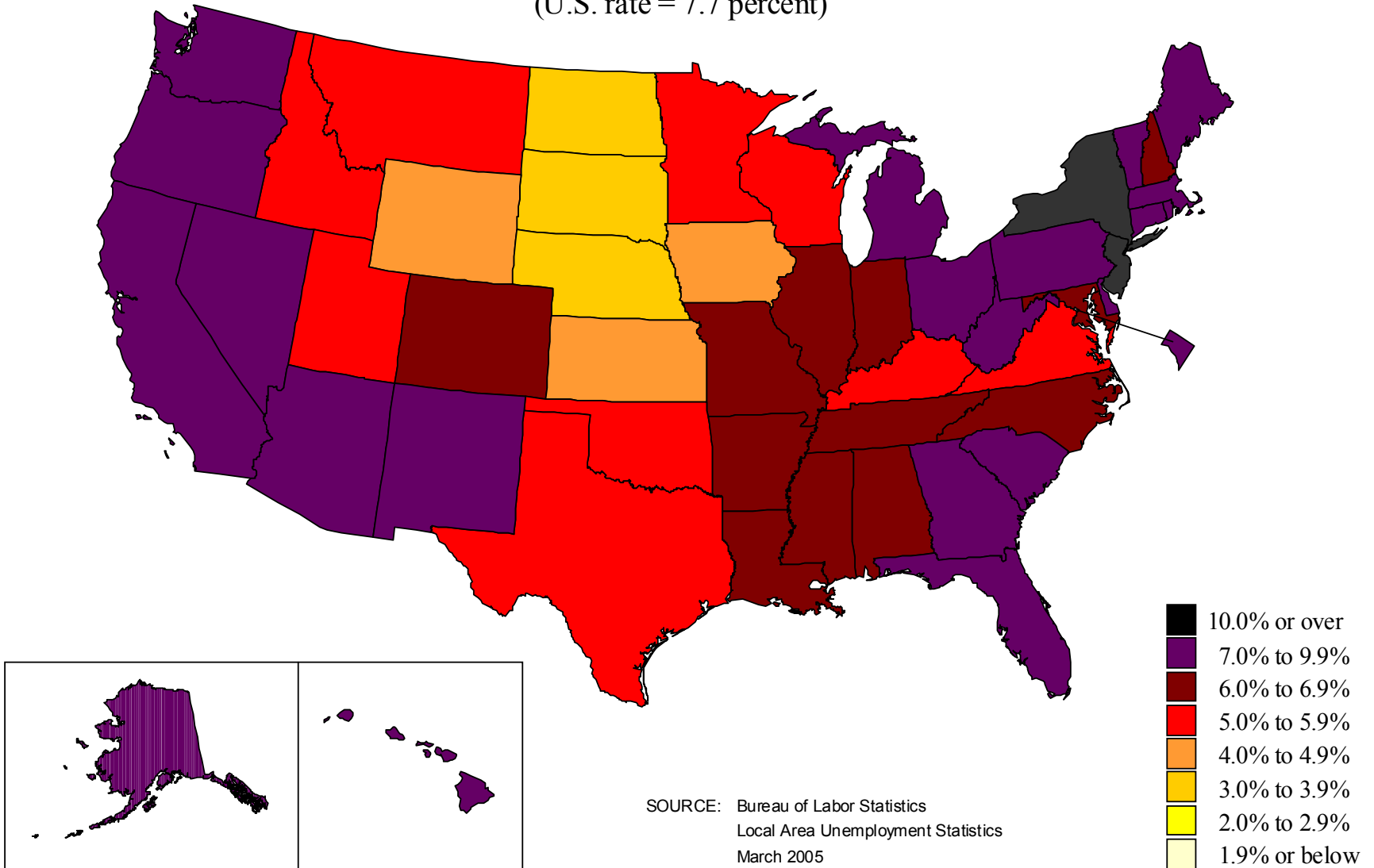


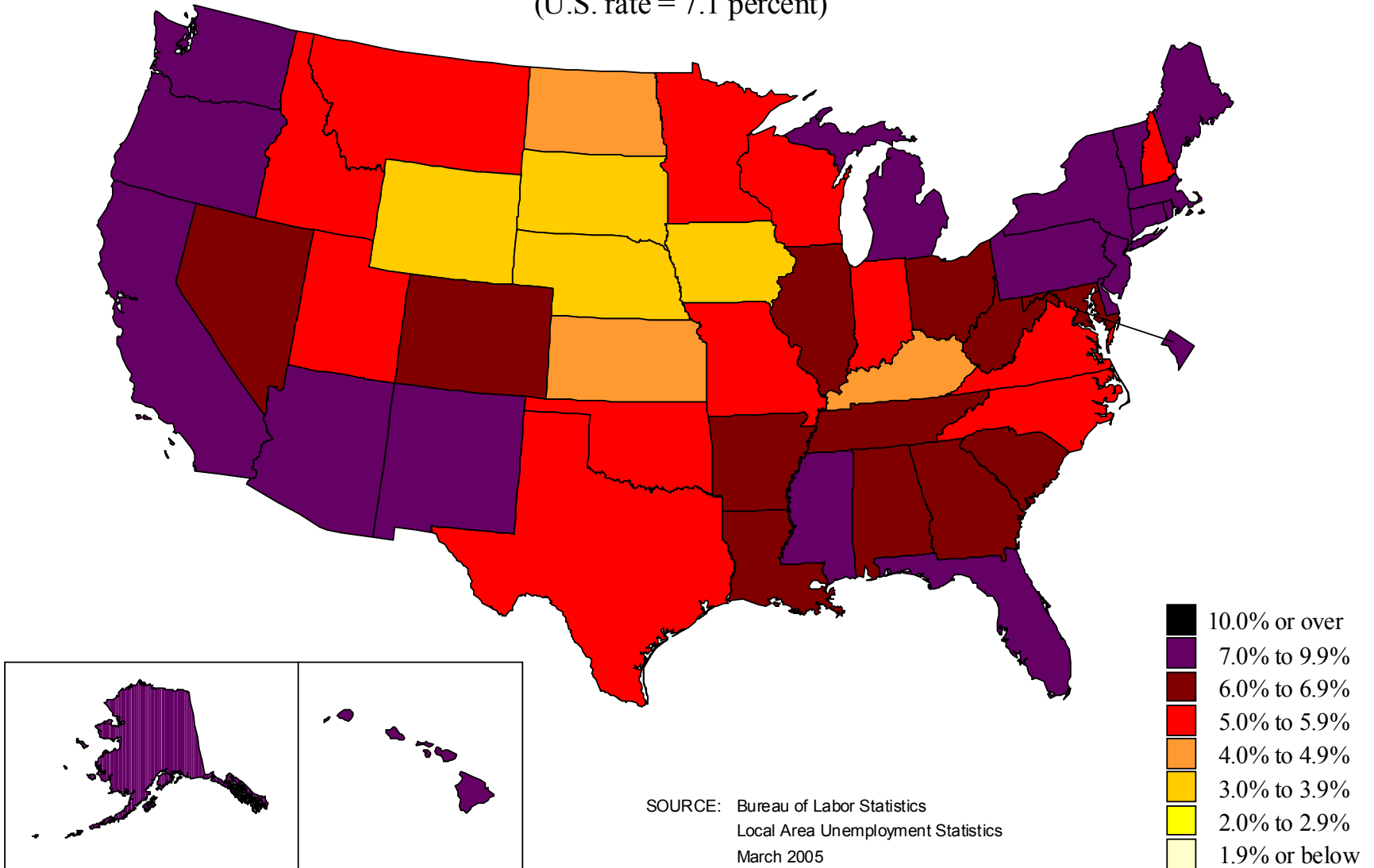
# Unemployment rates by state, 1976 annual averages

(U.S. rate = 7.7 percent)



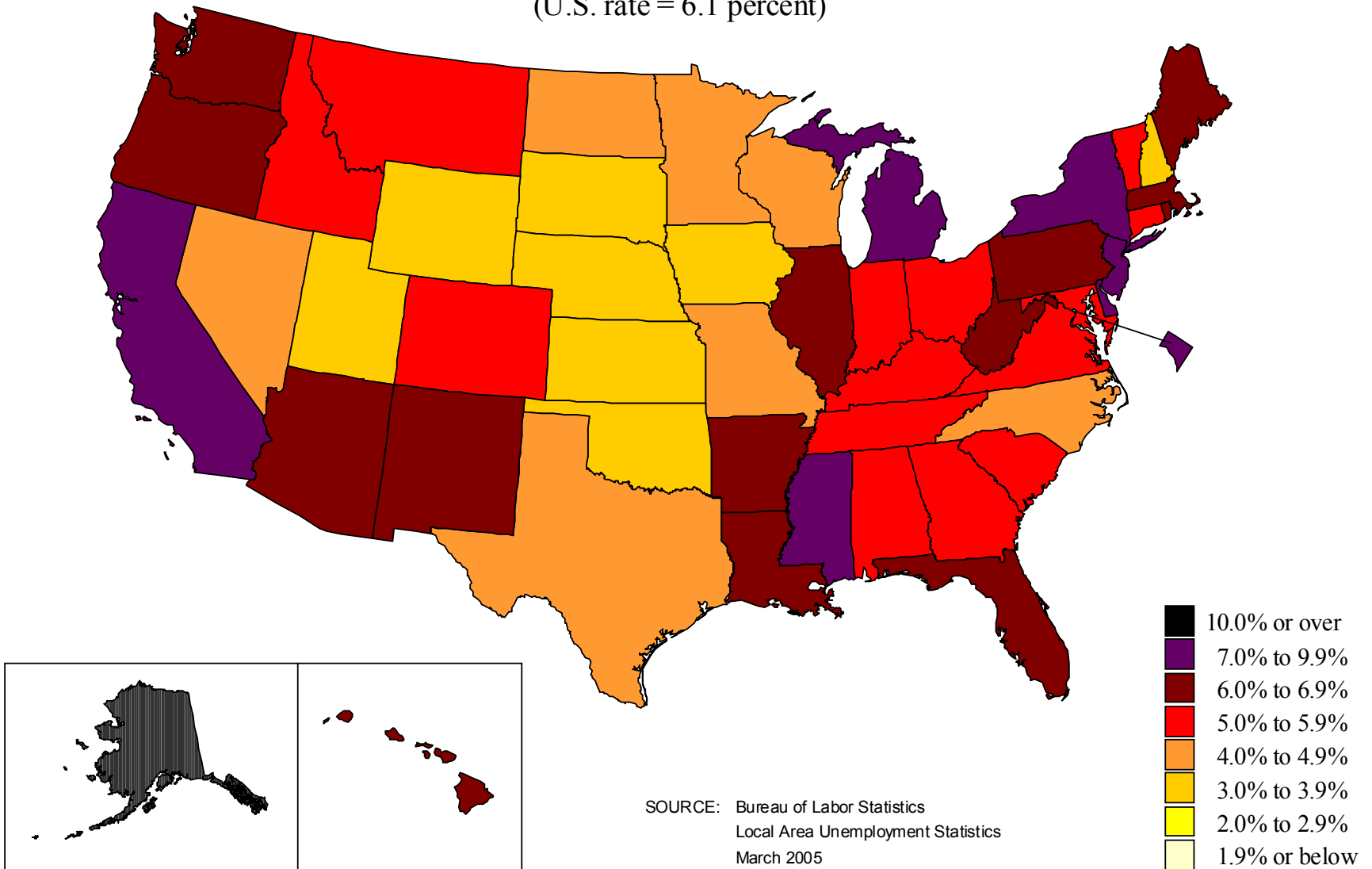
# Unemployment rates by state, 1977 annual averages

(U.S. rate = 7.1 percent)



