

# **2012–19 and 2021–23 County Uninsured Rates Chart Book:**

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## **County Uninsured Rates, Washington State, 2012–19 and 2021–23**

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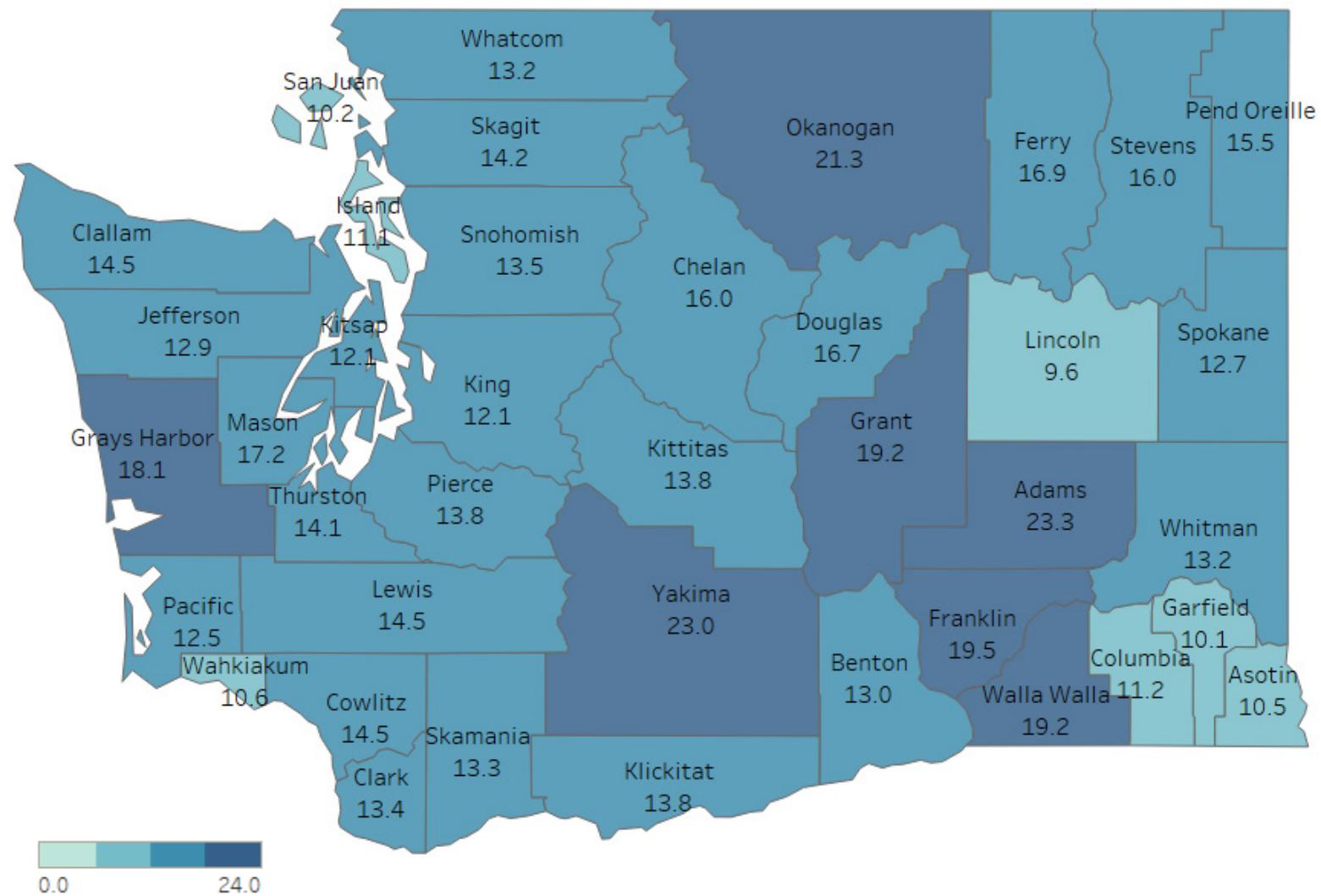
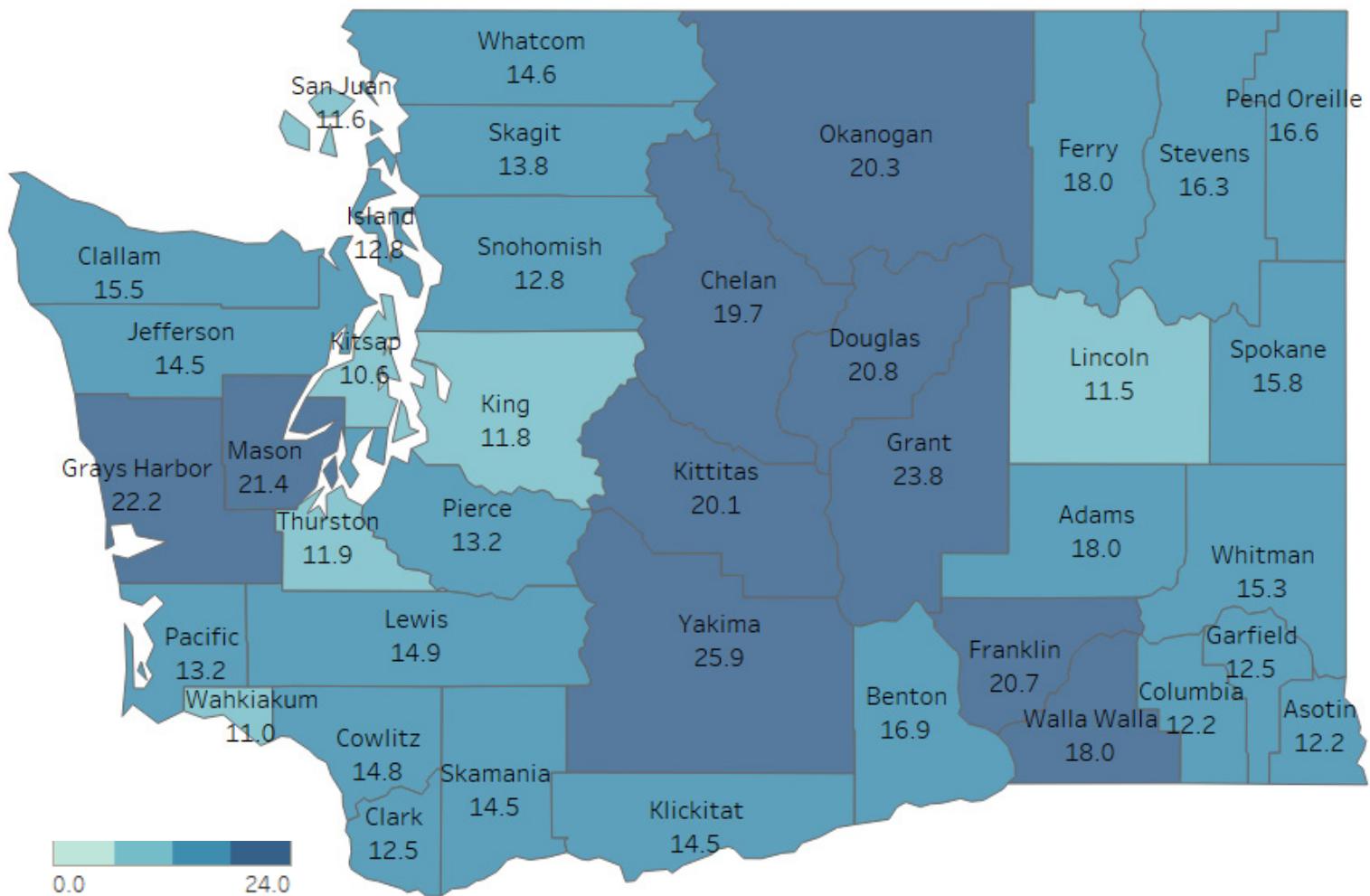
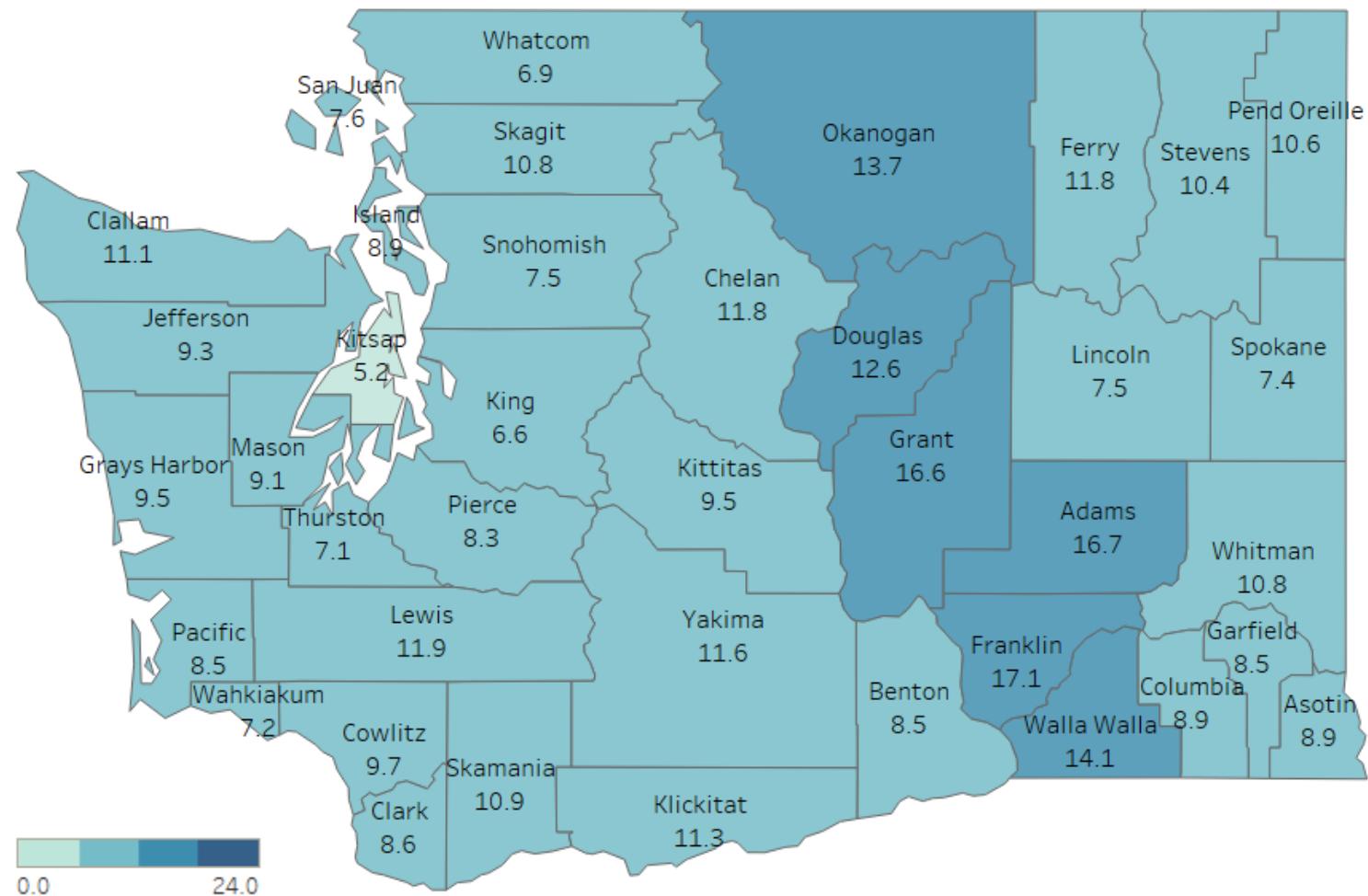


