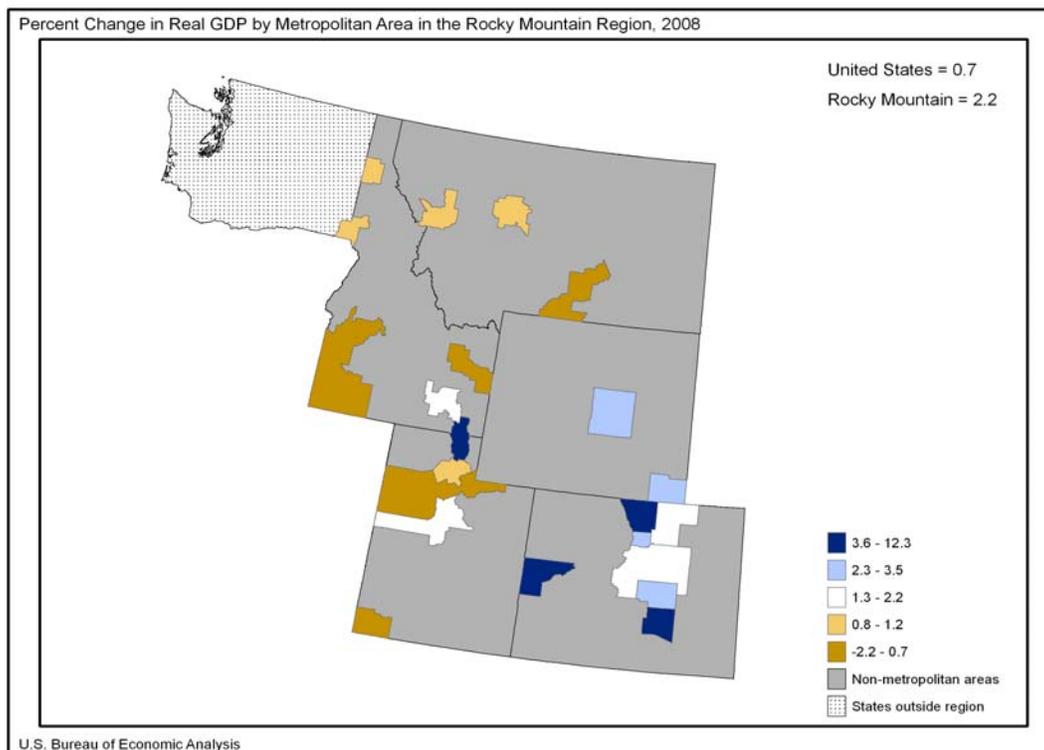


ROCKY MOUNTAIN GROWTH DRIVEN BY MINING IN 2008

Accelerated Statistics of GDP by Metropolitan Area



- Although real GDP growth slowed for 13 of the 21 metropolitan areas in the Rocky Mountain region with downturns in construction restraining growth, the mining sector drove growth in many metropolitan areas, most notably in Casper, WY and Grand Junction, CO.
- In 2008, real GDP contracted for two metropolitan areas wholly contained in the Rocky Mountain region: Boise City-Nampa, ID (-1.7 percent) and St. George, UT (-2.2 percent). The decline in real GDP was largely caused by a contraction in the construction sector.
- Growth in real GDP ranged from -2.2 percent to 12.3 percent with the fastest growth occurring in Grand Junction, CO. Growth in this metropolitan area was spurred by mining industries.
- Denver-Aurora-Broomfield, CO—the largest metropolitan area in the region—grew by 2.0 percent, spurred by the information and professional and technical services sectors.
- In the region, 19 of 22 metropolitan areas had higher-than-average concentrations of GDP in construction and retail trade.
- Boulder, CO had the highest per capita real GDP in the region (\$56,396), while Pueblo, CO had the lowest (\$20,096).

BEA data—including GDP, personal income, the balance of payments, foreign direct investment, the input-output accounts, and economic data for states, local areas, and industries—are available on the BEA Web site: www.bea.gov. [E-mail](#) alerts are also available.

NOTE: The next release of GDP by metropolitan area will be in February 2011.