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Occupational Employment and Wages, May 2016

31-9011 Massage Therapists

Perform therapeutic massages of soft tissues and joints. May assist in the assessment of range of motion and muscle strength, or propose client therapy plans.

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Employment estimate and mean wage estimates for this occupation:

Employment (1)	Employment RSE (3)	Mean hourly wage	Mean annual wage (2)	Wage RSE (3)
95,830	2.6 %	\$21.39	\$44,480	1.1 %

Percentile wage estimates for this occupation:

Percentile	10%	25%	50% (Median)	75%	90%
Hourly Wage	\$9.48	\$13.09	\$19.17	\$27.46	\$35.99
Annual Wage (2)	\$19,720	\$27,230	\$39,860	\$57,120	\$74,870

Industry profile for this occupation: [Top](#)

Industries with the highest published employment and wages for this occupation are provided. For a list of all industries with employment in this occupation, see the [Create Customized Tables](#) function.

Industries with the highest levels of employment in this occupation:

Industry	Employment (1)	Percent of industry employment	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
Personal Care Services	46,120	6.72	\$20.10	\$41,800
Offices of Other Health Practitioners	31,970	3.82	\$23.34	\$48,550
Traveler Accommodation	9,160	0.48	\$20.12	\$41,850
Other Amusement and Recreation Industries	3,170	0.26	\$22.80	\$47,430
General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	830	0.02	\$24.41	\$50,780

Industries with the highest concentration of employment in this occupation:

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Traveler Accommodation	9,160	0.48	\$20.12	\$41,850
Other Amusement and Recreation Industries	3,170	0.26	\$22.80	\$47,430
Technical and Trade Schools	180	0.13	\$18.15	\$37,760

Top paying industries for this occupation:

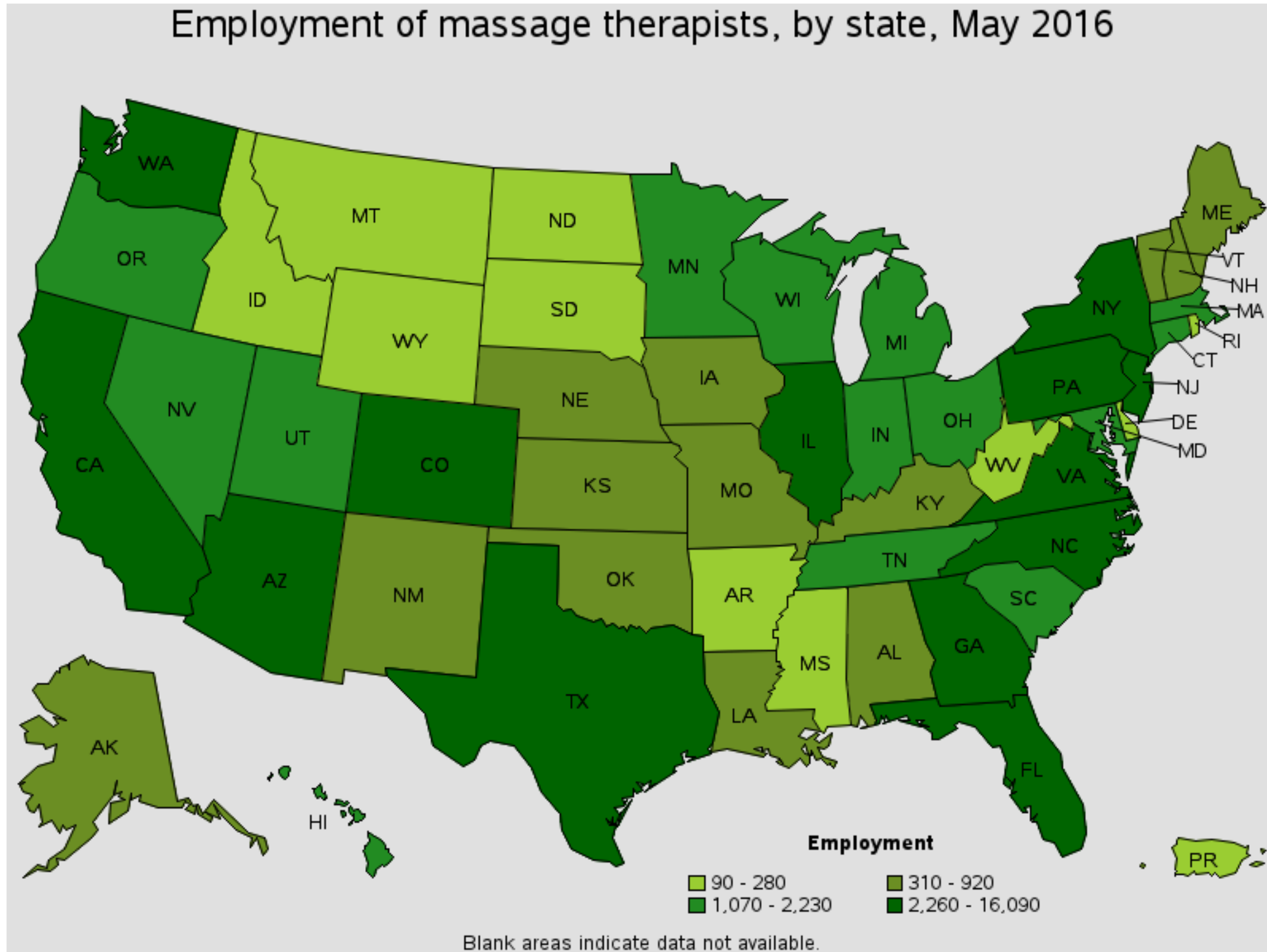
Industry	Employment (1)	Percent of industry employment	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
Other Schools and Instruction	140	0.03	\$33.96	\$70,640
Individual and Family Services	60	(Z)	\$30.47	\$63,380
Management of Companies and Enterprises	40	(Z)	\$30.09	\$62,590

