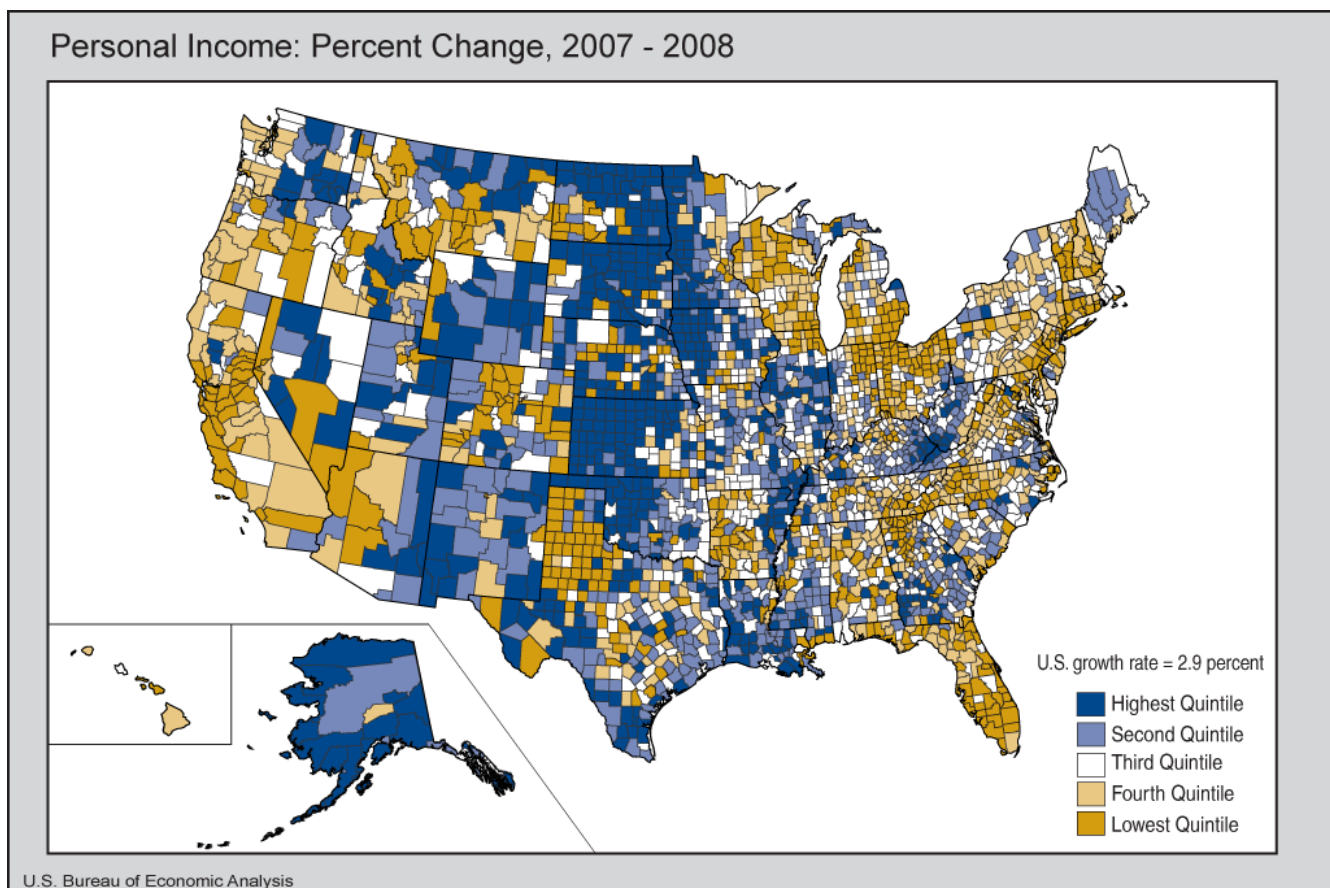


LOCAL AREA PERSONAL INCOME, 2008

Today, the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) released estimates of personal income at the county level for 2008 based on newly available source data. The percent change from 2007 to 2008 in county personal income ranged from -48 percent in Slope County, North Dakota to 54 percent in Faulk County, South Dakota with growth slowing in more than two-thirds of the counties. For the nation, personal income grew 2.9 percent in 2008 after growing 5.5 percent in 2007. A surge in farm income accounted for the bulk of the growth in 29 of the 31 fastest growing counties (the top 1 percent of the nation's counties) as they continued to rebound from sharp mid-decade declines in farm income.



Personal income and per capita personal income for 1969-2008, which incorporated the results of the comprehensive revision to the national income and product accounts (July 2009), 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.