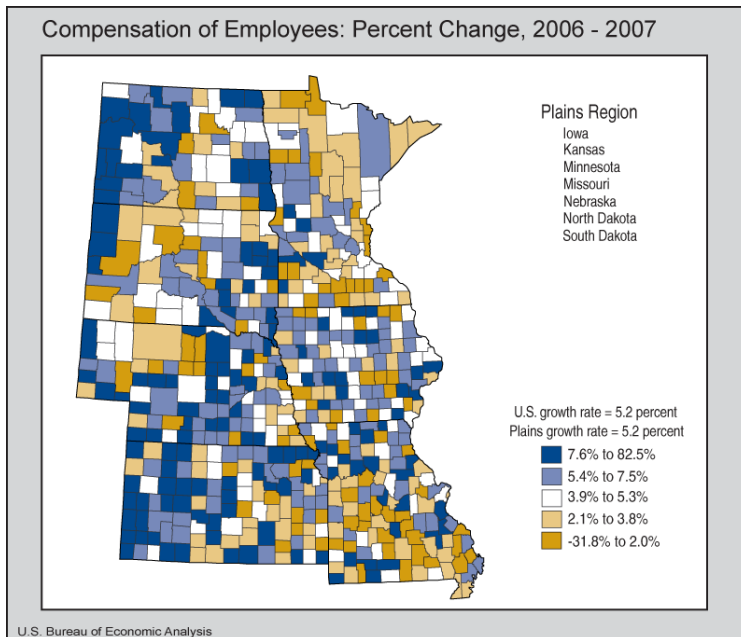


County Compensation by Industry: Plains Region

▪ The Plains region accounted for 6.4% of the nation's total compensation in 2007. Of the 164 counties in the nation with at least \$10 billion in total compensation, 10 were in the Plains region and accounted for 46.5% of the region's total compensation.



In the Plains region:

▪ Total compensation grew in 583 of 618 counties in 2007. The largest growth occurred in Slope County, North Dakota at 82.5%, while the largest contraction occurred in Jasper County, Iowa at -11.0%.

▪ Total compensation in the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting sector grew fastest at 20.6%, while the non-durable manufacturing sector grew slowest at 1.6% in 2007.

▪ The health care and social assistance sector accounted for the largest share of total compensation at 10.9%.

▪ Growth in total compensation accelerated in 61% of counties. The largest acceleration

occurred in Slope County, North Dakota.

▪ Average annual compensation per job increased in 601 of 618 counties in 2007. Hennepin County, Minnesota had the highest average compensation at \$67,457, while McPherson County, Nebraska had the lowest average compensation at \$24,990.

Largest Counties in the Plains Region by 2007 Total Compensation (\$millions)

County	Total Compensation in 2006	Total Compensation in 2007	Percent Change
Hennepin, Minnesota	57,712	61,893	7.2
St. Louis, Missouri	36,414	37,803	3.8
Jackson, Missouri	21,112	21,903	3.7
Ramsey, Minnesota	19,793	20,755	4.9
Johnson, Kansas	17,633	18,839	6.8

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