WHERE MEDICAID FINANCES BIRTHS IN ARKANSAS

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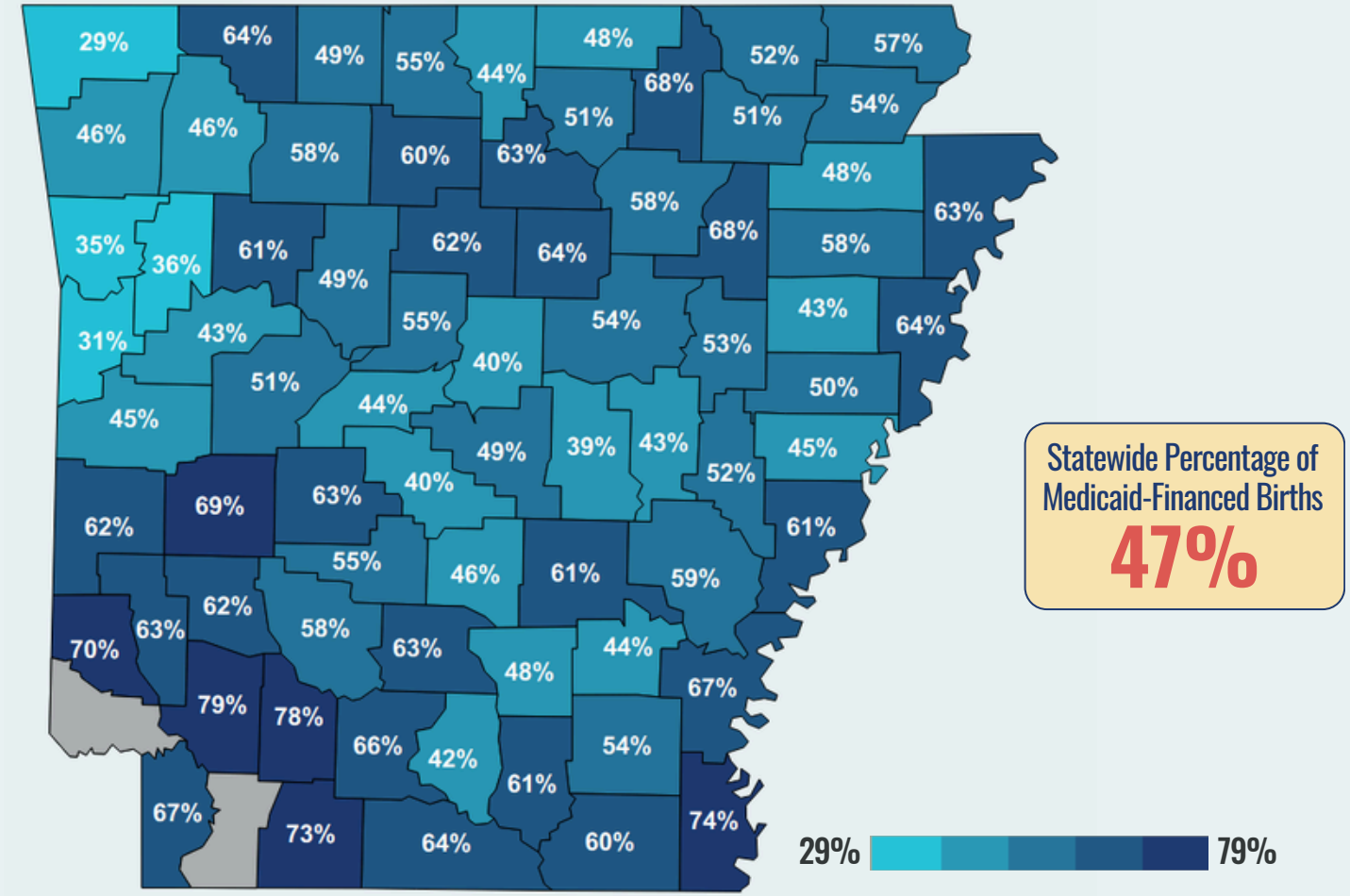
Medicaid finances a substantial share of births in the U.S., covering approximately 41% of all births in 2023.[1] Women of reproductive age make up nearly 1 in 4 Medicaid beneficiaries nationally, underscoring Medicaid's role in maternal health.[2] ACHI analyzed 2024 data to determine the share of births financed by Medicaid (including the Arkansas Health and Opportunity for Me program) at the county level in Arkansas, by the mothers' county of residence. The percentages of births financed by Medicaid ranged from a low of 29% in Benton County to a high of 79% in Hempstead County.

Percentage of Medicaid-Financed Births by Mothers' County of Residence, 2024



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Note: Counties in gray are excluded due to low delivery volume.

Data sources: Arkansas Department of Health birth records and the Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative's All-Payer Claims Database.

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