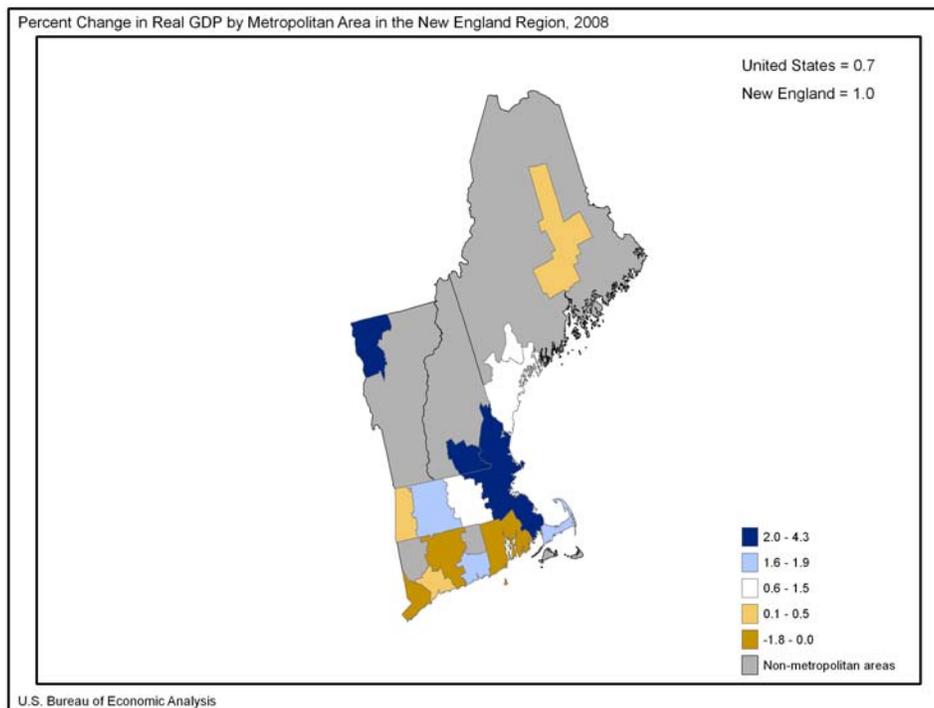


## NEW ENGLAND GROWTH NEAR NATIONAL LEVEL IN 2008

*Accelerated Statistics of GDP by Metropolitan Area*



- Real GDP growth slowed in 8 of the 15 metropolitan areas wholly contained in this region. Downturns in nondurable goods manufacturing and construction restrained the region's growth. By contrast, professional and technical services contributed the most to the region's growth.
- The economies of two metropolitan areas contracted—Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT (-1.8 percent) and Providence-New Bedford-Fall River, RI-MA (-0.4 percent). In Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk the decline in real GDP was largely due to a contraction in financial activities and construction, while in Providence-New Bedford-Fall River it was primarily caused by a contraction in the trade and construction sectors.
- Growth in real GDP ranged from -1.8 percent to 4.3 percent, with the fastest growth occurring in Manchester-Nashua, NH. Unlike most areas, the real estate and rental and leasing sector was strong, spurring growth in this metropolitan area.
- Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA-NH—the ninth largest metropolitan area in the nation—grew by 2.0 percent, spurred by the professional and technical services sector.
- Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT had the highest per capita real GDP in the region (\$78,188) and second highest in the nation (to San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA at \$82,880), while Springfield, MA had the lowest (\$26,811).

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 February 2011.