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**Bridging the Divide for Low-Income Populations:
Findings from the 2013 Commonwealth Fund State
Scorecard on Health System Performance for
Vulnerable Populations**

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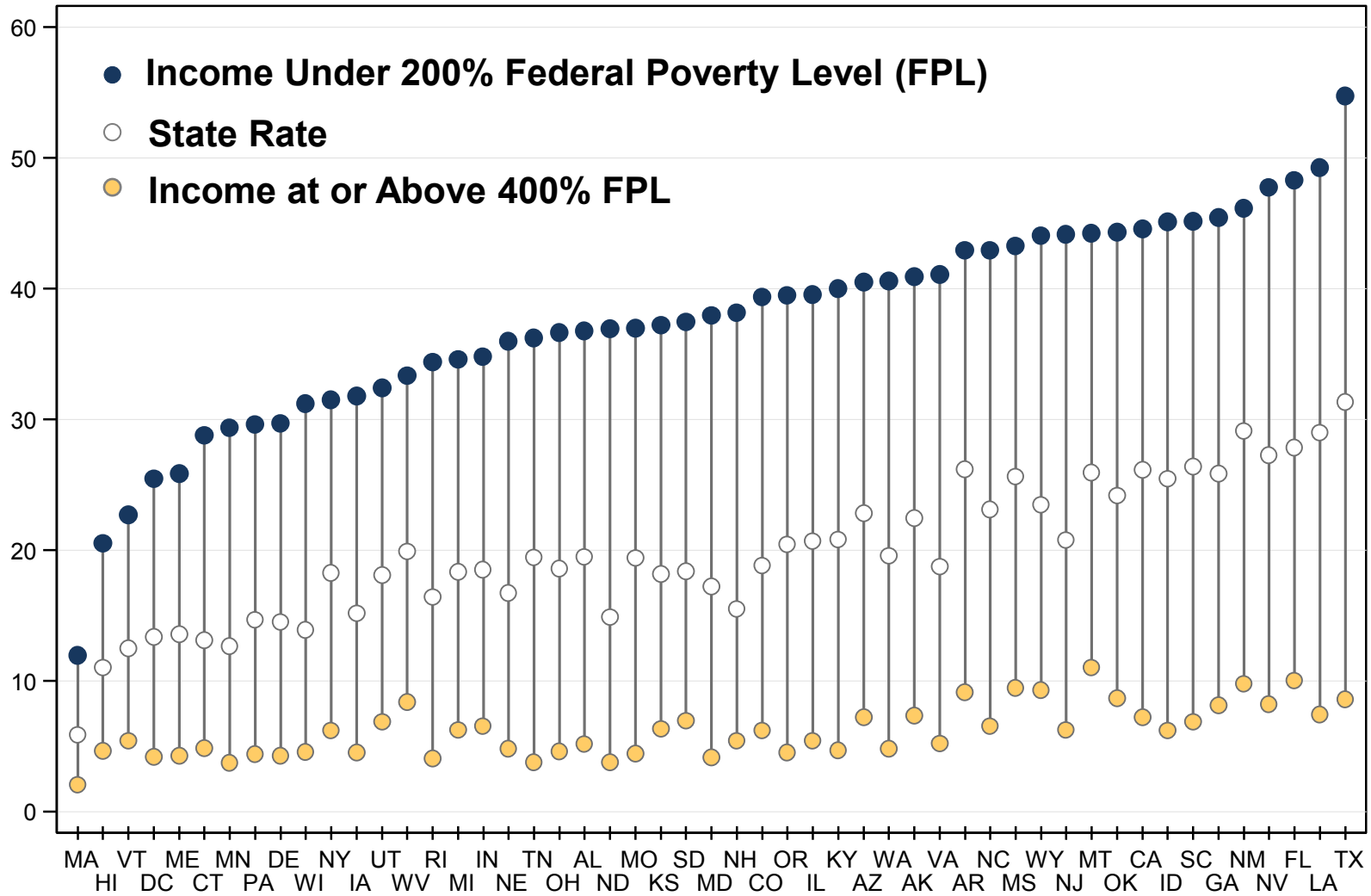
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The Commonwealth Fund State Scorecard on Health System Performance for Vulnerable Populations, 2013

- Goal to assess how low-income populations fare in each state and identify areas to improve.
- Focus on populations with income below 200% FPL.
- 30 indicators across four dimensions of health system performance:
 - Access and Affordability
 - Prevention and Treatment
 - Avoidable Hospital Use
 - Healthy Lives
- Scorecard ranks states on performance for vulnerable populations, and compares vulnerable to counterpart advantaged (high-income) population in each state to identify improvement benchmarks.

