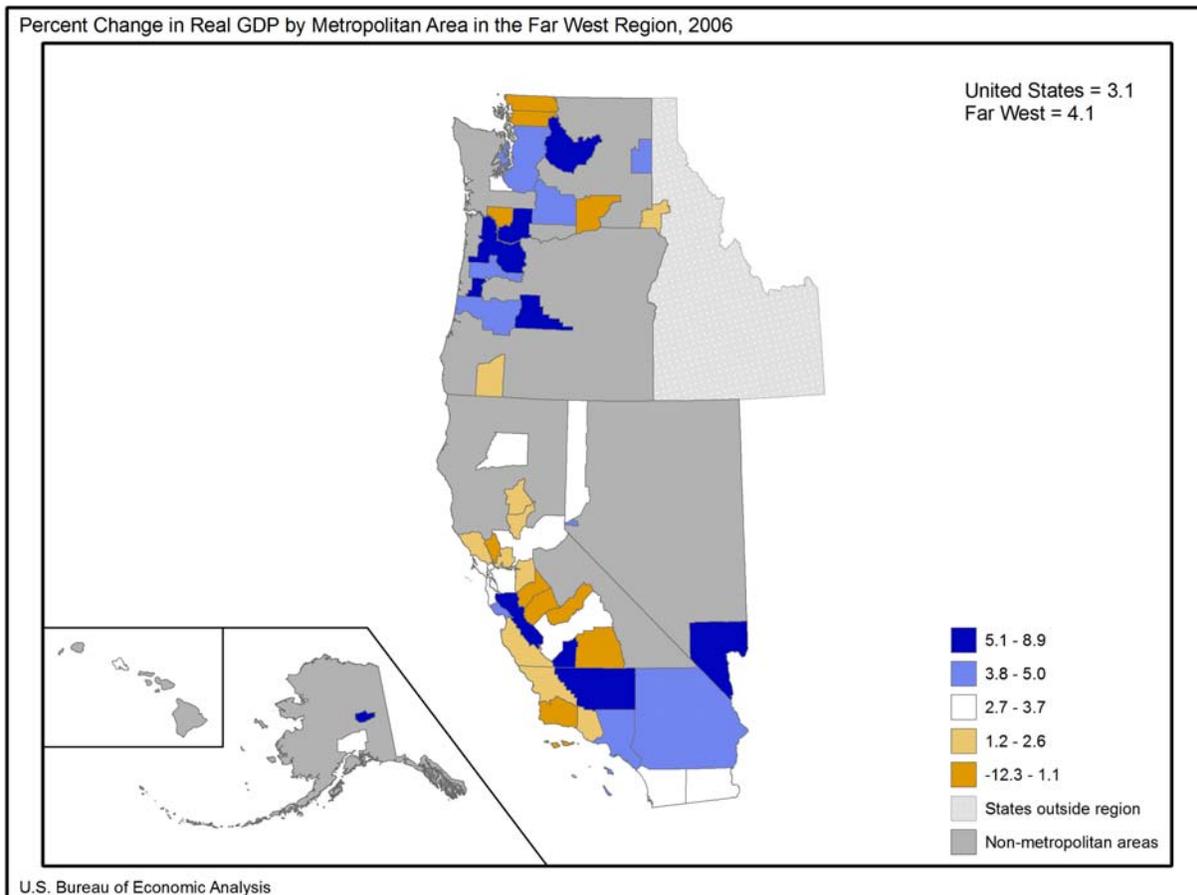


## FAR WEST GROWTH FASTER THAN THE NATION

*Statistics for GDP by Metropolitan Area*



- Real GDP grew in 44 of the 49 metropolitan areas in the Far West region in 2006. Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton, OR-WA had the fastest growth in the region (8.9 percent). In contrast, the Mount Vernon-Anacortes, WA metropolitan area had the largest contraction (-12.3 percent).
- The information industry grew 6.9 percent in the Far West region in 2006 and accounted for 23 percent of the nation's GDP in this industry.
- Metropolitan areas of the Far West produce a large share of the nation's GDP in: publishing including software; information and data processing services; computer and electronic product manufacturing; forestry, fishing, and related activities; and motion picture and sound recording industries.
- Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA—the largest metropolitan area economy in the region and the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest in the United States—grew 4.4 percent in 2006. San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA—the second largest metropolitan area economy in the region and the 8<sup>th</sup> largest in the United States—grew 3.7 percent in 2006.
- San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA had the highest per capita real GDP in the region (\$76,290), while Madera, CA had the lowest (\$19,542).

BEA data—including GDP, personal income, the balance of payments, foreign direct investment, the input-output accounts, and economic data for states, local areas, and industries—are available on the BEA Web site: [www.bea.gov](http://www.bea.gov). [E-mail](#) alerts are also available.

NOTE: The next release of GDP by metropolitan area will be in September 2009.