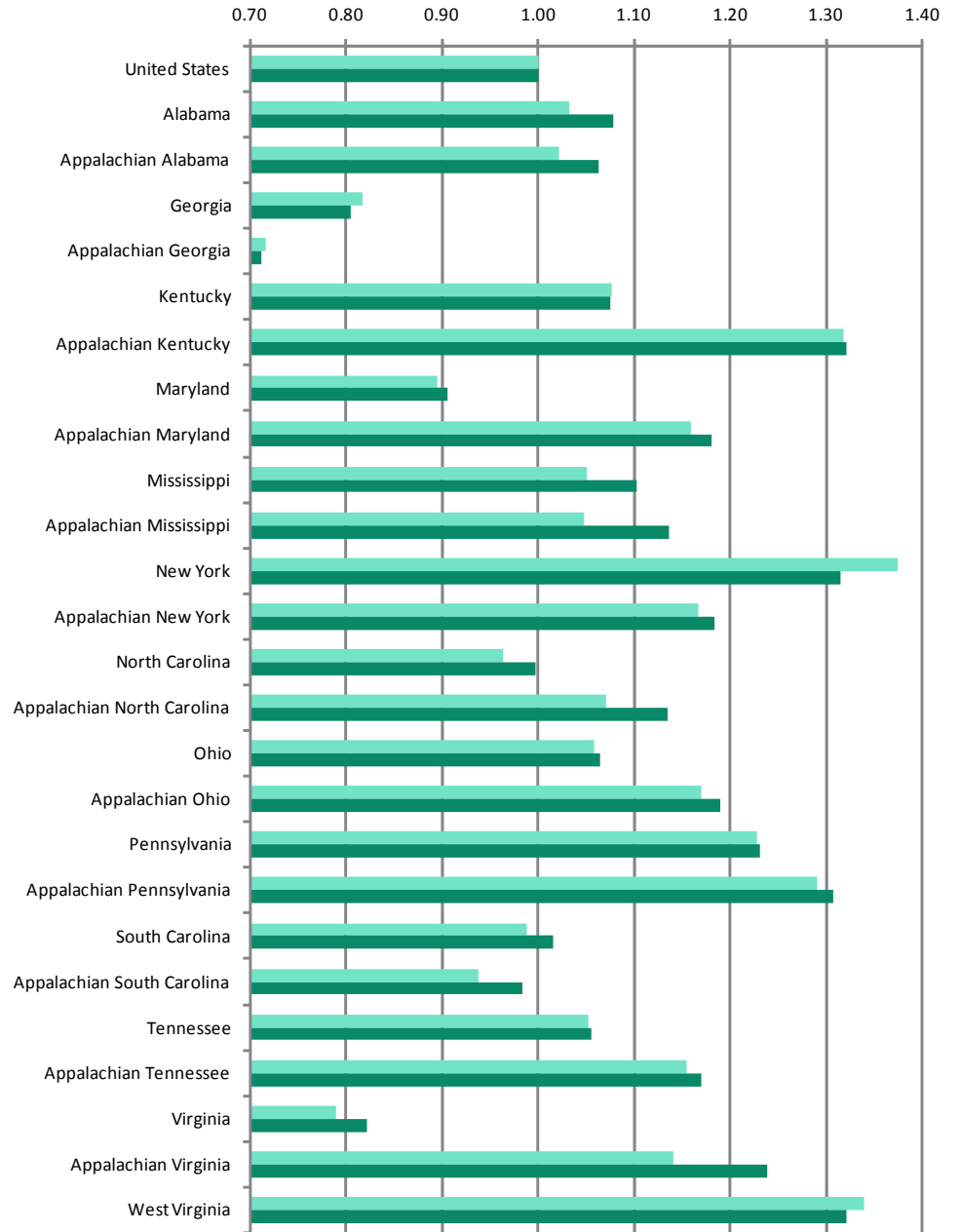
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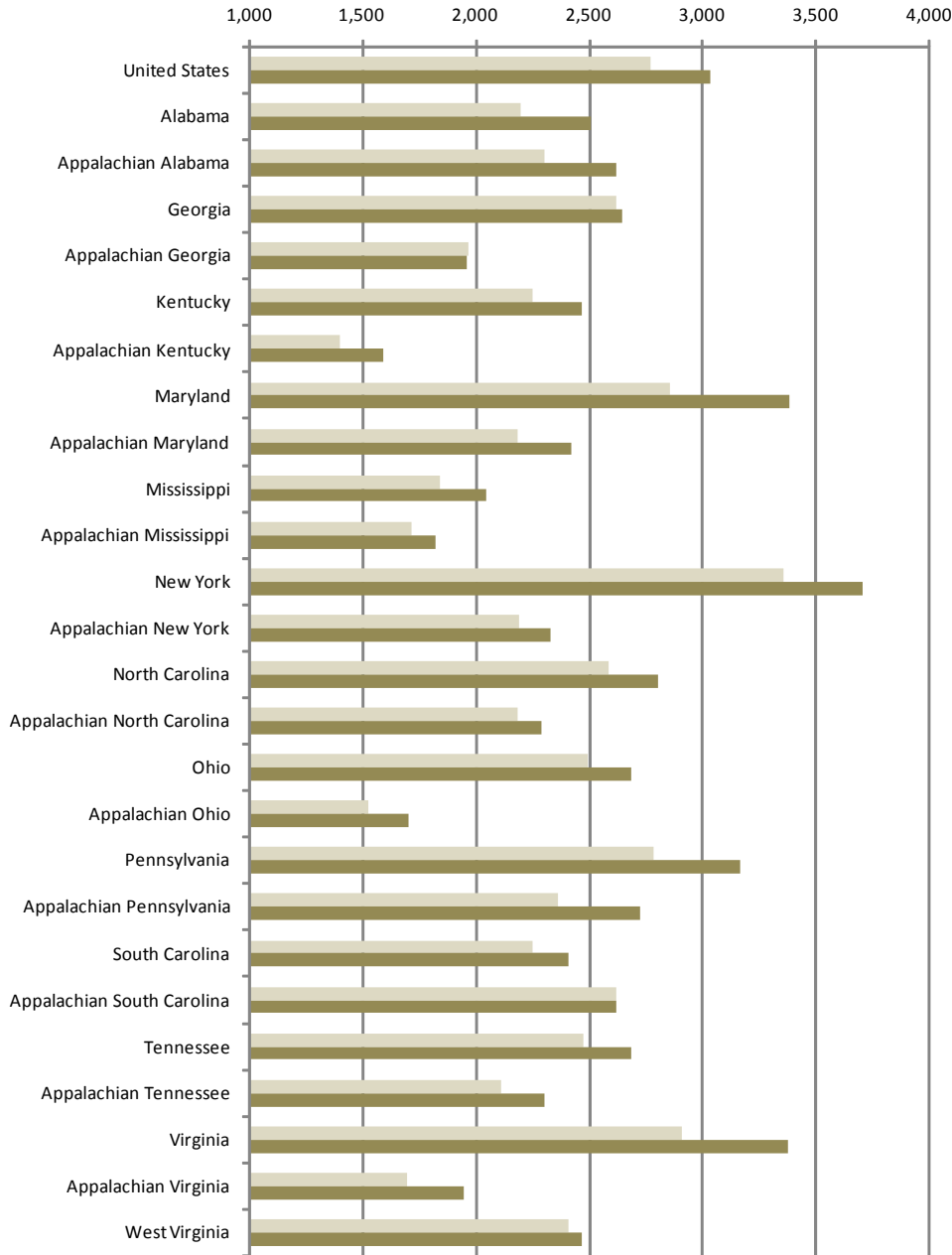




Per capita social insurance contributions

Thousands of chained 2005 dollars

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Per capita social insurance contributions

Ratio of area to U.S. per capita social insurance contributions

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