Uninsured Adults Ages 19-64, 2010-11

Percent

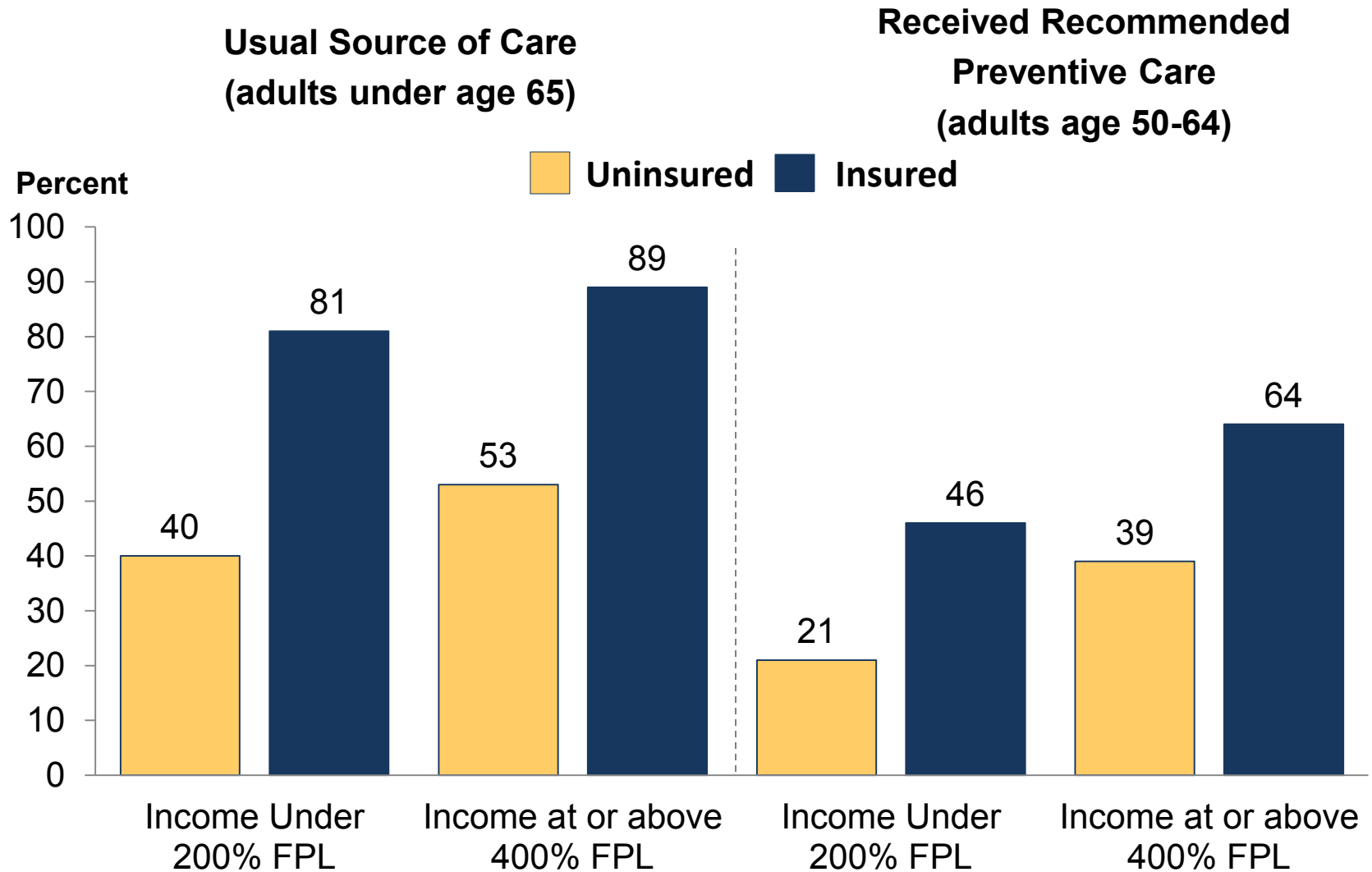


Data: 2011-12 Current Population Survey.

