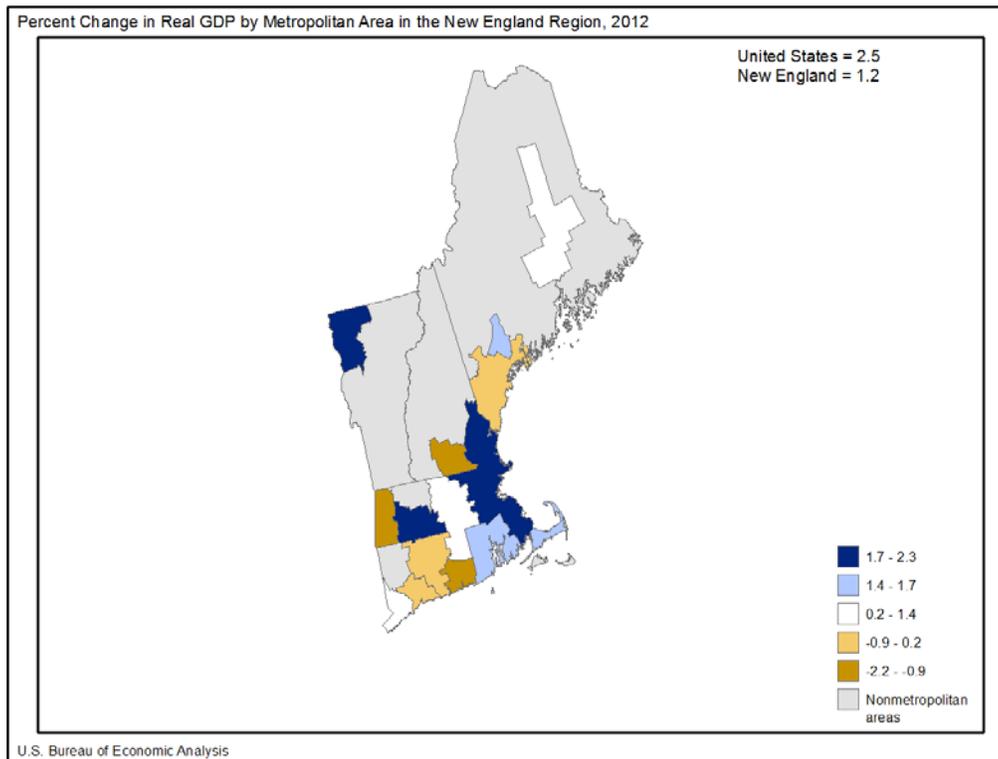


GROWTH IN NEW ENGLAND TRAILS THE U.S. IN 2012

Advance Statistics of GDP by Metropolitan Area



- Real GDP expanded in 11 of the 15 MSAs wholly contained in this region. Durable-goods manufacturing contributed the most to growth in real GDP for the region. This region accounts for 6.2 percent of the nation's current-dollar GDP in durable-goods manufacturing. By contrast, finance and insurance restrained growth in the region's GDP.
- Springfield, MA and Barnstable Town, MA experienced the largest upturns in real GDP growth due to growth in durable-goods manufacturing and government, respectively. Springfield, MA growth improved to 2.3 percent in 2012 from -0.2 percent in 2011 (2.5 percentage points), while Barnstable Town, MA growth improved to 1.6 percent in 2012 from 0.2 percent in 2011 (1.4 percentage points).
- Growth in real GDP ranged from -2.2 percent to 2.3 percent with the fastest growth occurring in Springfield, MA and Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH. Growth in each of these metropolitan areas was spurred by durable-goods manufacturing and real estate, rental, and leasing, respectively.
- Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH and Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT—the two largest metropolitan areas in the region, and the 9th and 38th largest in the nation—experienced growth (2.3 percent and 0.4 percent), due to growth in real estate, rental, and leasing and information, respectively.

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NOTE: The next release of GDP by metropolitan area will be in September 2014.