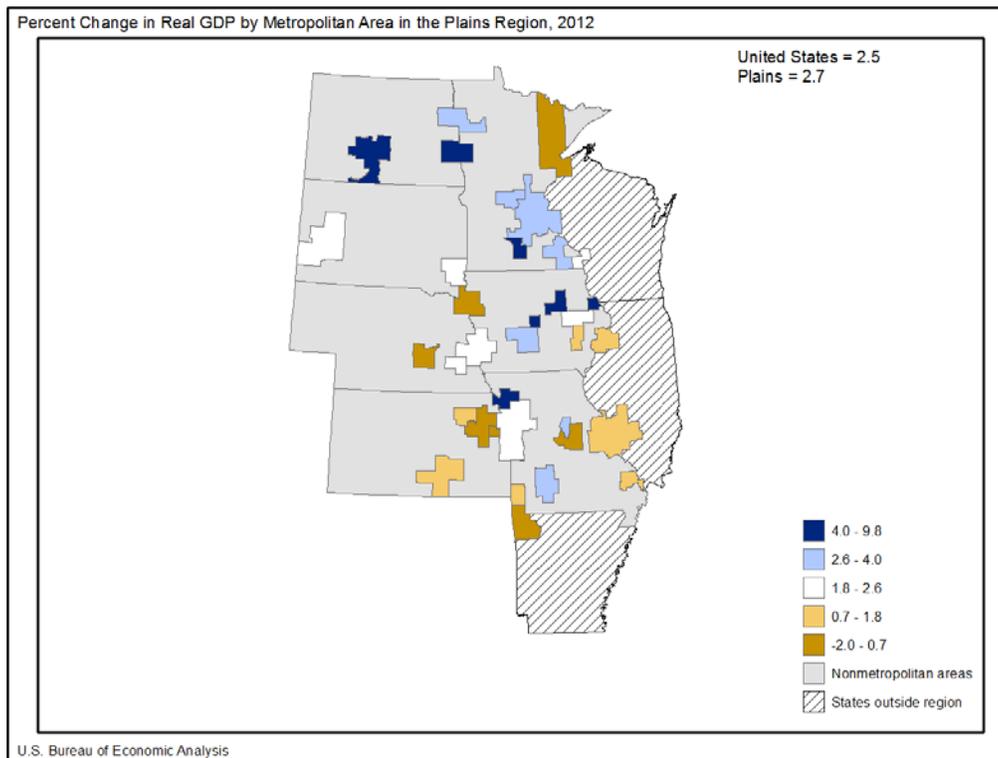


GROWTH IN PLAINS REGION OUTPACES THE U.S. IN 2012

Advance Statistics of GDP by Metropolitan Area



- Real GDP expanded in 26 of the 28 MSAs wholly contained in this region. Durable-goods manufacturing contributed the most to growth in real GDP for the region. This region accounts for 7.3 percent of the nation's current-dollar GDP in durable-goods manufacturing. By contrast, agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting restrained growth in the region's GDP.
- St. Joseph, MO-KS and Rochester, MN experienced the largest upturns in real GDP growth due to growth in durable-goods manufacturing. St. Joseph, MO-KS growth improved to 9.8 percent in 2012 from 1.2 percent in 2011 (8.6 percentage points), while Rochester, MN growth improved to 3.6 percent in 2012 from -2.9 percent in 2011 (6.5 percentage points).
- Growth in real GDP ranged from -1.6 percent to 9.8 percent with the fastest growth occurring in St. Joseph, MO-KS and Bismarck, MD. Growth in each of these metropolitan areas was spurred by the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting and transportation and warehousing, excluding postal service.
- Kansas City, MO-KS and Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA—the two largest metropolitan areas in the region, and the 27th and 52nd largest in the nation—experienced growth (2.5 percent and 1.8 percent, respectively), spurred by finance and insurance and information.

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.