



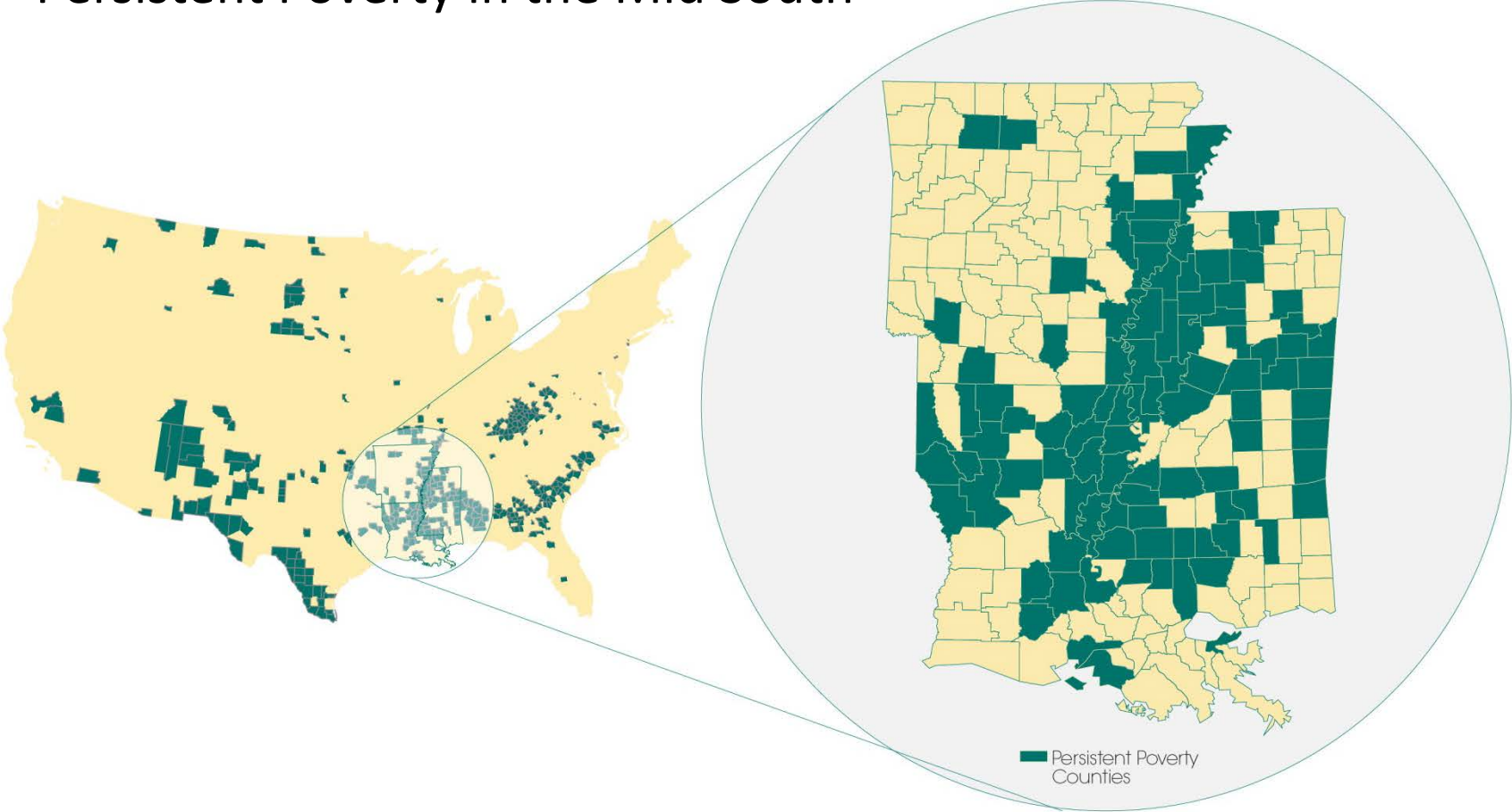
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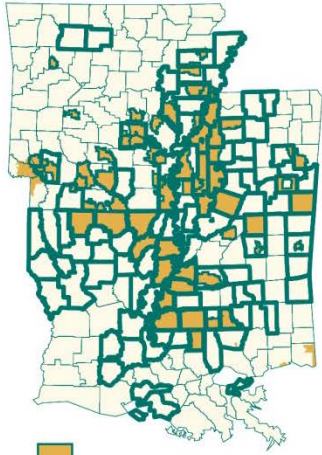
# Persistent Poverty in the Mid South



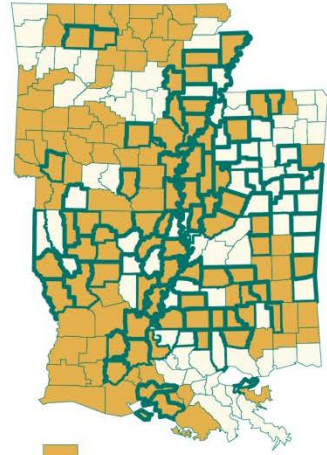
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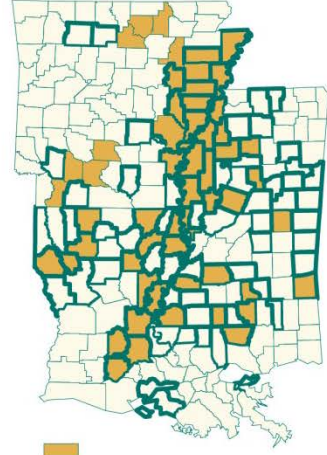
# Implications of Persistent Poverty



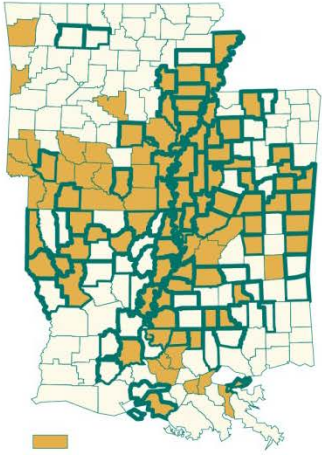
**Education**  
Low-Performing School Districts



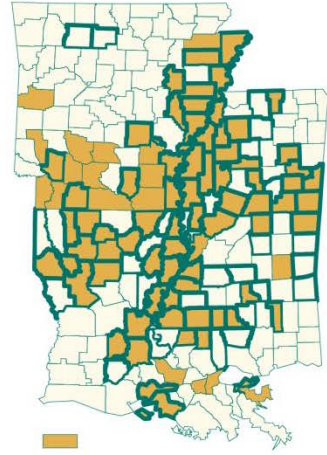
**High-Cost Mortgage Lending**  
Counties above state avg.



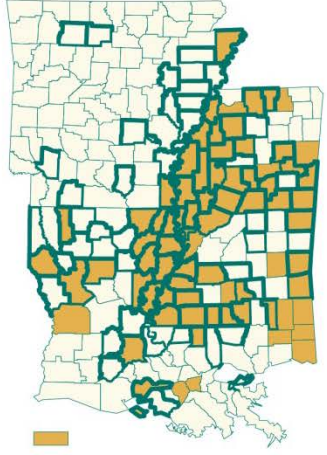
**County Health Rankings**  
Lowest 25% by state



**Non-White Residents**  
Counties above state avg.



**Unbanked**  
More than 1.5 times the national avg.



**Unemployment**  
More than 1.5 times the national avg.

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