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Home Health Care Services	(8)	(8)	\$26.87	\$55,900
Specialty (except Psychiatric and Substance Abuse) Hospitals	60	0.02	\$26.28	\$54,670

Geographic profile for this occupation: [Top](#)

States and areas with the highest published employment, location quotients, and wages for this occupation are provided. For a list of all areas with employment in this occupation, see the [Create Customized Tables](#) function.



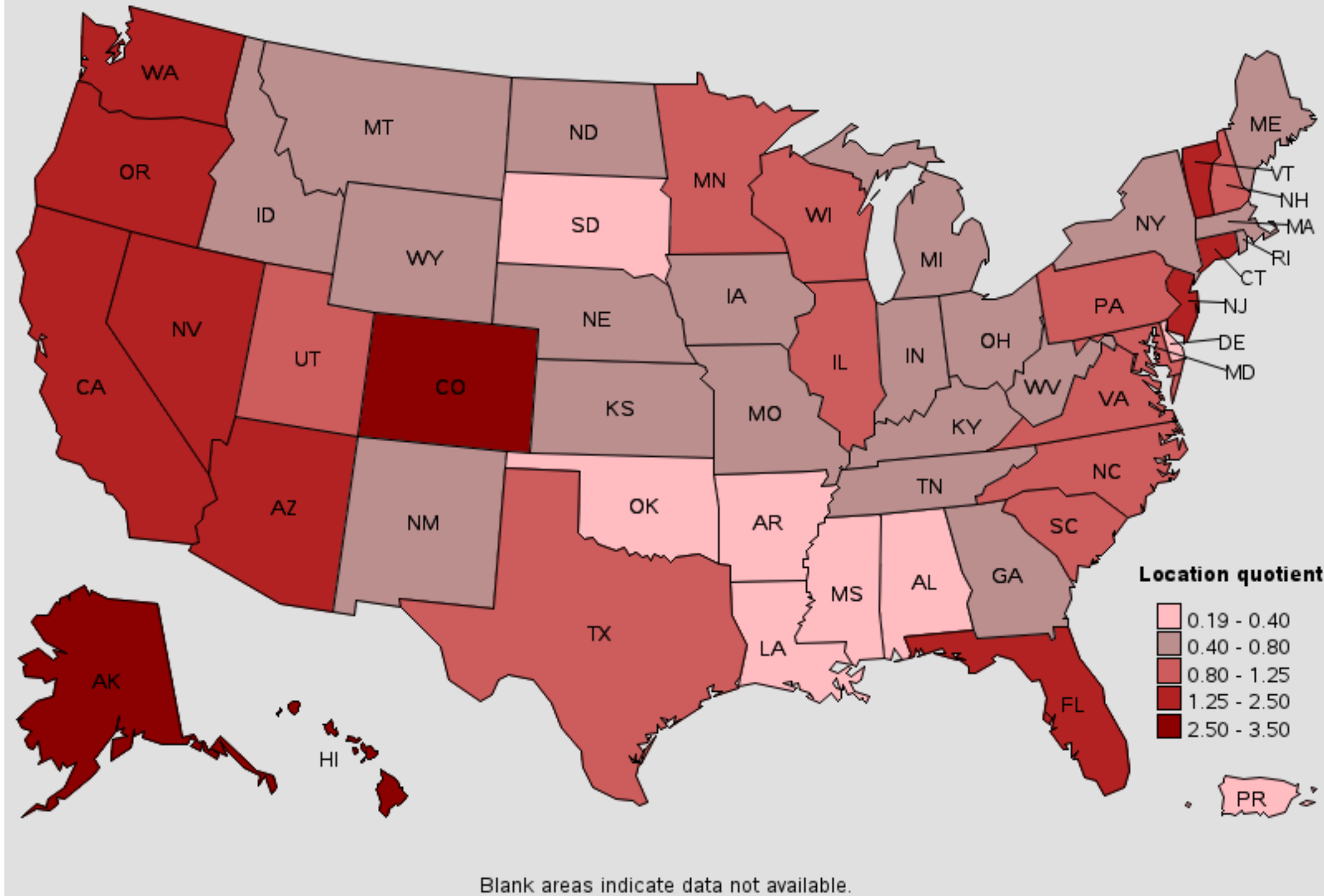
States with the highest employment level in this occupation:

