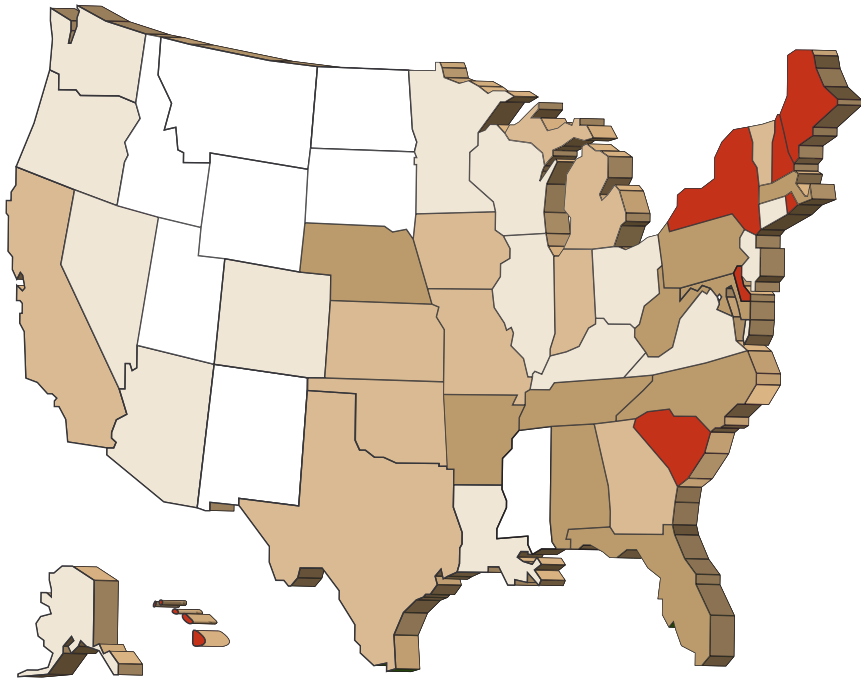


## THE WIDE REACH OF MRSA

Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* may be far more common in hospitals than previously thought. Researchers asked infection-control officers to report MRSA cases for one day in fall 2006. Previous data suggested a national infection rate of 3.95 per 1,000 patients, but this survey found 46.3 per 1,000.



### MRSA PATIENTS PER 1,000 INPATIENTS

□ 0-29.9    □ 30.0-39.9    □ 40.0-49.9    □ 50.0-59.9    ■ >59.9

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