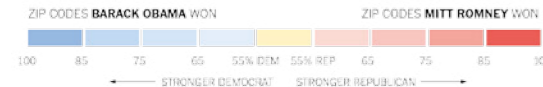


# A Detailed Political Geography of the U.S.



On election night, the most detailed map you are likely to see will show results by county. This map shows 2012 presidential election results for every ZIP code in the country. This level of detail reveals patterns that are otherwise masked — like the presence of small, Democratic urban areas even in the reddest states, and the stripes of red, yellow and blue along Long Island in New York.

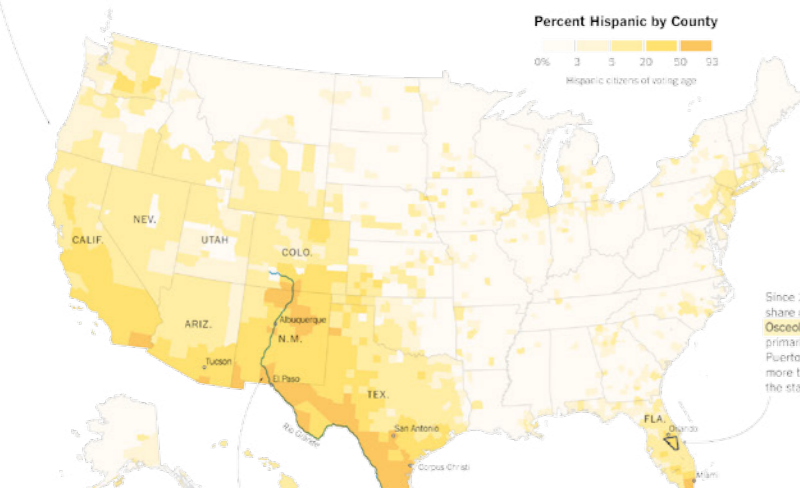
## What Hillary Clinton Sees in This Map

### More Hispanic Voters

Mrs. Clinton is polling much better with the nation's growing Hispanic population than Mr. Trump. That's giving her a significant boost in battleground states like Nevada and Colorado, and even putting Romney states like Arizona within her reach.

Hispanic support will be particularly important in Florida, which Mr. Trump probably needs to take to win the election. Little Havana, in Miami, has been one of the few densely populated Republican-leaning areas in the country, but there are signs that its Cuban-American voters are more divided this year. There's also a growing Puerto Rican population in the central part of the state, and they vote more Democratic.

Mrs. Clinton is also counting on African-Americans, who've overwhelmingly supported her, to vote at rates similar to those in 2008 and 2012, when the turnout of black voters surpassed that of whites. This will be especially important in North Carolina and Georgia, two battleground states in the "cotton belt" — a majority African-American, reliably Democratic stripe across the Southeast.



Since 2012, the Hispanic share of the population in Osceola County, which is primarily Democratic-leaning, has increased more than anywhere else in the state.

