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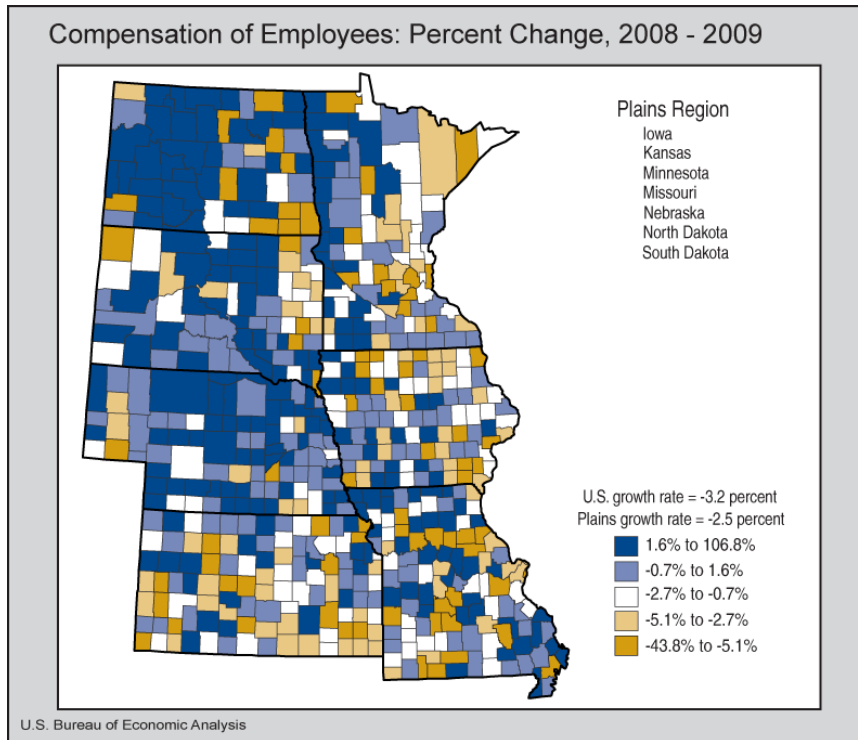**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

County Compensation by Industry: Plains Region

▪ The Plains region accounted for 7 percent of the nation's total compensation in 2009. Of the 167 counties in the nation with at least $10 billion in total compensation, 10 were in the Plains region and accounted for 46 percent of the region's total compensation.

Compensation of Employees: Percent Change, 2008 - 2009

Plains Region
Iowa
Kansas
Minnesota
Missouri
Nebraska
North Dakota
South Dakota

U.S. growth rate = -3.2 percent
Plains growth rate = -2.5 percent
1.6% to 106.8%
-0.7% to 1.6%
-2.7% to -0.7%
-5.1% to -2.7%
-43.8% to -5.1%

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In the Plains region in 2009:

▪ Total compensation declined in 320 of 618 counties. The largest contraction occurred in Slope County, North Dakota at -43.8 percent, while the largest growth occurred in Bollinger County, Missouri at 74.4 percent.

▪ Declines in durable-goods manufacturing , management of companies and enterprises, and construction were the largest contributors to the contraction in total compensation.

▪ The health care and social assistance sector accounted for the largest share of total compensation at 12.1 percent.

▪ Metropolitan county compensation declined in 68 of 119 counties. The largest contraction occurred in Wabaunsee County, Kansas at -36.9 percent, while the largest growth occurred in Bollinger County, Missouri. Non-metropolitan county compensation declined in 252 of 499 counties.

▪ Average annual compensation per job increased in 508 of 618 counties, as a decline in employment more than offset the decrease in compensation. Geary County, Kansas had the highest average compensation at $75,467, while Garfield County, Nebraska had the lowest average compensation at $29,150.

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

County	Total Compensation in 2008	Total Compensation in 2009	Percent Change
Hennepin, Minnesota	63,484	59,210	-6.7
St. Louis, Missouri	39,832	38,570	-3.2
Jackson, Missouri	23,347	23,104	-1.0
Ramsey, Minnesota	21,286	20,885	-1.9
Johnson, Kansas	19,703	18,850	-4.3