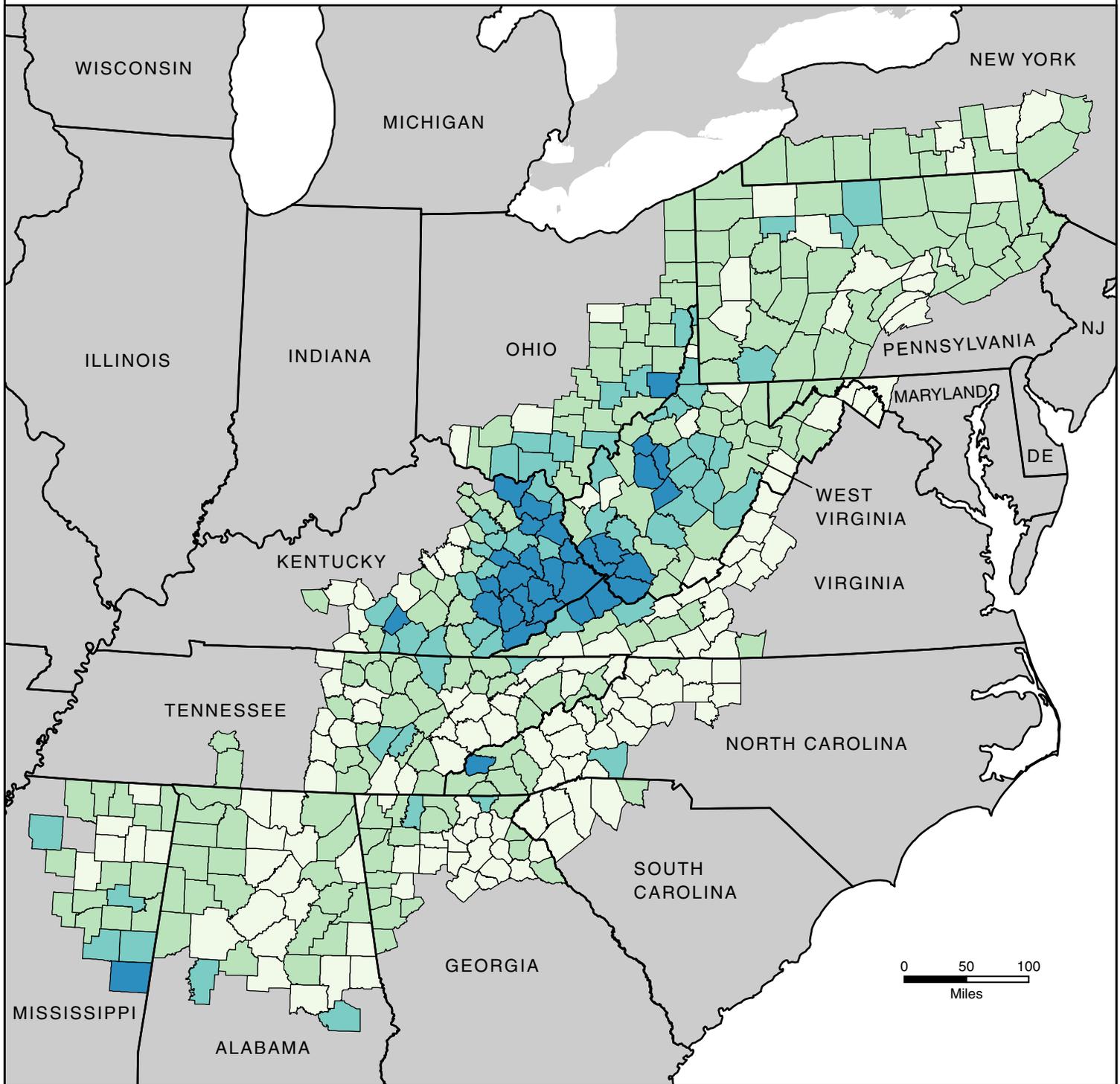
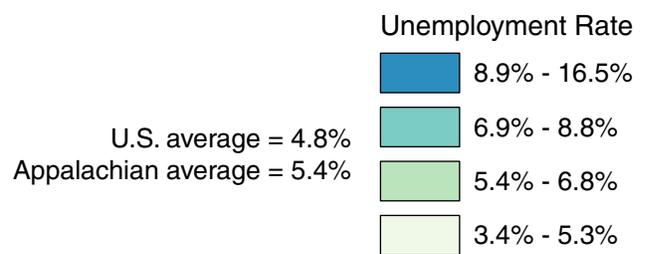


# Three-Year Average Unemployment Rates in Appalachia, 2015–2017

(County Rates)



A three-year average unemployment rate is a measure of long-term structural unemployment. It is calculated by dividing the three-year sum of persons unemployed by the three-year sum of the civilian labor force. The map uses natural breaks in the distribution to organize the data into groups of common values.



U.S. average = 4.8%  
 Appalachian average = 5.4%

(Natural Breaks Classification)



Map Created: August 2019  
 Data Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, LAUS, 2015–2017