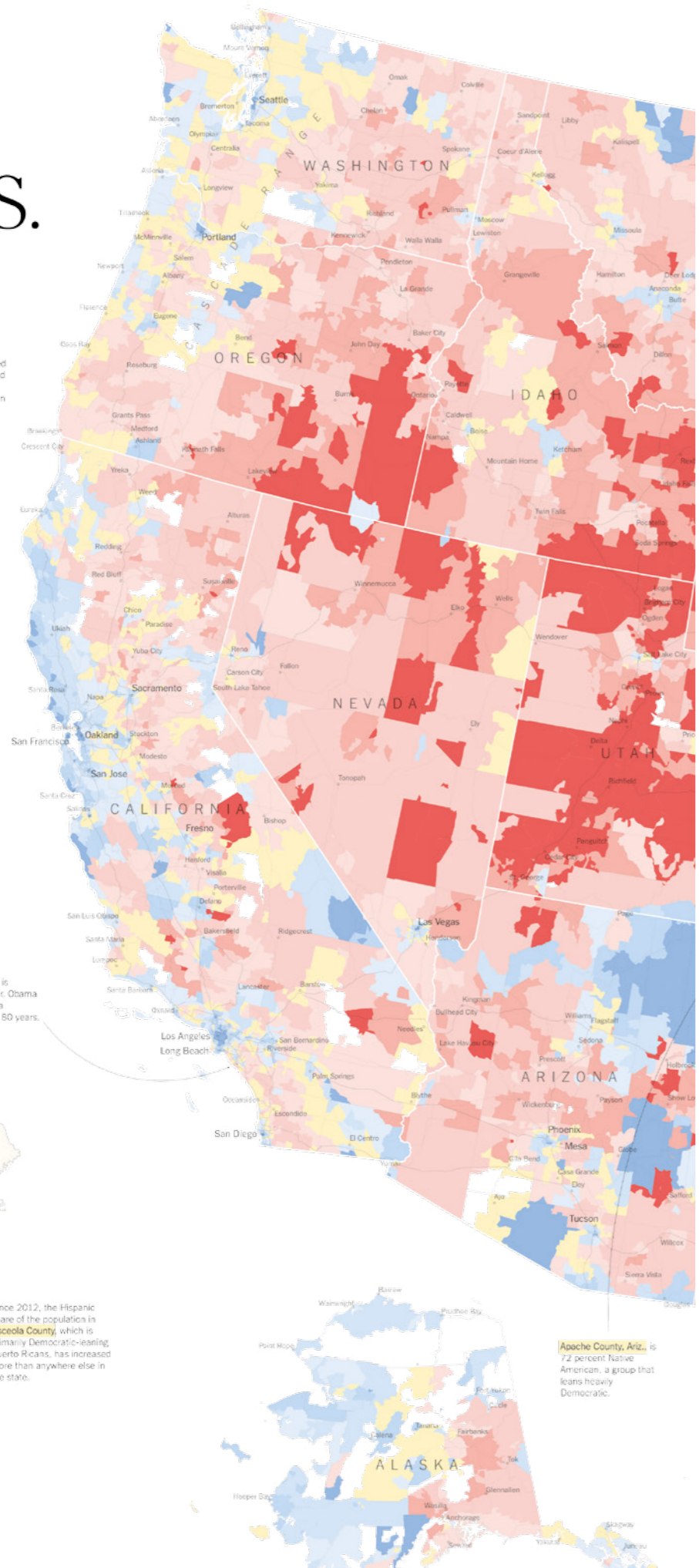
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In 2016, using impeccably meticulous detail, the *New York Times* took another major step forward in terms of their elections graphics. On the eve of the November presidential election, the team of The Upshot, led by Amanda Cox, extended

beyond the customary scope of results by county to include the data for each postal code area. This reveals, for example, that there are small urban pockets that vote Democrat, shown in blue, even within strongly Republican areas, shown in