# Unemployment rates by state, 1978 annual averages

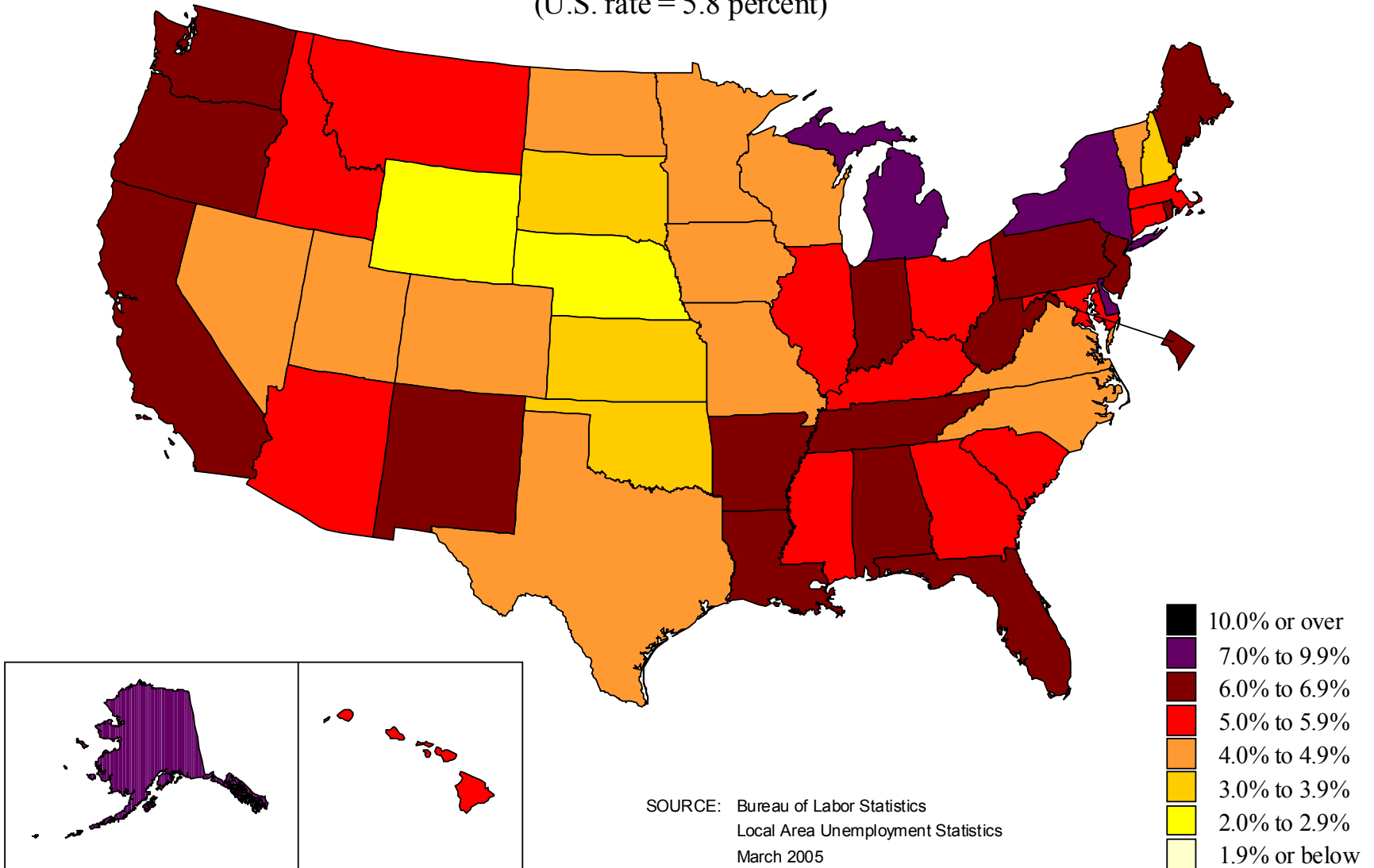
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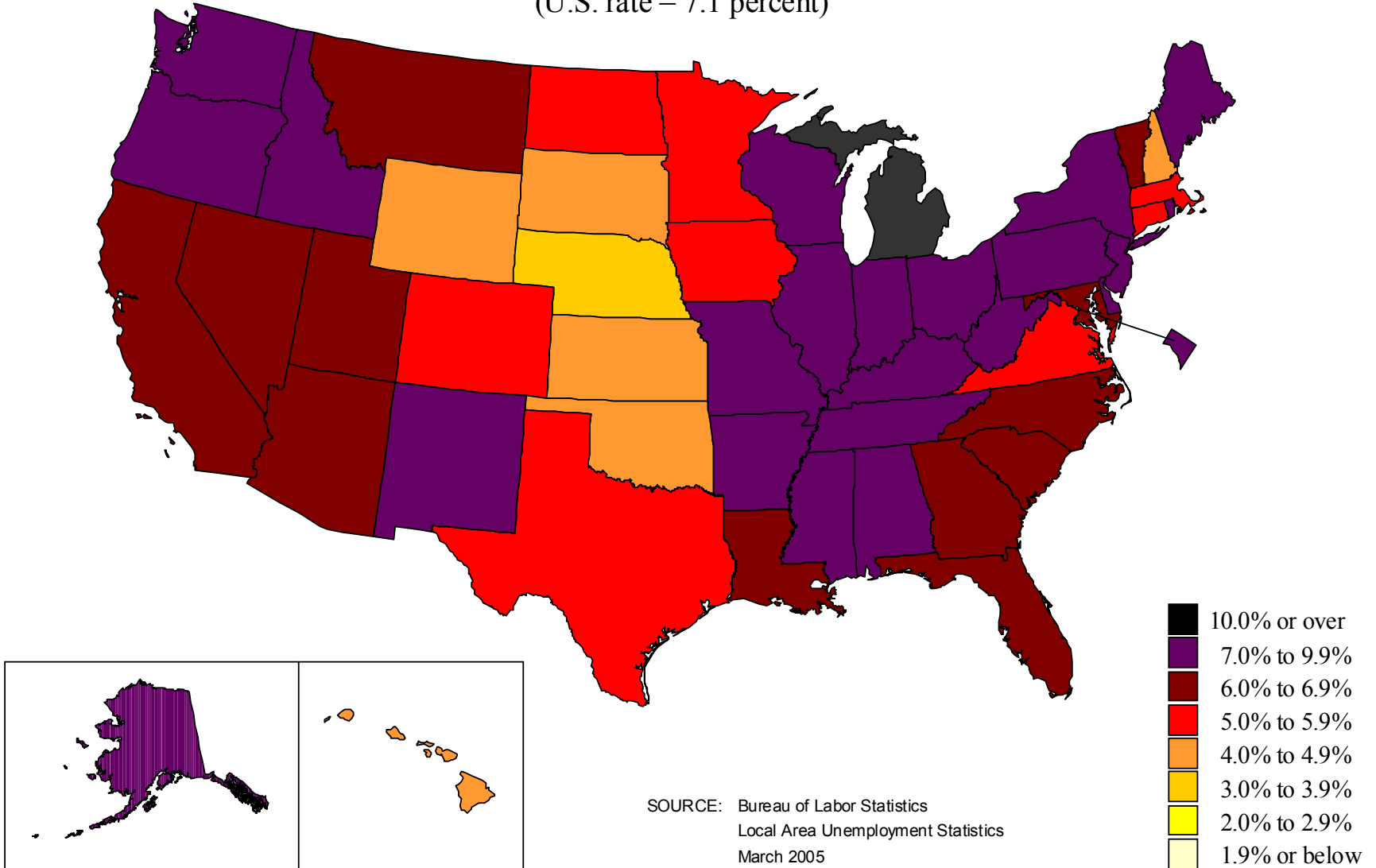
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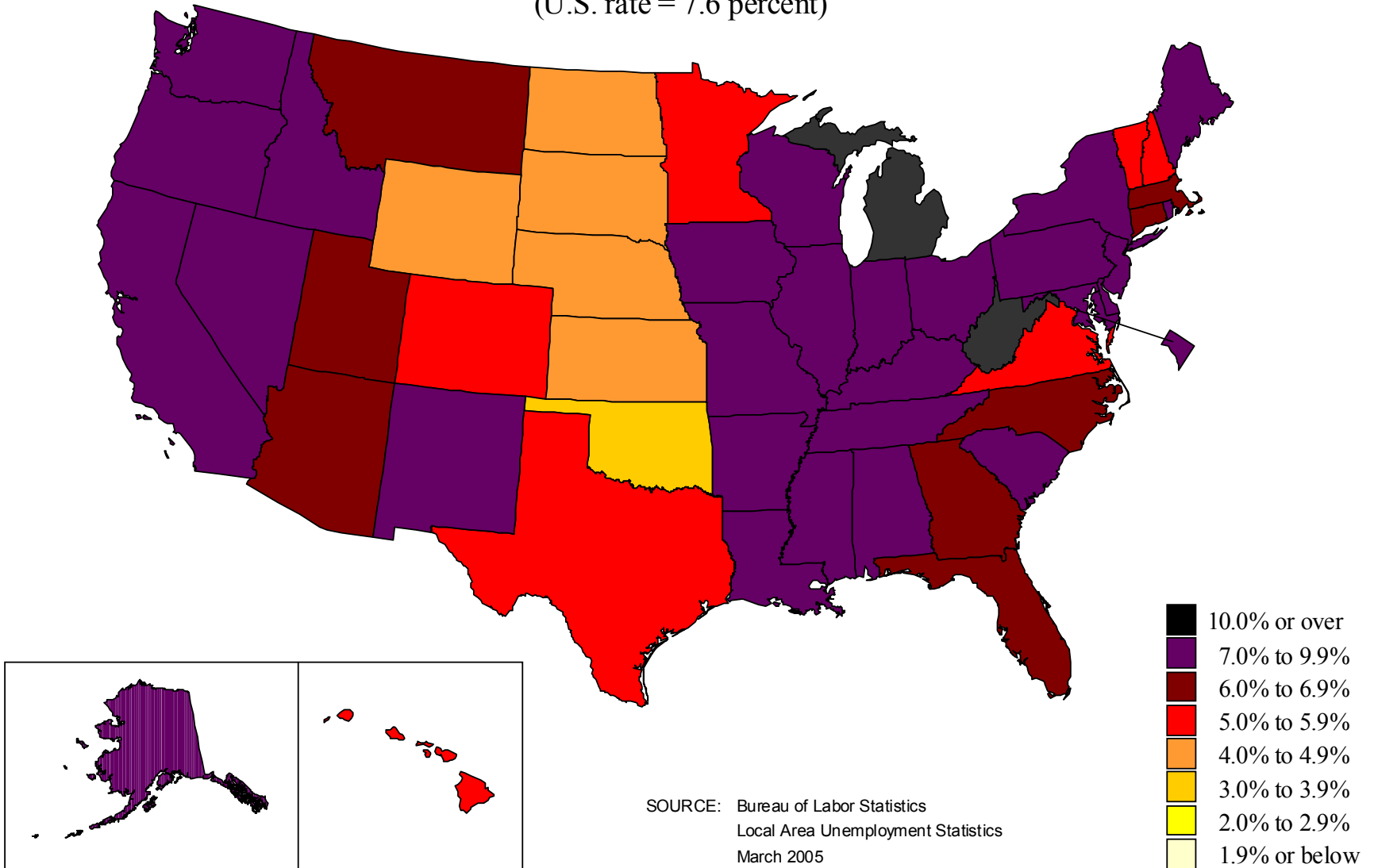
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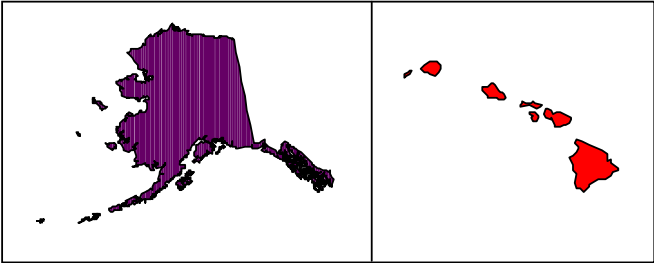
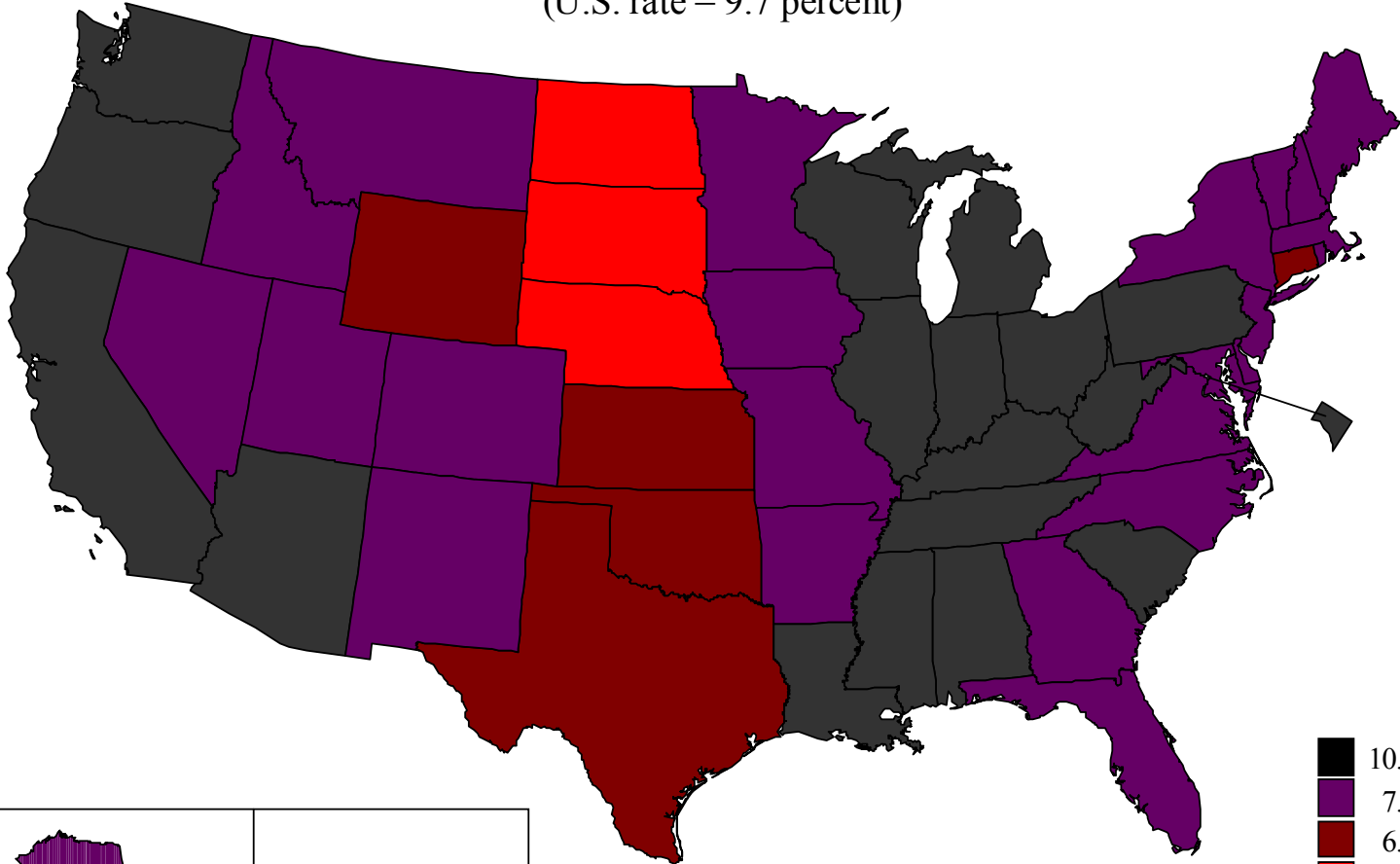
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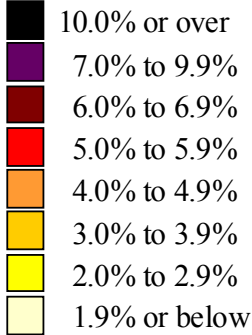


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(U.S. rate = 9.7 percent)

