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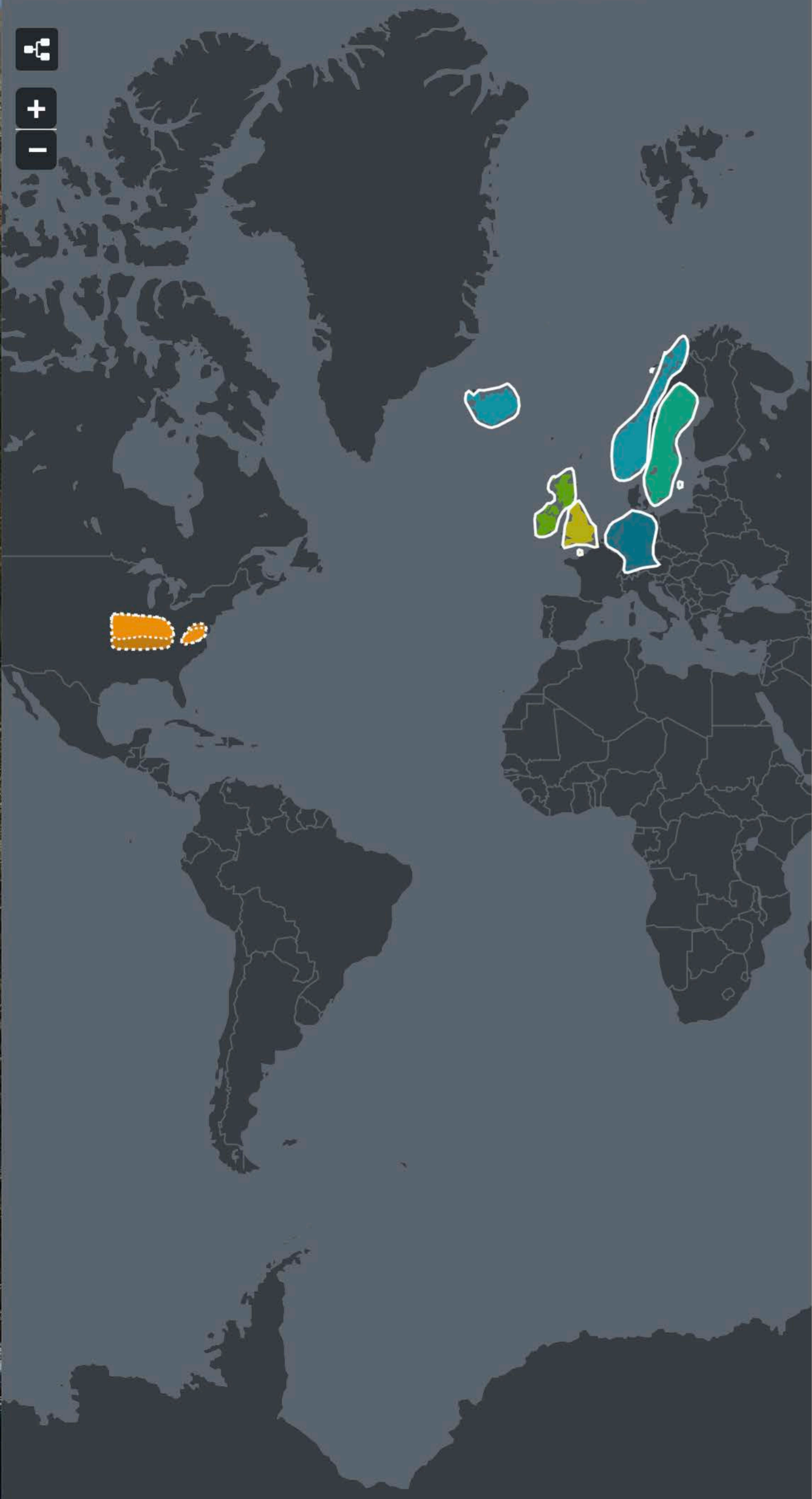
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