

IMMUNIZE. PREVENT WHAT'S PREVENTABLE

MEASLES OUTBREAK: THE CURRENT LEGISLATIVE LANDSCAPE



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LEARNING OBJECTIVE

- > Learn about efforts to make legislative changes in under-immunized states to limit vaccination exemptions and solidify emergency declaration powers



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Vision

- > A community protected from vaccine-preventable diseases

Mission

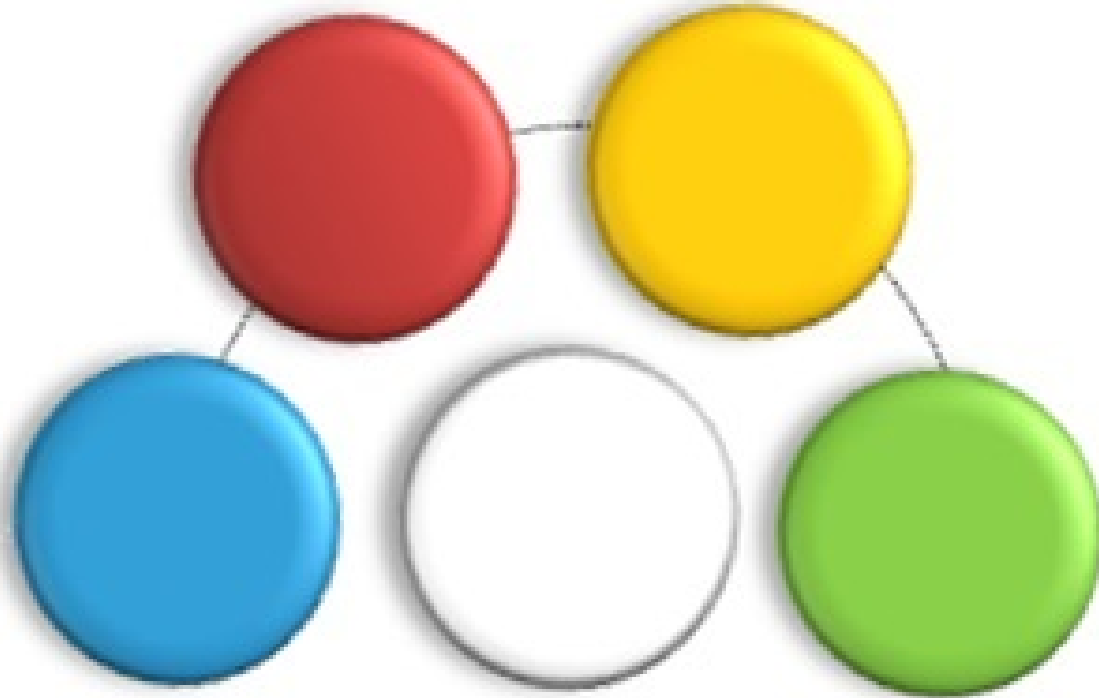
- > To eradicate vaccine-preventable diseases by educating the community, advocating for evidence-based public policy, and supporting immunization best practices



STATE MANDATORY IMMUNIZATION LAWS

- **All states have mandatory immunization laws for children as a condition of school attendance**
- **Some states have mandatory immunization laws for attendance at schools of higher education**
- **Some states have mandatory immunization laws for health care workers**
- **Many states provide for mandatory or compulsory immunization during a declared public health emergency**





