



- Real GDP expanded in 16 of the 21 MSAs wholly contained in this region. Mining contributed the most to growth in real GDP for the region. This region accounts for 10.0 percent of the nation’s current-dollar GDP in mining. By contrast, management of companies and enterprises restrained growth in the region’s GDP.
- Casper, WY and Billings, MT experienced the largest accelerations in real GDP growth due to growth in mining and nondurable-goods manufacturing, respectively. Casper, WY growth improved to 7.1 percent in 2013 from 0.0 percent in 2012 (7.1 percentage points), while Billings, MT growth improved to 7.1 percent in 2013 from 0.8 percent in 2012 (6.3 percentage points).
- Growth in real GDP ranged from –3.6 percent to 10.1 percent with the fastest growth occurring in Greeley, CO and Casper, WY. Growth in each of these metropolitan areas was spurred by mining.
- Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO and Salt Lake City, UT—the two largest metropolitan areas in the region, and the 18th and 42nd largest in the nation—experienced growth (4.3 percent and 2.5 percent, respectively), due to growth in professional, scientific, and technical services and finance and insurance, 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 2015.