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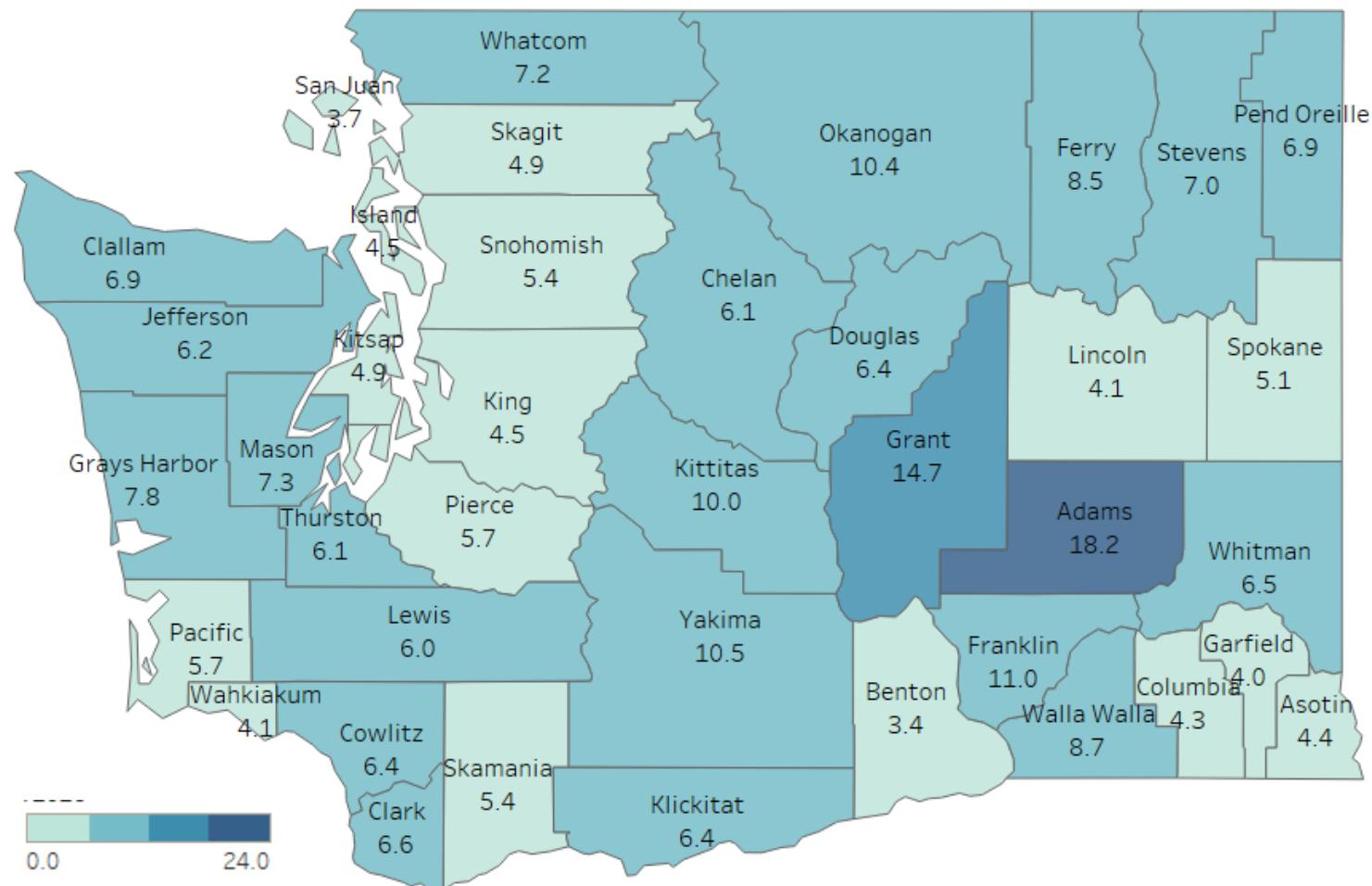
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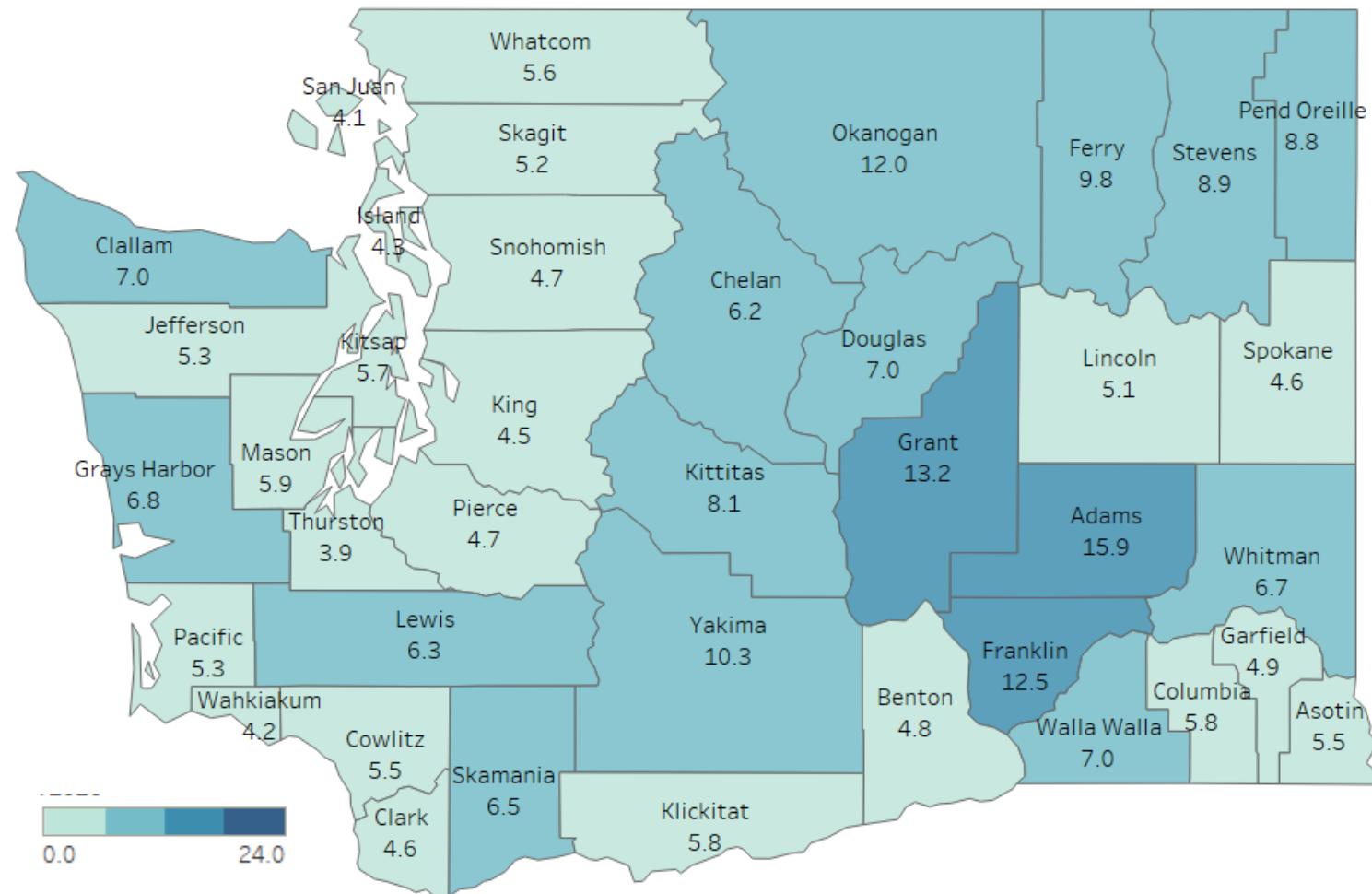
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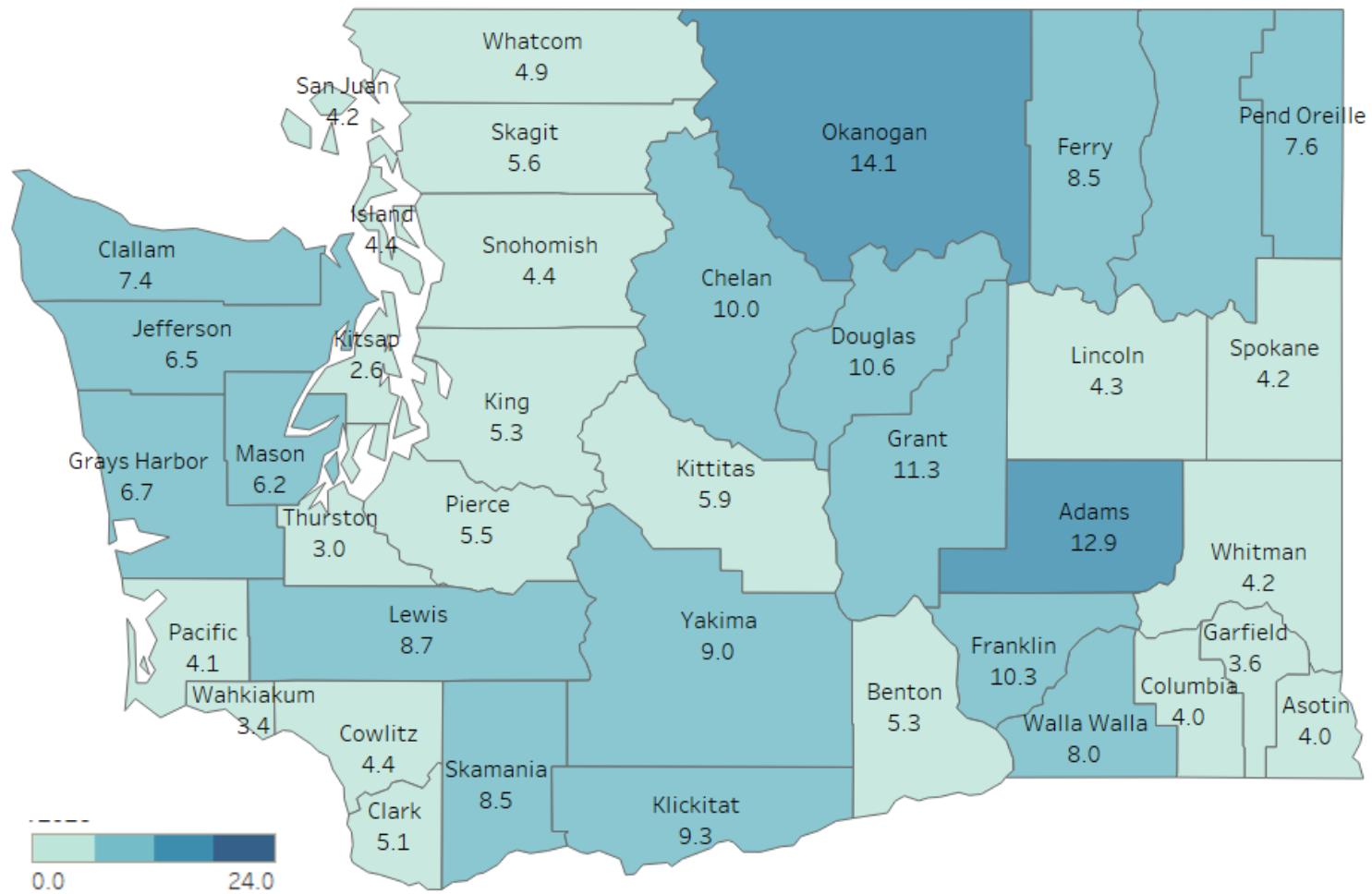
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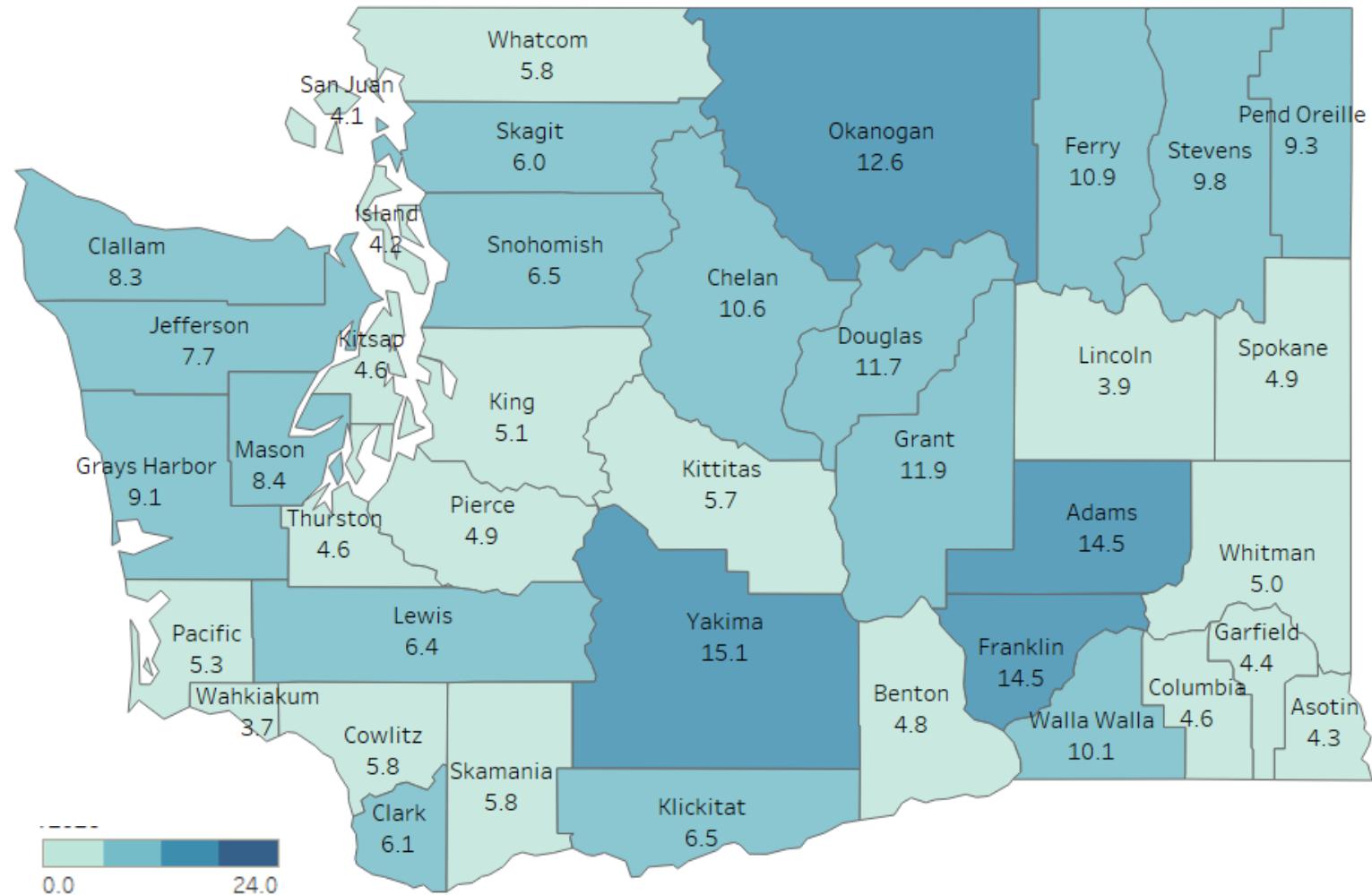
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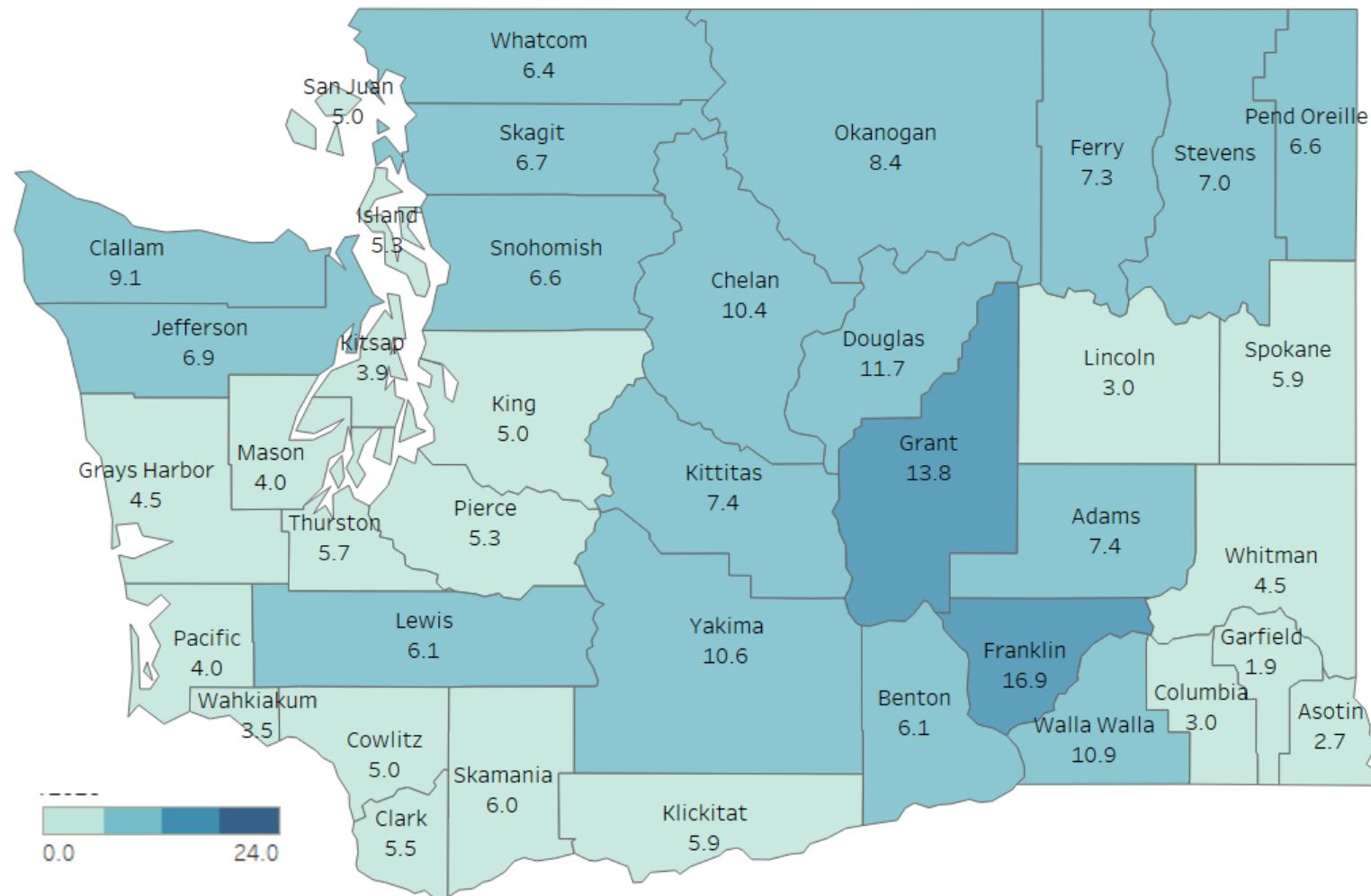
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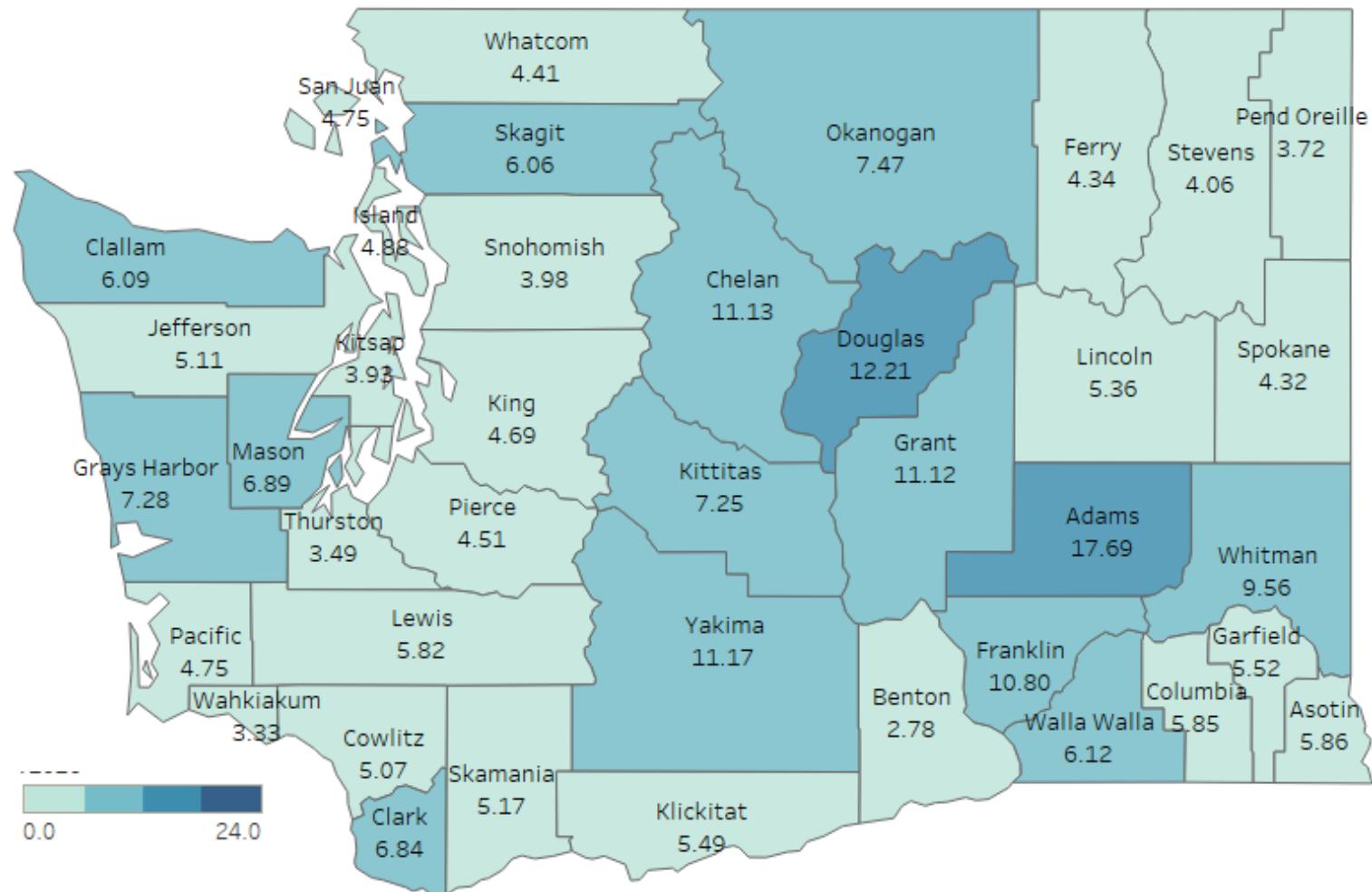
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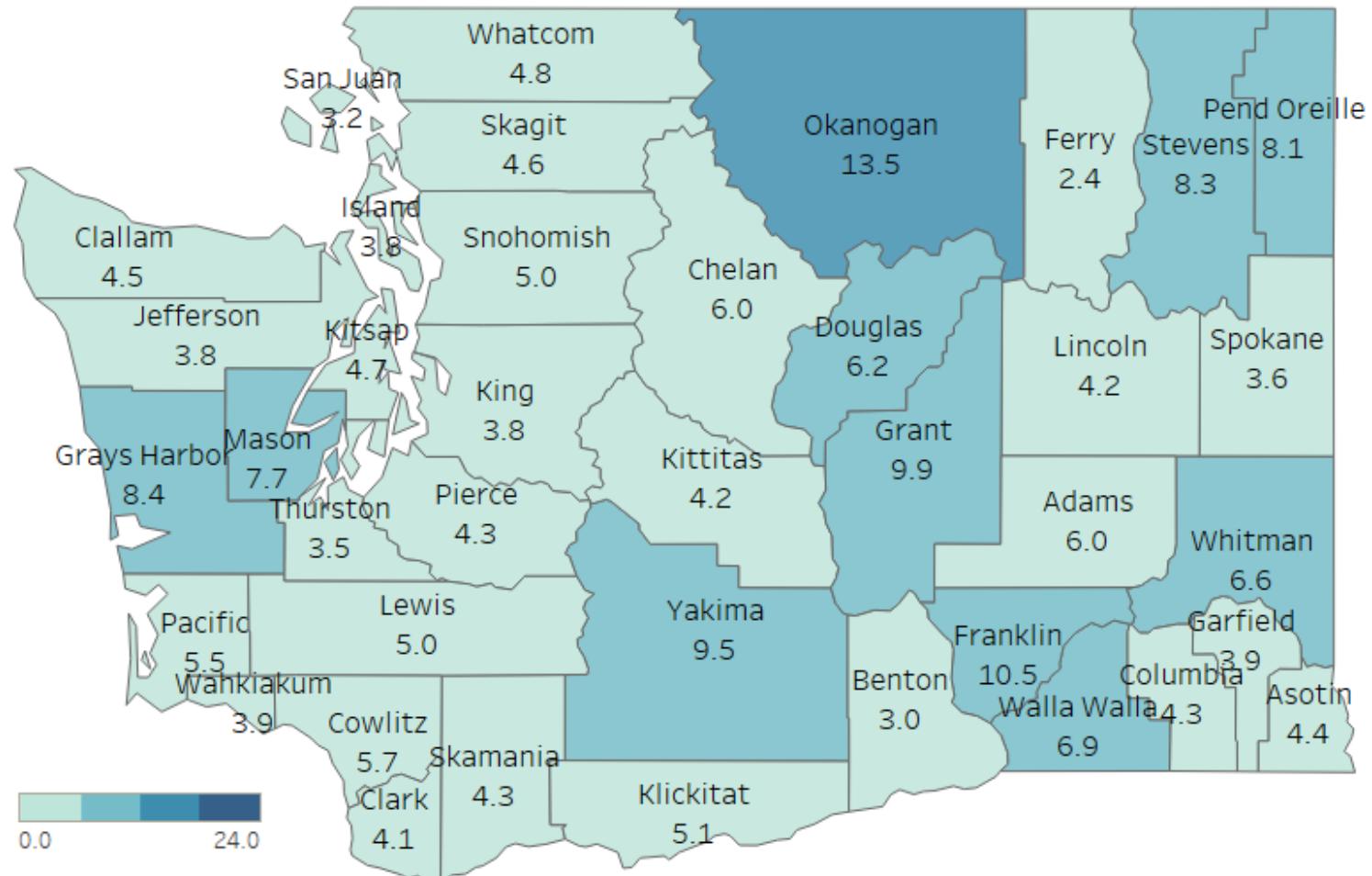
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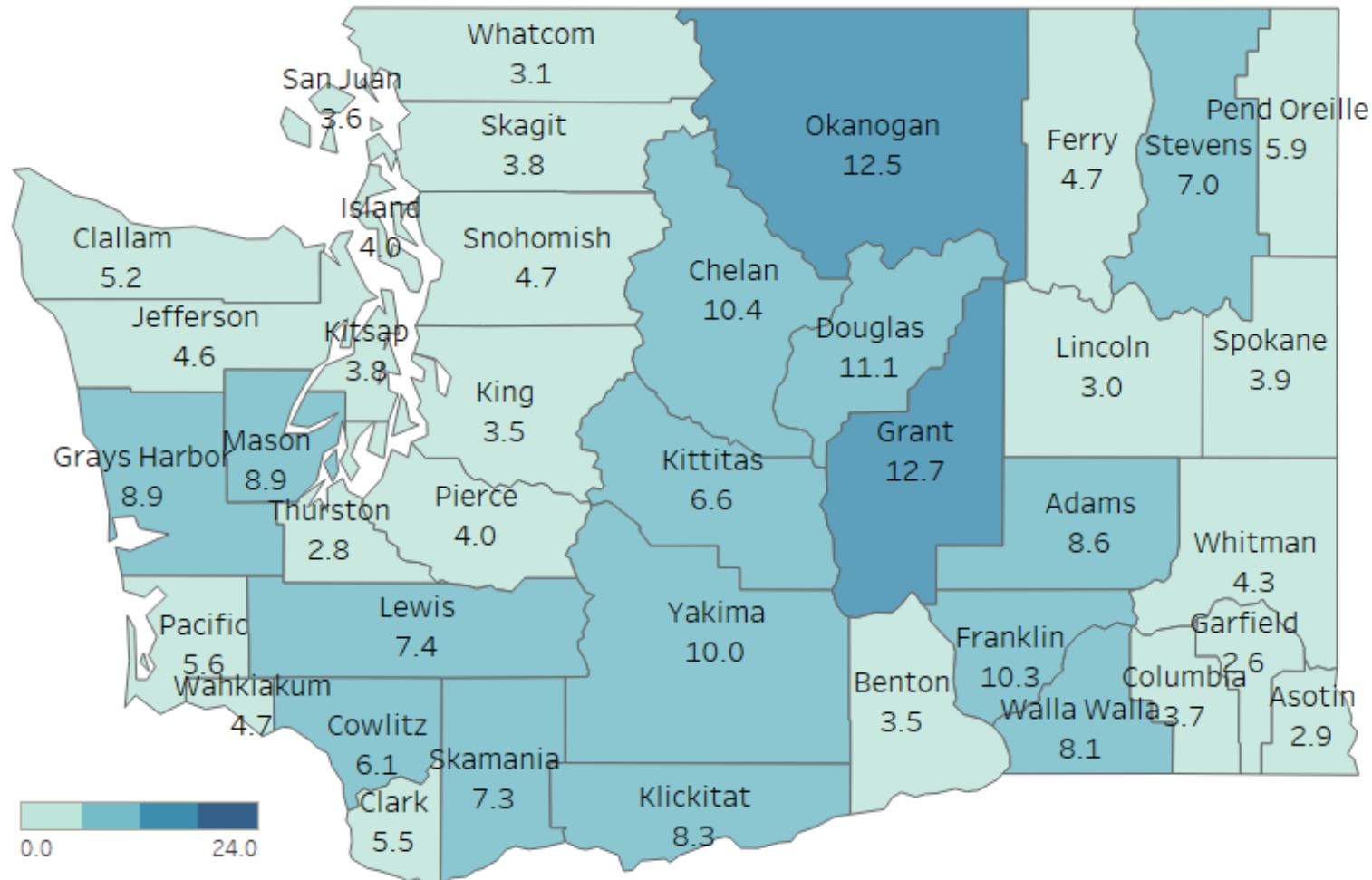
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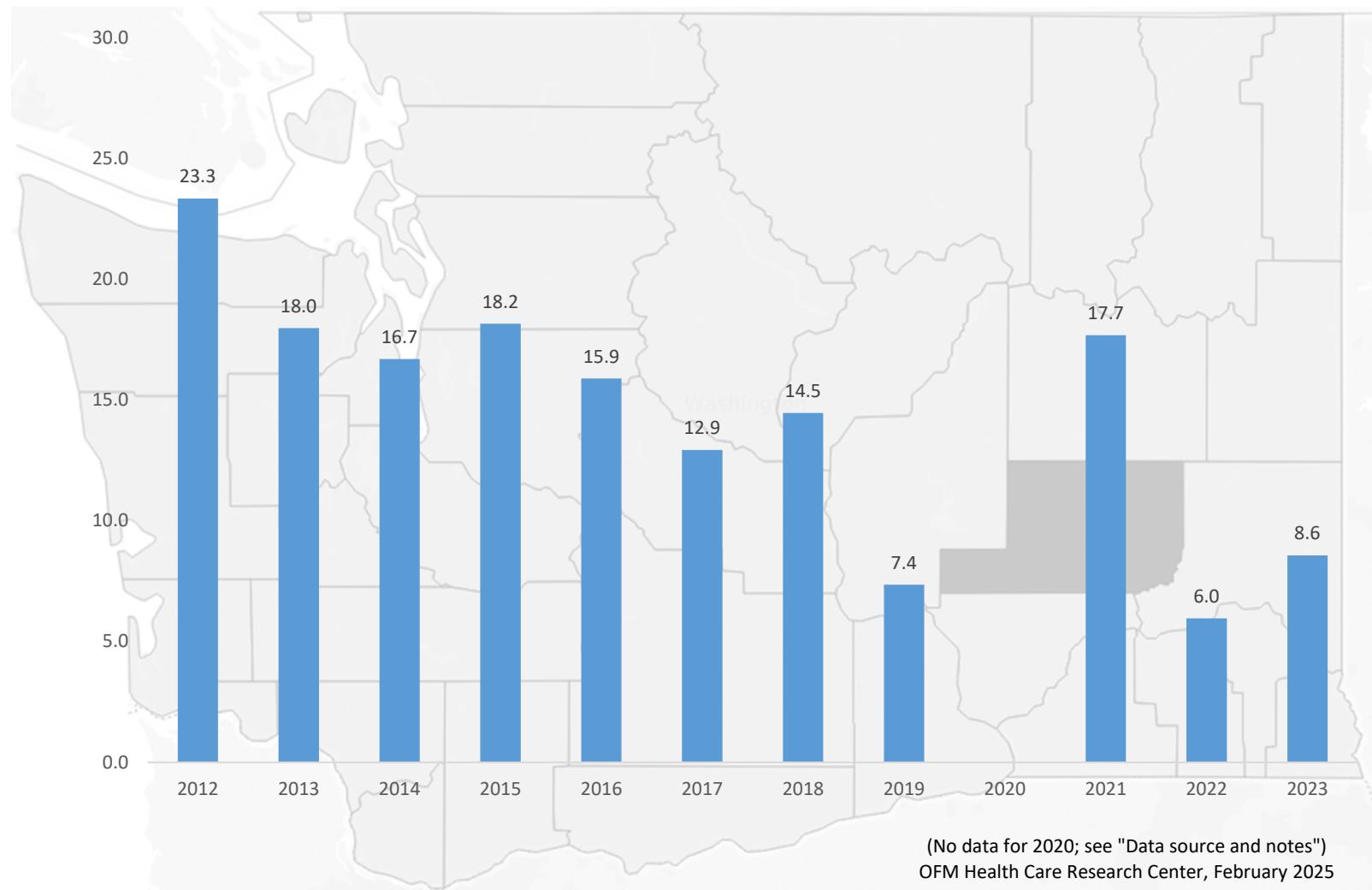
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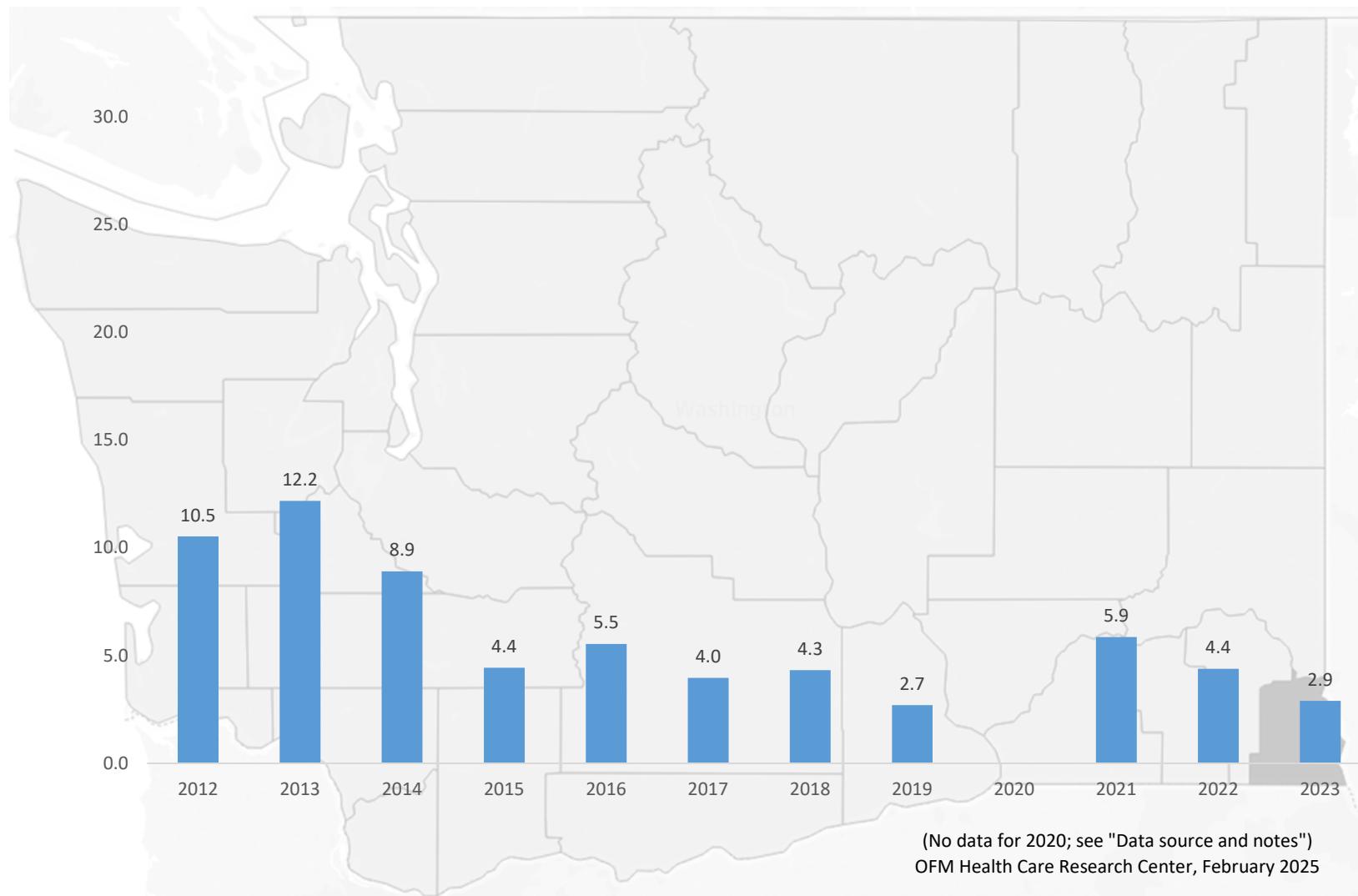
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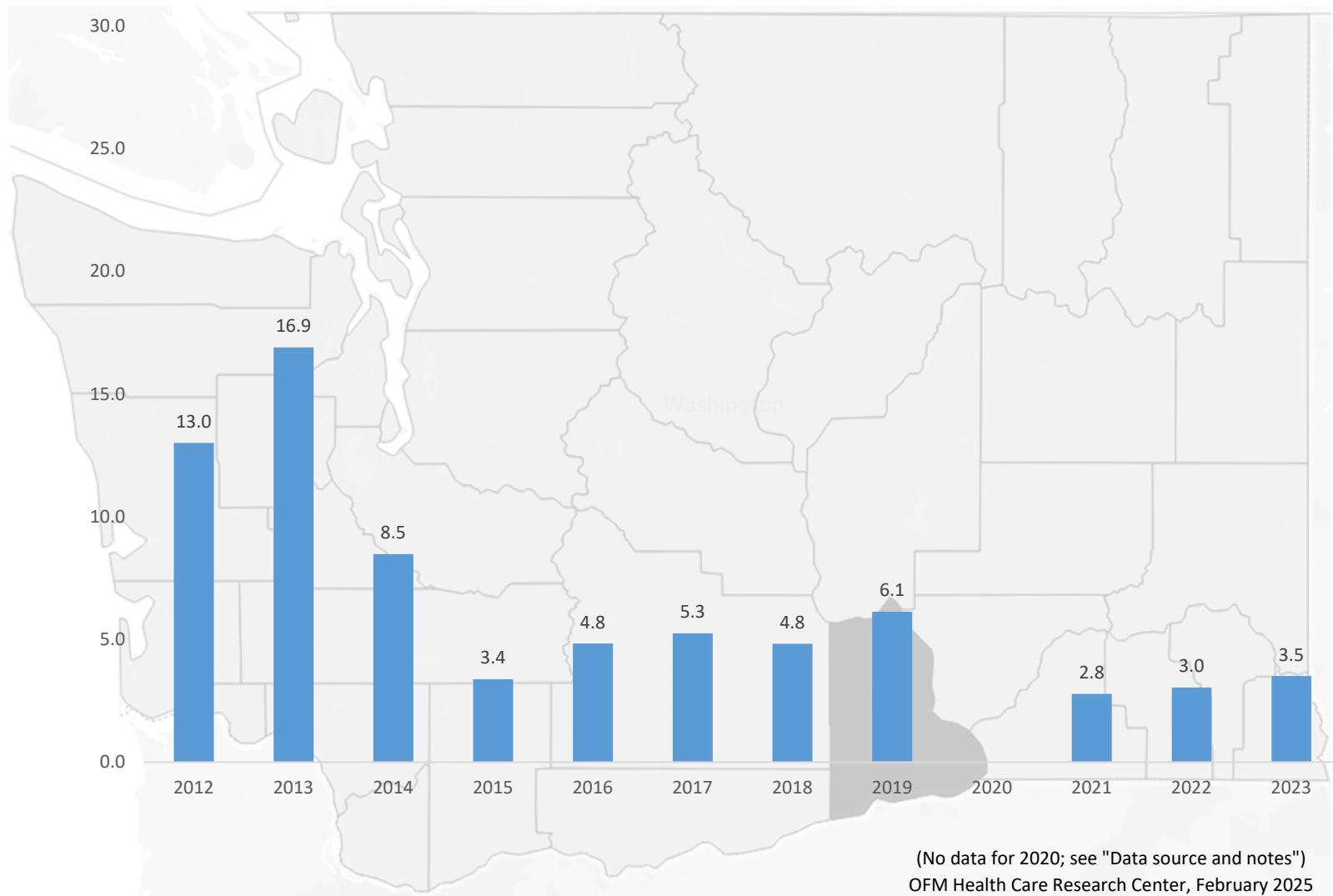
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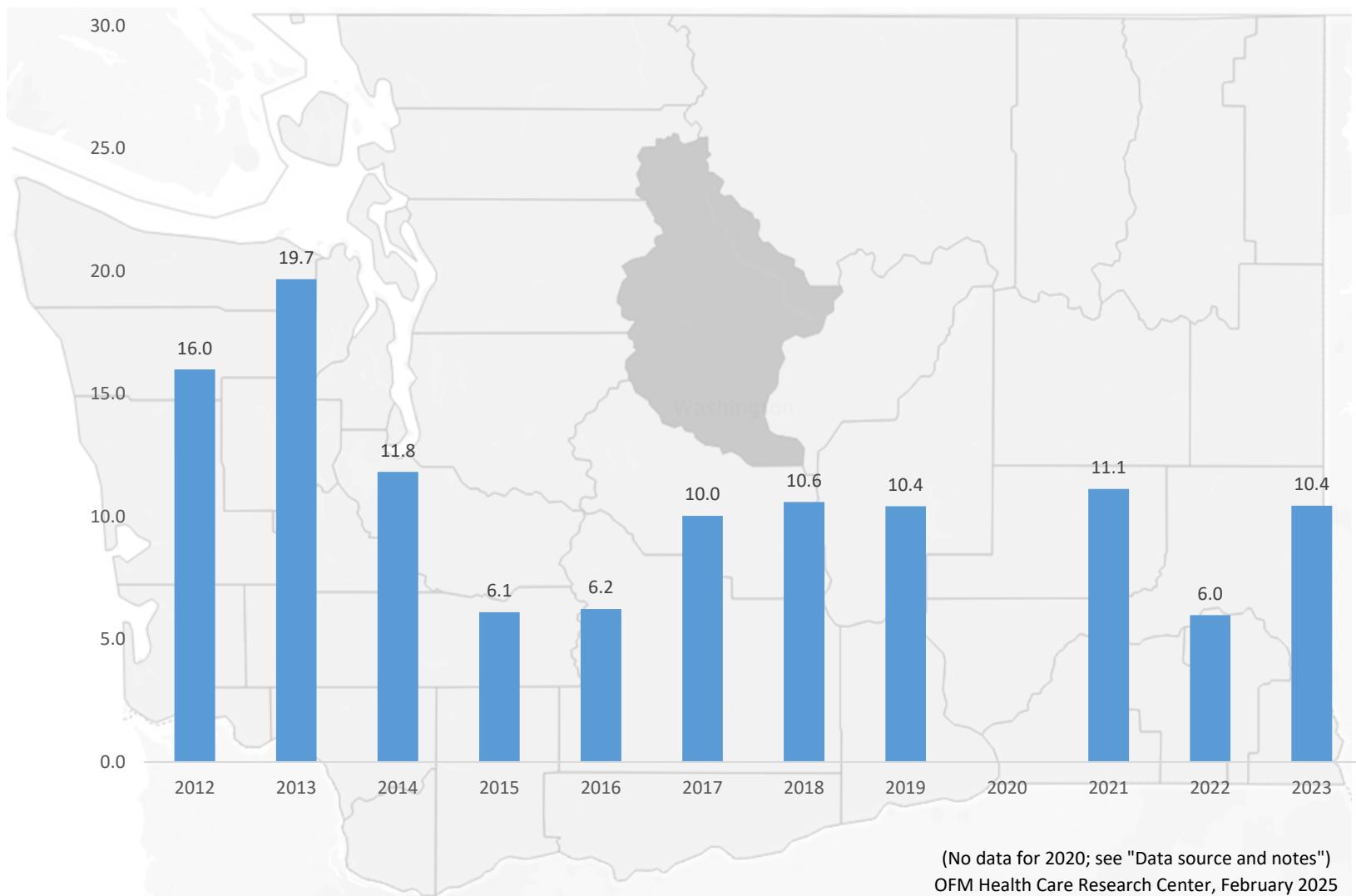
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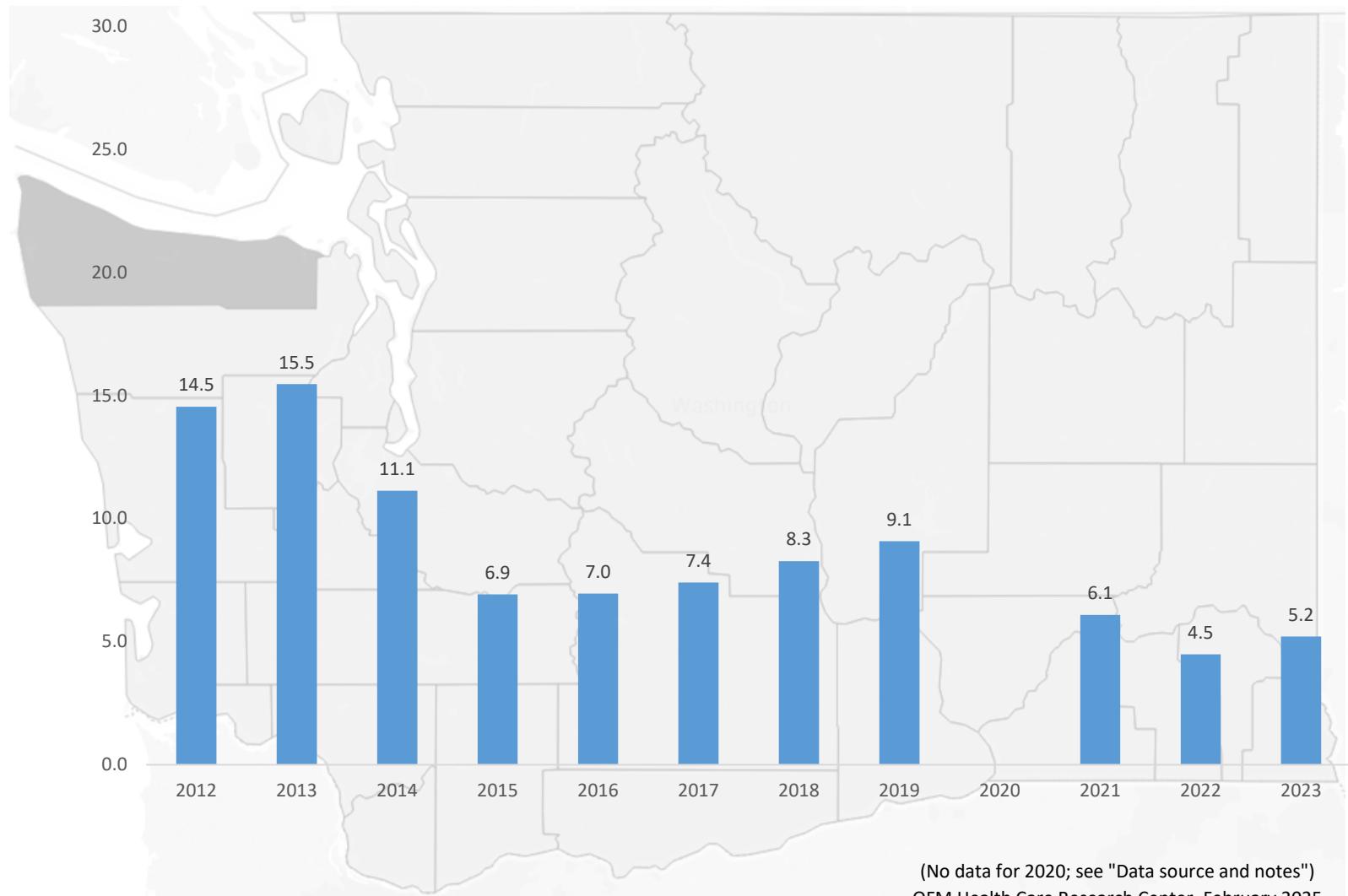
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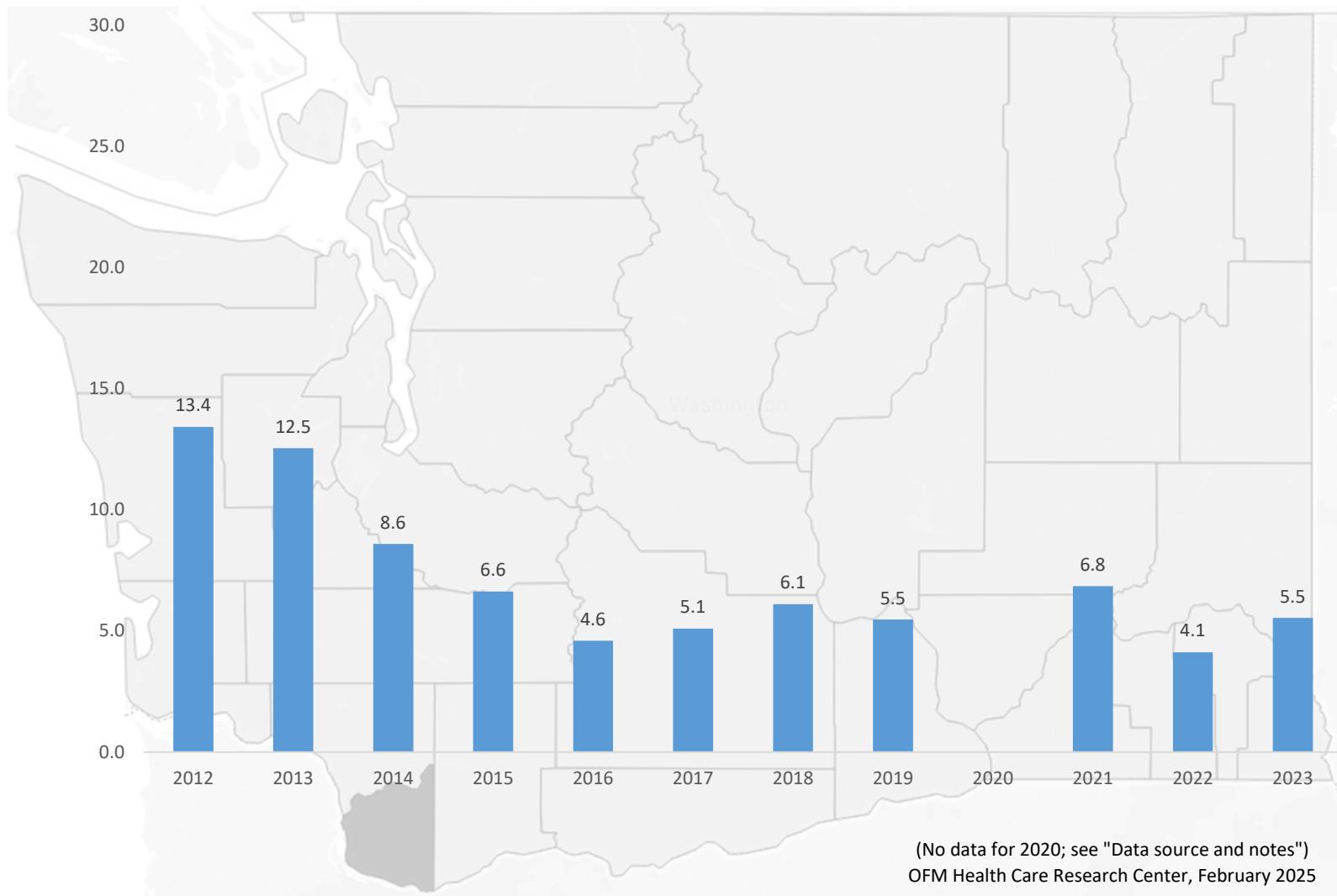
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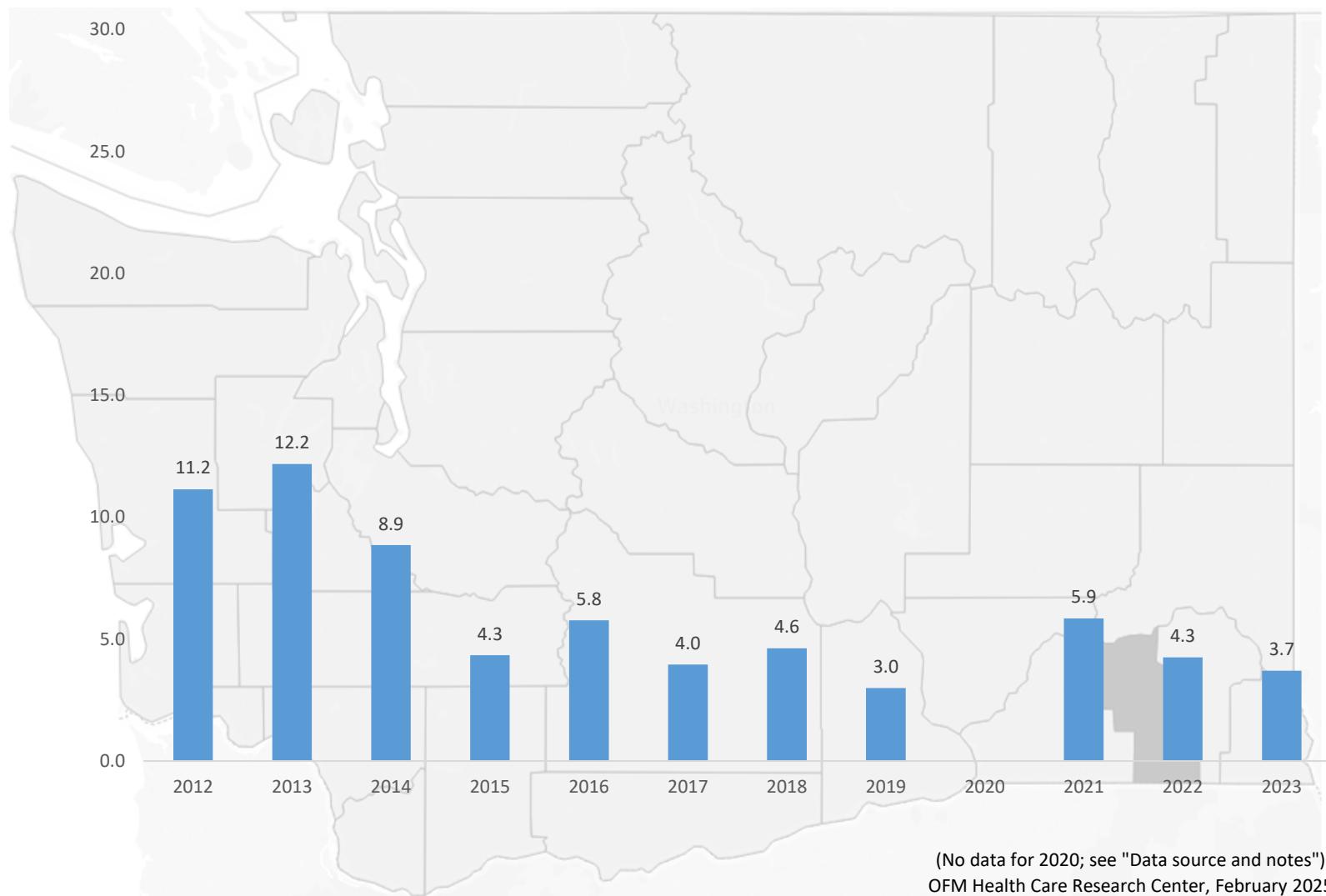
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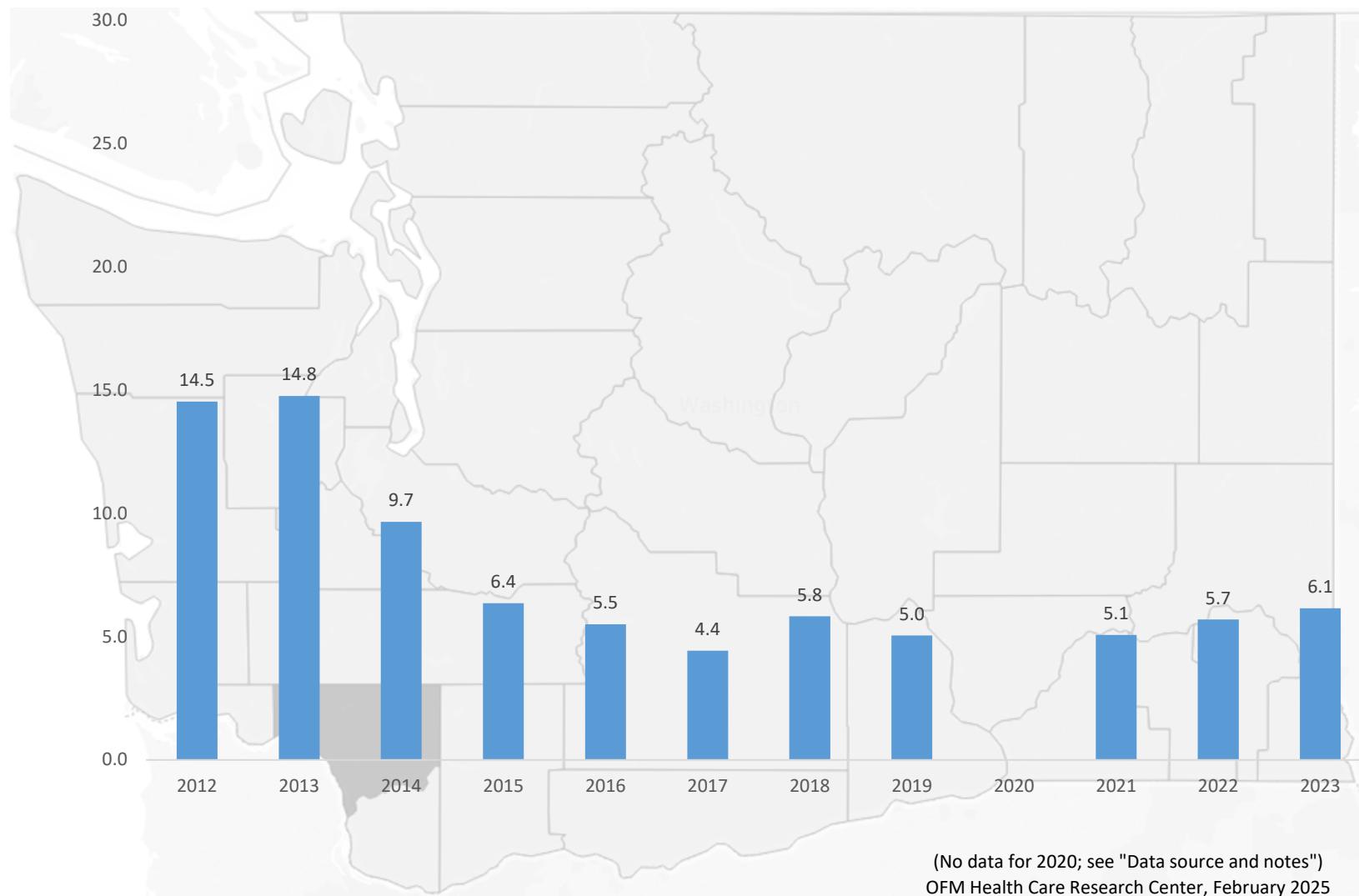
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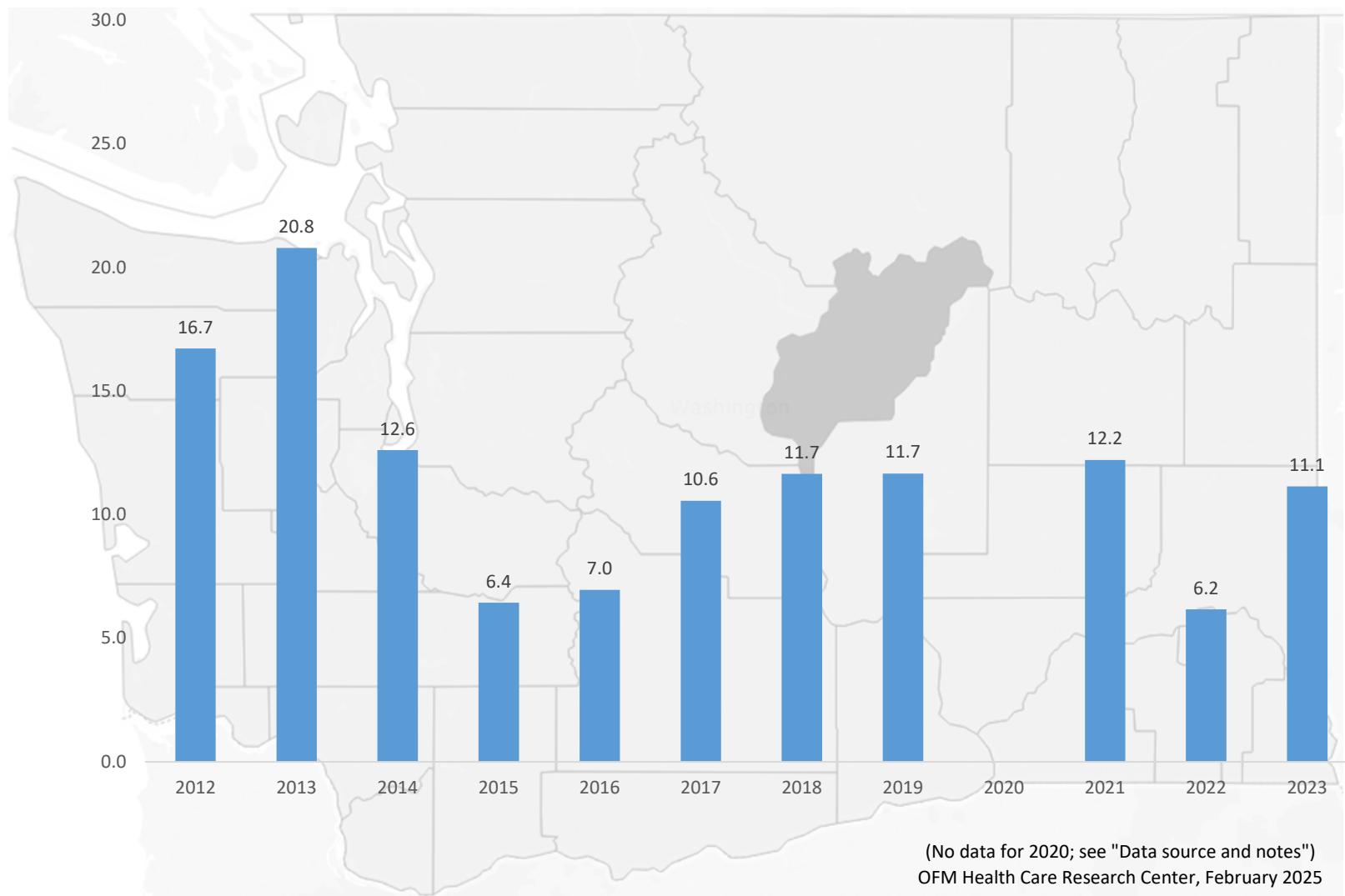


