

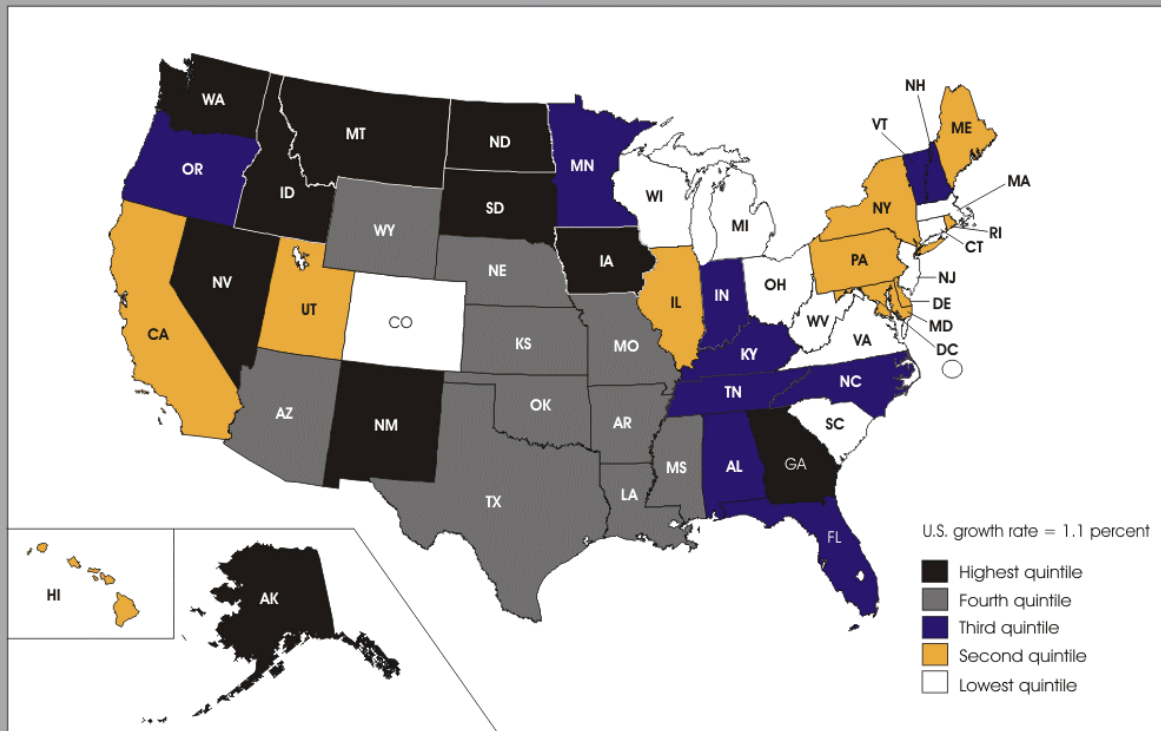


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PERSONAL INCOME GROWTH IN THE STATES, THIRD QUARTER 2003

Personal income for the Nation grew 1.1 percent in the third quarter of 2003, compared with 1.0 percent in the second quarter and 0.8 percent in the first quarter. Earnings for the Nation grew in every industry for the first time in more than two years.

Personal Income: Percent Change, 2003:II-2003:III



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Net earnings increased 1.2 percent nationally, and in all states and the District of Columbia.

- Fast growth in farm earnings was particularly important in Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, and Idaho, all of which were among the ten fastest growing states.

Transfer payments increased 2.1 percent in the third quarter of 2003, more slowly than the 2.5 percent increase in the second quarter.

- Unemployment benefit payments, the most volatile component of transfer payments increased 4.1 percent nationally in the third quarter of 2003 after increasing 8.6 percent in the second quarter.
- Unemployment benefit payments grew in 40 states and the District of Columbia.
- Together, all other transfer payments—which include old-age, survivors, disability, and other benefits—grew 2.0 percent.

Property income (dividends, interest, and rent) increased 0.1 percent in the third quarter compared with a decline of 0.4 percent in the second quarter.

BEA's 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 its Web site: <www.bea.gov>.

NOTE: Estimates of state personal income for the fourth quarter 2003 will be released on April 27, 2004.

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