Source: Commonwealth Fund State Scorecard on Health System Performance for Vulnerable Populations, 2013



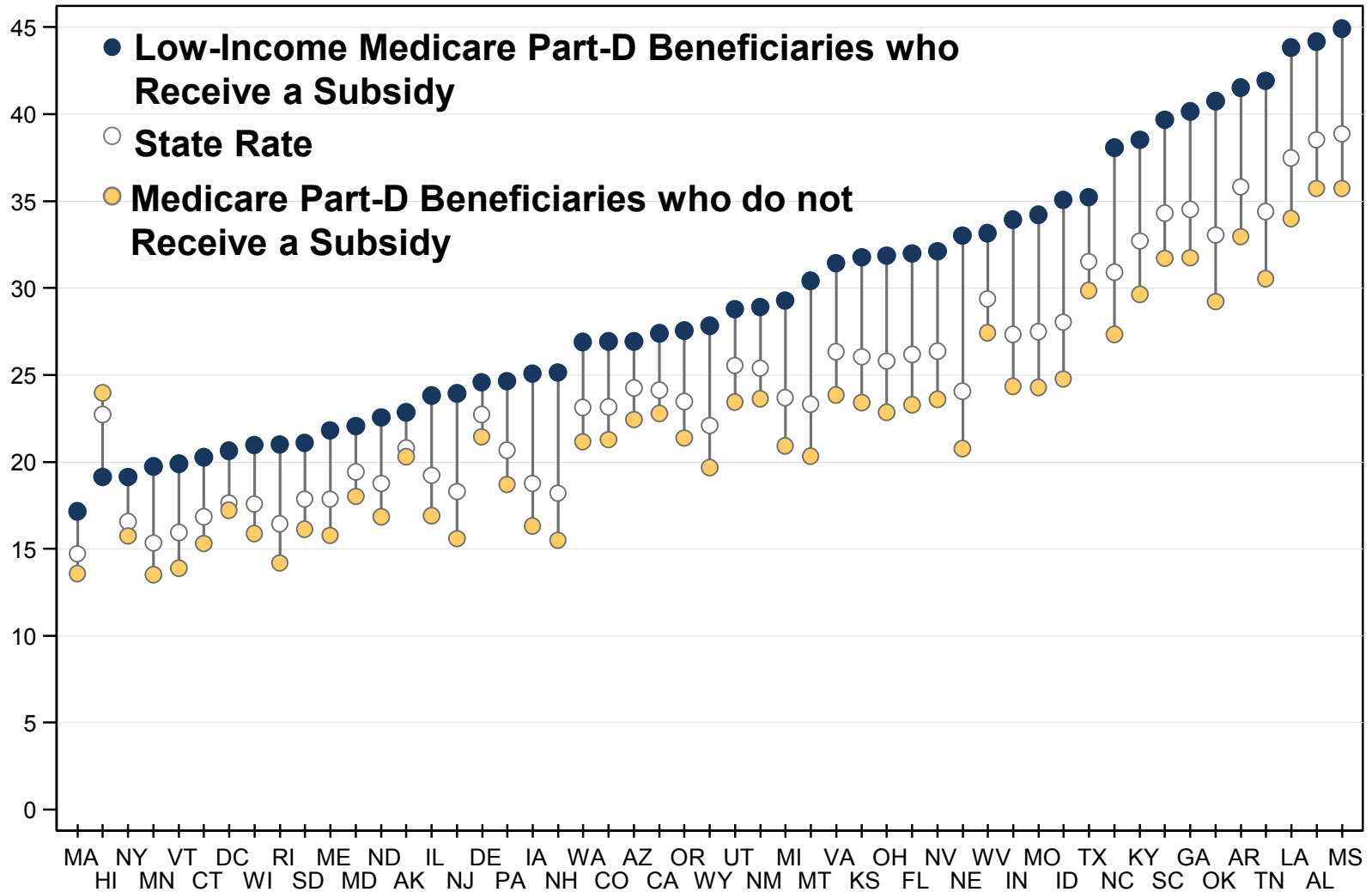
Having a Usual Source of Care and Older Adults Receiving Preventive Care by Income and Insurance



Data: Adults with a Usual Source of Care– 2011 BRFSS; Adults with Recommended preventive care – 2010 BRFSS
 Source: Commonwealth Fund State Scorecard on Health System Performance for Vulnerable Populations, 2013

