

# Recent Population Trends for Counties and Metro/Micro Areas

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***Materials for C-SPAN Segment on  
Population Estimates***

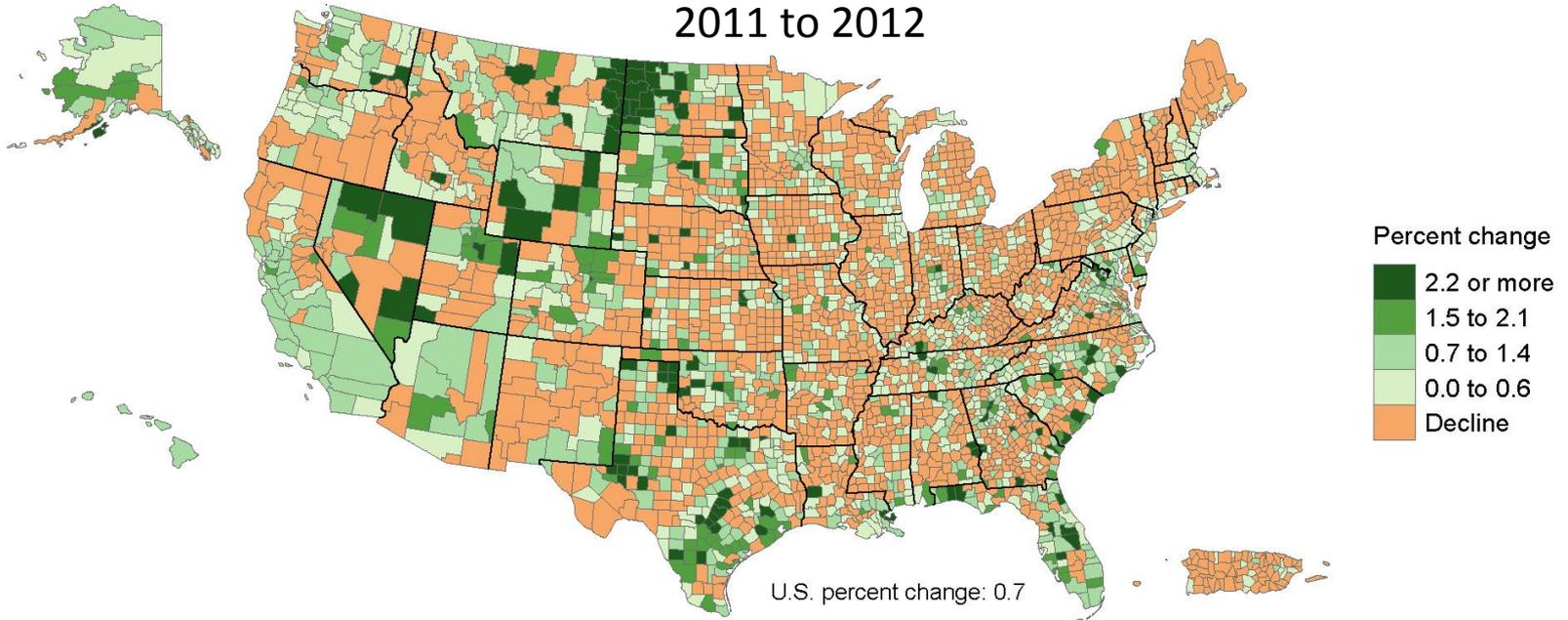
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# Highlights, 2011-2012

