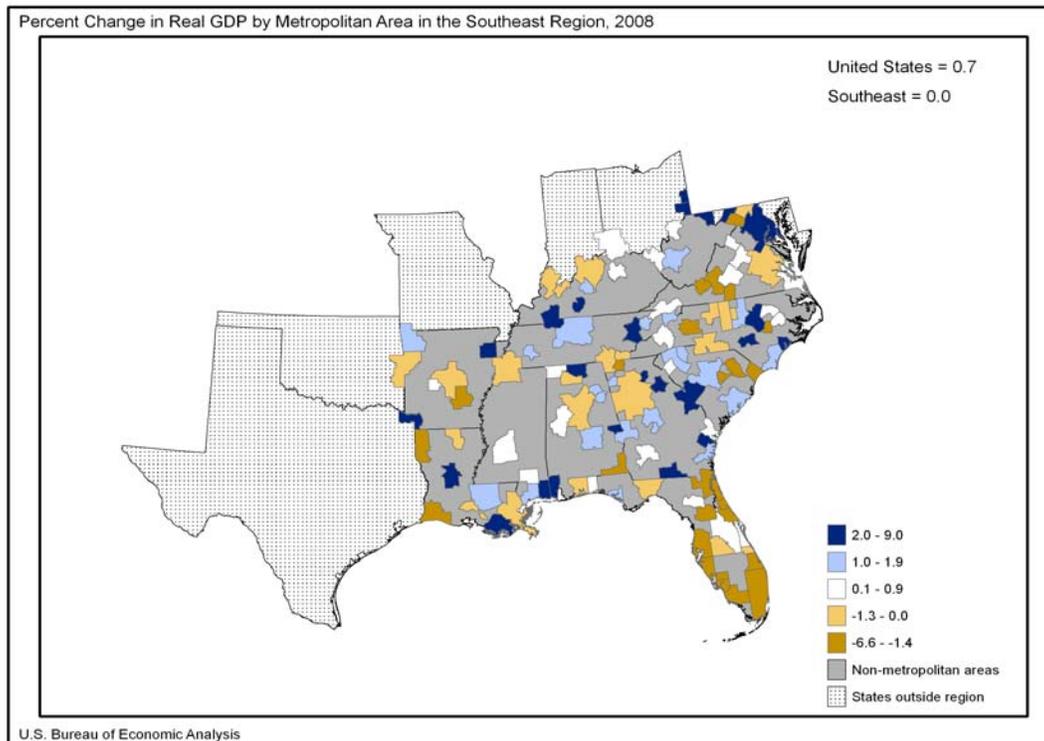


## GROWTH SLOWS IN THE SOUTHEAST IN 2008

*Accelerated Statistics of GDP by Metropolitan Area*



- Real GDP growth slowed in 65 of the 108 metropolitan areas wholly contained in this region. A downturn in construction restrained growth in the region. By contrast, the government sector contributed the most to the region's growth.
- The economies of 45 metropolitan areas wholly contained in the Southeast region declined in 2008. The largest decline in real GDP was in Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, FL which contracted \$3.3 billion (-1.5 percent) from 2007.
- Growth in real GDP ranged from -6.6 percent to 9.0 percent with the fastest growth occurring in Hinesville-Fort Stewart, GA and Jacksonville, NC. Growth in each of these metropolitan areas was driven by government.
- Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, GA and Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, FL—the tenth and eleventh largest metropolitan areas in the nation—declined by 1.2 percent and 1.5 percent, respectively, both driven by construction.
- Durham, NC had the highest per-capita real GDP in the region (\$59,947), while Palm Coast, FL had the lowest (\$11,611) in the region and in the nation.

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](http://www.bea.gov). [E-mail](#) alerts are also available.

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