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The Locations Taking Aim at Data Centers

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Maine looks poised to become the first state to freeze building of new data centers with legislation that could pass this spring, but community backlash against these properties is spreading across the country. Lawmakers in Virginia and Texas lead the country in data-center construction, with 579 and 411 server farms, respectively, according to the industry website Data Center Map. The more than 10 states have proposed temporary bans on data-center construction this year. Dozens of county and city governments have already passed such measures.

Below is a map of bans that have been proposed or passed, though it may not include every such proposal that exists.

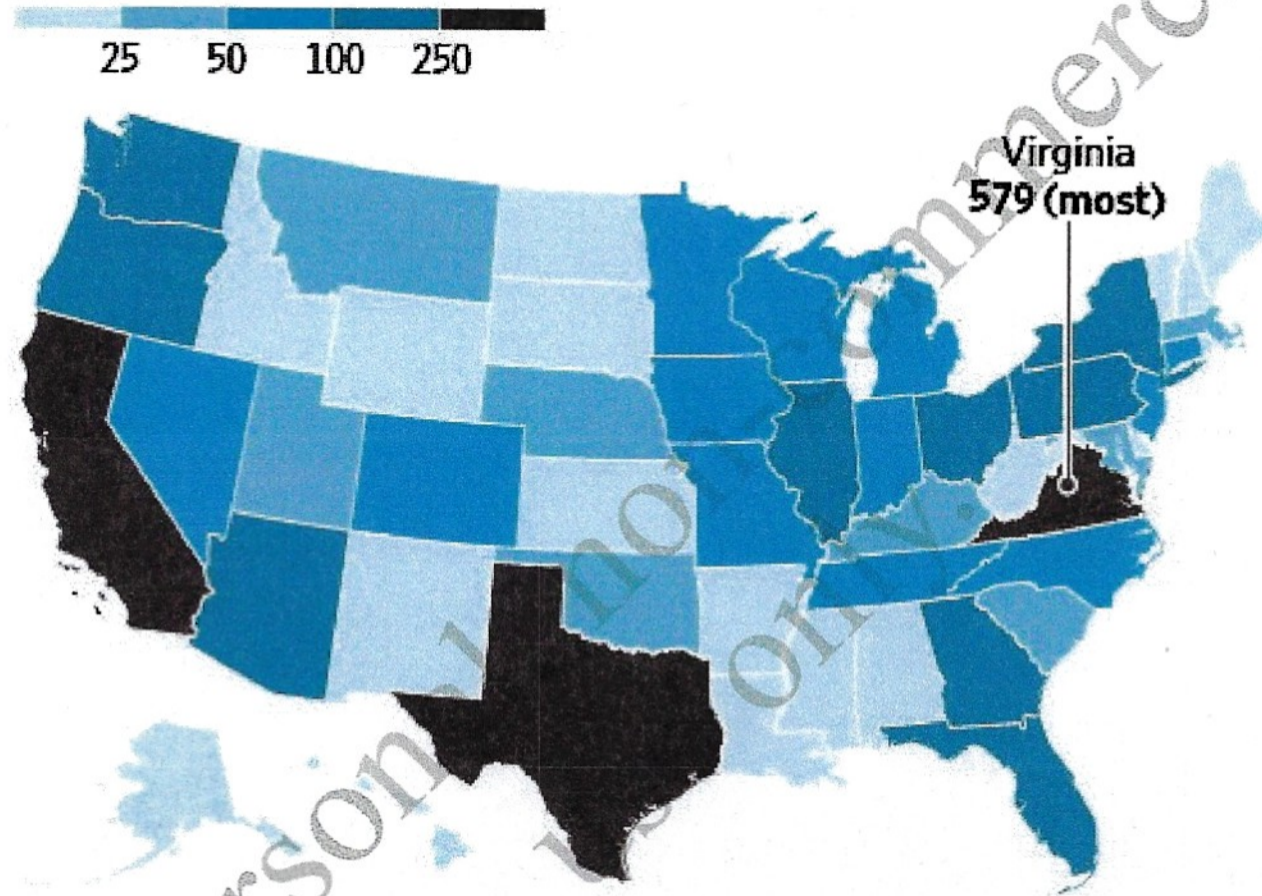
data-center boom today is driven by the construction of large properties for training and operating artificial intelligence, or so-called hyperscale data centers.

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Number of data centers by state



Source: Data Center Map

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