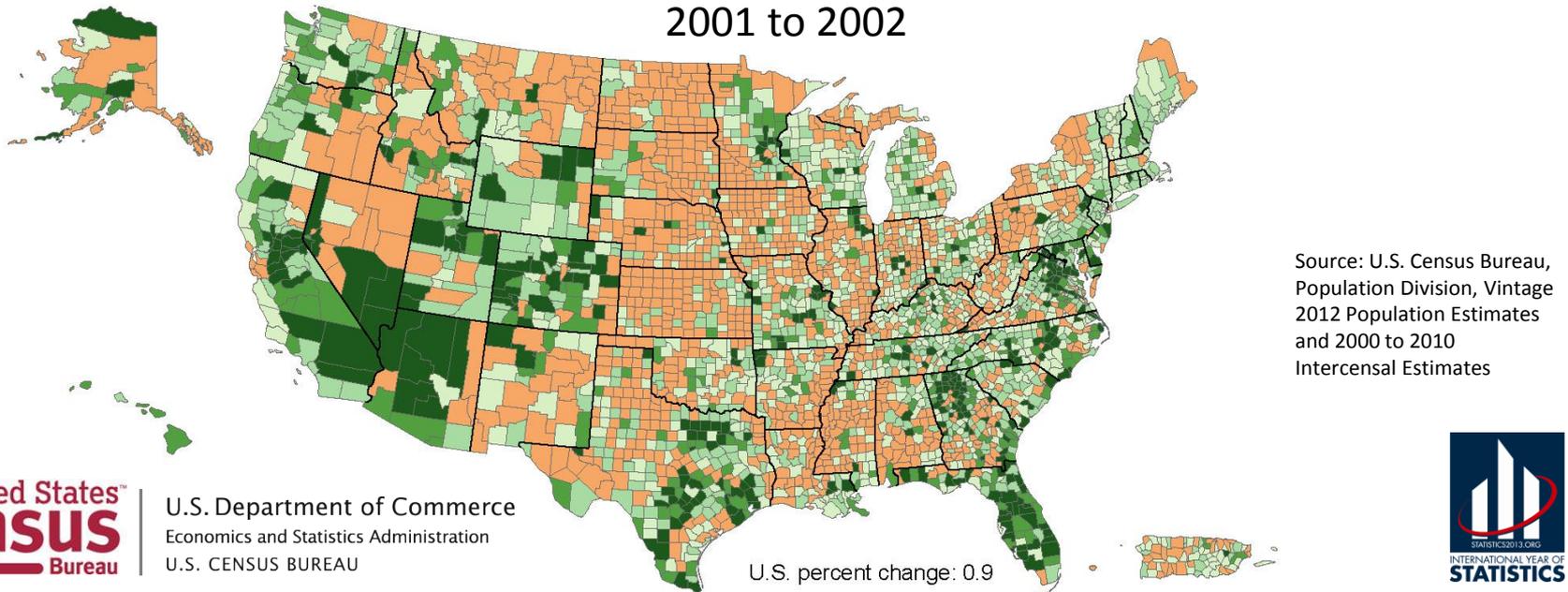
- National population growth slowed in recent years; U.S. population up 2.3 million
- Oil & gas boom now driving population growth in parts of Great Plains
- Population growth concentrated: half of country's increase occurred in just 46 of 3,143 counties
- Metro areas increased by 2.4 million; 4 of 5 metro areas grew