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TYPES OF EXEMPTIONS

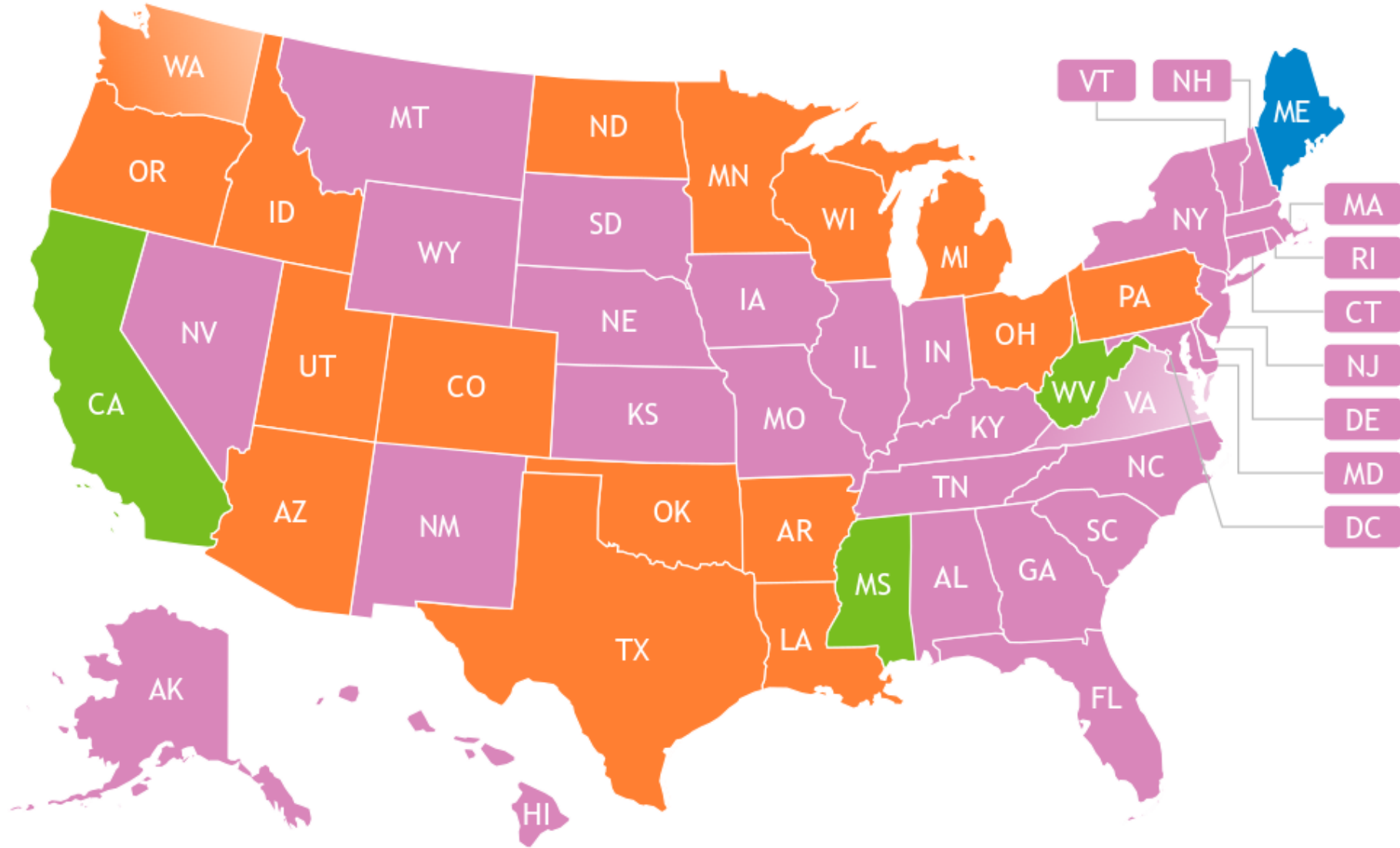
Medical


Non-
Medical


Religious


Personal
Belief






 No NME

 NME: Religious

 No NME 1 Sep 2021

 NME: Personal & Religious

