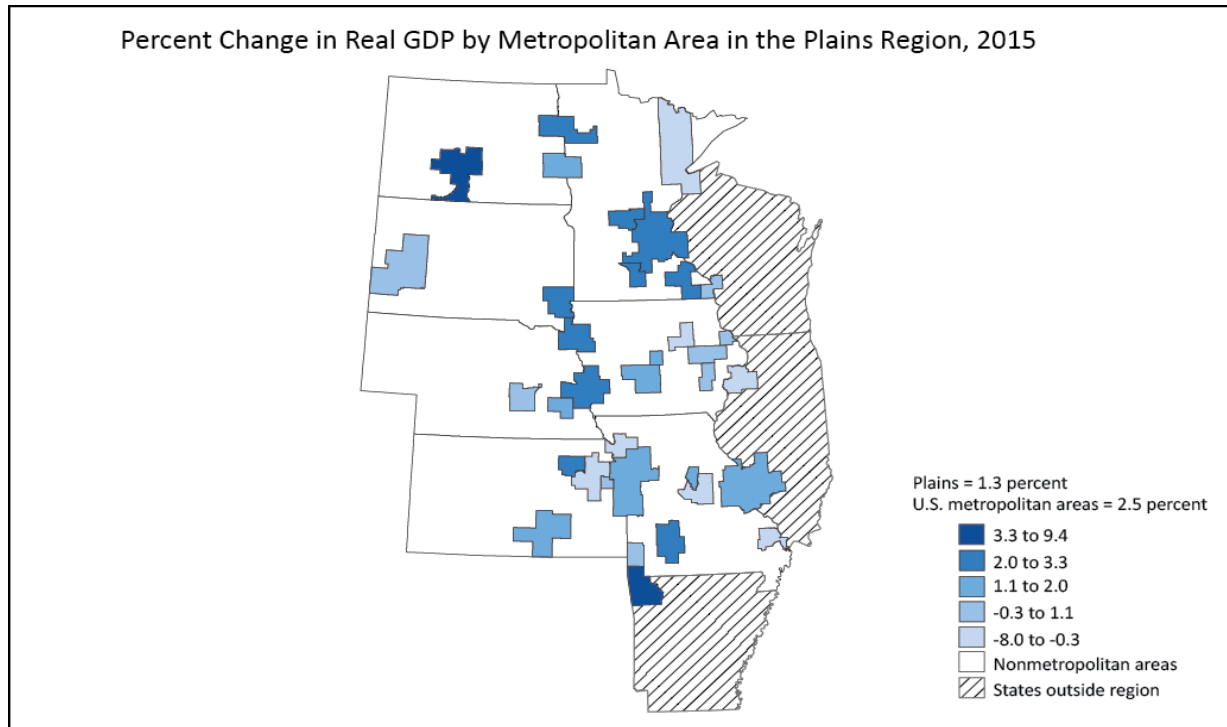


## Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by Metropolitan Area, 2015

*Health Care and Social Assistance Led Growth in the Plains Region*



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- Real GDP expanded in 23 of the 28 MSAs wholly contained in this region. Health care and social assistance contributed the most to growth in real GDP for the region. This region accounts for 7.3 percent of the nation's current-dollar GDP in health care and social assistance. By contrast, mining restrained growth in the region's GDP.
- Grand Forks, ND-MN and Grand Island, NE experienced the largest upturns in real GDP growth due to growth construction and agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting, respectively. Grand Forks, ND-MN growth improved to 3.0 percent in 2015 from -0.5 percent in 2014 (3.5 percentage points), while Grand Island, NE growth improved to 0.1 percent in 2015 from -2.8 percent in 2014 (2.9 percentage points).
- Growth in real GDP ranged from -3.5 percent to 5.7 percent in 2015 with the fastest growth occurring in Bismarck, ND and Mankato-North Mankato, MN. Growth in each of these metropolitan areas was spurred real estate and rental and leasing, and agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting, respectively.
- Kansas City, MO-KS and Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA—the two largest metropolitan areas in the region, and the 29<sup>th</sup> and 52<sup>nd</sup> largest in the nation—experienced growth (1.5 percent and 2.1 percent, respectively), due to growth in real estate and rental and leasing, and management of companies and enterprises, respectively.