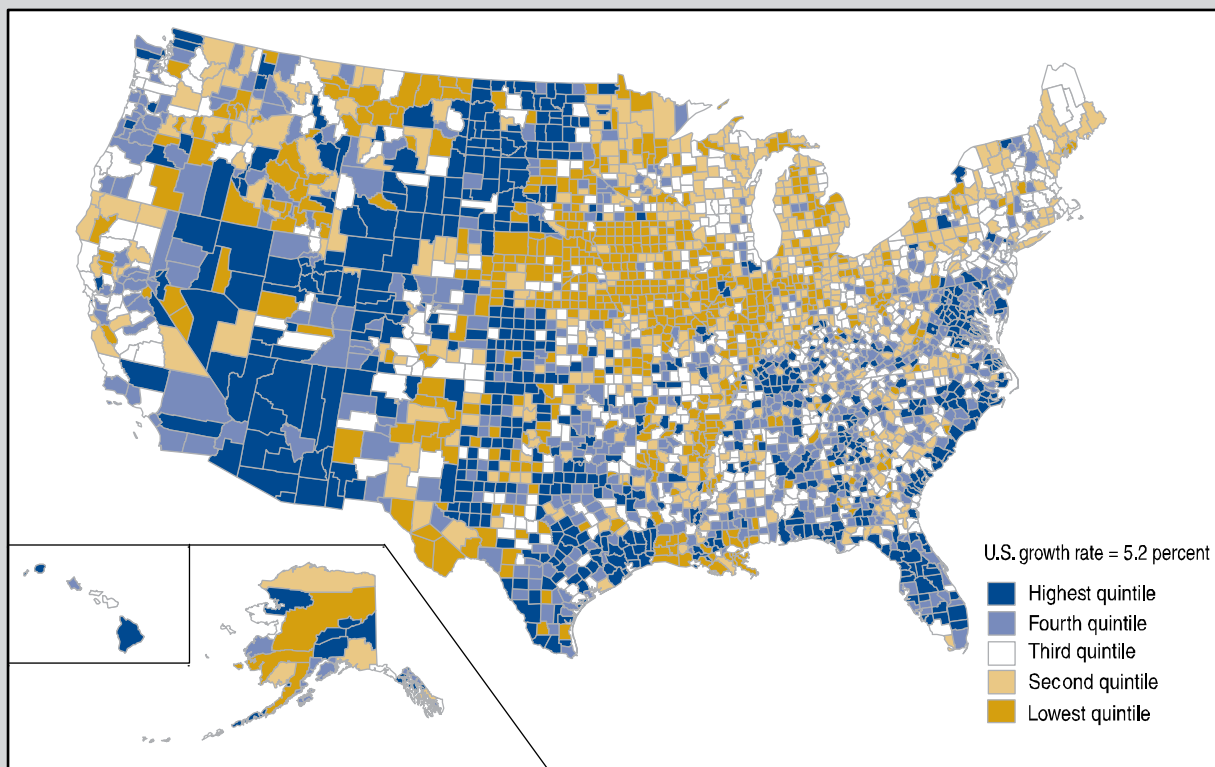


LOCAL AREA PERSONAL INCOME, 2005

Today, the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) released estimates of personal income at the county level for 2005 based on newly available source data. The growth in county personal income for 2005 ranged from 34 percent in Cheyenne County, Kansas to -80 percent in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana. For the Nation, personal income grew 5.2 percent. Farming was the largest contributor to growth in the 10 fastest growing counties—all in Kansas and North Dakota. The five largest declines in county personal income—all in Louisiana—were due to the destruction of housing and businesses from wind, storm surge, and floods caused by Hurricane Katrina.

Personal income growth rates across 3111 counties, 2004-05



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Personal income and per capita income for 2003-2005 have been released for all counties in the Nation on the BEA Web site: www.bea.gov.

BEA data—including GDP, personal income, the balance of payments, foreign direct investment, the input-output accounts, and economic data for states, local areas, and industries—are available on the BEA Web site: www.bea.gov. E-mail alerts are also available.