

FY 2006 Error Rate Maps

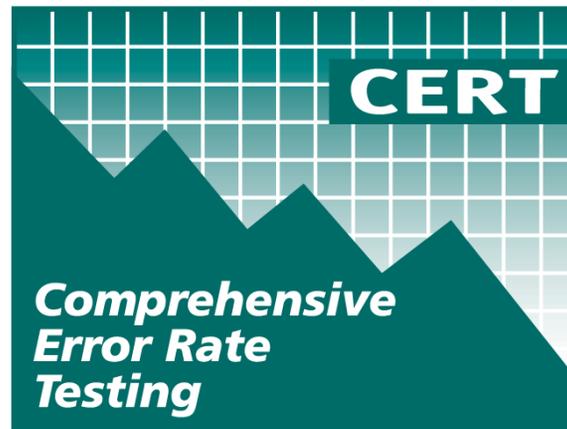
The FY 2006 Error Rate Maps show the geographical distribution of gross paid claim error rates and provider compliance error rates. Paid claims error rates are available for all contractor types. Provider compliance error rates are available for Carriers and Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERC) only. The error rate information is from the Comprehensive Error Rate Testing program's random sample of Medicare fee-for-service claims submitted April 01, 2005 to March 31, 2006.

Map Development

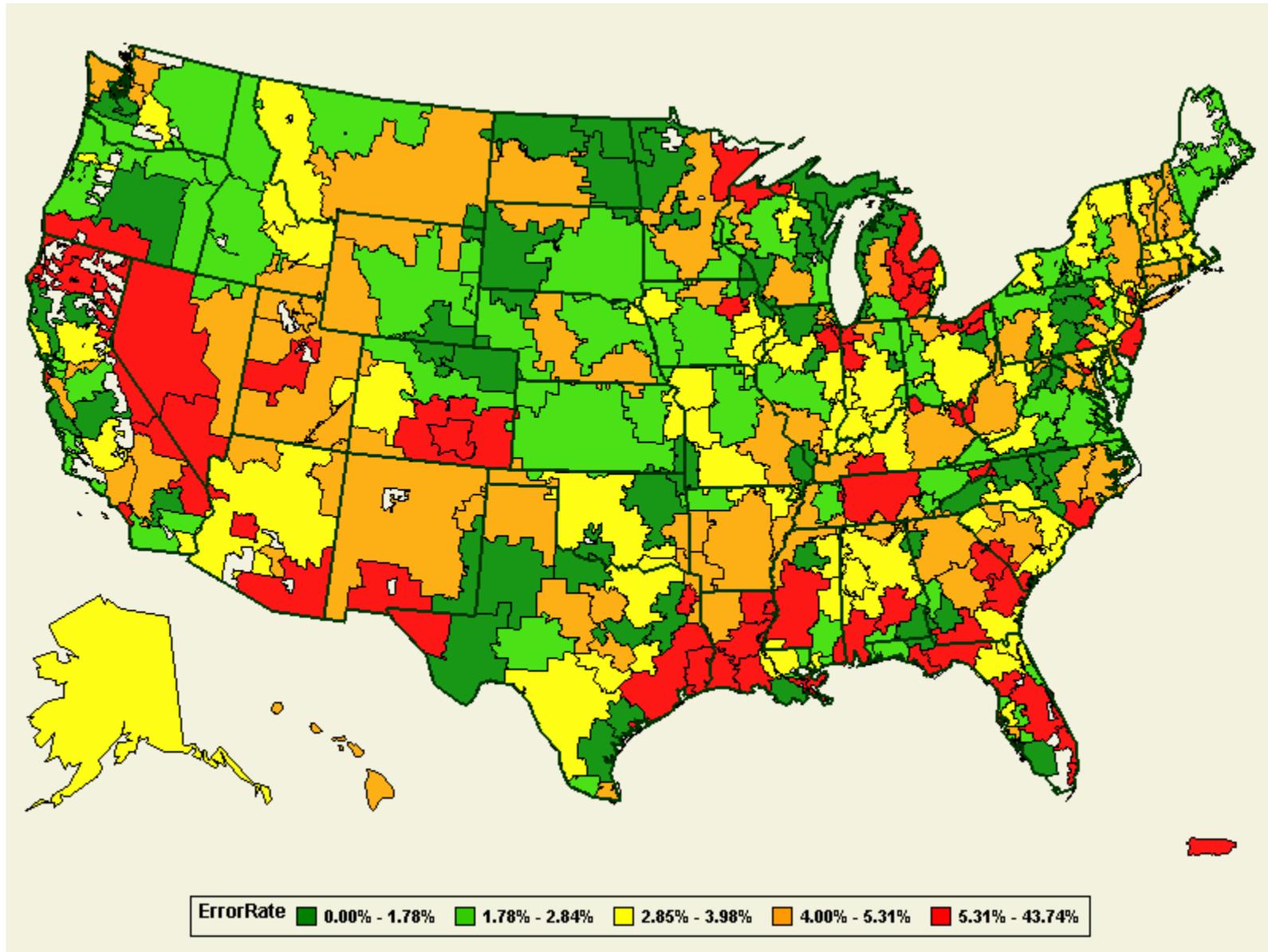
First, an error rate was calculated for each of the 306 Dartmouth Atlas 2004 Hospital Referral Regions (HRR). An error rate was reported in each region regardless of the number of lines billed in the area. The beneficiary's zip code was used for assigning DMERC claims to an HRR, and the provider's zip code was used to assign Carrier and Fiscal Intermediary claims to an HRR. Next, the areas were sorted from highest to lowest error rate and placed into quintiles. The areas were then assigned a color based on the group's rank. The error rate range for each color is different on each map.

