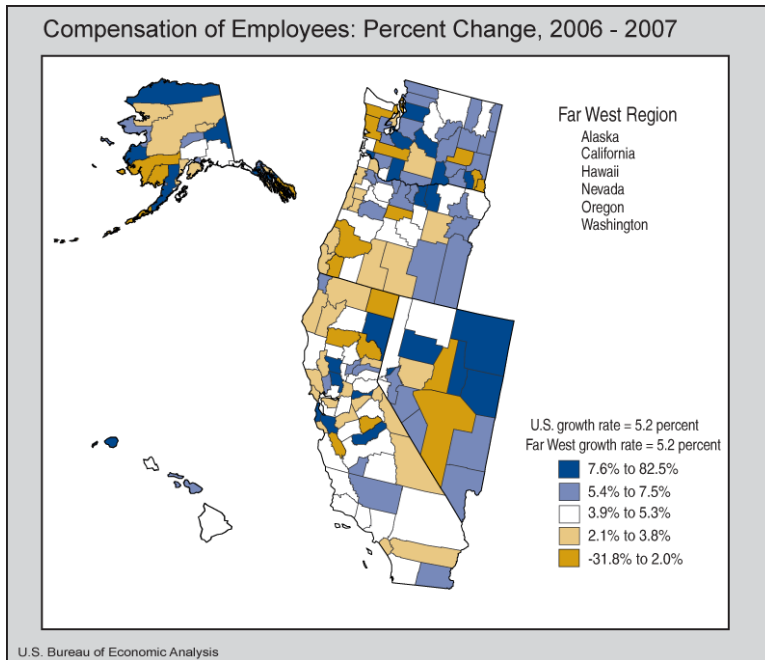


## County Compensation by Industry: Far West Region

- The Far West region accounted for 18.1% of the nation's total compensation in 2007. Of the 164 counties in the nation with at least \$10 billion in total compensation, 27 were in the Far West region and accounted for 84.2% of the region's total compensation.



In the Far West region:

- Total compensation grew in 177 of 181 counties in 2007. The largest growth occurred in Storey County, Nevada at 53.4%, while the largest contraction occurred in Aleutians East Borough, Alaska at -3.2%.
- Total compensation in the mining sector grew fastest at 13.3%, while the finance and insurance sector grew slowest at 0.5% in 2007.
- The local government sector accounted for the largest share of total compensation at 10.8%.
- Growth in total compensation accelerated in 38% of counties. The largest acceleration

occurred in Storey, Nevada, driven by the construction sector.

- Average annual compensation per job increased in 179 of 181 counties in 2007. Santa Clara County, California had the highest average compensation at \$99,231, while Wheeler County, Oregon had the lowest average compensation at \$27,262.

Largest Counties in the Far West region by 2007 Total Compensation (\$millions)

County	Total Compensation in 2006	Total Compensation in 2007	Percent Change
Los Angeles, California	263,554	274,833	4.3
Orange, California	97,616	100,166	2.6
Santa Clara, California	87,054	94,426	8.5
San Diego, California	87,201	91,370	4.8
King, Washington	81,667	87,615	7.3

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