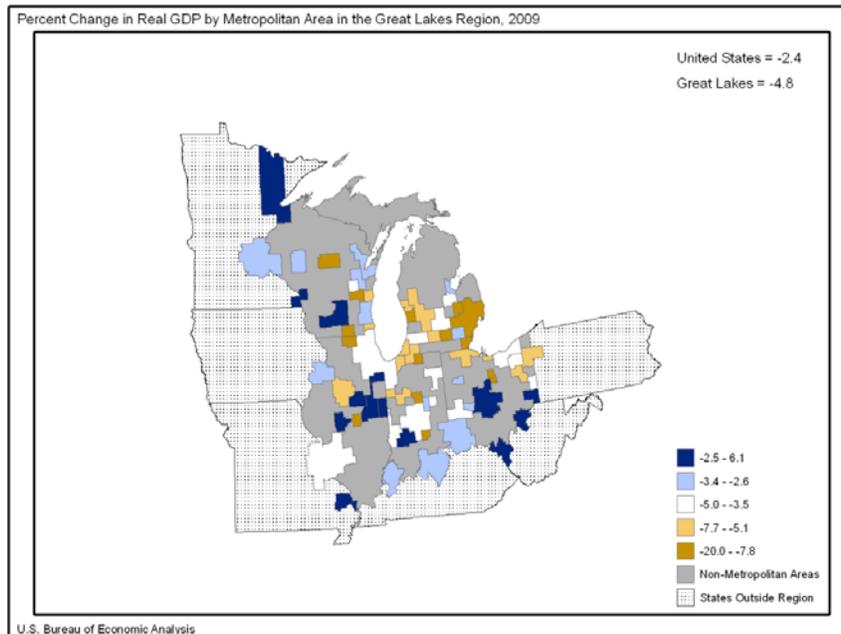


## DECLINES IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION OUTPACE THE U.S. IN 2009

*Advance Statistics for GDP by Metropolitan Area*



- Real GDP declined in 51 of the 56 metropolitan areas wholly contained in this region. Downturns in the durable-goods manufacturing industry restrained the region's growth. By contrast, growth in the finance and insurance sector offset further decline in real GDP.
- Kokomo, IN and Elkhart-Goshen, IN contracted the most (-20.0 percent and -18.3 percent, respectively), driven by the decline in the durable-goods manufacturing sector.
- Growth in real GDP ranged from -20.0 percent to 4.2 percent with the fastest growth occurring in Bloomington-Normal, IL. Growth in this metropolitan area was driven by finance and insurance.
- Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL-IN-WI, the largest metropolitan area in the region and the third largest in the nation, contracted (-4.6 percent), driven by declines in durable-goods manufacturing and construction.
- Detroit-Warren-Livonia, MI, the second largest metropolitan area in the region, contracted (-9.0 percent) driven by the decline in durable-goods manufacturing.

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 on September 13, 2011.