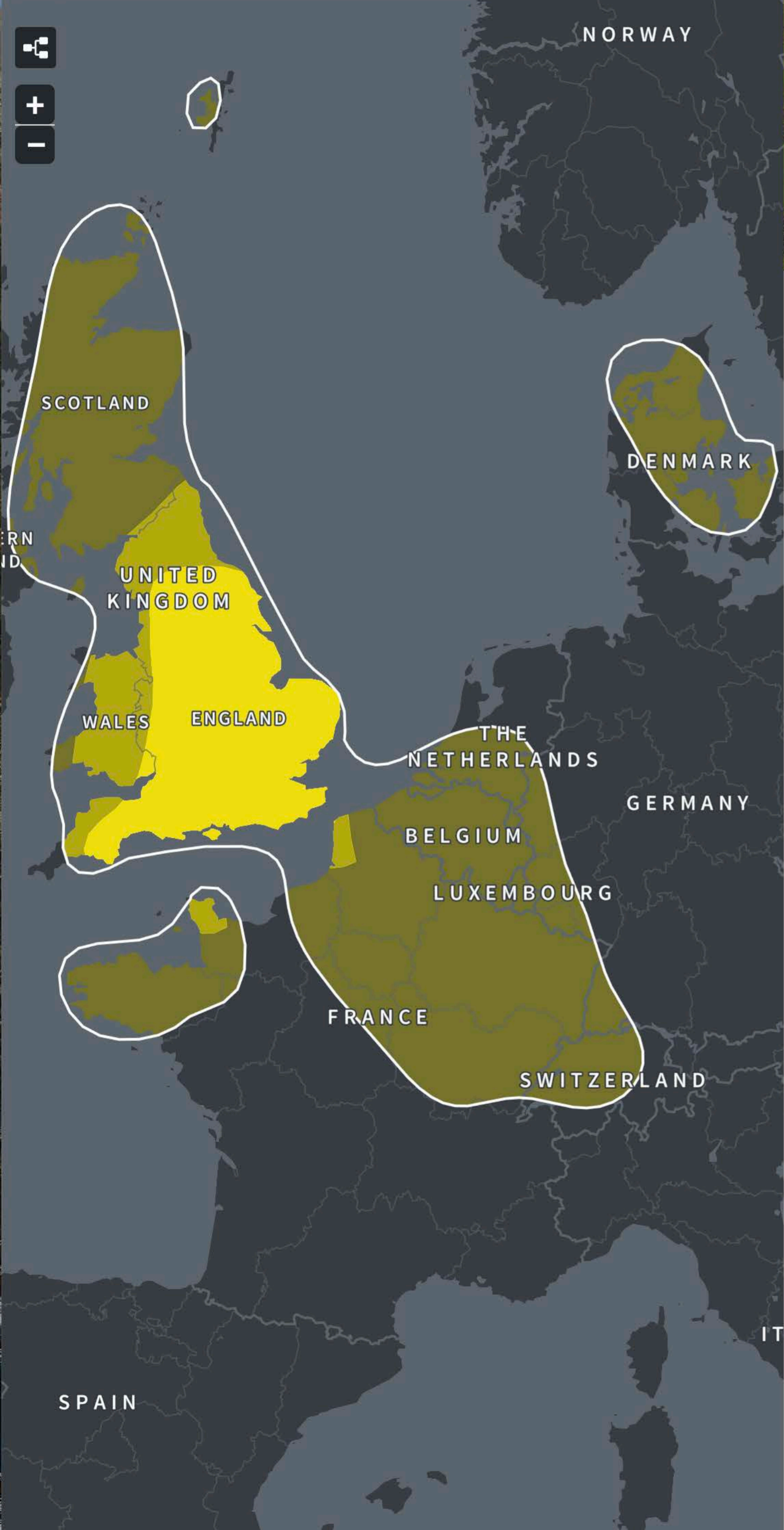
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England, Wales & Northwestern Europe

