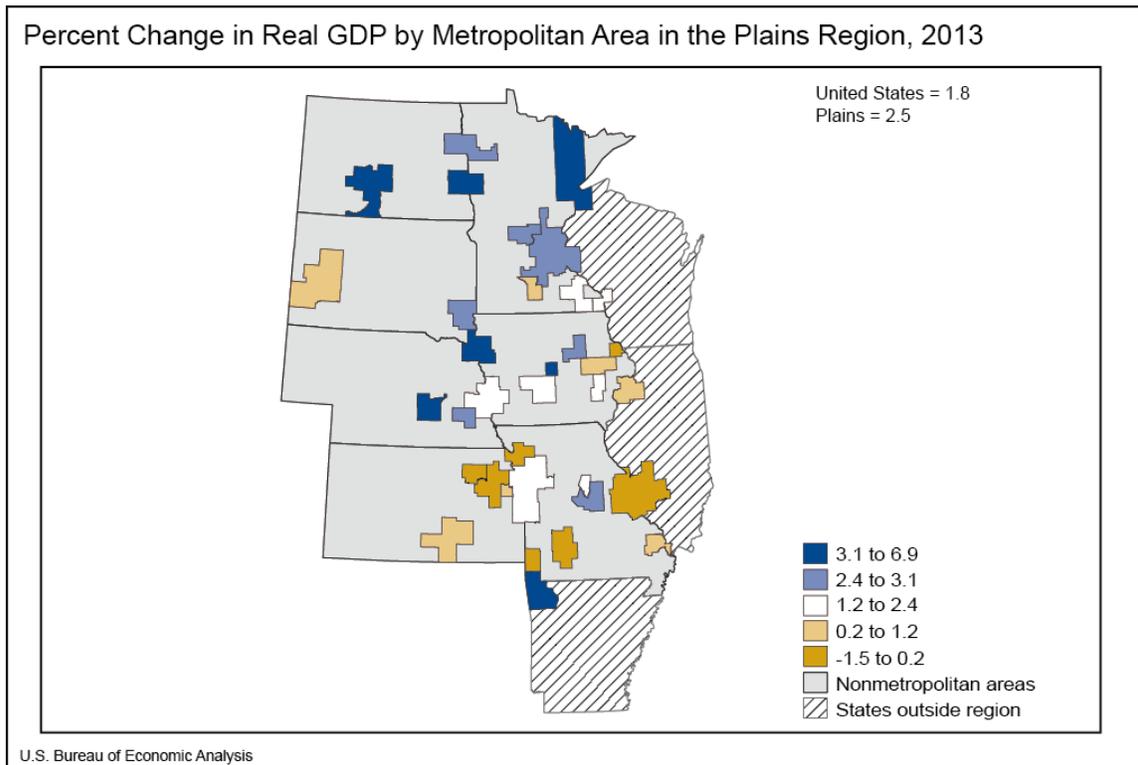


STRONG GROWTH CONTINUES IN THE PLAINS REGION

Advance Statistics of GDP by Metropolitan Area



- Real GDP expanded in 24 of the 28 MSAs wholly contained in this region. Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting contributed the most to growth in real GDP for the region. This region accounts for 24.8 percent of the nation's current-dollar GDP in agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting. By contrast, the government sector restrained growth in the region's GDP.
- Jefferson City, MO and Sioux City, IA-NE-SD experienced the largest upturns in real GDP growth due to growth in utilities and construction, respectively. Jefferson City, MO growth improved to 3.1 percent in 2013 from -1.2 percent in 2012 (4.3 percentage points), while Sioux City, IA-NE-SD growth improved to 4.6 percent in 2013 from 0.2 percent in 2012 (4.4 percentage points).
- Growth in real GDP ranged from -1.5 percent to 6.9 percent with the fastest growth occurring in Bismarck, ND and Sioux City, IA-NE-SD. Growth in each of these metropolitan areas was spurred by nondurable-goods manufacturing and construction, respectively.
- Kansas City, MO-KS and Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA—the two largest metropolitan areas in the region, and the 29th and 53rd largest in the nation—experienced growth (1.4 percent and 1.8 percent, respectively), due to growth in professional, scientific, and technical services and finance and insurance, respectively.

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NOTE: The next release of GDP by metropolitan area will be in September 2015.