

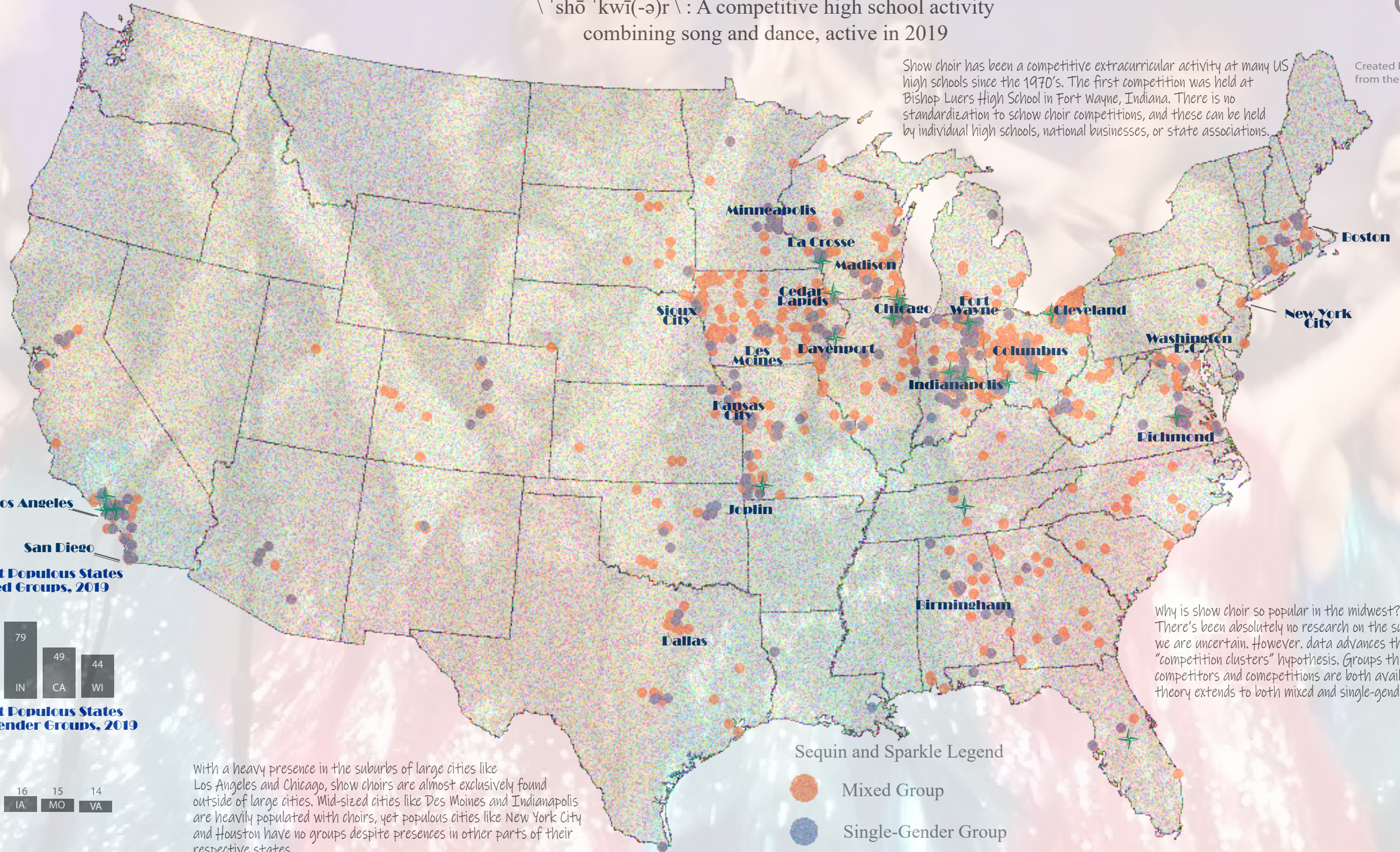
United Show Choirs of America



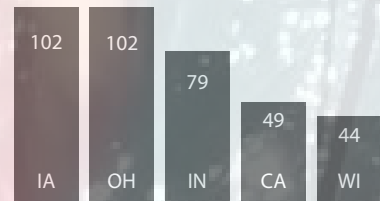
\ 'shō 'kwī(-ə)r \ : A competitive high school activity combining song and dance, active in 2019

Show choir has been a competitive extracurricular activity at many US high schools since the 1970's. The first competition was held at Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne, Indiana. There is no standardization to show choir competitions, and these can be held by individual high schools, national businesses, or state associations.

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Top 5 Most Populous States for Mixed Groups, 2019



Top 5 Most Populous States for Single-Gender Groups, 2019



With a heavy presence in the suburbs of large cities like Los Angeles and Chicago, show choirs are almost exclusively found outside of large cities. Mid-sized cities like Des Moines and Indianapolis are heavily populated with choirs, yet populous cities like New York City and Houston have no groups despite presences in other parts of their respective states.

Why is show choir so popular in the midwest? There's been absolutely no research on the subject, so overall we are uncertain. However, data advances the "competition clusters" hypothesis. Groups thrive where competitors and competitions are both available. This theory extends to both mixed and single-gender groups.

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- Mixed Group
- Single-Gender Group
- ★ Popular Competition Site (Based on showchoir.com comments)

