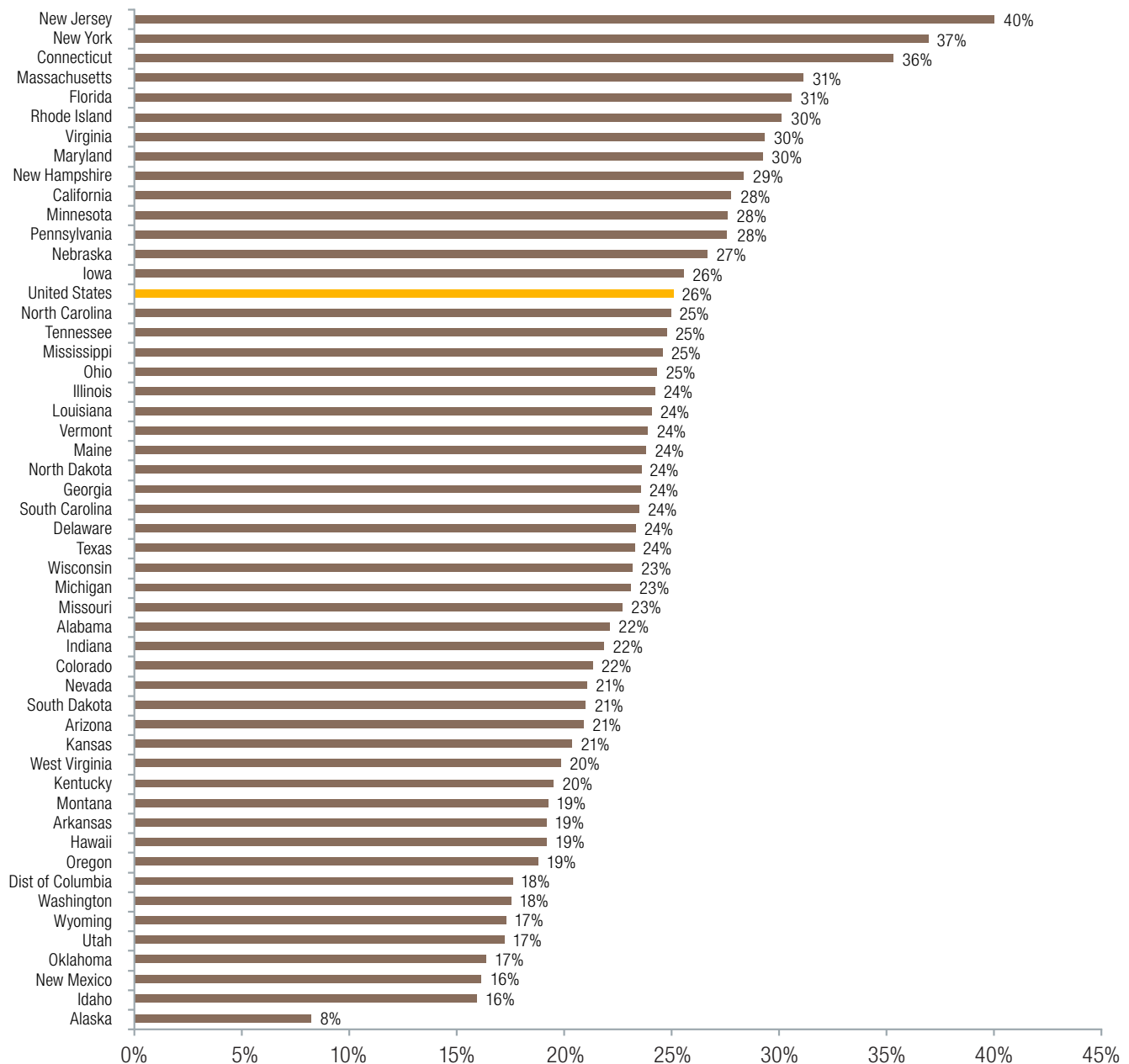


## Estimated college participation rates for students from low-income families by state: 2022



### Indicator Status: High Levels of Inequality

College participation rates vary by state and region, with higher rates in the Northeast than in other parts of the U.S.

**NOTE:** Caution is needed in reviewing these data due to differential use of Free and Reduced-Price Lunch and migrations in and out of states among Pell Grant recipients. Participation rates for low-income students are estimates based on: 1) public school enrollment; 2) number and percent of 4th to 9th graders that were approved for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch 9 years earlier, and 3) number of dependent Pell Grant recipients from each state in a given year.

**SOURCE:** Mortenson, T. (2023). *College Participation Rates for Students from Low-income Families by State: 1993 to 2022*. Washington, DC: The Pell Institute for the Study of Opportunity in Higher Education. Retrieved from <https://community.coenet.org/peoarchive/access-peo>.