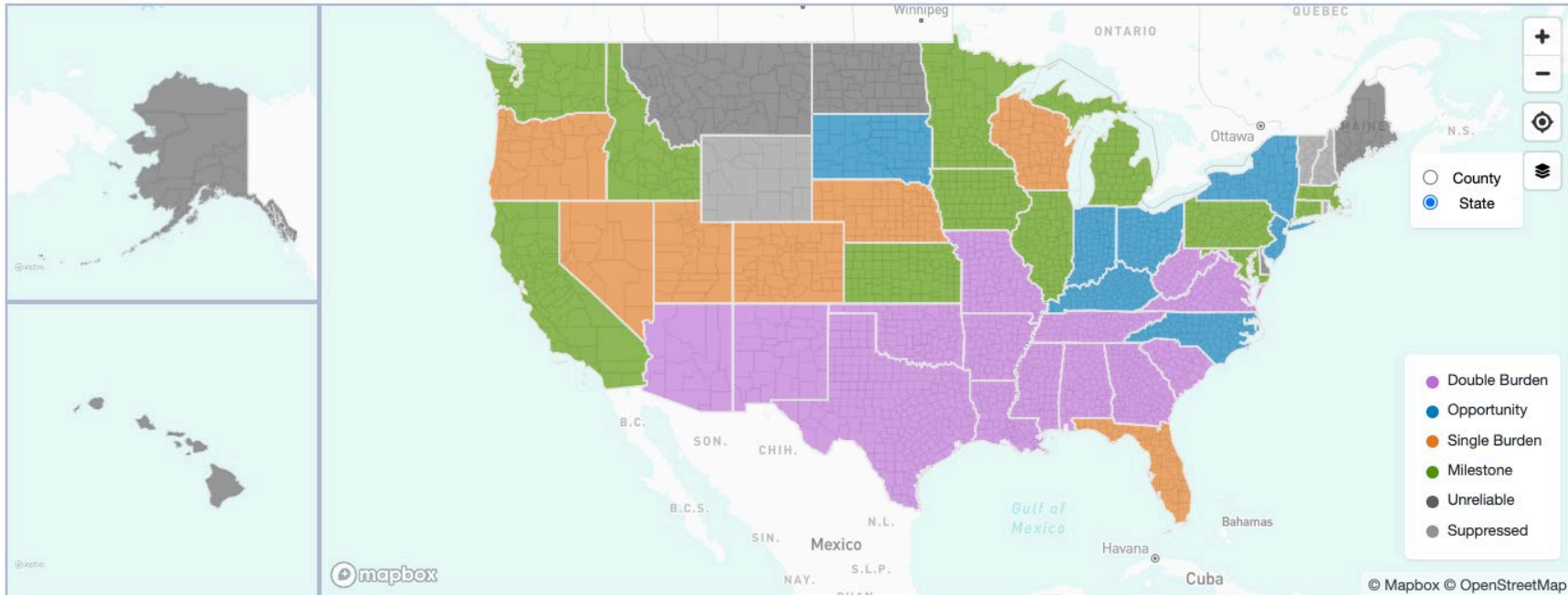


## Rural Fixed Broadband Access and Maternal Mortality



This map displays the intersection of rural broadband access and maternal mortality at the state level. It was generated from the OVERVIEW view by selecting Rural Access (under BROADBAND) and Late Maternal Death Rate (under MATERNAL HEALTH).

States highlighted in *purple* are “double burden” for health and broadband; they are geographic areas with rural broadband access below the national median and above average (median) maternal mortality up to 1 year postpartum. States highlighted in *blue* are “opportunity” areas, i.e., above average (median) maternal mortality with rural broadband access above the national median. States highlighted in *orange* are “single burden”, i.e., below average (median) rural broadband access.

NOTE: While state level views can provide a useful bird’s-eye view of the intersection of broadband and health, they can mask variations in broadband and health need within a state.

### Statistics

State Categorization	Population Count	State Count
Double Burden	96,934,735	14
Opportunity	62,597,486	7
Single Burden	45,497,166	7
Milestone	112,586,334	12
Unreliable	7,001,982	7
Suppressed	3,621,820	4

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 Data Sources: FCC Form 477 (September 2020 release; data as of June 2019);  
 National Vital Statistics System (NVSS) via Centers for Disease Control and  
 Prevention (CDC) WONDER (2018-2021).