California and Missouri were the only States west of the Mississippi River where average weekly wages in the combined auto manufacturing industry were above the national average.

- Workers in 11 States earned $1–200 per week less than the national average.

- Workers in 6 States earned up to $200 per week more than the national average.

In specific States, the high average weekly wage likely is due to relatively fewer low-paid workers and relatively more high-paid workers—not because of high wage rates across industries.

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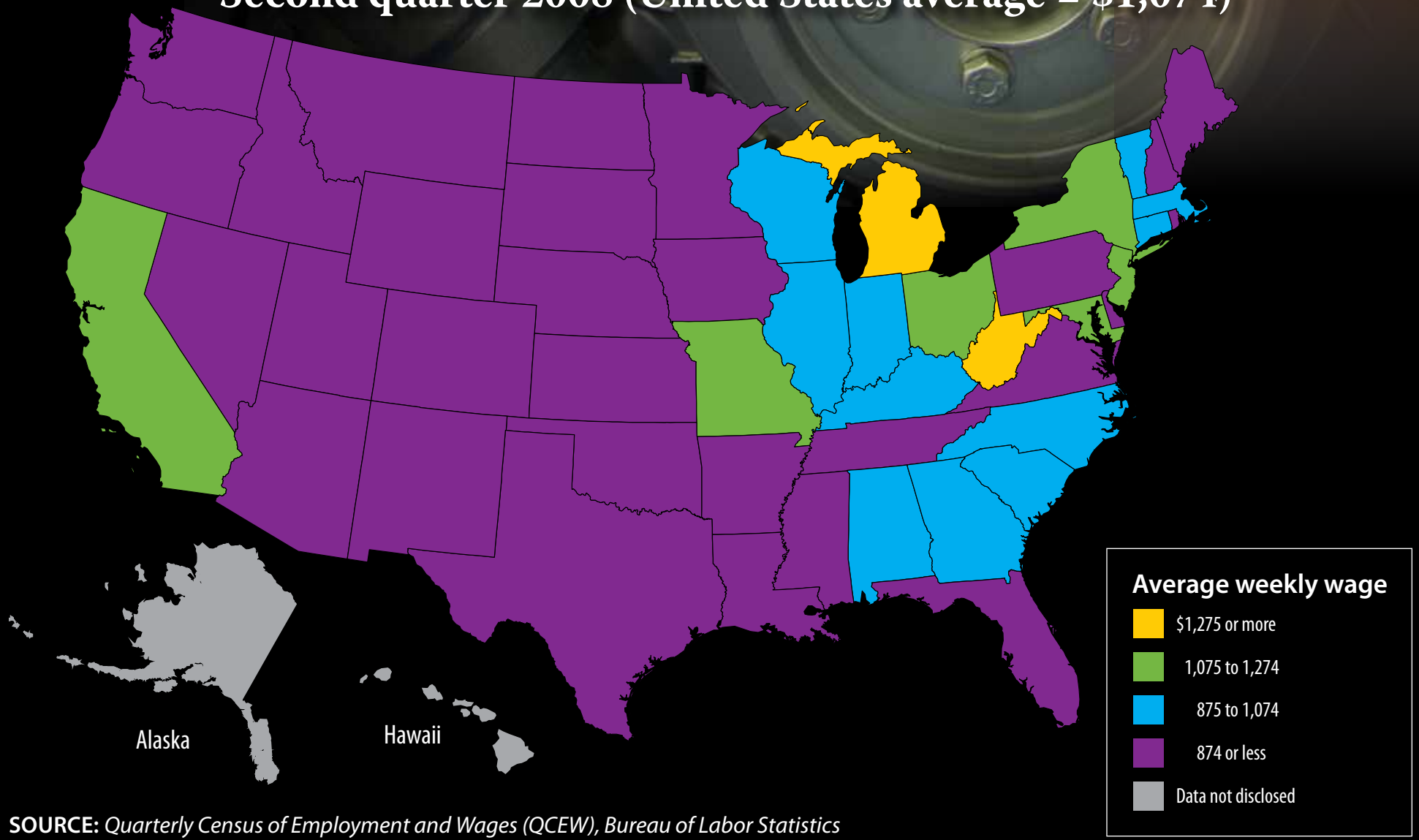
FIGURE 19 Average weekly wage in the combined automobile manufacturing industries (NAICS 3361, 3362, and 3363)

Second quarter 2008 (United States average = $1,074)



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