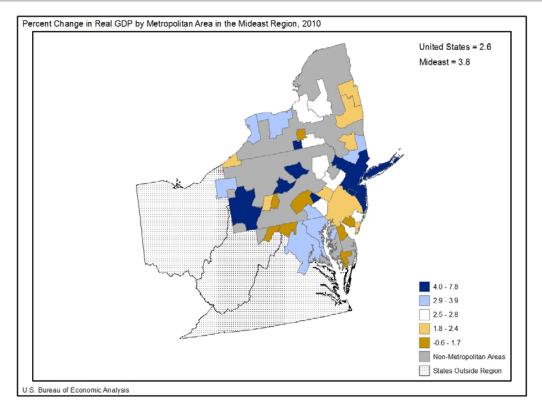


GROWTH IN THE MIDEAST OUTPACES THE U.S. IN 2010

Advance Statistics of GDP by Metropolitan Area



- Real GDP expanded in 31 of the 33 MSAs wholly contained in this region. Finance and insurance contributed the most to growth in real GDP for the region. This region accounts for 27.4 percent of the nation's current-dollar GDP in finance and insurance. By contrast, construction restrained growth in the region's GDP.
- Elmira, NY and Atlantic City-Hammonton, NJ experienced the largest upturns in real GDP growth due to strong growth in wholesale trade and utilities, respectively. Elmira, NY growth improved from –4.9 percent in 2009 to 7.0 percent in 2010 (11.9 percentage points), while Atlantic City-Hammonton, NJ growth improved from –7.0 percent in 2009 to 2.5 percent in 2010 (9.5 percentage points).
- Growth in real GDP ranged from -0.6 percent to 7.8 percent with the fastest growth occurring in Williamsport, PA and Elmira, NY. Growth of each of these metropolitan areas was spurred by mining and wholesale trade, respectively.
- New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-PA and Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD—the two largest metropolitan areas in the region, and the 1st and 7th largest in the nation—experienced growth (4.7 percent and 2.3 percent, respectively), each having strong growth in finance and insurance.