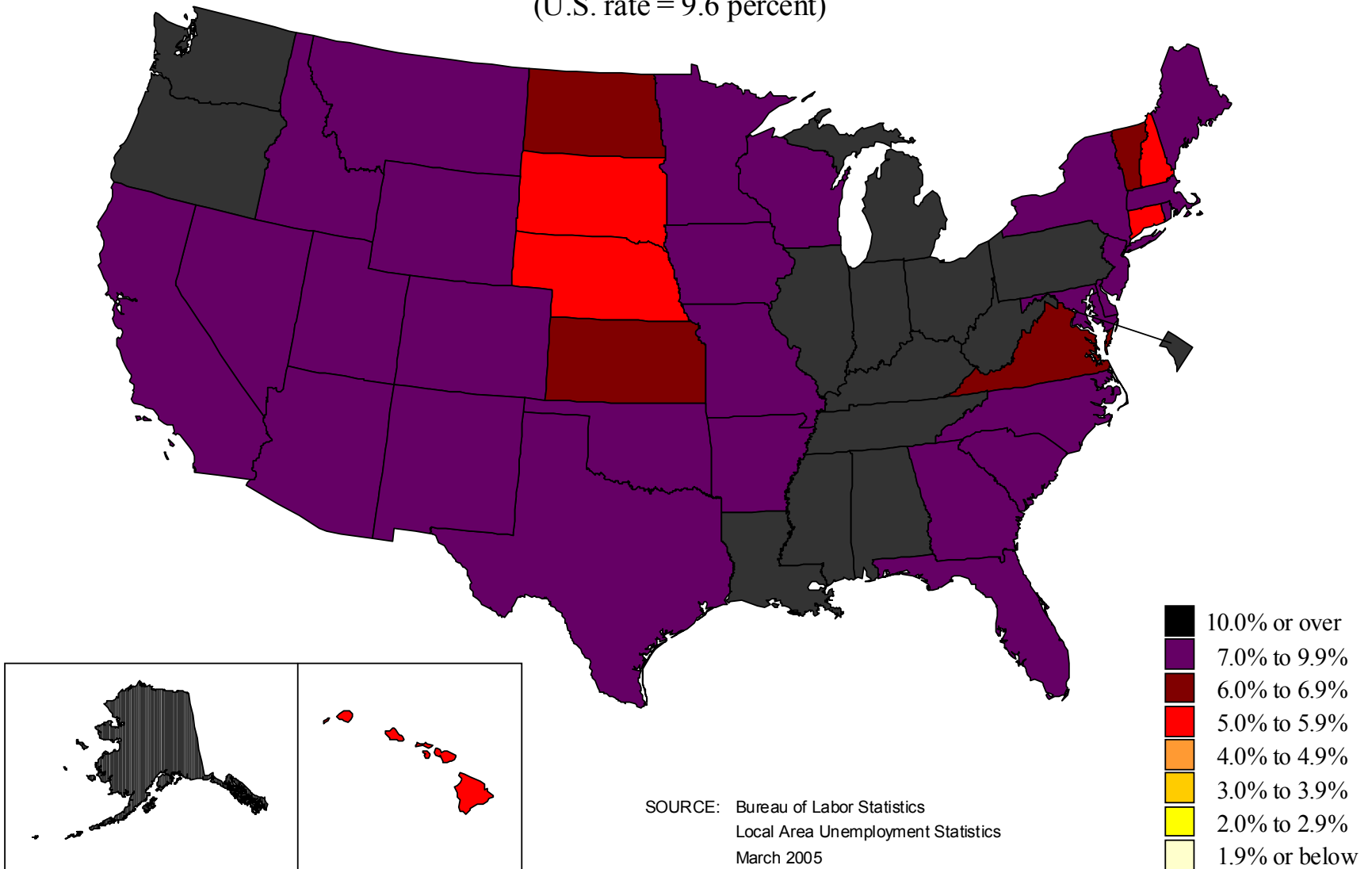


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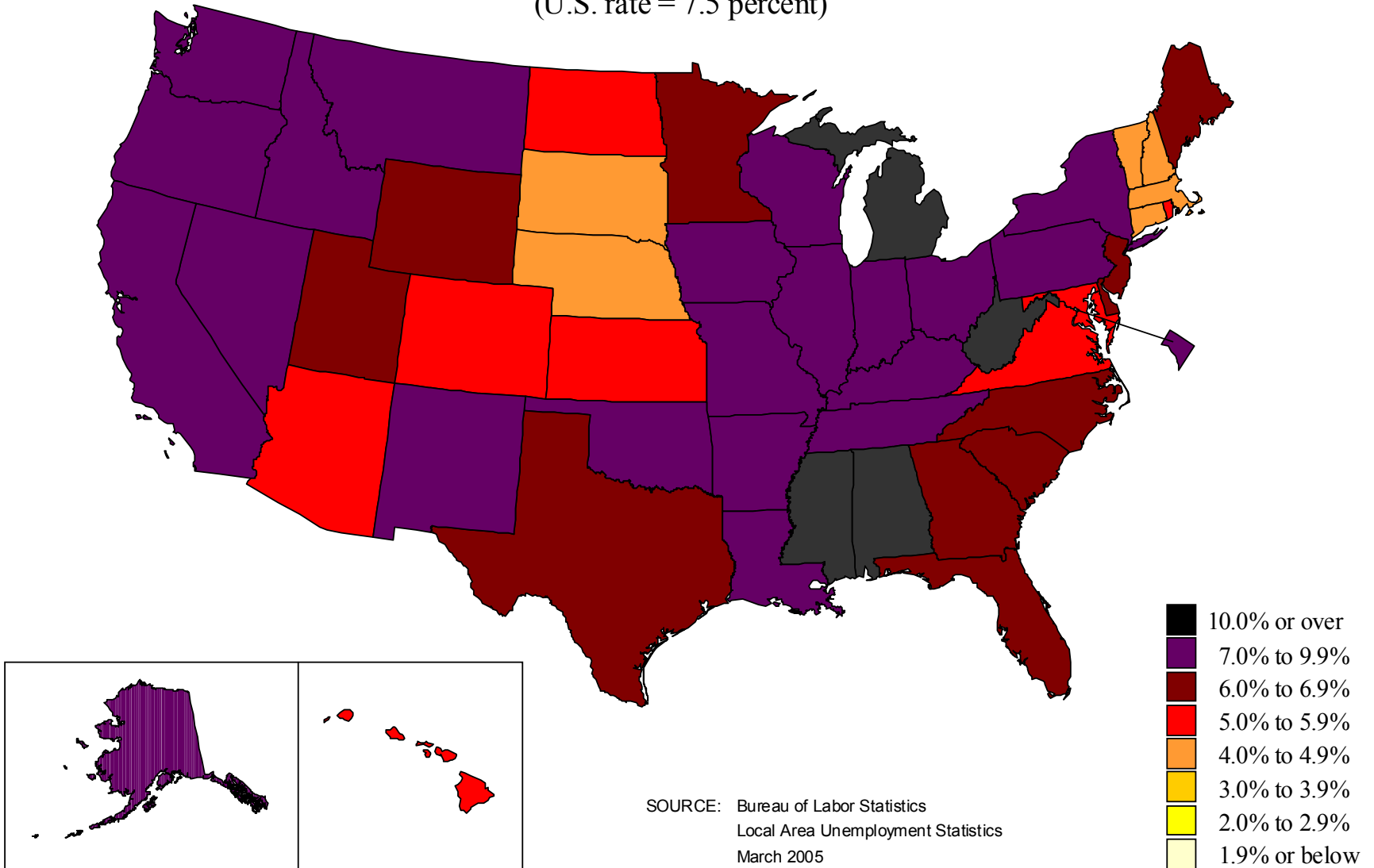
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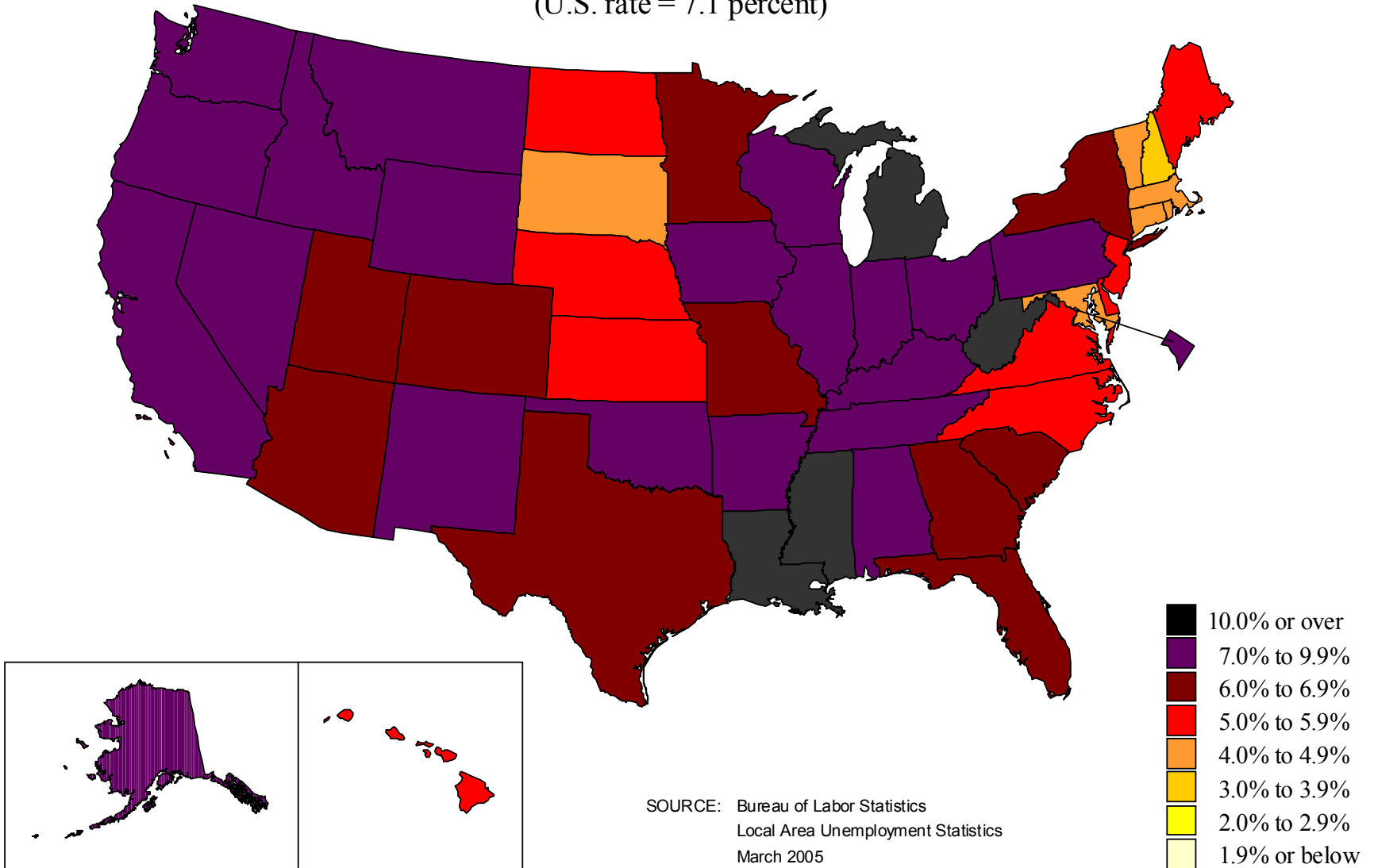
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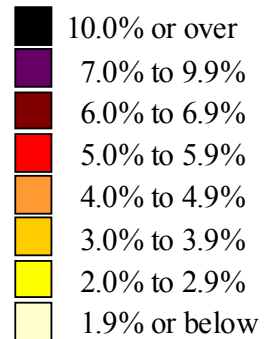
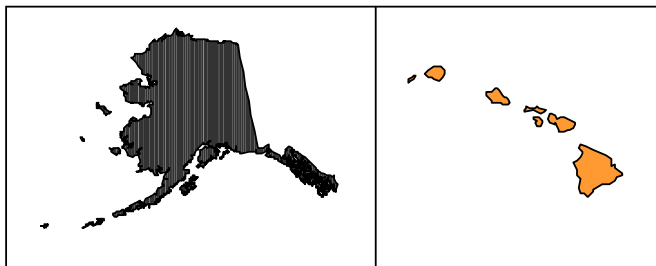
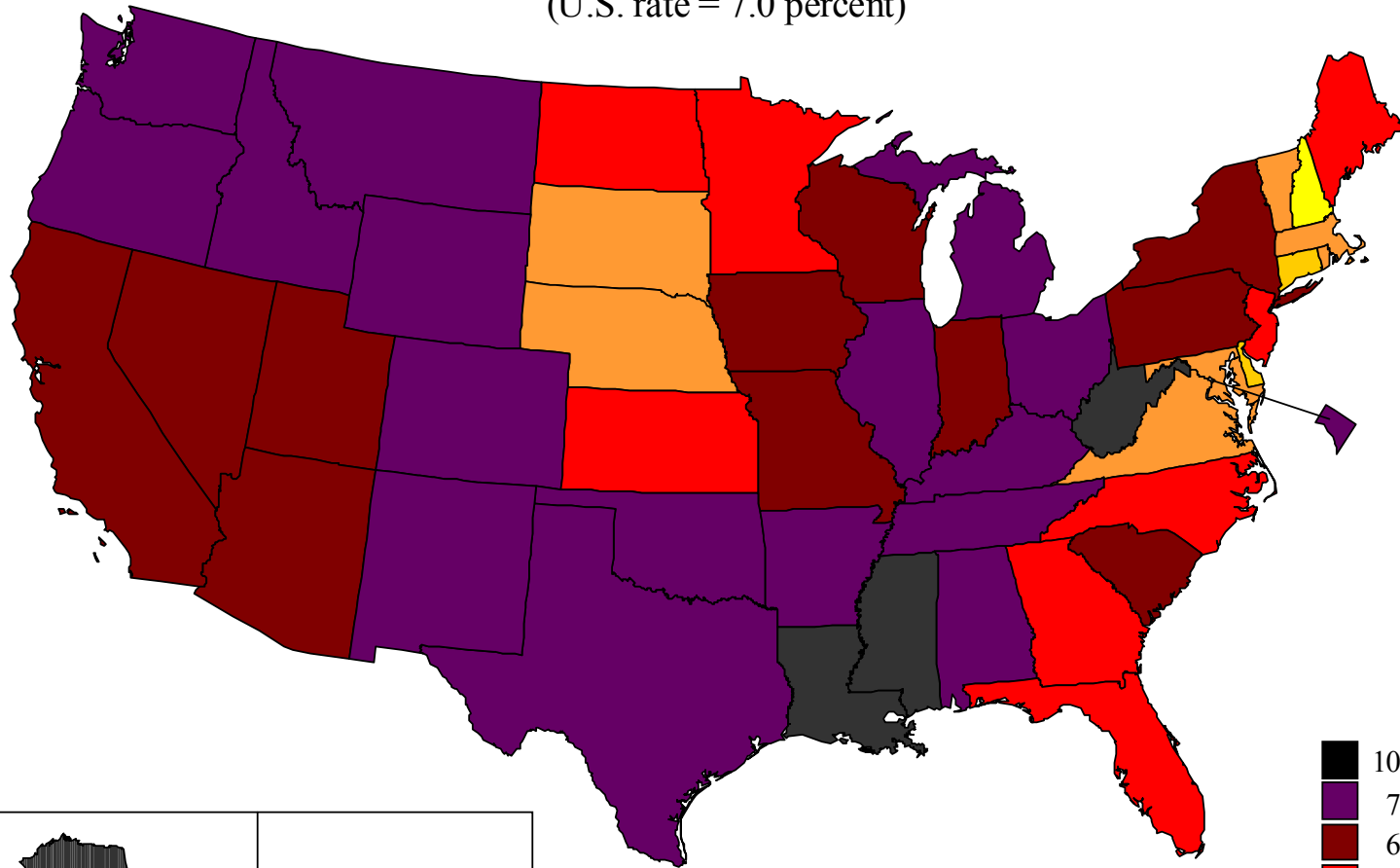
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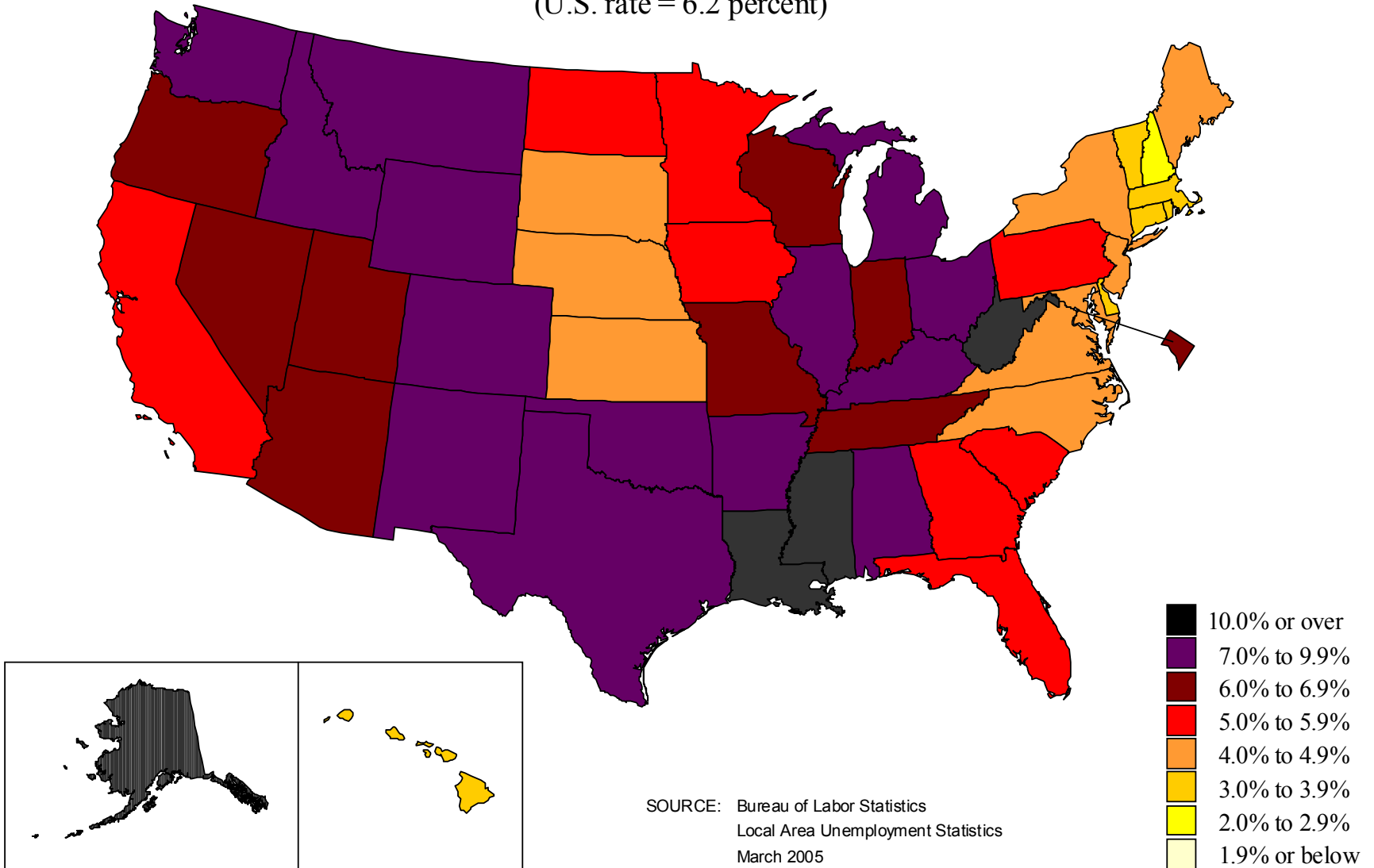
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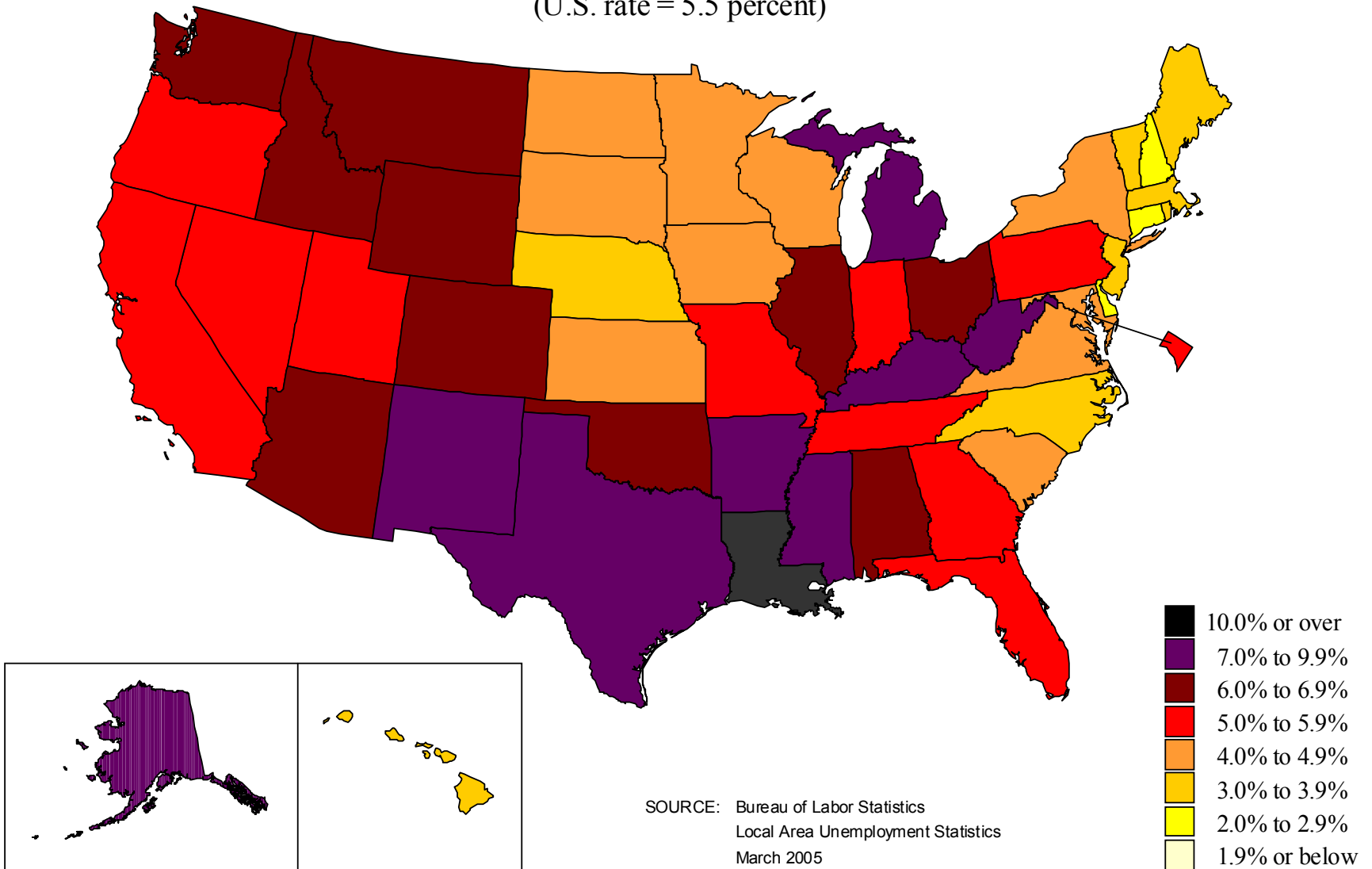
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(U.S. rate = 6.2 percent)



