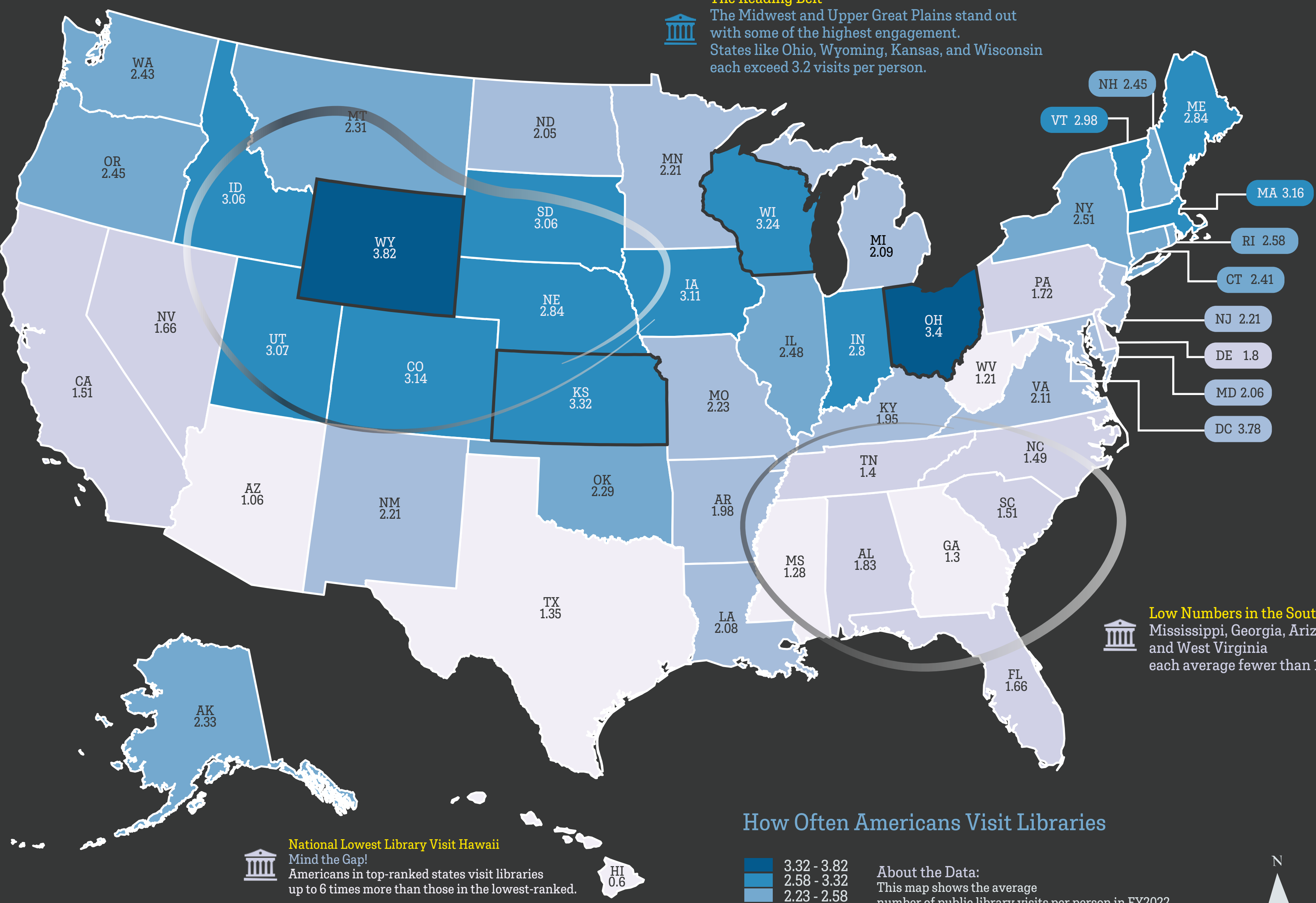


Per-capita Library visits by state

The Reading Belt
The Midwest and Upper Great Plains stand out with some of the highest engagement. States like Ohio, Wyoming, Kansas, and Wisconsin each exceed 3.2 visits per person.



Low Numbers in the South
Mississippi, Georgia, Arizona, Texas, and West Virginia each average fewer than 1.4 visits per person.

National Lowest Library Visit Hawaii
Mind the Gap!
Americans in top-ranked states visit libraries up to 6 times more than those in the lowest-ranked.

How Often Americans Visit Libraries

- 3.32 - 3.82
- 2.58 - 3.32
- 2.23 - 2.58
- 1.82 - 2.23
- 1.35 - 1.82
- 0.60 - 1.35

About the Data:
This map shows the average number of public library visits per person in FY2022. Values are calculated as:
Total library visits ÷ total population served for each state.

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200 Miles
*Alaska & Hawaii not to scale

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Sources: Library data from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (FY2022); icons from Icons8.
Visits per capita is calculated by dividing the total number of library visits by the total population served in each U.S. state.