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Where are the Esthers born? (circa US 2003)

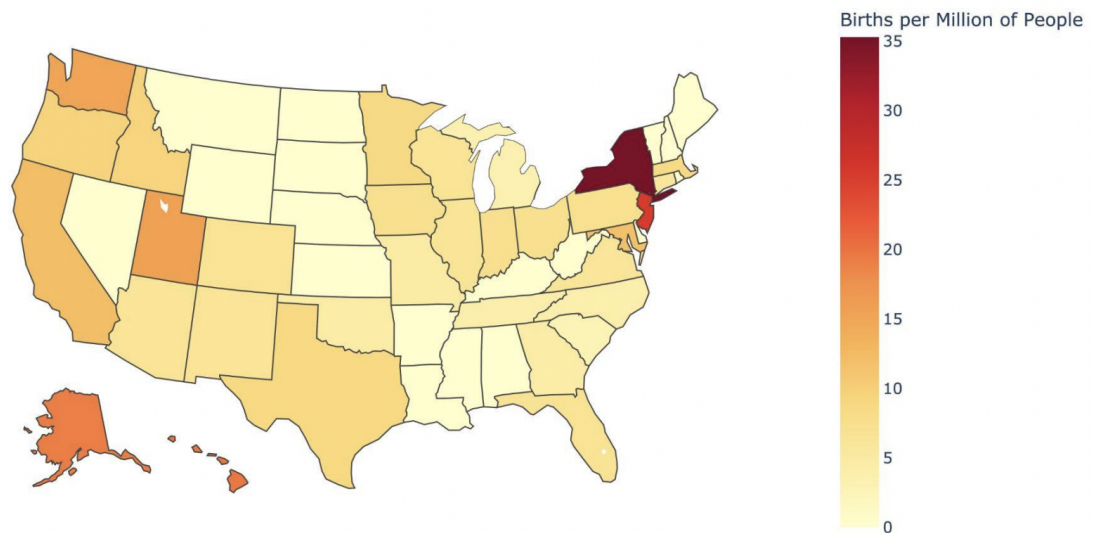


Figure 6. This choropleth contains the number of girls named Esther at birth (2003) in each US state per million of people. The number of names per million of people corresponds to the color of the legend on the right. The darker the color, the more people born in 2003 were named Esther. States at 0 had a range of 0 to 4 births named Esther, which is not enough people to be recorded by the social security administration.

In the graph, we can see that per millions of people, New York has the highest number of girls named Esther in the year 2003, followed by New Jersey. I can assume that this is the case because Esther is typically a jewish and/or religious name and the jewish population is quite high in these two states relative to the others in the US. Other states that had a high number of Esther's per million of people include Alaska, Hawaii, Utah, and Washington. Utah is known to be religious, possibly the reason for the high number. Washington, Alaska, and Hawaii are a little more ambiguous when it comes to why there is such a high proportion of Esthers born in 2003. I liked that the darker the states were the more Esthers were born that year since it makes it much easier to identify these states that stand out.

I was born in Seattle, Washington in the year 2003, adding to the number of Esther's born in 2003.