Medicare beneficiaries who Received a High-Risk Medication

Percent



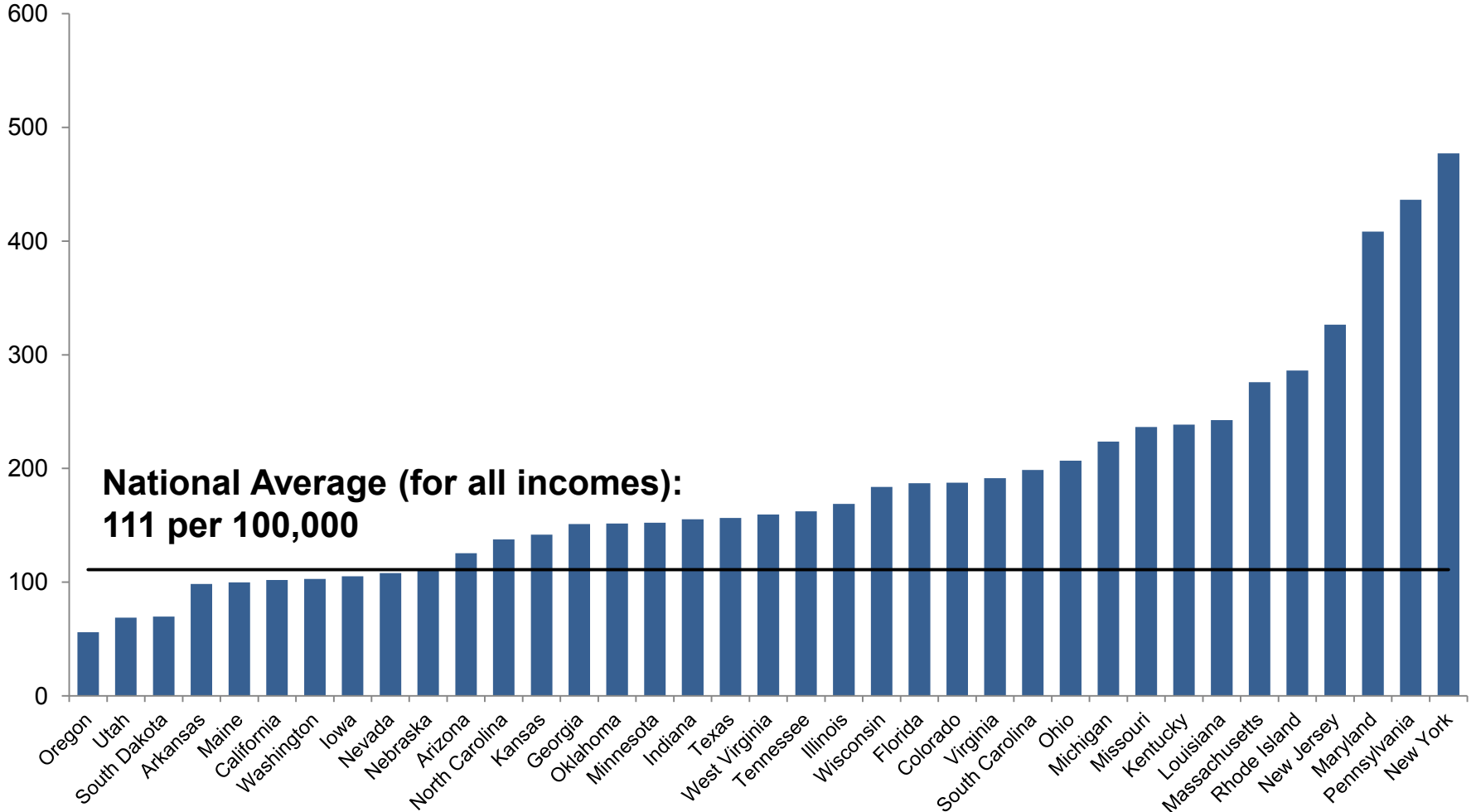
Data: 2010 Medicare Part D 5% Sample

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Hospital Admissions for Pediatric Asthma Among Children (age 2-17) who Live in Low-Income Communities

Rate per 100,000



Note: Low-Income Communities are zip codes within the state with median household income <\$39,000 in 2008. Data are missing for 14 States (AL, AK, CT, DE, DC, HI, ID, MS, MT, NH, NM, ND, VT, WY).