State	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
California	16,090	1.01	1.48	\$20.46	\$42,550
Florida	8,220	1.00	1.46	\$20.82	\$43,310
Texas	6,790	0.58	0.85	\$19.38	\$40,310
Colorado	4,950	1.97	2.89	\$22.71	\$47,240
New York	4,180	0.46	0.67	\$29.94	\$62,270



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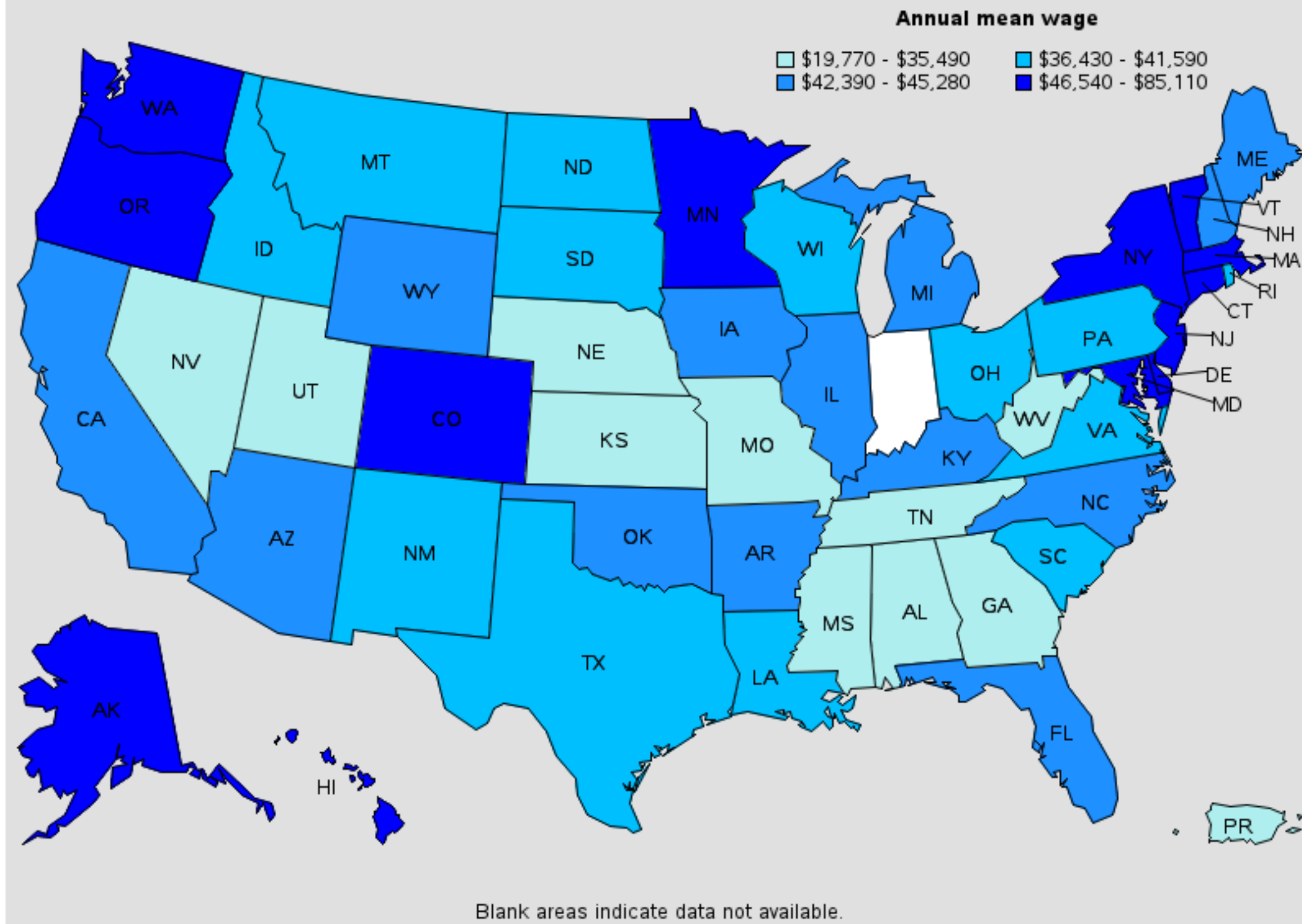
Location quotient of massage therapists, by state, May 2016



States with the highest concentration of jobs and location quotients in this occupation:

State	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
Alaska	770	2.38	3.49	\$40.92	\$85,110
Hawaii	1,390	2.20	3.22	\$25.78	\$53,630
Colorado	4,950	1.97	2.89	\$22.71	\$47,240
Washington	4,030	1.31	1.92	\$26.89	\$55,920
Nevada	1,580	1.24	1.82	\$13.44	\$27,950