Additional Information

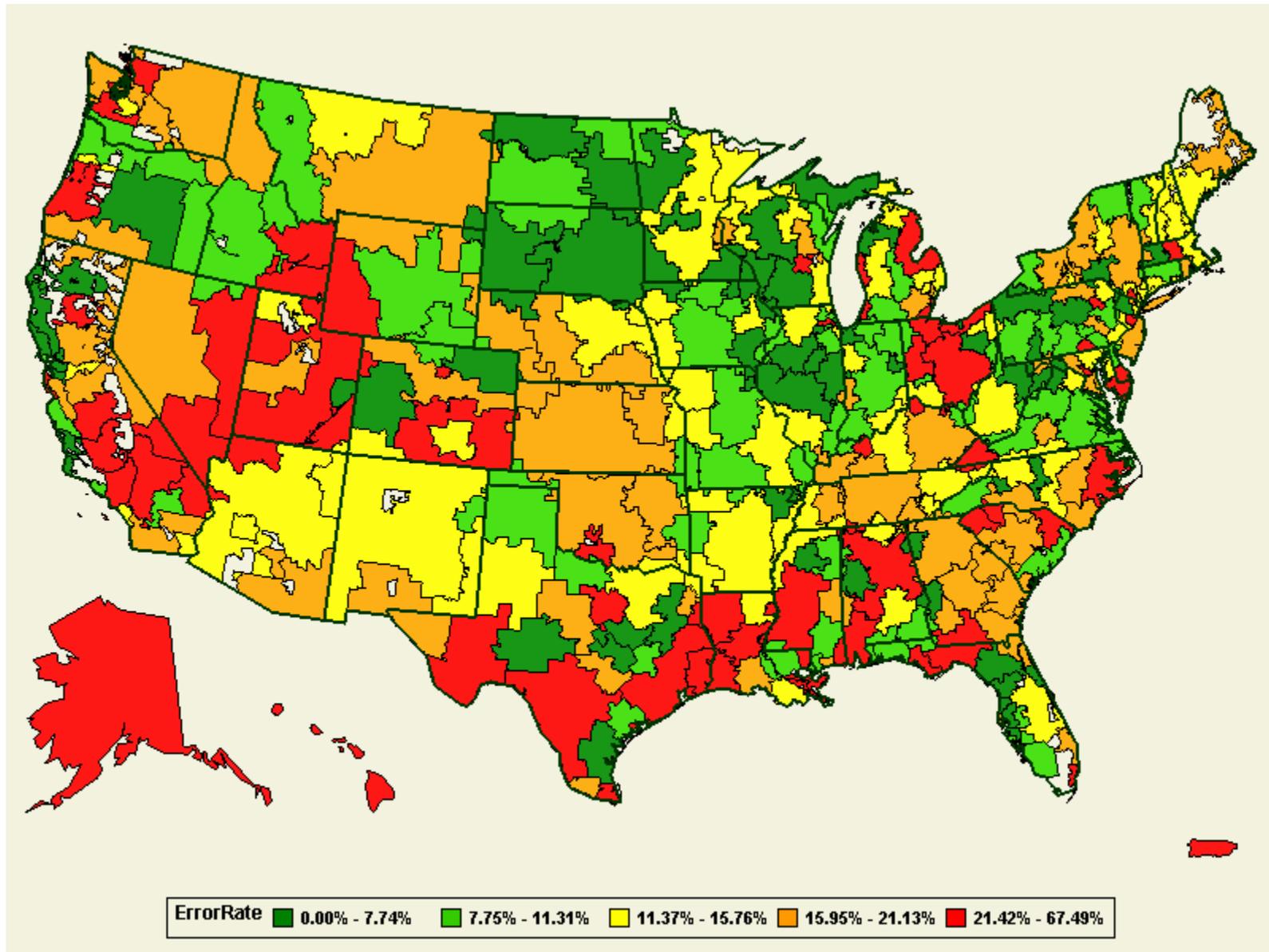
Comprehensive Error Rate Testing (CERT) program - www.cms.hhs.gov/CERT
Hospital Referral Regions - www.dartmouthatlas.org/faq/data.shtm



