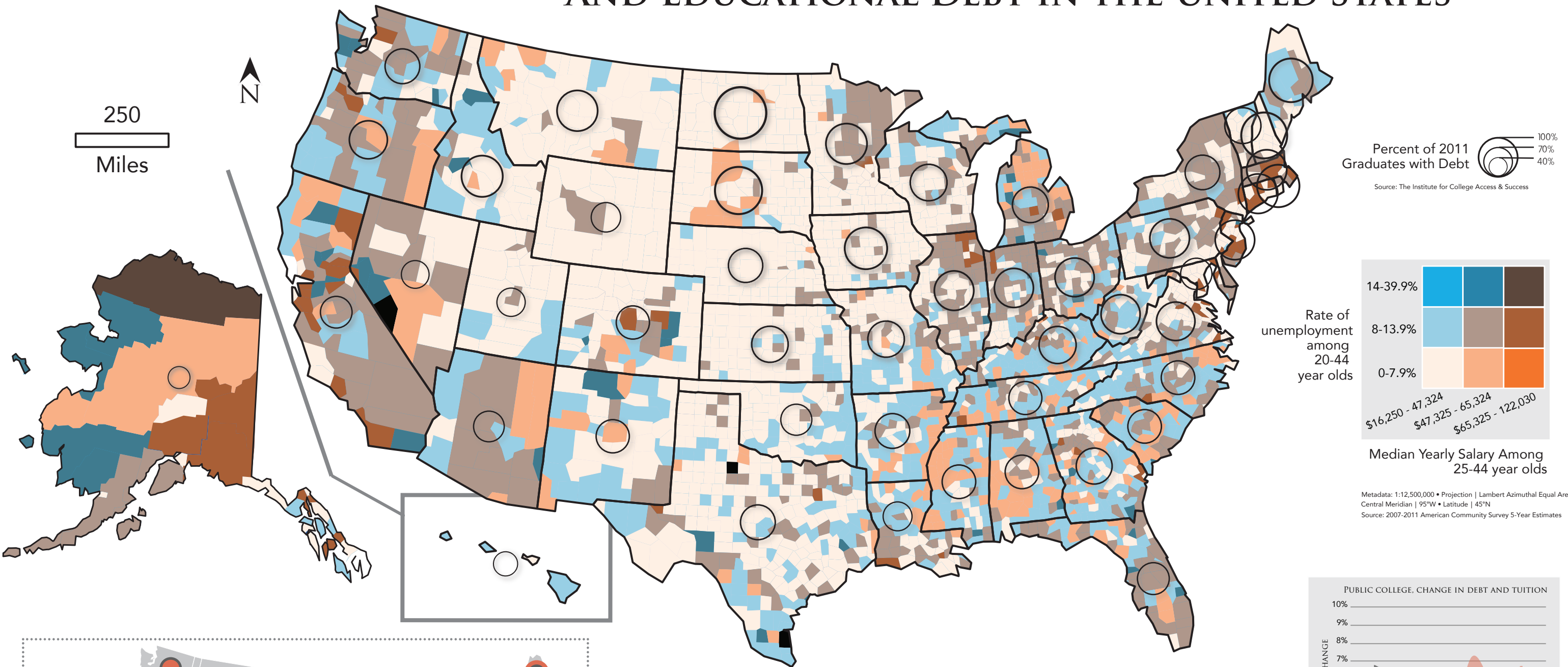


# CURRENT LANDSCAPE OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AND EDUCATIONAL DEBT IN THE UNITED STATES



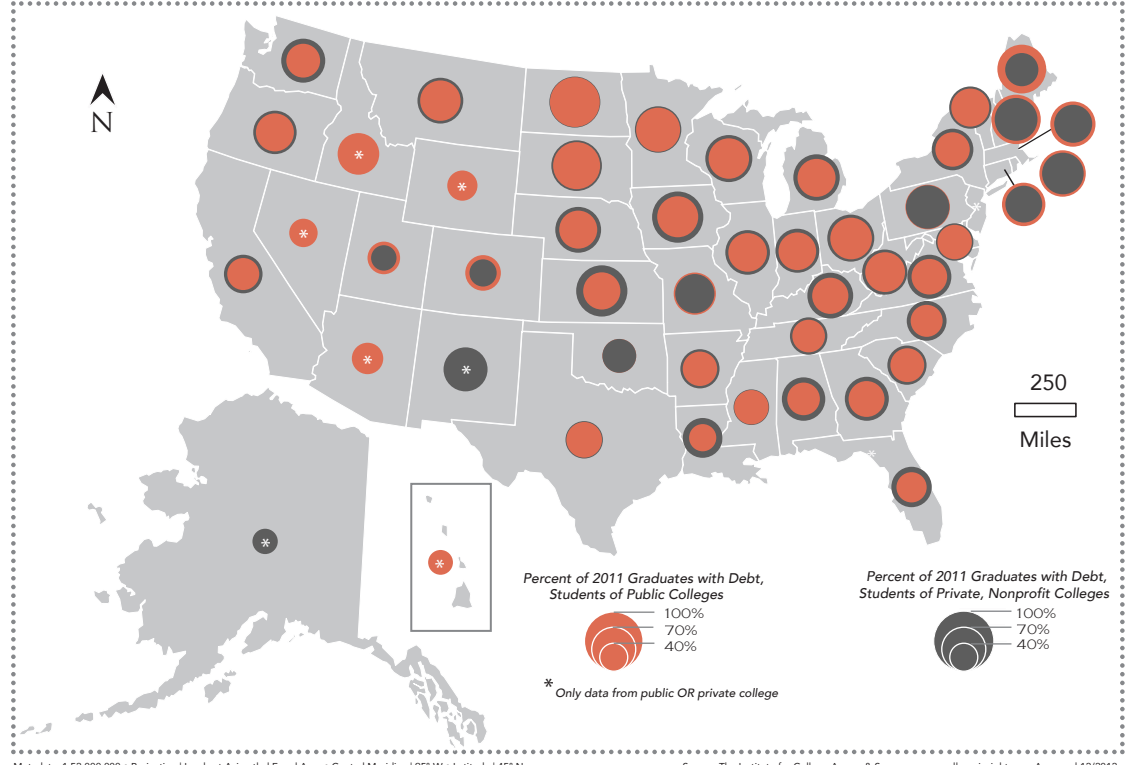
250 Miles

Percent of 2011 Graduates with Debt  
 Source: The Institute for College Access & Success

Rate of unemployment among 20-44 year olds

Median Yearly Salary Among 25-44 year olds

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 Source: 2007-2011 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



Percent of 2011 Graduates with Debt, Students of Public Colleges

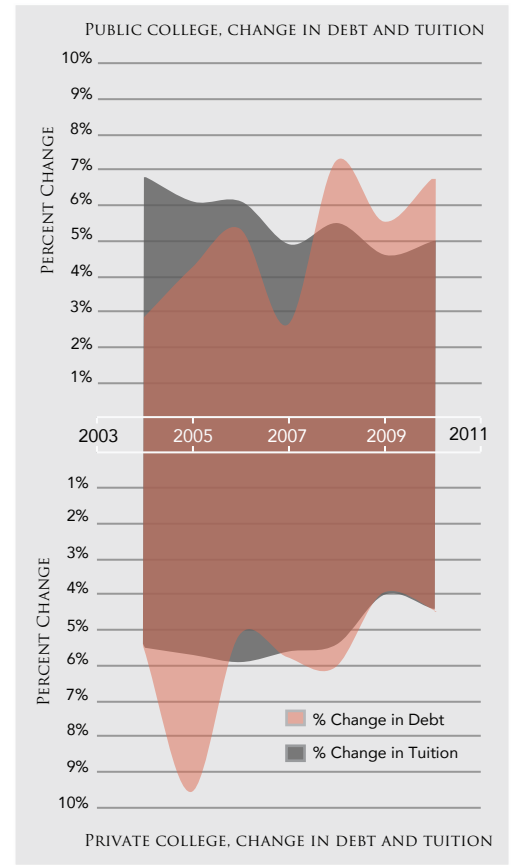
Percent of 2011 Graduates with Debt, Students of Private, Nonprofit Colleges

\* Only data from public OR private college

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 Source: The Institute for College Access & Success, www.college-insight.org. Accessed 12/2012.

As a result of increasing tuition and reductions in financial aid, more and more graduates are saddled with a large amount of educational debt when they leave school. The recent economic crisis has further exasperated the situation; recent graduates with loan payments are facing both high rates of unemployment and low median salaries around the United States.

Public universities generally remain the more affordable option. However, in recent years the percentage of students graduating from public universities with debt has increased, and in some states (especially in the Northeast) is now greater than the rate of students graduating with debt from private universities.



Source: The Institute for College Access & Success.