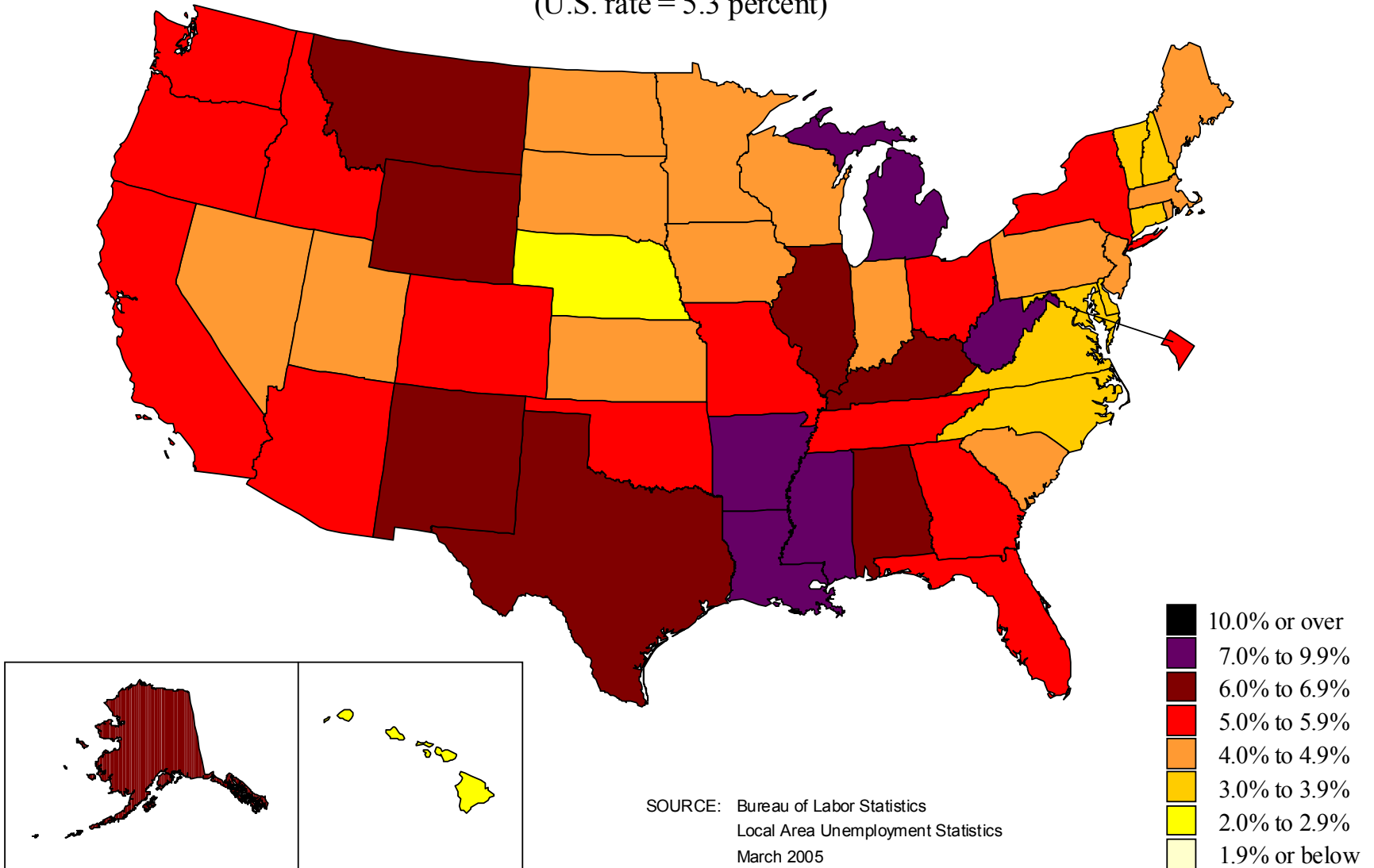
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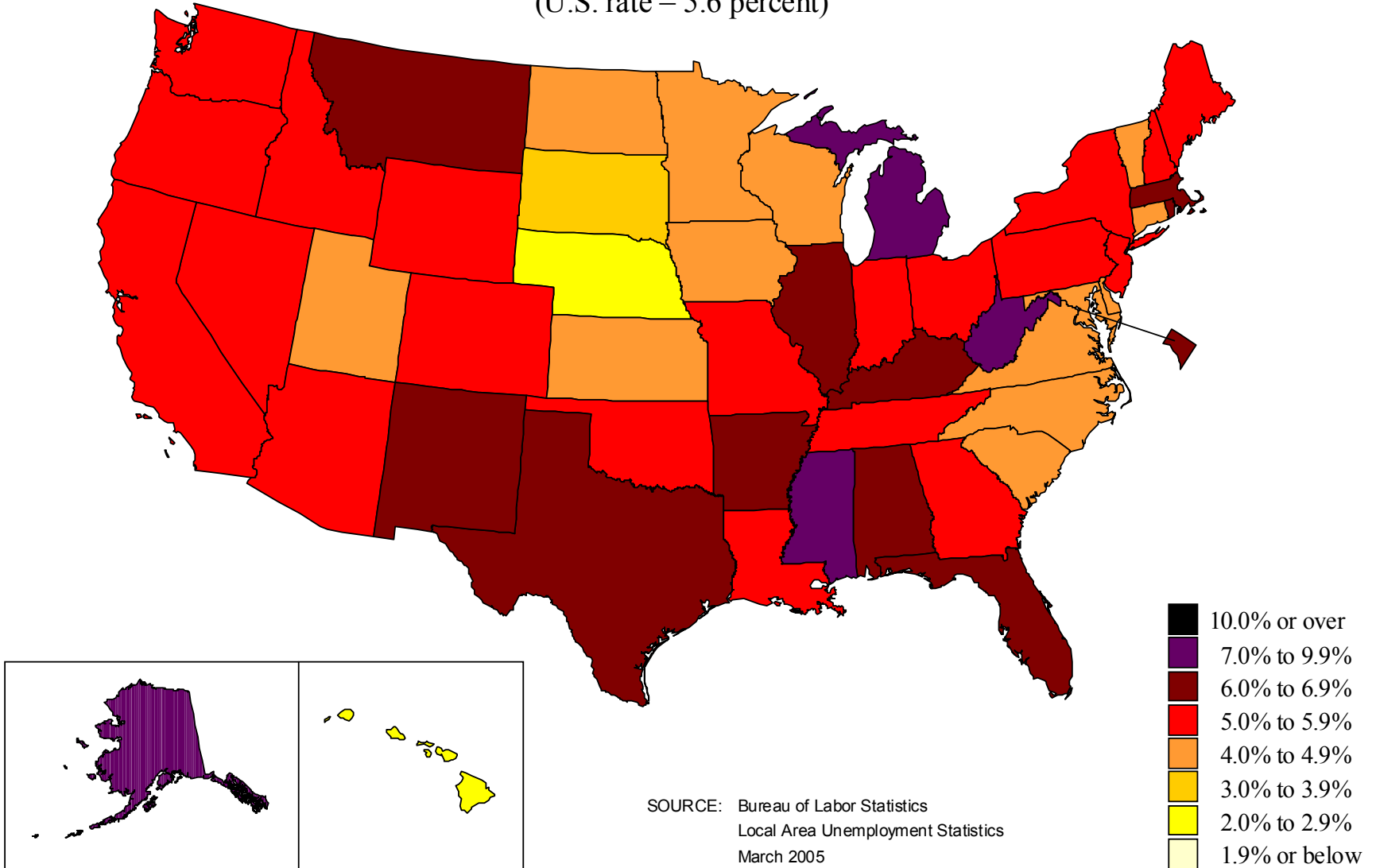
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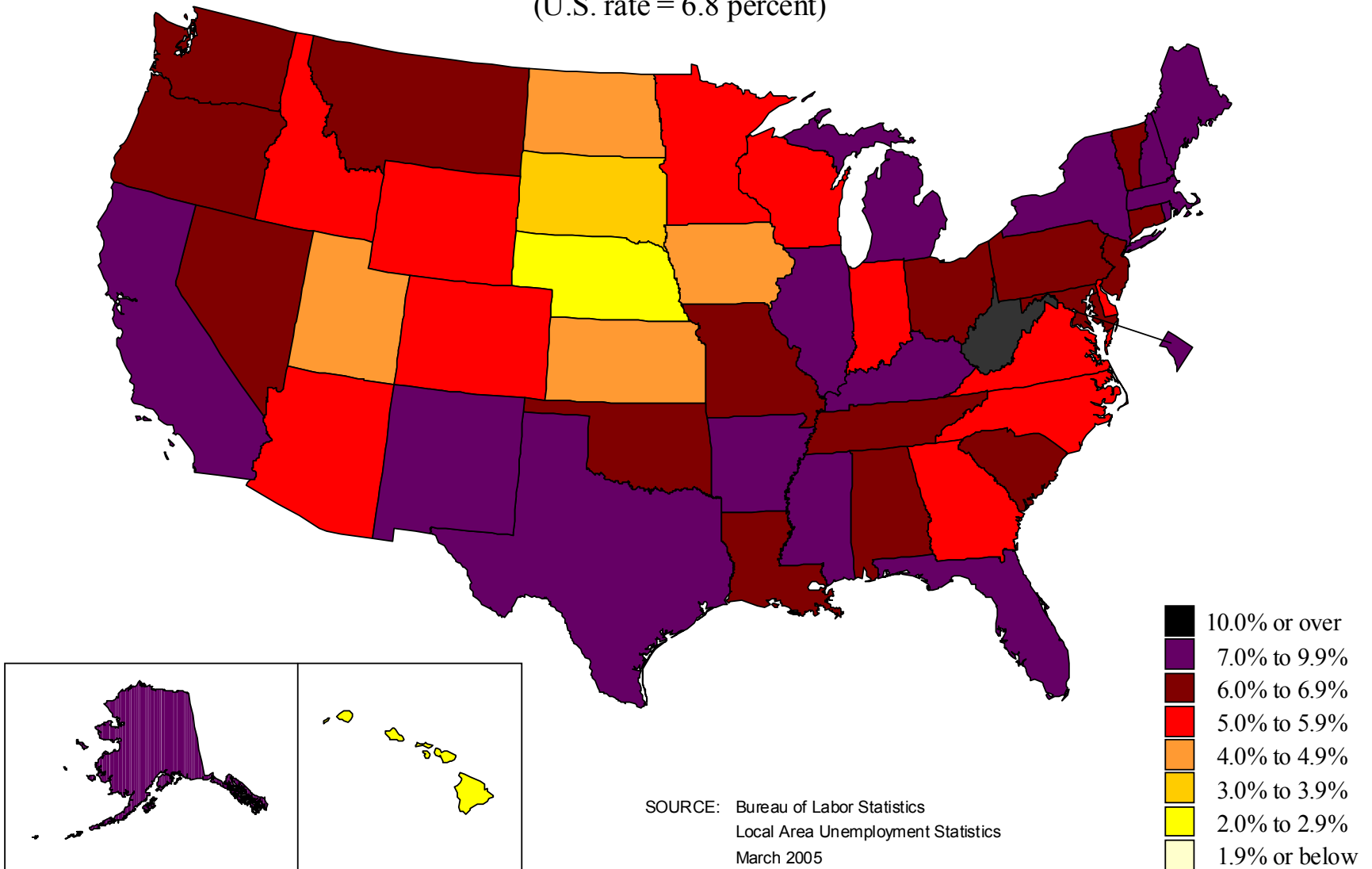
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(U.S. rate = 5.6 percent)



