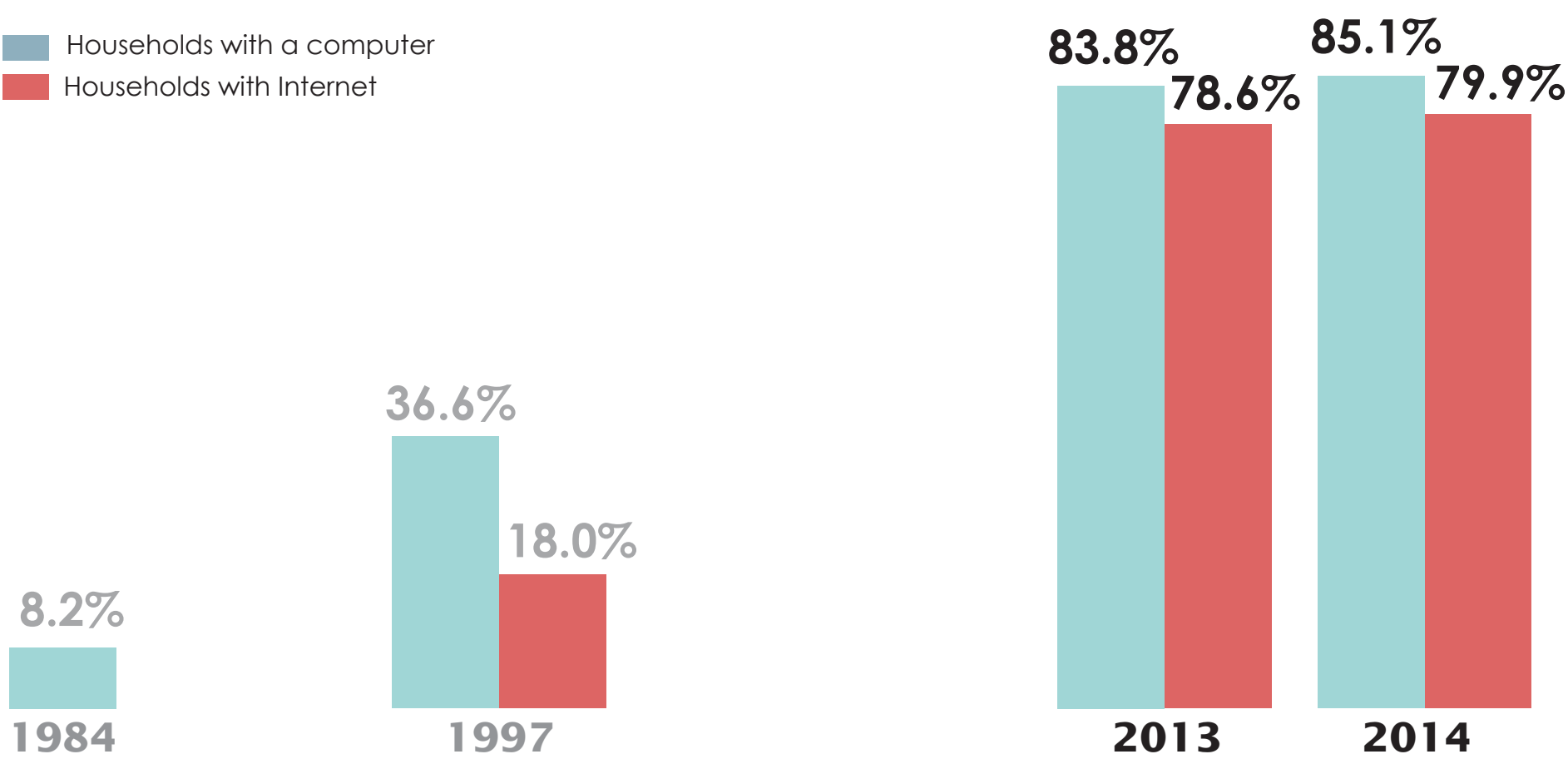


A Digital Nation

Computers and Internet have never been more important to American life. We shop, complete schoolwork, find relationships, locate jobs, and watch movies online. The latest Census data shows more American households own computers and use high-speed Internet than ever before.

