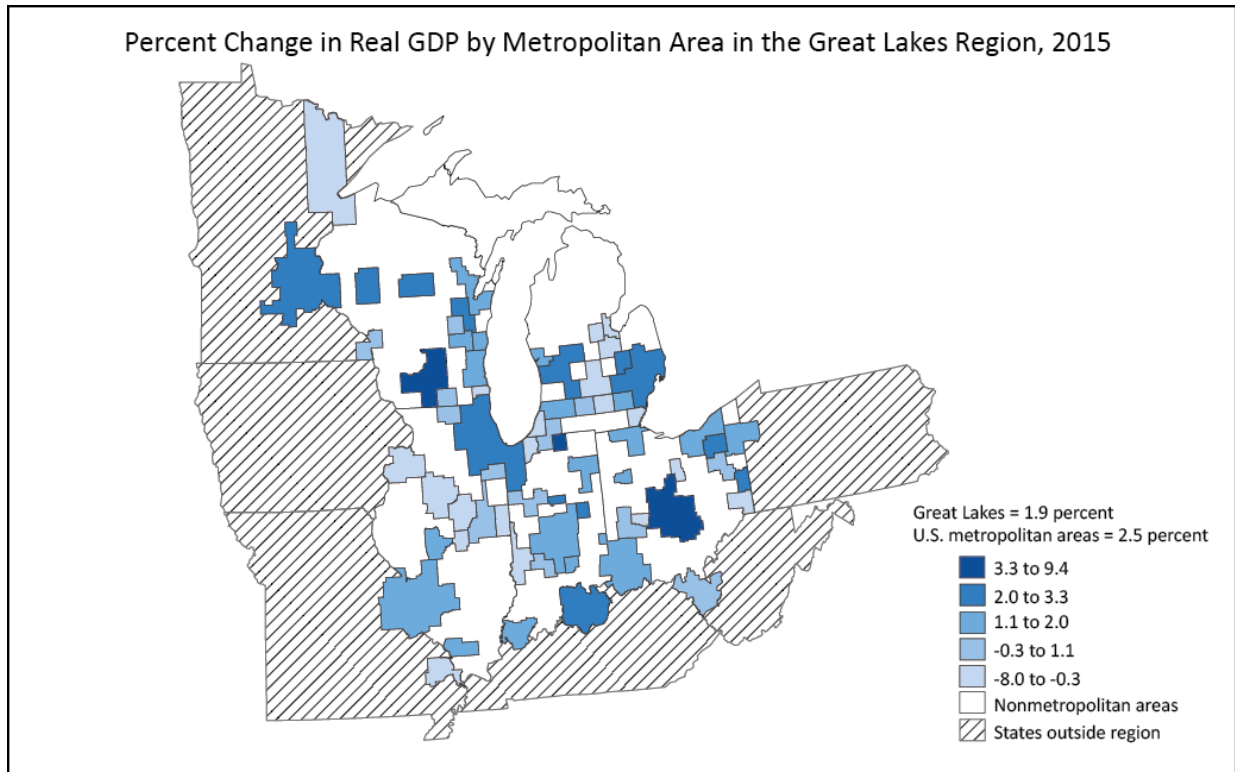


Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by Metropolitan Area, 2015

Real Estate and Rental and Leasing Led Growth in the Great Lakes Region



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- Real GDP expanded in 38 of the 55 MSAs wholly contained in this region. Real estate and rental and leasing contributed the most to growth in real GDP for the region. This region accounts for 12.5 percent of the nation's current-dollar GDP in real estate and rental and leasing. By contrast, government restrained growth in the region's GDP.
- Kokomo, IN and Carbondale-Marion, IL experienced the largest upturns in real GDP growth due to growth in durable-goods manufacturing and mining, respectively. Kokomo, IN growth improved to 3.0 percent in 2015 from -1.3 in 2014 (4.3 percentage points), while Carbondale-Marion, IL growth improved to 1.4 percent in 2015 from -1.3 percent in 2014 (2.7 percentage points).
- Growth in real GDP ranged from -8.0 percent to 3.7 percent in 2015 with the fastest growth occurring in Elkhart-Goshen, IN and Madison, WI. Growth in each of these metropolitan areas was spurred by durable-goods manufacturing and the information industry group, respectively.
- Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI and Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI—the two largest metropolitan areas in the region, and the 3rd and 14th largest in the nation—experienced growth (3.1 percent and 2.1 percent, respectively), due to growth in real estate and rental and leasing, and professional, scientific, and technical services, respectively.