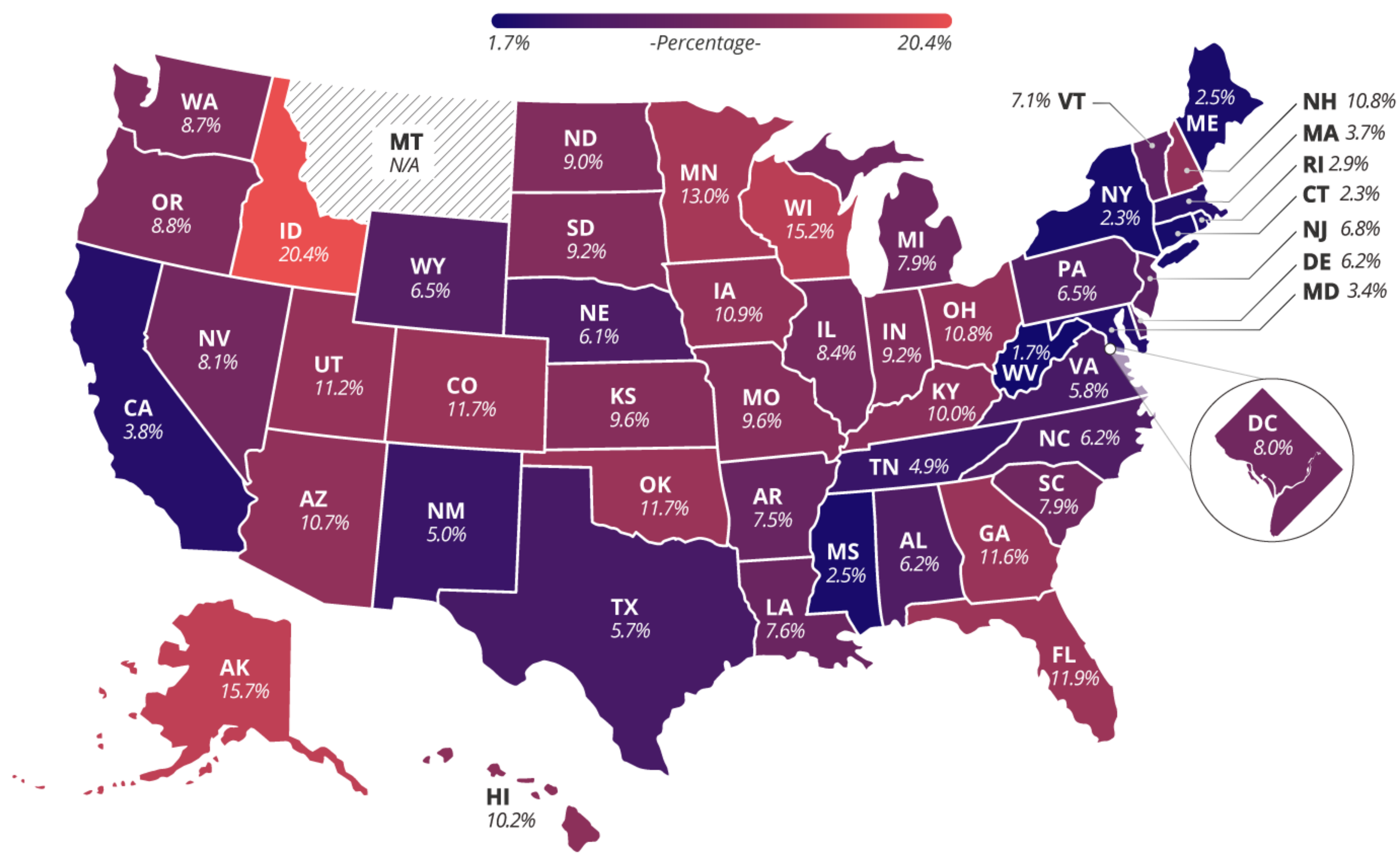


Where in the U.S.
ARE THE MOST
KINDERGARTNERS
NOT UP TO DATE
ON THEIR MEASLES VACCINES?



Since the COVID-19 pandemic, vaccination rates among kindergartners for all state-required vaccines have declined from 95% to 93%. As of the end of April, there have been 12 measles outbreaks in 2025. In comparison, 16 total outbreaks were reported in 2024.

Percentage of Children Not Up to Date on Measles Vaccine



How Do Children Get an Exemption from Vaccines?

Children can receive an exemption from vaccines for religious, personal, philosophical, and medical reasons. Thirty states and Washington, D.C., permit exemptions for those with religious objections to immunizations. Thirteen states allow exemptions for both personal and religious reasons. In Louisiana and Minnesota, there is no requirement to specify the reason for the exemption. Five states (California, Connecticut, Maine, New York, and West Virginia) do not permit any form of non-medical exemption.