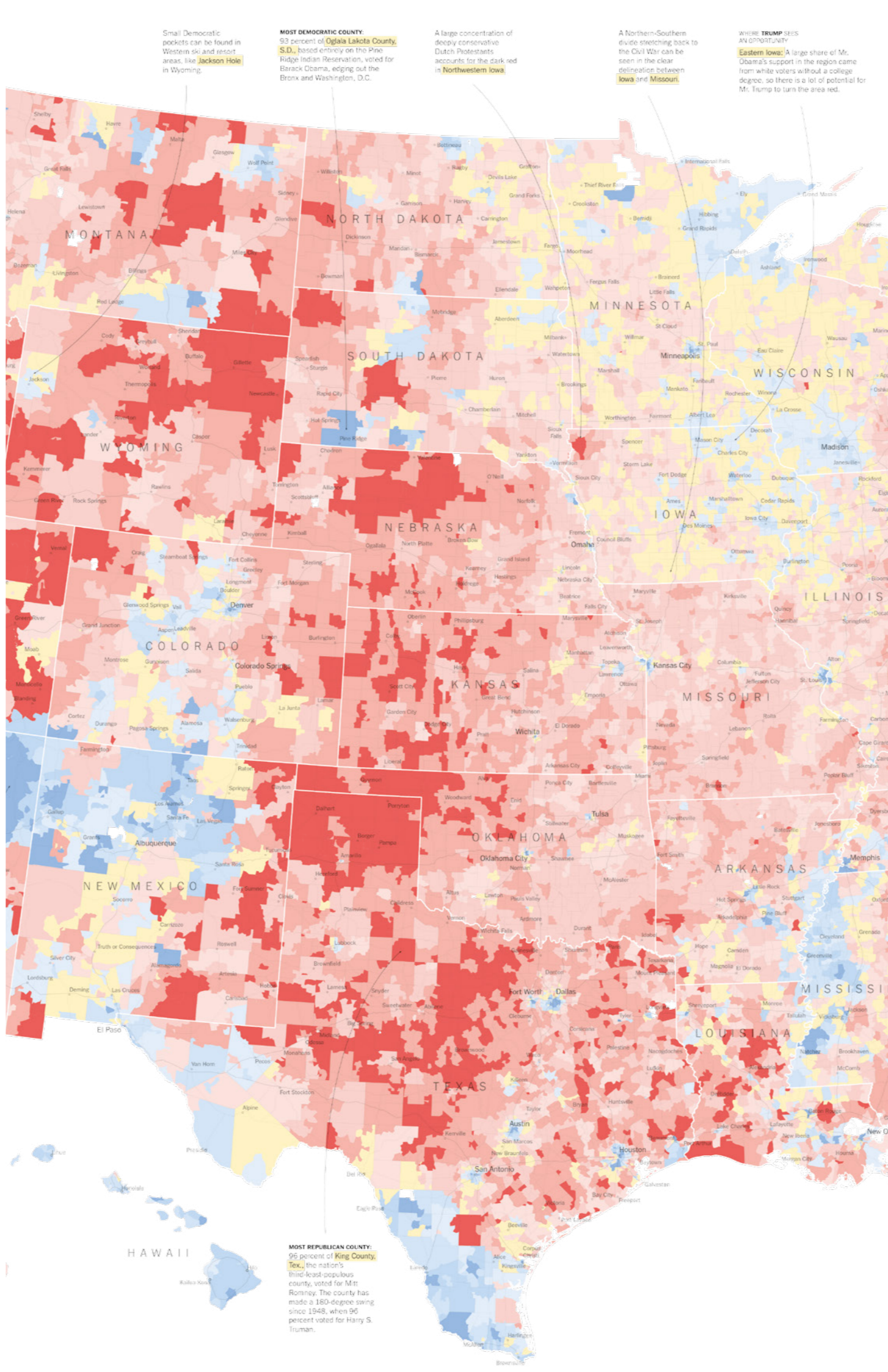


Washington and Oregon are divided geographically and politically by the Cascade mountain range.

Orange County, Calif.: Mrs. Clinton is expected to perform better than Mr. Obama in the increasingly diverse county, a Republican stronghold for the past 80 years.

Apache County, Ariz., is 22 percent Native American, a group that leans heavily Democratic.

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Small Democratic pockets can be found in Western ski and wine areas, like Jackson Hole in Wyoming.

**MOST DEMOCRATIC COUNTY:** 93 percent of Ogala Lakota County, S.D., based entirely on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, voted for Barack Obama, edging out the Bronx and Washington, D.C.

A large concentration of deeply conservative Dutch Protestants accounts for the dark red in Northwestern Iowa.

A Northern-Southern divide stretching back to the Civil War can be seen in the clear delineation between **blue** and **red** in Missouri.

WHERE TRUMP SEES AN OPPORTUNITY: **Eastern Iowa:** A large share of Mr. Obama's support in the region came from white voters without a college degree, so there is a lot of potential for Mr. Trump to turn the area red.

Scandinavian roots and a history of conservatism may help account for the moderate and liberal voters across the **Upper Midwest**.

WHERE TRUMP SEES AN OPPORTUNITY: **Youngstown, Ohio:** One of the first formerly Democratic cities in the rust and industrial Midwest where a large working-class white population presents a significant upside for the Republicans.

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**FASTEST-GROWING METRO AREA:** **The Villages, Fla.,** a retirement community where Mr. Trump has been polling favorably, has grown faster than anywhere else in the nation for the past three years.

