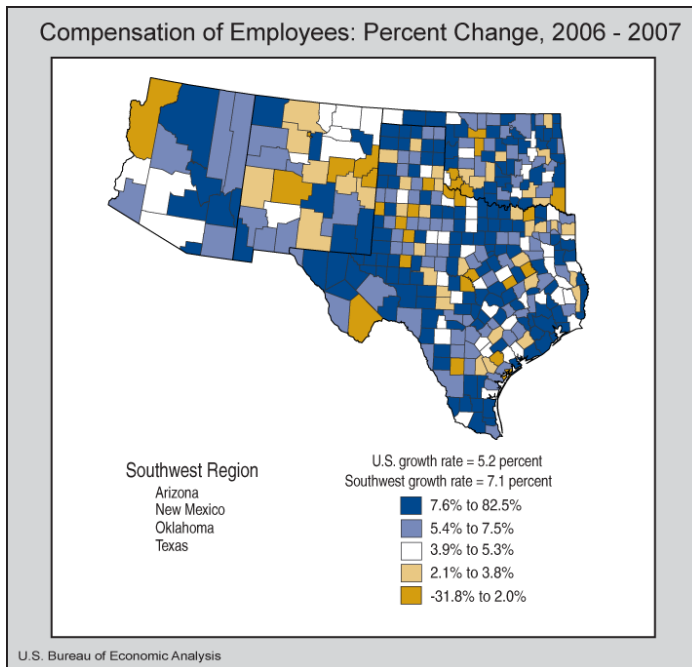


County Compensation by Industry: Southwest Region

- The Southwest region accounted for 10.8% of the nation's total compensation in 2007. Of the 164 counties in the nation with at least \$10 billion in total compensation, 12 were in the Southwest region and accounted for 68.5% of the region's total compensation.



In the Southwest region:

- Total compensation grew in 365 of 379 counties in 2007. The largest growth occurred in Hemphill County, Texas at 37.3%, while the largest contraction occurred in Guadalupe County, New Mexico at -7.2%.
- Total compensation in the management of companies and enterprises sector grew fastest at 22.2%, while the non-durable manufacturing sector grew slowest at 3.7% in 2007.
- The local government sector accounted for the largest share of total compensation at 9.7%.
- Growth in total compensation accelerated in 49% of counties. The largest acceleration occurred in Wheeler County, Texas, driven by the mining sector.

- Average annual compensation per job increased in 363 of 379 counties in 2007. Carson County, Texas had the highest average compensation at \$77,736, while Menard County, Texas had the lowest average compensation at \$25,627.

Largest Counties in the Southwest region by 2007 Total Compensation (\$millions)

County	Total Compensation in 2006	Total Compensation in 2007	Percent Change
Harris, Texas	130,344	144,297	10.7
Dallas, Texas	97,854	103,705	6.0
Maricopa, Arizona	96,890	101,197	4.4
Tarrant, Texas	42,014	44,443	5.8
Bexar, Texas	37,031	39,356	6.3

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