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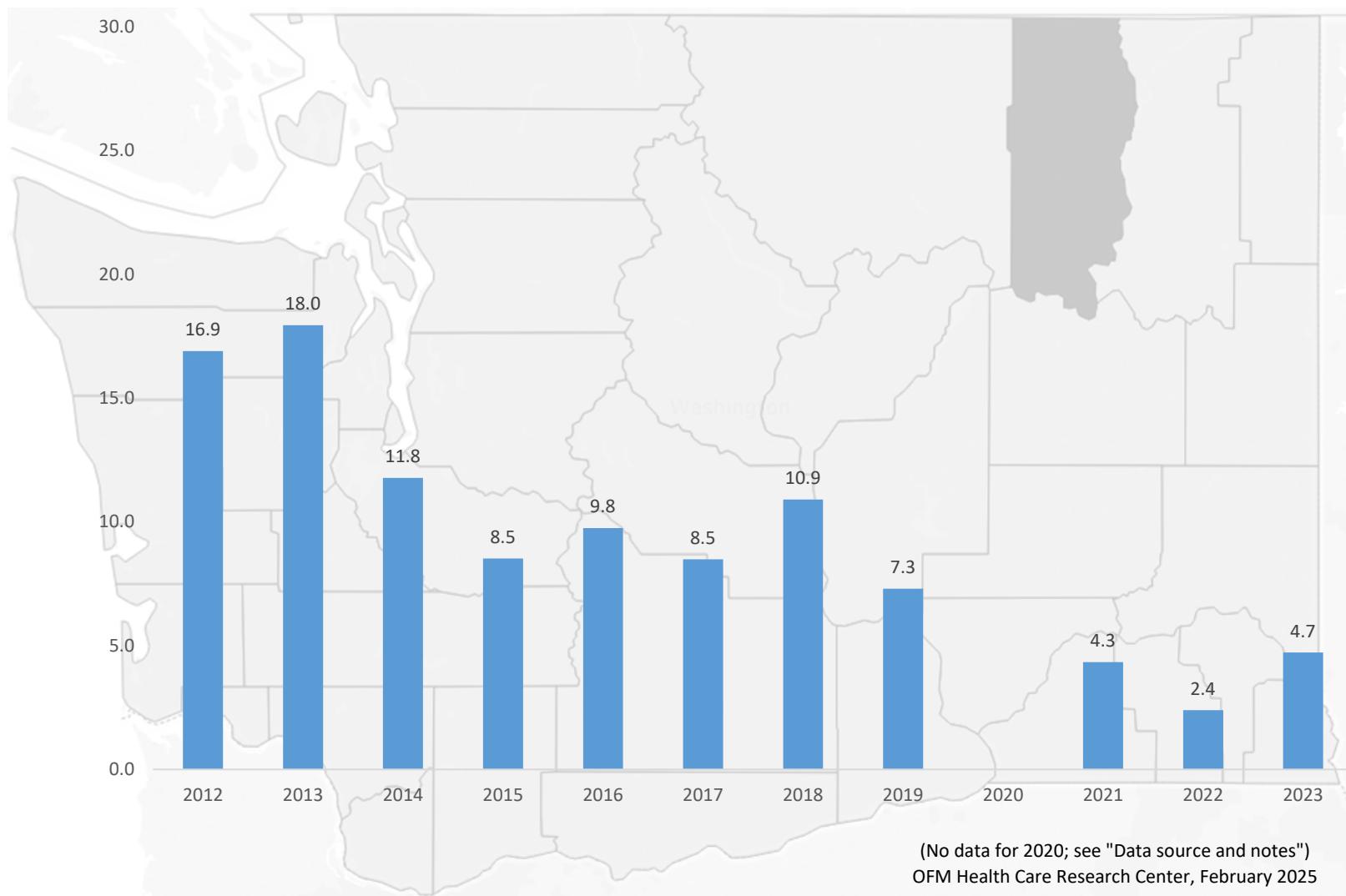
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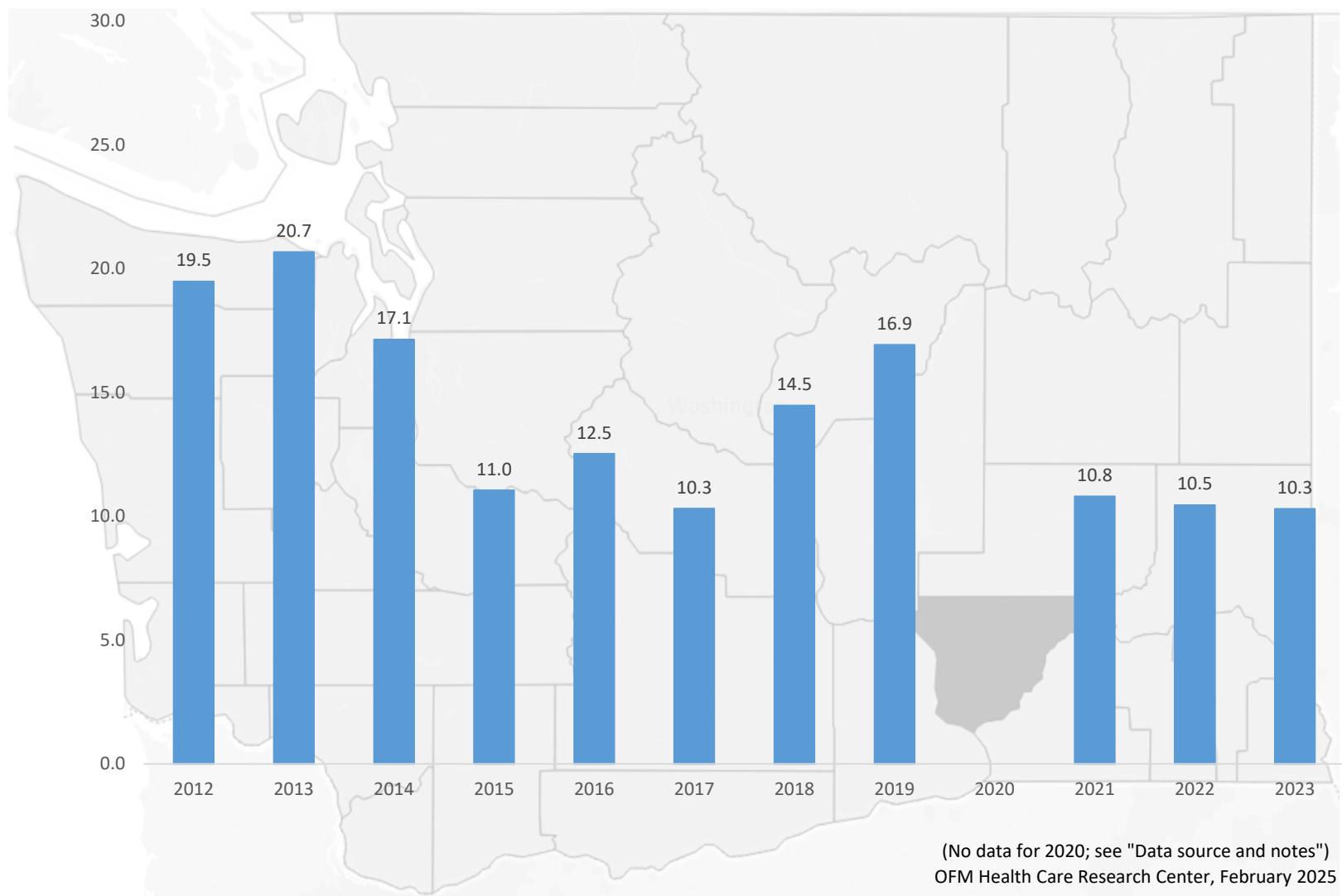
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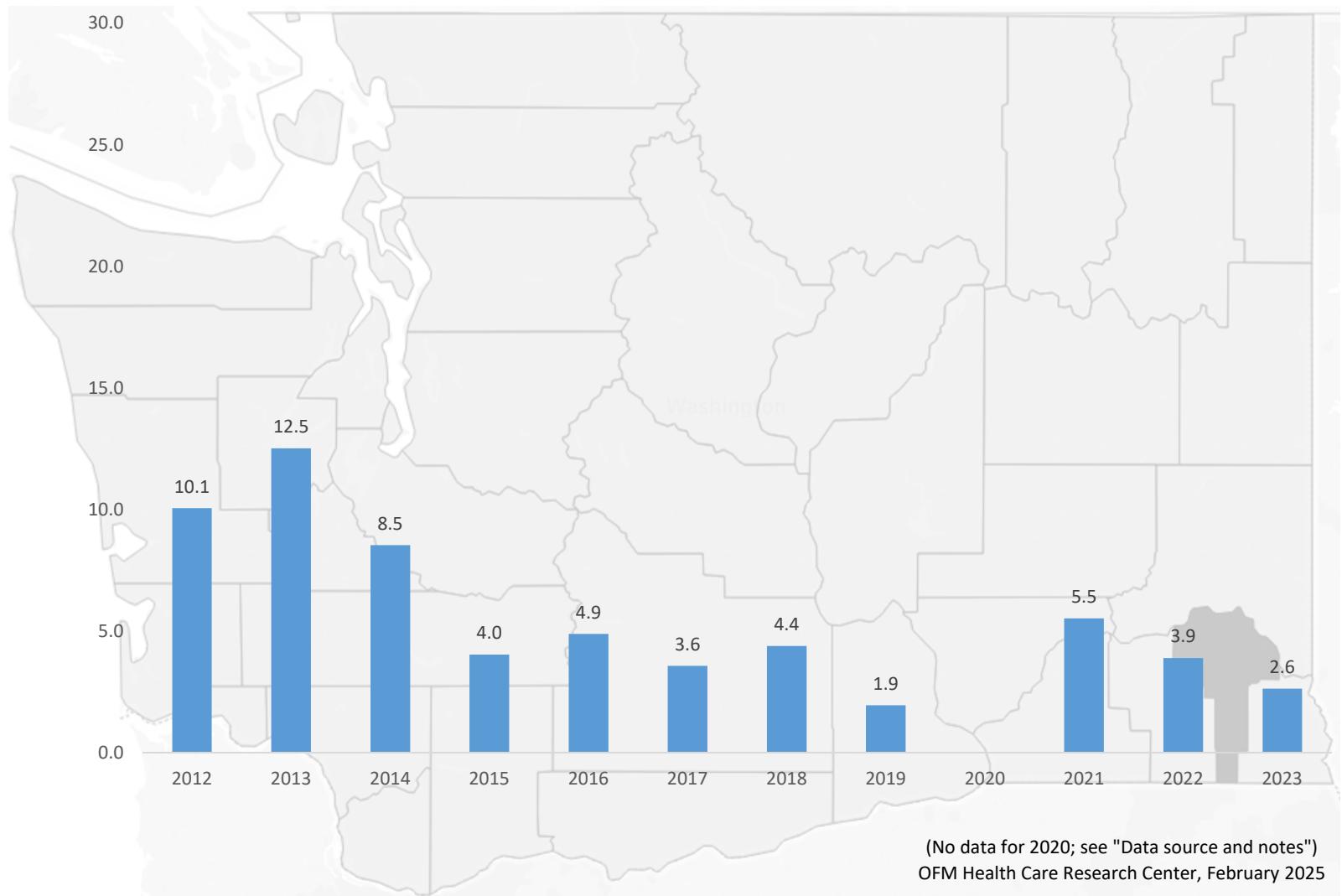
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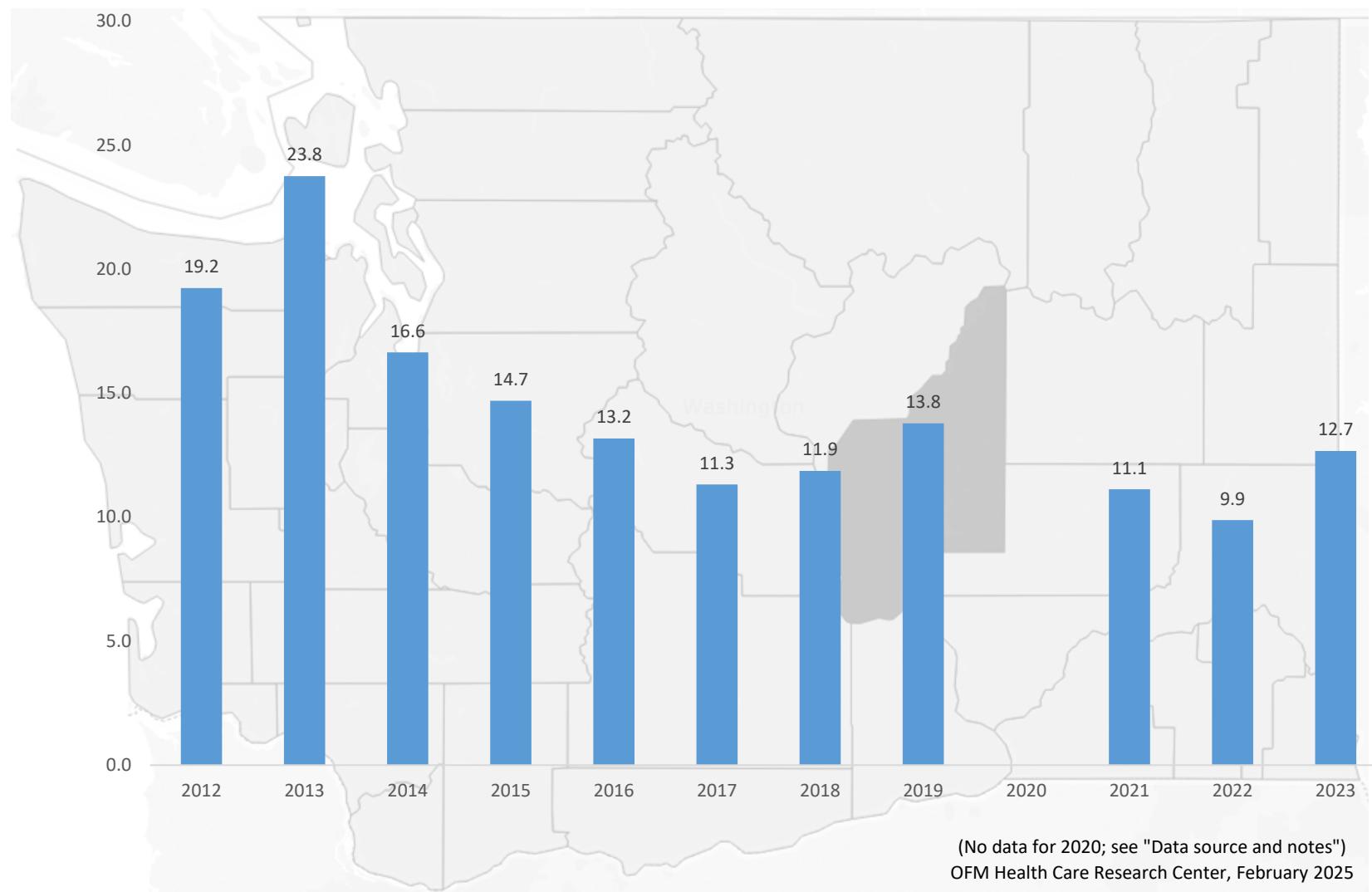
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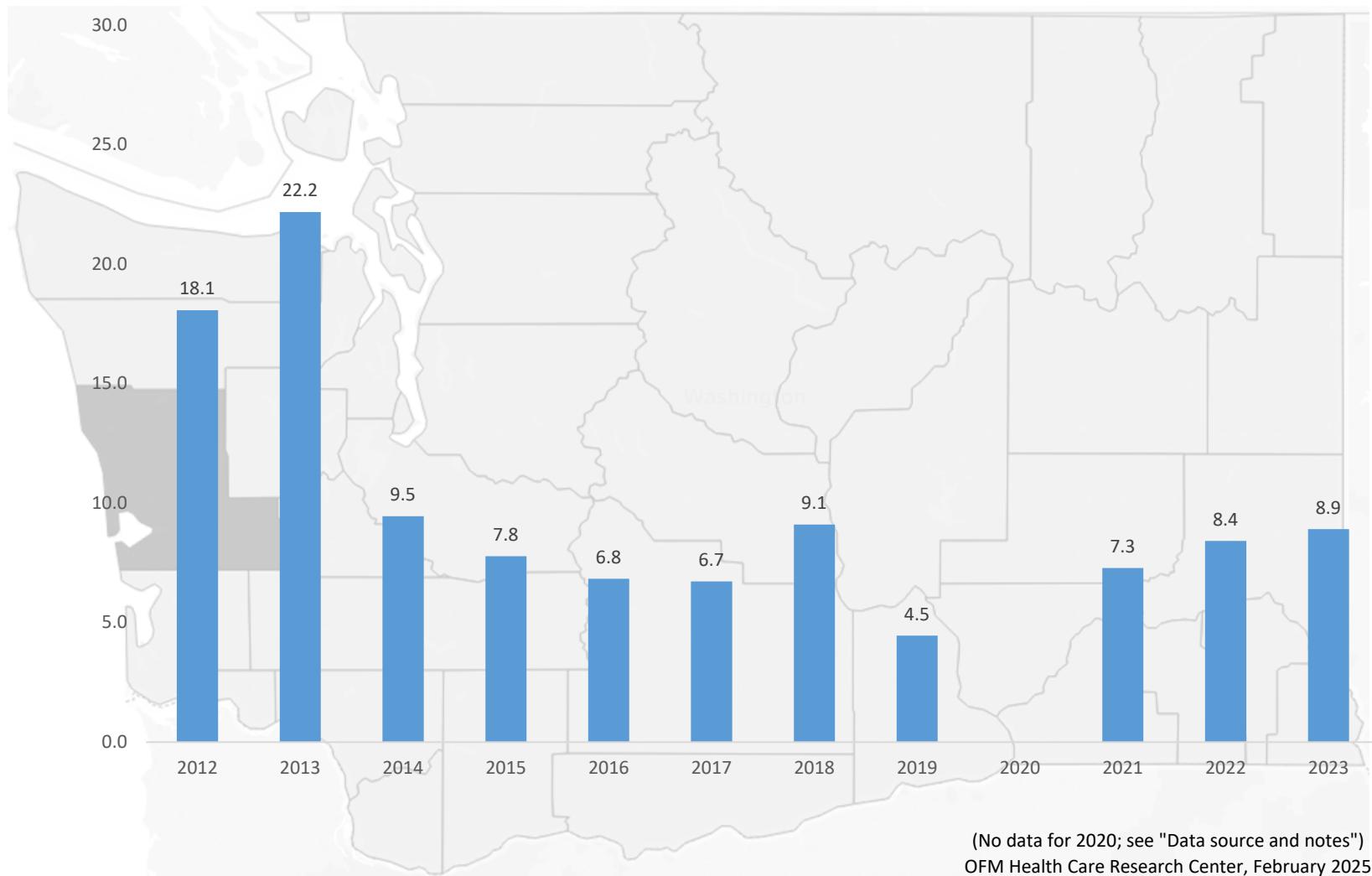
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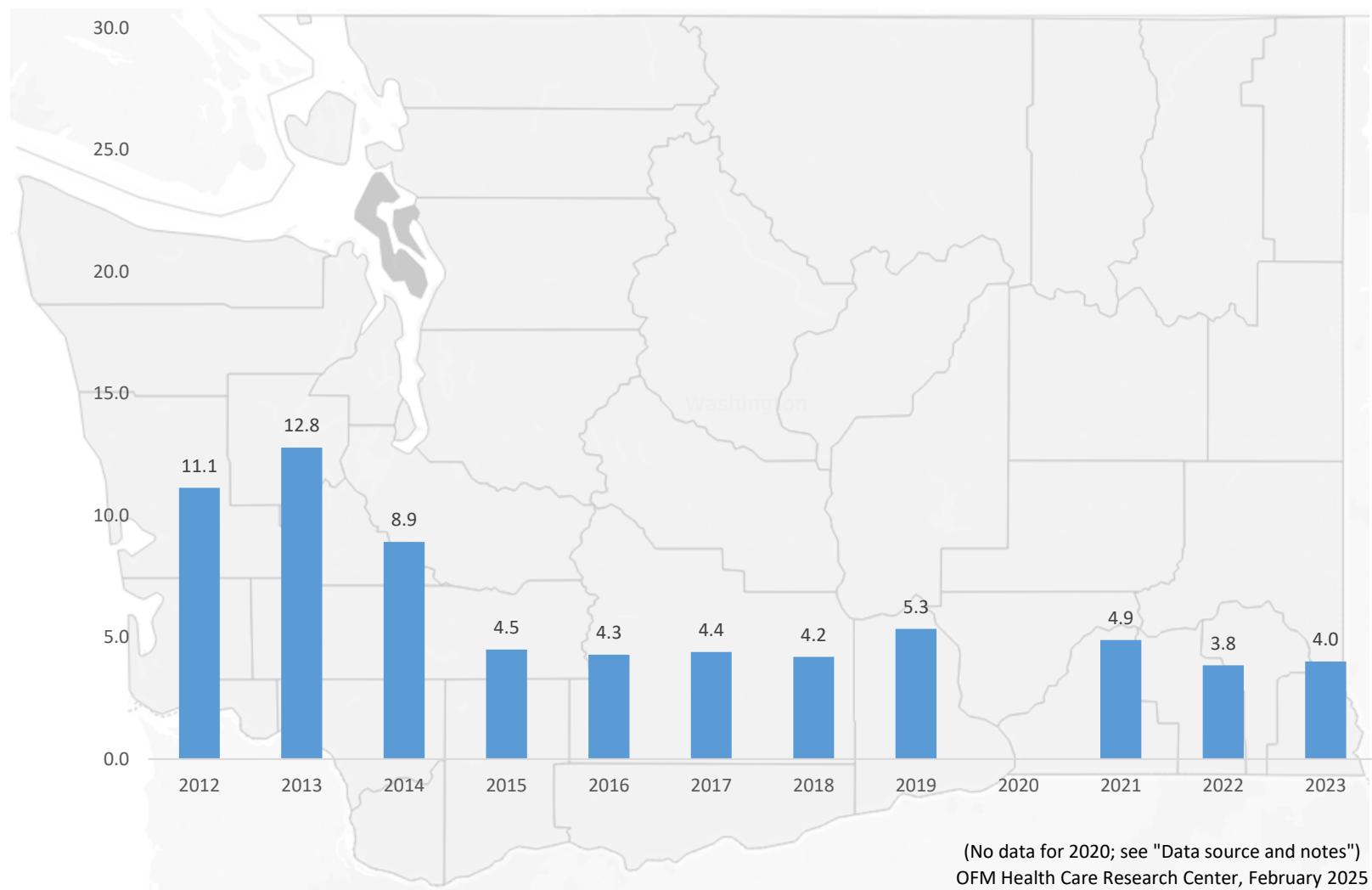
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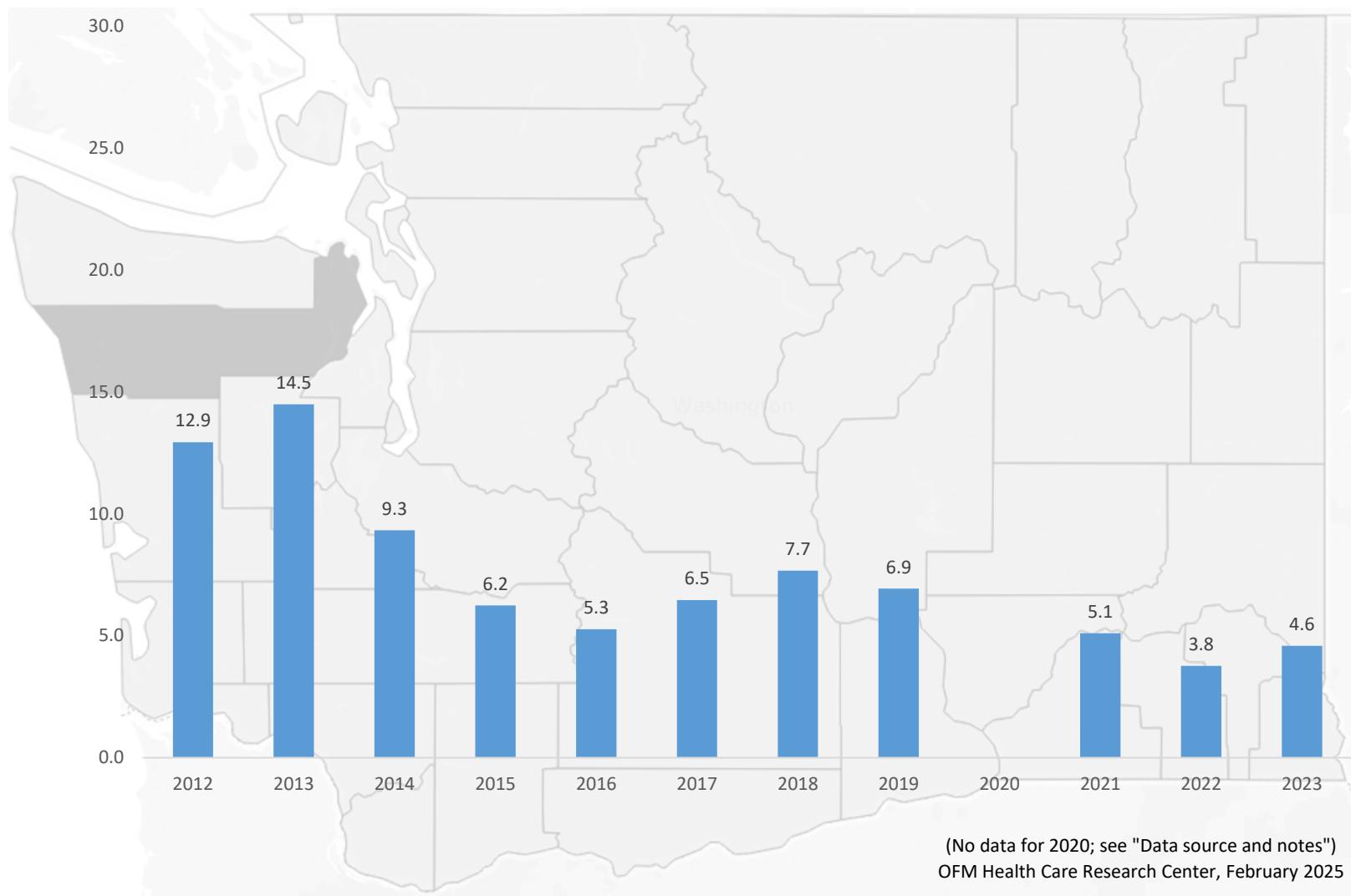
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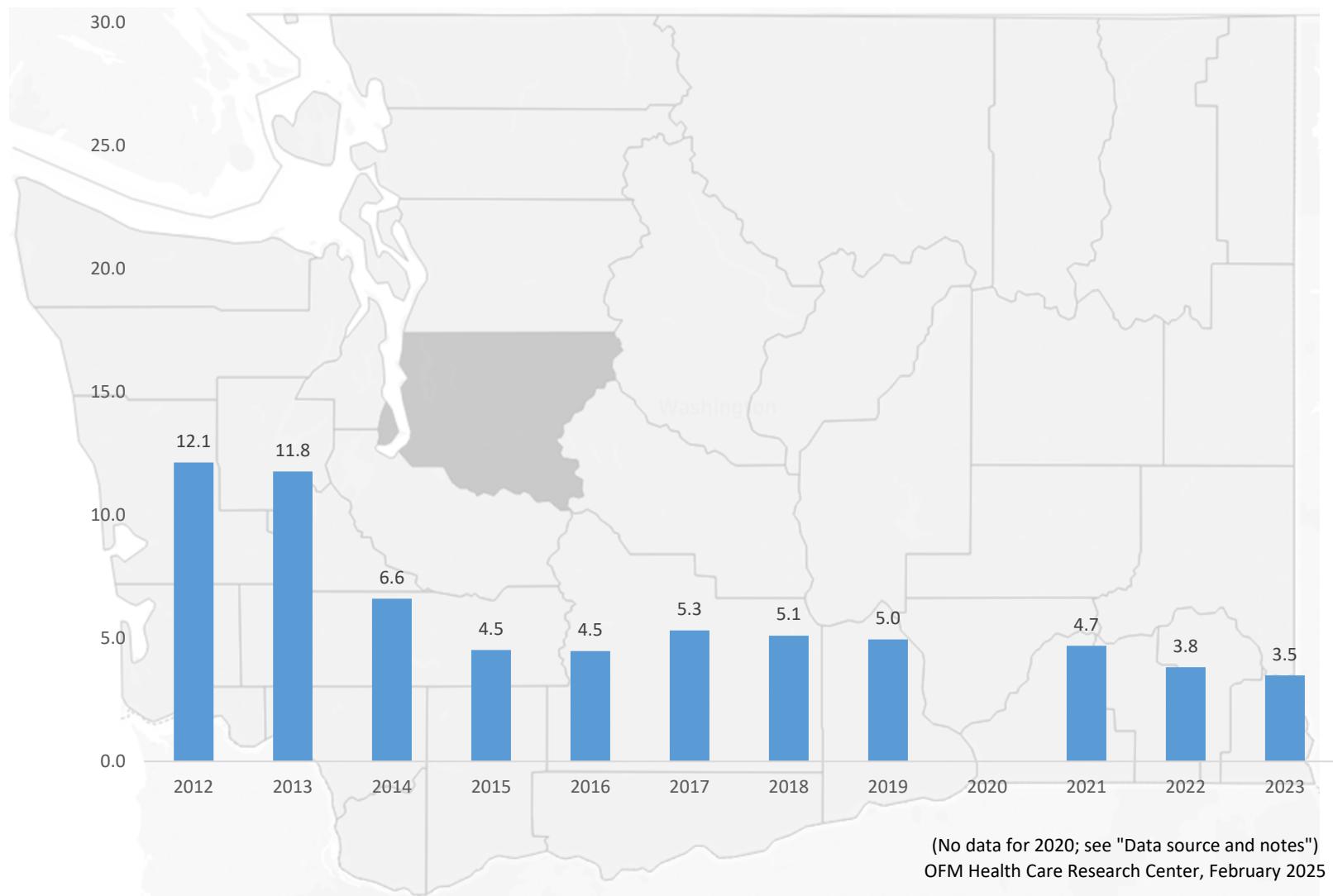
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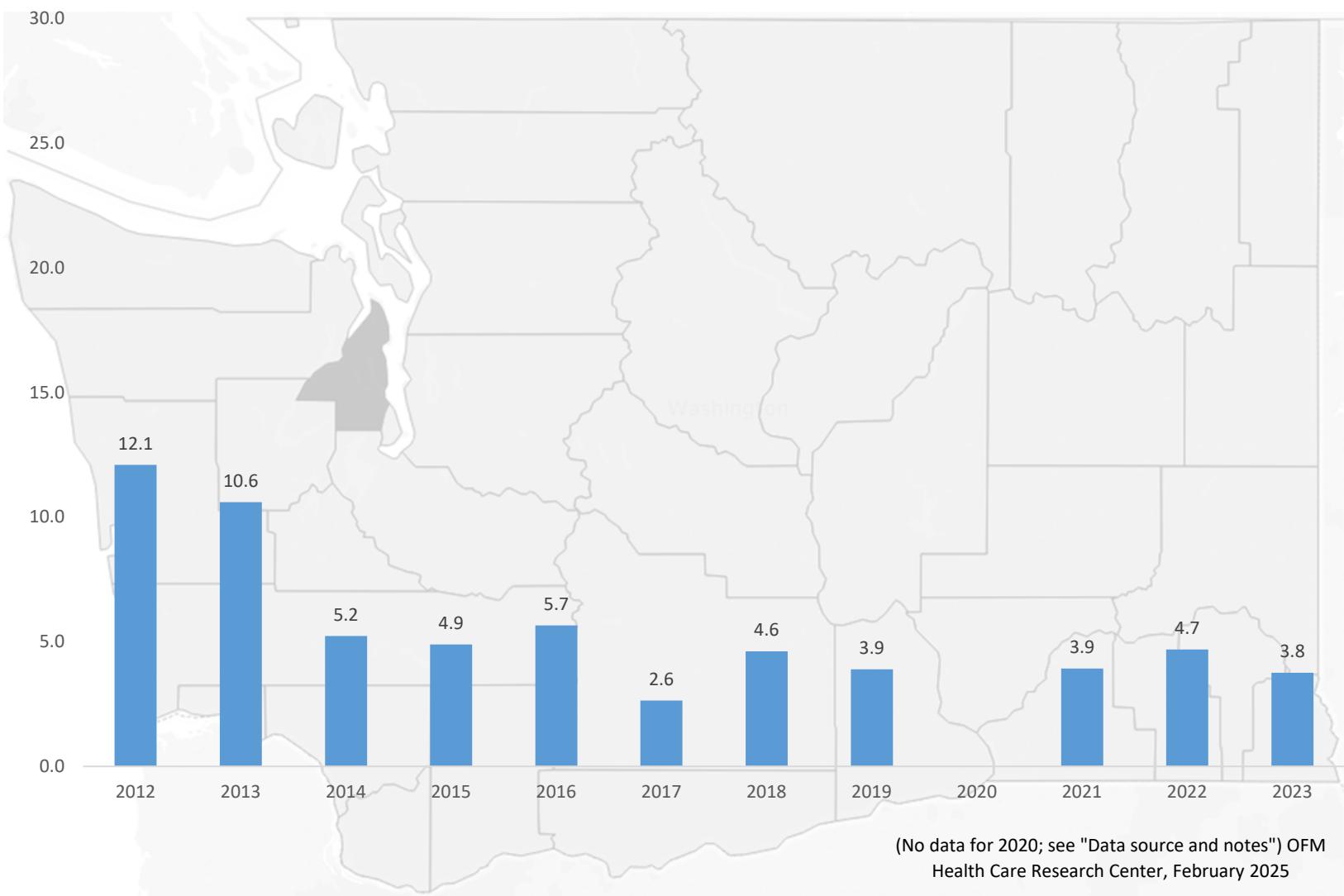
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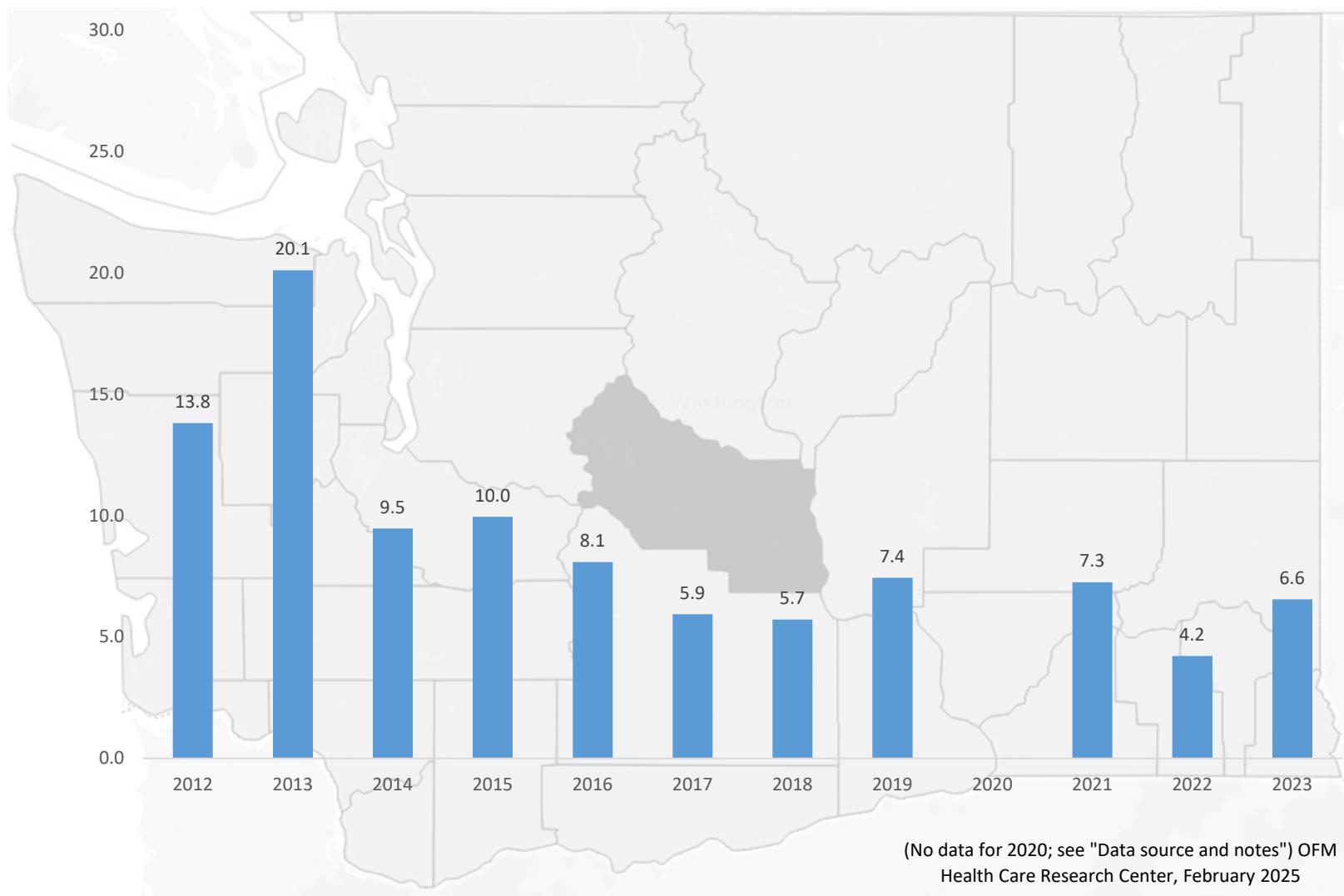
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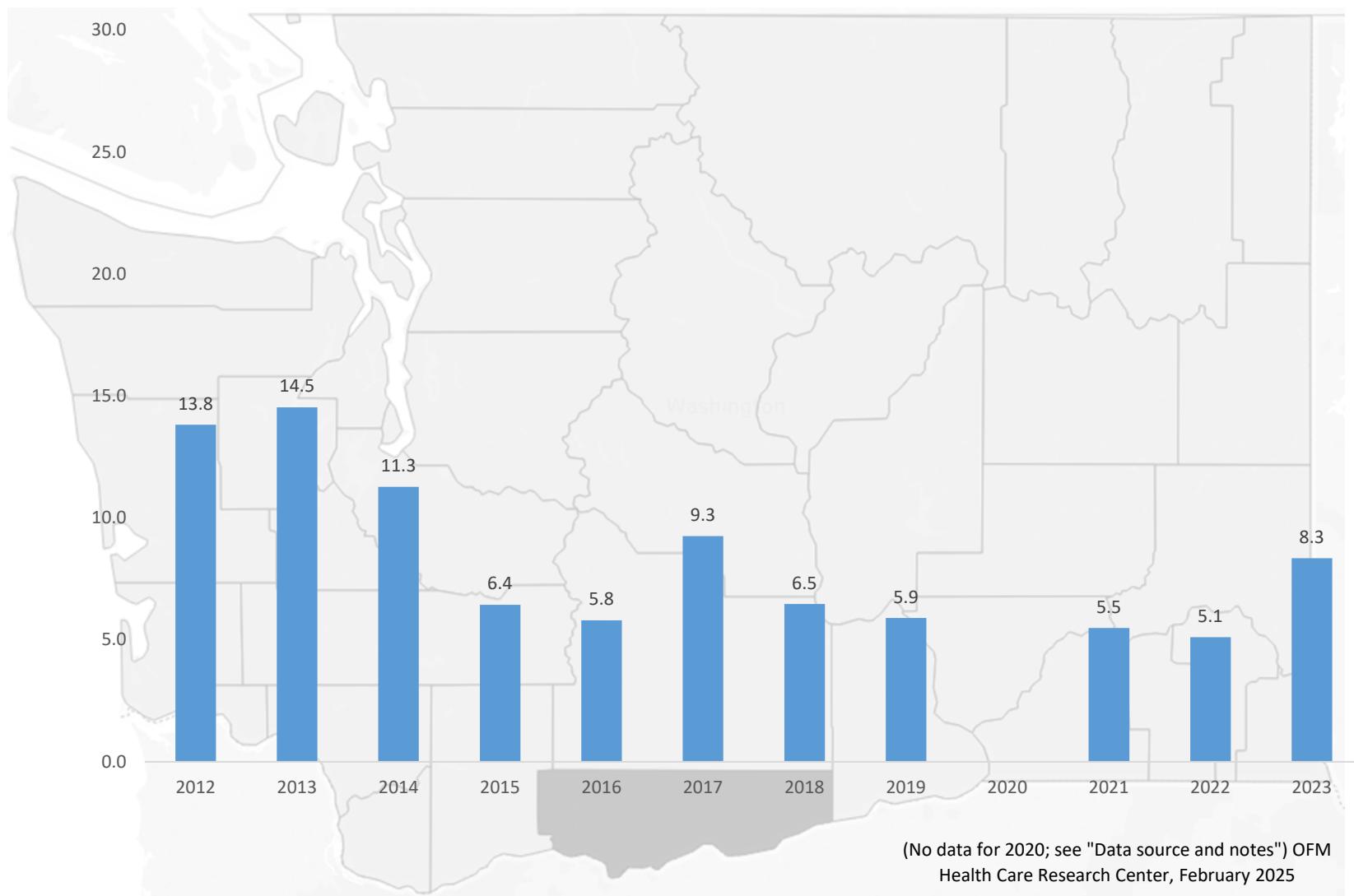
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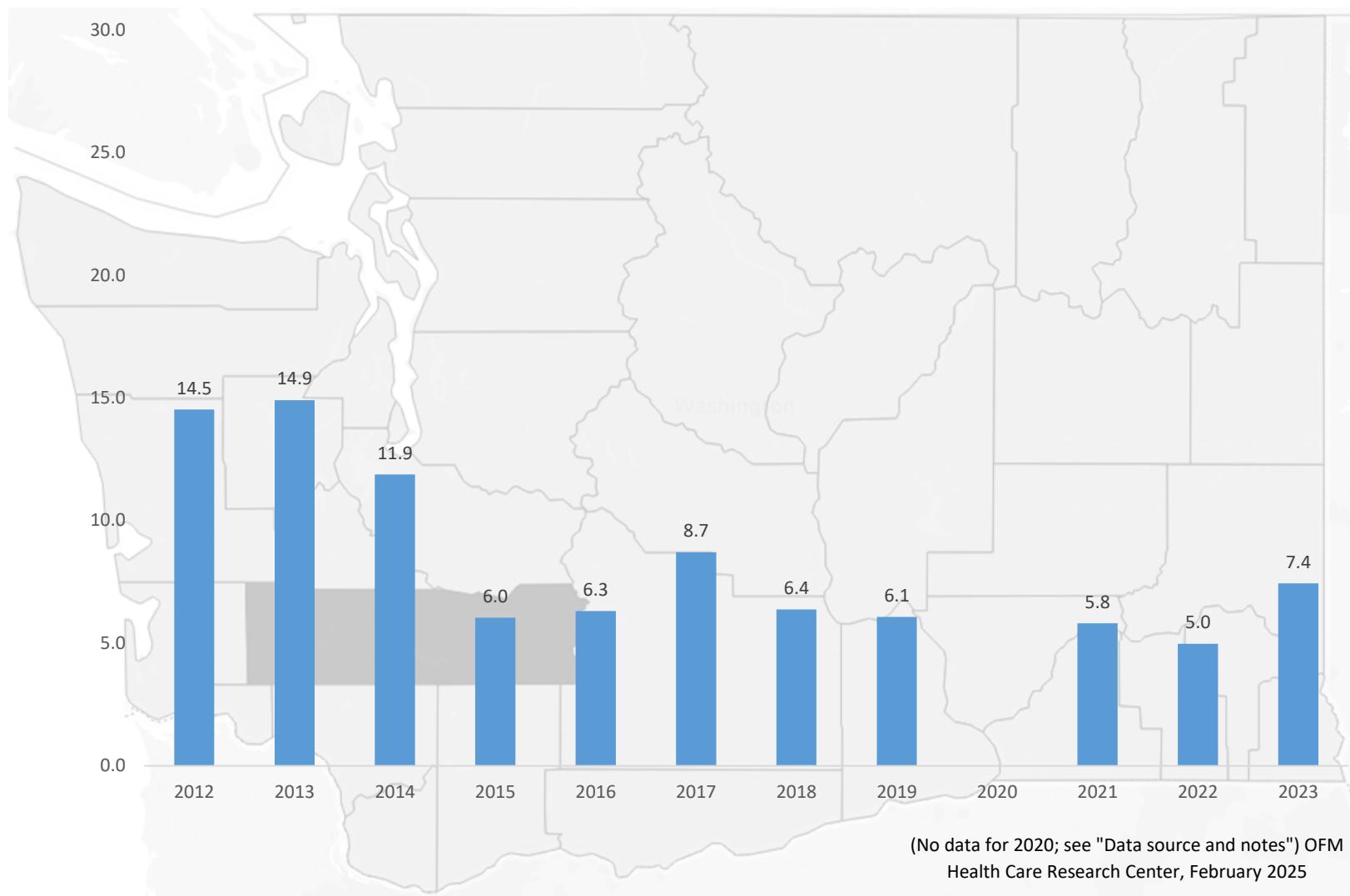
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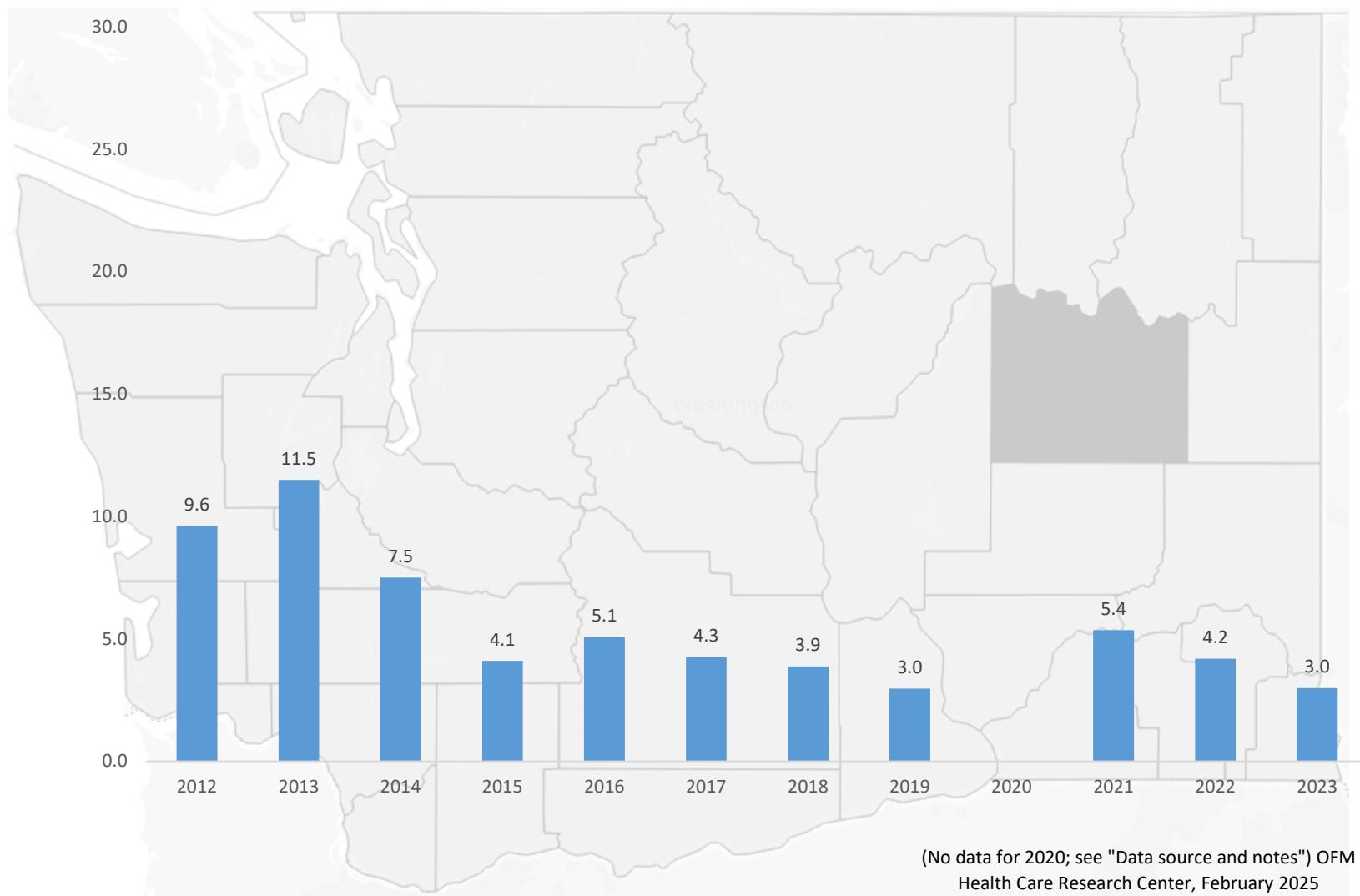


