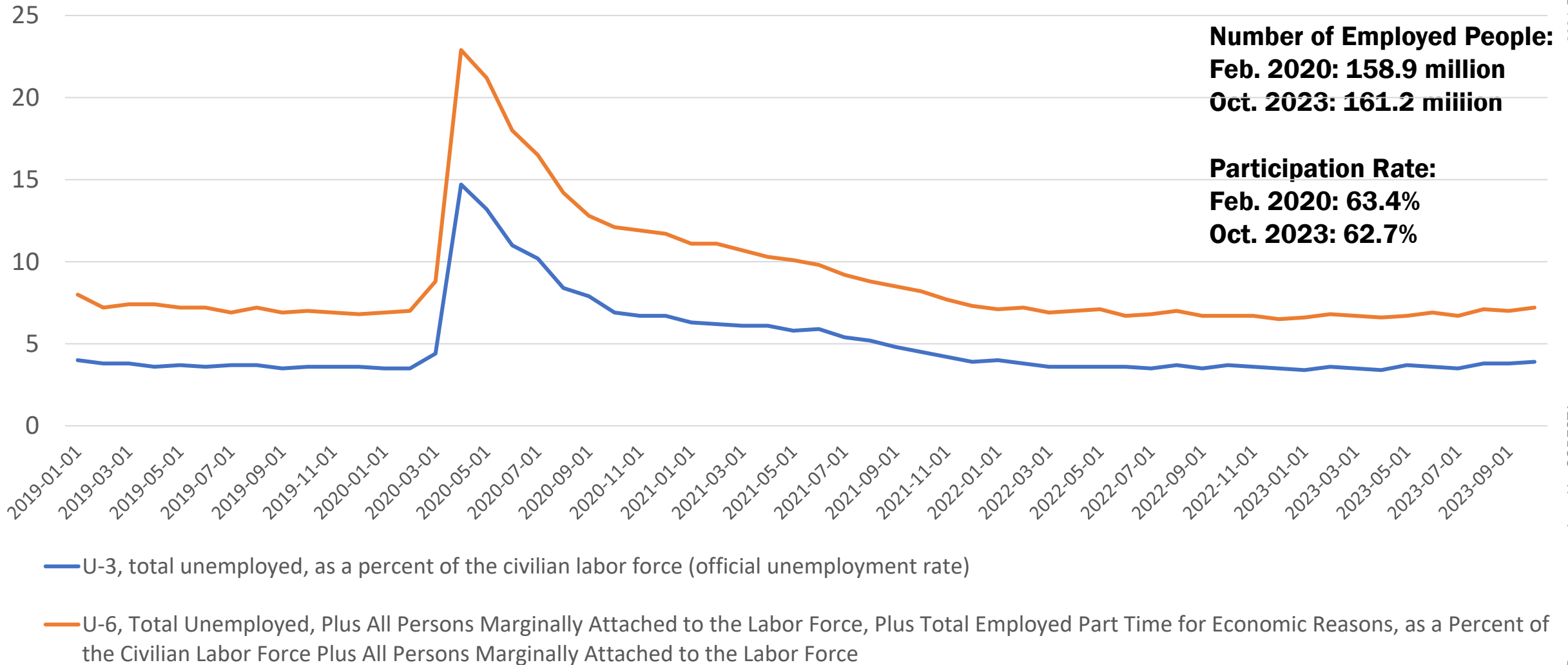


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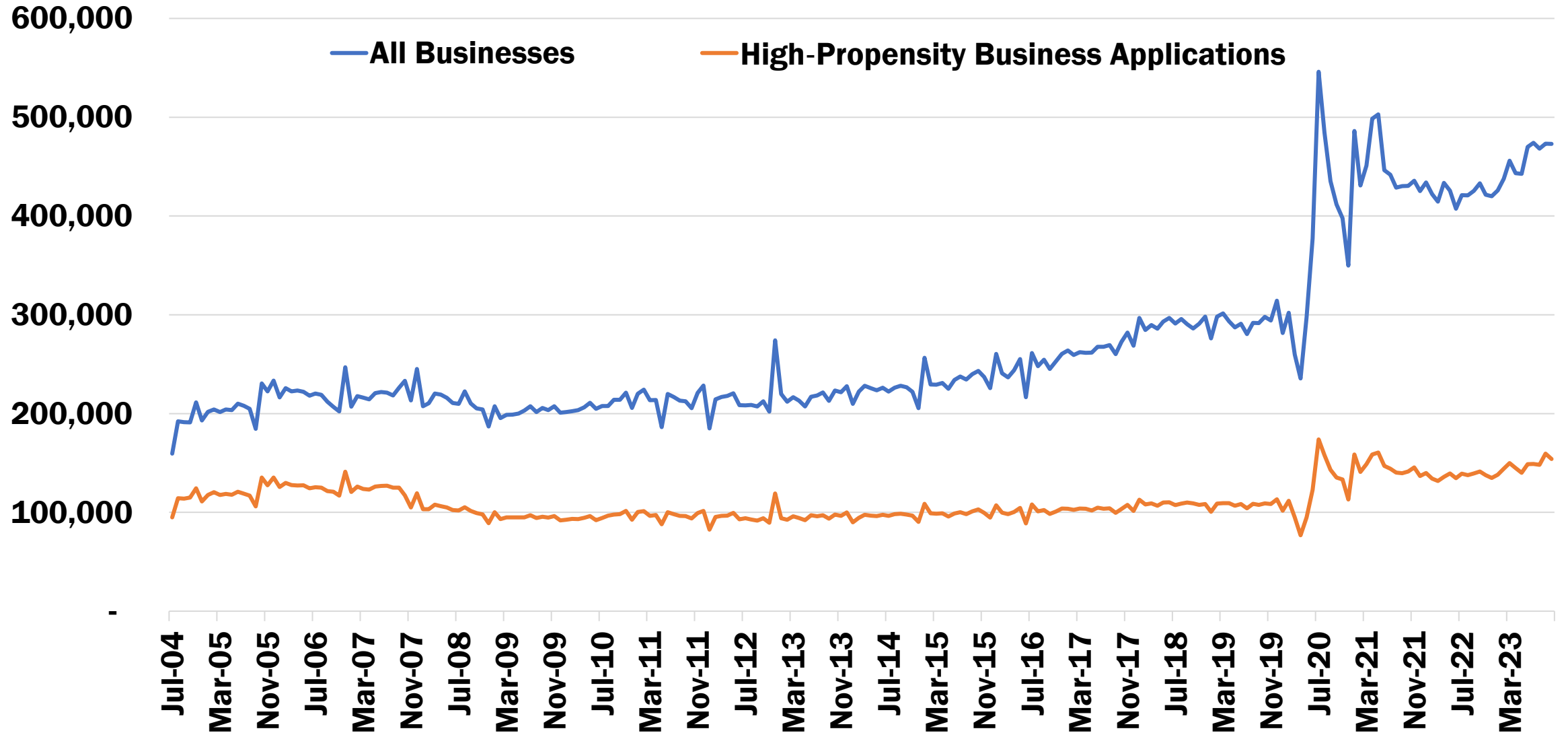
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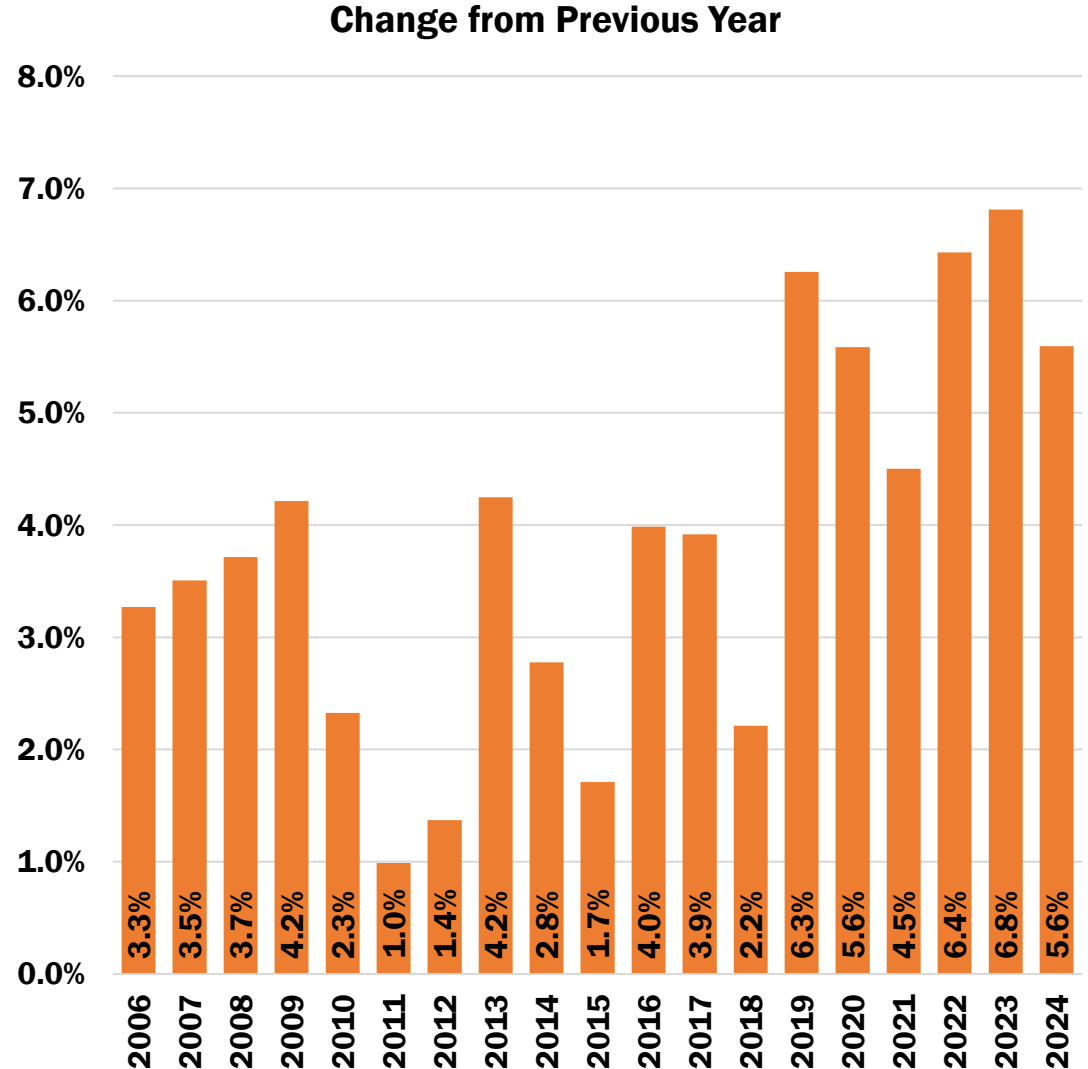