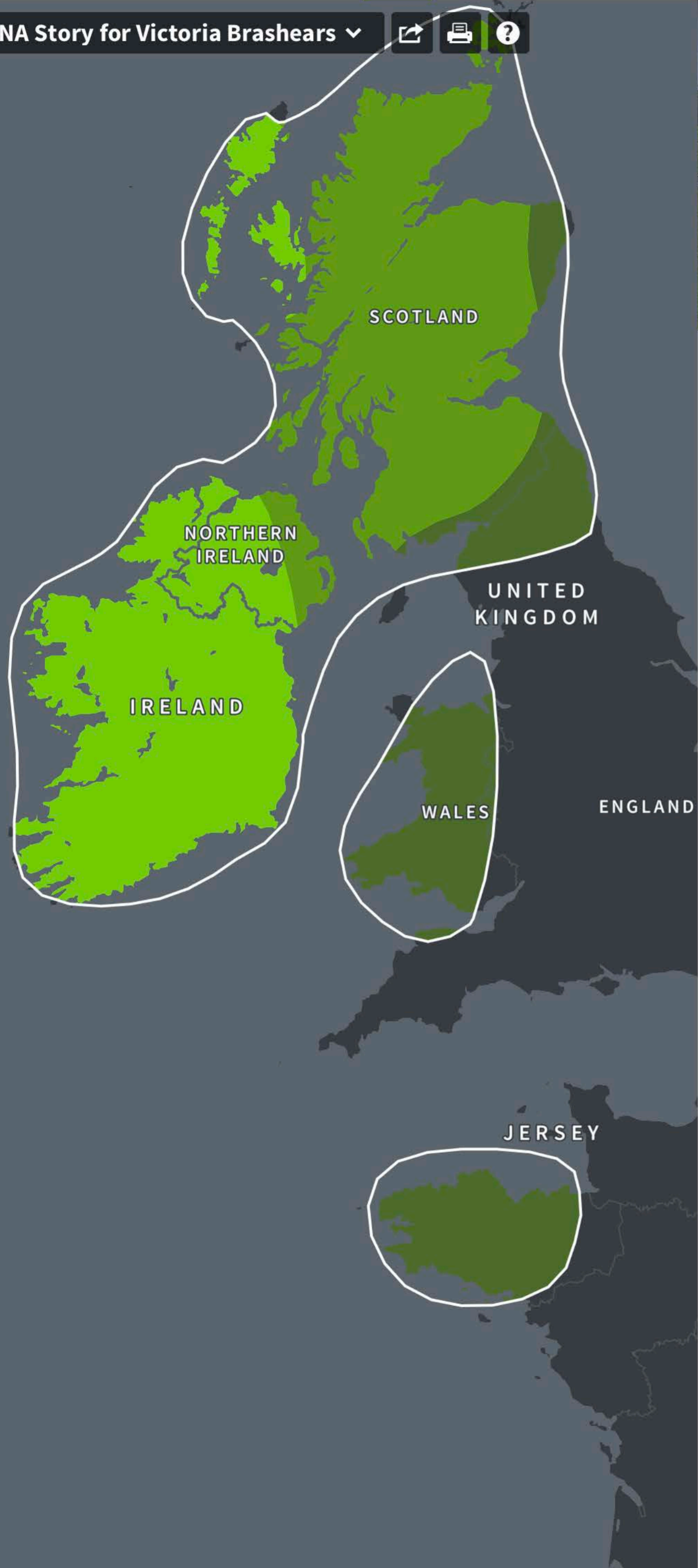
Primarily located in: Belgium, Channel Islands, England, Wales