Computer and Internet Use at Home Over Time

Households with a computer
Households with Internet



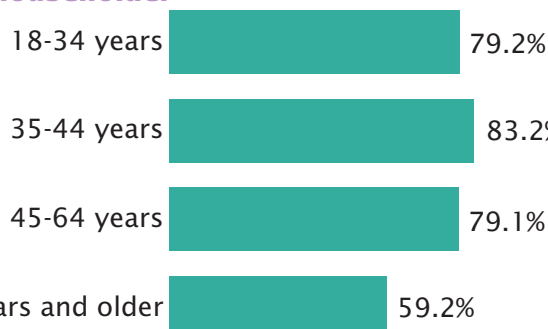
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Household High-Speed Internet Use

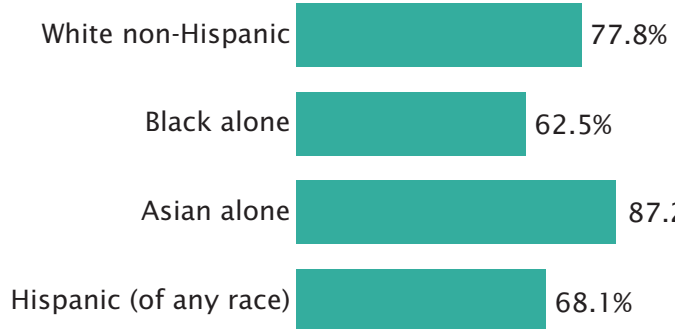
Most American households have high-speed Internet use.

The differences in household high-speed use by race are smaller among those with higher educational attainment and income.