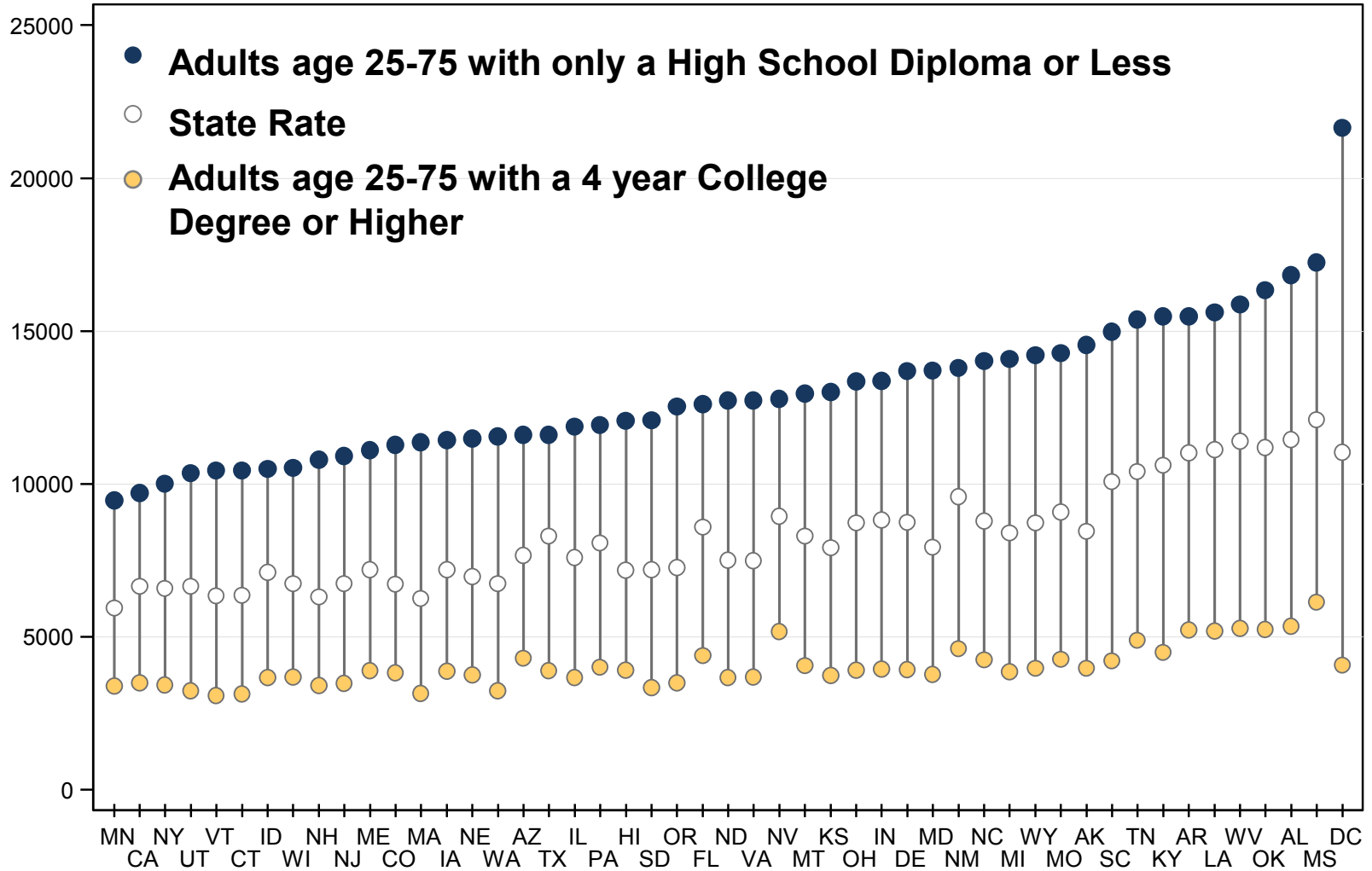
Data: 2008 Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (H-CUP) accessed via 2011 National Healthcare Quality Report (NHQR) State Snapshots

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Years of Potential Life Lost*, by Education