About this Region

The history of Britain, the heart of our England, Wales & Northwestern Europe region, is often presented as one group of invaders after another displacing the native population. The Romans, Anglo-Saxons, Vikings, and Normans all left their mark on Britain both politically and culturally. However, the story of Britain is far more complex. In fact, modern studies suggest the earliest populations weren't wiped out, but adapted and absorbed the new arrivals.

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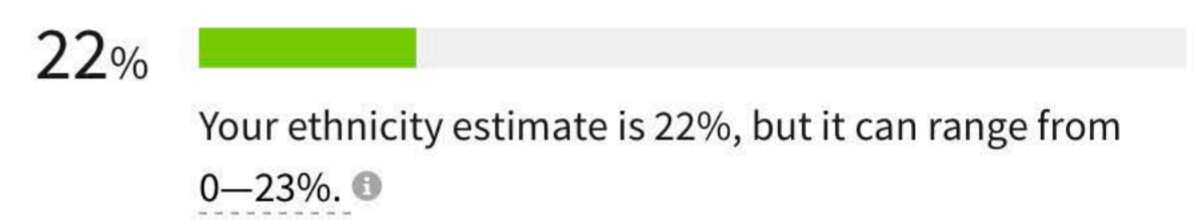
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Ireland & Scotland

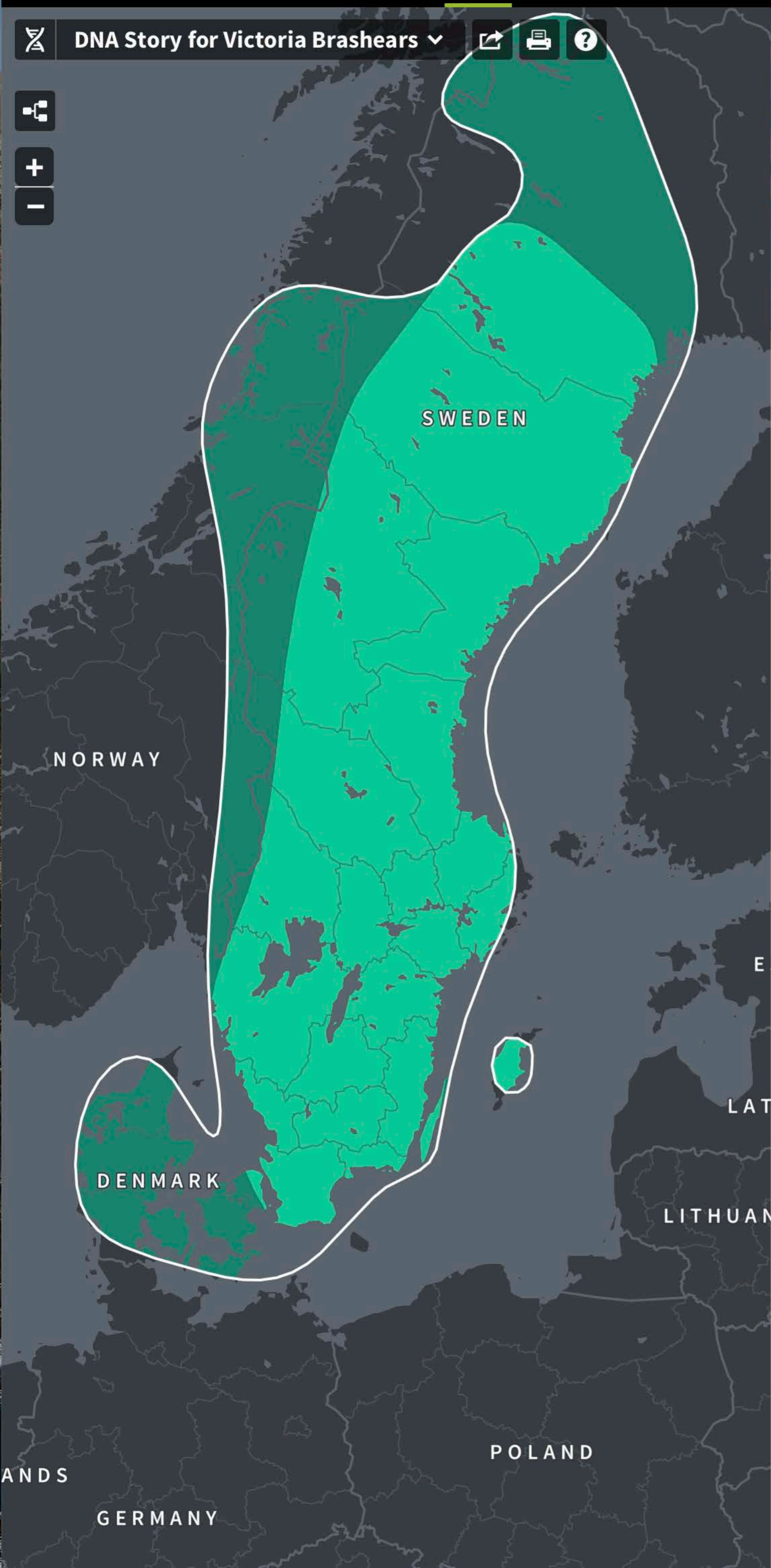
Primarily located in: Ireland, Isle of Man, Northern Ireland, Scotland



About this Region

Located among the isles of the eastern North Atlantic Ocean, our Ireland and Scotland region remains linked to Celtic culture. Here, along with a handful of other isolated communities within the British Isles, you can find some of the last holdouts of the ancient Celtic languages that were once spoken throughout much of Western Europe. And though closely tied to Great Britain, both geographically and historically, people in this region have maintained their unique character through the centuries.

