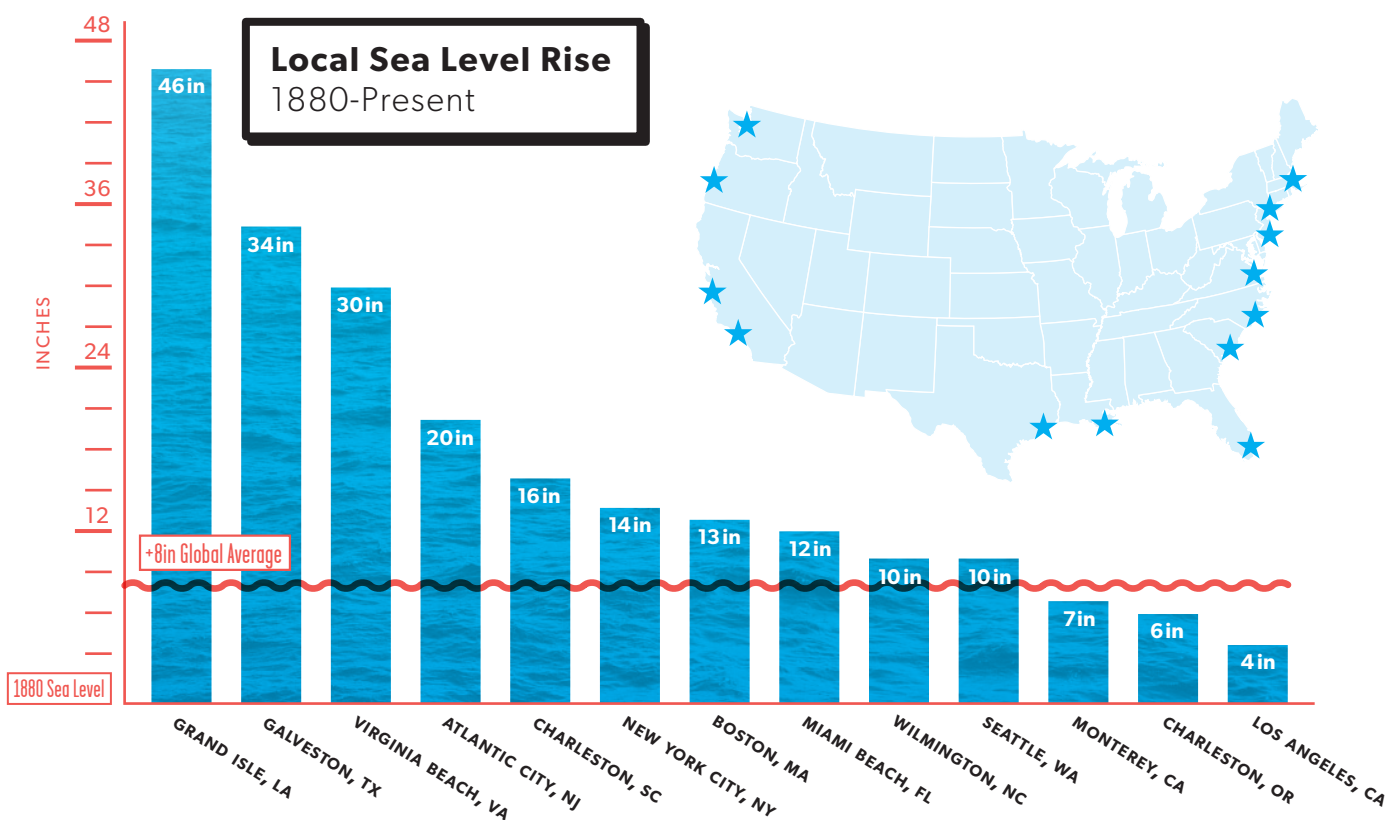


Global average sea level has increased 8 inches since 1880. Sea levels along the U.S. East Coast and Gulf of Mexico are rising **much faster**.



The rate of local sea level rise varies depending on both global and local factors, including currents, ocean floor topography, variations in ocean density, and land uplift or subsidence due to geological reasons or human activities.