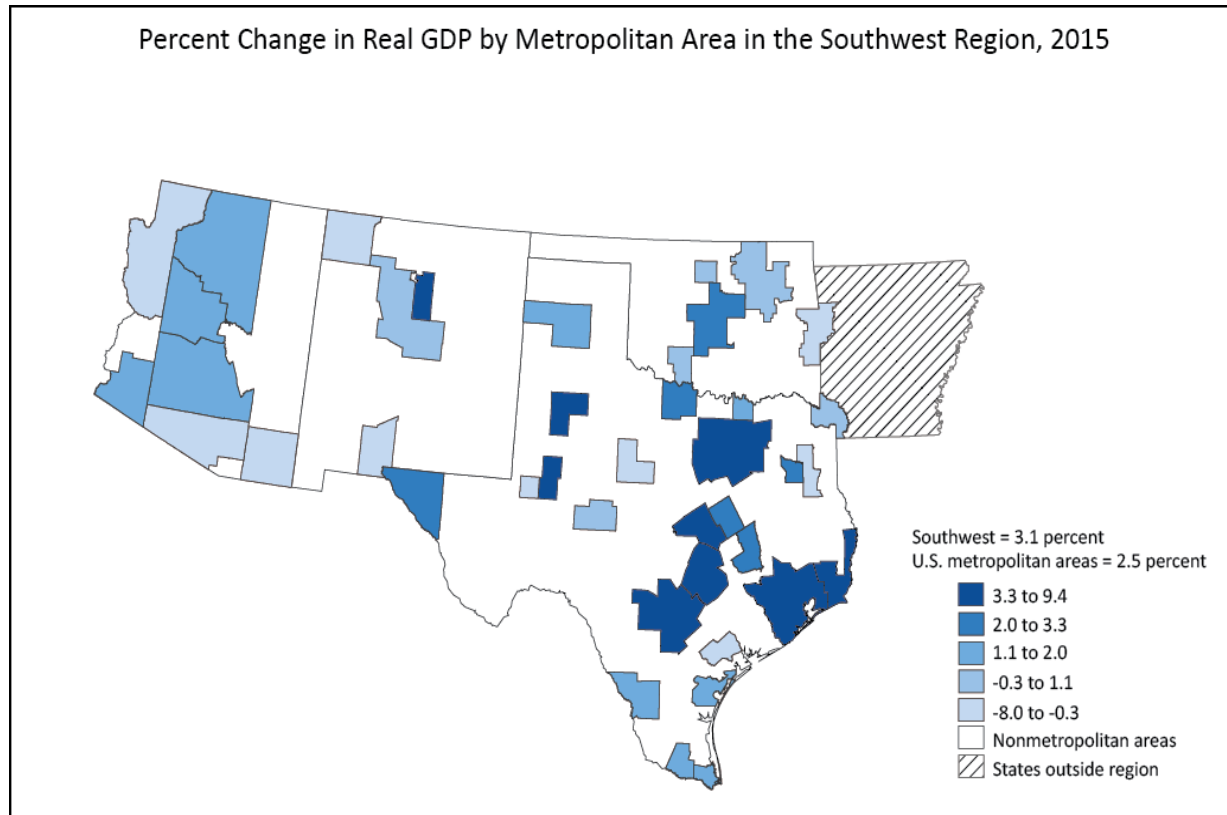


Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by Metropolitan Area, 2015

Mining Led Growth in the Southwest Region



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- Real GDP expanded in 29 of the 39 MSAs wholly contained in this region. Mining contributed the most to growth in real GDP for the region. This region accounts for 55.9 percent of the nation's current-dollar GDP in mining. By contrast, durable-goods manufacturing restrained growth in the region's GDP.
- Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX and Santa Fe, NM experienced the largest upturns in real GDP growth due to growth in nondurable-goods manufacturing and mining, respectively. Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX growth improved to 6.1 percent in 2015 from -1.0 percent in 2014 (7.1 percentage points), while Santa Fe, NM growth improved to 4.4 percent in 2015 from -1.2 percent in 2014 (5.6 percentage points).
- Growth in real GDP ranged from -7.3 percent to 9.4 percent in 2015 with the fastest growth occurring in Midland, TX and Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX. Growth in each of these metropolitan areas was spurred by mining and nondurable-goods manufacturing, respectively.
- Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX and Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX—the two largest metropolitan areas in the region, and the 4th and 6th largest in the nation—experienced growth (4.6 percent and 3.6 percent, respectively), due to mining and wholesale trade, respectively.