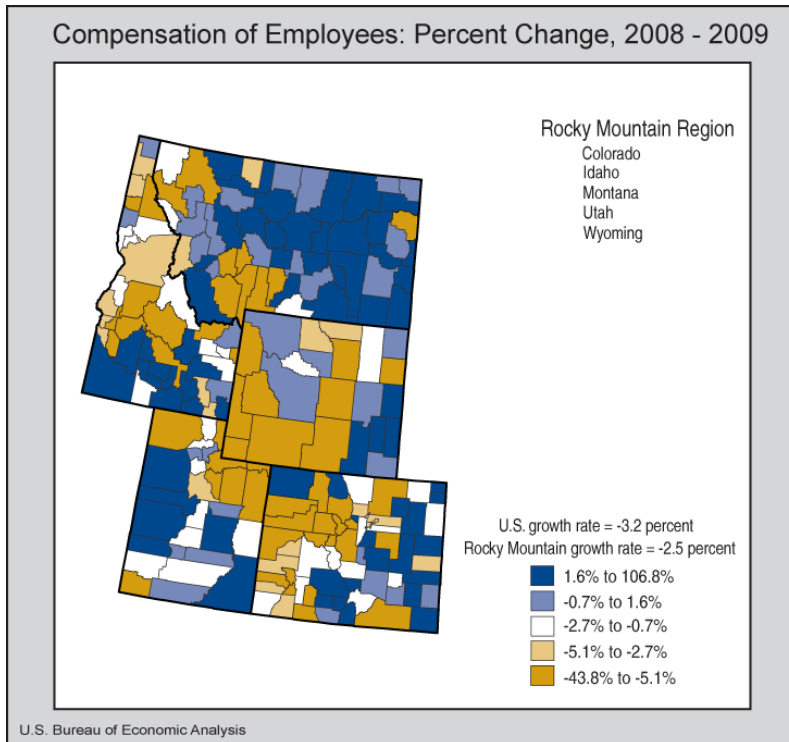


County Compensation by Industry: Rocky Mountain Region

- The Rocky Mountain region accounted for 3 percent of the nation's total compensation in 2009. Of the 167 counties in the nation with at least \$10 billion in total compensation, 7 were in the Rocky Mountain region and accounted for 50 percent of the region's total compensation.



In the Rocky Mountain region in 2009:

- Total compensation declined in 122 of 216 counties. The largest contraction occurred in Sweet Grass County, Montana at -28.5 percent, while the largest growth occurred in Musselshell County, Montana at 43.3 percent.
- Declines in construction, durable-goods manufacturing, and mining were the largest contributors to the contraction in total compensation.
- Metropolitan county compensation declined in 32 of 45 counties. The largest contraction occurred in Clear Creek County, Colorado at -14.9 percent, while the largest growth occurred in Gilpin County, Colorado at 5.7 percent. Non-metropolitan county compensation declined in 90 of 171 counties.

- The local government sector accounted for the largest share of total compensation at 9.7 percent.
- Average annual compensation per job increased in 176 of 216 counties, as a decline in employment more than offset the decrease in compensation. Butte County, Idaho had the highest average compensation at \$89,781, while Petroleum County, Montana had the lowest average compensation at \$30,000.

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

County	Total Compensation in 2008	Total Compensation in 2009	Percent Change
Salt Lake, Utah	32,842	32,315	-1.6
Denver, Colorado	32,933	31,570	-4.1
Arapahoe, Colorado	19,638	19,280	-1.8
El Paso, Colorado	16,226	16,530	1.9
Jefferson, Colorado	12,865	12,768	-0.8

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