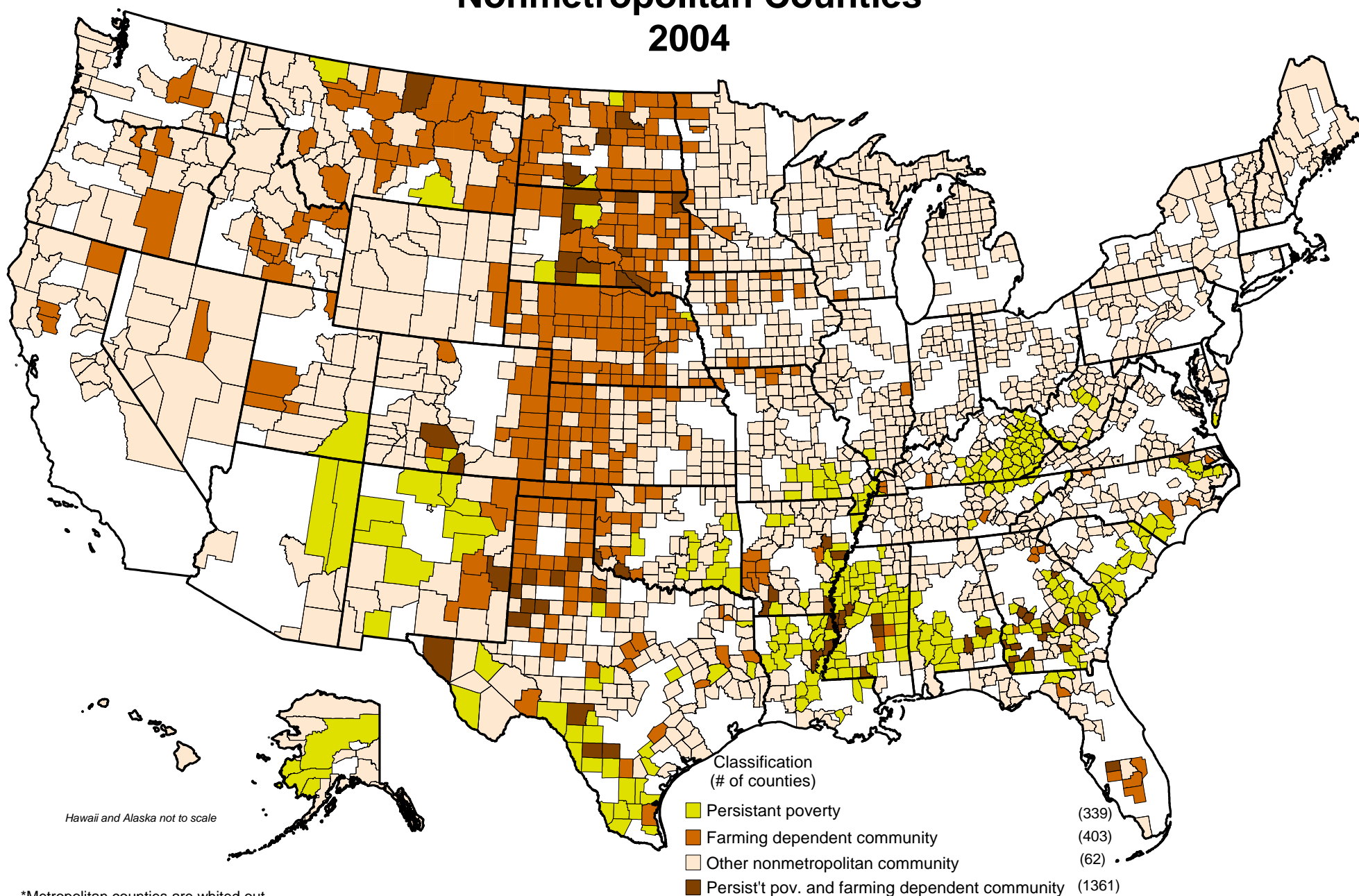


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*Metropolitan counties are whited out.

Notes: USDA defines persistent poverty as 20 percent or more of residents were poor as measured by each of the last 4 censuses. (1970, 1980, 1990, and 2000).

Farming dependent counties either have 15 percent or more of average annual labor and proprietors' earnings derived from farming during 1998-2000

or 15 percent or more of employed residents worked in farm occupations in 2000.

Sources: Economic Resource Service, US Department of Agriculture, 2004.

U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, Census County and County Equivalent Areas Cartographic Boundary Files (2000, 2003, 2007).

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