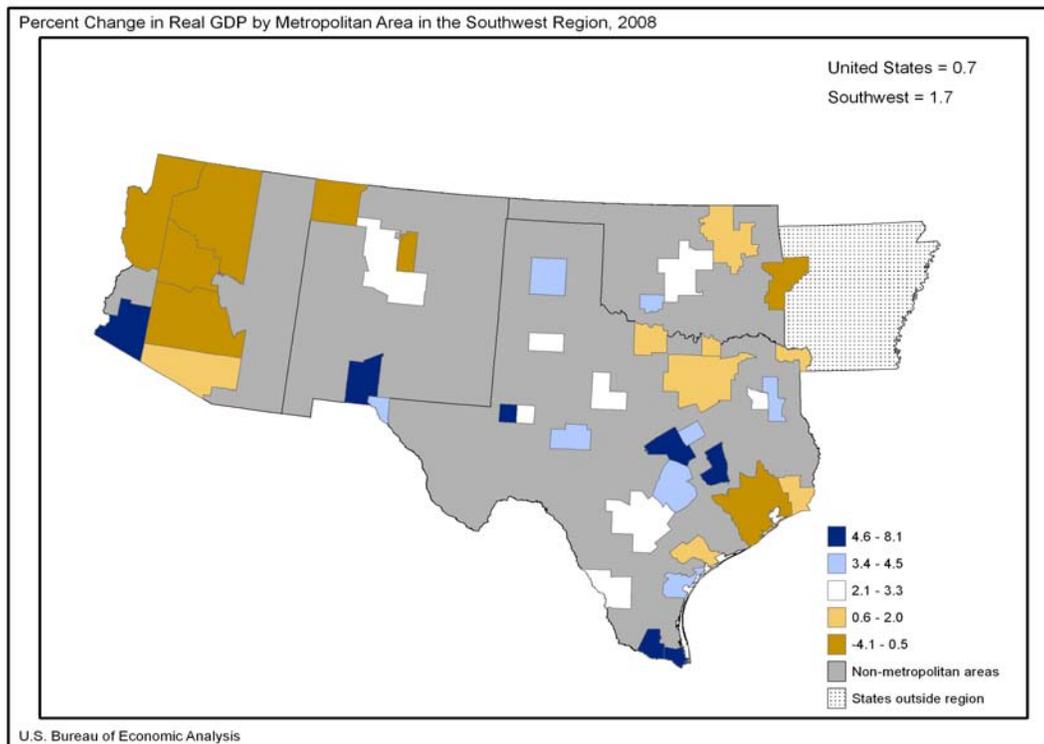


GROWTH IN THE SOUTHWEST OUTPACES U.S. IN 2008

Accelerated Statistics of GDP by Metropolitan Area



- Real GDP growth slowed for 22 of 37 metropolitan areas, with downturns in nondurable goods manufacturing restraining growth. By contrast, professional and technical services contributed the most to growth in this region.
- In 2008, real GDP contracted in five metropolitan areas. Construction contributed the most to the contraction in four of the five metropolitan areas and restrained growth for many metropolitan areas in the region.
- Growth in real GDP ranged from -4.1 percent to 8.1 percent, with the fastest growth occurring in Odessa, TX and Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood, TX. Growth in each of these metropolitan areas was spurred by mining, and government sectors, respectively.
- Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX and Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX—the fourth and sixth largest metropolitan areas in the nation—grew by 0.5 percent and 1.5 percent, respectively, both spurred by the professional and technical services sector.
- Dallas-Forth Worth-Arlington, TX had the highest per-capita real GDP in the region (\$50,067), while Lake Havasu City-Kingman, AZ had the lowest (\$14,873).

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.