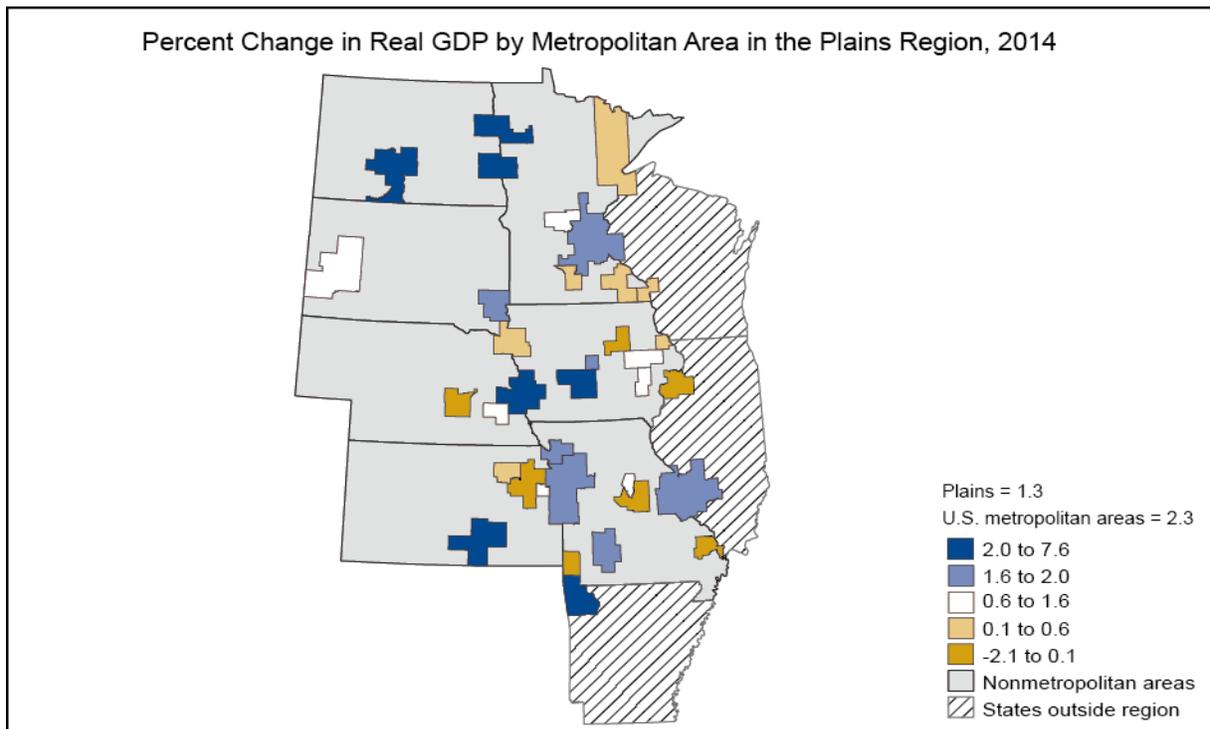


GROWTH CONTINUES IN THE PLAINS REGION

Advance Statistics of GDP by Metropolitan Area



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- Real GDP expanded in 24 of the 28 MSAs wholly contained in this region. Management of companies and enterprises contributed the most to growth in real GDP for the region. This region accounts for 8.9 percent of the nation's current-dollar GDP in management of companies and enterprises. By contrast, agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting restrained growth in the region's GDP.
- Wichita, KS and Bismarck, ND experienced the largest upturns in real GDP growth due to growth in nondurable goods manufacturing and mining, respectively. Wichita, KS growth improved to 2.2 percent in 2014 from -7.0 percent in 2013 (9.2 percentage points), while Bismarck, ND growth improved to 7.6 percent in 2014 from 3.4 percent in 2013 (4.2 percentage points).
- Growth in real GDP ranged from -1.9 percent to 7.6 percent with the fastest growth occurring in Bismarck, ND and Fargo, ND-MN. Growth in each of these metropolitan areas was spurred by mining and real estate and rental and leasing, respectively.
- Kansas City, MO-KS and Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA—the two largest metropolitan areas in the region, and the 28th and 52nd largest in the nation—experienced growth (2.0 percent and 2.4 percent, respectively), due to growth in management of companies and enterprises and utilities, 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 2016.