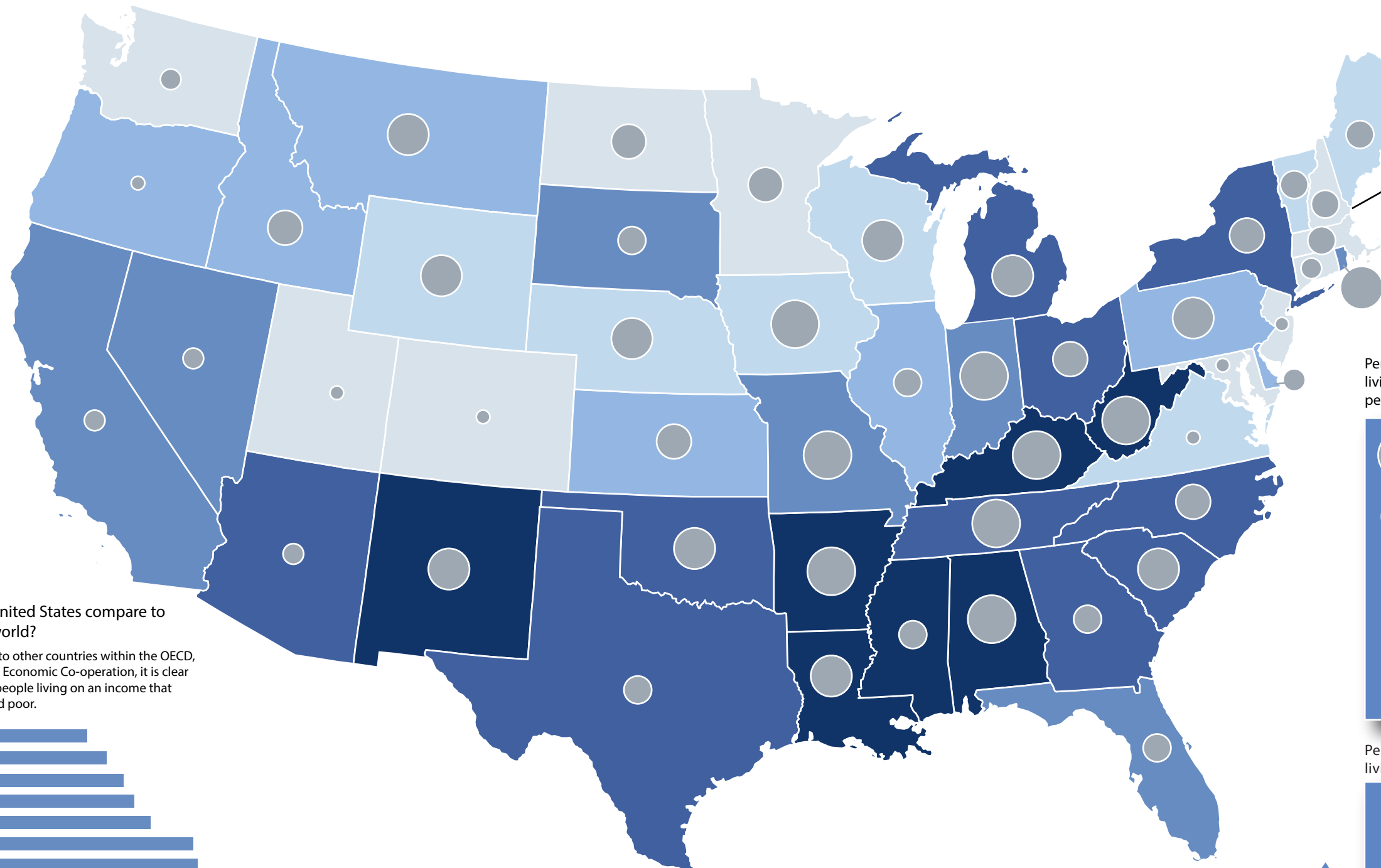


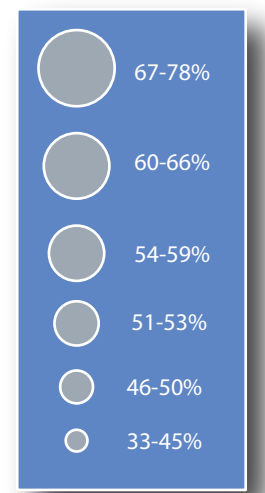
How Race Affects Poverty in the United States

The United States is among the wealthiest nations in the world, yet we routinely take the lead when it comes to how much of the population is living in poverty. Poverty, in this context, is determined based on a single person's or family's income and comparing that to the poverty threshold, or the minimum amount of income needed to cover basic living expenses. To take it a step further, I wanted to highlight the disparities people of color face in terms of poverty, as they have a disproportionately higher rate of poverty per state than whites. In most cases, people of color make up more than half of the population living in poverty. This map is a visual representation of the phenomenon of how an uncontrollable factor, such as race, can play such a huge role in an individual's ability to generate a livable income.

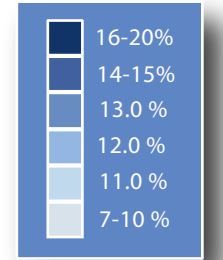
New Hampshire has the lowest poverty rate in the U.S. at 7%. They are able to achieve such low poverty rates for a couple reasons. First, they have one of the fastest growing economies, and a growing economy helps reduce poverty. Second, New Hampshire has such a high cost of living that many people simply cannot afford to live there, keeping the poverty rate low.



Percent of the population living in poverty who are people of color

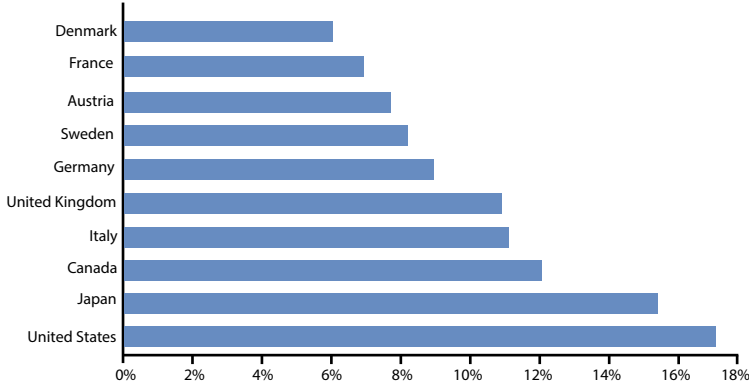


Percent of the population living below the poverty line

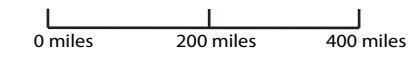


How does the United States compare to the rest of the world?

Comparing the U.S. to other countries within the OECD, the Organization for Economic Co-operation, it is clear that we have more people living on an income that would be considered poor.



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*Map is representative of the continental U.S.