# Unemployment rates by state, 1991 annual averages

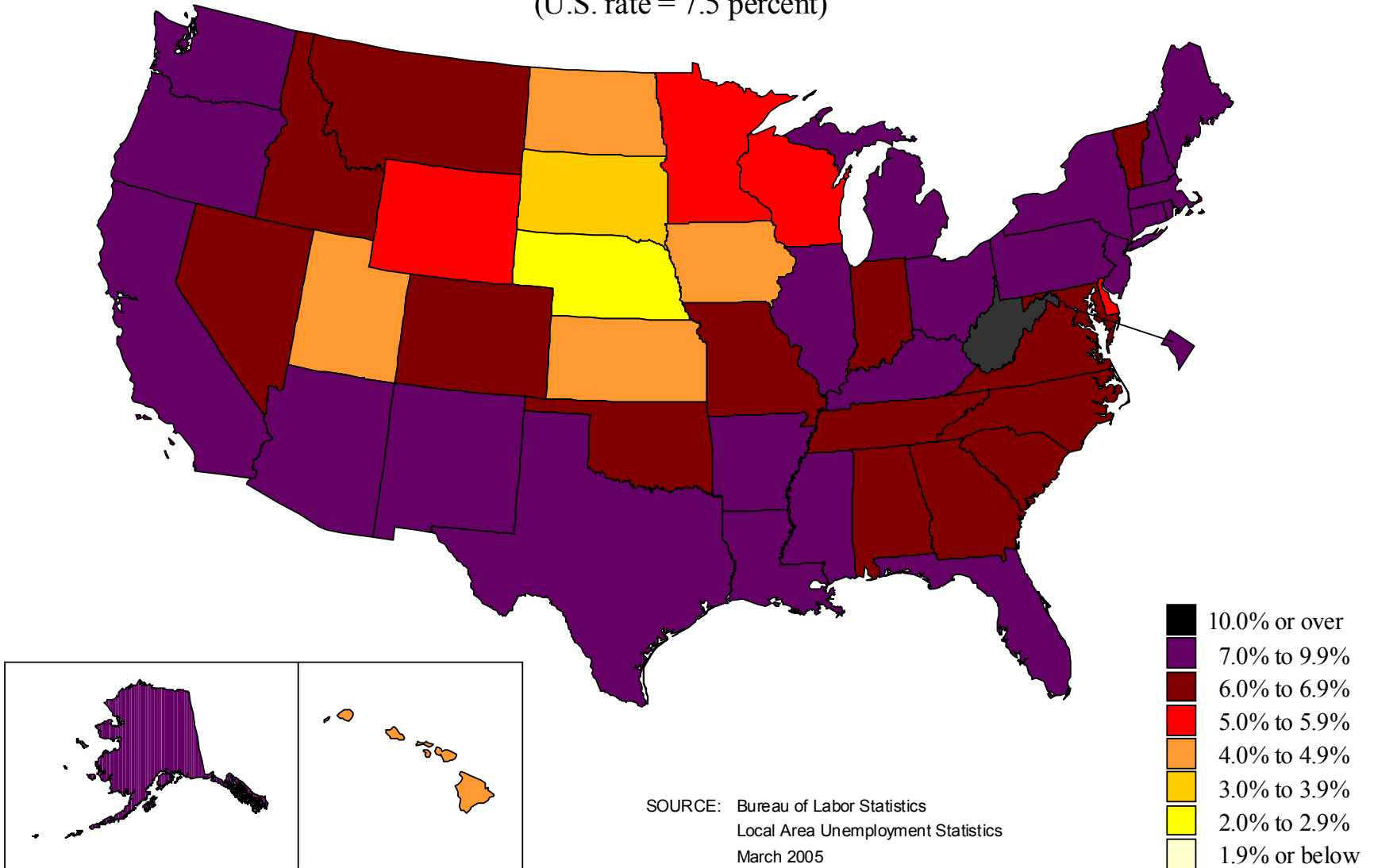
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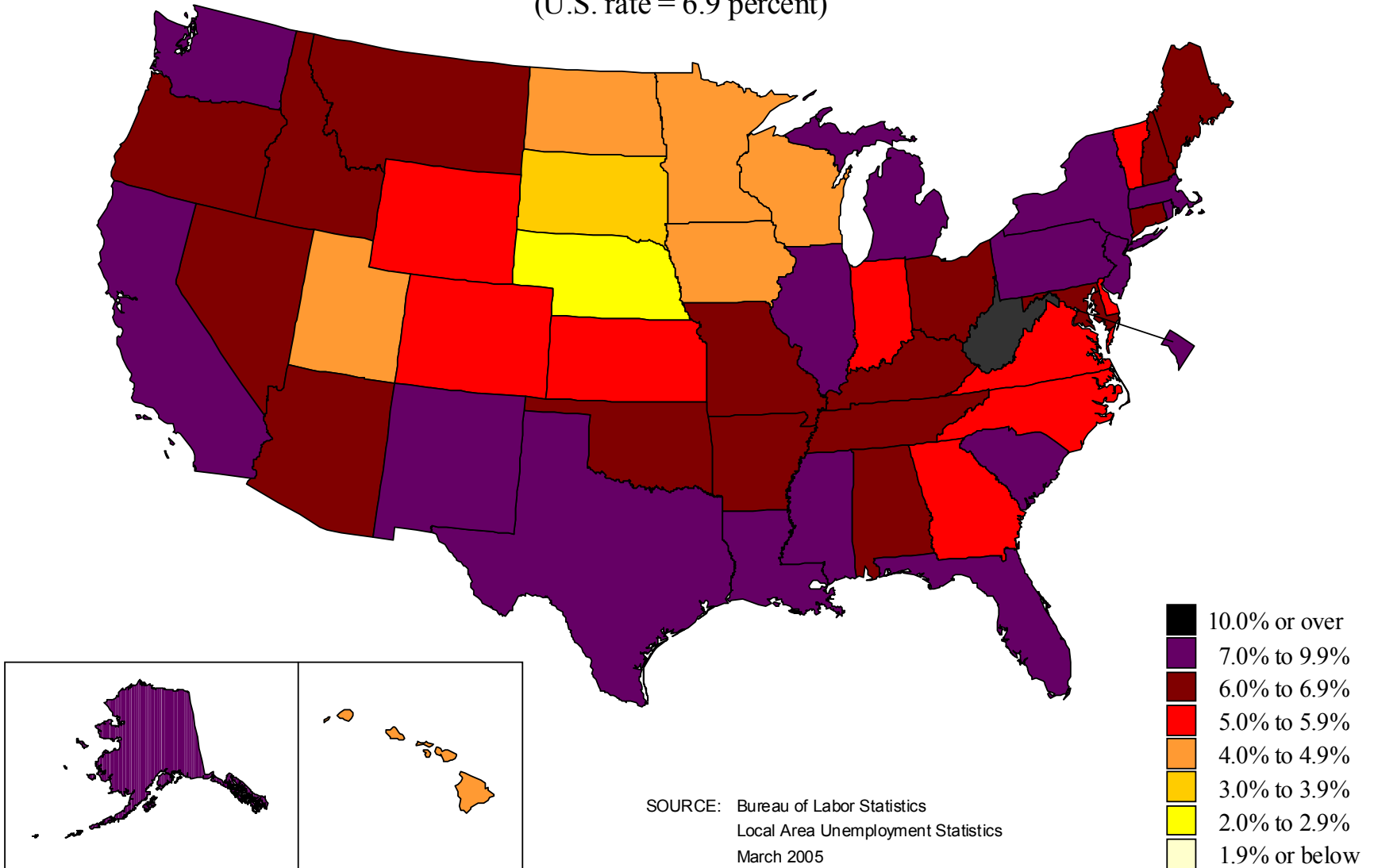
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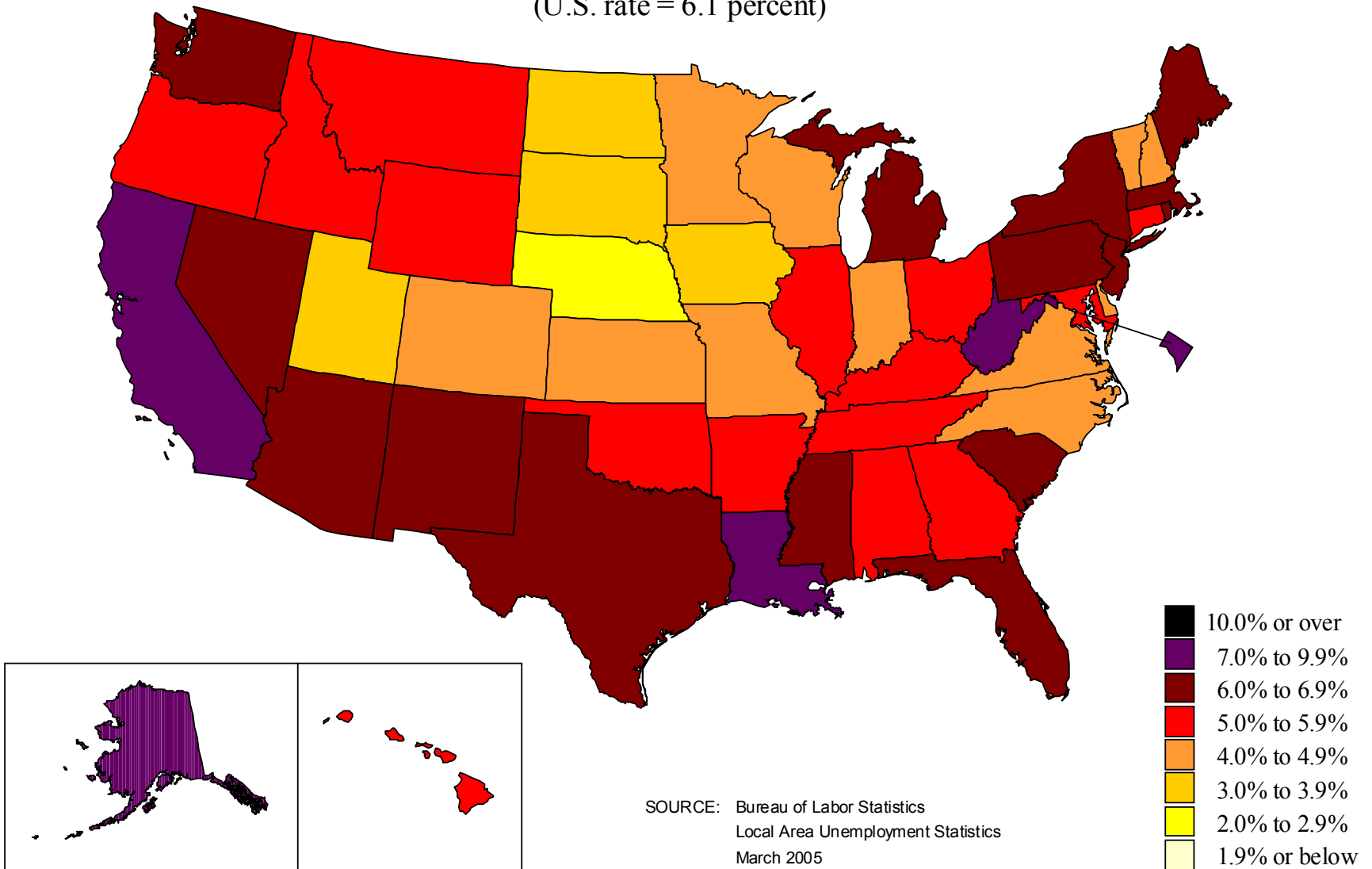
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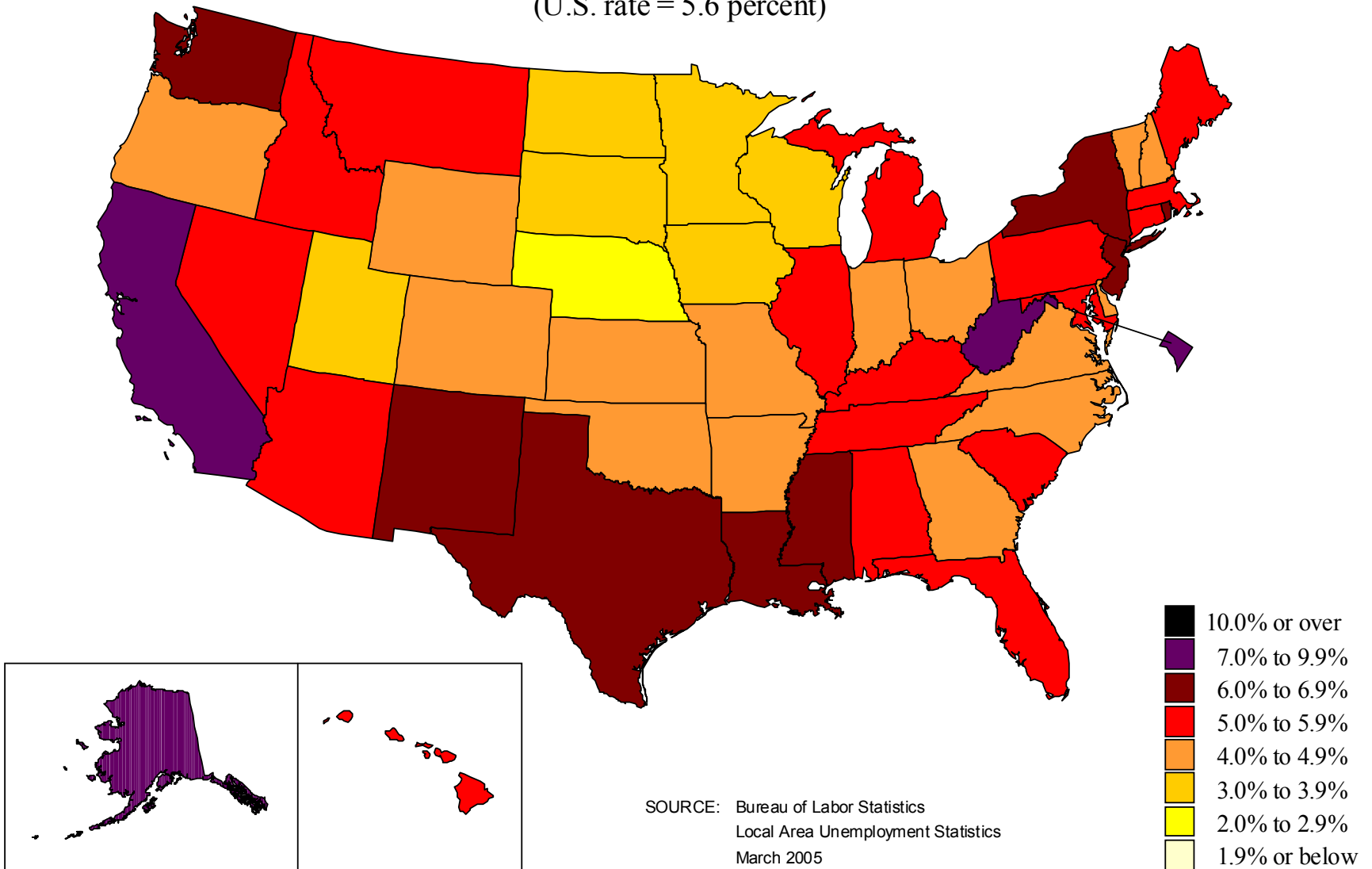