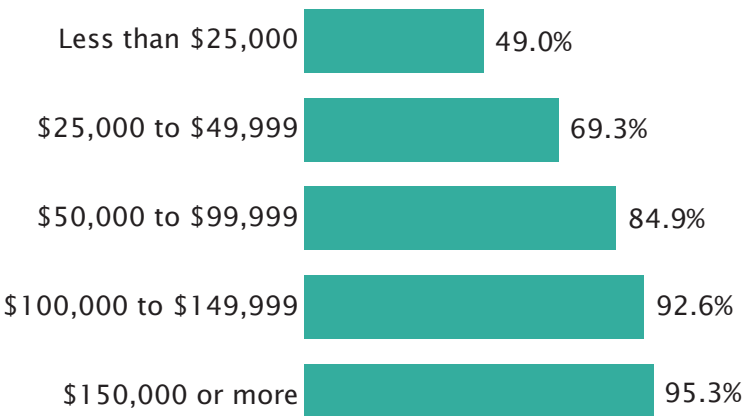
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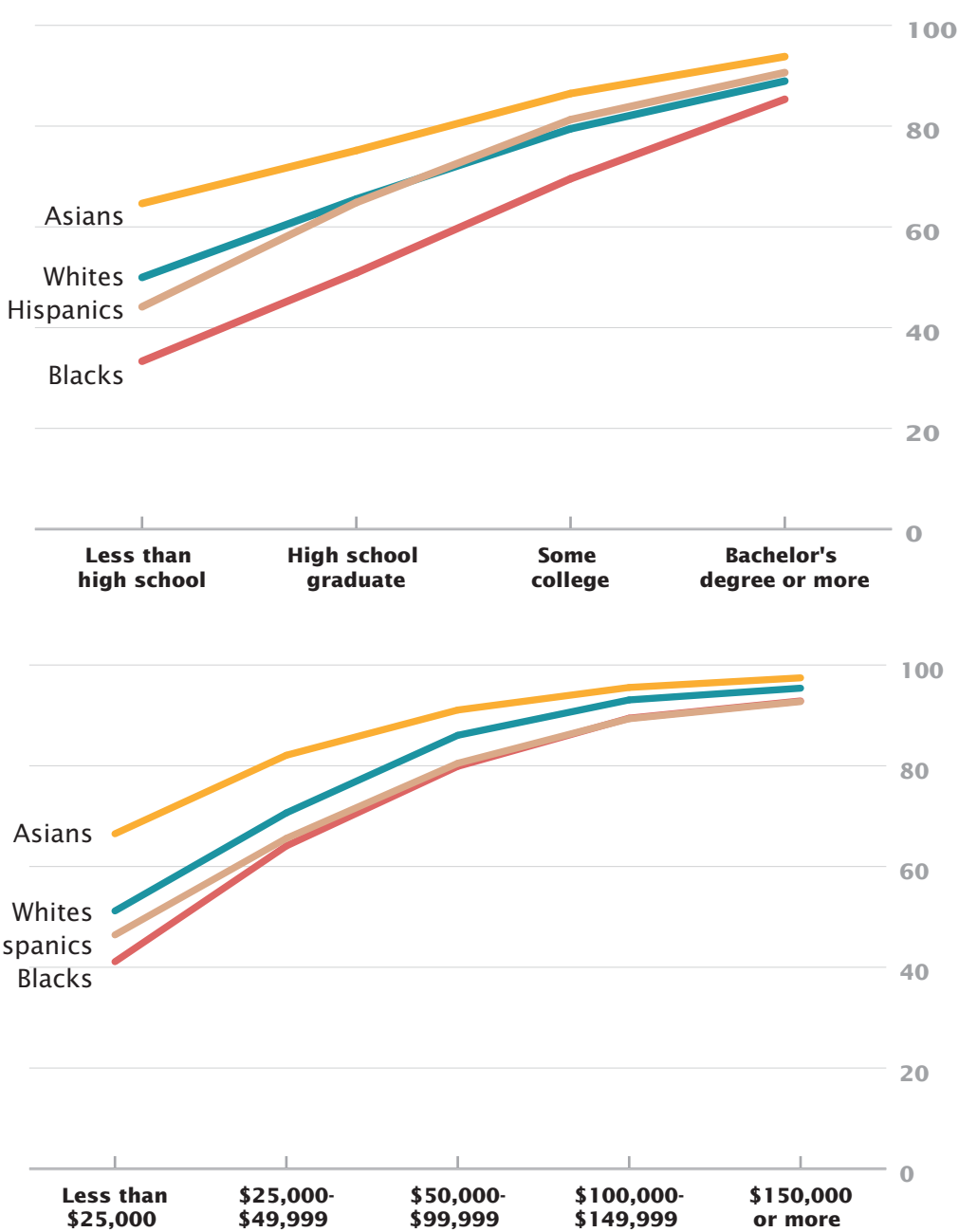
Race and Hispanic origin of householder



