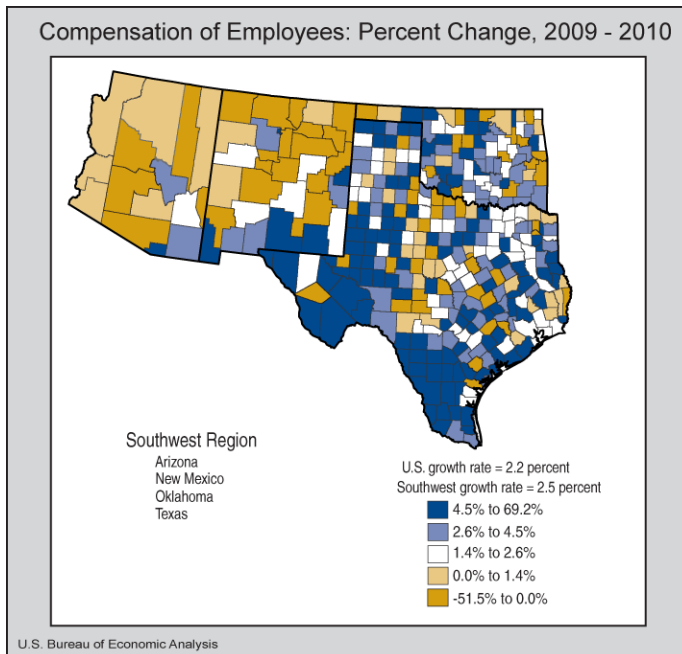


## County Compensation by Industry: Southwest Region

- The Southwest region accounted for 11 percent of the nation's total compensation in 2010. Of the 170 counties in the nation with at least \$10 billion in total compensation, 13 were in the Southwest region and accounted for 68 percent of the region's total compensation.



In the Southwest region in 2010:

- Total compensation increased in 311 of 379 counties. The largest growth occurred in Kenedy County, Texas at 30.0 percent, while the largest contraction occurred in Callahan County, Texas at -8.7 percent.
- Increases in health care and social assistance and federal government were the largest contributors to the growth in total compensation.
- Metropolitan county compensation increased in 89 of 108 counties. The largest growth occurred in Midland County, Texas at 12.9 percent, while the largest contraction occurred in Callahan County, Texas. Non-metropolitan county compensation increased in 222 of 271 counties.
- The local government sector accounted for the

largest share of total compensation at 10.7 percent.

- Average annual compensation per job increased in 360 of 379 counties. Los Alamos County, New Mexico had the highest average compensation at \$86,465, while Foard County, Texas had the lowest average compensation at \$29,117.

Largest Counties in the Southwest region by 2010 Total Compensation (millions of dollars)

County	Total Compensation in 2009	Total Compensation in 2010	Percent Change
Harris, Texas	147,376	151,032	2.5
Dallas, Texas	99,616	101,685	2.1
Maricopa, Arizona	96,178	96,056	-0.1
Tarrant, Texas	44,347	45,979	3.7
Bexar, Texas	41,183	42,961	4.3