The majority of States showing employment trends above the national average were located west of the Mississippi River.

- The majority of States that were below the national average in 2008 were located in the Southeast and West.

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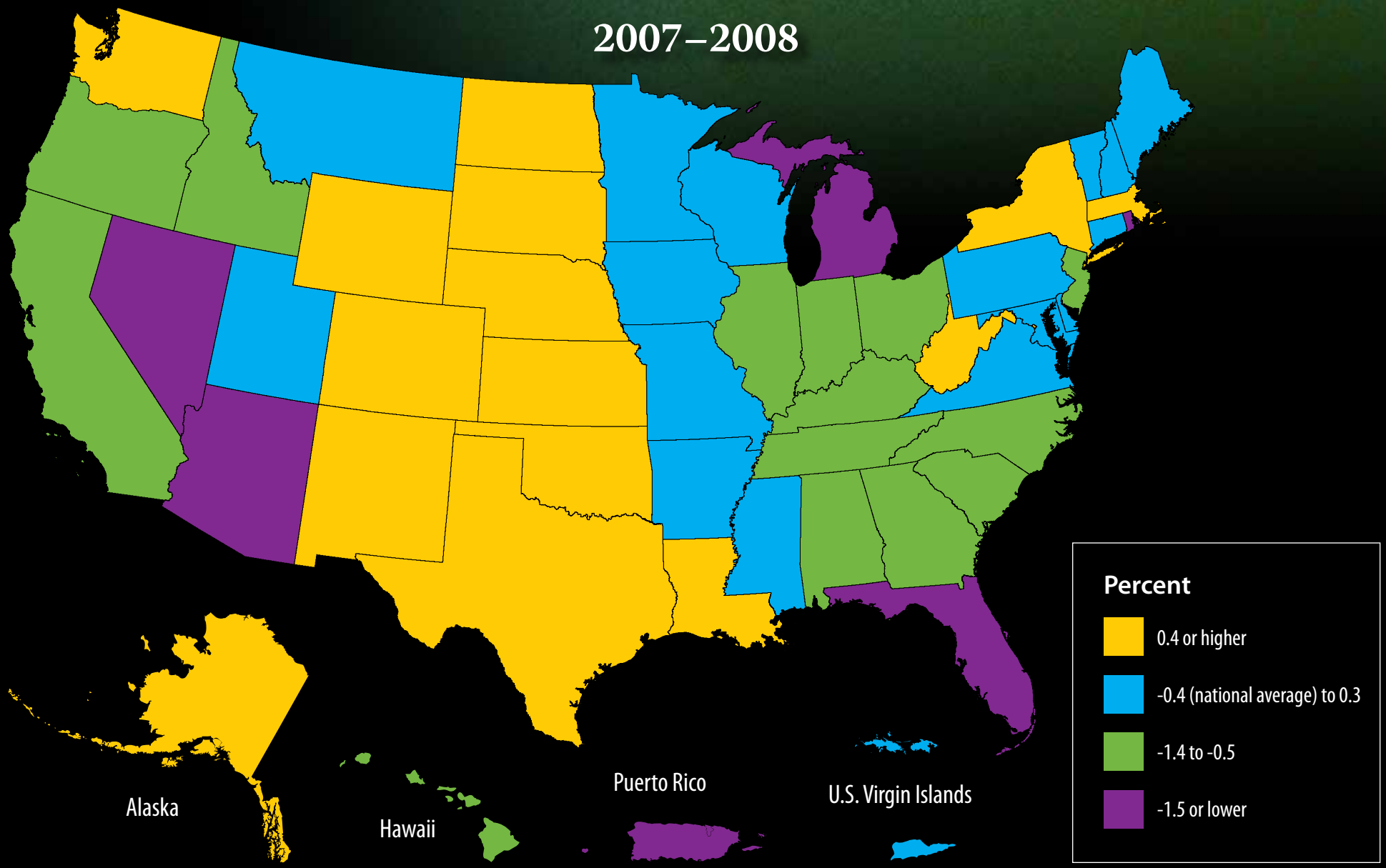
FIGURE 6

Percent change in annual employment by State

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