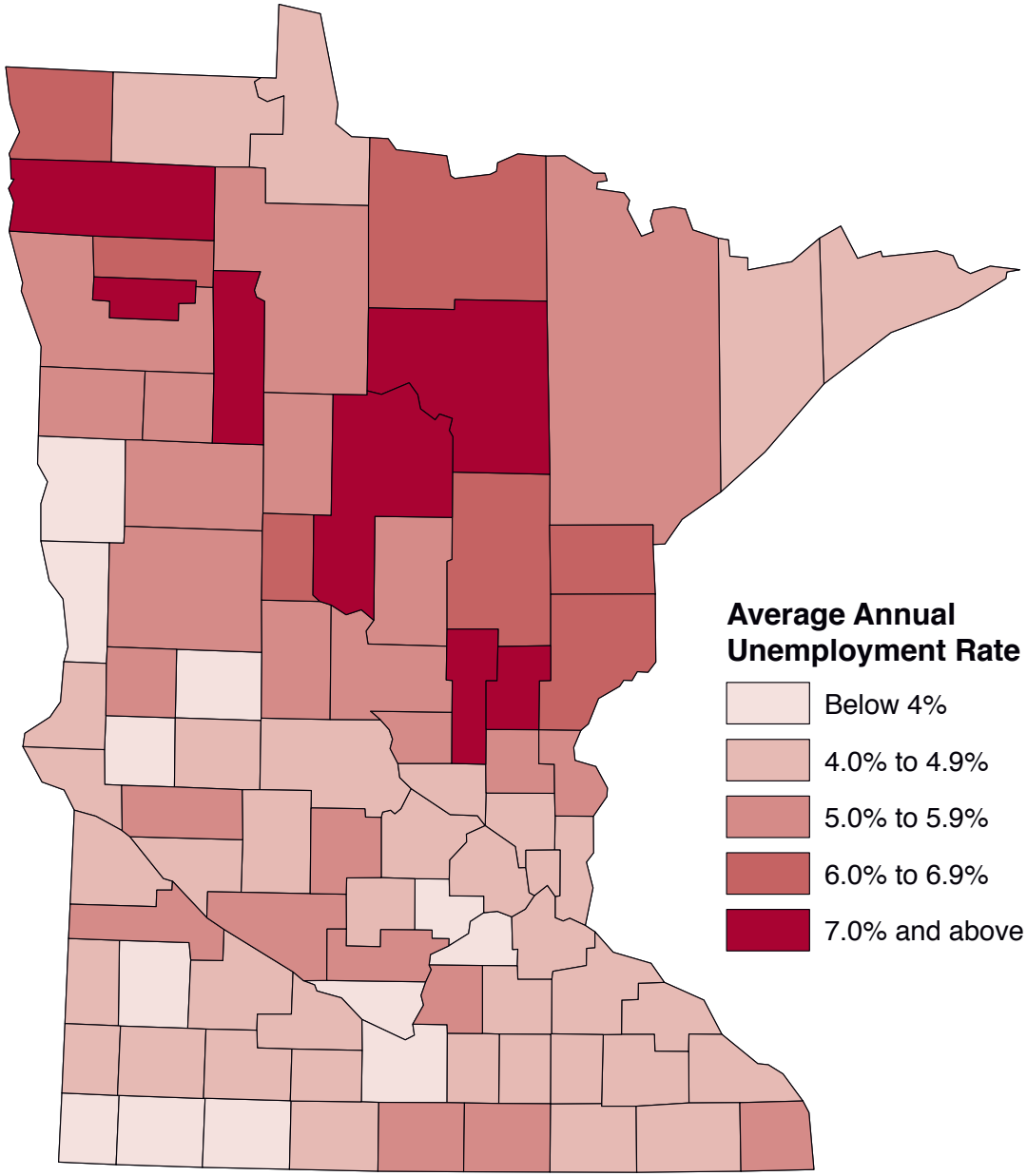

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Average Annual Unemployment Rate, 2004

Traditionally, Minnesota has had a low unemployment rate compared to the nation as a whole (the average annual rate for 2004 was 4.7% compared to 5.6% for the U.S.). Within the state, though, the average annual rate can very quite a bit. Rates tend to be lowest in the southern part of the state and higher in the northern counties, where are larger proportion of jobs are seasonal.