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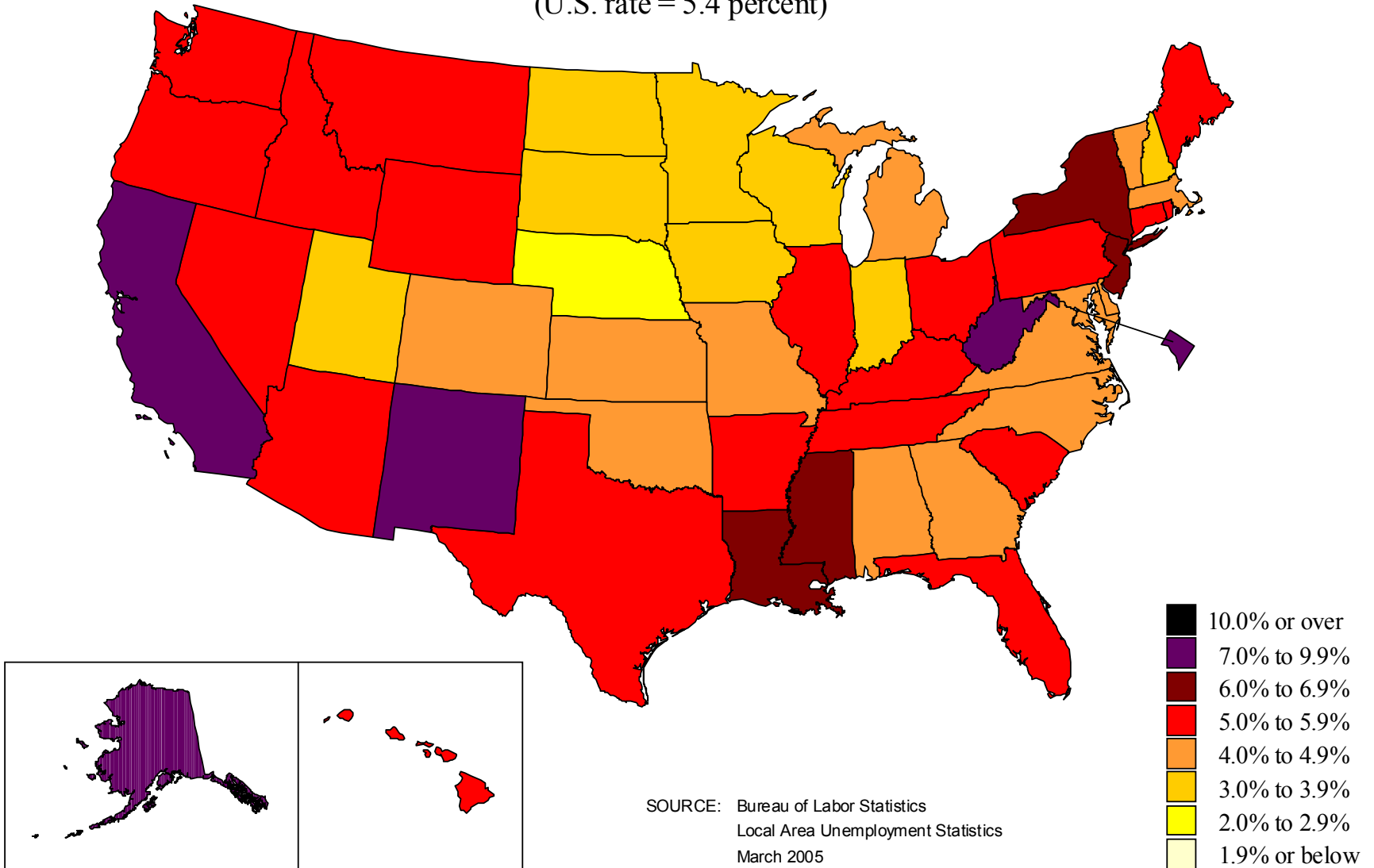
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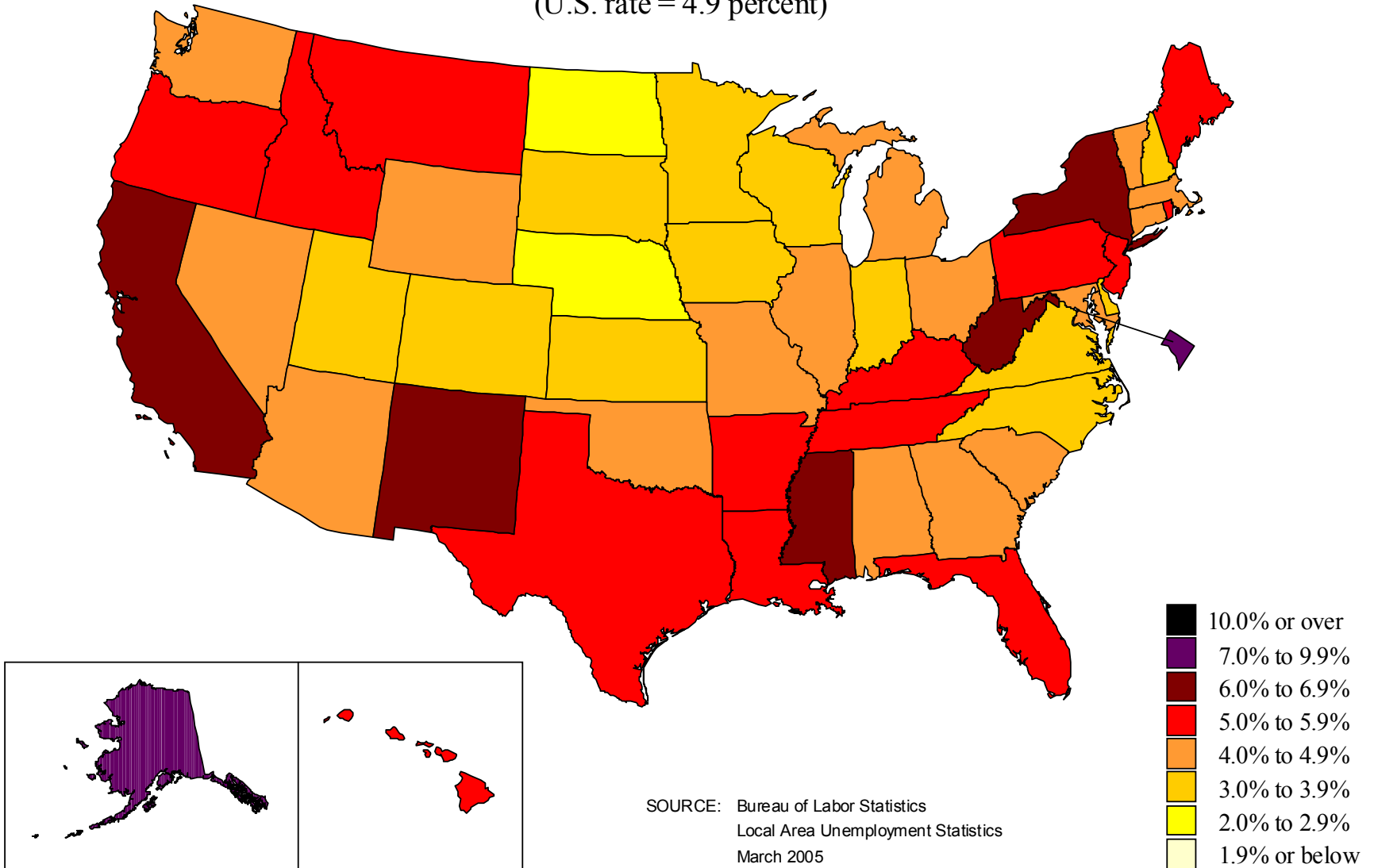
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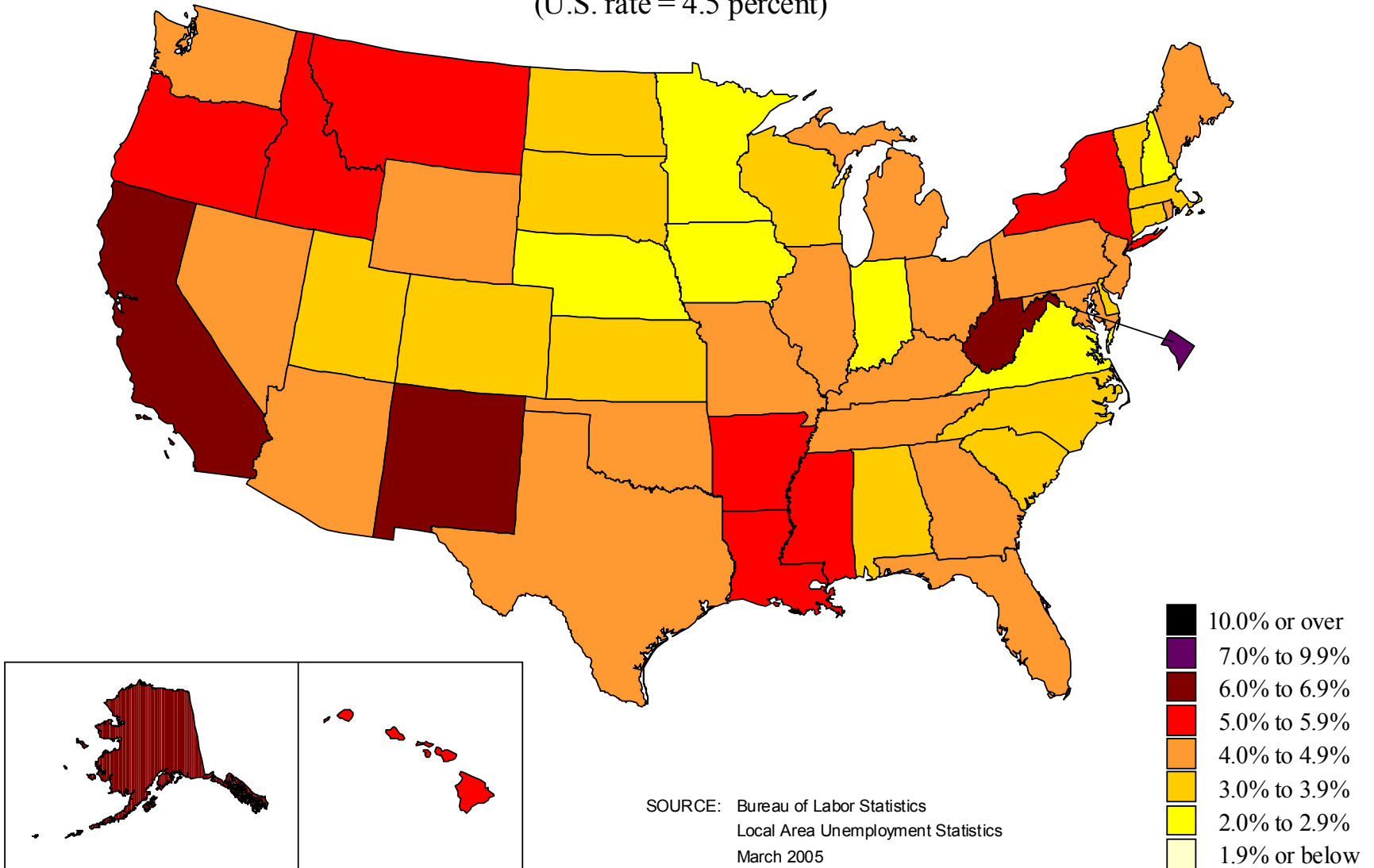
# Unemployment rates by state, 1997 annual averages

