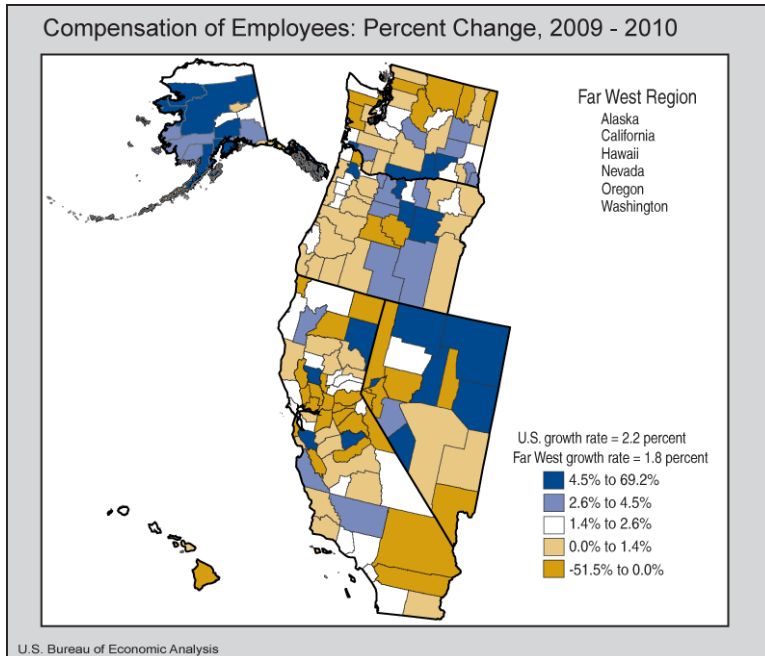


County Compensation by Industry: Far West Region

- The Far West region accounted for 18 percent of the nation's total compensation in 2010. Of the 170 counties in the nation with at least \$10 billion in total compensation, 27 were in the Far West region and accounted for 84 percent of the region's total compensation.



In the Far West region in 2010:

- Total compensation increased in 144 of 183 counties. The largest growth occurred in Colusa County, California at 18.7 percent, while the largest contraction occurred in San Mateo County, California at -4.3 percent.
- Increases in professional, scientific, and technical services and durable-goods manufacturing were the largest contributors to the growth in total compensation.
- The local government sector accounted for the largest share of total compensation at 11.6 percent.
- Metropolitan county compensation increased in 53 of 73 counties. The largest growth occurred in Santa Clara County, California at 9.8 percent, while the largest contraction occurred in San Mateo County, California.

Non-metropolitan county compensation increased in 91 of 110 counties.

- Average annual compensation per job increased in 175 of 183 counties. Santa Clara County, California had the highest average compensation at \$107,567, while Wheeler County, Oregon had the lowest average compensation at \$30,314.

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

County	Total Compensation in 2009	Total Compensation in 2010	Percent Change
Los Angeles, California	267,836	272,178	1.6
Orange, California	94,101	95,695	1.7
Santa Clara, California	87,092	95,662	9.8
San Diego, California	92,600	94,798	2.4
King, Washington	87,099	88,691	1.8