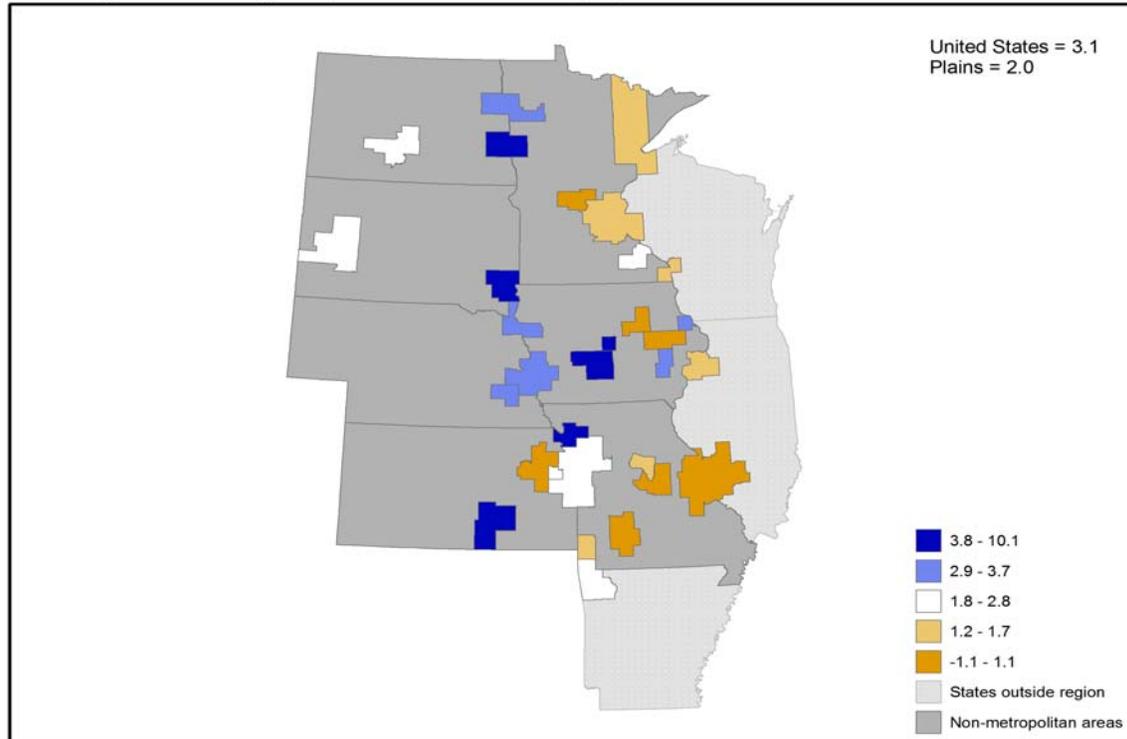


PLAINS REGION SHOWS GAINS IN THE BANKING INDUSTRY

Statistics for GDP by Metropolitan Area

Percent Change in Real GDP by Metropolitan Area in the Plains Region, 2006



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- In 2006, real GDP in most metropolitan areas in the Plains region grew, with the fastest growth occurring in Wichita, KS (10.1 percent) and Sioux Falls, SD (6.1 percent). In Wichita, KS, manufacturing in transportation equipment other than motor vehicles was the largest contributor to growth. In Sioux Falls, SD, banking was the largest contributor to growth.
- Real GDP in the banking industry in the Plains region grew 8.8 percent. The three metropolitan areas in the Plains region with the fastest growth in banking were Sioux City, IA-NE-SD (34.4 percent), Rapid City, SD (26.3 percent), and La Crosse, WI-MN (19.1 percent).
- Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI—the largest metropolitan area economy in the region—had real GDP growth of 1.5 percent in 2006.
- Financial activities accounted for nearly 25 percent of the economic activity in the Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI metropolitan area.
- Sioux Falls, SD (\$53,268) had the highest per capita real GDP in the region, while Lawrence, KS (\$25,064) had the lowest.

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 2009.