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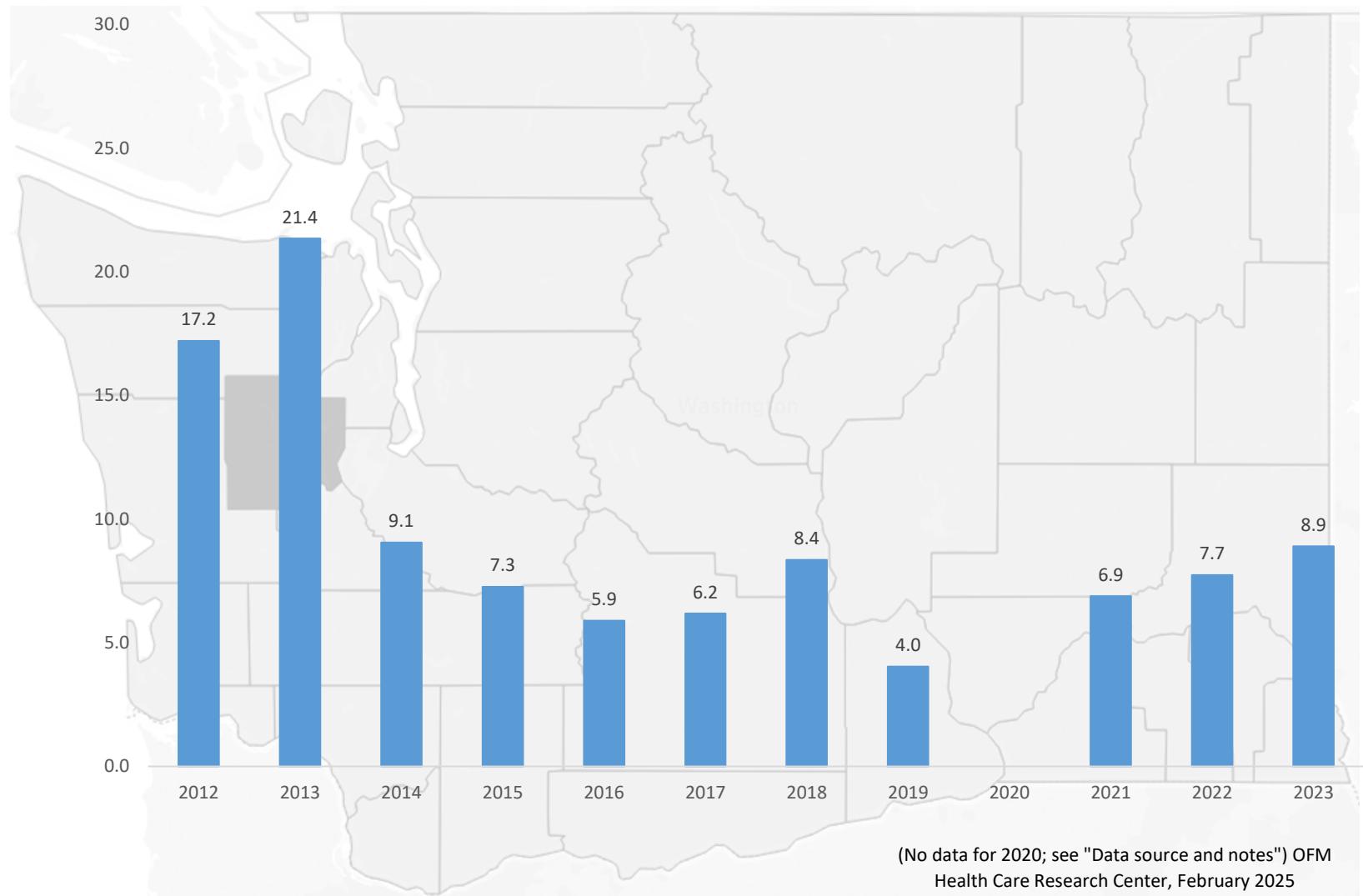
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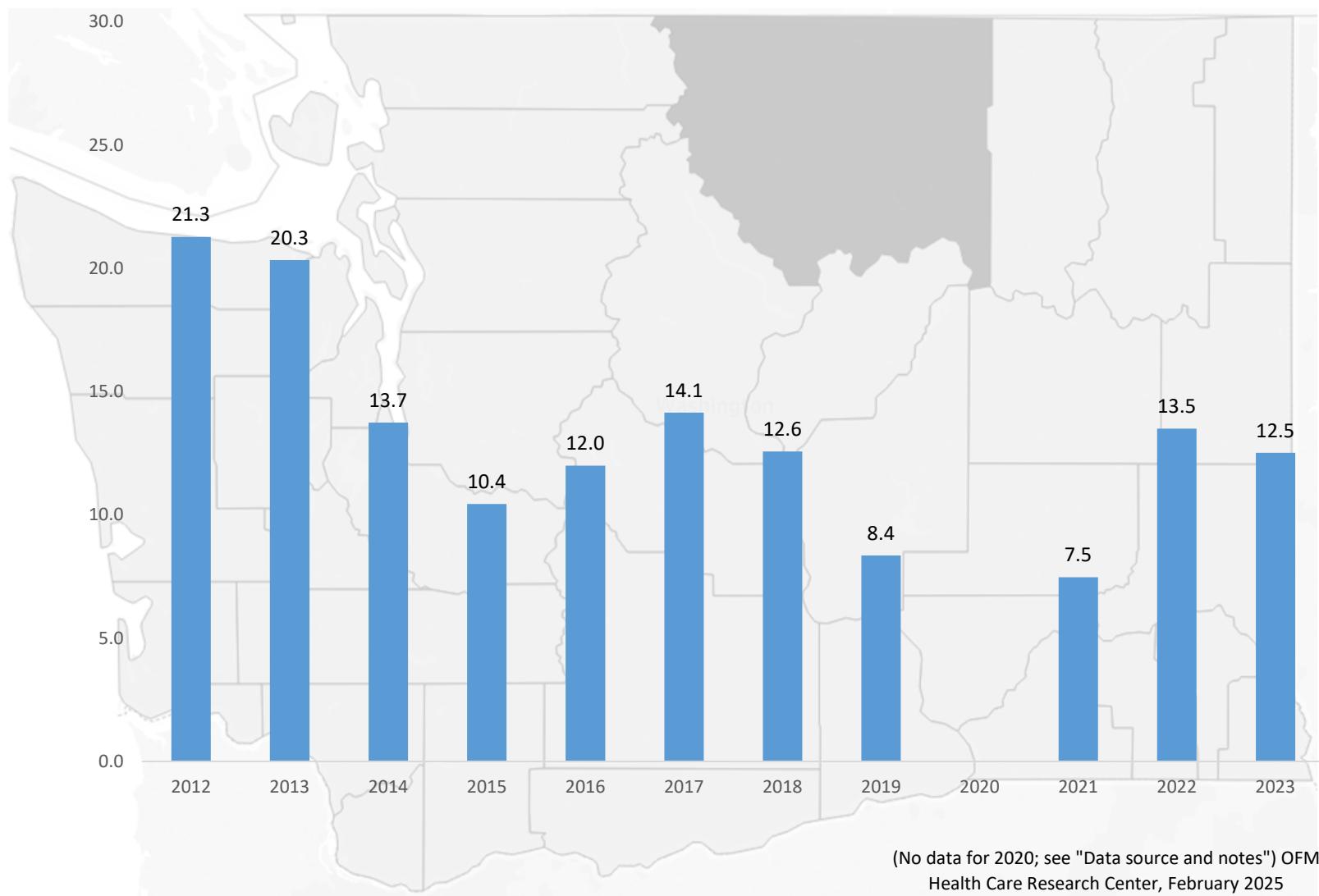
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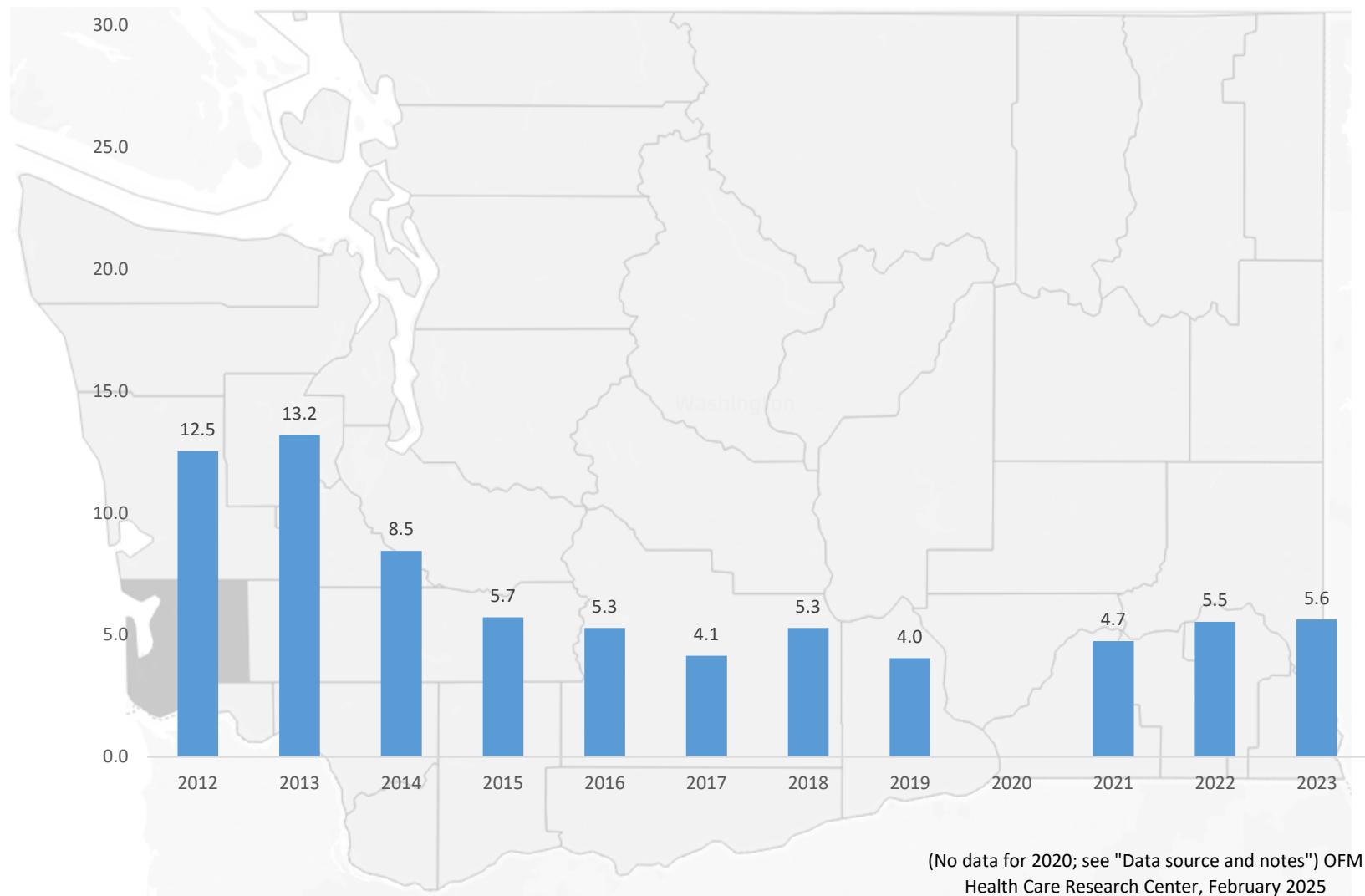
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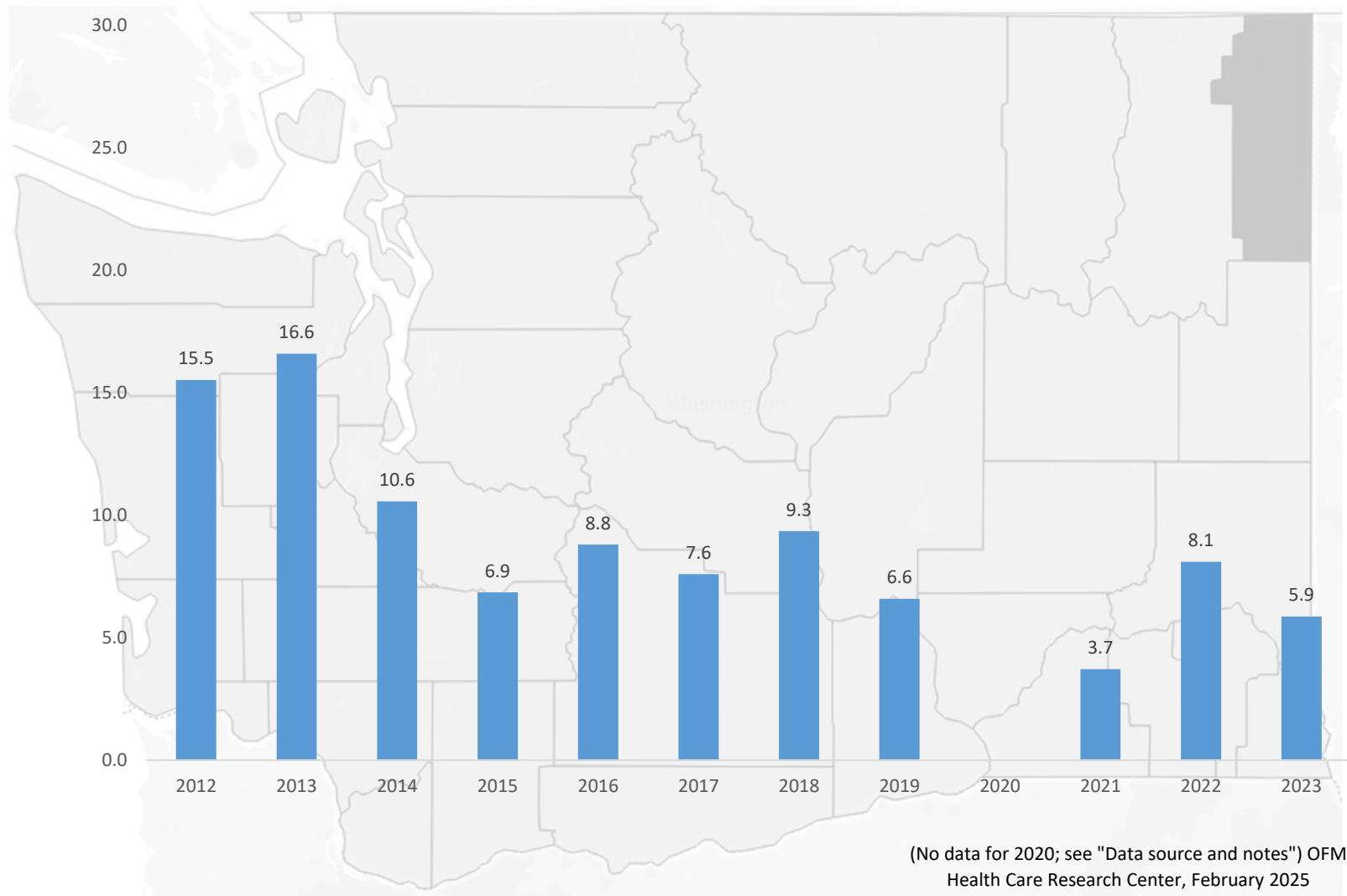
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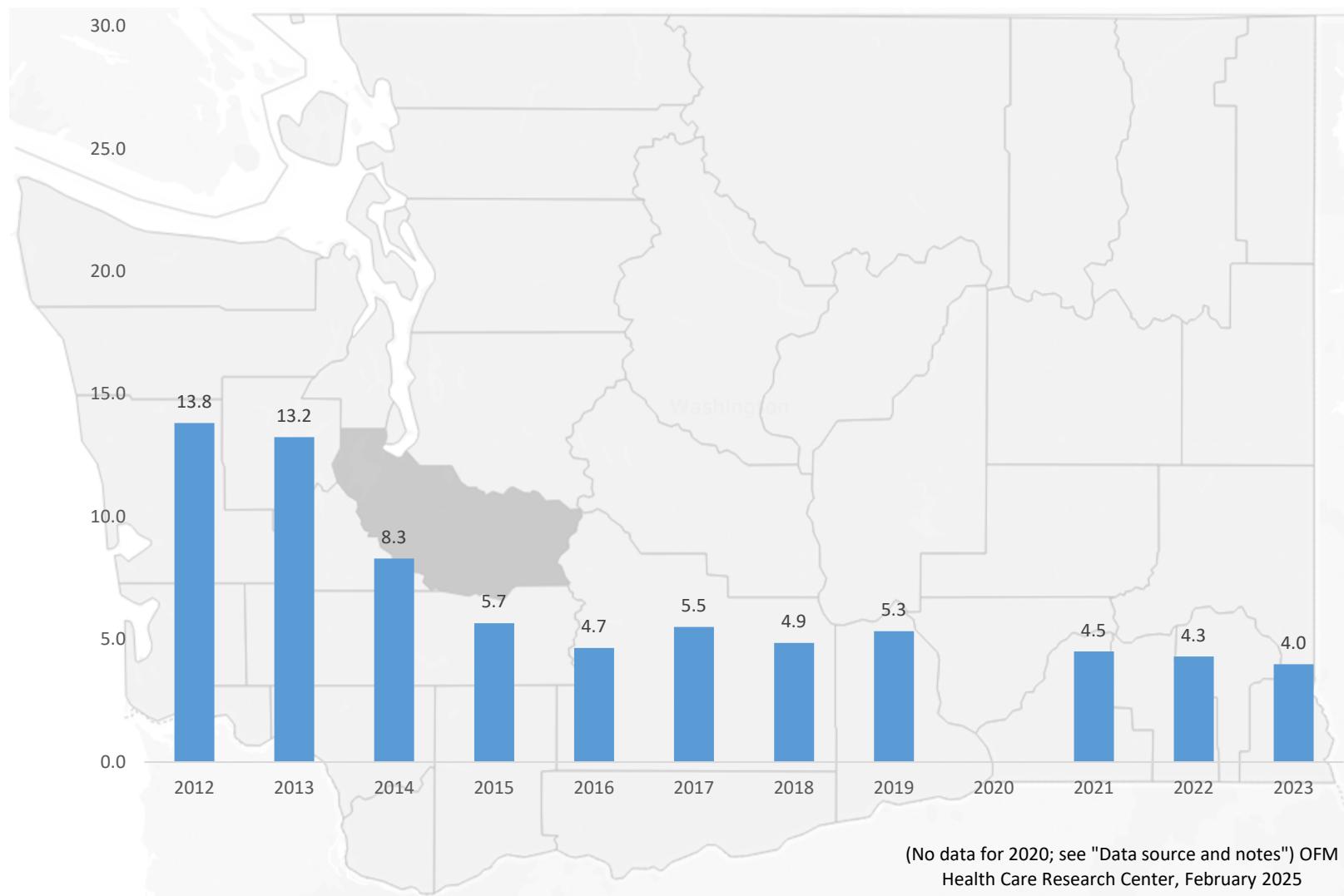


