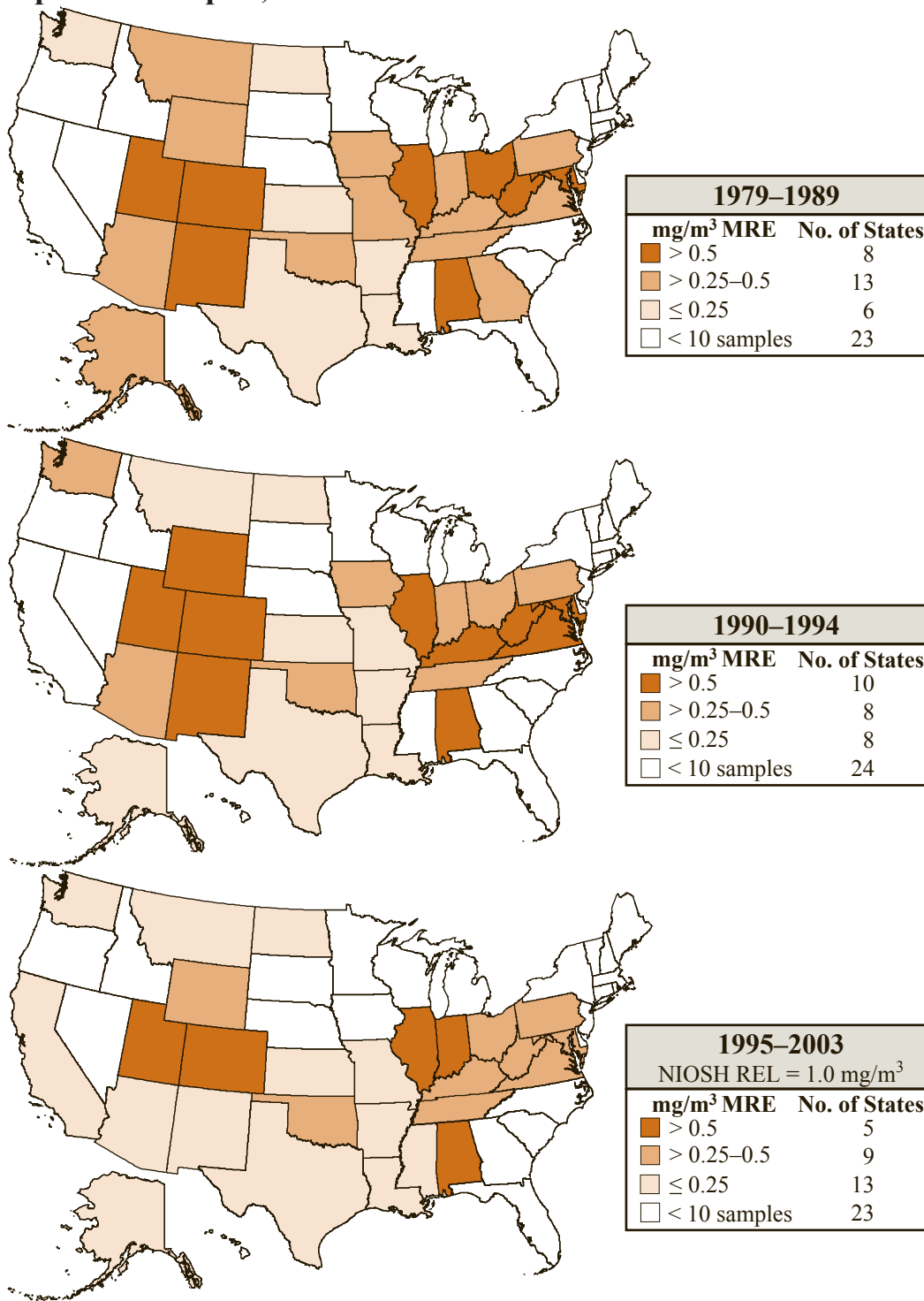


Respirable coal mine dust: Geometric mean exposures by state, MSHA inspector and mine operator samples, 1979–2003



REL - recommended exposure limit mg/m³ - milligrams per cubic meter MRE - Mining Research Establishment

MSHA - Mine Safety and Health Administration

NOTE: The NIOSH REL of 1 mg/m³ MRE for respirable coal mine dust was adopted in September of 1995. Geometric means are reported in MRE equivalent. See appendices for source description, methods, and agents.

SOURCE: MSHA coal mine inspector and mine operator dust data.