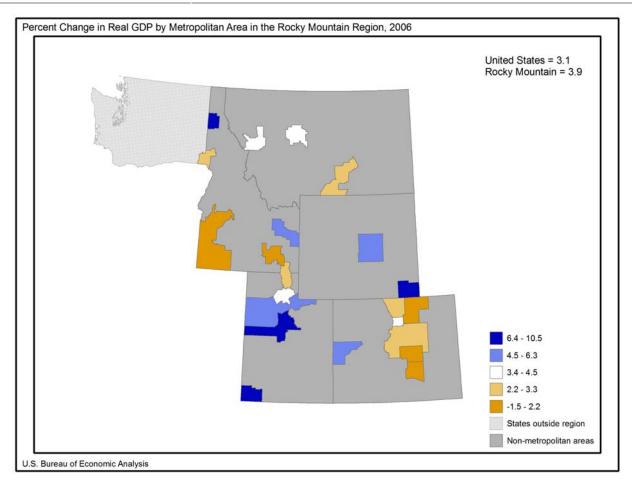


BROAD GROWTH IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

Statistics for GDP by Metropolitan Area



- Real GDP grew in 21 of 22 metropolitan areas in the Rocky Mountain region. St. George, UT had the
 fastest growth in the region (10.5 percent). The only metropolitan area in the region to contract was
 Pocatello, ID (-1.5 percent).
- Rail transportation and broadcasting and telecommunications industries, contributed strongly to growth in the region's metropolitan areas.
- Denver-Aurora, CO—the largest metropolitan area economy in the region—grew 3.3 percent in 2006.
- In the region, 19 of 22 metropolitan areas had higher-than-average concentrations of GDP in construction and retail trade.
- Boulder, CO had the highest per capita real GDP in the region (\$53,706), while Pueblo, CO had the lowest (\$19,381). Per capita real GDP for all metropolitan areas in the nation was \$41,510.

NOTE: The next release of GDP by metropolitan area will be in September 2009.

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: <u>www.bea.gov</u>. <u>E-mail</u> alerts are also available.