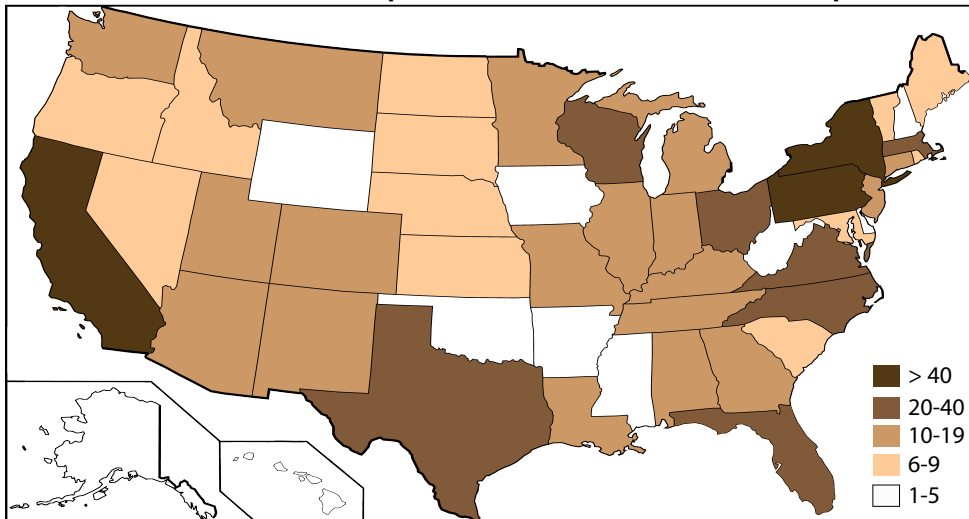


Geographic Distribution of U.S. Geoscience Departments

The states with the most geoscience departments are in California, New York, and Pennsylvania. Students in states that have a larger number of universities with geoscience departments will, in general, have a greater diversity of options to major in the field in their region.

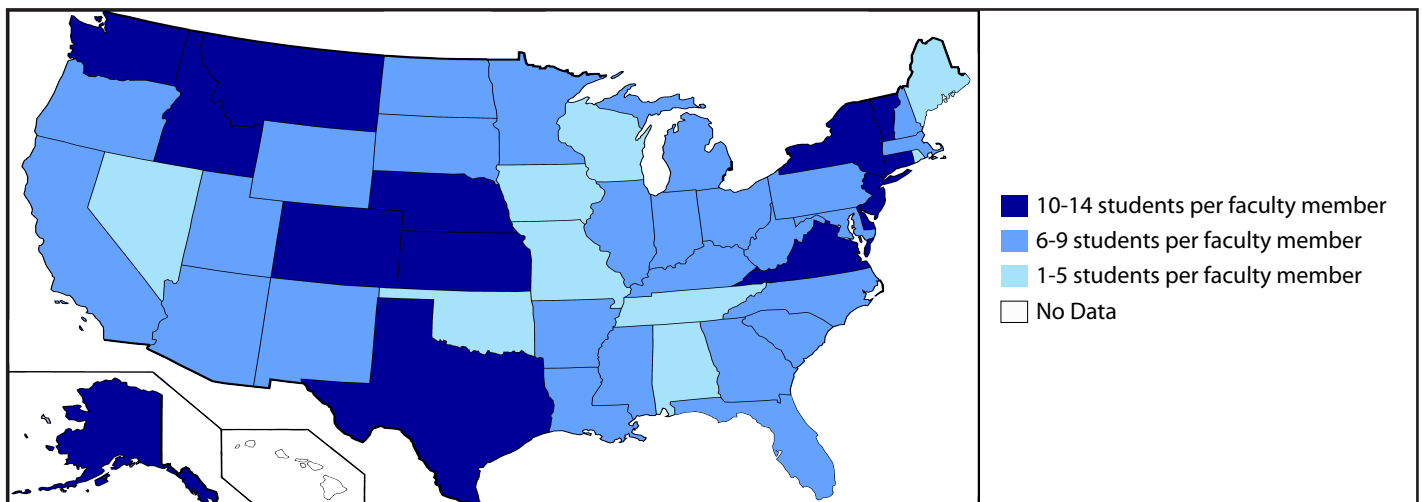
Number of Geoscience Departments in 4-Year Universities per State



State	Number of 4-year Universities with Geoscience Departments	Number of Geoscience Departments
CA	39	51
NY	45	46
PA	39	43
TX	32	39
OH	24	29
MA	23	25
FL	15	24
VA	15	23
NC	17	20
WI	15	20

Low student to tenure-track faculty ratios have been linked to enhanced educational experiences of university students by allowing more contact hours between students and faculty members. This ratio, interestingly, does not strongly mirror the number of departments per state.

Average Geoscience Department Student to Tenure-track Faculty Ratio per State



Source: American Geological Institute, 2006-2008

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