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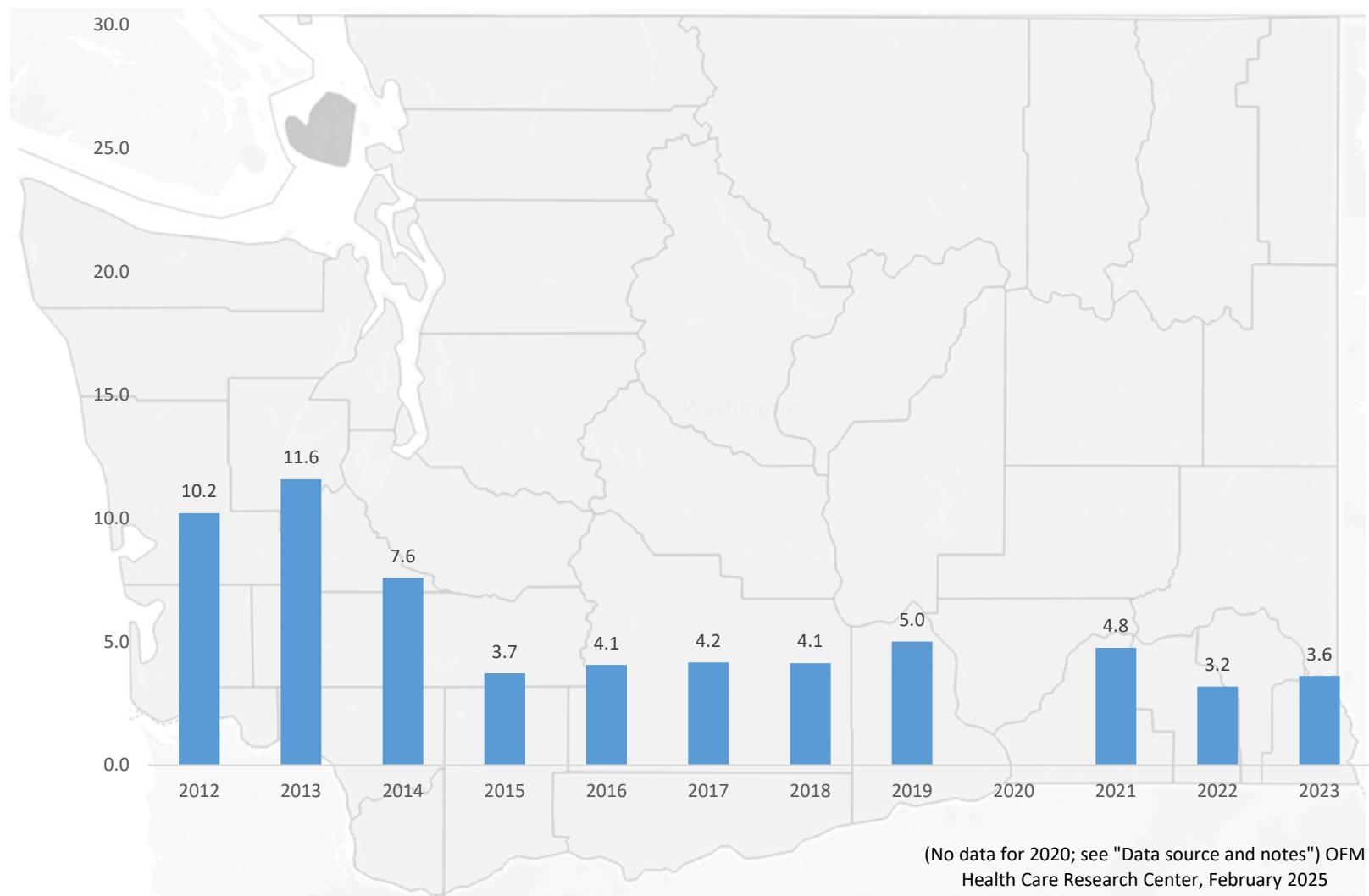
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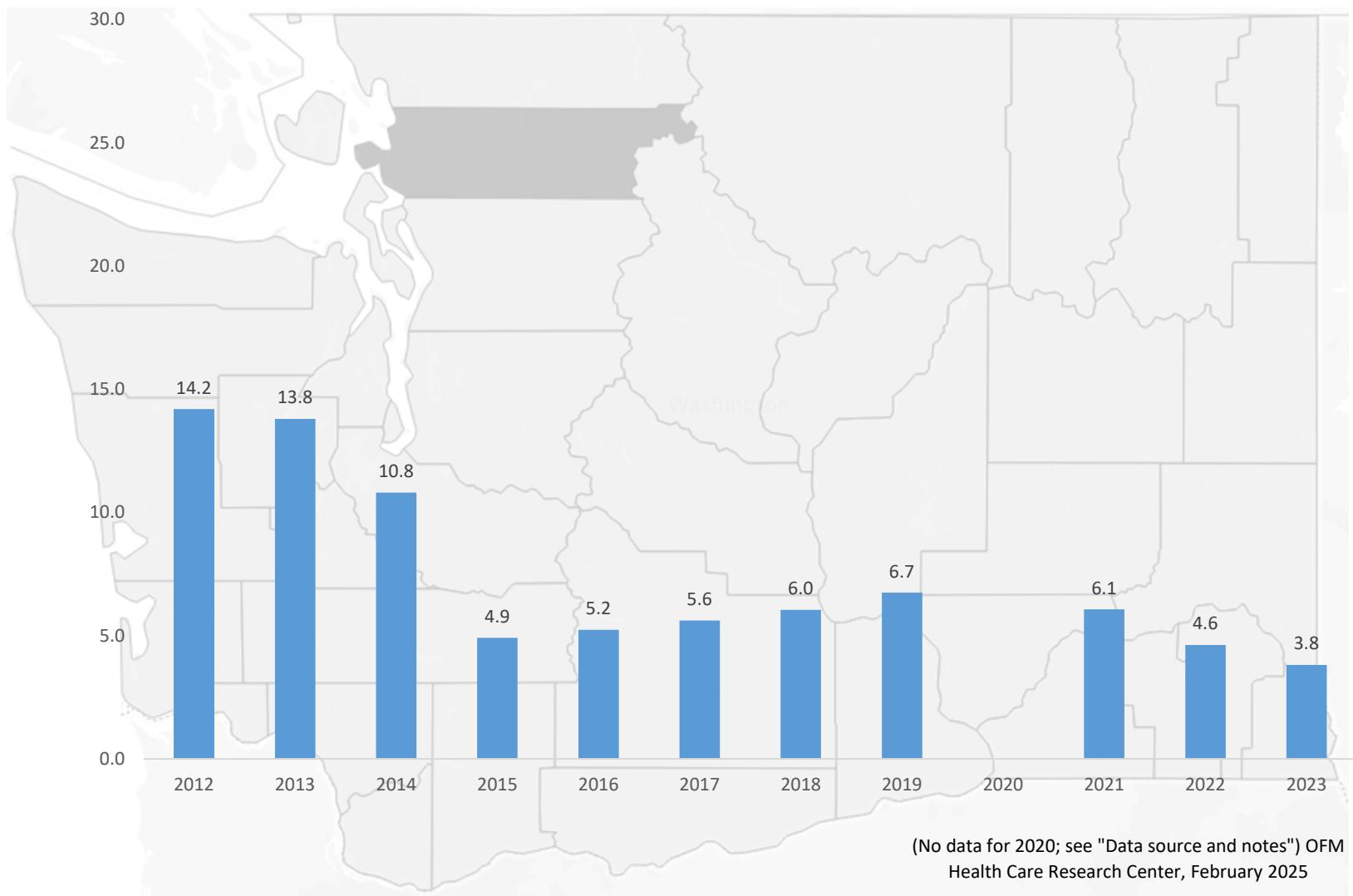


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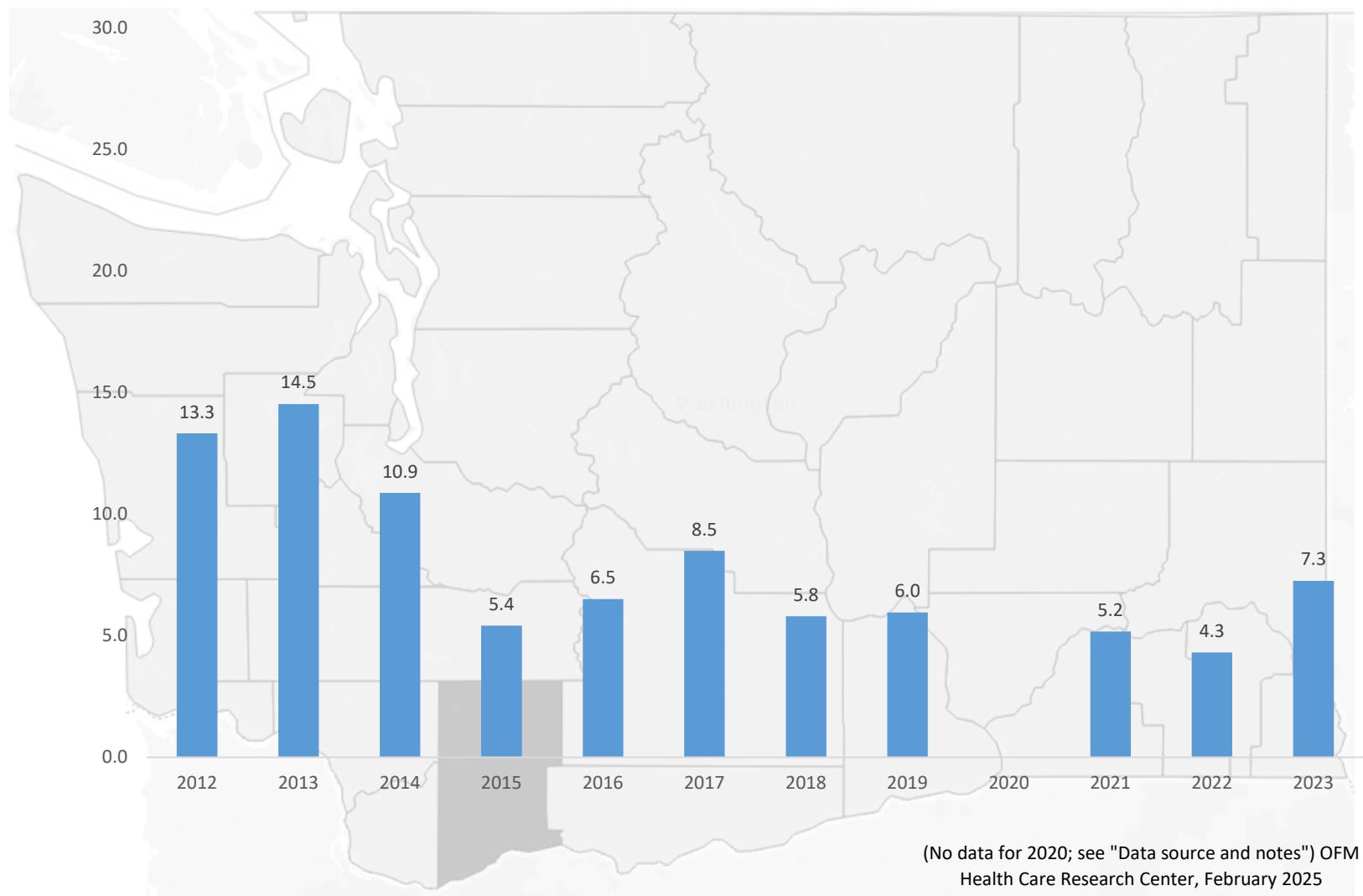
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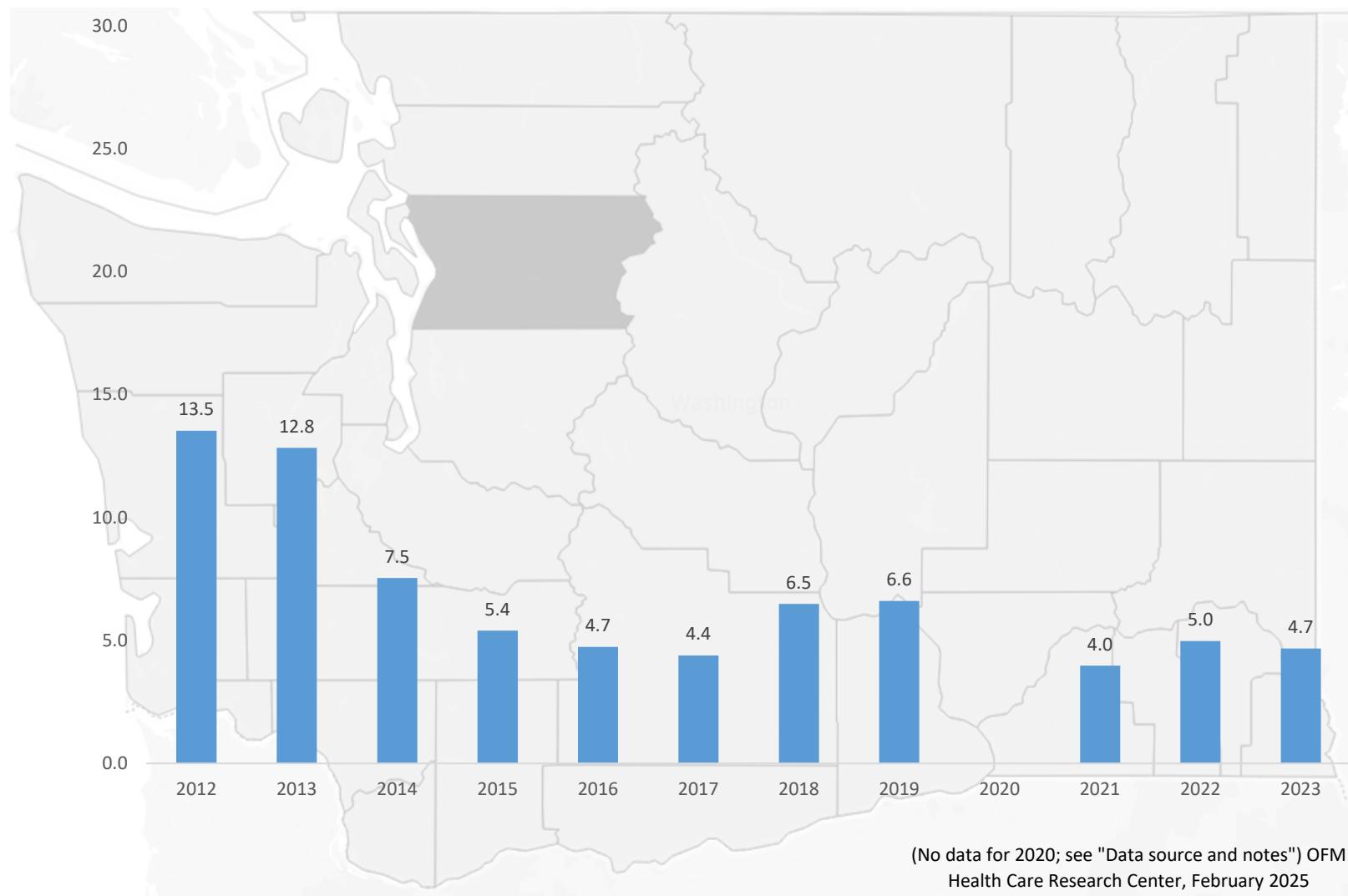
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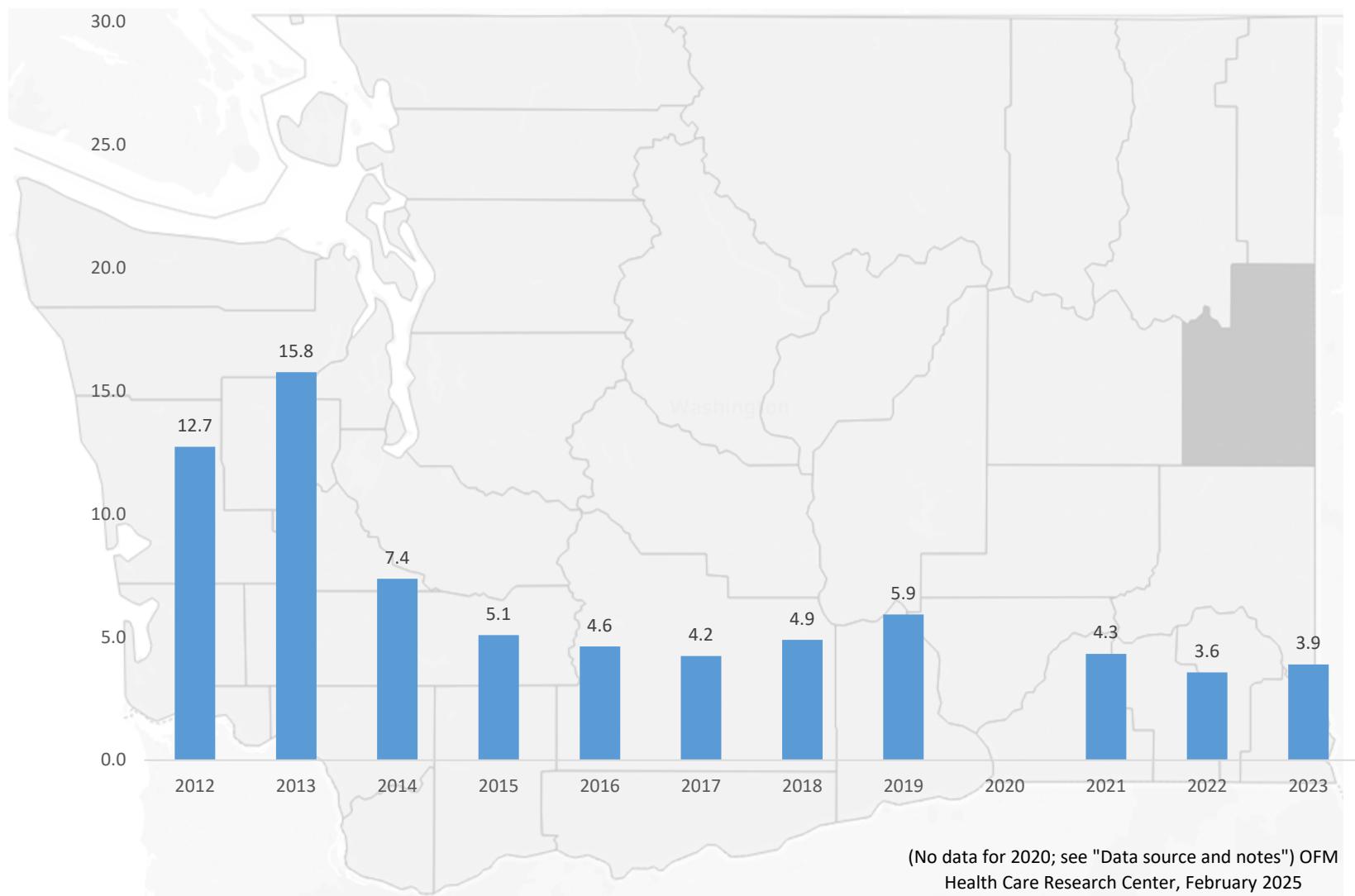
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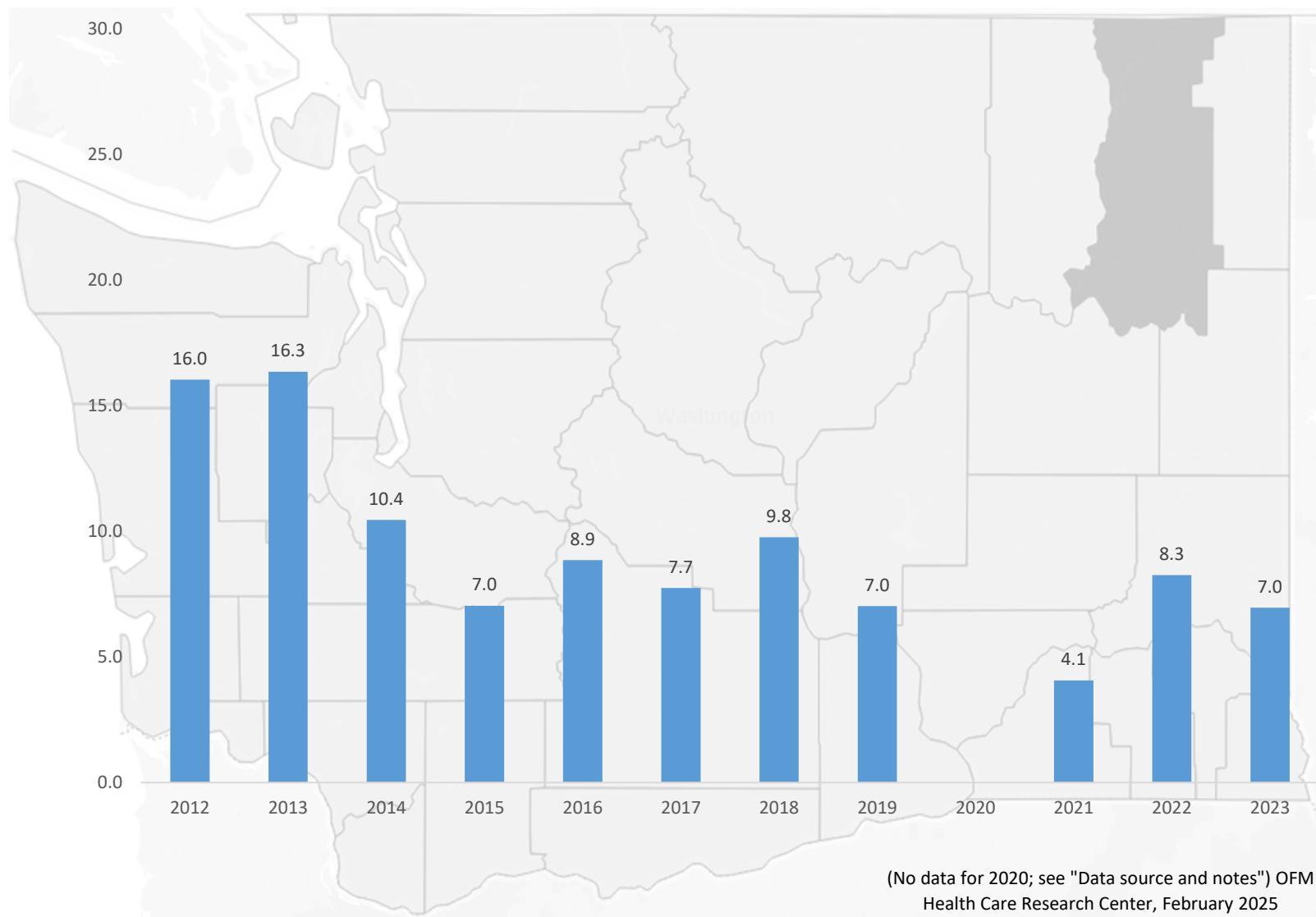