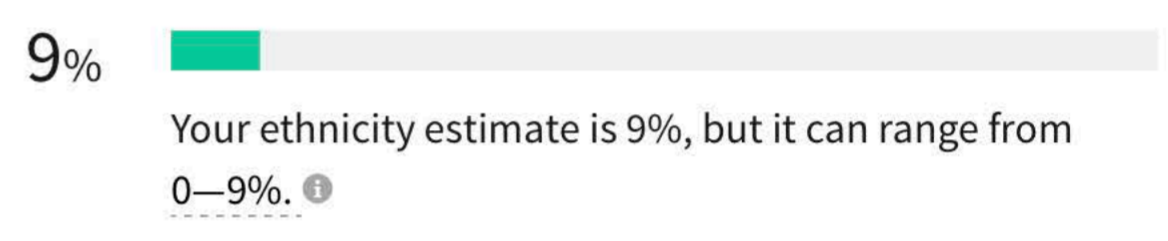
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Sweden

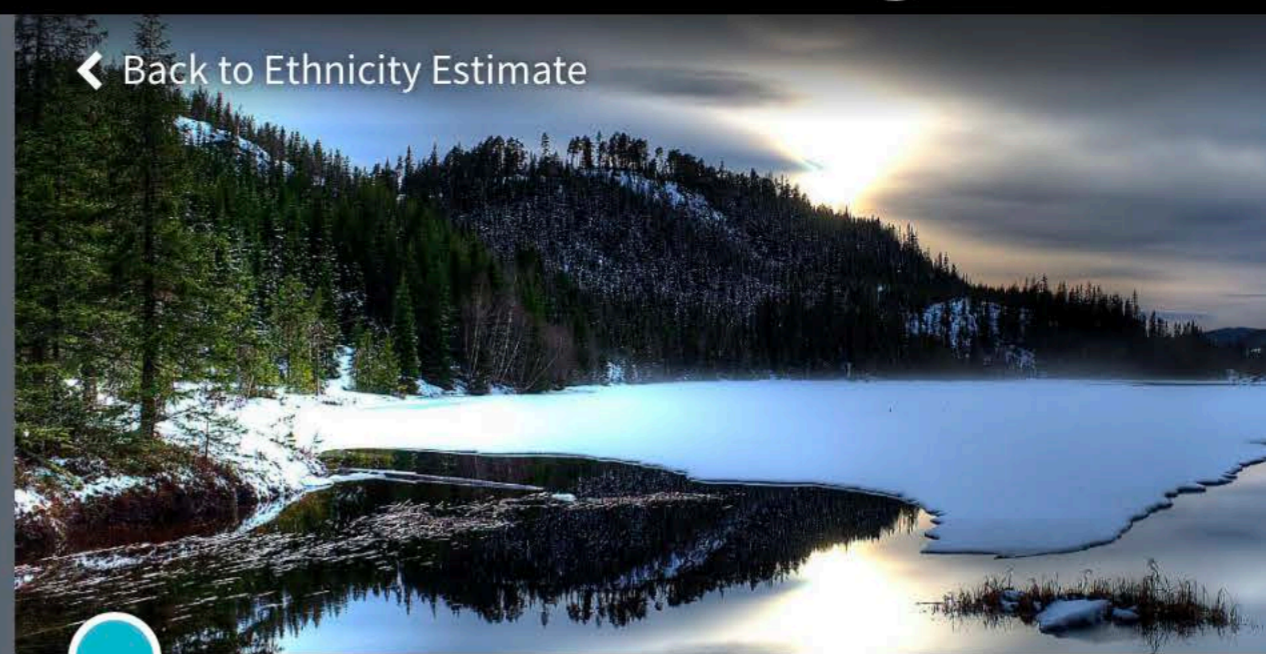
Primarily located in: Sweden



About this Region

With its rocky coastline, wooded uplands, and subarctic, mountainous terrain, our Sweden region emerged from glacial ice as a rugged land of lakes and islands. The Swedish people share a common Norse heritage with Norway and, especially, Denmark that includes language, religion, and art, but they eventually developed a culture of their own. Situated north of the Baltic Sea, geographic isolation from conflicts raging on the European continent did not stop the Swedes from influencing the culture, trade, and politics of regions from the Volga River to Byzantium.

