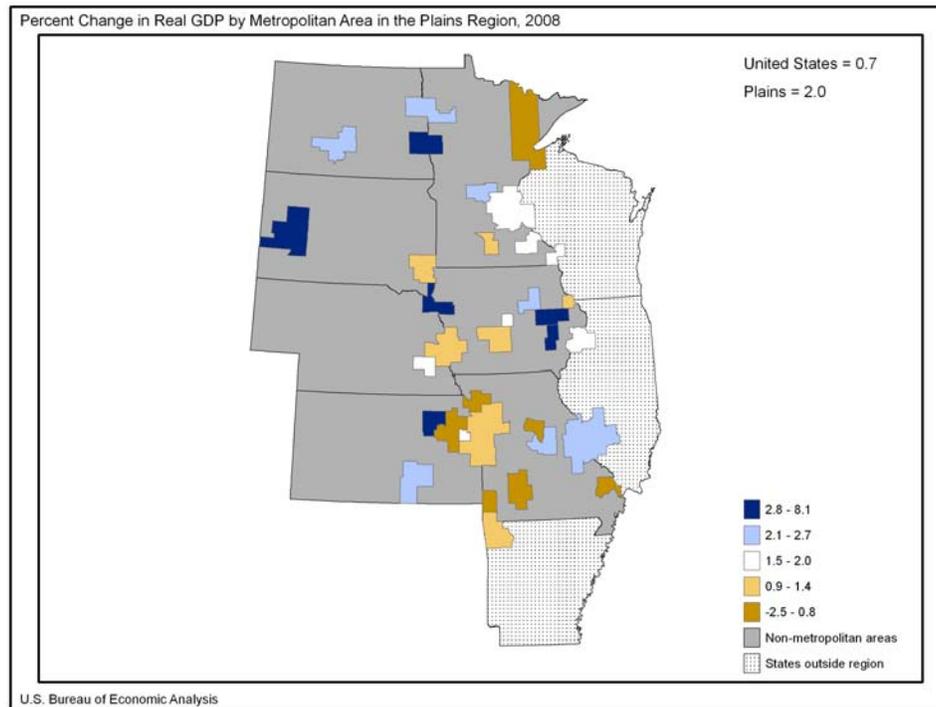


GROWTH IN THE PLAINS OUTPACES U.S. IN 2008

Accelerated Statistics of GDP by Metropolitan Area



- Real GDP growth slowed in 17 of the 27 metropolitan areas wholly contained in this region. Downturns in transportation and warehousing restrained growth in the region. By contrast, the professional and technical services industry contributed the most to the region's growth.
- St. Joseph, MO-KS was the only metropolitan area that contracted (-1.1 percent). This decline in real GDP was largely due to a contraction in natural resources and mining and nondurable goods manufacturing.
- Growth in real GDP of wholly contained metropolitan areas ranged from -1.1 percent to 8.1 percent with the fastest growth occurring in Manhattan, KS and Fargo, ND-MN. Growth in these two metropolitan areas was driven by the government and real estate, rental and leasing sectors, respectively.
- Kansas City, MO-KS, the largest metropolitan area in the region, grew by 1.3 percent, spurred by the professional and technical services, and real estate, rental, and leasing sectors.
- Sioux Falls, SD had the highest per-capita real GDP in the region (\$51,853), while Lawrence, KS had the lowest (\$24,692).

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.