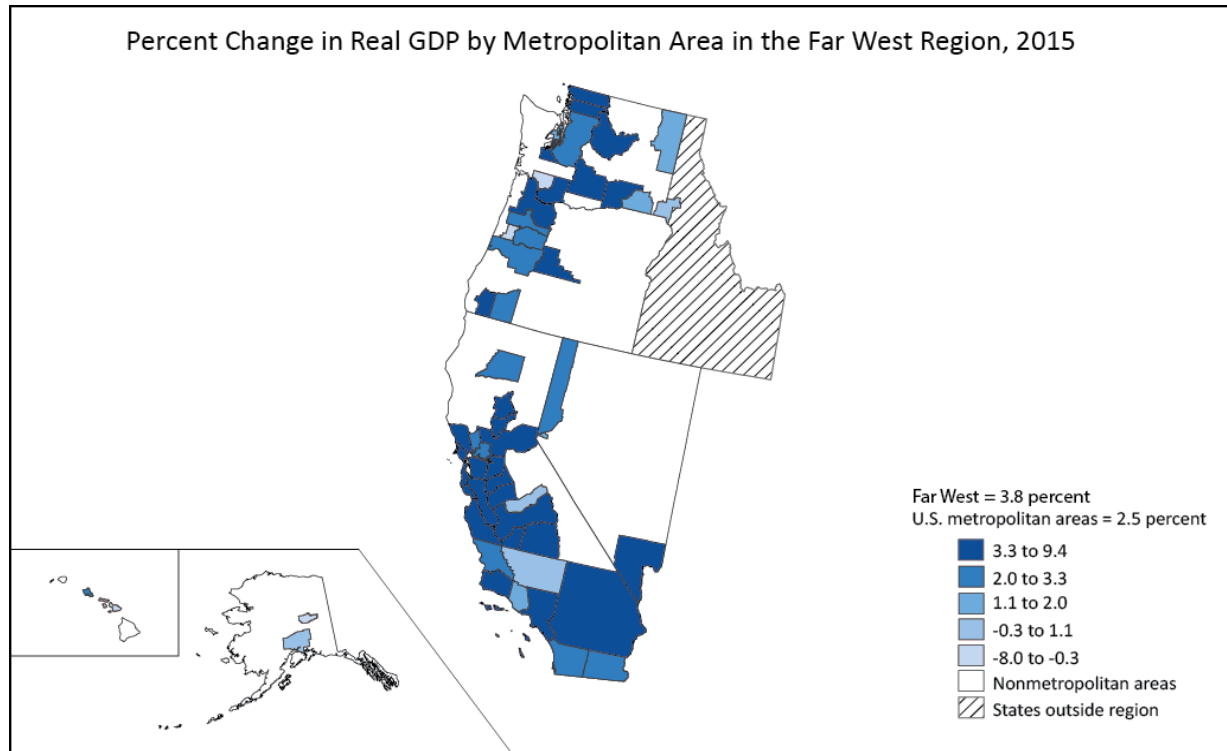


Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by Metropolitan Area, 2015

Information Led Growth in the Far West Region



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- Real GDP expanded in 48 of the 52 MSAs wholly contained in this region. The information industry group contributed the most to growth in real GDP for the region. This region accounts for 30.3 percent of the nation's current-dollar GDP in the information industry group. By contrast, utilities restrained growth in the region's GDP.
- Bellingham, WA and Mount Vernon-Anacortes, WA experienced the largest upturns in real GDP growth due to growth in nondurable-goods manufacturing. Bellingham, WA growth improved to 4.4 percent in 2015 from -2.9 percent in 2014 (7.3 percentage points), while Mount Vernon-Anacortes, WA growth improved to 5.6 percent in 2015 from -0.4 percent in 2014 (6.0 percentage points).
- Growth in real GDP ranged from -2.4 percent to 8.9 percent in 2015 with the fastest growth occurring in San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA and Visalia-Porterville, CA. Growth in each of these metropolitan areas was spurred by the information industry group, and agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting, respectively.
- Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA and San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA—the two largest metropolitan areas in the region, and the 2nd and 7th largest in the nation—experienced growth (3.9 percent and 4.1 percent, respectively), due to growth in the information industry group and professional, scientific, and technical services.