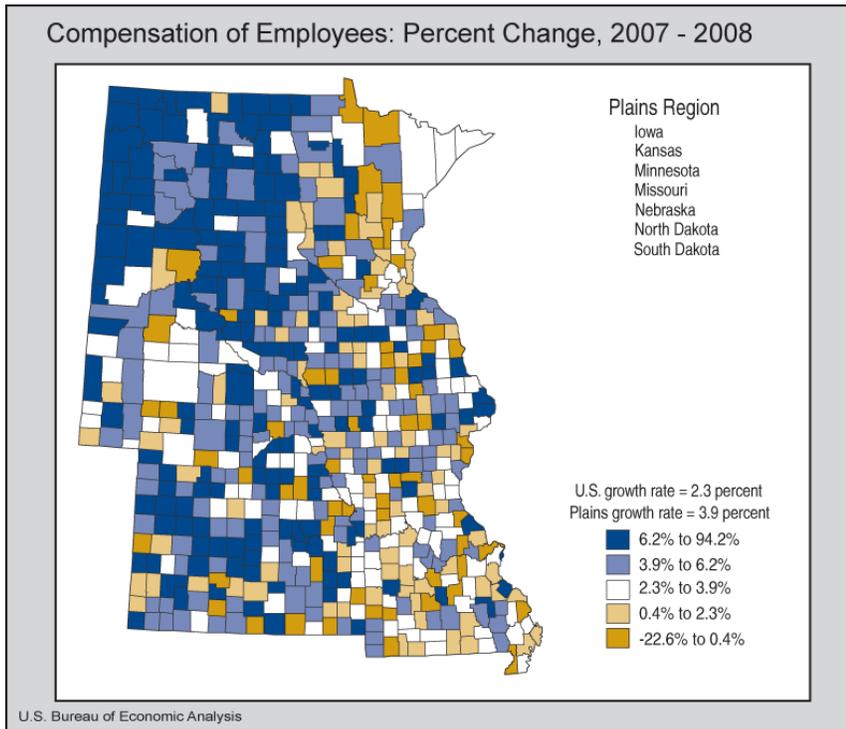


## County Compensation by Industry: Plains Region

- The Plains region accounted for 6.6 percent of the nation's total compensation in 2008. Of the 168 counties in the nation with at least \$10 billion in total compensation, 10 were in the Plains region and accounted for 46.5 percent of the region's total compensation.



In the Plains region:

- Total compensation grew in 563 of 618 counties in 2008. The largest growth occurred in Wabaunsee County, Kansas at 75.5 percent, while the largest contraction occurred in Hooker County, Nebraska at -18.1 percent.

- Total compensation in the mining sector grew fastest at 16.6 percent, while the information sector contracted fastest at -0.8 percent in 2008.

- The health care and social assistance sector accounted for the largest share of total compensation at 11.2 percent.

- Growth in total compensation

accelerated in 45 percent of counties. The largest acceleration occurred in Wabaunsee County, Kansas driven by the other services (except public administration) sector.

- Average annual compensation per job increased in 598 of 618 counties in 2008. Geary County, Kansas had the highest average compensation at \$72,809, while Worth County, Missouri had the lowest average compensation at \$27,724.

### Largest Counties in the Plains region by 2008 Total Compensation (millions of dollars)

County	Total Compensation in 2007	Total Compensation in 2008	Percent Change
Hennepin, Minnesota	61,342	63,296	3.2
St. Louis, Missouri	38,496	39,454	2.5
Jackson, Missouri	22,291	23,199	4.1
Ramsey, Minnesota	20,678	21,265	2.8
Johnson, Kansas	19,145	19,604	2.4

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