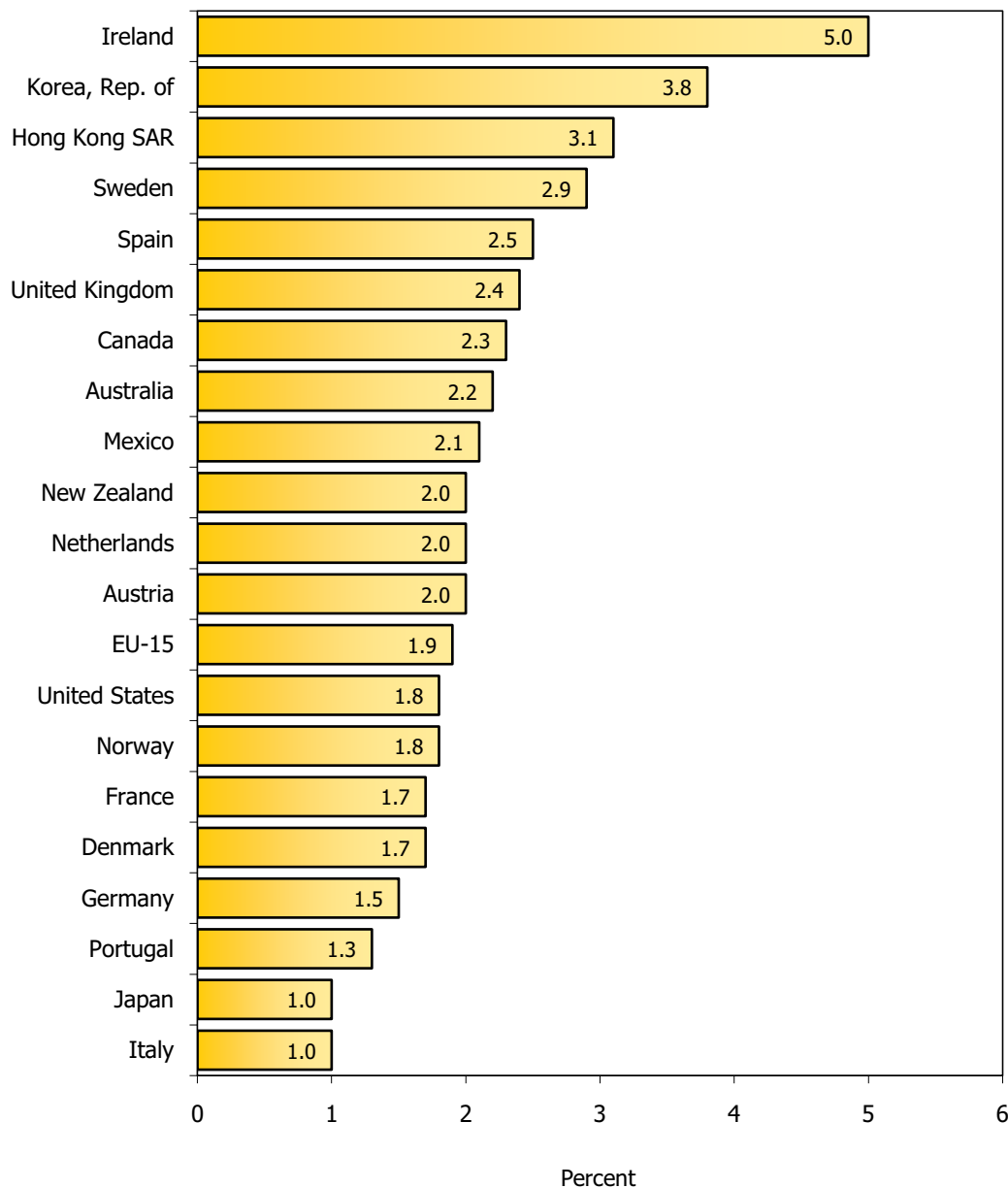


1.2 Average annual growth rates for real GDP per capita, 1997-2007

- In most of the economies, real GDP per capita grew during the decade at an average rate of 1.3 to 2.5 percent per year; the U.S. growth rate was in the middle of the range, at 1.8 percent per year.
- Ireland registered the greatest increase in real GDP per capita, followed by the Republic of Korea; Italy and Japan had the smallest increases.



NOTE: 1997-2006 for Mexico and New Zealand. Hong Kong SAR stands for Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China.

SOURCES: Bureau of Labor Statistics, including special tabulations using data from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and national sources.