Household income

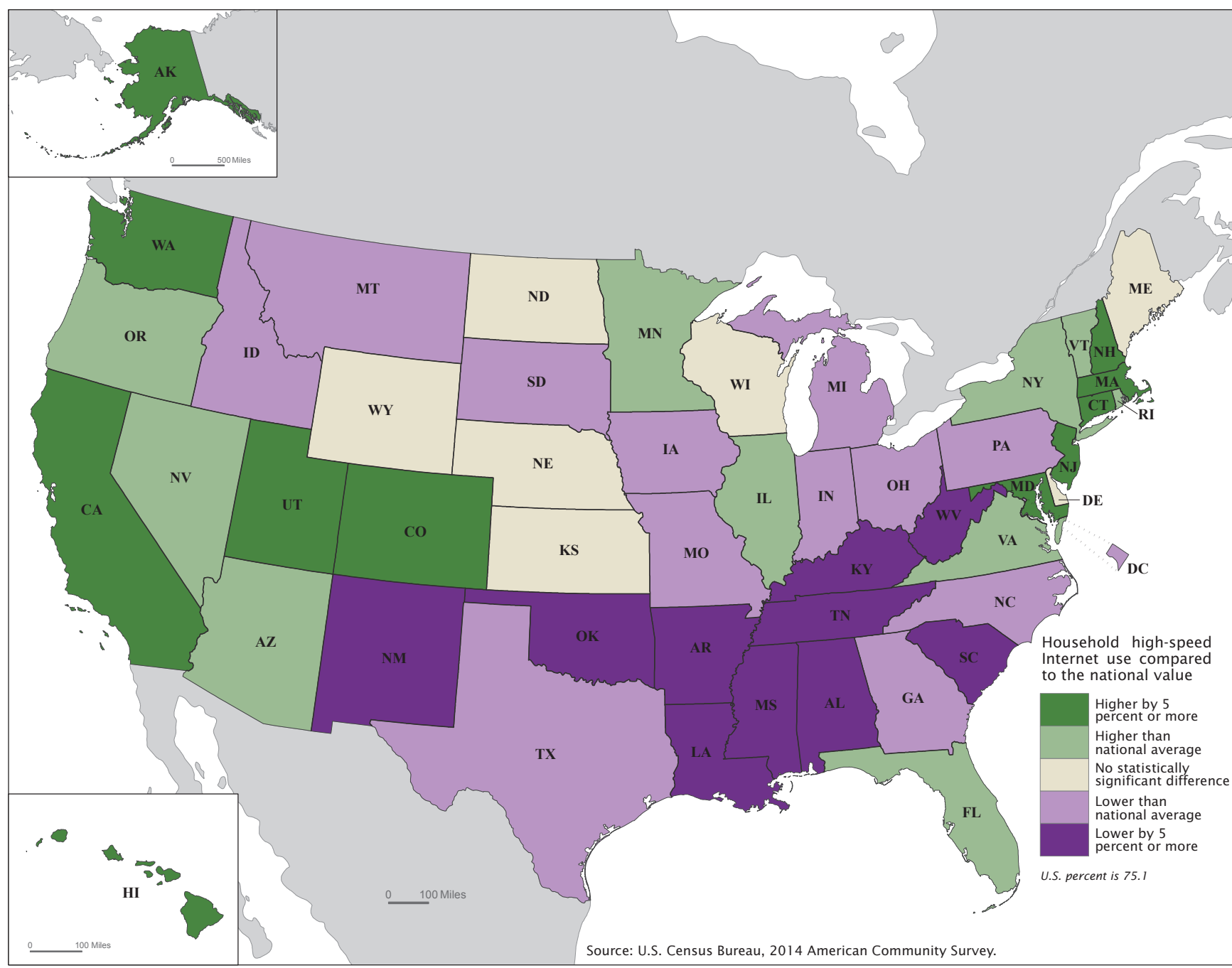


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 American Community Survey.