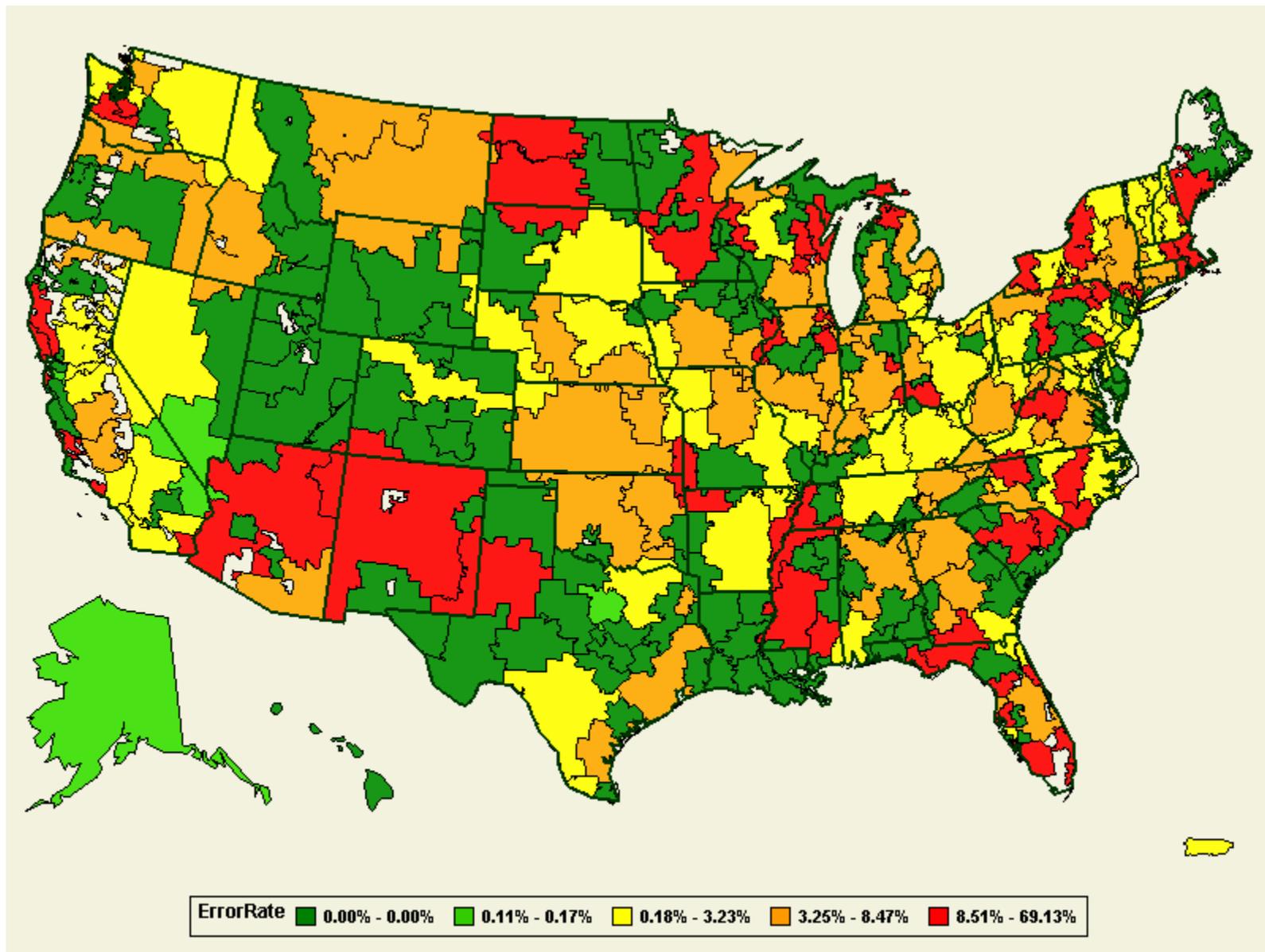
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