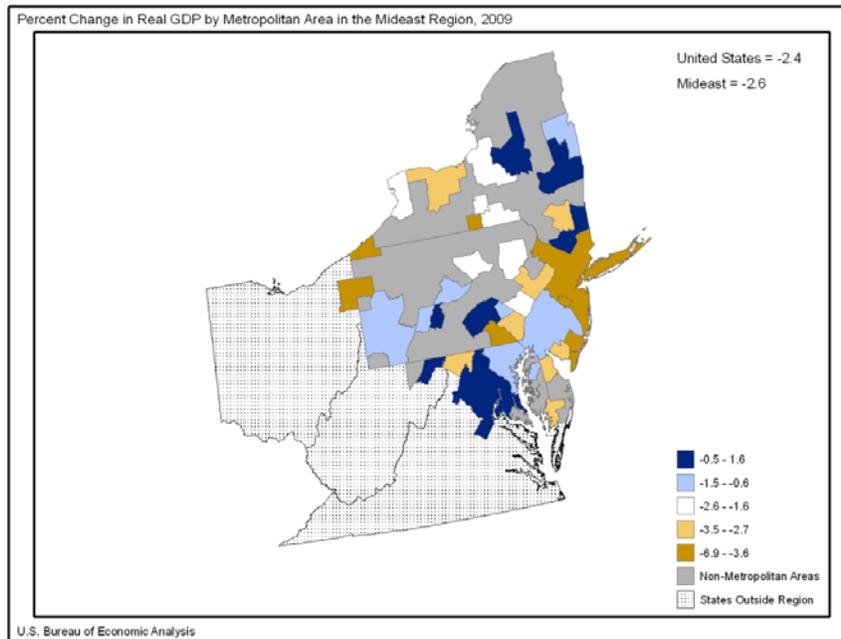


## 2009 DECLINE WIDESPREAD ACROSS THE MIDEAST

*Advance Statistics of GDP by Metropolitan Area*



- Real GDP declined in 31 of the 33 metropolitan areas wholly contained in this region. Downturns in construction and durable- and nondurable-goods manufacturing restrained growth in this region.
- Atlantic City-Hammonton, NJ (-6.9 percent); Erie, PA, (-5.0 percent); Elmira, NY (-4.8 percent) and York-Hanover, PA (-4.2 percent) contracted the most. In Atlantic City-Hammonton, the decline in real GDP was largely due to a contraction in accommodation and food services. In Erie, PA, Elmira, NY, and York-Hanover, PA, the decline was primarily caused by a contraction in durable-goods manufacturing.
- Growth in real GDP ranged from -6.9 percent to 0.9 percent, with the only growth occurring in Altoona, PA and Harrisburg-Carlisle, PA. Growth in both of these metropolitan areas was driven by the finance and insurance sector.
- New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-PA—the largest metropolitan area in the nation by GDP—declined by -4.0 percent, driven by the decline in the finance and insurance, real estate, rental, and leasing, and professional and technical services sectors.

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NOTE: The next release of GDP by metropolitan area will be on September 13, 2011.