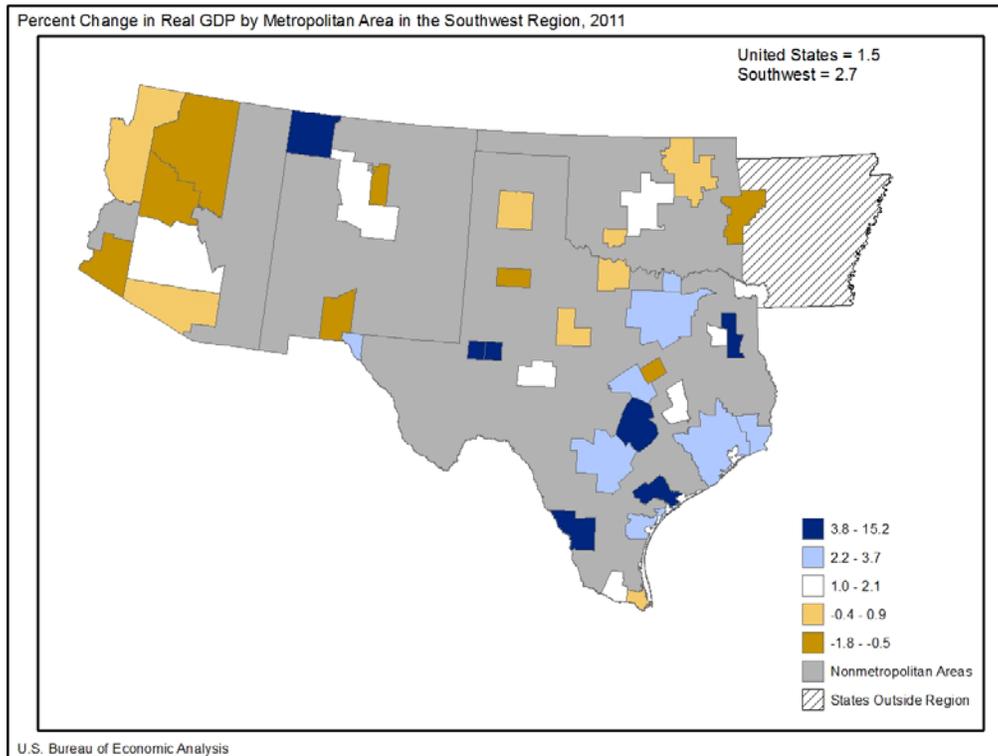


SOUTHWEST GROWTH THE FASTEST IN THE NATION IN 2011

Advance Statistics of GDP by Metropolitan Area



- Real GDP expanded in 29 of the 37 MSAs wholly contained in this region. Durable-goods manufacturing contributed the most to growth in real GDP for the region. This region accounts for 11.6 percent of the nation's current-dollar GDP in durable-goods manufacturing. Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting and utilities restrained growth in the region's GDP.
- Farmington, NM and Midland, TX experienced the largest upturns in real GDP growth due to growth in mining. Farmington, NM growth improved to 4.7 percent in 2011 from -8.0 percent in 2010 (12.7 percentage points), while Midland, TX growth improved to 9.5 percent in 2011 from 2.3 percent in 2010 (7.2 percentage points).
- Percent change in real GDP ranged from -1.8 percent to 15.2 percent with the fastest growth occurring in Odessa, TX and Midland, TX. Growth in each of these metropolitan areas was spurred by mining.
- Real GDP growth in Houston-Sugar Land- Baytown, TX and Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX—the two largest metropolitan areas in the region, and the 5th and 6th largest in the nation—was 3.7 percent and 3.1 percent, respectively, due primarily to growth in durable-goods manufacturing and mining, respectively.

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 September 2013.