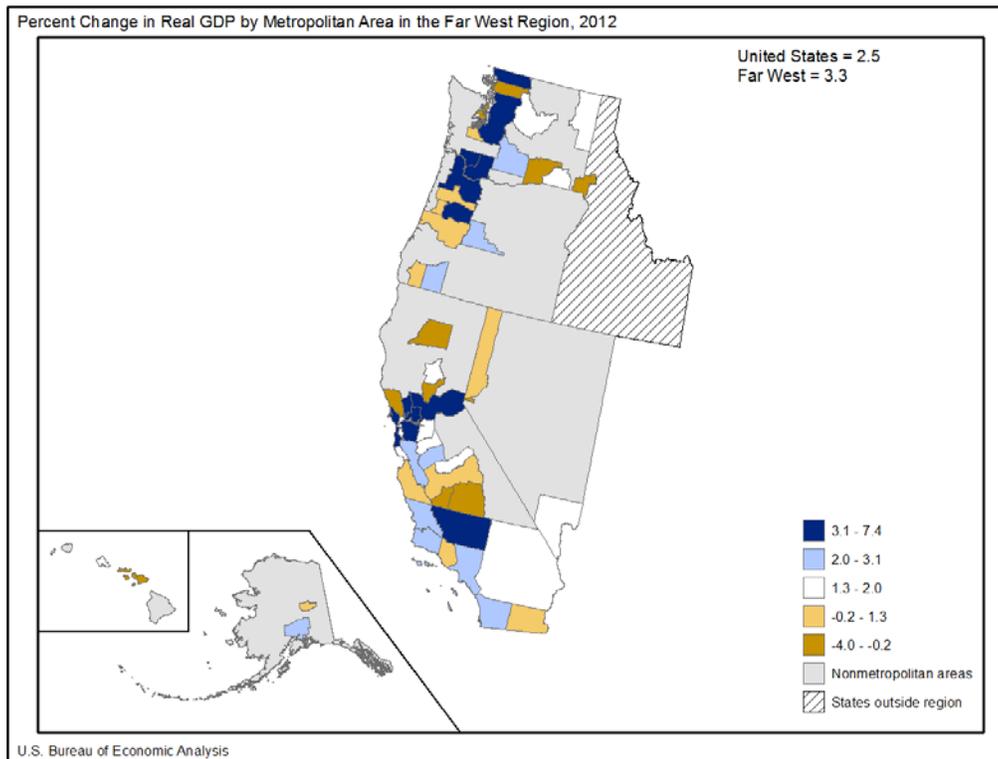


GROWTH IN FAR WEST OUTPACES U.S. IN 2012

Advance Statistics of GDP by Metropolitan Area



- Real GDP expanded in 42 of the 52 MSAs wholly contained in this region. Durable-goods manufacturing contributed the most to growth in real GDP for the region. This region accounts for 21.0 percent of the nation's current-dollar GDP in durable-goods manufacturing. By contrast, government restrained growth in the region's GDP.
- Bellingham, WA and Mount Vernon-Anacortes, WA experienced the largest upturns in real GDP growth due to growth in nondurable-goods manufacturing and wholesale trade. Bellingham, WA growth improved to 4.2 percent in 2012 from -6.8 percent in 2011 (11.0 percentage points), while Mount Vernon-Anacortes, WA growth improved to -0.2 percent in 2012 from -9.8 percent in 2011 (9.5 percentage points).
- Growth in real GDP ranged from -4.0 percent to 7.4 percent with the fastest growth occurring in San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA and Bakersfield, CA. Growth in San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA was spurred by professional and technical services while growth in Bakersfield, CA was led by growth in mining.
- Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA and San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA—the two largest metropolitan areas in the region, and the 2nd and 8th largest in the nation—experienced growth (3.1 percent and 7.4 percent, respectively), spurred by information and professional and technical services respectively.

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 September 2014.