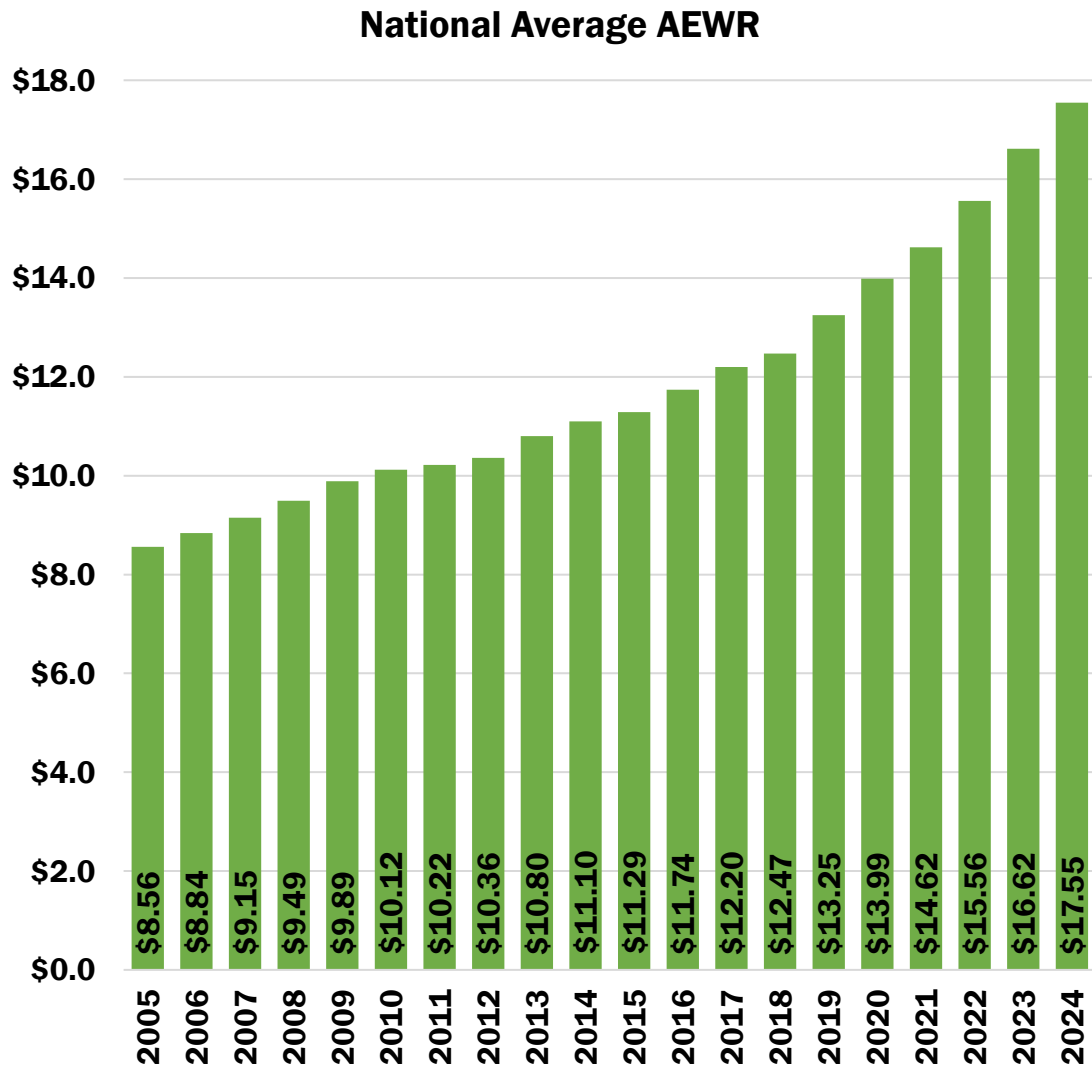
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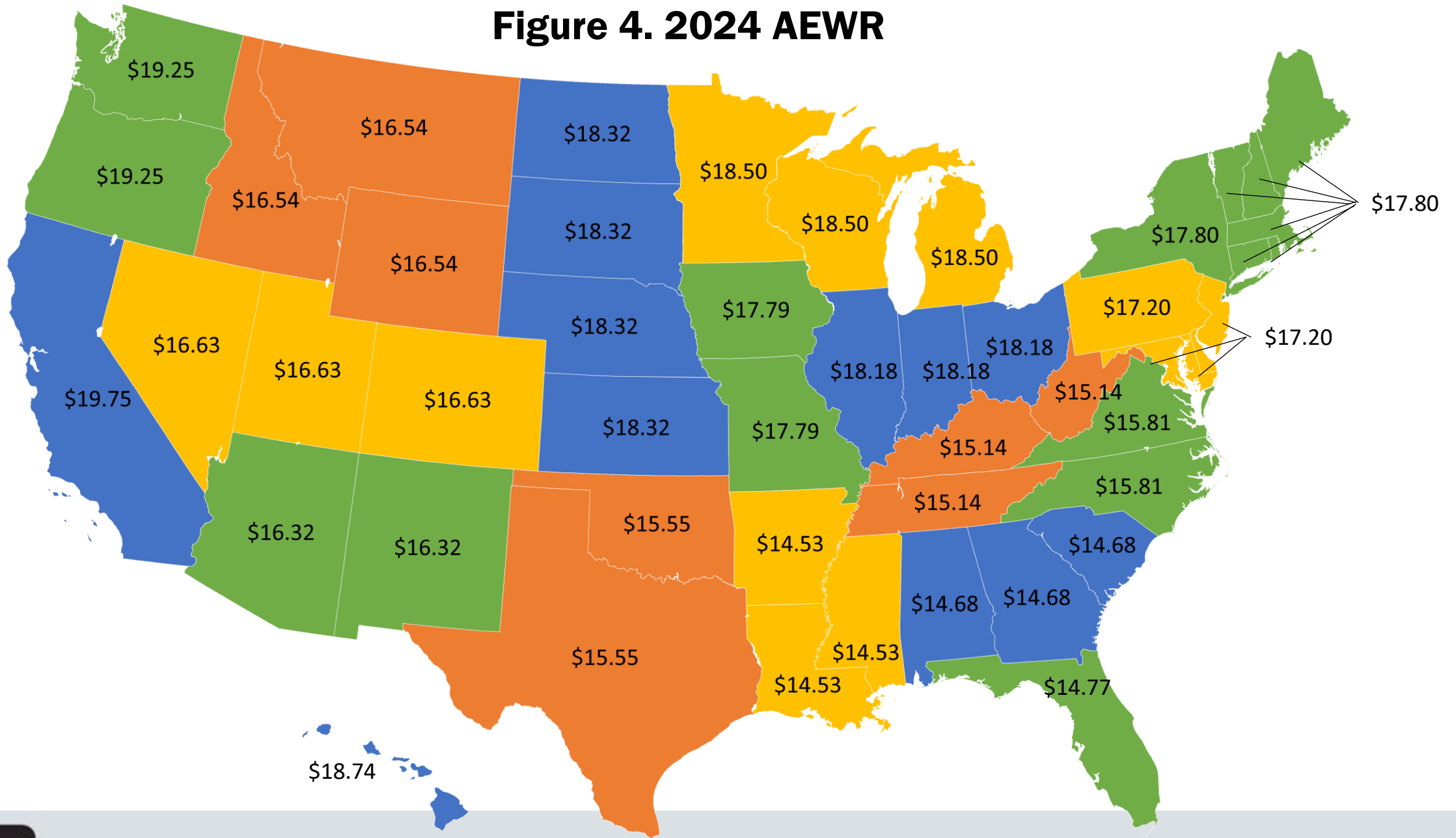
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