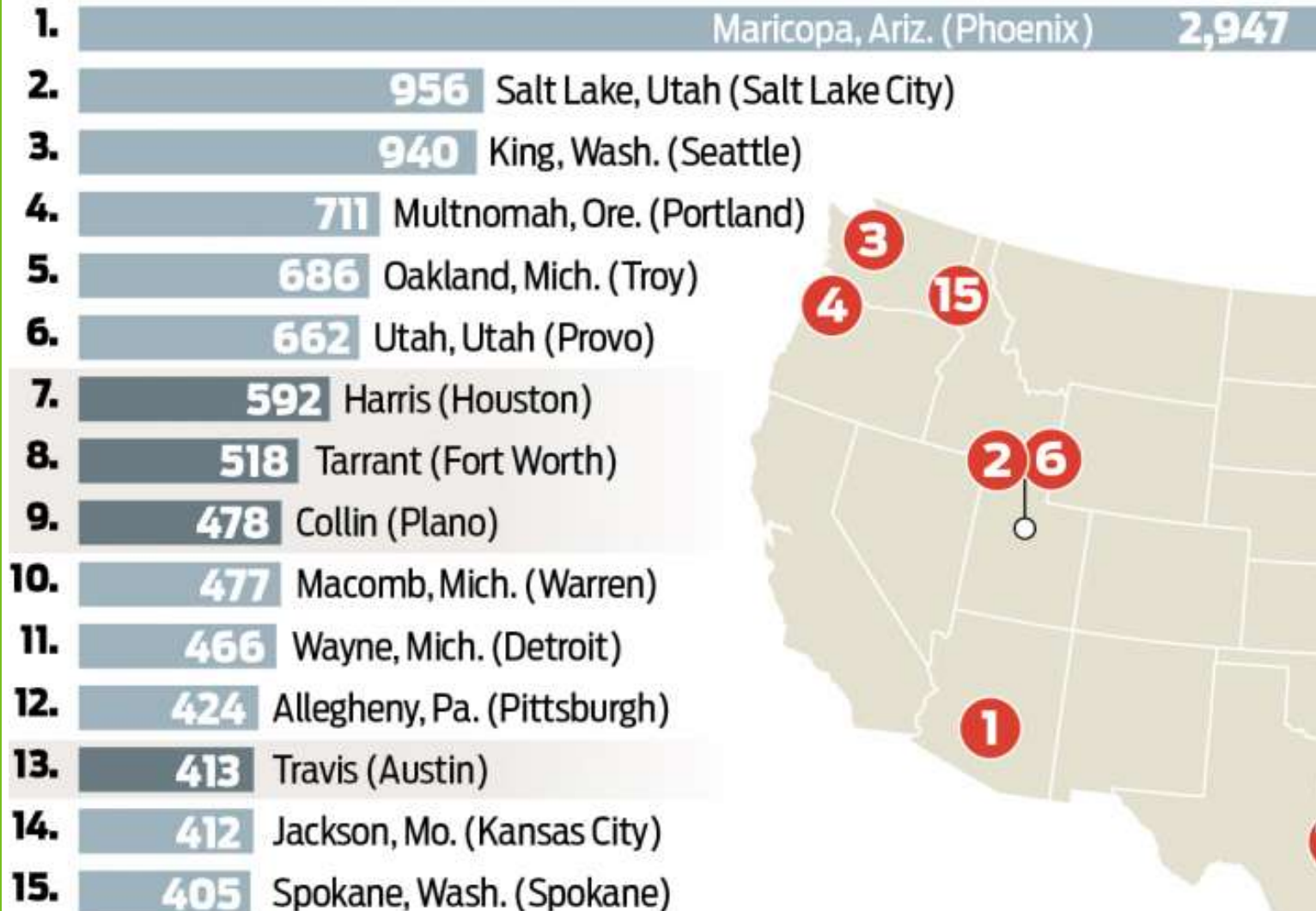


DATA IS FOR 2016-17

TEXAS AND PENNSYLVANIA DATA IS FOR 2015-16

Where the exemptions are

Four Texas counties — including Harris County — are among the top 15 U.S. counties for having kindergarteners with non-medical exemptions for vaccinations.

