

Yes, Children's Libraries are Still Essential in 2017

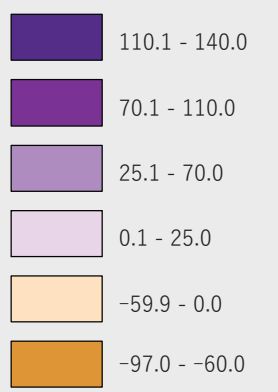
as shown by the difference from 2010

New Hampshire had the worst change of attendance with a loss of 97.77 people per 1000 people. While they did gain 6,559 programs, New Hampshire needs to work on being able to get the children to participate in the programs.

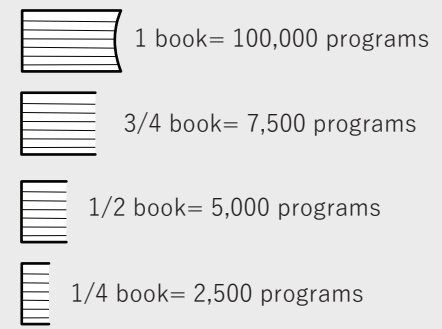
While the East coast has the most states that gained participation, Idaho had the second biggest gain at 132.32 people per 1000 people.

New York added 84,499 new children's programs since 2010. That is almost 40,000 more programs than Texas, the state with the second largest change at 48,908 programs

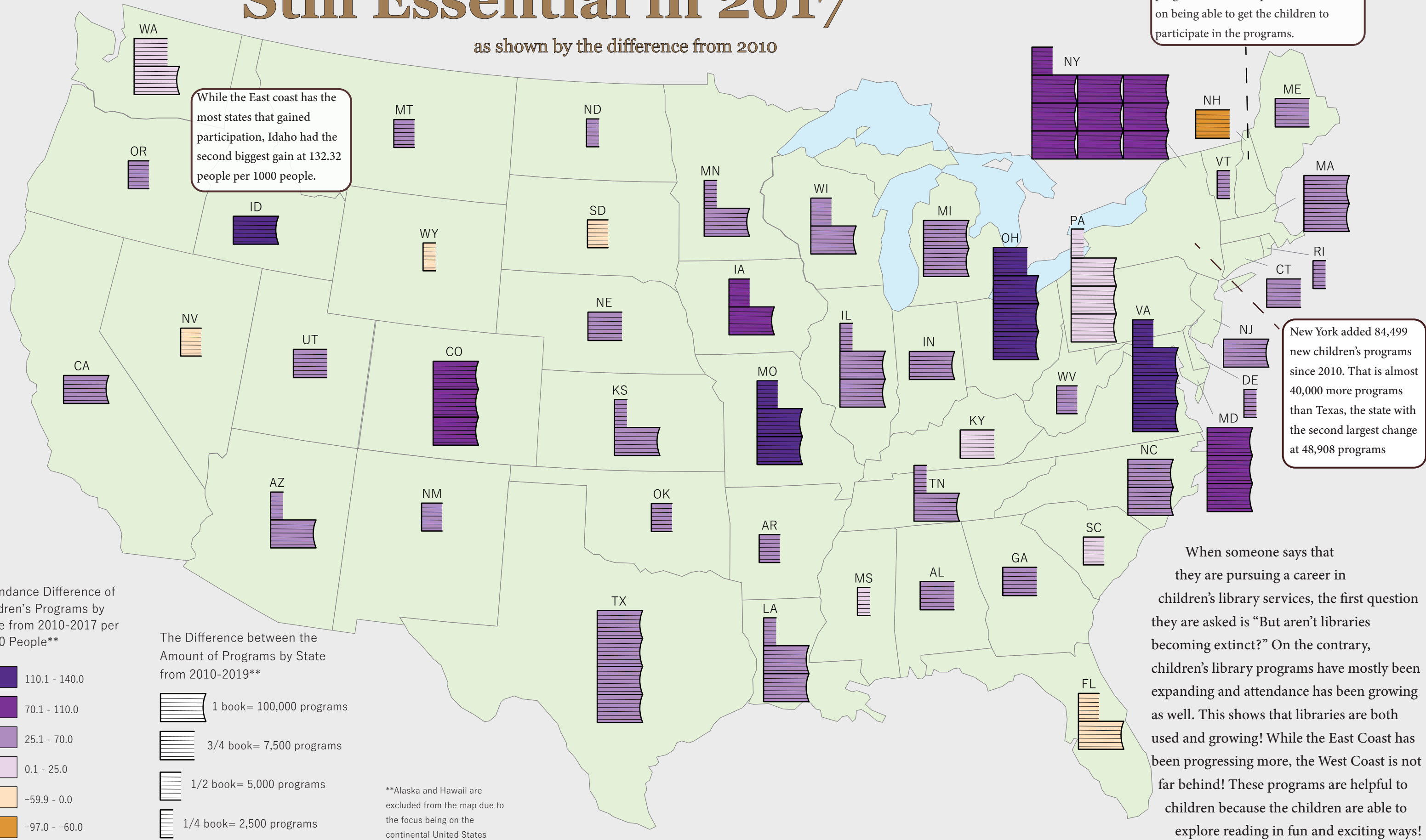
Attendance Difference of Children's Programs by State from 2010-2017 per 1,000 People**



The Difference between the Amount of Programs by State from 2010-2019**



**Alaska and Hawaii are excluded from the map due to the focus being on the continental United States



When someone says that they are pursuing a career in children's library services, the first question they are asked is "But aren't libraries becoming extinct?" On the contrary, children's library programs have mostly been expanding and attendance has been growing as well. This shows that libraries are both used and growing! While the East Coast has been progressing more, the West Coast is not far behind! These programs are helpful to children because the children are able to explore reading in fun and exciting ways!

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