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3 Maps of Hospitals and Heart Disease Specialists

This section documents the geographic patterns of hospitals and cardiologists in the United States in 2005. A map of the geographic distribution of all short-term general hospitals is included, along with separate maps for short-term general hospitals with the following services:

- Emergency Departments
- Cardiac Rehabilitation
- Cardiac Intensive Care

The map of cardiologists indicates the geographic distribution of nonfederal cardiologists (e.g., those not working at Veterans Administration hospitals). In 2005, there were a total of 21,819 nonfederal cardiologists working in the United States. There were 2,015 counties with no cardiologists.

Distribution of Short-Term General Hospitals, 2005

Type of Hospital	Total No. of Hospitals	Counties With No Hospital	Counties With ≥ 1 Hospital
Short-term general hospital	4,823	683	2,504
With emergency department	3,880	982	2,204
With cardiac rehabilitation services	2,263	1,760	1,427
With cardiac intensive care services	1,455	2,391	796

Summary of Geographic Patterns

Short-Term General Hospitals

Counties with four or more short-term general hospitals were located primarily in Northeastern states, California, and Florida.

Short-Term General Hospitals with Emergency Departments

Counties with four or more short-term general hospitals with emergency departments were located primarily in Northeastern states, California, and Florida.

Short-Term General Hospitals with Cardiac Rehabilitation Services

Counties with four or more short-term general hospitals with cardiac rehabilitation services were located primarily in the Northeastern states of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Maine, as well as in the southern parts of Florida and California.

Short-Term General Hospitals with Cardiac Intensive Care Services

Counties with four or more short-term general hospitals with cardiac intensive care services were located primarily near large cities in the eastern part of the United States and in California.

Cardiologists

Counties with more than 6.4 cardiologists per 10,000 population were located primarily in parts of the Northeast and near many metropolitan areas across the United States.

A Note on Methods

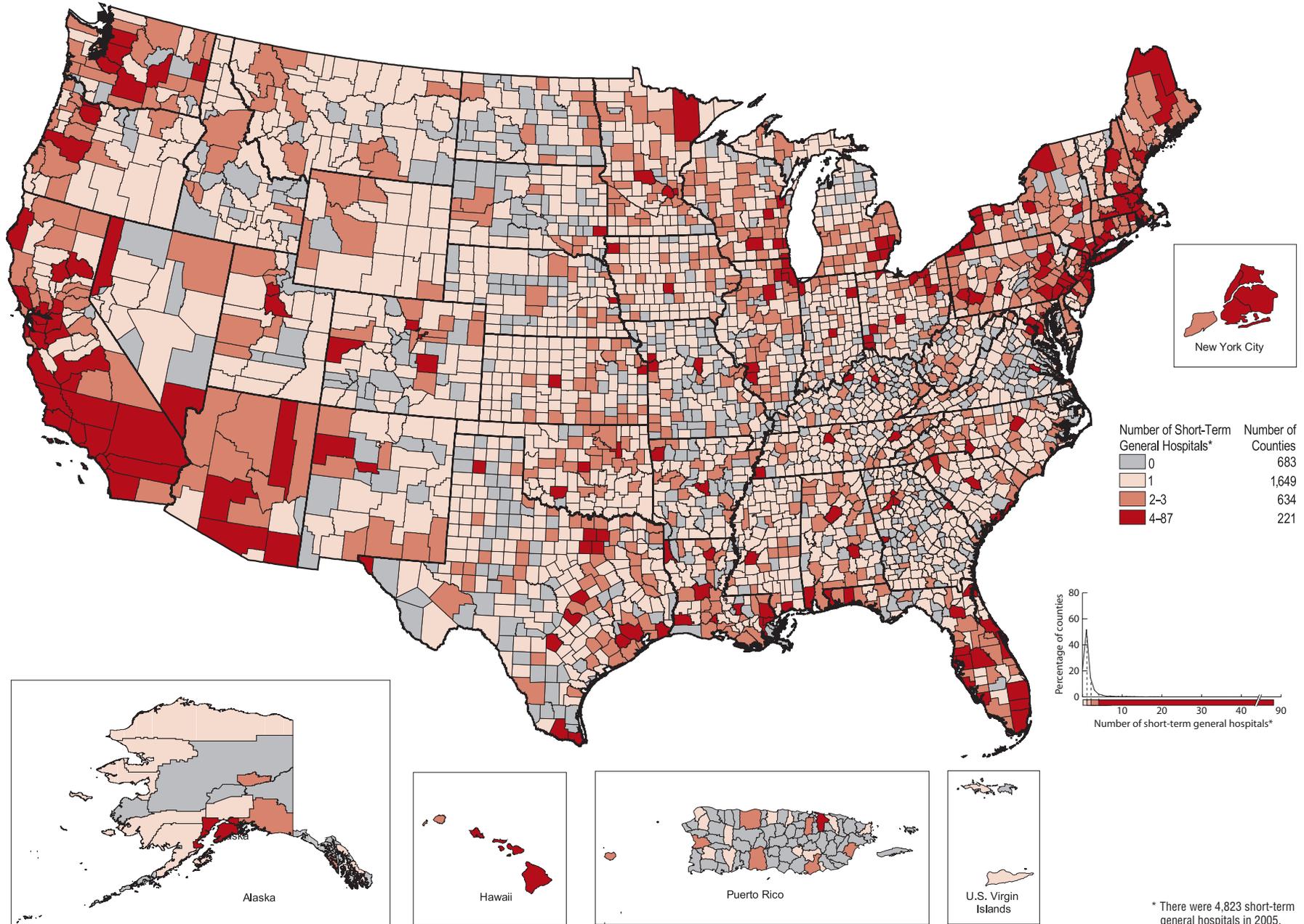
Data on hospitals and cardiologists were obtained from the following sources:

