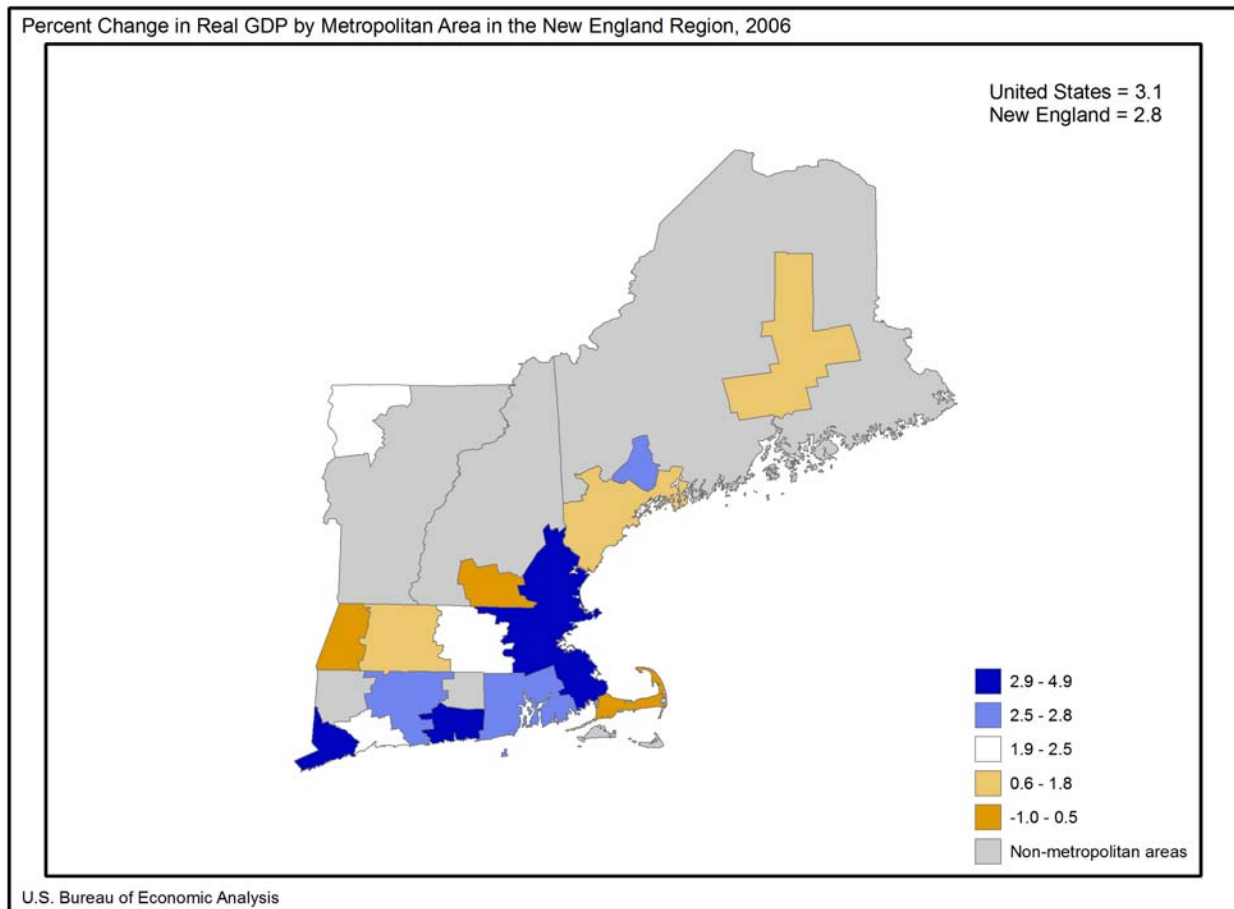


NEW ENGLAND GROWTH NEAR NATIONAL LEVEL

Statistics for GDP by Metropolitan Area



- Real GDP in all but two New England metropolitan areas grew in 2006. Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT (4.9 percent) was the fastest growing metropolitan area in the region.
- The economies of two metropolitan areas contracted—Barnstable Town, MA (-1.0 percent) and Pittsfield, MA (-0.8 percent). In Barnstable Town the decline in real GDP was largely due to a contraction in financial activities and construction, while in Pittsfield it was primarily caused by a contraction in financial activities and professional and business services.
- The region's strongest growth was concentrated in the southern portion where the finance and insurance industries are concentrated.
- Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA-NH—the largest metropolitan area economy in the region and the 9th largest in the United States—grew by 3.7 percent in 2006.
- Per capita real GDP in New England ranged from \$26,176 (Springfield, MA) to \$78,944 (Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT). Per capita real GDP for all metropolitan areas in the nation was \$41,510.

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 2009.