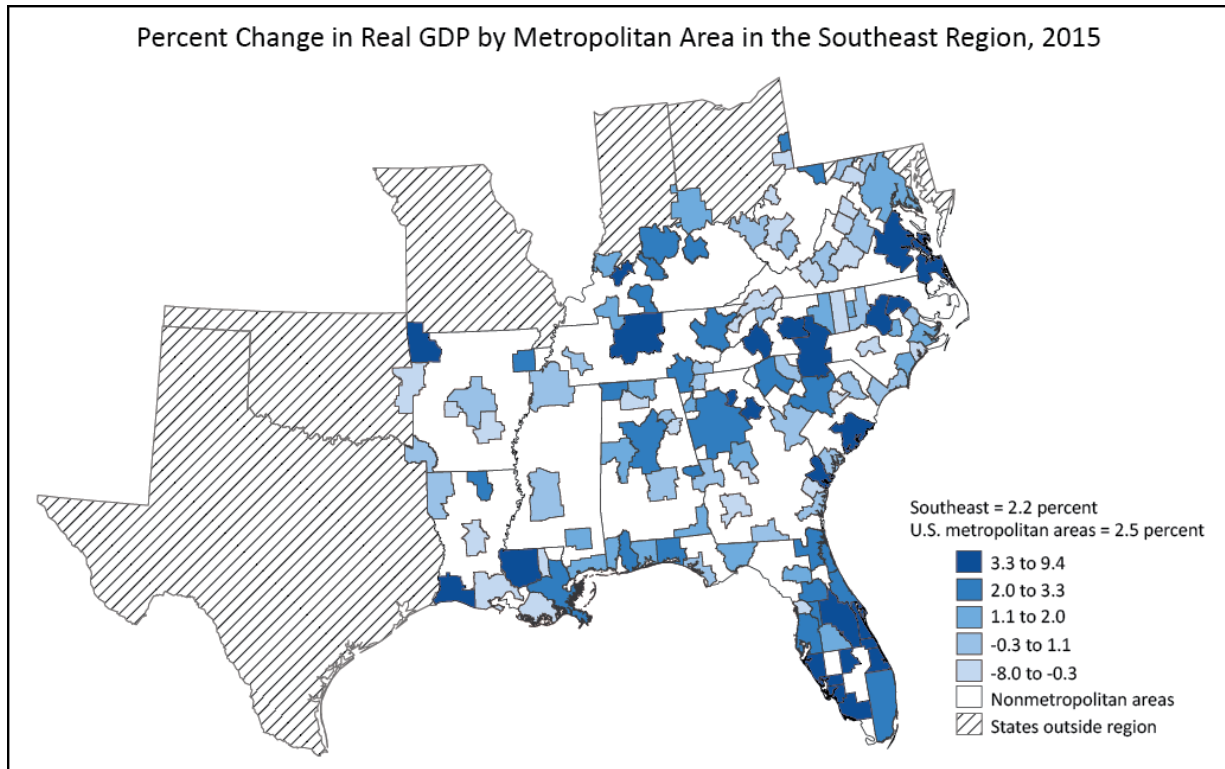


Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by Metropolitan Area, 2015

Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services Led Growth in the Southeast Region



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- Real GDP expanded in 84 of the 114 MSAs wholly contained in this region. Professional, scientific, and technical services contributed the most to growth in real GDP for the region. This region accounts for 19.6 percent of the nation's current-dollar GDP in professional, scientific, and technical services. By contrast, government restrained growth in the region's GDP.
- Rocky Mount, NC and Elizabethtown-Fort Knox, KY experienced the largest upturns in real GDP growth due to growth in nondurable-goods manufacturing and durable-goods manufacturing, respectively. Rocky Mount, NC growth improved to 4.8 percent in 2015 from -2.5 percent in 2014 (7.3 percentage points), while Elizabethtown-Fort Knox, KY growth improved to 2.5 percent in 2015 from -4.7 percent in 2014 (7.2 percentage points).
- Growth in real GDP ranged from -7.8 percent to 8.3 percent in 2015 with the fastest growth occurring in Lake Charles, LA and Raleigh, NC. Growth in each of these metropolitan areas was spurred by nondurable-goods manufacturing and durable-goods manufacturing, respectively.
- Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA and Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL—the two largest metropolitan areas in the region, and the 10th and 11th largest in the nation—experienced growth (2.9 percent and 3.3, respectively), due to growth in retail trade, and real estate and rental and leasing, respectively.