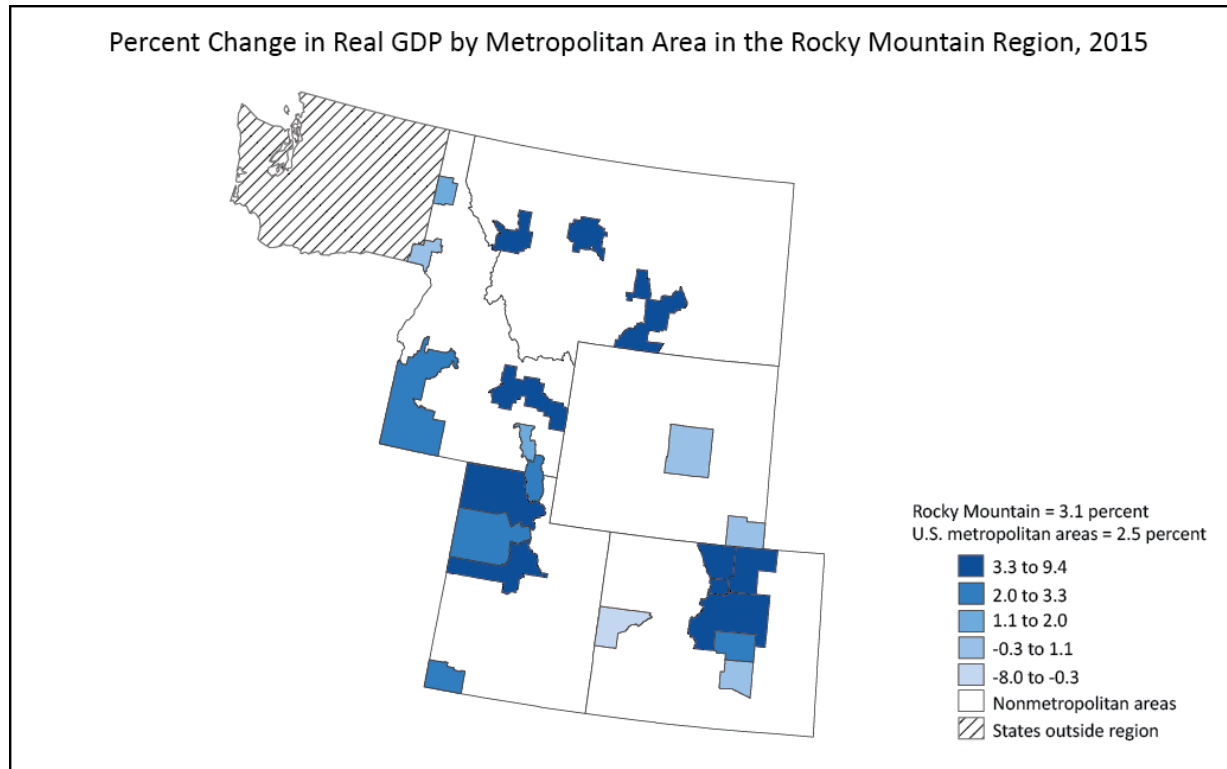


Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by Metropolitan Area, 2015

Real estate and Rental and Leasing Led Growth in the Rocky Mountain Region



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- Real GDP expanded in 20 of the 21 MSAs wholly contained in this region. Real estate and rental and leasing and retail trade contributed the most to growth in real GDP for the region. This region accounts for 3.5 percent of the nation's current-dollar GDP in real estate and rental and leasing. By contrast, utilities restrained growth in the region's GDP.
- Idaho Falls, ID and Provo-Orem, UT experienced the largest upturns in real GDP growth due to growth in professional, scientific, and technical services and the information industry group, respectively. Idaho Falls, ID growth improved to 4.9 percent in 2015 from -0.7 percent in 2014 (5.6 percentage points), while Provo-Orem, UT growth improved to 7.6 percent in 2015 from 3.4 percent in 2014 (4.2 percentage points).
- Growth in real GDP ranged from -0.4 percent to 7.6 percent in 2015 with the fastest growth occurring in Provo-Orem, UT and Billings, MT. Growth in each of these metropolitan areas was spurred by the information industry group and nondurable-goods manufacturing, respectively.
- Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO and Salt Lake City, UT—the two largest metropolitan areas in the region, and the 18th and 41st largest in the nation—experienced growth (4.0 percent and 3.1 percent, respectively), due to growth in real estate and rental and leasing, and finance and insurance, respectively.