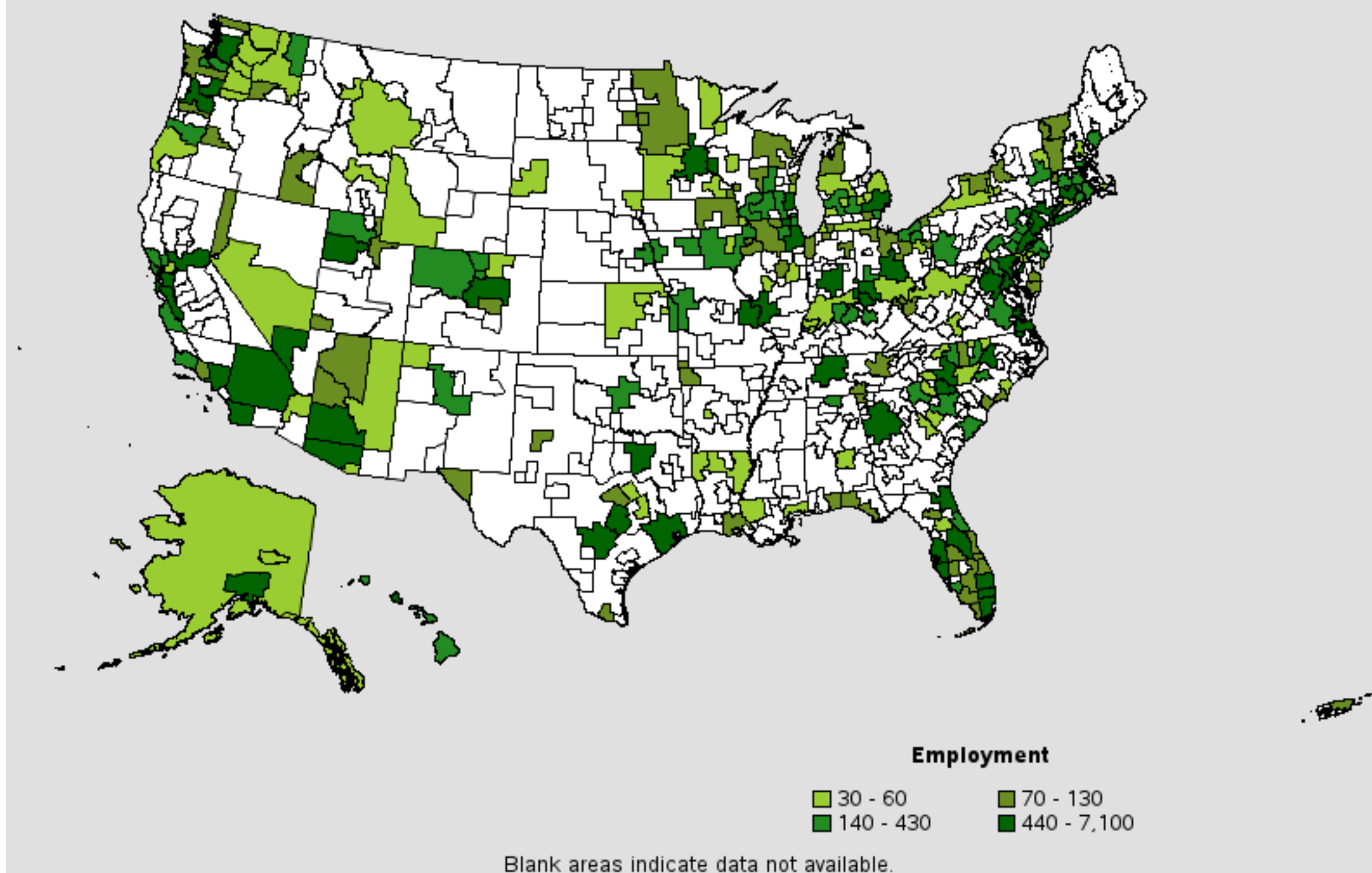
Annual mean wage of massage therapists, by state, May 2016



Top paying States for this occupation:

State	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
Alaska	770	2.38	3.49	\$40.92	\$85,110
New York	4,180	0.46	0.67	\$29.94	\$62,270
Vermont	330	1.09	1.59	\$27.53	\$57,260
Delaware	90	0.20	0.29	\$27.40	\$57,000
Washington	4,030	1.31	1.92	\$26.89	\$55,920