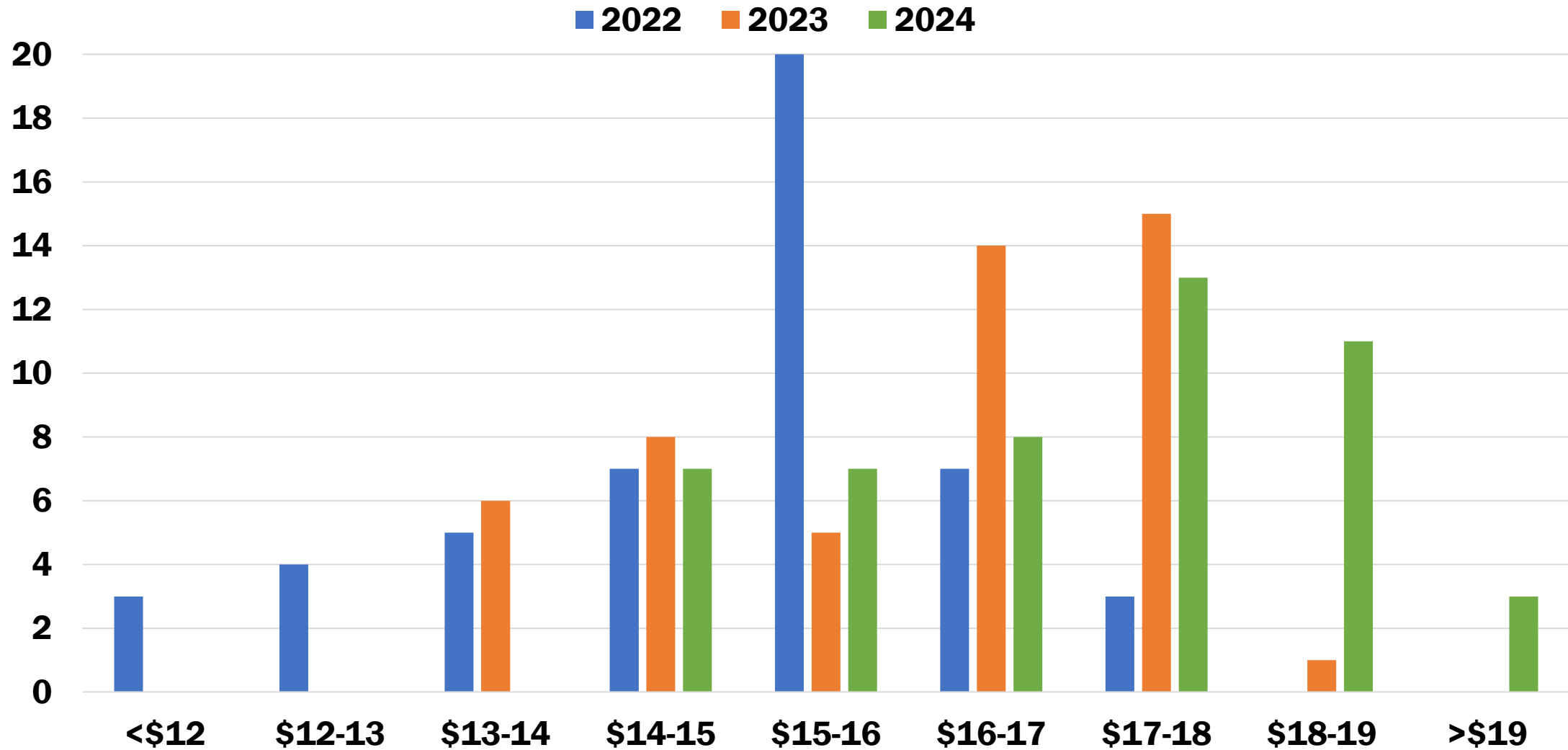
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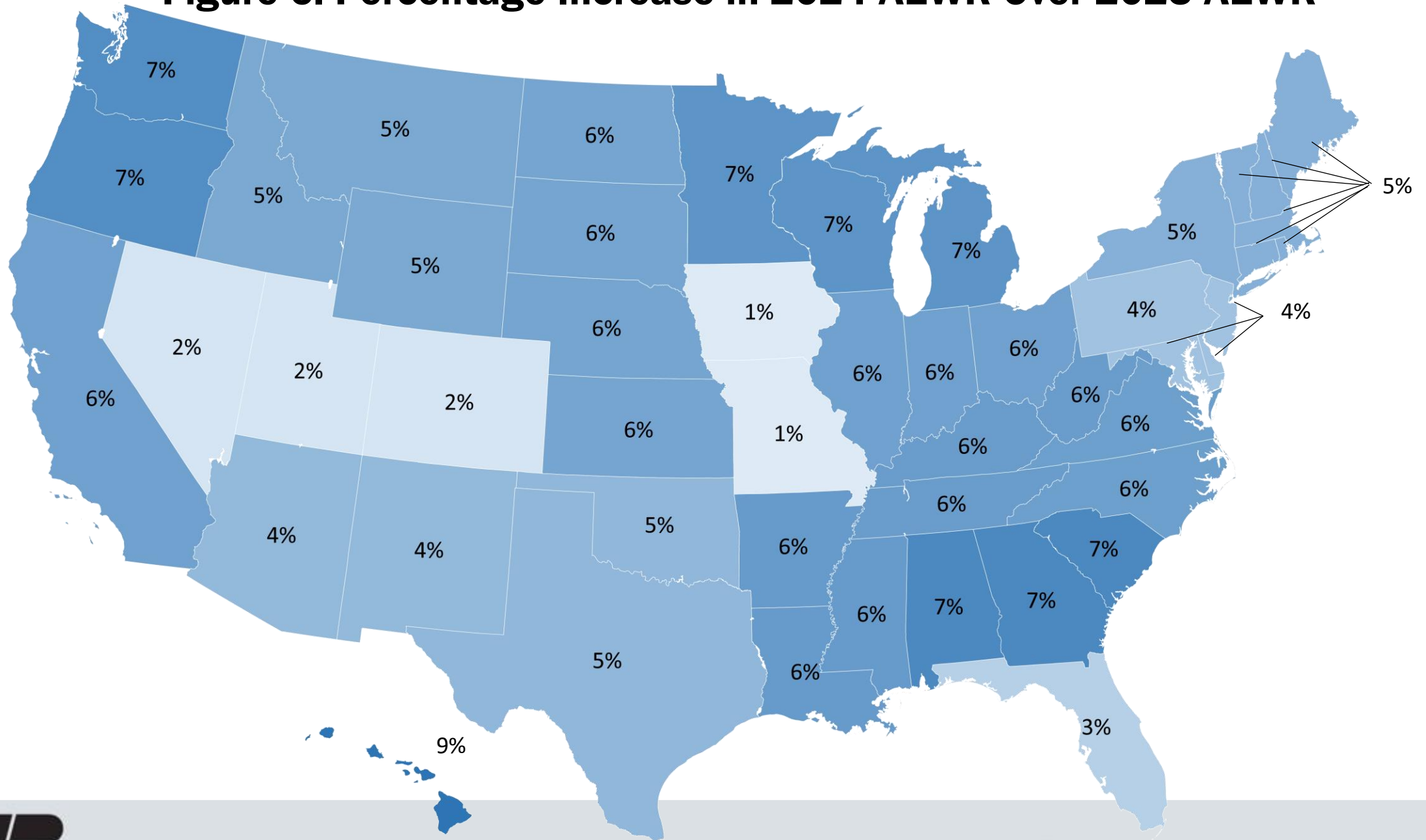
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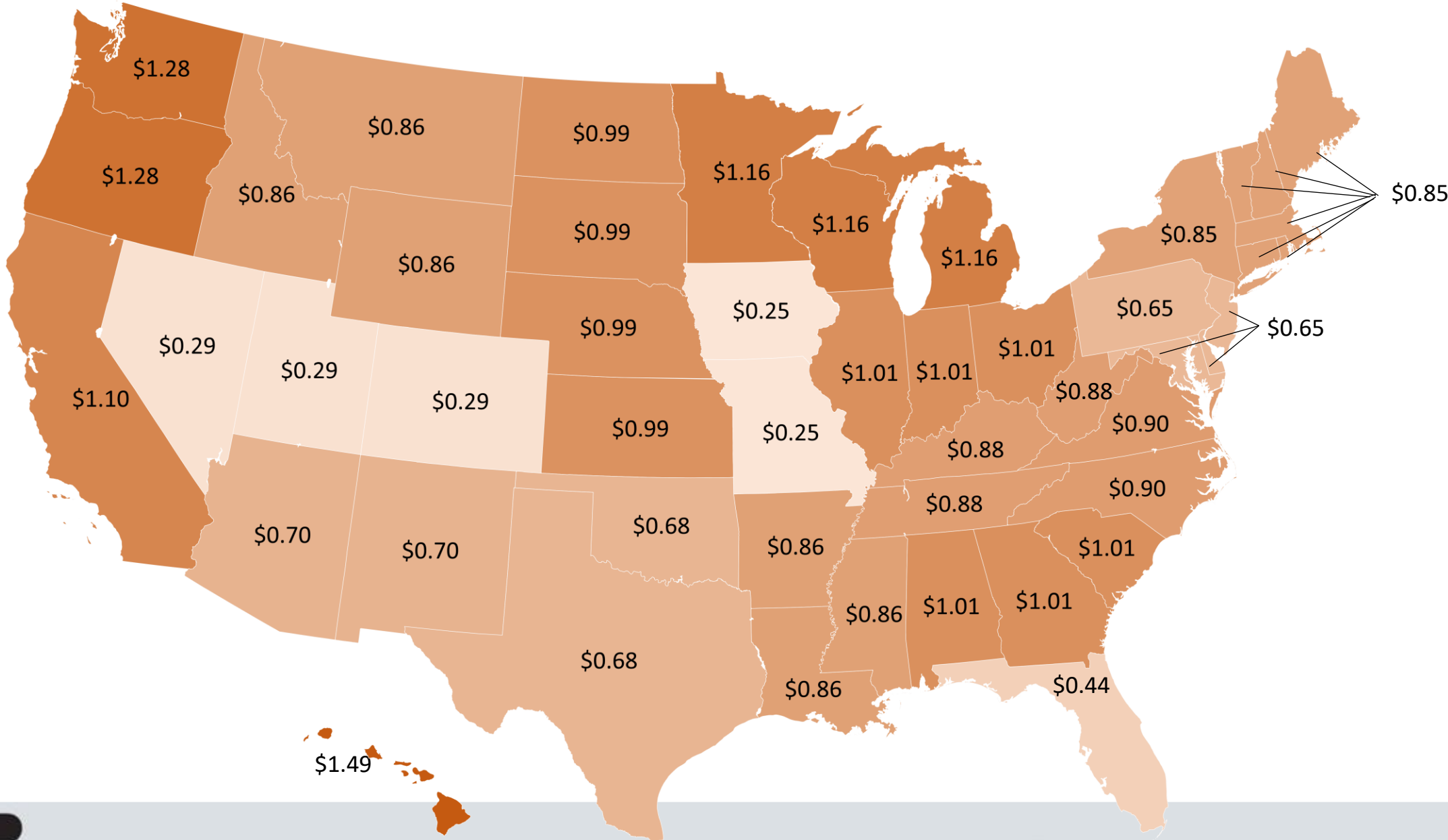
