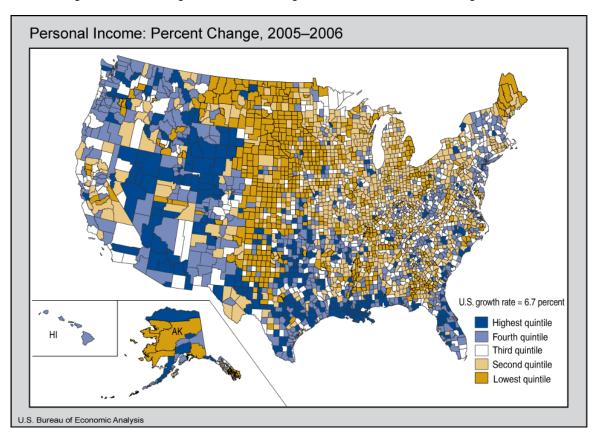


LOCAL AREA PERSONAL INCOME, 2006

Today, the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) released estimates of personal income at the county level for 2006 based on newly available source data. The percent change from 2005 to 2006 in county personal income ranged from 648 percent in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana to -43 percent in Slope County, North Dakota. For the nation, personal income grew 6.7 percent. A sharp drop in the expenses of proprietors and owner occupied housing accounts for most of the growth in 9 of the 10 fastest growing counties—all of them in Louisiana. Expenses in those counties had been extraordinarily high in 2005 because the property destroyed and damaged by Hurricane Katrina and other disasters (net of insurance claims) is treated as an expense (consumption of fixed capital) in the derivation of personal income.



Personal income and per capita personal income for 2004-2006 have been released for all counties in the Nation on the BEA Web site: www.bea.gov.