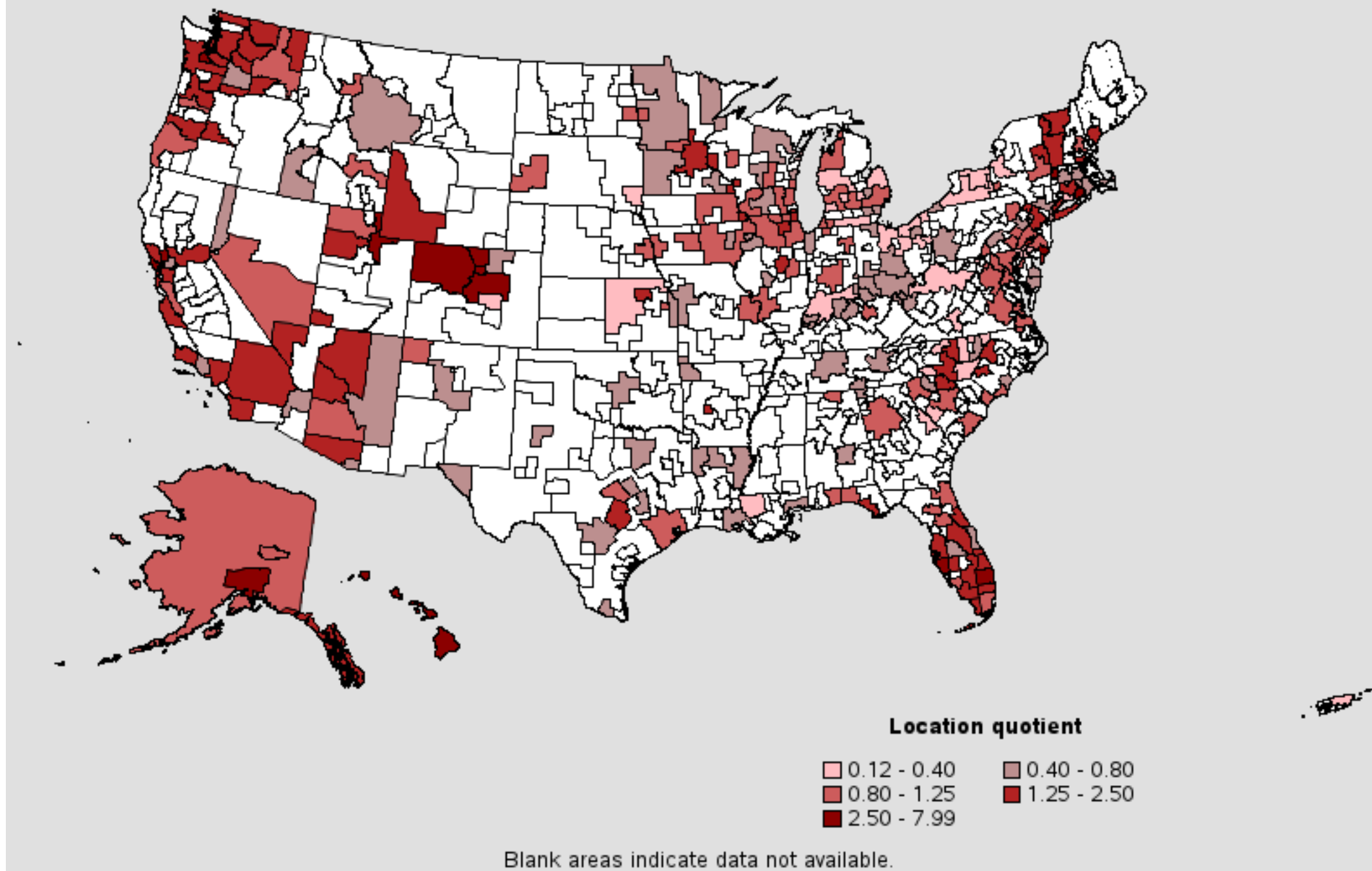
Employment of massage therapists, by area, May 2016



Metropolitan areas with the highest employment level in this occupation:

Metropolitan area	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale, CA Metropolitan Division	4,170	0.99	1.45	\$21.00	\$43,690
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	3,640	2.57	3.77	\$21.84	\$45,420
New York-Jersey City-White Plains, NY-NJ Metropolitan Division	2,870	0.44	0.64	\$28.73	\$59,750
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA Metropolitan Division	2,190	1.38	2.02	\$27.64	\$57,490
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights, IL Metropolitan Division	2,170	0.60	0.88	\$20.94	\$43,550
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	1,900	0.75	1.09	\$15.59	\$32,420
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	1,830	0.96	1.40	\$23.13	\$48,120
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	1,690	0.58	0.85	\$15.19	\$31,590
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA	1,690	1.49	2.19	\$26.31	\$54,730
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	1,640	0.85	1.24	\$21.86	\$45,480

