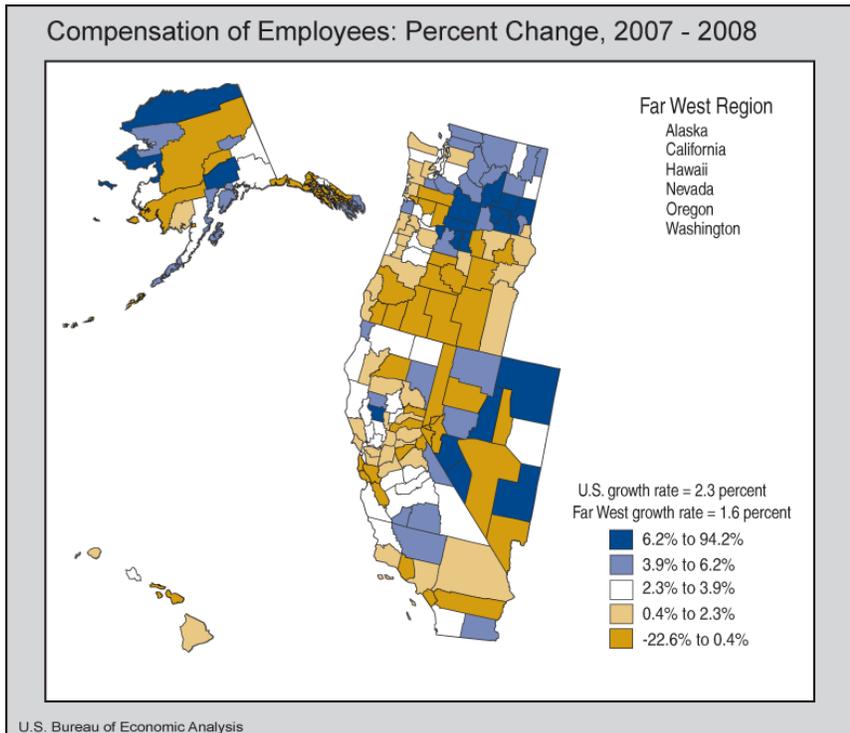


County Compensation by Industry: Far West Region

▪ The Far West region accounted for 17.9 percent of the nation's total compensation in 2008. Of the 168 counties in the nation with at least \$10 billion in total compensation, 27 were in the Far West region and accounted for 84.0 percent of the region's total compensation.



In the Far West region:

▪ Total compensation grew in 139 of 182 counties in 2008. The largest growth occurred in Gilliam County, Oregon at 23.0 percent, while the largest contraction occurred in Eureka County, Nevada at -7.5 percent.

▪ Total compensation in the mining sector grew fastest at 10.8 percent, while the finance and insurance sector contracted fastest at -5.0 percent in 2008.

▪ The local government sector accounted for the largest share of total compensation at 11.3 percent.

▪ Growth in total compensation accelerated in 25 percent of counties.

The largest acceleration occurred in Lander County, Nevada driven by the other services (except public administration) sector.

▪ Average annual compensation per job increased in 171 of 182 counties in 2008. North Slope Borough, Alaska had the highest average compensation at \$98,417, while Wheeler County, Oregon had the lowest average compensation at \$30,374.

Largest Counties in the Far West region by 2008 Total Compensation (millions of dollars)

County	Total Compensation in 2007	Total Compensation in 2008	Percent Change
Los Angeles, California	276,760	280,828	1.5
Orange, California	100,496	100,427	-0.1
San Diego, California	91,679	94,805	3.4
Santa Clara, California	93,349	92,573	-0.8
King, Washington	86,976	89,628	3.0

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