Large counties showing employment changes above the national average tended to be concentrated in the Central and Northeast regions of the United States.

- The West Coast, Great Lakes area, and the Southeast region of the United States showed high concentrations of large counties with over-the-year employment changes below the national average.

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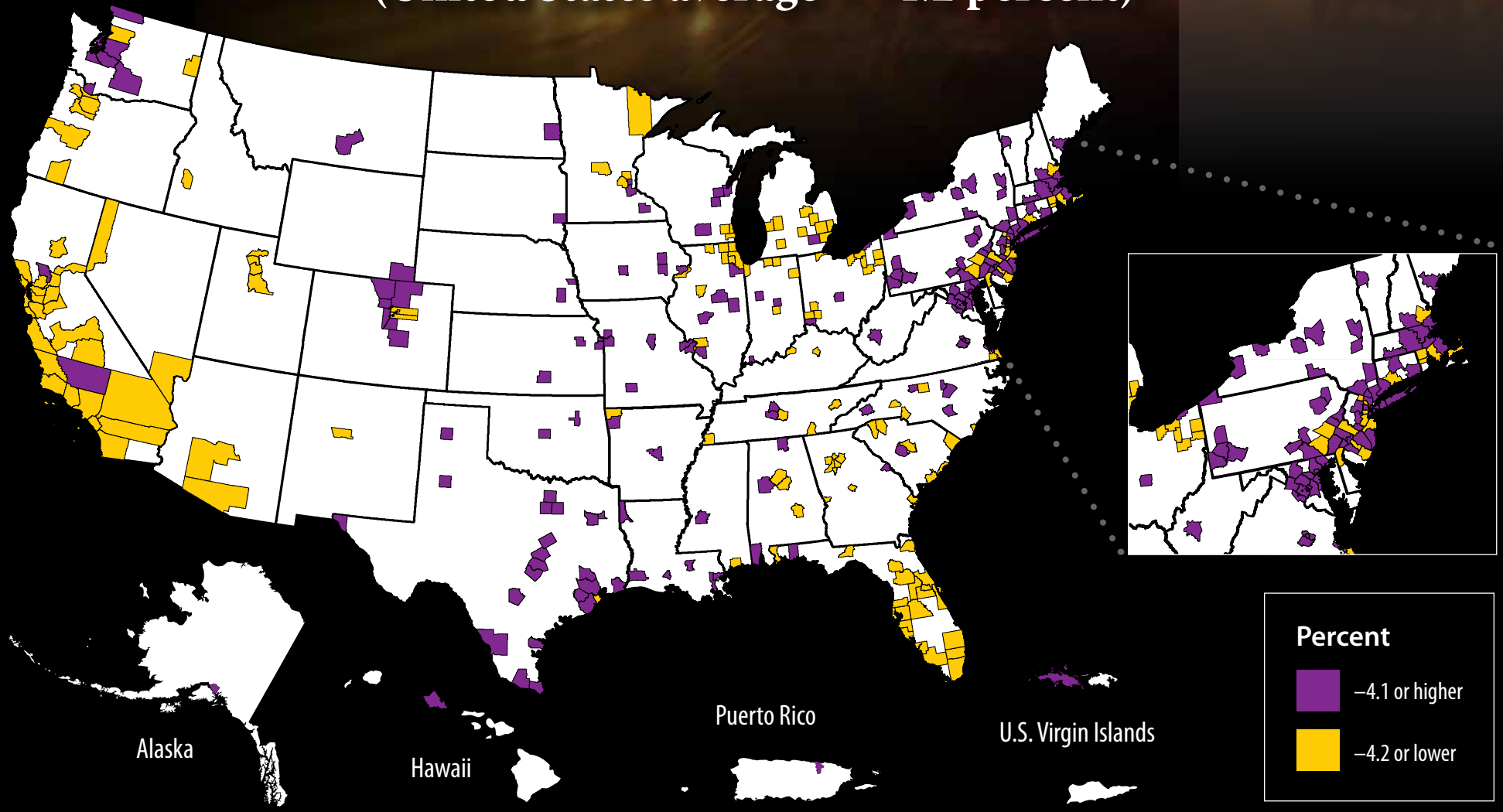
Counties with fewer than 75,000 employees were not ranked, because relatively minor changes in employment levels in these counties can cause relatively large percentage changes in employment.

FIGURE 4 Percent change in employment in counties with 75,000 or more employees, March 2008–2009

(United States average = –4.2 percent)



NOTE: *The following counties had fewer than 75,000 employees in 2008, but are included because they are the largest county in their State or territory: Laramie, Wyoming and St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.*