(U.S. rate = 4.9 percent)



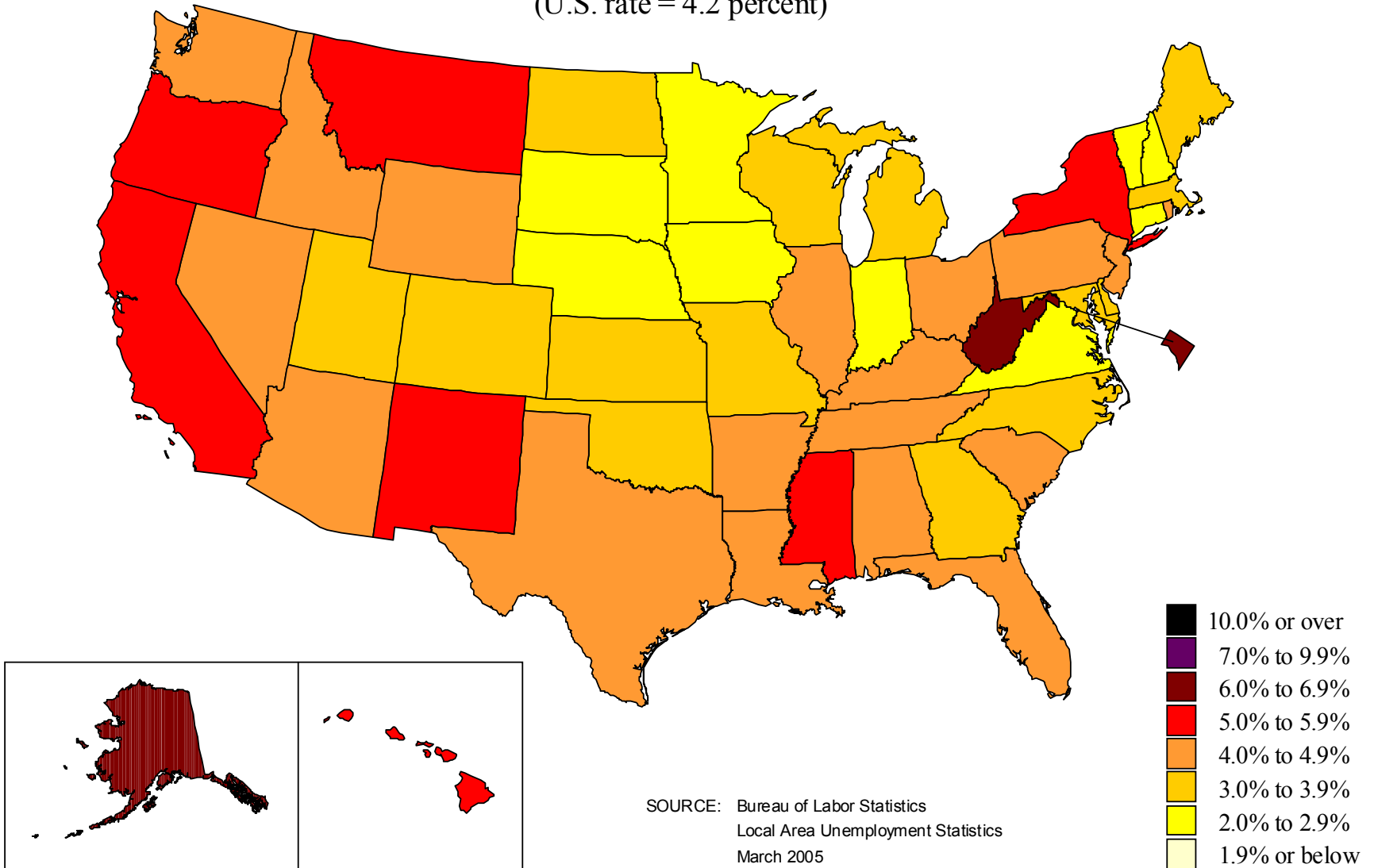
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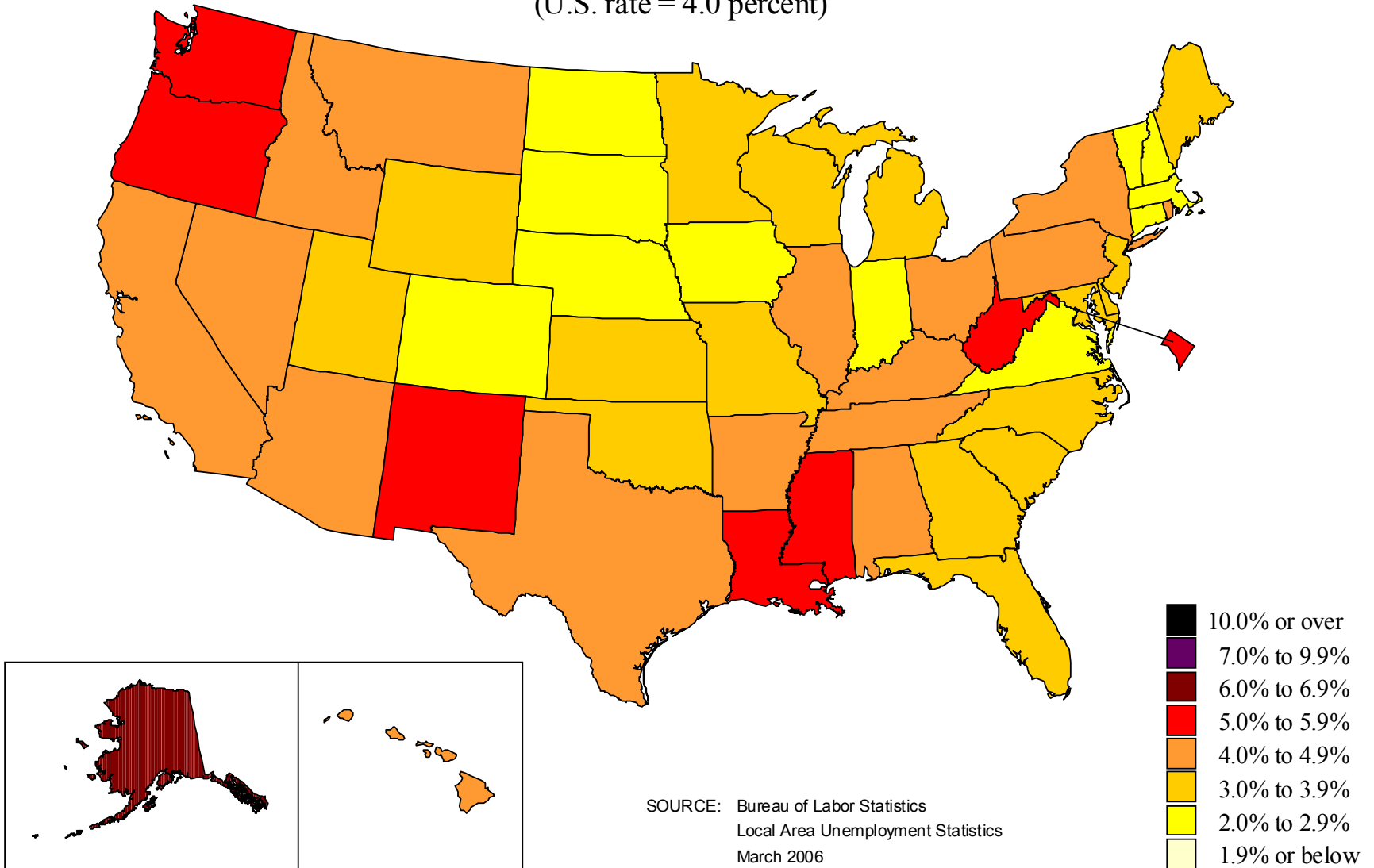
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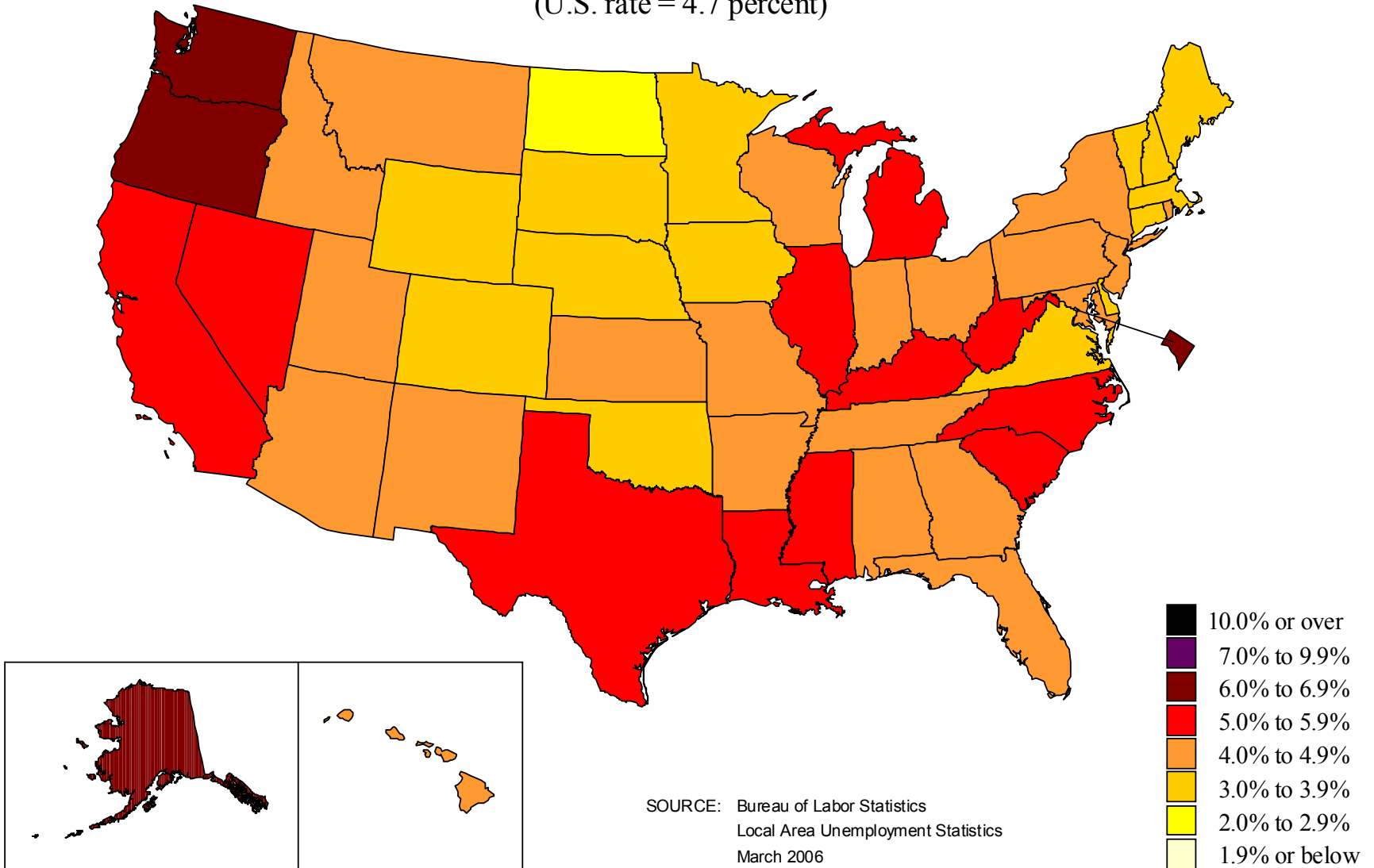
# Unemployment rates by state, 2000 annual averages

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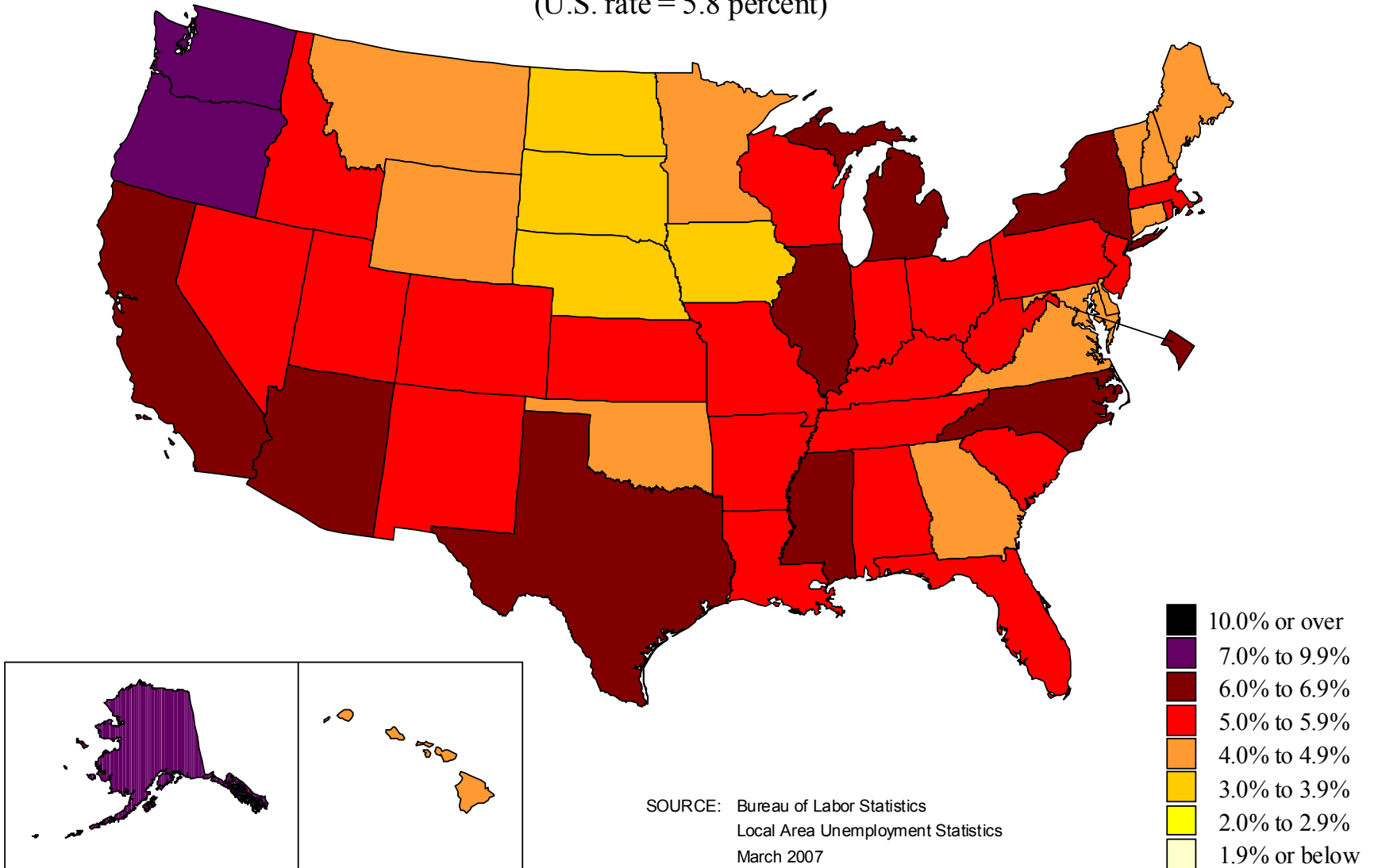
# Unemployment rates by state, 2001 annual averages

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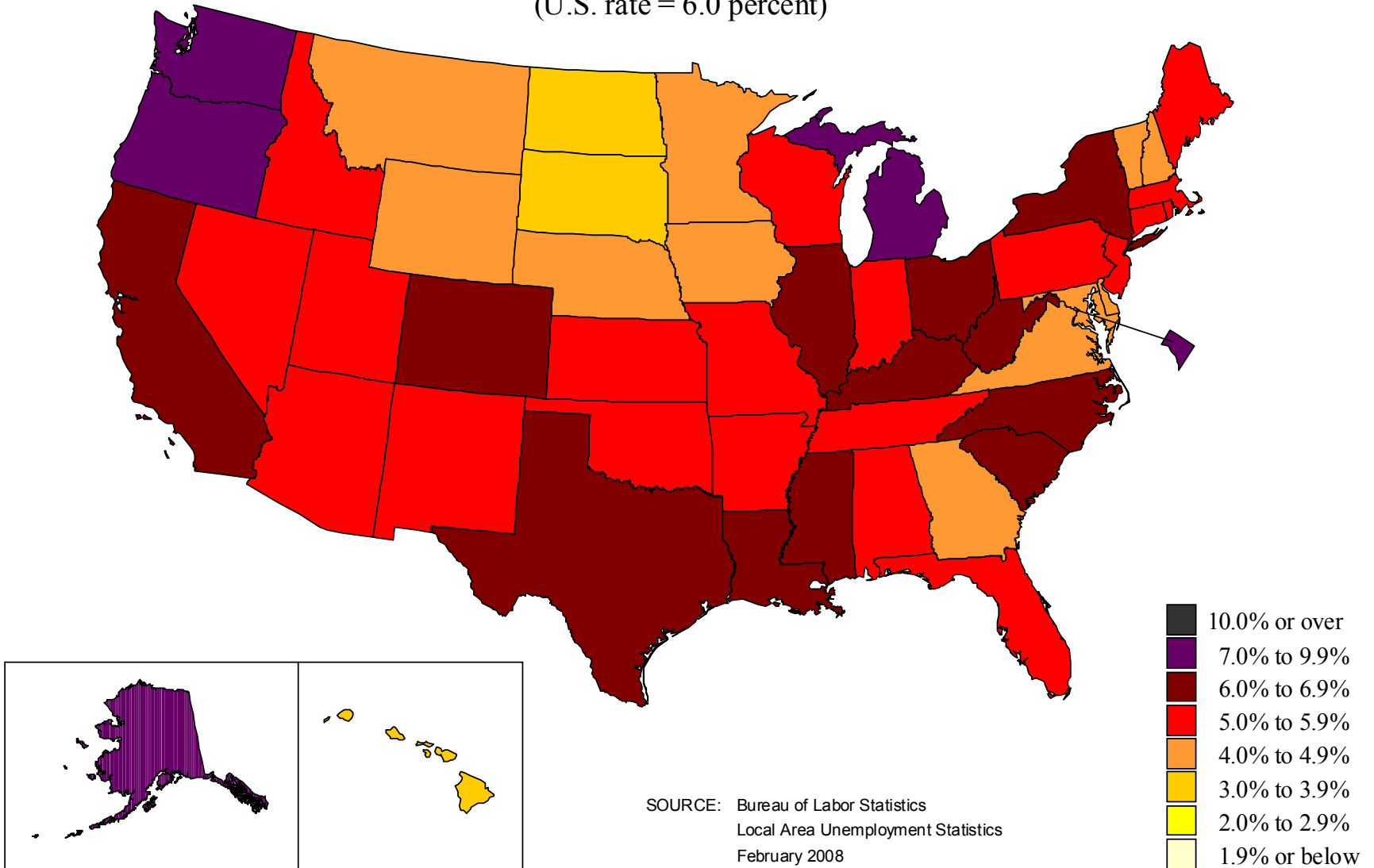
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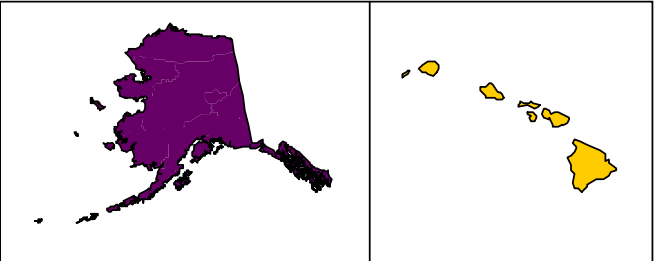
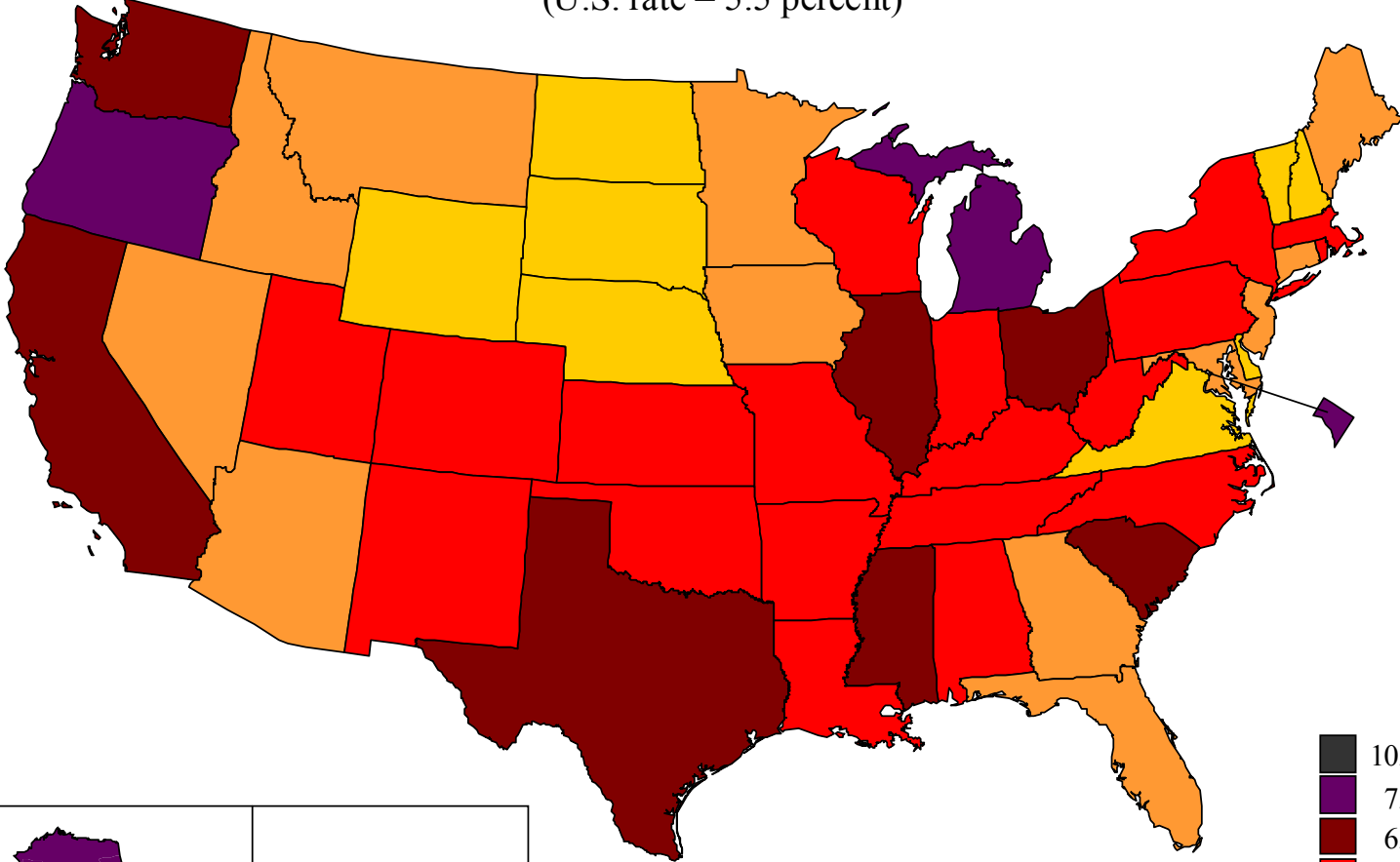
# Unemployment rates by state, 2003 annual averages

