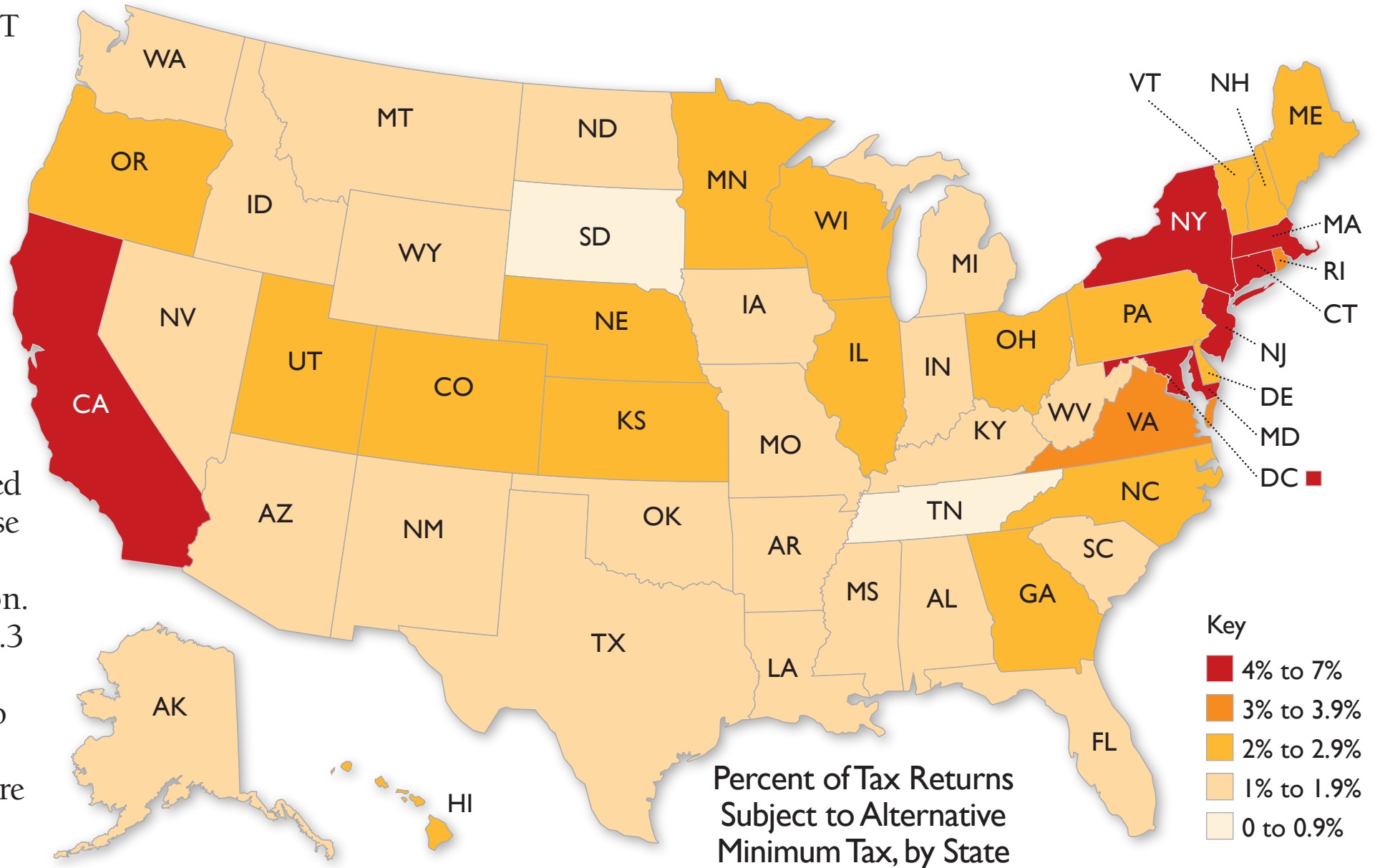


Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey Have the Highest Percentage of Taxpayers Paying the Alternative Minimum Tax

The nefarious AMT was enacted in 1969 to prevent a small number of wealthy taxpayers from using legitimate deductions and credits to avoid paying taxes altogether. Since then, the AMT's reach has expanded relentlessly because it was never indexed to inflation. Absent reform, 30.3 million tax filers would be forced to pay an average of almost \$3,403 more in taxes in 2009.



Source: Internal Revenue Service and Tax Policy Center.