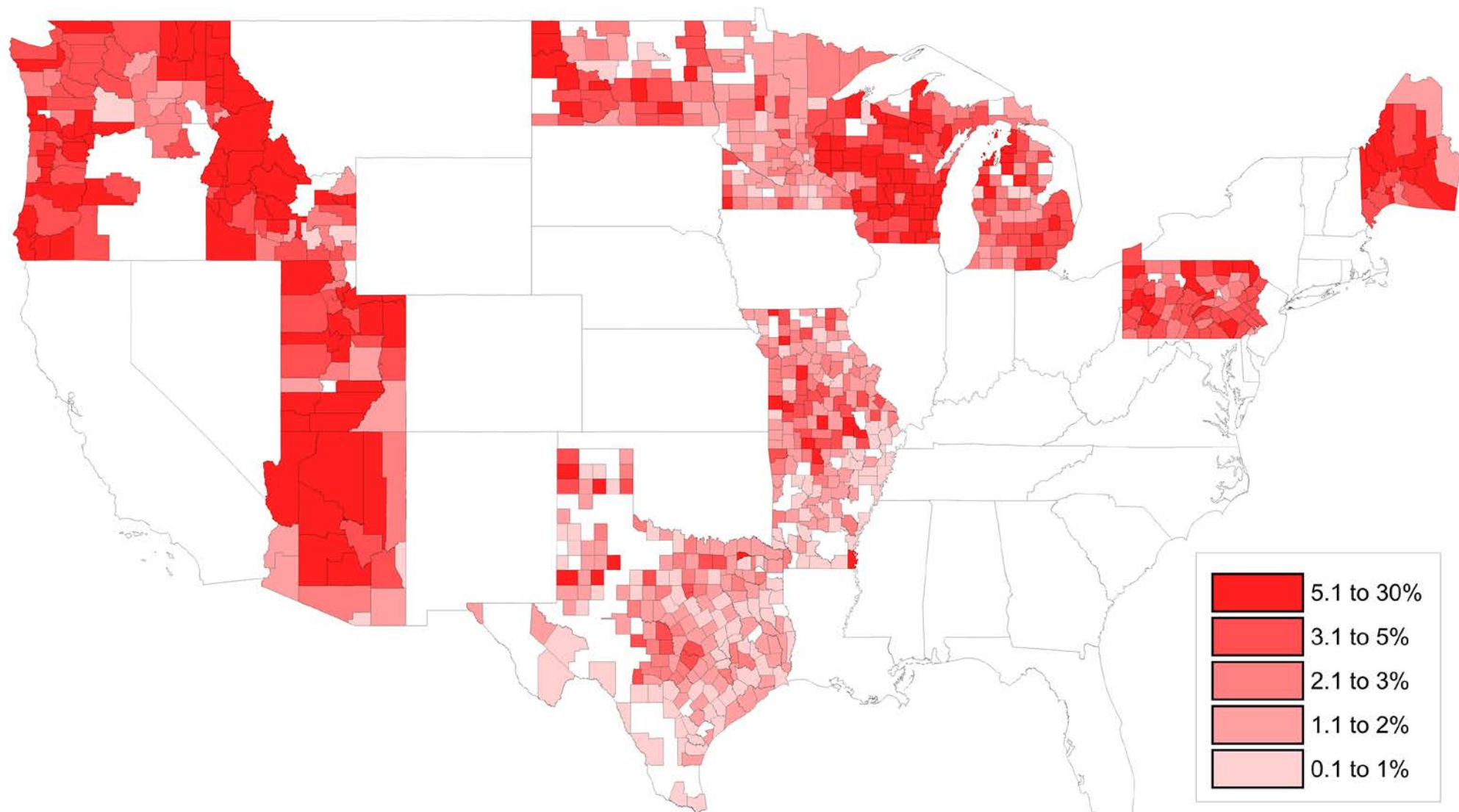


Source: Public Library of Science Medicine

Houston Chronicle

Todd Ackerman, *Texas No. 1 'hotspot' for vaccine exemptions*, HOUSTON CHRON. (June 14, 2018), <https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Texas-No-1-hotspot-for-vaccine-exemptions-12992555.php>.