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# Figure 6. Percentage Increase in 2024 AEWL Over 2023 AEWL

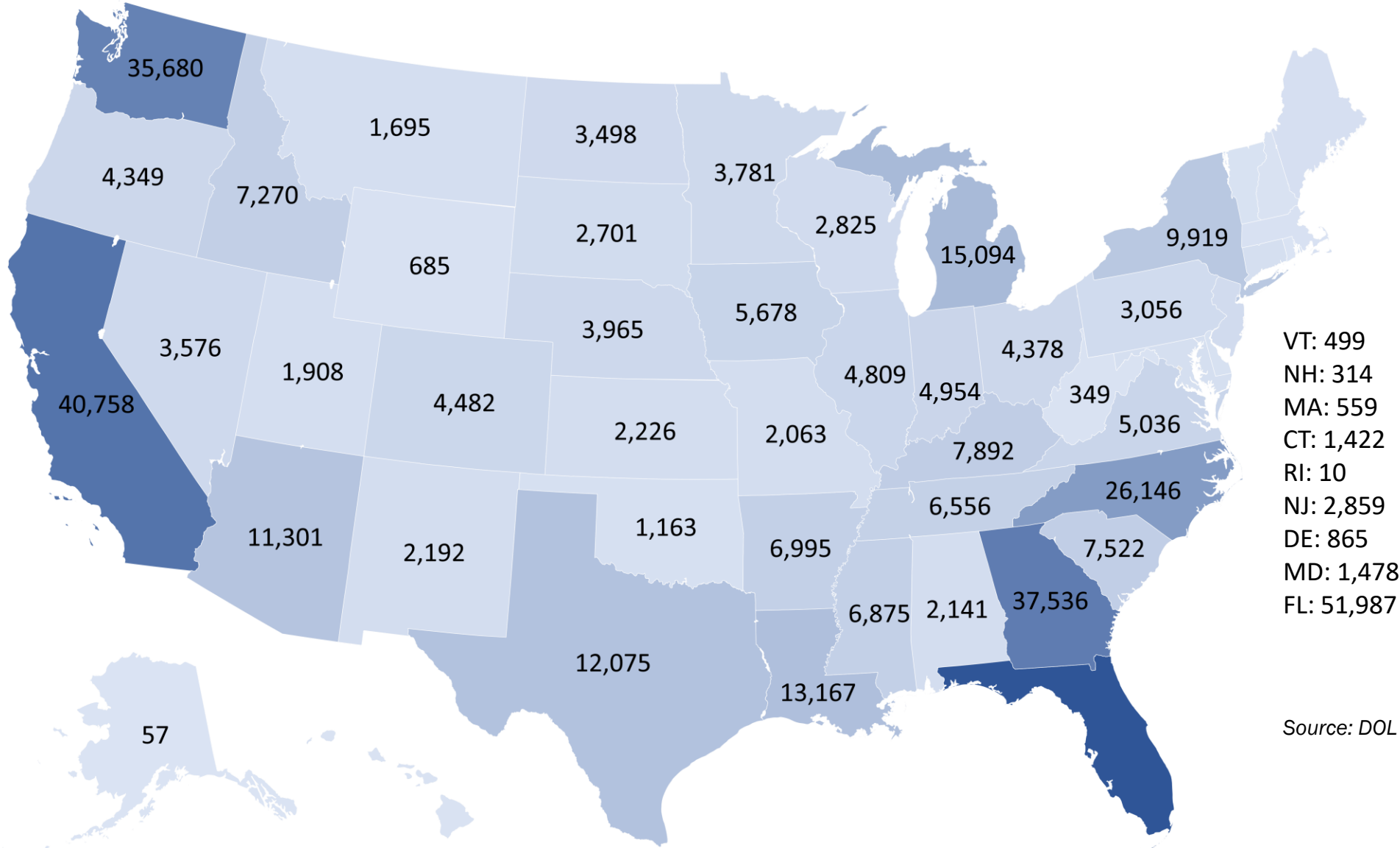