- Area Resource File, a compilation of health-related data abstracted from multiple data sources and made available by the Bureau of Health Professions, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. See Appendix B for more information about the Area Resource File.
- American Hospital Association's Annual Survey of Hospitals.

Short-term general hospitals are defined by the American Hospital Association as hospitals that provide short-term hospital stays (usually fewer than 30 days) and general medical and surgical services.

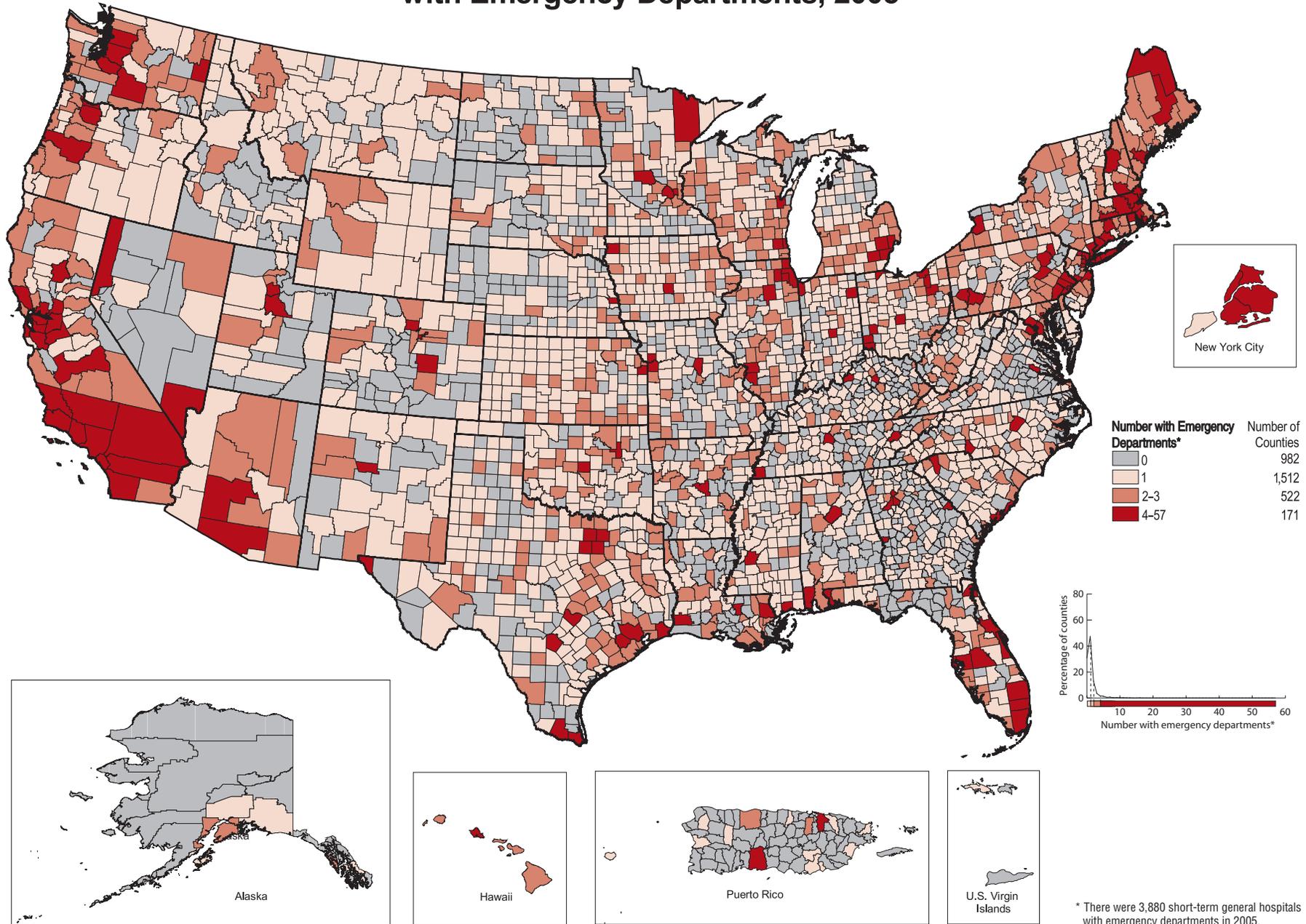
For each map, counties are categorized according to the number of hospitals or specialists per county. The darkest color represents counties with the largest number of hospitals or specialists. Counties with 0 hospitals or specialists are shaded gray. For a more detailed explanation of the methods, see Appendix B.