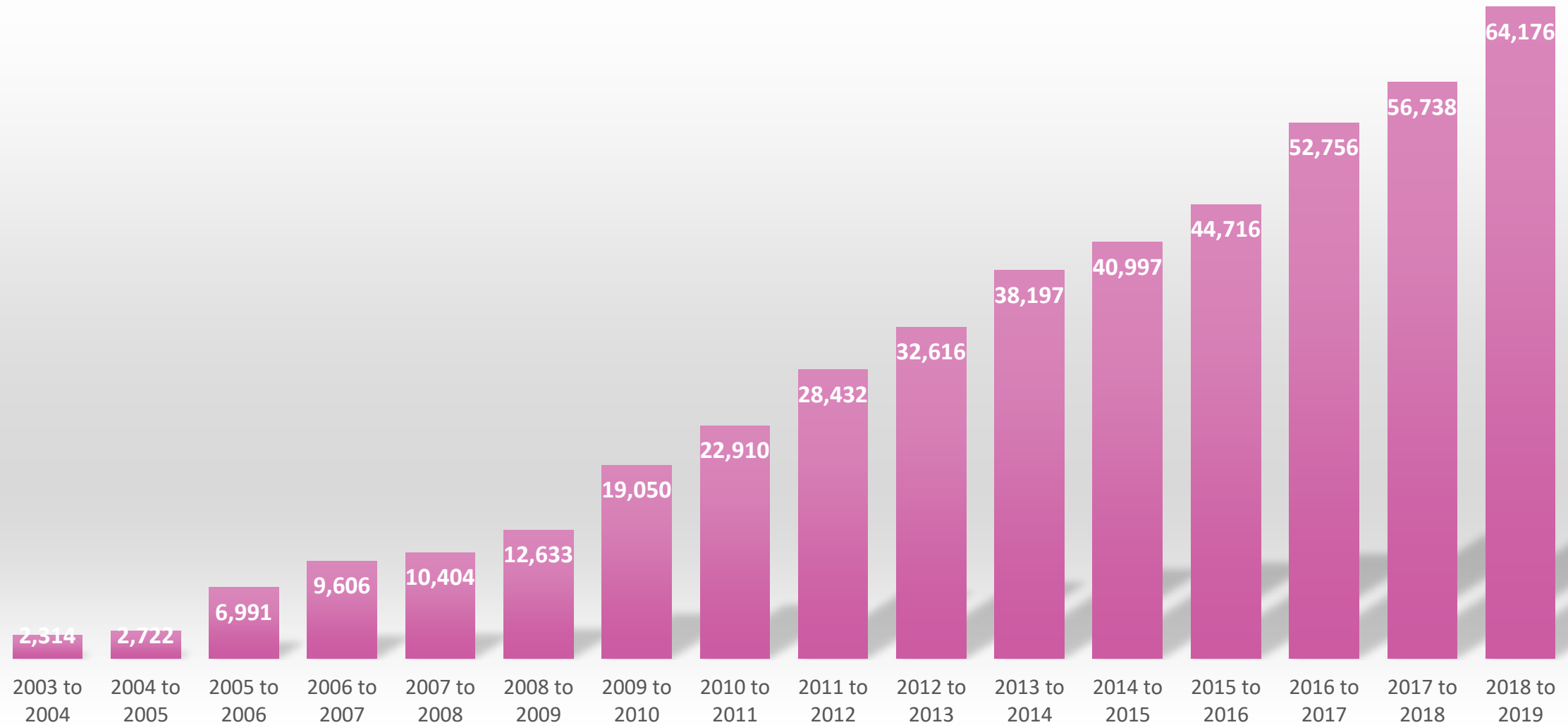
COUNTY-LEVEL NME RATES, 2016-2017



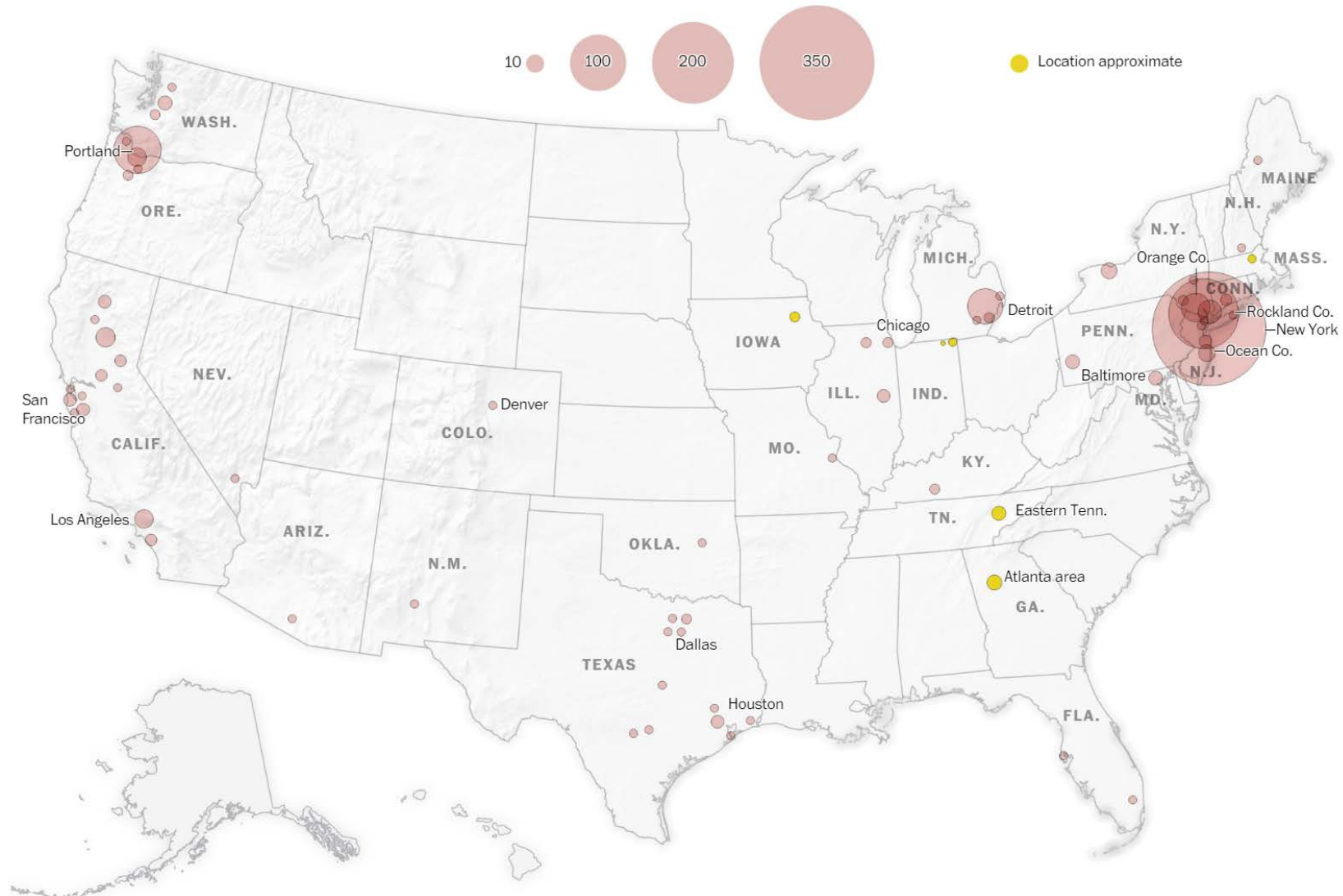
Jacqueline K. Olive, Peter J. Hotez, Ashish Damania & Melissa S. Nolan, *The state of the antivaccine movement in the United States: A focused examination of nonmedical exemptions in states and counties*, 15(7) PLOS MED. e1002616 (2018), <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pmed.1002616>.



NUMBER OF CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTIONS IN TEXAS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS



MEASLES CASES BY COUNTY



Dan Keating, Brittany Renee Mayes & Tim Meko, *A record number of measles cases is hitting the U.S. this year. Who is being affected?* WASH. POST (May 31, 2019), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2019/health/measles-who-is-being-affected/>.



STATE LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY



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MAINE

- > H.P. 586/L.D. 798 removed NME and expanded medical exemption form to include physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant judgment
- > Passed 23 May 2019
- > Signed 24 May 2019
- > Effective 1 Sep 2021



WASHINGTON

- > **H.B. 1638 removed personal belief exemption to MMR vaccine requirement**
- > **Personal belief exemptions still available for all other required vaccines**
- > **Passed 24 April 2019**
- > **Signed/partially vetoed 10 May 2019**
- > **Effective 28 July 2019**



CALIFORNIA

- **S.B. 276 would authorize California Department of Public Health determine whether the underlying condition cited in a medical exemption meets CDC guidelines**
- **Passed Senate 22 May 2019**
- **Governor signaled opposition on 1 June 2019**



NEW YORK

- > **A02371/S02994 would remove religious NME**
- > **Senate Majority Leader indicated there may be enough vote to pass Senate (30 May 2019)**
- > **Governor indicated support**



OREGON

- > **H.B. 3063 would remove NME**
- > **Passed House 6 May 2019**
- > **Governor agreed to kill all NME bills (including H.B. 3063) in exchange for GOP approval of H.B. 3427, authorizing a new business tax for education on 13 May 2019**



COLORADO

- > H.B. 1312 would have required NME form filled out in person at a state health department office
- > Died 2 May 2019



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