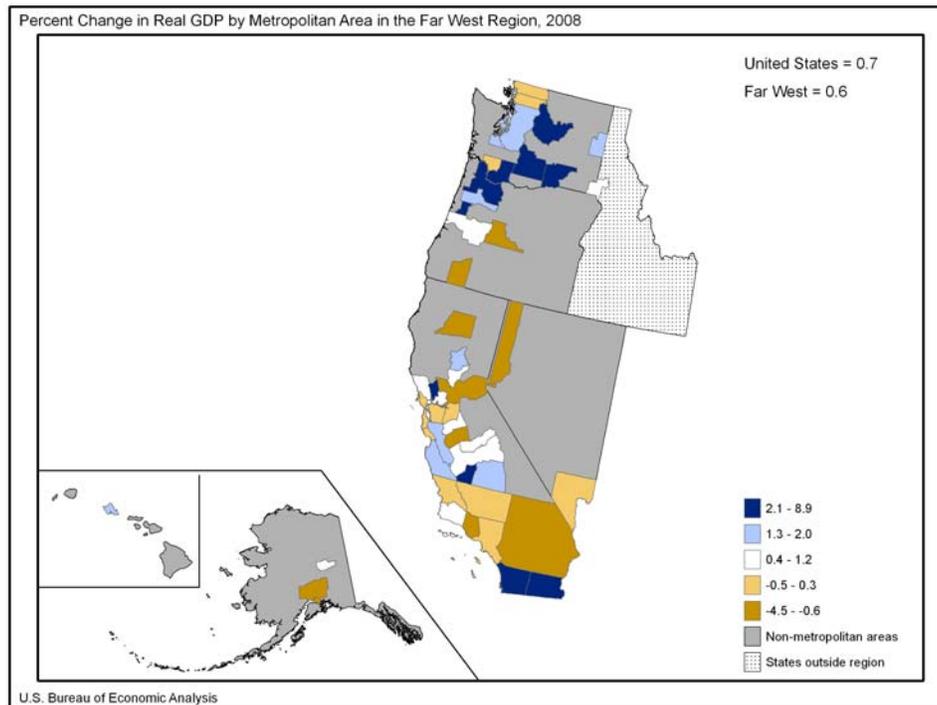


FAR WEST GROWTH NEAR U.S. PACE IN 2008

Accelerated Statistics of GDP by Metropolitan Area



- Real GDP growth slowed in 28 of the 48 metropolitan areas wholly contained in this region, with downturns in the construction and finance and insurance industries restraining the region's growth. By contrast, the professional and technical services industry contributed the most to the region's growth.
- The economies of 16 metropolitan areas wholly contained in the region contracted. The largest contraction occurred in Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura, CA (-4.5 percent) was caused by declines in the financial activities sector and in nondurable goods manufacturing.
- Growth in real GDP ranged from -4.5 percent to 8.9 percent with the fastest growth occurring in Corvallis, OR and Kennewick-Pasco-Richland, WA. Growth in each of these metropolitan areas was driven by durable goods manufacturing, and professional and technical services, respectively.
- Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA, the second largest metropolitan area in the nation, grew by 0.3 percent, spurred by the professional and technical services, and information industries sectors.
- San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA had the highest per-capita real GDP in the region and in the nation (\$82,880), while El Centro, CA had the lowest (\$20,207) in the region.

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. [E-mail](#) alerts are also available.

NOTE: The next release of GDP by metropolitan area will be in February 2011.