Short-Term General Hospitals, 2005

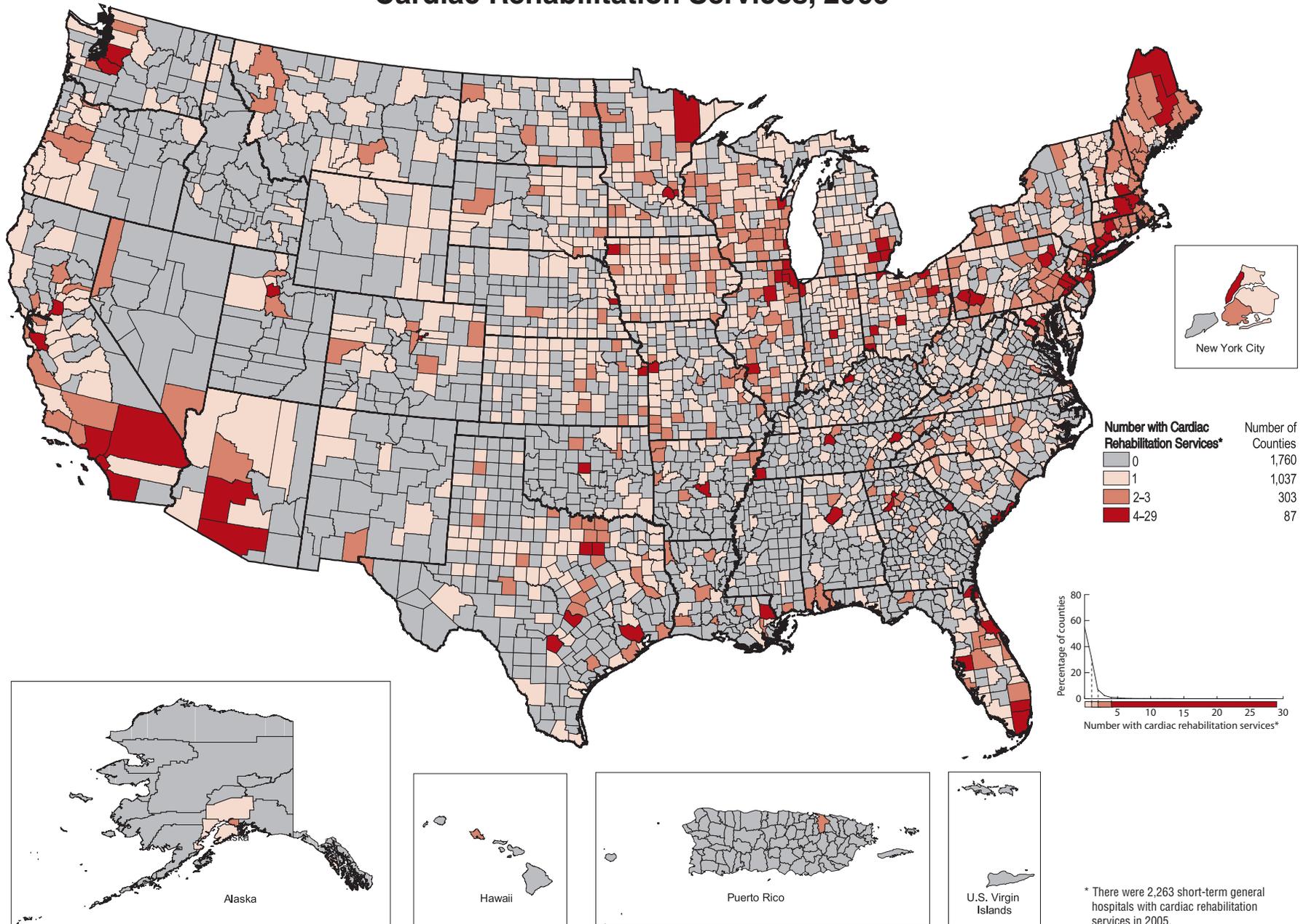


* There were 4,823 short-term general hospitals in 2005.