# Figure 7. Dollar-Per-Hour Increase in 2024 AEW over 2023 AEW





# Figure 9. Fiscal Year 2023 H-2A Certified Positions

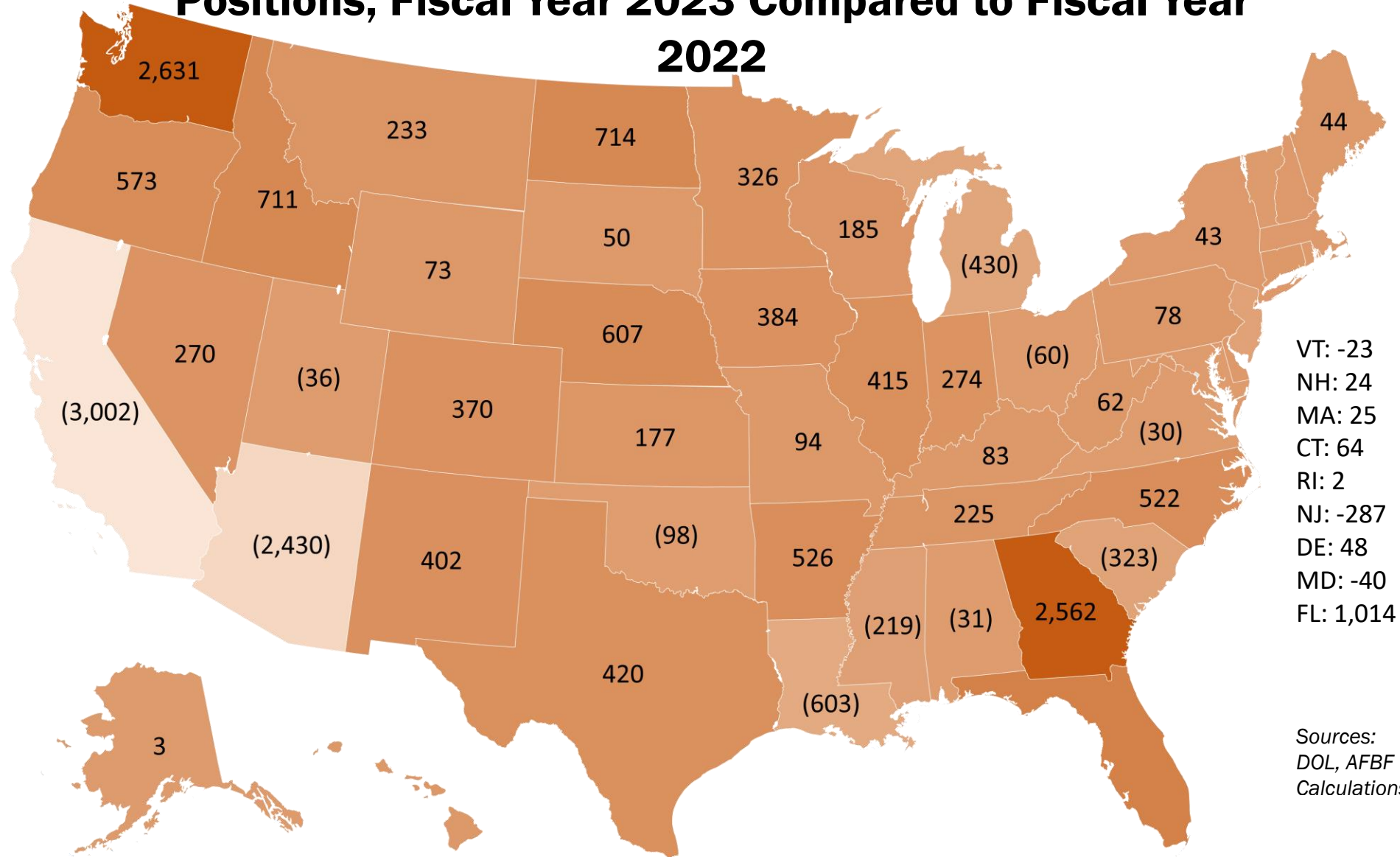


VT: 499  
 NH: 314  
 MA: 559  
 CT: 1,422  
 RI: 10  
