

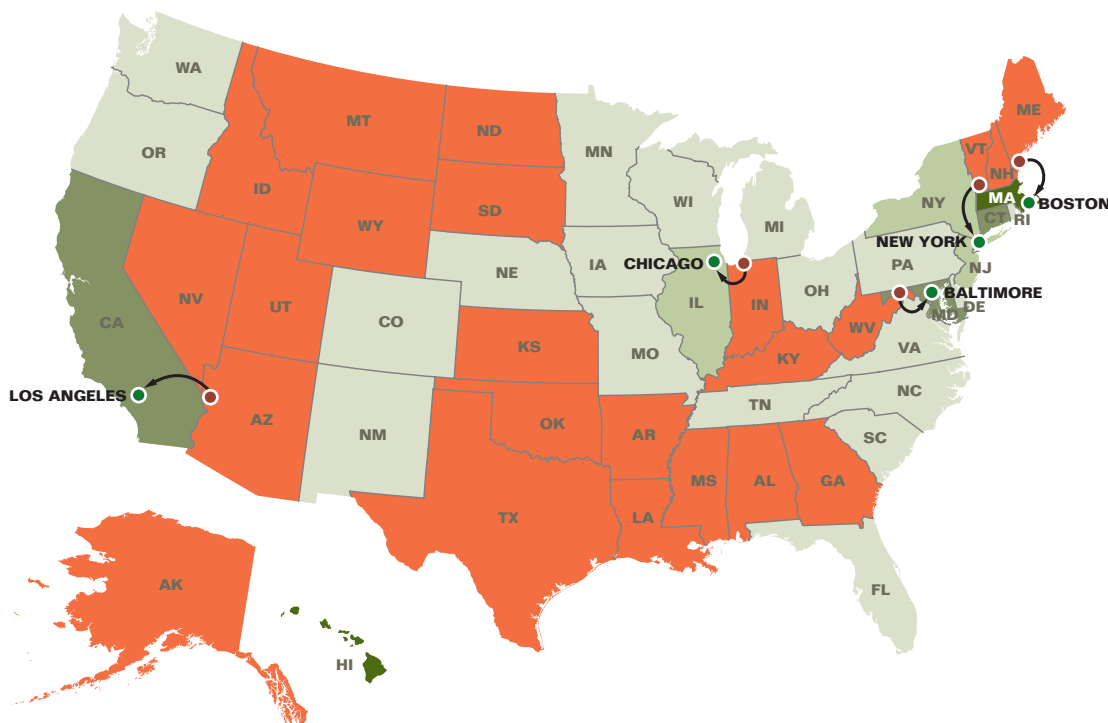
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### Geographical Comparison

This map shows the geographic distribution of the scores from the bar chart below. This map also shows the closest distance between a major city in a higher ranking state and a neighboring low ranking state. Close proximity to low ranking states undermines stricter laws.

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