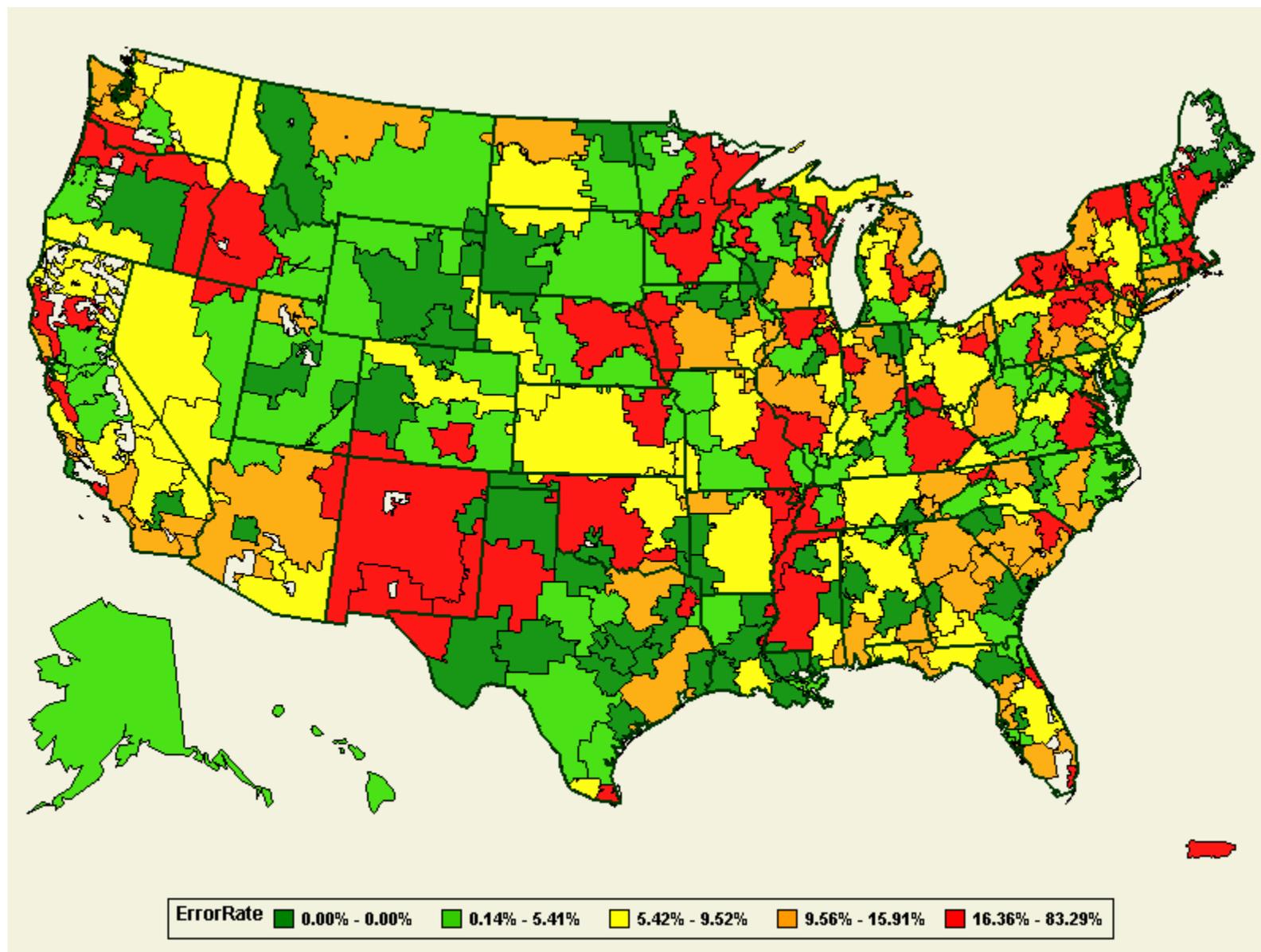
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