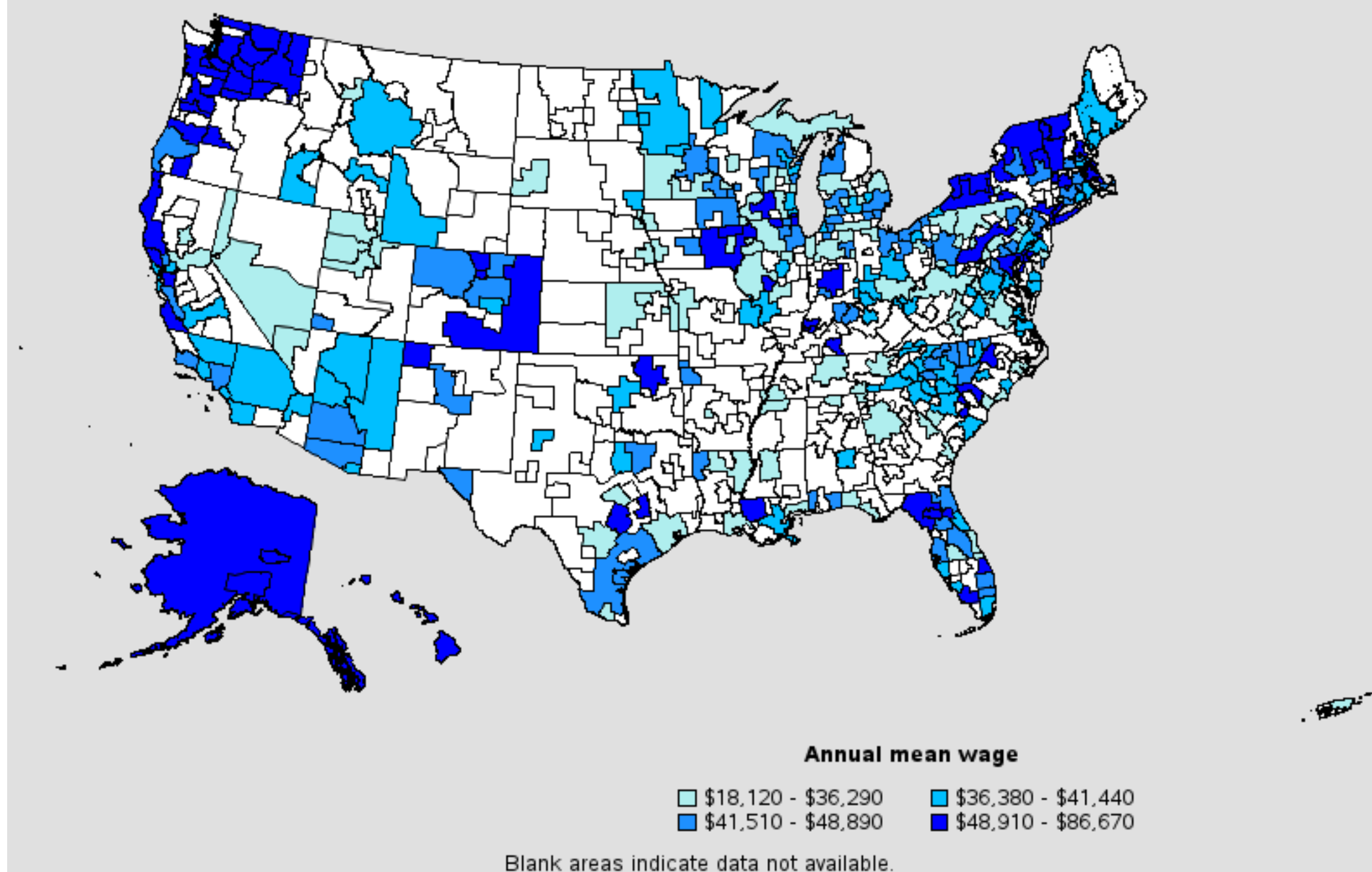
Location quotient of massage therapists, by area, May 2016



Metropolitan areas with the highest concentration of jobs and location quotients in this occupation:

Metropolitan area	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
Napa, CA	390	5.45	7.99	\$23.50	\$48,890
Anchorage, AK	630	3.56	5.21	\$41.67	\$86,670
San Rafael, CA Metropolitan Division	300	2.67	3.91	\$19.54	\$40,650
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	3,640	2.57	3.77	\$21.84	\$45,420
Kahului-Wailuku-Lahaina, HI	180	2.46	3.60	\$33.39	\$69,460
Boulder, CO	430	2.43	3.56	\$24.73	\$51,450
Atlantic City-Hammonton, NJ	270	2.11	3.09	\$17.29	\$35,960
Norwich-New London-Westerly, CT-RI	250	2.01	2.94	\$18.00	\$37,430
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach, FL Metropolitan Division	1,120	1.89	2.77	\$21.59	\$44,900
Olympia-Tumwater, WA	190	1.88	2.75	\$28.26	\$58,770