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**Unemployment rates by state,  
2004 annual averages**

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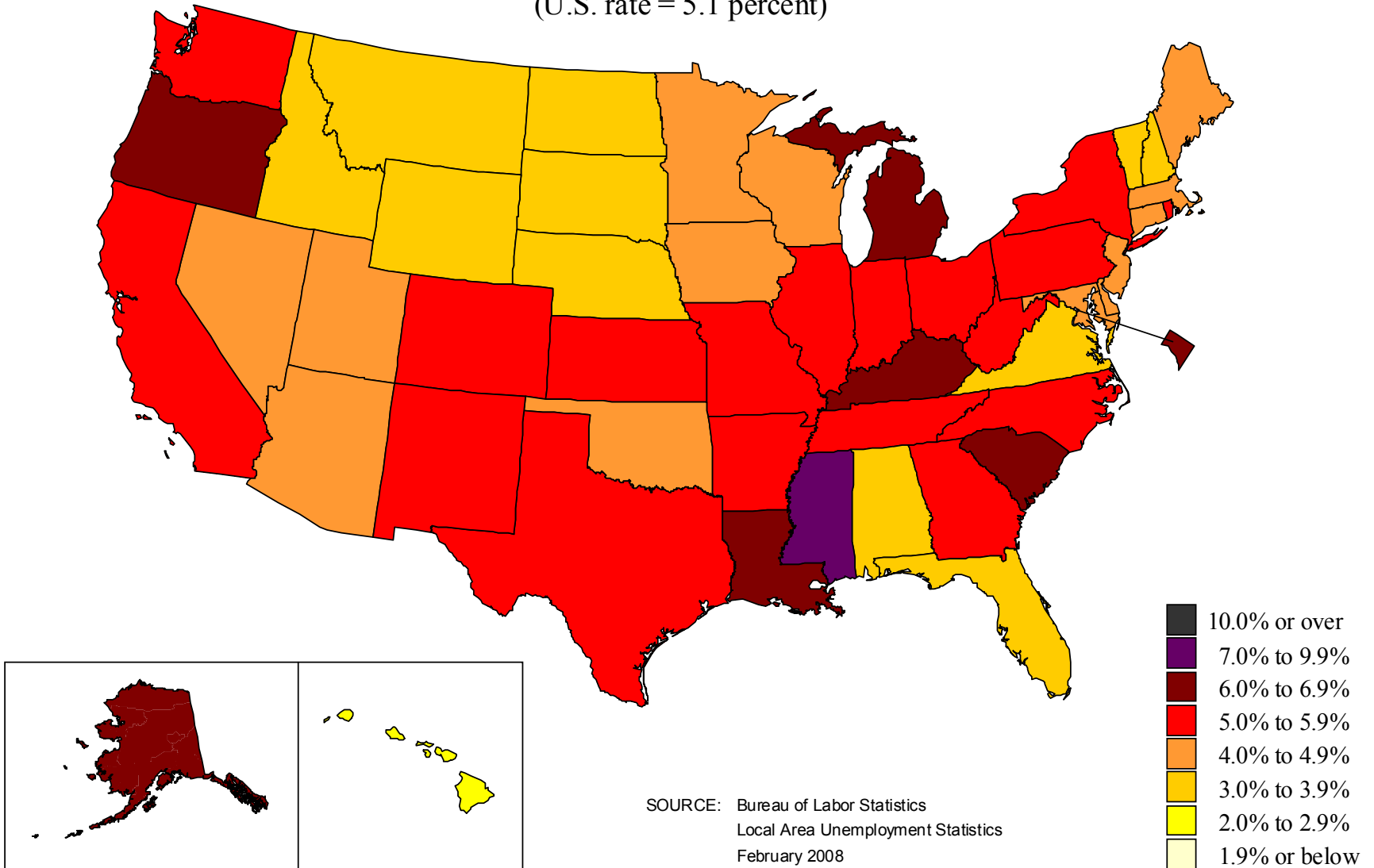


- 10.0% or over
- 7.0% to 9.9%
- 6.0% to 6.9%
- 5.0% to 5.9%
- 4.0% to 4.9%
- 3.0% to 3.9%
- 2.0% to 2.9%
- 1.9% or below

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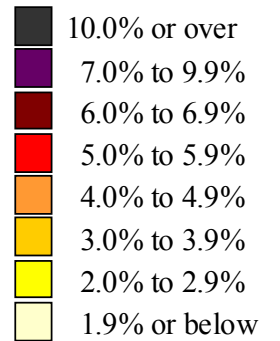
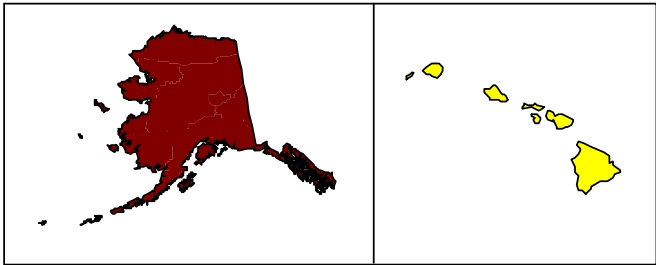
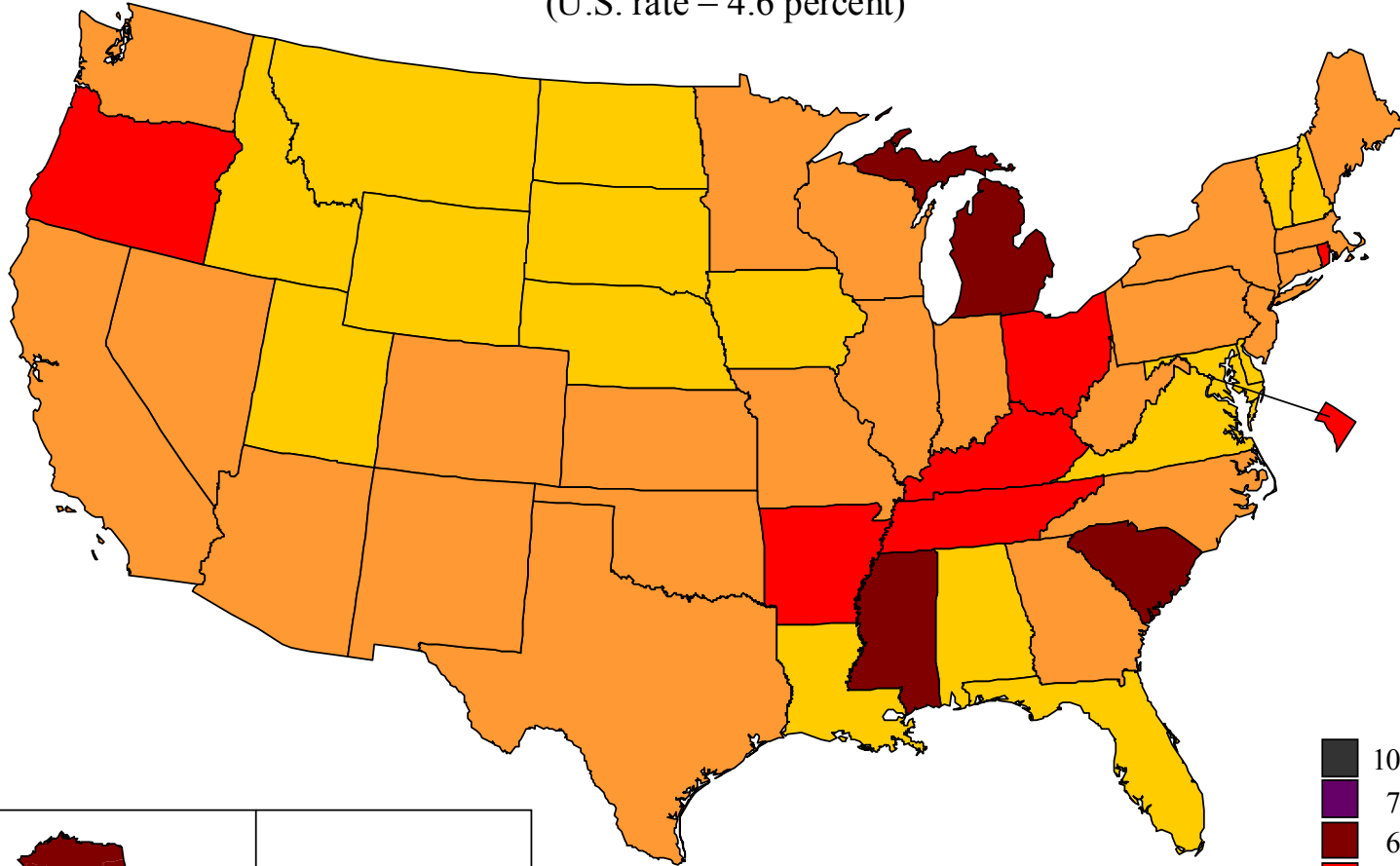
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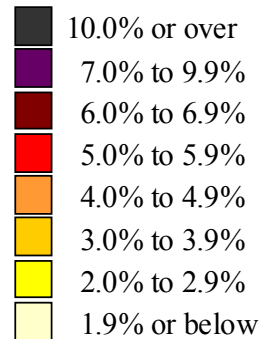
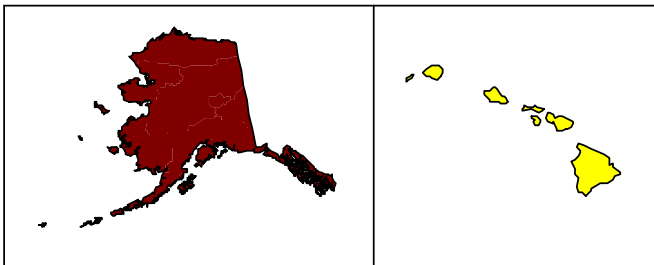
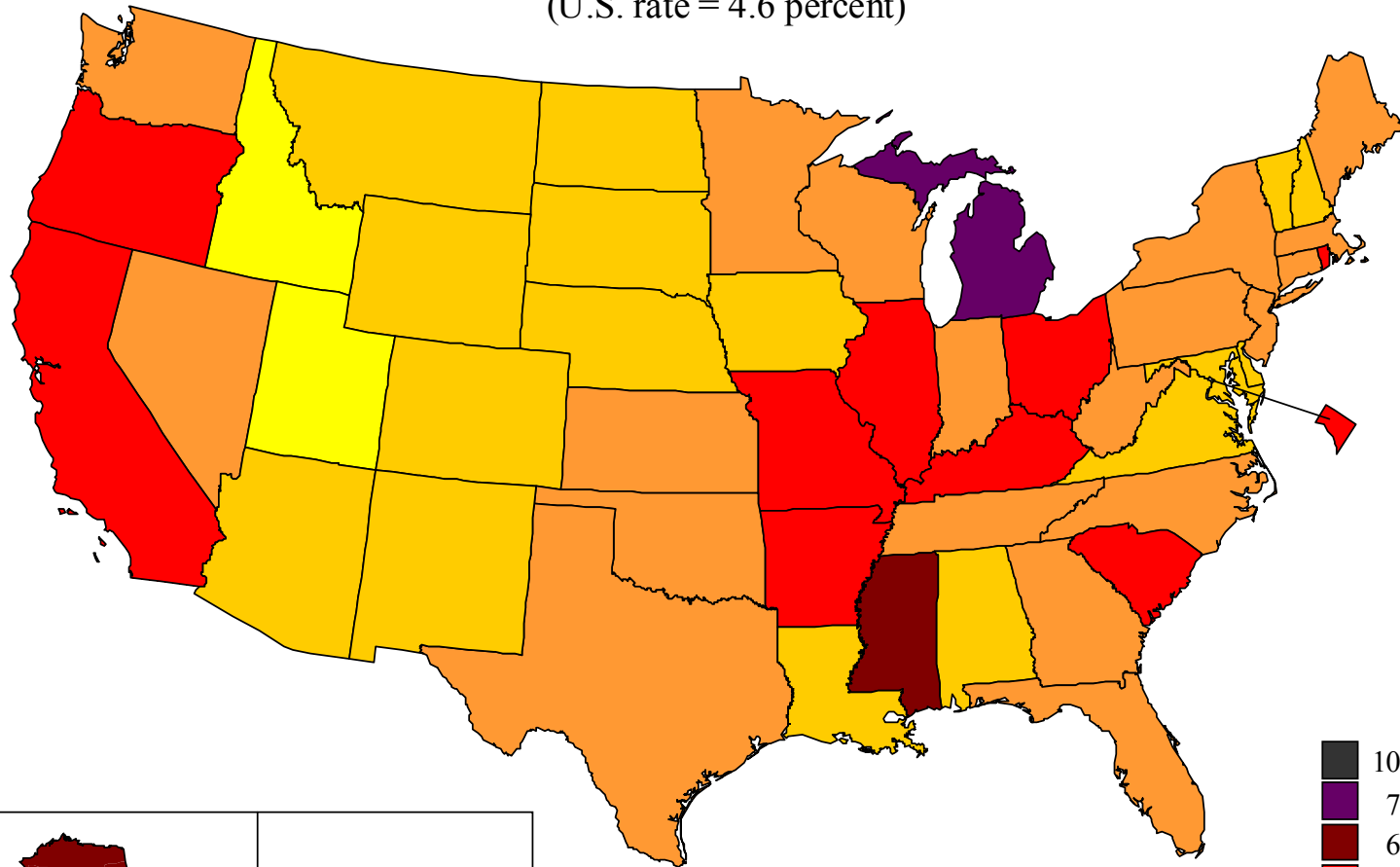
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# Unemployment rates by state, 2007 annual averages

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