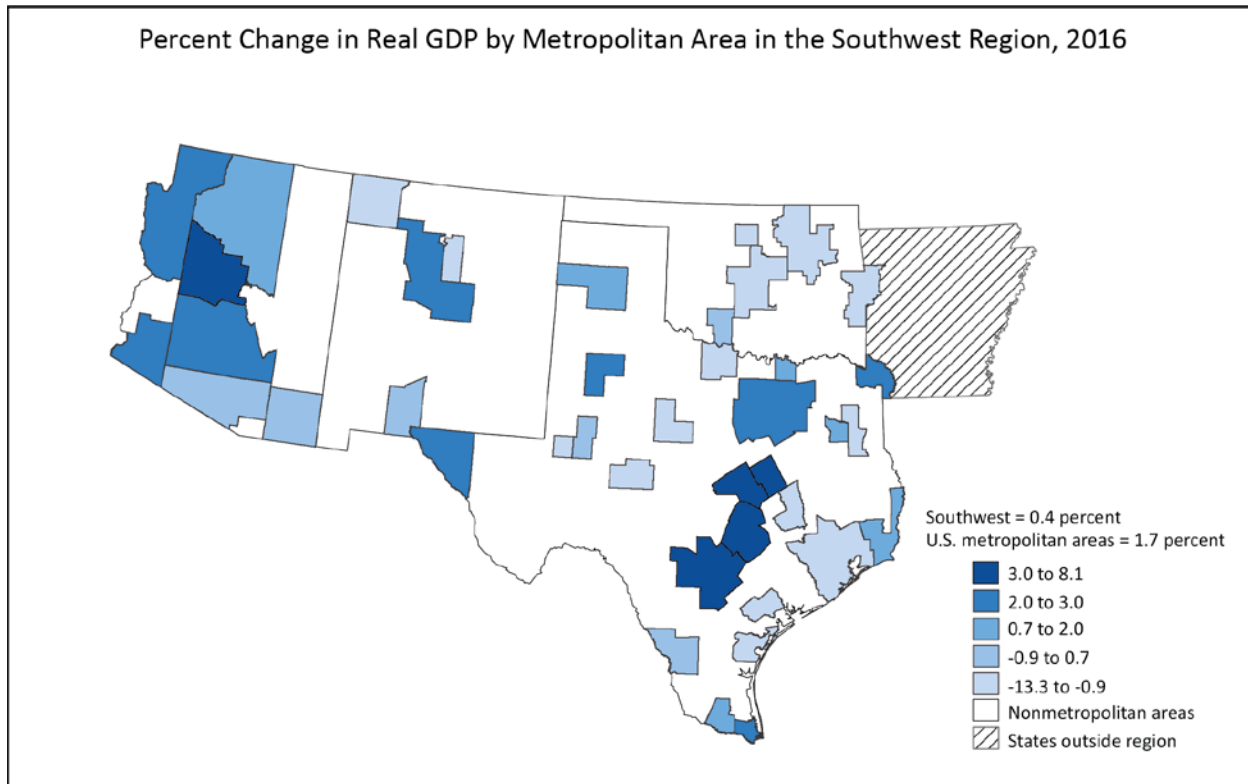


Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by Metropolitan Area, 2016

Health Care and Social Assistance Led Growth in the Southwest Region



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- Real GDP grew in 22 of the 39 MSAs wholly contained in this region. Growth in real GDP ranged from -13.3 percent to 4.9 percent in 2016, with the fastest growth occurring Austin-Round Rock, TX and Killeen-Temple, TX. By contrast, mining restrained growth in the region's GDP.
- Health care and social assistance contributed the most to growth in real GDP for the region. This region accounts for 10.4 percent of the nation's current-dollar GDP in health care and social assistance.
- Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX—the largest metropolitan area in the region, and the 4th largest in the nation—experienced growth of 3.0 percent due to growth in real estate and rental and leasing. Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX—the 2nd largest in the region, and 6th largest in the nation—experienced a decline of 3.0 percent due to mining.