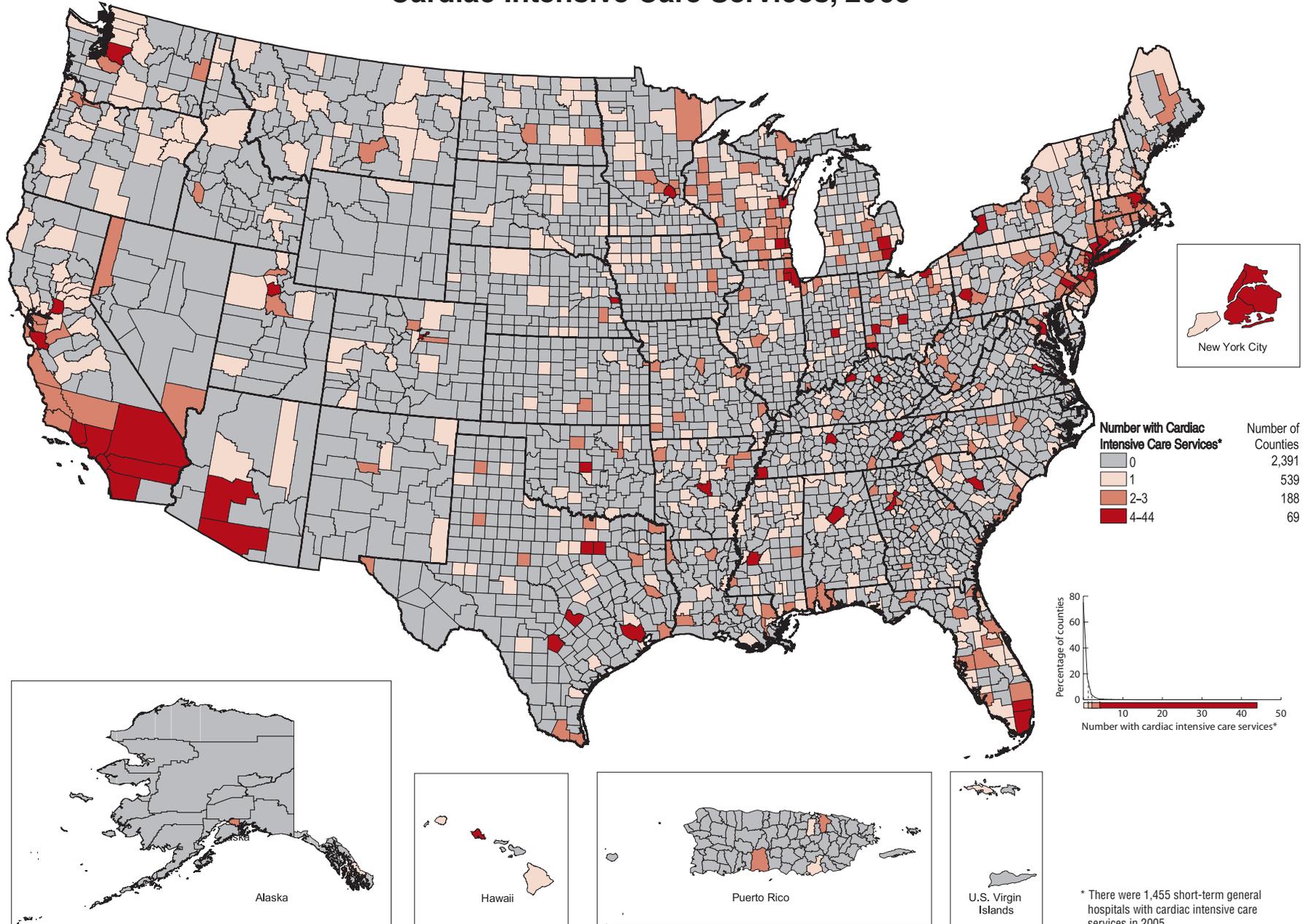
Short-Term General Hospitals with Emergency Departments, 2005



Short-Term General Hospitals with Cardiac Rehabilitation Services, 2005



Short-Term General Hospitals with Cardiac Intensive Care Services, 2005



Cardiologists per 10,000 Population Ages 65 and Older, 2005

