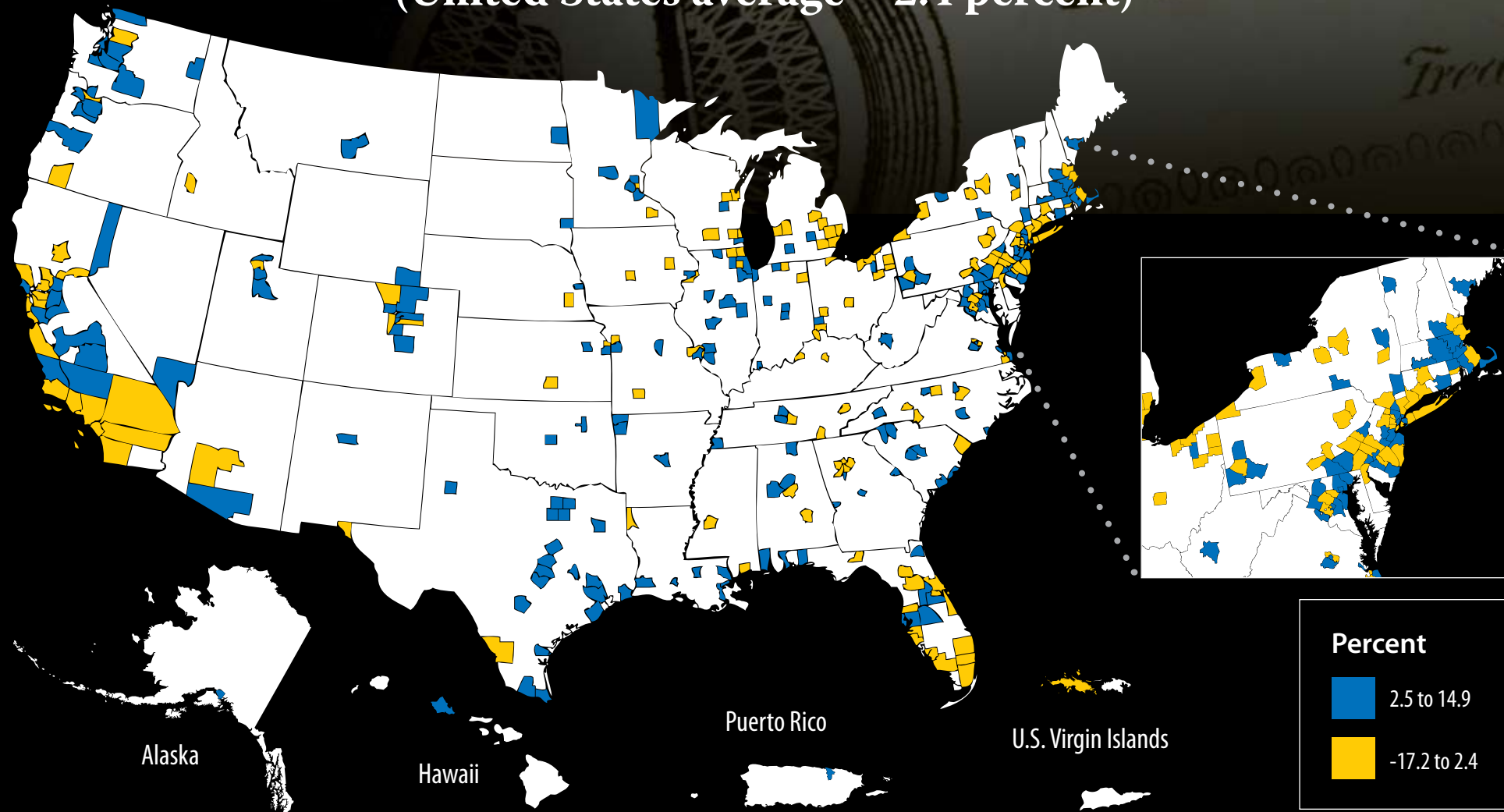


Counties with changes in average weekly wages above and below the national average in first quarter 2008 were distributed widely across the Nation.

📈 Over-the-year percent changes in average weekly wages at the county level are often significantly affected by bonuses, severance payments, and other unique events.

FIGURE 5 Percent change in average weekly wage in counties with 75,000 or more employees, first quarter 2007-2008

(United States average = 2.4 percent)



NOTE: The following counties had fewer than 75,000 employees in 2007, but are included because they are the largest county in their State or territory: Laramie, Wyoming and St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.