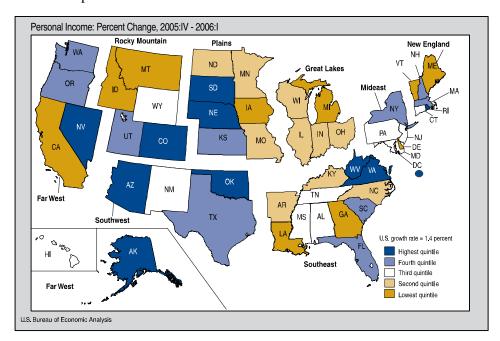


## STATE PERSONAL INCOME: FIRST QUARTER 2006

U.S. personal income grew 1.4 percent in the first quarter of 2006 according to estimates released today by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. This was slower than the 1.9 percent increase in the fourth quarter of 2005 but at a pace equal to the average of the last three years. Nonfarm state growth rates were clustered around the national average while farm states tended to have either lower or higher growth rates, depending on whether they specialized more in crops or livestock.



First Quarter 2006 State Personal Income Growth and Ranks

State	Growth	Rank	State	Growth	Rank	State	Growth	Rank
Alabama	1.5	21	Kentucky	1.3	32	North Dakota	1.3	35
Alaska	1.8	9	Louisiana	0.4	47	Ohio	1.3	33
Arizona	1.9	4	Maine	0.9	44	Oklahoma	2.0	3
Arkansas	1.3	31	Maryland	1.5	23	Oregon	1.6	20
California	1.0	41	Massachusetts	1.7	14	Pennsylvania	1.4	28
Colorado	1.8	5	Michigan	1.0	42	Rhode Island	1.8	7
Connecticut	1.5	22	Minnesota	1.2	38	South Carolina	1.6	19
D.C.	1.8		Mississippi	1.4	29	South Dakota	2.4	1
Delaware	-1.1	50	Missouri	1.2	36	Tennessee	1.5	24
Florida	1.7	15	Montana	0.4	48	Texas	1.6	17
Georgia	0.8	45	Nebraska	1.8	6	Utah	1.6	16
Hawaii	1.4	27	Nevada	2.1	2	Vermont	0.9	43
Idaho	0.5	46	New Hampshire	1.7	13	Virginia	1.8	8
Illinois	1.2	37	New Jersey	1.5	25	Washington	1.7	11
Indiana	1.1	39	New Mexico	1.4	26	West Virginia	1.8	10
Iowa	0.0	49	New York	1.7	12	Wisconsin	1.1	40
Kansas	1.6	18	North Carolina	1.3	34	Wyoming	1.3	30

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.

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