


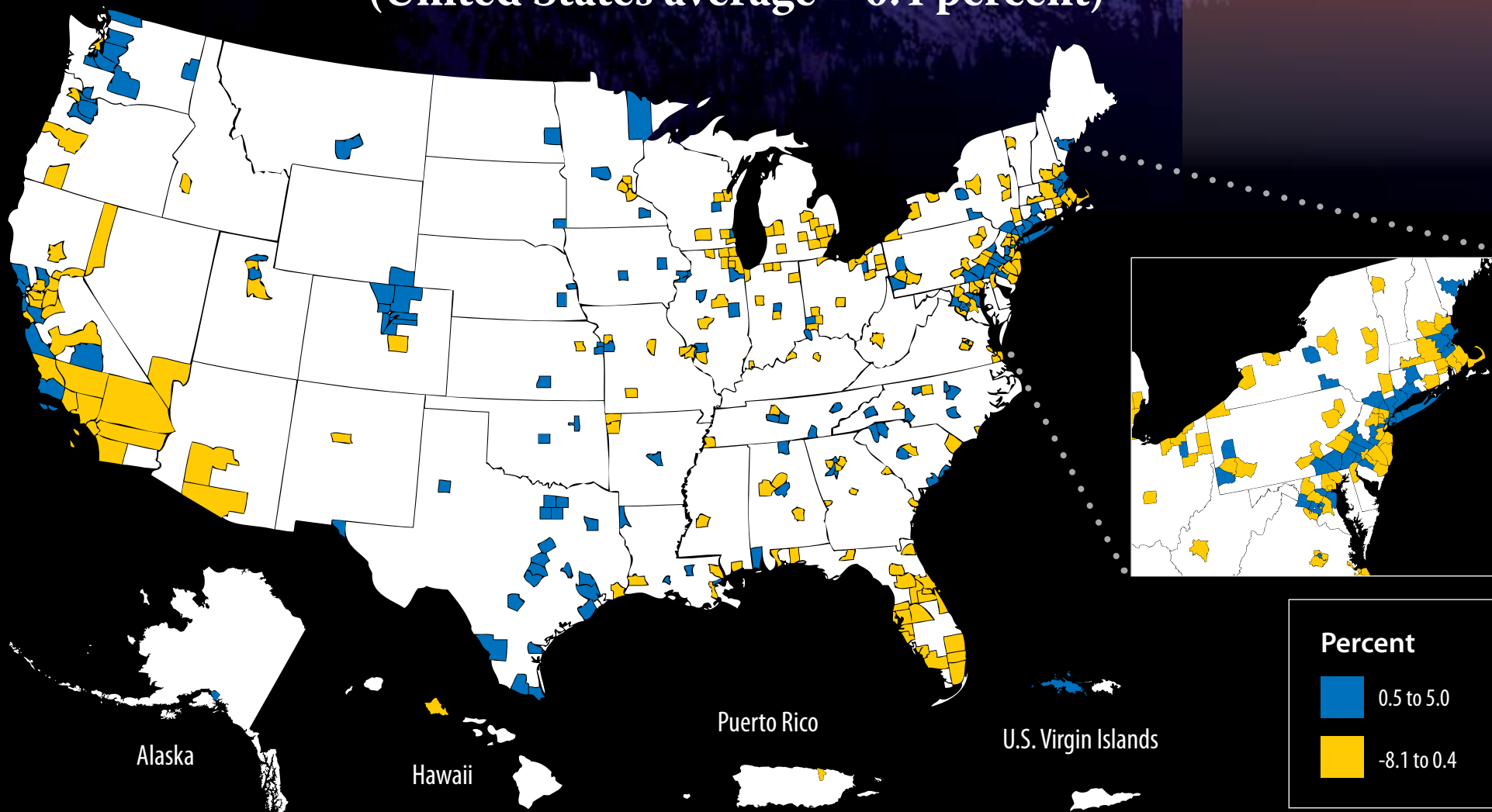
Colorado, Texas, and Washington had high concentrations of large counties with over-the-year employment growth above the national average.

 As in March 2007, California, Florida, and several States in the Midwest and Northeast showed high concentrations of large counties with over-the-year employment changes below the national average in March 2008.

Counties with fewer than 75,000 employees were not ranked, because relatively minor changes in employment levels in these counties can cause relatively large percentage changes in employment.

FIGURE 4 Percent change in employment in counties with 75,000 or more employees, March 2007–2008

(United States average = 0.4 percent)



NOTE: The following counties had fewer than 75,000 employees in 2007, but are included because they are the largest county in their State or territory: Laramie, Wyoming and St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.