Age-Standardized Rate per 100,000



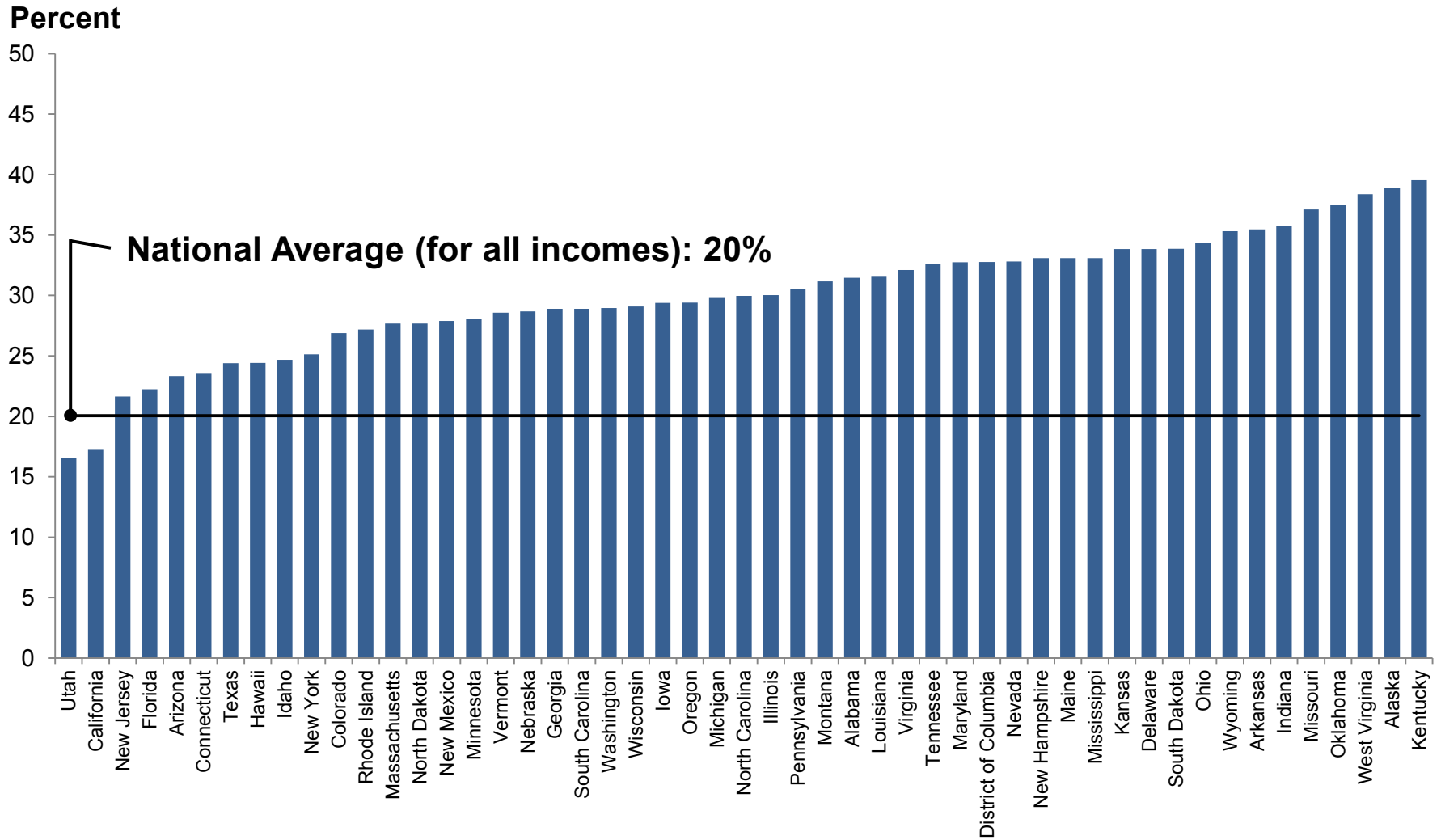
Note: Educational attainment was missing for death records in two states, GA and RI.

Data: 2008-2010 National Vital Statistics System (NVSS) mortality all county micro data files.

