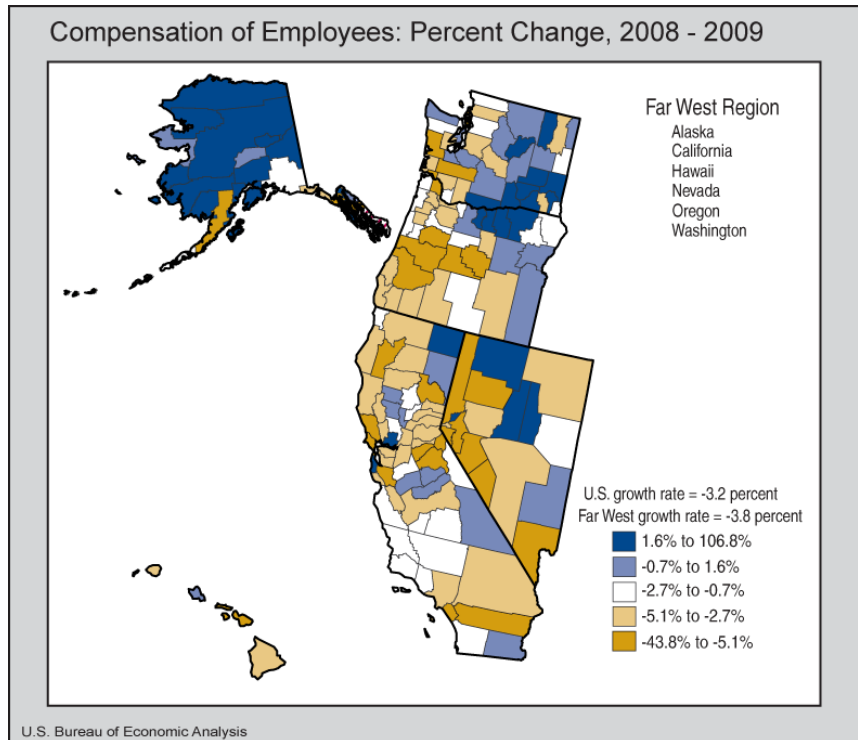


County Compensation by Industry: Far West Region

- The Far West region accounted for 18 percent of the nation's total compensation in 2009. Of the 167 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 2009:

- Total compensation declined in 125 of 183 counties. The largest contraction occurred in Crook County, Oregon at -12.5 percent, while the largest growth occurred in Lander County, Nevada at 15.8 percent.
- Declines in construction, durable-goods manufacturing, and professional, scientific, and technical services were the largest contributors to the contraction in total compensation.
- The local government sector accounted for the largest share of total compensation at 11.9 percent.
- Metropolitan county compensation

declined in 57 of 73 counties. The largest contraction occurred in Columbia County, Oregon at -9.4 percent, while the largest growth occurred in Benton County, Washington at 8.2 percent. Non-metropolitan county compensation declined in 68 of 110 counties.

- Average annual compensation per job increased in 168 of 183 counties, as a decline in employment more than offset the decrease in compensation. North Slope Borough, Alaska had the highest average compensation at \$101,531, while Wheeler County, Oregon had the lowest average compensation at \$31,124.

Largest Counties in the Far West region by 2009 Total Compensation (millions of dollars)

County	Total Compensation in 2008	Total Compensation in 2009	Percent Change
Los Angeles, California	281,552	268,394	-4.7
Orange, California	100,661	94,348	-6.3
San Diego, California	95,016	92,789	-2.3
Santa Clara, California	92,728	87,522	-5.6
King, Washington	89,561	86,944	-2.9

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