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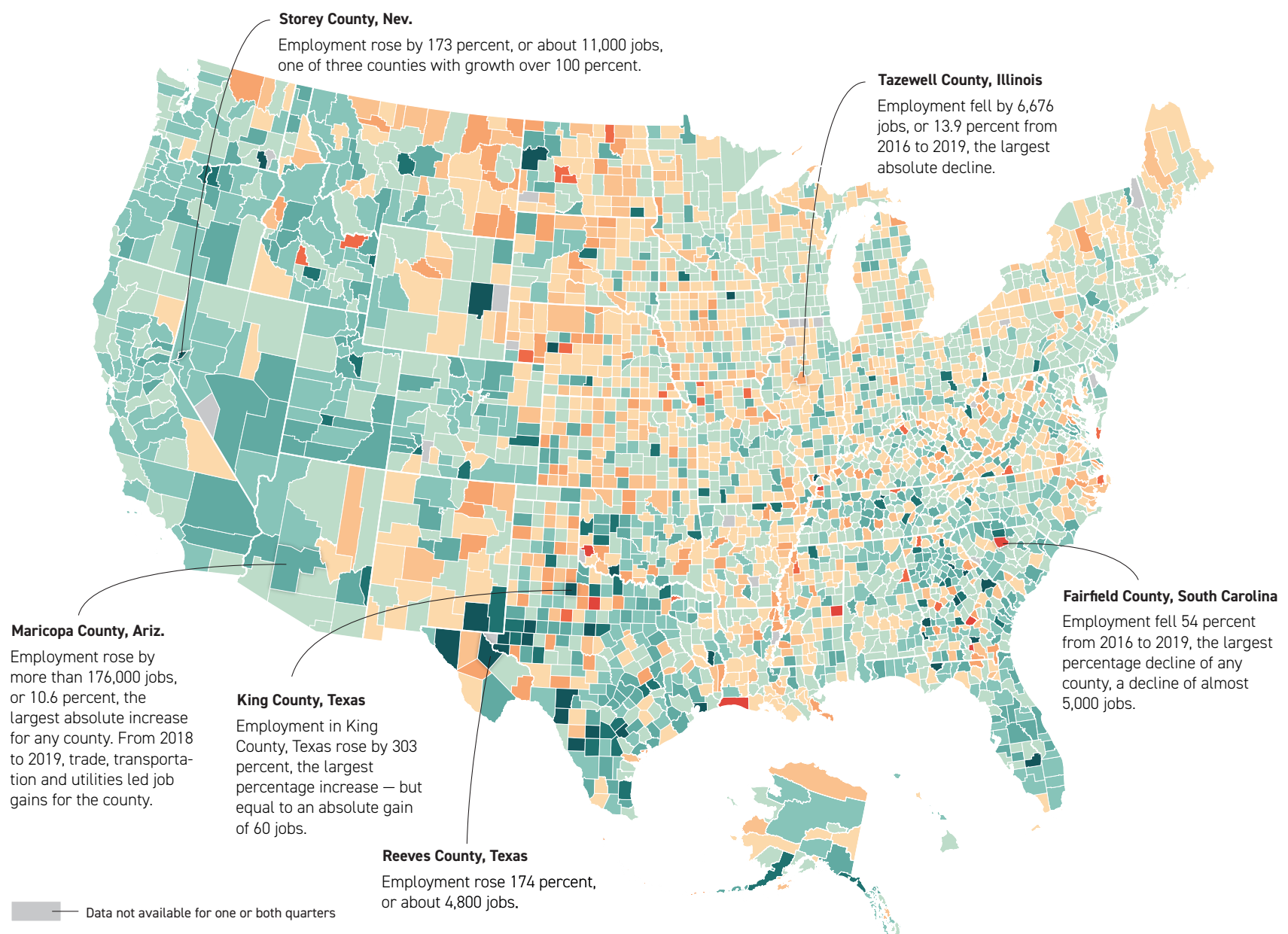
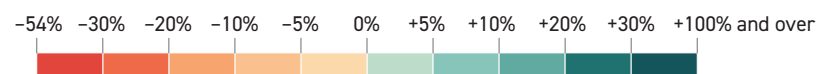
Where employment grew over Trump's first years in office

Recent data from the quarterly Census of Employment and Wages shows total employment grew by 5.5 million jobs, or about 4.5 percent, from just before the election of Donald Trump through the first seven quarters of his time in office. Over the same time period — from the third quarter of 2016 to the third quarter of 2019 — average weekly wages rose by about 7 percent.

Most counties saw an increase in employment. However, larger counties fared slightly better: Counties with more than 10,000 employed workers in 2016 saw an average 3.1 percent growth from 2016 to 2019, while counties with fewer than 10,000 employed workers saw an average 2.1 percent growth.

Change in employed workers by county

PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM THIRD QUARTER, 2016 TO THIRD QUARTER, 2019



Notes: The Quarterly Census reports the number of employed workers in each month of the quarter. The percentage change is calculated as the average number of employed workers in July, August and September in 2016 and 2019. Data not shown for 23 counties across the U.S. due to suppressed data in one or both years. Employment change not shown for jobs in unknown or undefined areas in each state. Alaska and Hawaii not shown to scale. County statistics do not include Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands.