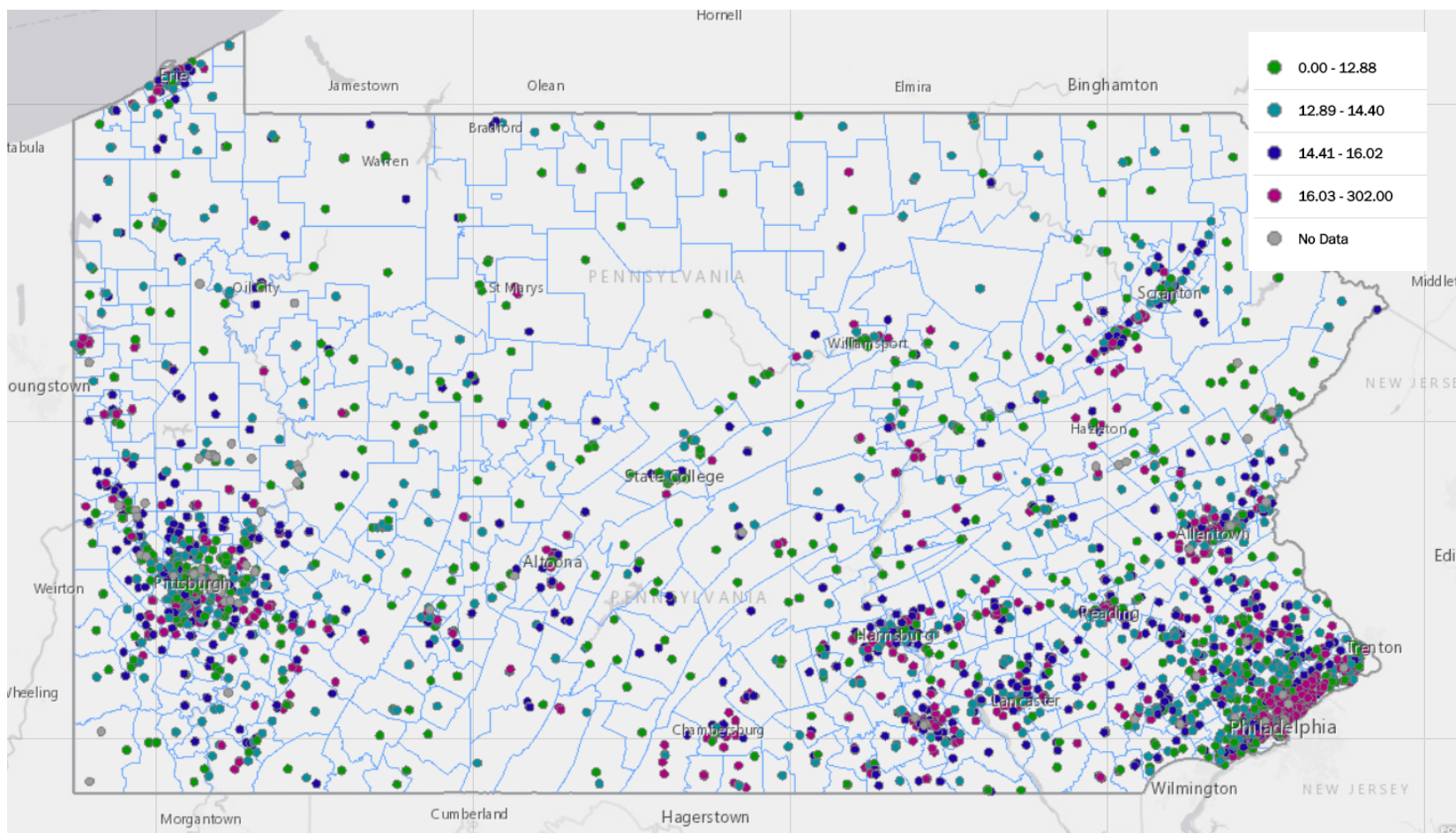


Pennsylvania's Teacher Shortage Could Affect Urban Areas Hardest

The U.S. Department of Education has warned that Pennsylvania, like many other states, is facing a shortage of teachers. The state will soon be hit with a wave of retirements, and there are fewer college students majoring in education to replace those who retire. Making matters more stressful, is that the teacher shortage more severely affects low-income, high-minority schools, according to the Economic Policy Institute. The map below shows the student/teacher ratio across Pennsylvania, with the higher ratios often concentrated in heavily urban areas, much the same as low-income, high-minority populations.



Source: Nationals Center for Education Statistics, 2015