Source: Commonwealth Fund State Scorecard on Health System Performance for Vulnerable Populations, 2013



Adults Under 200% Poverty Who Currently Smoke

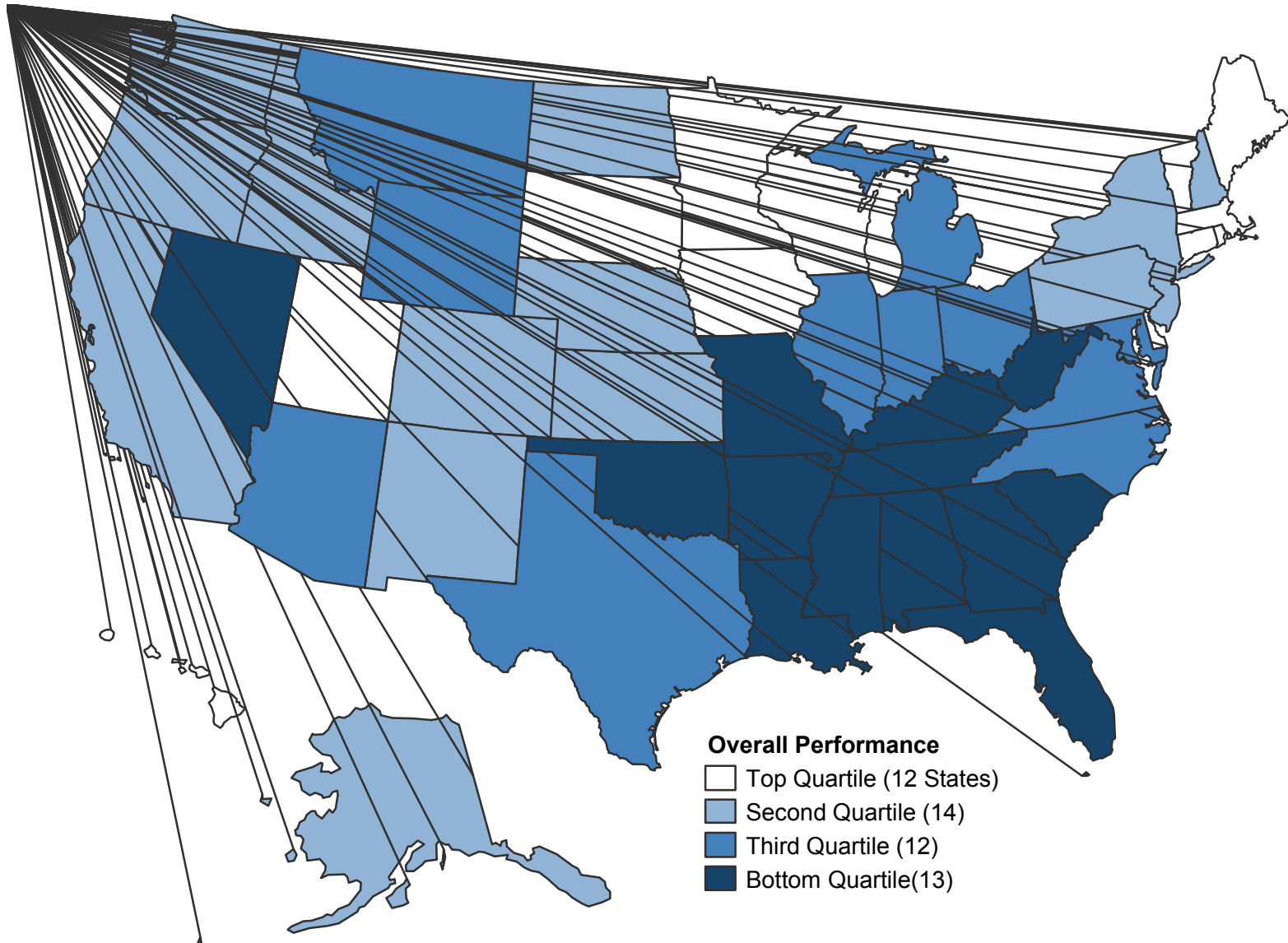


Data: 2011 BRFSS

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Overall Health System Performance for Vulnerable Populations



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Key Findings and Implications

- Two- to five-fold variation among states in performance for vulnerable populations, across all dimensions.
- States generally perform worse for vulnerable than for counterpart advantaged populations.
- Some high-performing states do better for vulnerable than the national average or than the advantaged population in other states.
- Distinct geographic patterns of high and low performance.
- New resources under ACA and strategic state/local policies can help to close the divide.

Questions?

- Report will be available at www.commonwealthfund.org (scheduled release Summer 2013).
- Individual state profiles available.
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