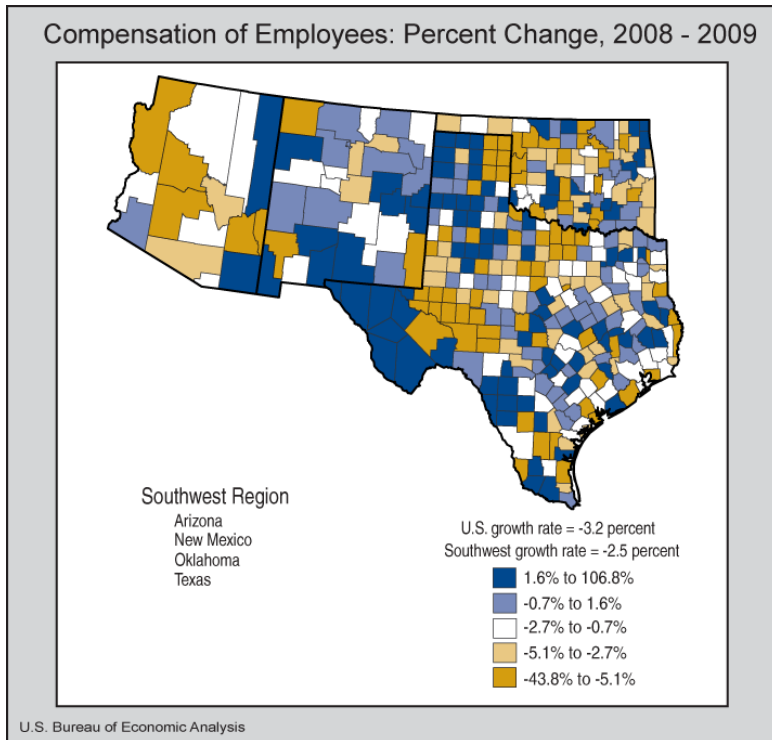


County Compensation by Industry: Southwest Region

- The Southwest region accounted for 11 percent of the nation's total compensation in 2009. Of the 167 counties in the nation with at least \$10 billion in total compensation, 13 were in the Southwest region and accounted for 69 percent of the region's total compensation.



In the Southwest region in 2009:

- Total compensation declined in 226 of 379 counties. The largest contraction occurred in Greenlee County, Arizona at -33.1 percent, while the largest growth occurred in Terrell County, Texas at 22.5 percent.
- Declines in construction, durable-goods manufacturing, and mining were the largest contributors to the contraction in total compensation.
- Metropolitan county compensation declined in 73 of 108 counties. The largest contraction occurred in Wise County, Texas at -19.1 percent, while the largest growth occurred in Carson County, Texas at 5.9 percent. Non-metropolitan county compensation declined in 153 of 271 counties.

- The local government sector accounted for the largest share of total compensation at 10.8 percent.
- Average annual compensation per job increased in 247 of 379 counties, as a decline in employment more than offset the decrease in compensation. Carson County, Texas had the highest average compensation at \$86,710, while Zavala County, Texas had the lowest average compensation at \$28,661.

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

County	Total Compensation in 2008	Total Compensation in 2009	Percent Change
Harris, Texas	150,983	147,151	-2.5
Dallas, Texas	104,542	99,692	-4.6
Maricopa, Arizona	102,591	96,546	-5.9
Tarrant, Texas	45,440	44,441	-2.2
Bexar, Texas	40,580	41,137	1.4

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