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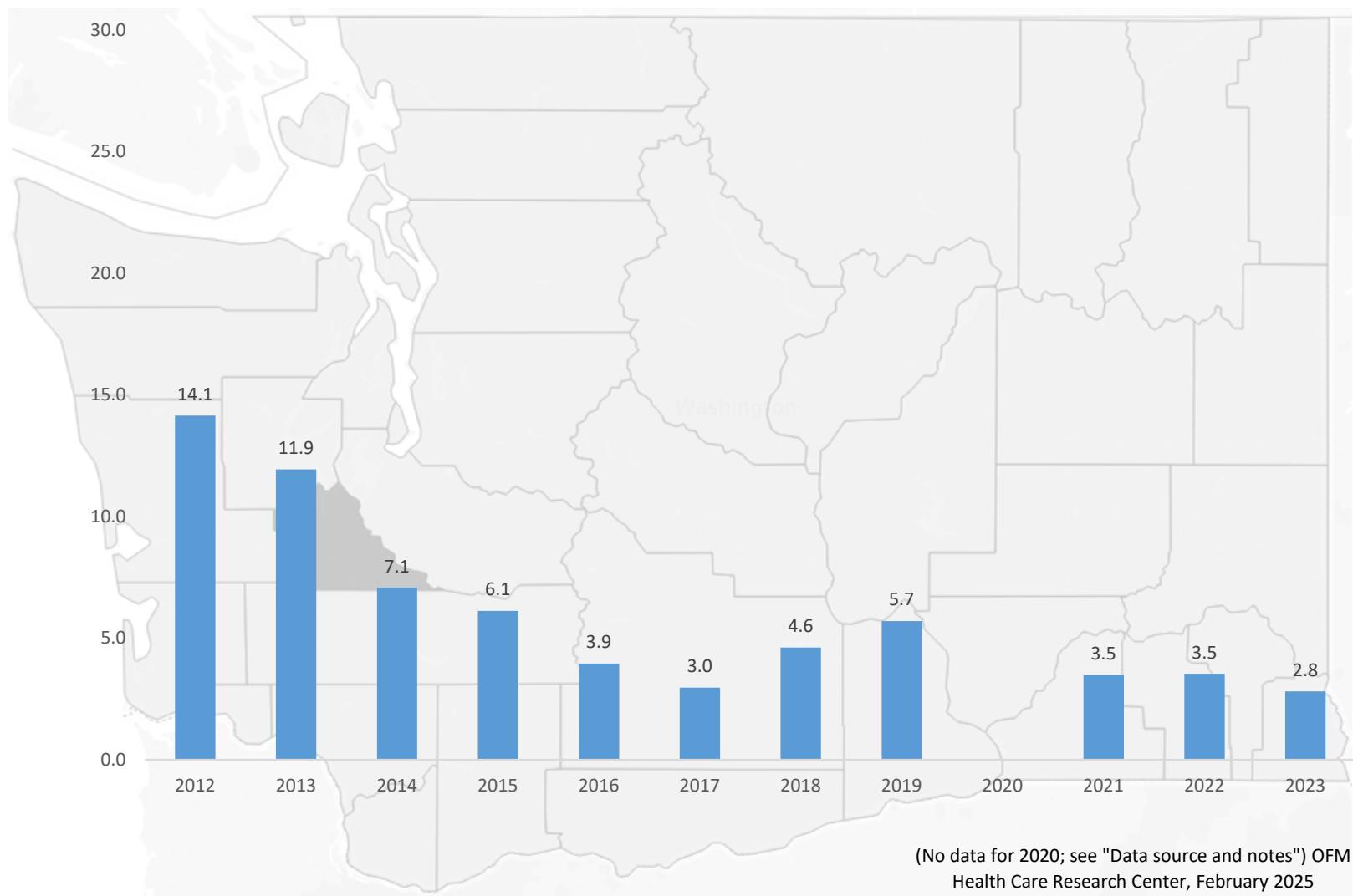
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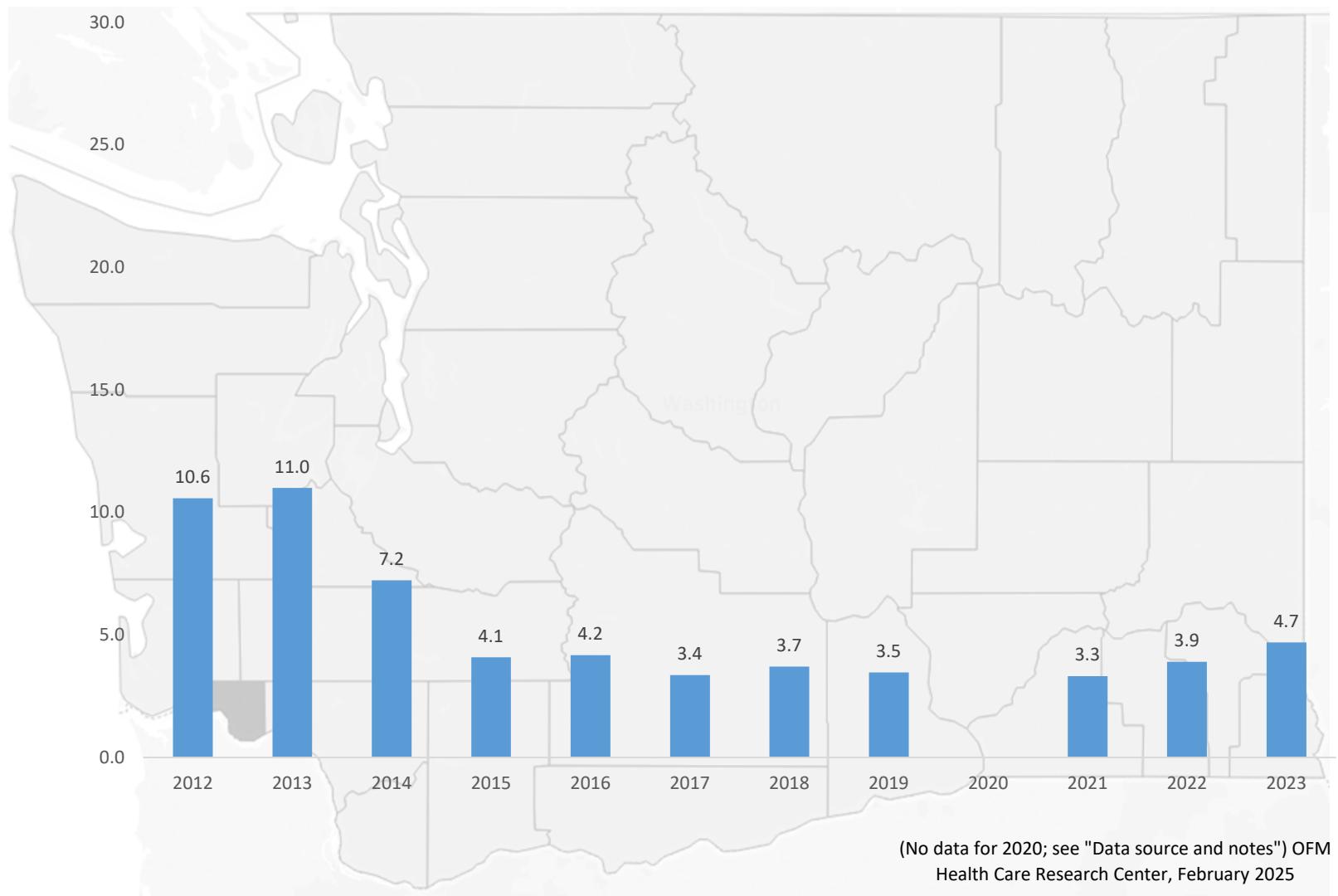
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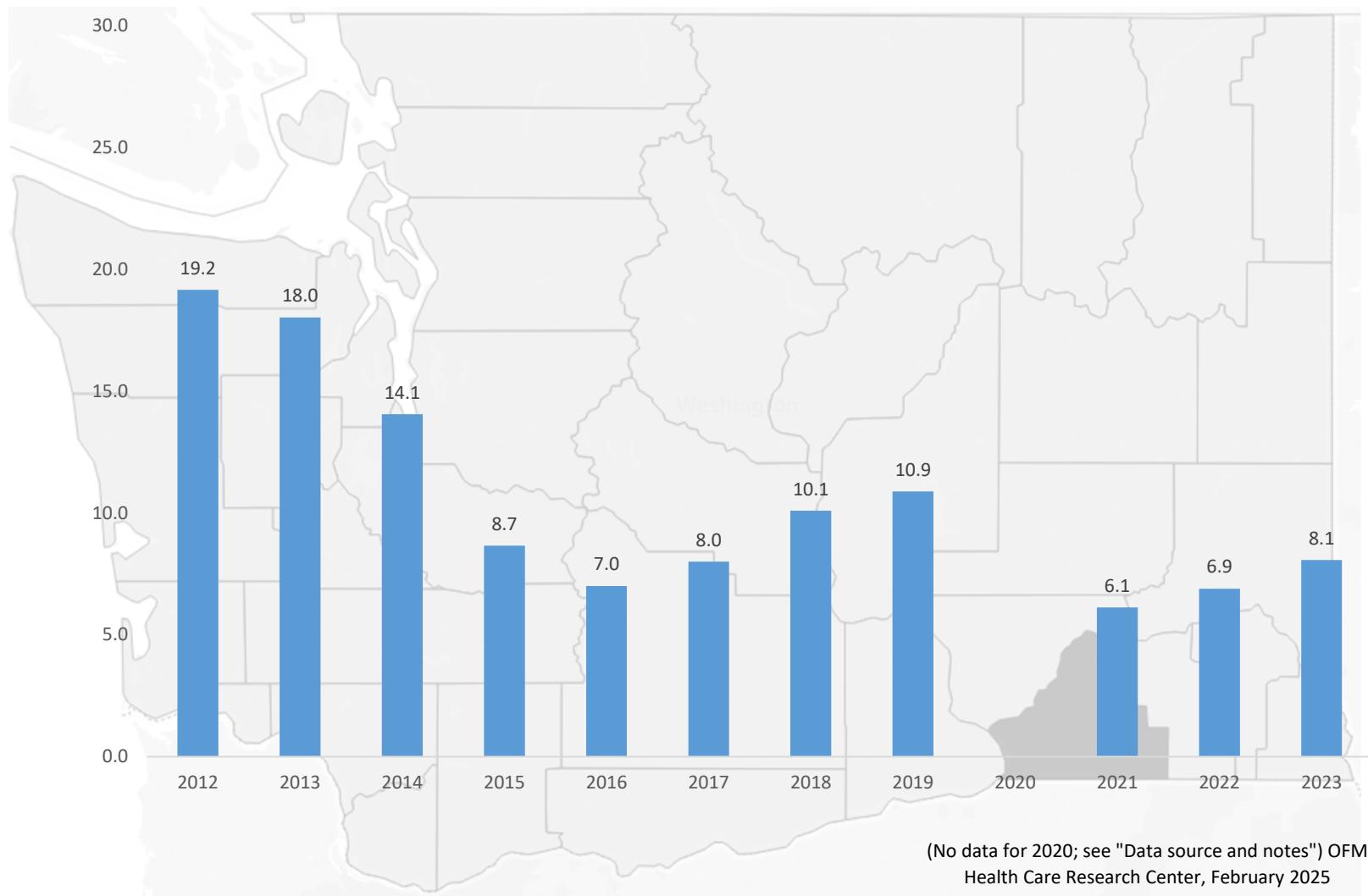


