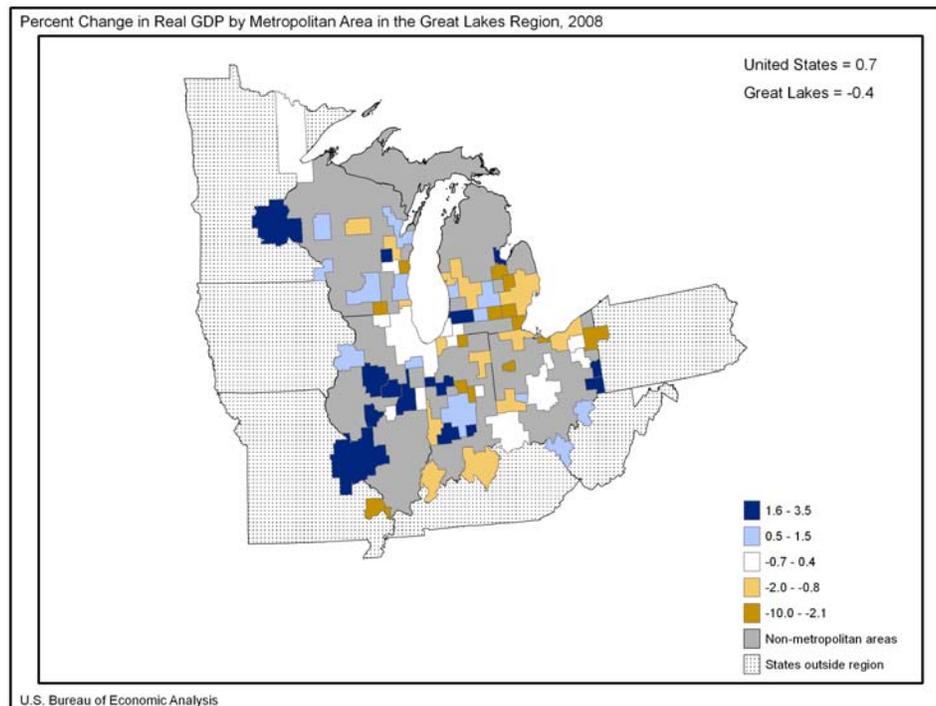


GDP DECLINES IN THE GREAT LAKES IN 2008

Accelerated Statistics of GDP by Metropolitan Area



- Real GDP growth slowed in 38 of the 56 metropolitan areas wholly contained in this region. The durable goods manufacturing industry contributed the most to the decline in real GDP for the region. This region accounts for 23 percent of the nation's GDP in this industry group.
- The real GDP for 30 of 56 metropolitan areas wholly contained in the Great Lakes region contracted in 2008. Kokomo, IN and Elkhart-Goshen, IN contracted the most (-10.0 percent and -9.1 percent, respectively), driven by the decline in the manufacturing sector.
- Growth in real GDP ranged from -10.0 percent to 3.5 percent with the fastest growth occurring in Champaign-Urbana, IL and Bloomington-Normal, IL. Growth in each of these metropolitan areas was driven by the real estate, rental, and leasing, and management of companies and enterprises sectors, respectively.
- Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL-IN-WI, the largest metropolitan area in the region and the third largest in the nation, contracted (-0.4 percent), driven by finance and insurance, real estate, rental, and leasing, and manufacturing sectors.
- Detroit-Warren-Livonia, MI, the second largest metropolitan area in the region, contracted (-1.9 percent) driven by the decline in durable goods manufacturing.
- Madison, WI had the highest per-capita real GDP in the region (\$49,399), while Monroe, MI had the lowest (\$21,327).

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.