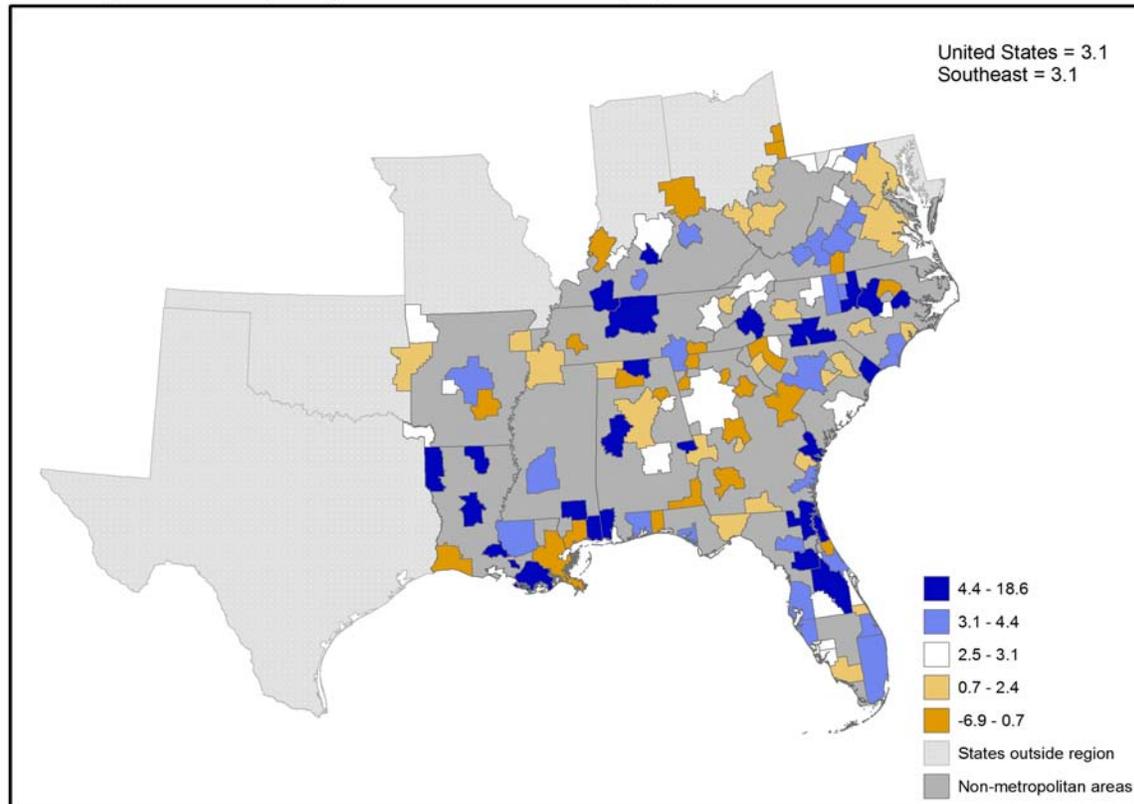


## SOUTHEAST REGION GROWTH AT NATIONAL LEVEL

*Statistics for GDP by Metropolitan Area*

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



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- Real GDP grew in 102 of the 121 metropolitan areas in the Southeast region in 2006. The region accounted for 23 percent of the nation's GDP.
- The metropolitan areas in this region produce most of the U.S. metropolitan area GDP in textile and textile product mills manufacturing and water transportation.
- Growth in real GDP ranged from -6.9 percent to 18.6 percent, with the fastest growth occurring in Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux, LA; Lafayette, LA; and Shreveport-Bossier City, LA, due in part to recovery from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Growth in each of these metropolitan areas was driven by the natural resources and mining sector.
- Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV—the 4<sup>th</sup> largest metropolitan area economy in the United States—grew 2.4 percent in 2006. Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, GA—the largest metropolitan area economy located entirely within the region's boundary and the 10<sup>th</sup> largest metropolitan area economy in the United States—grew 2.5 percent in 2006.
- Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord, NC-SC had the highest per capita real GDP in the region (\$63,668), while Palm Coast, FL had the lowest (\$14,948)—slightly more than one-third of the per capita real GDP for the nation's metropolitan areas.

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NOTE: The next release of GDP by metropolitan area will be in September 2009.