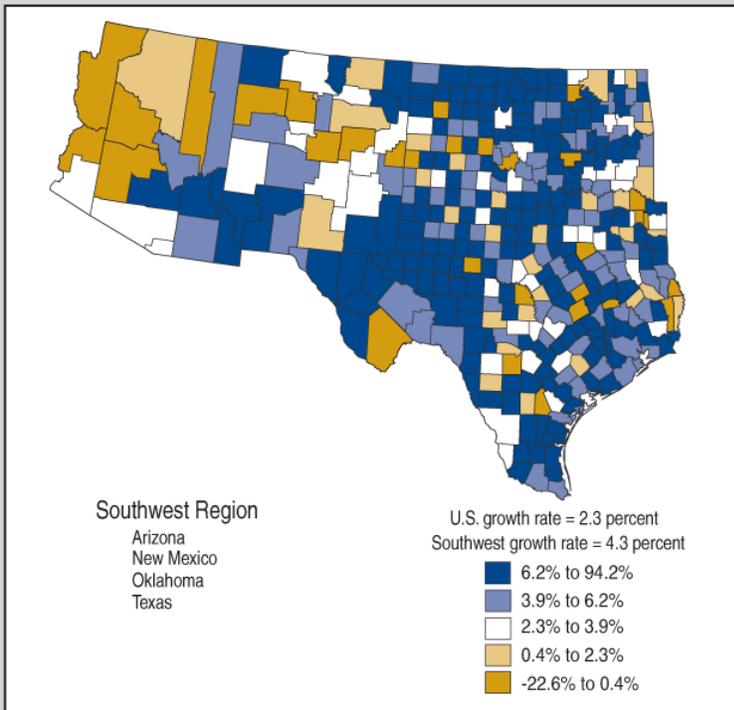


County Compensation by Industry: Southwest Region

- The Southwest region accounted for 10.9 percent of the nation's total compensation in 2008. Of the 168 counties in the nation with at least \$10 billion in total compensation, 13 were in the Southwest region and accounted for 69.0 percent of the region's total compensation.

Compensation of Employees: Percent Change, 2007 - 2008



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In the Southwest region:

- Total compensation grew in 351 of 379 counties in 2008. The largest growth occurred in Loving County, Texas at 36.8 percent, while the largest contraction occurred in Armstrong County, Texas at -14.6 percent.

- Total compensation in the mining sector grew fastest at 17.1 percent, while the non-durable manufacturing sector contracted fastest at -1.7 percent in 2008.

- The local government sector accounted for the largest share of total compensation at 10.1 percent.

- Growth in total compensation accelerated in 44 percent of counties. The largest acceleration occurred in Loving County, Texas.

- Average annual compensation per job increased in 361 of 379 counties in 2008. Los Alamos County, New Mexico had the highest average compensation at \$83,120, while Foard County, Texas had the lowest average compensation at \$27,660.

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

County	Total Compensation in 2007	Total Compensation in 2008	Percent Change
Harris, Texas	141,794	150,541	6.2
Dallas, Texas	101,776	104,381	2.6
Maricopa, Arizona	102,671	101,864	-0.8
Tarrant, Texas	44,095	45,203	2.5
Bexar, Texas	39,088	40,543	3.7

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