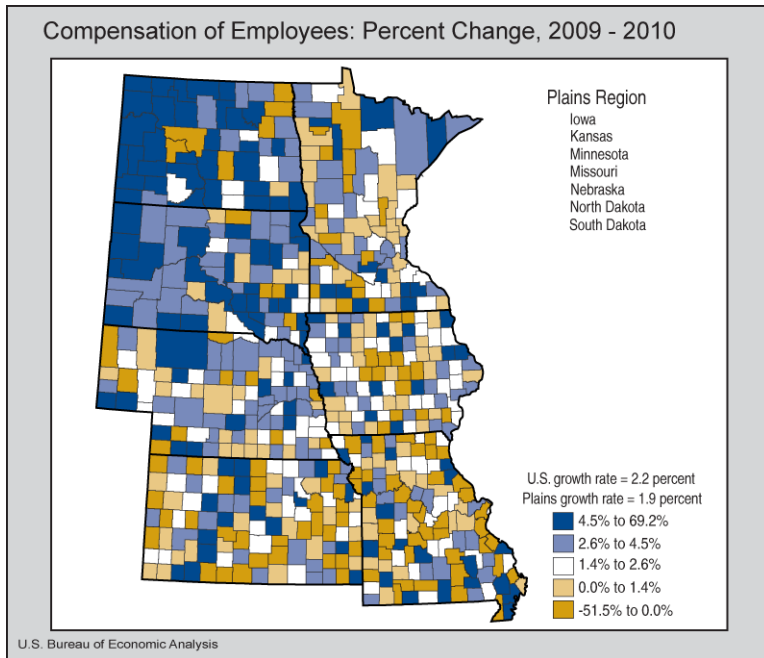


County Compensation by Industry: Plains Region

- The Plains region accounted for 7 percent of the nation's total compensation in 2010. Of the 170 counties in the nation with at least \$10 billion in total compensation, 10 were in the Plains region and accounted for 45 percent of the region's total compensation.



In the Plains region in 2010:

- Total compensation increased in 497 of 618 counties. The largest growth occurred in Mountrail County, North Dakota at 69.2 percent, while the largest contraction occurred in Bollinger County, Missouri at -33.7 percent.
- Increases in management of companies and finance and insurance were the largest contributors to the growth in total compensation.
- The health care and social assistance sector accounted for the largest share of total compensation at 12.3 percent.
- Metropolitan county compensation increased in 97 of 119 counties. The largest

growth occurred in Geary County, Kansas at 12.7 percent, while the largest contraction occurred in Bollinger County, Missouri. Non-metropolitan county compensation increased in 400 of 499 counties.

- Average annual compensation per job increased in 542 of 618 counties. Geary County, Kansas had the highest average compensation at \$79,770, while Shannon County, Missouri had the lowest average compensation at \$28,794.

Largest Counties in the Plains region by 2010 Total Compensation (millions of dollars)

County	Total Compensation in 2009	Total Compensation in 2010	Percent Change
Hennepin, Minnesota	59,207	61,208	3.4
St. Louis, Missouri	38,388	37,903	-1.3
Jackson, Missouri	22,588	22,153	-1.9
Ramsey, Minnesota	20,910	21,463	2.6
Johnson, Kansas	18,801	19,070	1.4