Annual mean wage of massage therapists, by area, May 2016



Top paying metropolitan areas for this occupation:

Metropolitan area	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
Anchorage, AK	630	3.56	5.21	\$41.67	\$86,670
Baton Rouge, LA	30	0.08	0.12	\$40.46	\$84,150
Fairbanks, AK	30	0.85	1.24	\$39.59	\$82,350
Binghamton, NY	(8)	(8)	(8)	\$35.42	\$73,680
Cedar Rapids, IA	(8)	(8)	(8)	\$33.61	\$69,900
Kahului-Wailuku-Lahaina, HI	180	2.46	3.60	\$33.39	\$69,460
Santa Rosa, CA	270	1.40	2.06	\$32.53	\$67,650
Nassau County-Suffolk County, NY Metropolitan Division	1,290	1.00	1.47	\$31.99	\$66,540
Naples-Immokalee-Marco Island, FL	120	0.88	1.29	\$31.45	\$65,410
Wilmington, DE-MD-NJ Metropolitan Division	50	0.16	0.23	\$31.29	\$65,080

Nonmetropolitan areas with the highest employment in this occupation:

Nonmetropolitan area	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
Northwest Colorado nonmetropolitan area	360	3.14	4.60	\$22.01	\$45,780
Hawaii / Kauai nonmetropolitan area	350	3.57	5.23	\$24.93	\$51,860
South Central Wisconsin nonmetropolitan area	150	0.71	1.03	\$16.26	\$33,820
Southeast Iowa nonmetropolitan area	140	0.63	0.92	\$24.96	\$51,920
Northern Vermont					

nonmetropolitan area	110	1.64	2.40	\$27.88	\$58,000
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Nonmetropolitan areas with the highest concentration of jobs and location quotients in this occupation:

Nonmetropolitan area	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
Hawaii / Kauai nonmetropolitan area	350	3.57	5.23	\$24.93	\$51,860
Northwest Colorado nonmetropolitan area	360	3.14	4.60	\$22.01	\$45,780
Wasatch Back nonmetropolitan area	100	2.91	4.26	\$15.33	\$31,880
Northern Vermont nonmetropolitan area	110	1.64	2.40	\$27.88	\$58,000
Southeast Alaska nonmetropolitan area	60	1.61	2.35	\$32.81	\$68,250

Top paying nonmetropolitan areas for this occupation:

Nonmetropolitan area	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
Balance of Alaska nonmetropolitan area	60	0.77	1.12	\$41.40	\$86,110
Eastern and Southern Colorado nonmetropolitan area	(8)	(8)	(8)	\$40.34	\$83,900
Southeast Alaska nonmetropolitan area	60	1.61	2.35	\$32.81	\$68,250
Southwest Washington nonmetropolitan area	70	1.12	1.64	\$30.98	\$64,450
Pee Dee South Carolina nonmetropolitan area	(8)	(8)	(8)	\$28.61	\$59,500

[About May 2016 National, State, Metropolitan, and Nonmetropolitan Area Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates](#)

These estimates are calculated with data collected from employers in all industry sectors, all metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas, and all states and the District of Columbia. The top employment and wage figures are provided above. The complete list is available in the [downloadable XLS files](#).

The percentile wage estimate is the value of a wage below which a certain percent of workers fall. The median wage is the 50th percentile wage estimate--50 percent of workers earn less than the median and 50 percent of workers earn more than the median. [More about percentile wages.](#)

(1) Estimates for detailed occupations do not sum to the totals because the totals include occupations not shown separately. Estimates do not include self-employed workers.

(2) Annual wages have been calculated by multiplying the hourly mean wage by a "year-round, full-time" hours figure of 2,080 hours; for those occupations where there is not an hourly wage published, the annual wage has been directly calculated from the reported survey data.

(3) The relative standard error (RSE) is a measure of the reliability of a survey statistic. The smaller the relative standard error, the more precise the estimate.

(7) The value is less than .005 percent of industry employment.

(8) Estimate not released.

(9) The location quotient is the ratio of the area concentration of occupational employment to the national average concentration. A location quotient greater than one indicates the occupation has a higher share of employment than average, and a location quotient less than one indicates the occupation is less prevalent in the area than average.

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