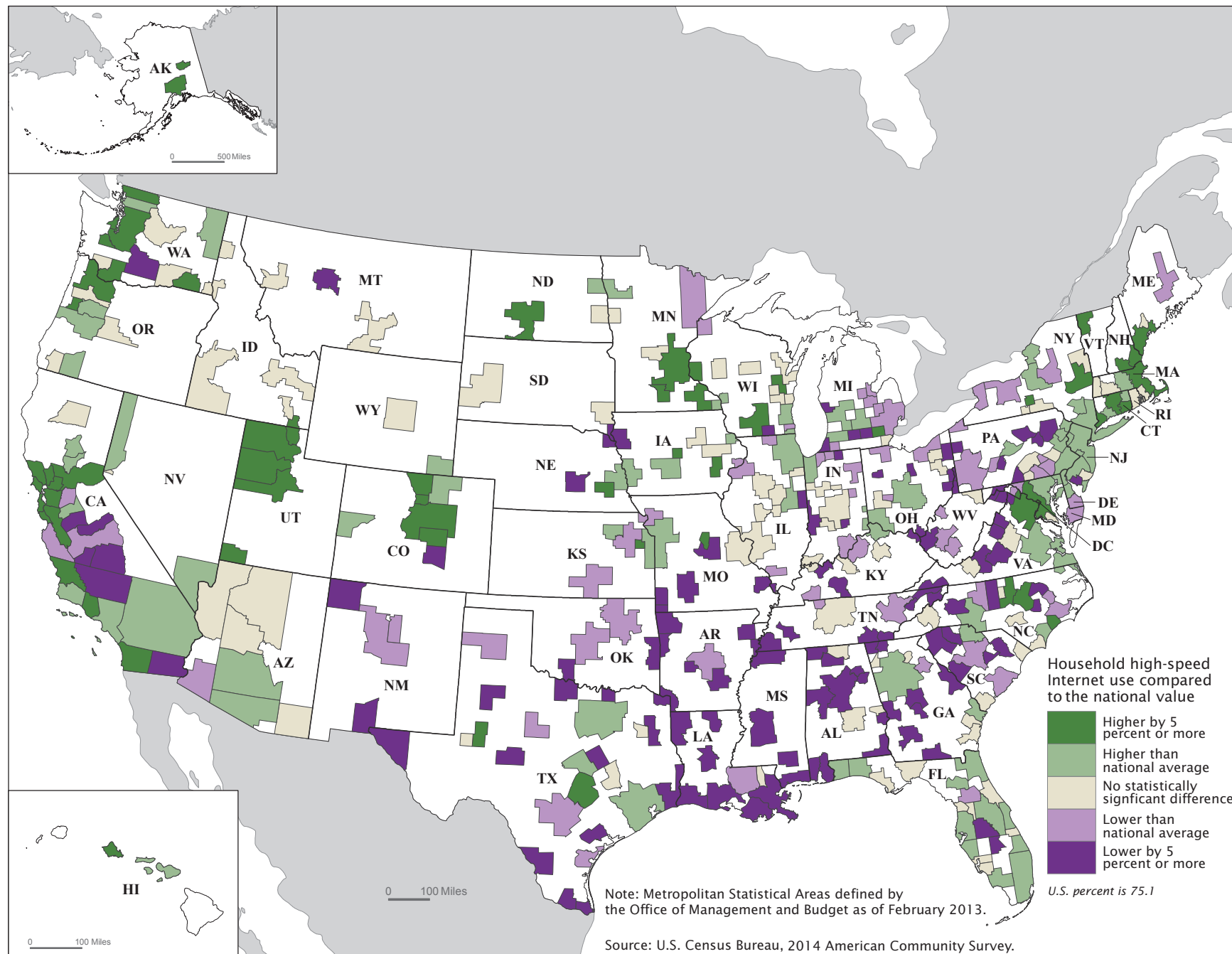
High-Speed Internet Use by States

States in the West and Northeast have higher rates of high-speed use than states in the South.



High-Speed Internet Use by Metro Areas

High-speed Internet use can vary greatly inside a single state's boundaries. In some states with high rates of high-speed use, such as Washington and California, metro areas with high and low rates of high speed use are located in close proximity. Throughout the south there are pockets of metros with high-connectivity, even within states characterized by low overall rates of high-speed use.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau. The data for 1984 and 1997 are from the Current Population Survey and can be sourced from data products available at <www.census.gov/hhes/computer/>. Estimates for 2013 and 2014 are from the American Community Survey (ACS). Overall rates of computer and Internet use for 2013 and 2014 can be sourced from published ACS data products, specifically tables DP02 and B28002, both available in American Factfinder (AFF). The state and metro maps can be sourced to table GCT2801 in AFF. All other estimates in this graphic are based on independent calculations from the 2014 ACS microdata file.