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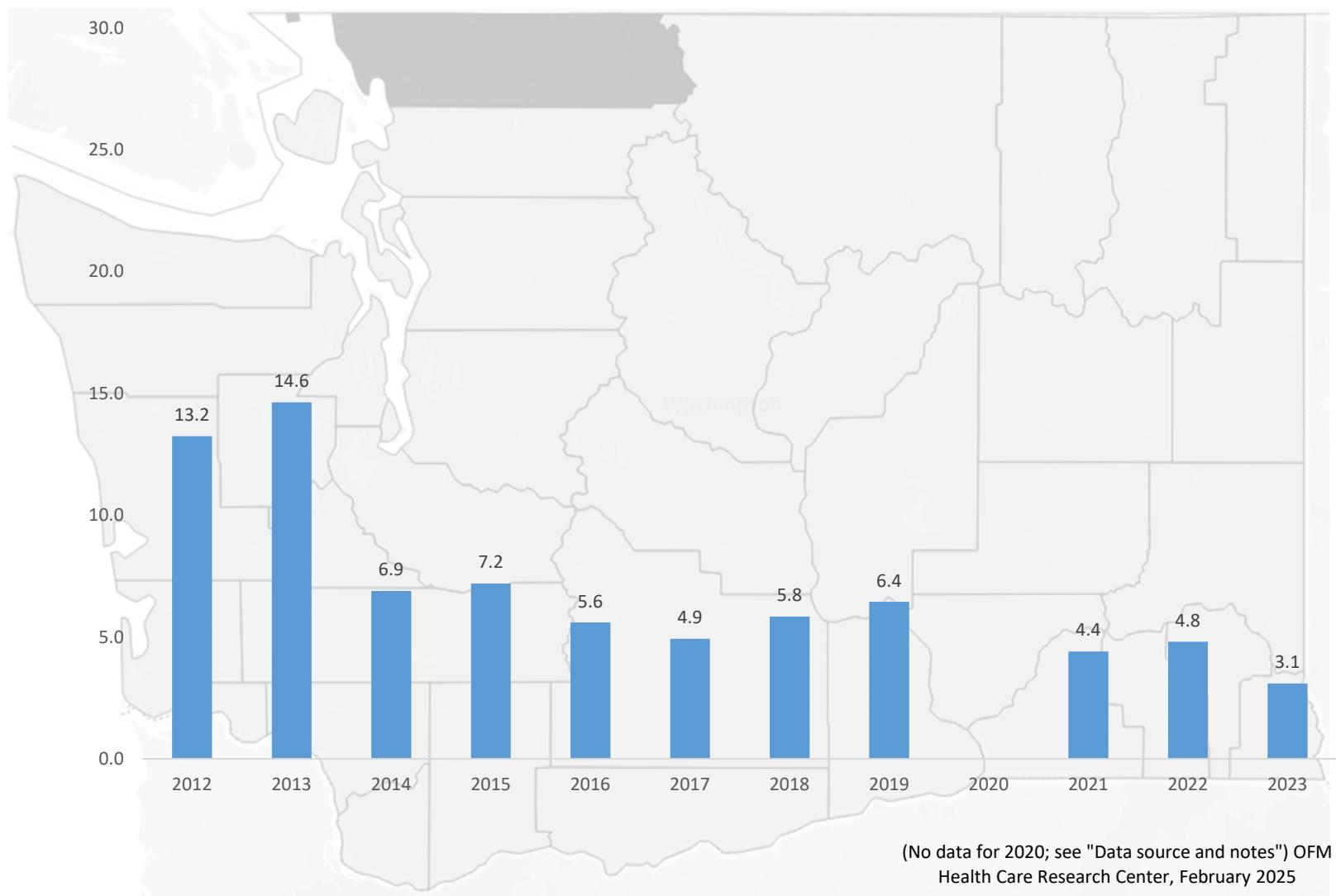
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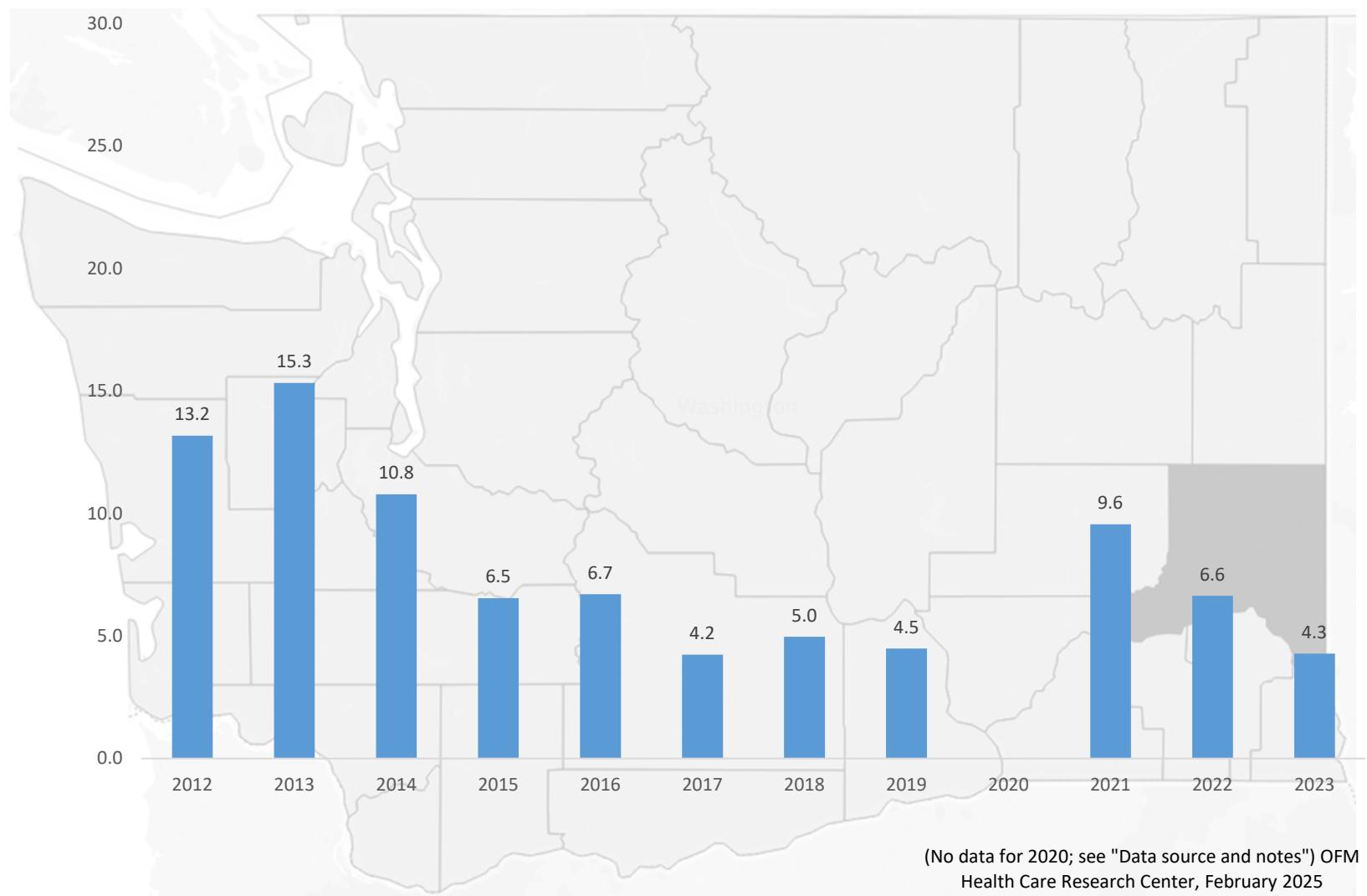
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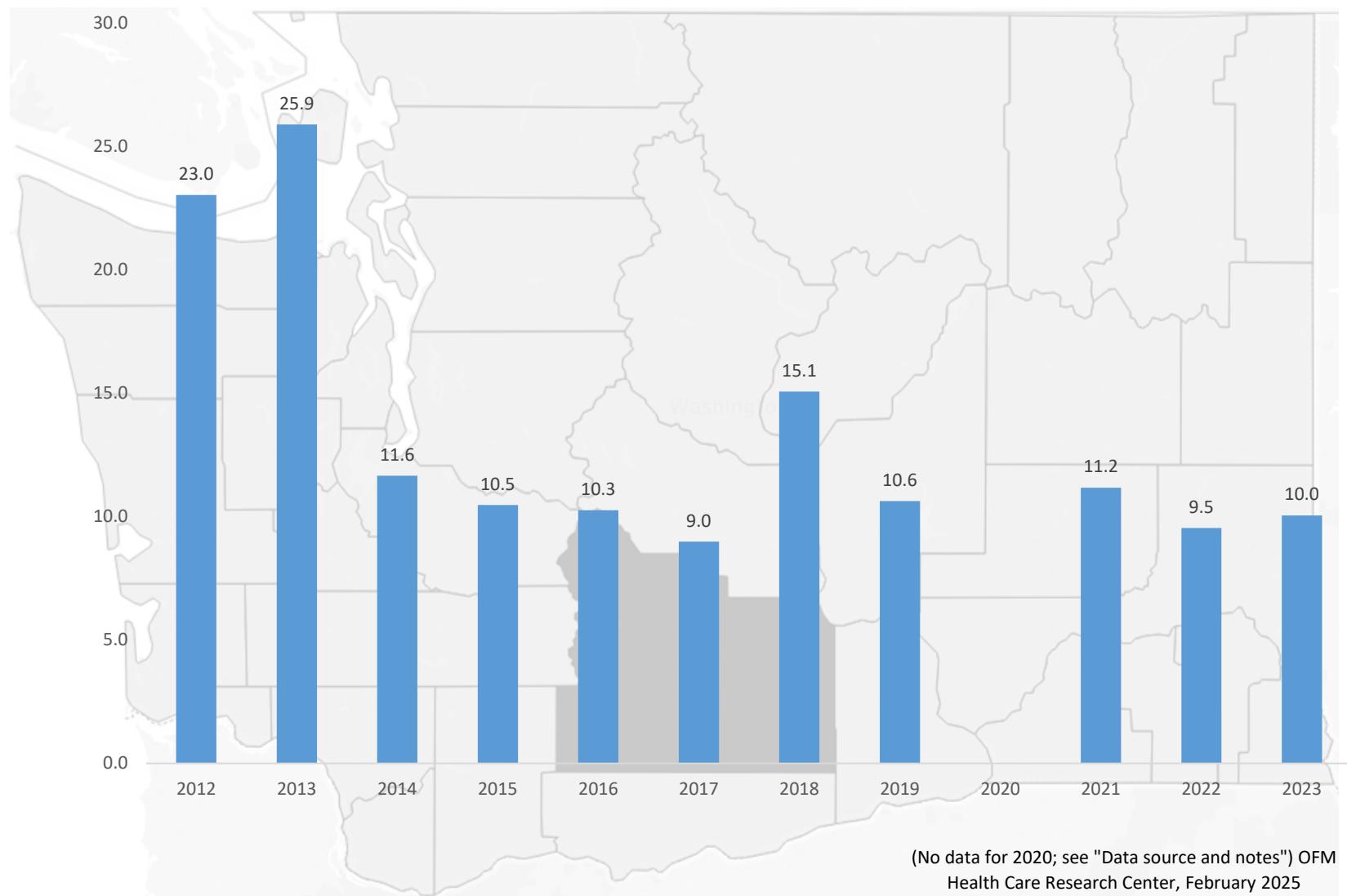
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## Data source and notes

The data source we used for this report is the American Community Survey (ACS) 1-year Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) file for 2012 to 2019 and 2021 to 2023. Data for 2020 are not reported because of the 2020 ACS data quality issues.<sup>1</sup> While working with ACS data, OFM analysts uncovered a significant undercount of Medicaid enrollment in Washington starting in 2014, the year the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) first rolled out the Medicaid expansion program. We decided to adjust for the Medicaid undercount using administrative data from the Medicaid program.<sup>2</sup> We calculated estimates in this document using the original ACS 1-year PUMS for 2012 to 2013 and the adjusted ACS for 2014 to 2019 and 2021 to 2023.

This report also used the new methodology first applied in 2020 (for the report on county uninsured estimates in 2012 to 2018). Before the 2020 report, we generated estimates for ‘uninsured at the county level’ using the OFM County Population Estimate Model (CPEM). The CPEM is a synthesized data system that contains population counts of select population categories at the county level. The CPEM is constructed using the ACS 1-year PUMS and various OFM population projections.

We used the geography data field of Public Use Microdata Area (PUMA) in the ACS to allocate ACS distributions of health coverage and a few other population categories into counties in the CPEM system. Most of the PUMAs in the ACS correspond to a single county. For PUMAs that include more than one county, we performed the split of the PUMA estimates into the related counties using OFM population share estimates for the related counties.

The current methodology uses the same PUMA-county crosswalk in assigning counties to micro-records in ACS files. For records with PUMAs that each involve more than one county, we used a proportionate random imputation in the county assignment. In this case, county proportions of a PUMA are determined by OFM estimates for county population of select population categories. The output of the current methodology consists of the original ACS with the adjustment for undercount of Medicaid enrollment and the addition of the data field for county. We compiled all estimates for 2012 to 2019 and 2021 to 2023 in this report using the current methodology.

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<sup>1</sup> For more information on the 2020 data quality issues, see <https://ofm.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/dataresearch/researchbriefs/brief106.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> For more information on the adjustment, see [https://ofm.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/legacy/healthcare/healthcoverage/pdf/undercount\\_medicaid.pdf](https://ofm.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/legacy/healthcare/healthcoverage/pdf/undercount_medicaid.pdf).

## Appendix

### County Uninsured Rate (Percent), Washington State, 2012–19 and 2021–23

County	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Adams	23.3	18.0	16.7	18.2	15.9	12.9	14.5	7.4		17.7	6.0	8.6
Asotin	10.5	12.2	8.9	4.4	5.5	4.0	4.3	2.7		5.9	4.4	2.9
Benton	13.0	16.9	8.5	3.4	4.8	5.3	4.8	6.1		2.8	3.0	3.5
Chelan	16.0	19.7	11.8	6.1	6.2	10.0	10.6	10.4		11.1	6.0	10.4
Clallam	14.5	15.5	11.1	6.9	7.0	7.4	8.3	9.1		6.1	4.5	5.2
Clark	13.4	12.5	8.6	6.6	4.6	5.1	6.1	5.5		6.8	4.1	5.5
Columbia	11.2	12.2	8.9	4.3	5.8	4.0	4.6	3.0		5.9	4.3	3.7
Cowlitz	14.5	14.8	9.7	6.4	5.5	4.4	5.8	5.0		5.1	5.7	6.1
Douglas	16.7	20.8	12.6	6.4	7.0	10.6	11.7	11.7		12.2	6.2	11.1
Ferry	16.9	18.0	11.8	8.5	9.8	8.5	10.9	7.3		4.3	2.4	4.7
Franklin	19.5	20.7	17.1	11.0	12.5	10.3	14.5	16.9		10.8	10.5	10.3
Garfield	10.1	12.5	8.5	4.0	4.9	3.6	4.4	1.9		5.5	3.9	2.6
Grant	19.2	23.8	16.6	14.7	13.2	11.3	11.9	13.8		11.1	9.9	12.7
Grays Harbor	18.1	22.2	9.5	7.8	6.8	6.7	9.1	4.5		7.3	8.4	8.9
Island	11.1	12.8	8.9	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.2	5.3		4.9	3.8	4.0
Jefferson	12.9	14.5	9.3	6.2	5.3	6.5	7.7	6.9		5.1	3.8	4.6
King	12.1	11.8	6.6	4.5	4.5	5.3	5.1	5.0		4.7	3.8	3.5
Kitsap	12.1	10.6	5.2	4.9	5.7	2.6	4.6	3.9		3.9	4.7	3.8
Kittitas	13.8	20.1	9.5	10.0	8.1	5.9	5.7	7.4		7.3	4.2	6.6
Klickitat	13.8	14.5	11.3	6.4	5.8	9.3	6.5	5.9		5.5	5.1	8.3
Lewis	14.5	14.9	11.9	6.0	6.3	8.7	6.4	6.1		5.8	5.0	7.4

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County Uninsured Rate (Percent), Washington State, 2012–19 and 2021–23 (continued)

County	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Lincoln	9.6	11.5	7.5	4.1	5.1	4.3	3.9	3.0		5.4	4.2	3.0
Mason	17.2	21.4	9.1	7.3	5.9	6.2	8.4	4.0		6.9	7.7	8.9
Okanogan	21.3	20.3	13.7	10.4	12.0	14.1	12.6	8.4		7.5	13.5	12.5
Pacific	12.5	13.2	8.5	5.7	5.3	4.1	5.3	4.0		4.7	5.5	5.6
Pend Oreille	15.5	16.6	10.6	6.9	8.8	7.6	9.3	6.6		3.7	8.1	5.9
Pierce	13.8	13.2	8.3	5.7	4.7	5.5	4.9	5.3		4.5	4.3	4.0
San Juan	10.2	11.6	7.6	3.7	4.1	4.2	4.1	5.0		4.8	3.2	3.6
Skagit	14.2	13.8	10.8	4.9	5.2	5.6	6.0	6.7		6.1	4.6	3.8
Skamania	13.3	14.5	10.9	5.4	6.5	8.5	5.8	6.0		5.2	4.3	7.3
Snohomish	13.5	12.8	7.5	5.4	4.7	4.4	6.5	6.6		4.0	5.0	4.7
Spokane	12.7	15.8	7.4	5.1	4.6	4.2	4.9	5.9		4.3	3.6	3.9
Stevens	16.0	16.3	10.4	7.0	8.9	7.7	9.8	7.0		4.1	8.3	7.0
Thurston	14.1	11.9	7.1	6.1	3.9	3.0	4.6	5.7		3.5	3.5	2.8
Wahkiakum	10.6	11.0	7.2	4.1	4.2	3.4	3.7	3.5		3.3	3.9	4.7
Walla Walla	19.2	18.0	14.1	8.7	7.0	8.0	10.1	10.9		6.1	6.9	8.1
Whatcom	13.2	14.6	6.9	7.2	5.6	4.9	5.8	6.4		4.4	4.8	3.1
Whitman	13.2	15.3	10.8	6.5	6.7	4.2	5.0	4.5		9.6	6.6	4.3
Yakima	23.0	25.9	11.6	10.5	10.3	9.0	15.1	10.6		11.2	9.5	10.0
State	13.8	14.1	8.2	5.8	5.4	5.5	6.2	6.1		5.3	4.7	4.8

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