The "cotton belt" — a majority African-American stripe across the Southeast where cotton plantations and slavery were once abundant — is reliably Democratic, and one of the few parts of the country where Barack Obama did better in 2012 than in 2008.

WHERE TRUMP SEES AN OPPORTUNITY: **Maine's Second Congressional District:** Mr. Trump could pick up a congressional vote from this rural, working-class district, which encompasses everything north of the Portland and Augusta metro areas.

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# And What It Means for 2016

For the most part, the nation's center is ablaze with red — people who voted overwhelmingly for Mitt Romney. Along the coasts and in large cities, you find just a few dense blue counties that delivered major electoral victories to Barack Obama. Yellow shows where neither candidate won more than 55 percent of the major-party vote.

When Donald J. Trump and Hillary Clinton look at this map, they see where they have a chance to perform better, or worse, in their quest for the White House.

## What Donald Trump Sees in This Map

### Reliably Red States

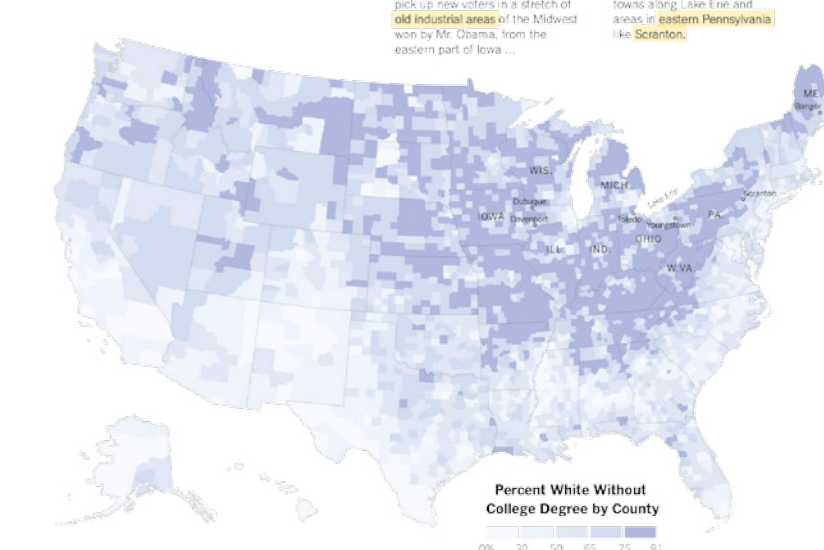
The majority of states that have become reliably Republican will stay that way. Even though Bill Clinton twice won West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Louisiana and his home state of Arkansas in the 1990s, those states have for the most part become Republican redlands.

But Mr. Trump faces peril in places with increasingly diverse populations. Hillary Clinton's support from Hispanics in Arizona and college-educated white voters and African-Americans in Georgia has tightened the races in those states, which last voted Democratic in the 1990s. He could also see ground in Utah, where a large Mormon population is unsettled by his candidacy and where several lawmakers have come out against him.

### The White Working Class

Barack Obama was strong among white working-class voters across the North, from former industrial strongholds to working-class suburbs of major cities. Mr. Trump has tapped into the anger and anxiety of workers who have fallen behind as manufacturing and union jobs have disappeared. He is expected to do well in places with a high percentage of white voters without a college degree, even in areas that have been reliably Democratic, such as the industrial Midwest.

These voters have tightened the race in Iowa, and to a lesser extent in Ohio, where many people in this group voted for Mr. Obama in 2008 and 2012. The white working-class voters in parts of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois are less likely to make a difference, because they will be canceled out by different demographic groups in major cities that support Mrs. Clinton.



Mr. Trump has an opportunity to pick up new voters in a stretch of old industrial areas in the Midwest won by Mr. Obama, from the eastern part of Iowa...

Through **Industrial Ohio** towns along **Lower Line** and areas in eastern **Pennsylvania** like **Scranton**.

Source: ZIP code results are from Gallup, a data firm that works with Democrats and others. Estimates are based on election results and other data, and reflect the most likely state of the nation. Other data and analysis from the U.S. Census Bureau, Pew Research Center, the Brookings Institution and the Urban Institute.