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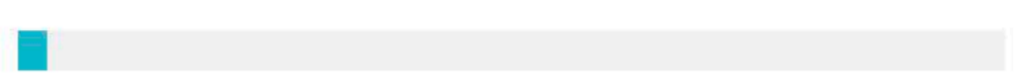


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Norway

Primarily located in: Iceland, Norway

3%



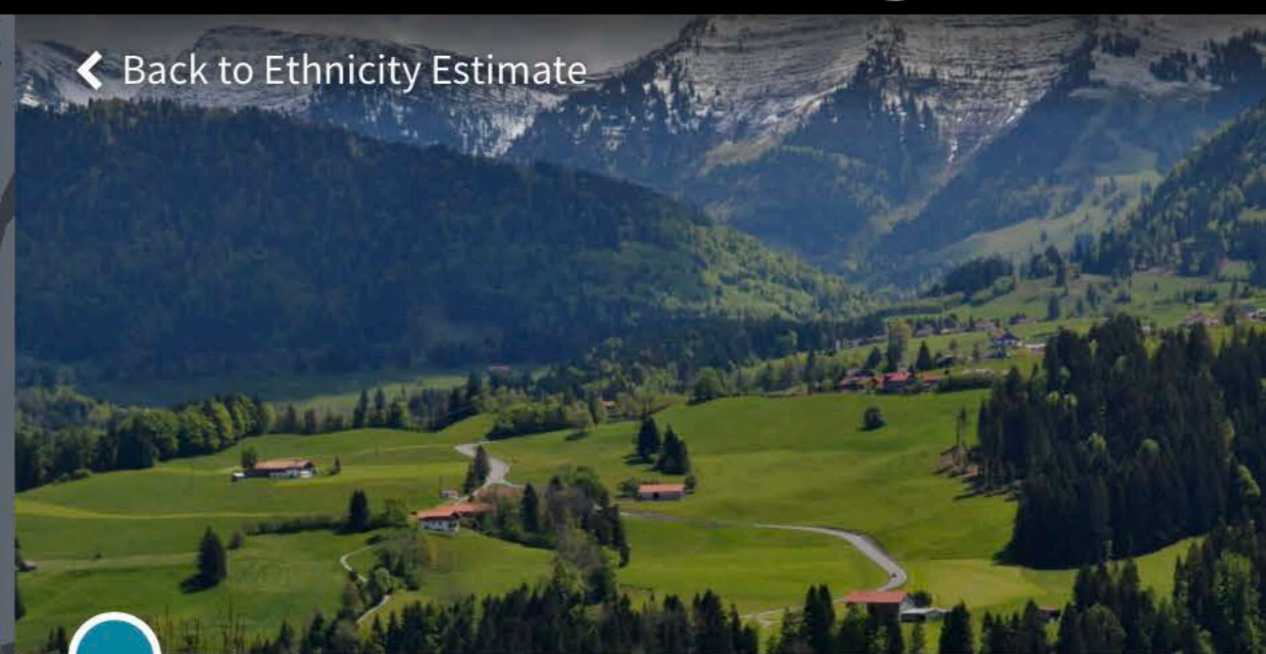
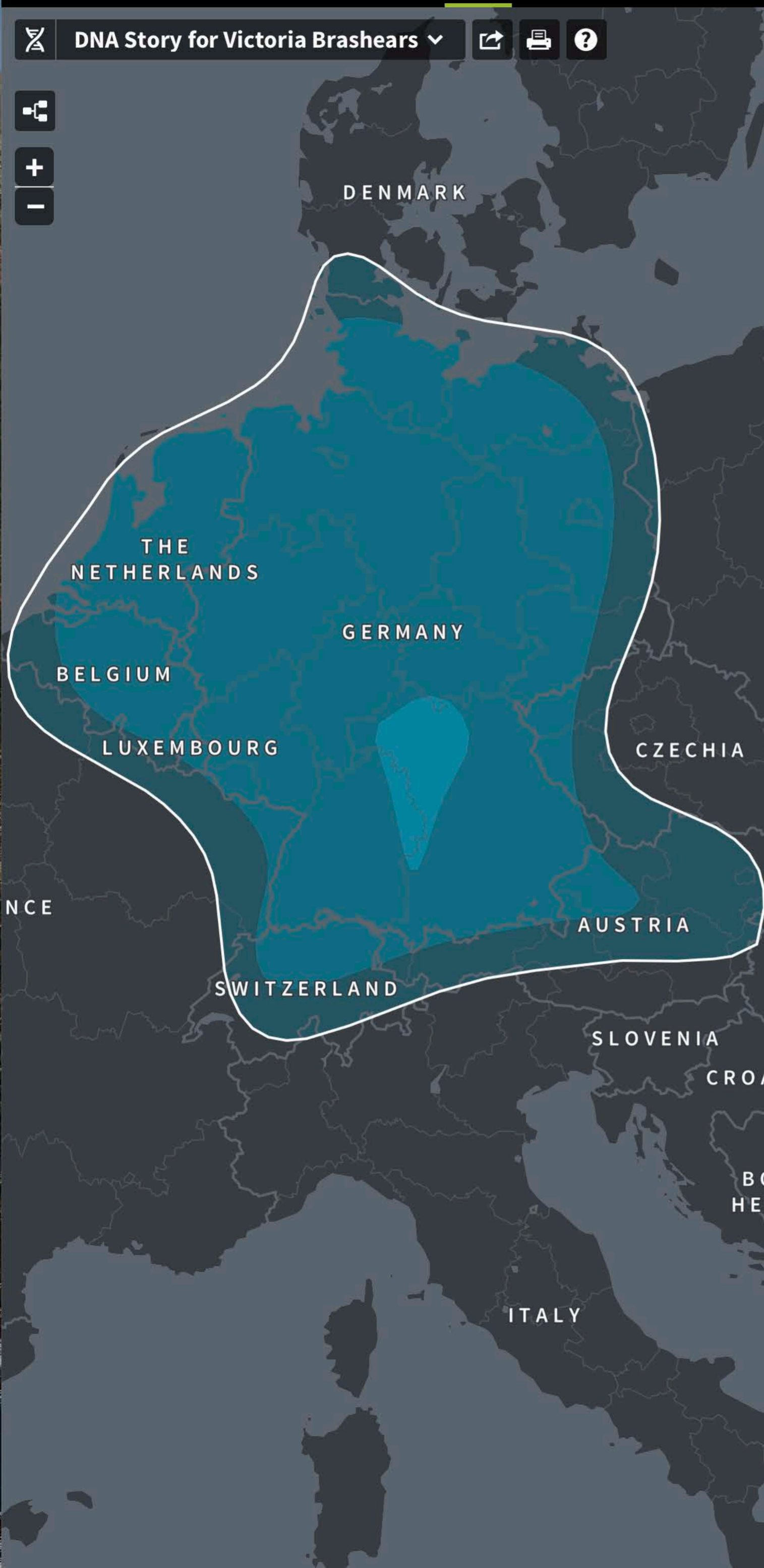
Your ethnicity estimate is 3%, but it can range from 0—9%.