 NJ: 2,859  
 DE: 865  
 MD: 1,478  
 FL: 51,987

Source: DOL



# Figure 11. Change in Number of H-2A Certified Positions, Fiscal Year 2023 Compared to Fiscal Year 2022

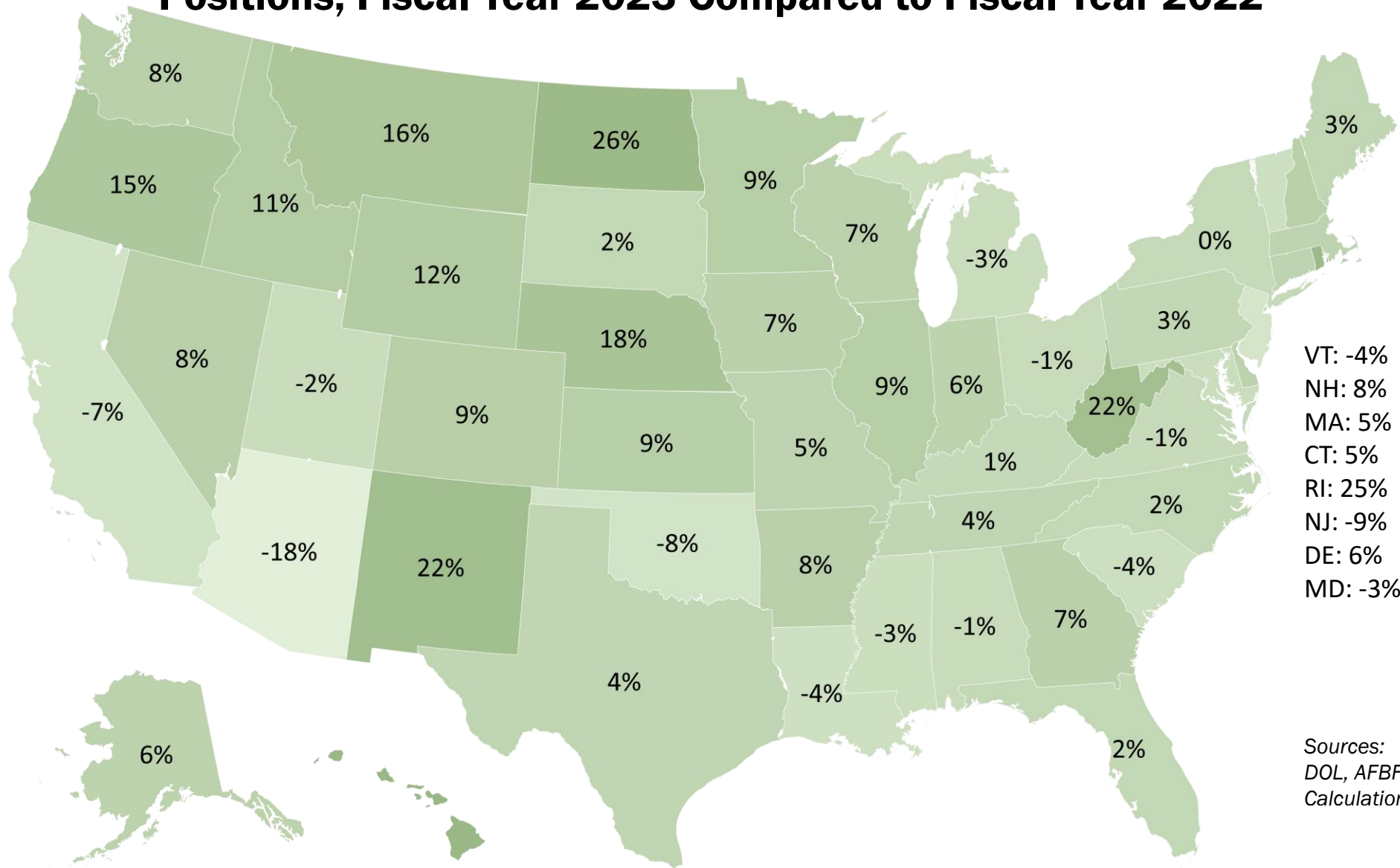


VT: -23  
 NH: 24  
 MA: 25  
 CT: 64  
 RI: 2  
 NJ: -287  
 DE: 48  
 MD: -40  
 FL: 1,014

Sources:  
 DOL, AFBF  
 Calculations



**Figure 12. Percentage Change in Number of H-2A Certified Positions, Fiscal Year 2023 Compared to Fiscal Year 2022**



VT: -4%  
 NH: 8%  
 MA: 5%  
 CT: 5%  
 RI: 25%  
 NJ: -9%  
 DE: 6%  
 MD: -3%

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 Calculations

