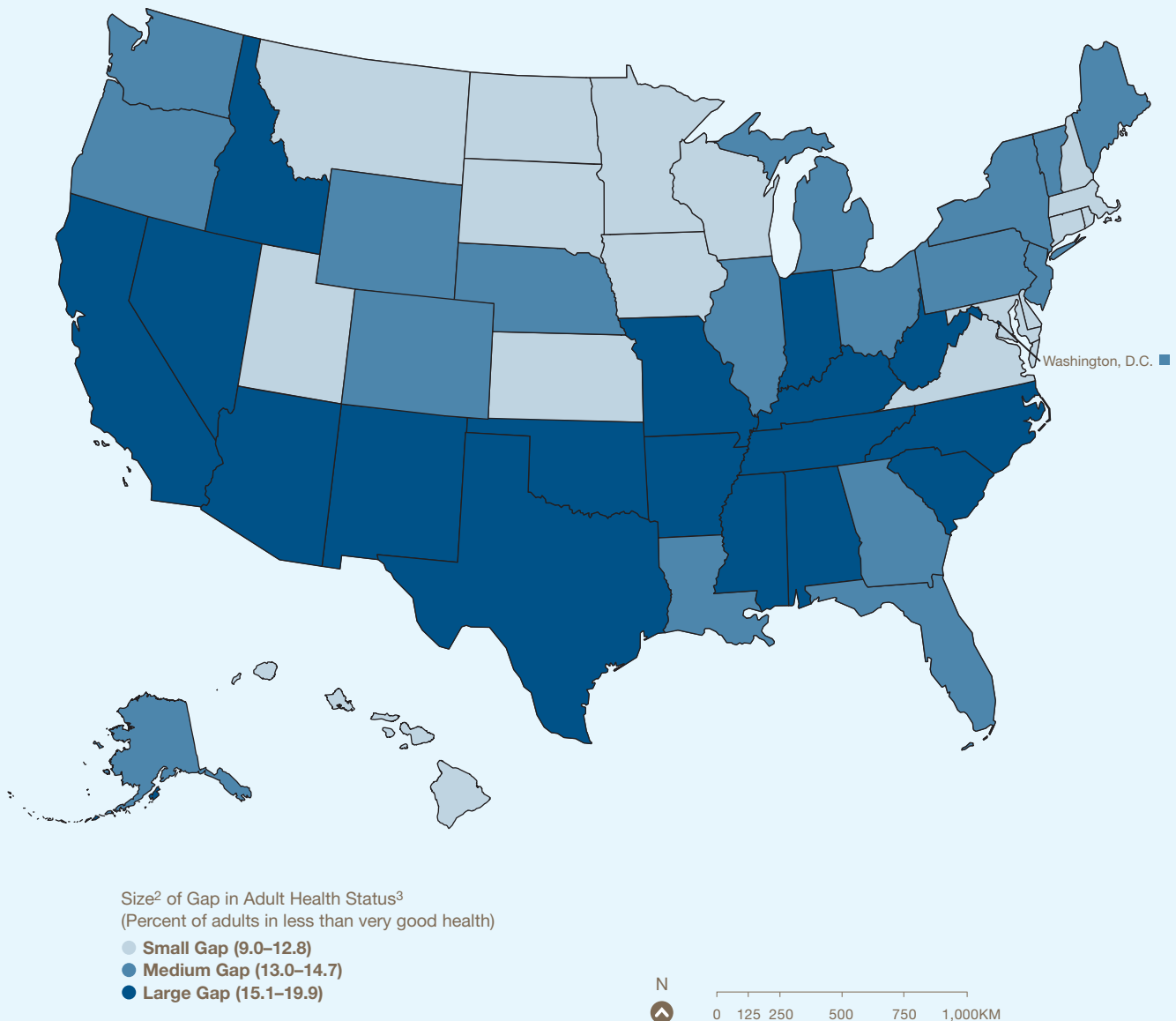


Gaps in Adult Health Status by Level of Education: How Do States Compare?

In every state, the percent of adults ages 25 to 74 in less than very good health was lowest among college graduates and increased as the level of educational attainment decreased. Although the size of the gap¹

between each state's overall rate of less than very good health and the rate among college graduates varies markedly, adults in every state could be healthier.



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Source: 2005-2007 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey Data.

¹ Defined as the difference between the state's overall rate and the rate among college graduates.

² States were categorized into three approximately equal groups based on the size of the gaps in adult health status by level of educational attainment.

³ Based on self-report and measured as poor, fair, good, very good or excellent.