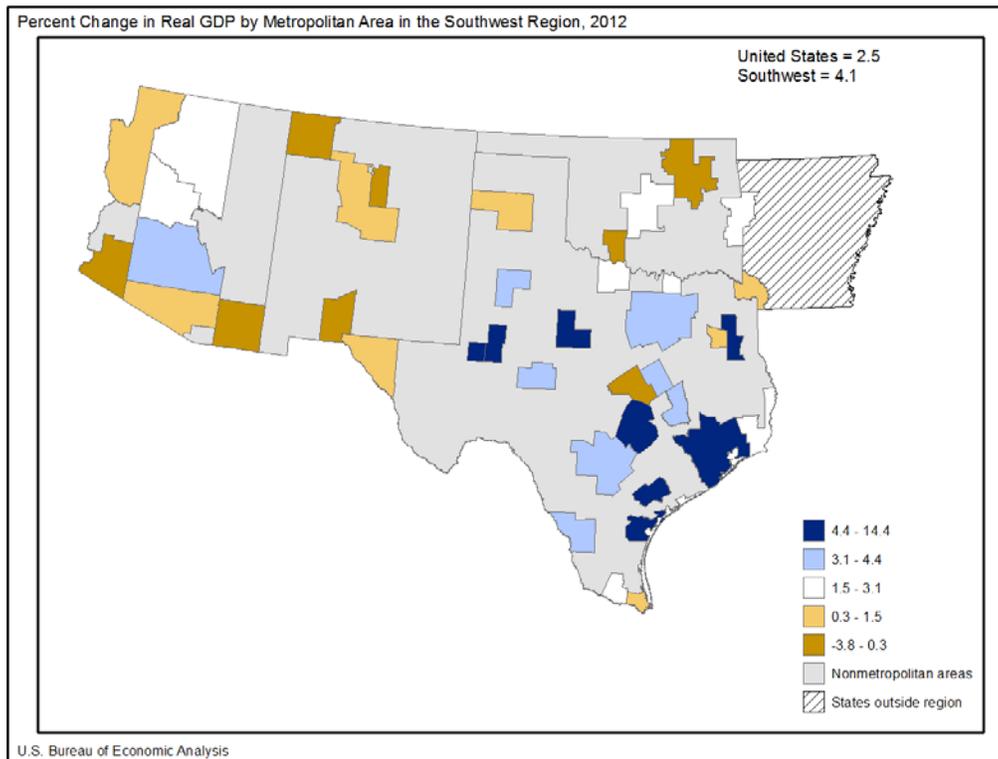


SOUTHWEST GROWTH FASTEST IN THE NATION

Advance Statistics of GDP by Metropolitan Area



- Real GDP expanded in 32 of the 38 MSAs wholly contained in this region. Durable-goods manufacturing contributed the most to growth in real GDP for the region. This region accounts for 12.5 percent of the nation's current-dollar GDP in durable-goods manufacturing. By contrast, government restrained growth in the region's GDP.
- Midland, TX and Lubbock, TX experienced the largest upturns in real GDP growth due to growth in mining and finance and insurance, respectively. Midland, TX growth improved to 14.4 percent in 2012 from 6.3 percent in 2011 (8.2 percentage points), while Lubbock, TX growth improved to 4.3 percent in 2012 from -2.7 percent in 2011 (7.1 percentage points).
- Growth in real GDP ranged from -3.8 percent to 14.4 percent with the fastest growth occurring in Midland, TX and Odessa, TX. Growth in each of these metropolitan areas was spurred by mining.
- Houston-The Woodlands-Sugarland, TX and Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX—the two largest metropolitan areas in the region, and the 4th and 6th largest in the nation—experienced growth (5.3 percent and 4.3 percent, respectively), due to growth in mining and nondurable-goods manufacturing, 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 2014.