About this Region

The earliest inhabitants of our Norway region were strong, seafaring peoples. For centuries, hunter-gatherers slowly pushed north across the Baltic Sea, probing coastal fjords and inland stretches for arable land as ice melted off the untamed region. While Norwegians, Swedes, and Danes all share a common Norse heritage, over time, Norway's resilient coastal communities evolved into a nation known for its seamanship, technology, artistry, and mythology.

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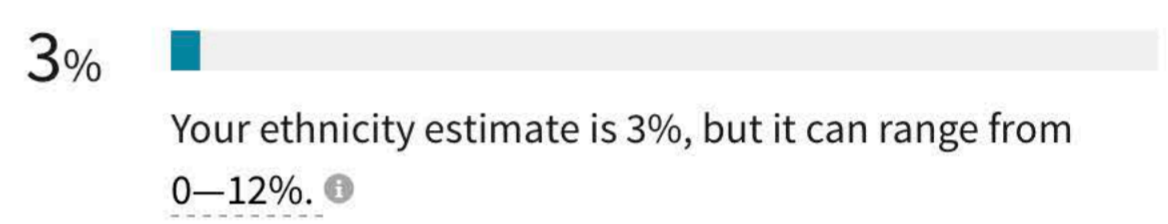




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Germanic Europe

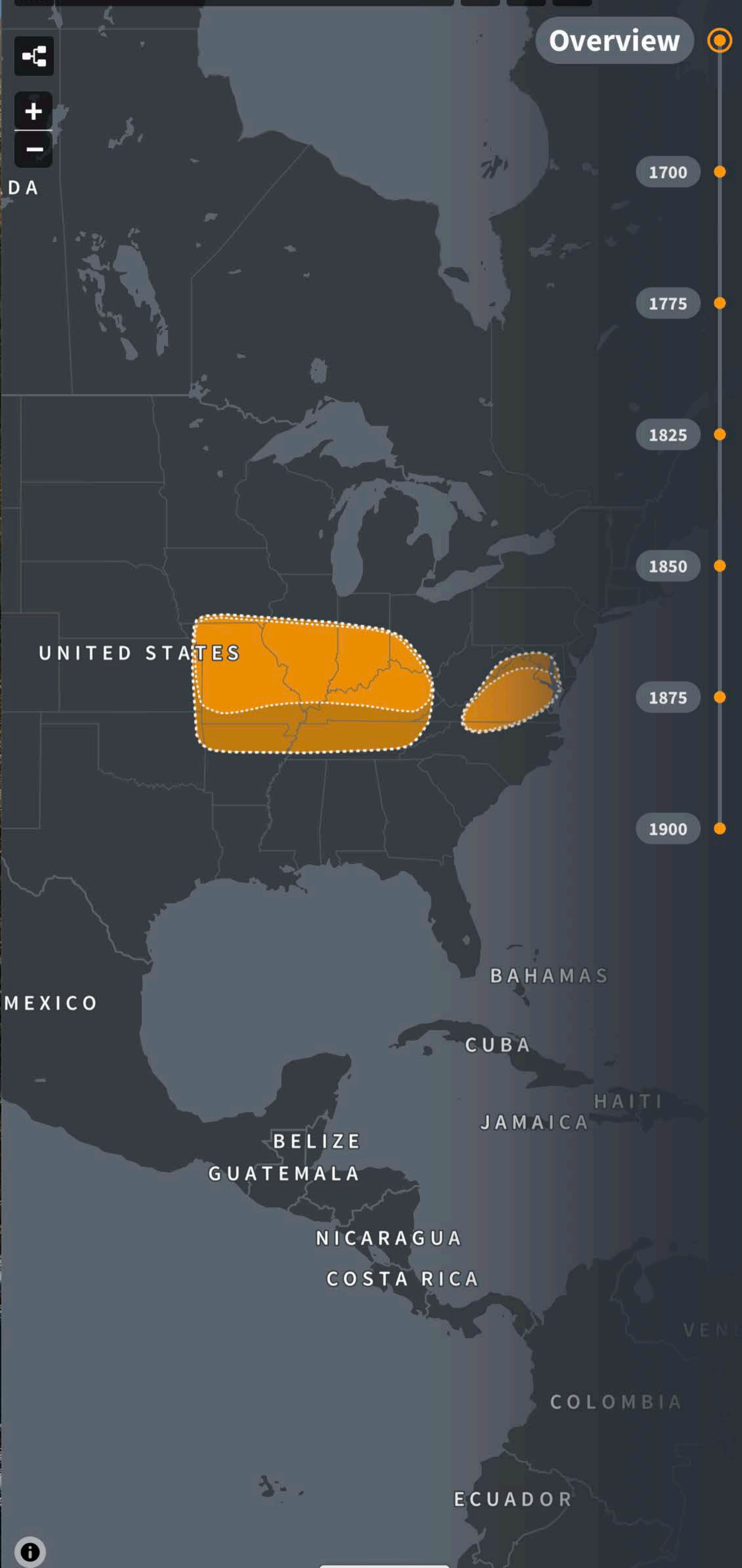
Primarily located in: Germany



About this Region

The dramatic landscape of our Germanic Europe region rises from Dutch and German lowlands along the North Sea through forested uplands to Austria's Alps in the south. The German people were united by language and culture before Germany became a united country in 1871. Known as *Das Land der Dichter und Denker* ("the land of poets and thinkers"), Germany is home to some of the oldest universities in the world, and this region has a long tradition of producing world-class scientists, inventors, theologians, artists, and composers.

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COMMUNITY

Lower Midwest & Virginia Settlers

 **2,043,657 AncestryDNA members**

You, and all the members of this community, are linked through shared ancestors. You probably have family who lived in this area for years—and maybe still do.

Use the timeline to explore what their life might have been like.


The more specific places within this region where your family was likely from.

 **Lower Midwest Settlers**


 **Virginia Settlers**

Featured Matches


These are some of your matches who also belong to this community.



debjackson59
2nd Cousin



Kenya Kent
2nd Cousin



vlh10271
3rd Cousin

Community History

Kentucky fever lured one-time English, German, and Scots-Irish immigrants and their descendants further west looking for land. Roads, steamboats, and canals helped transform the frontier into settled farms, thriving towns, and even major cities in a matter of decades. The Civil War hit hard, dividing states and sometimes families. The years that followed saw the steady march of generations leaving the land for jobs in manufacturing and oil but taking their roots with them.