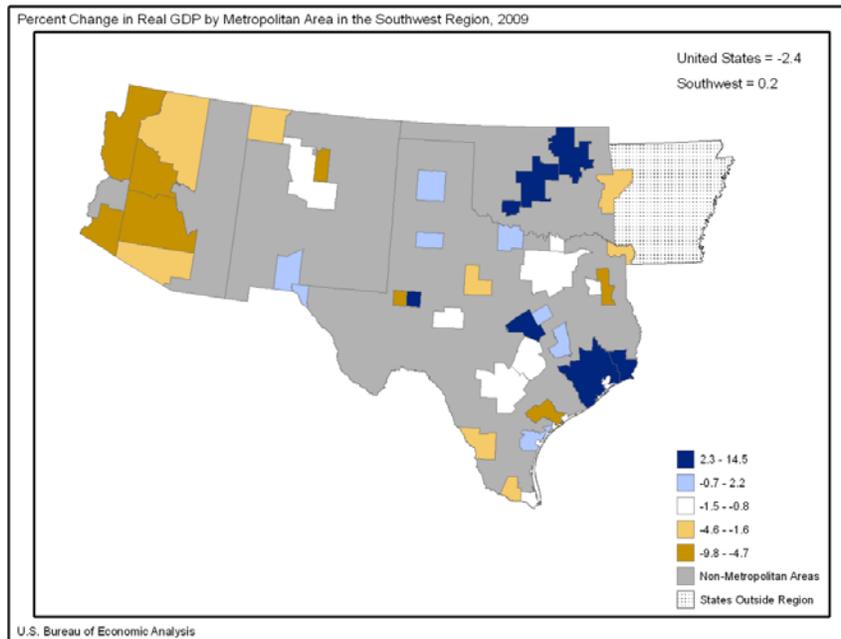


MODEST GROWTH IN THE SOUTHWEST IN 2009

Advance Statistics of GDP by Metropolitan Area



- Real GDP growth declined in 23 of 37 metropolitan areas wholly contained in the Southwest region, with downturns in construction restraining growth. By contrast, the mining sector contributed the most to growth in this region.
- Construction restrained growth in 36 of the 37 metropolitan areas in the region and subtracted more than two percentage points from growth in four MSAs.
- Growth in real GDP ranged from -9.8 percent to 14.5 percent, with the fastest growth occurring in Oklahoma City, OK and Tulsa, OK. Each of these metropolitan areas has a strong concentration of mining.
- Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX, the fifth largest metropolitan areas in the nation—grew by 2.4 percent, spurred by the mining sector while Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX, the sixth largest metropolitan area in the nation, contracted by 0.9 percent due to declines in construction.

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 on September 13, 2011.