# Percent Change in Population by County

2011 to 2012

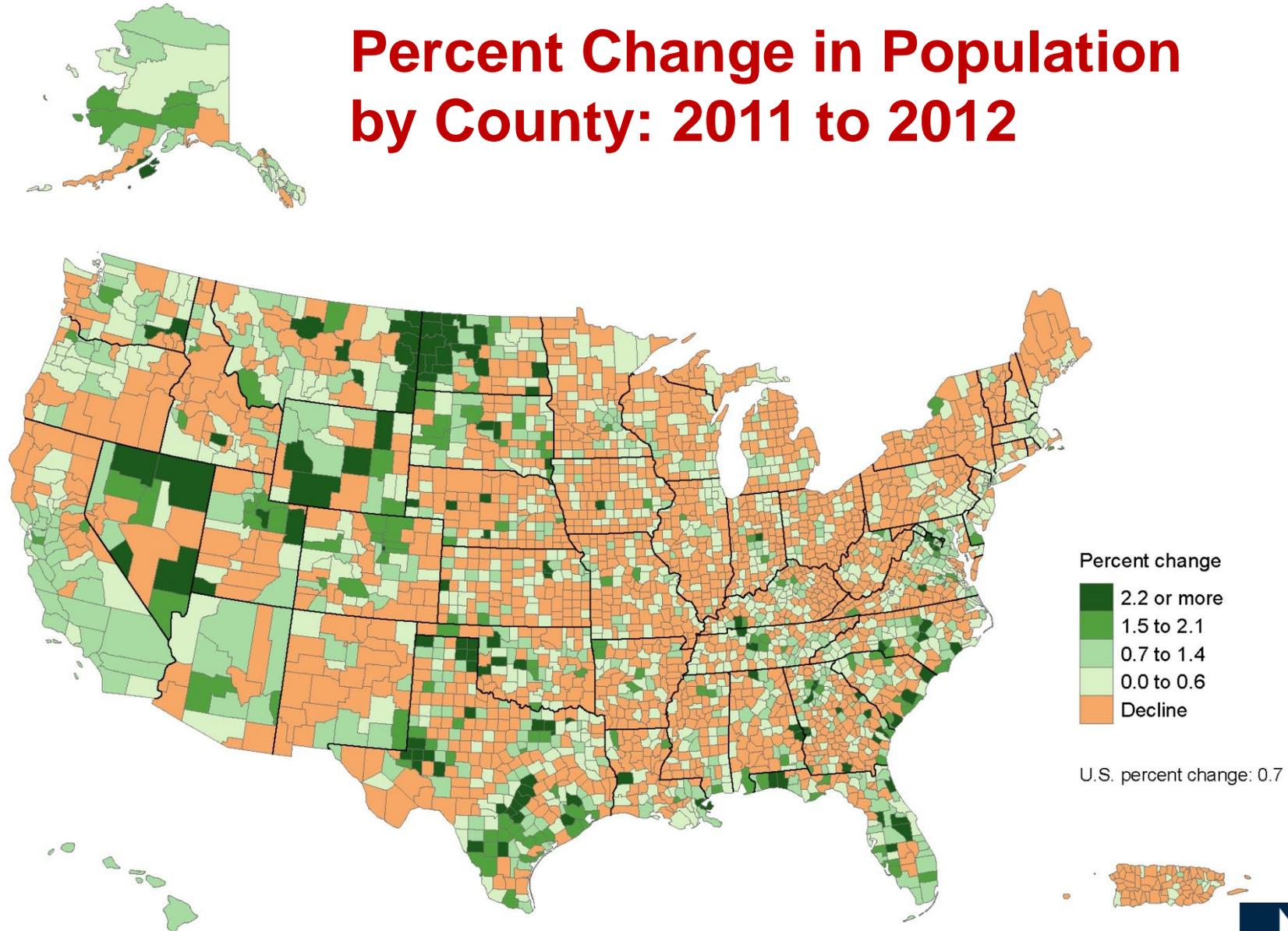


2001 to 2002

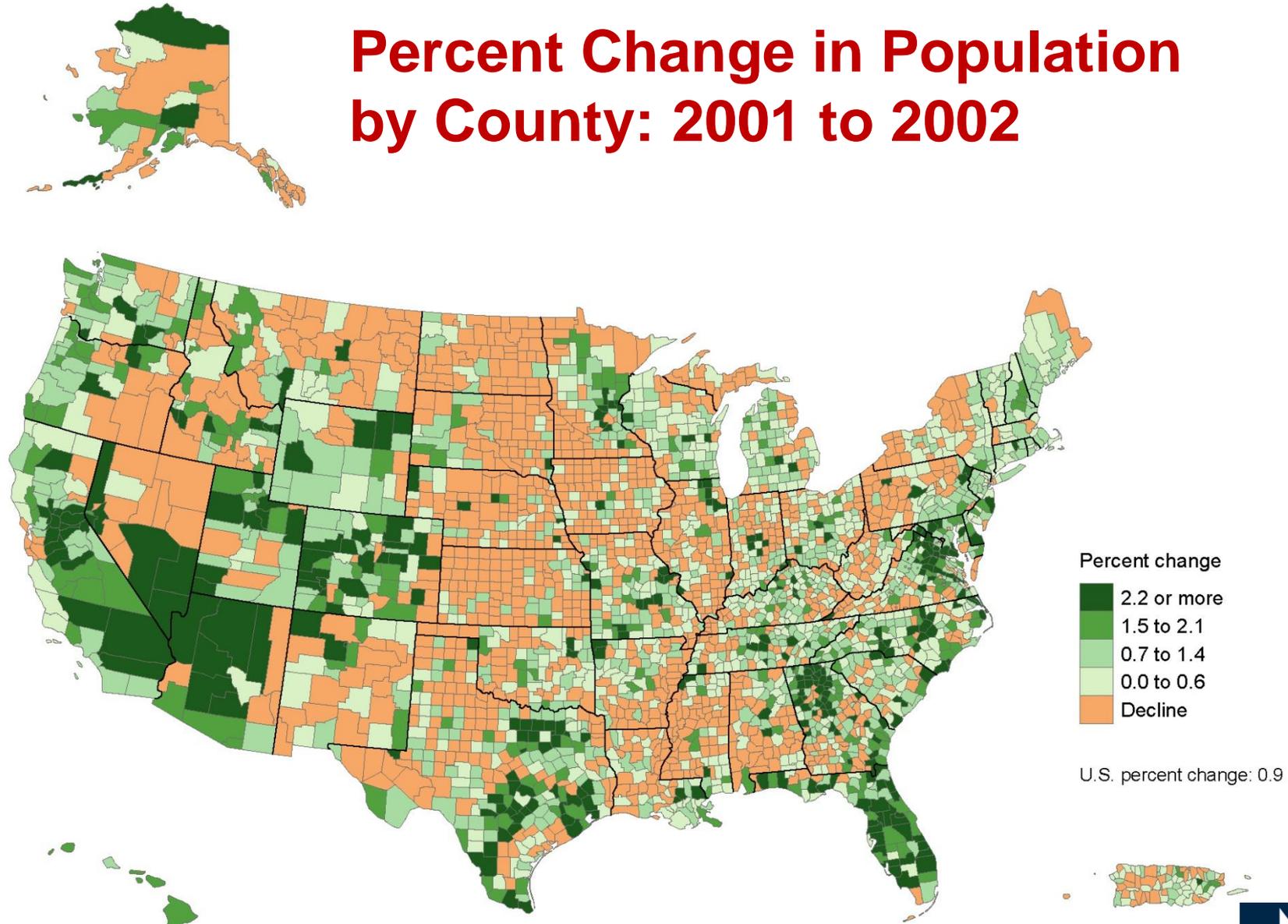


Source: U.S. Census Bureau,  
Population Division, Vintage  
2012 Population Estimates  
and 2000 to 2010  
Intercensal Estimates

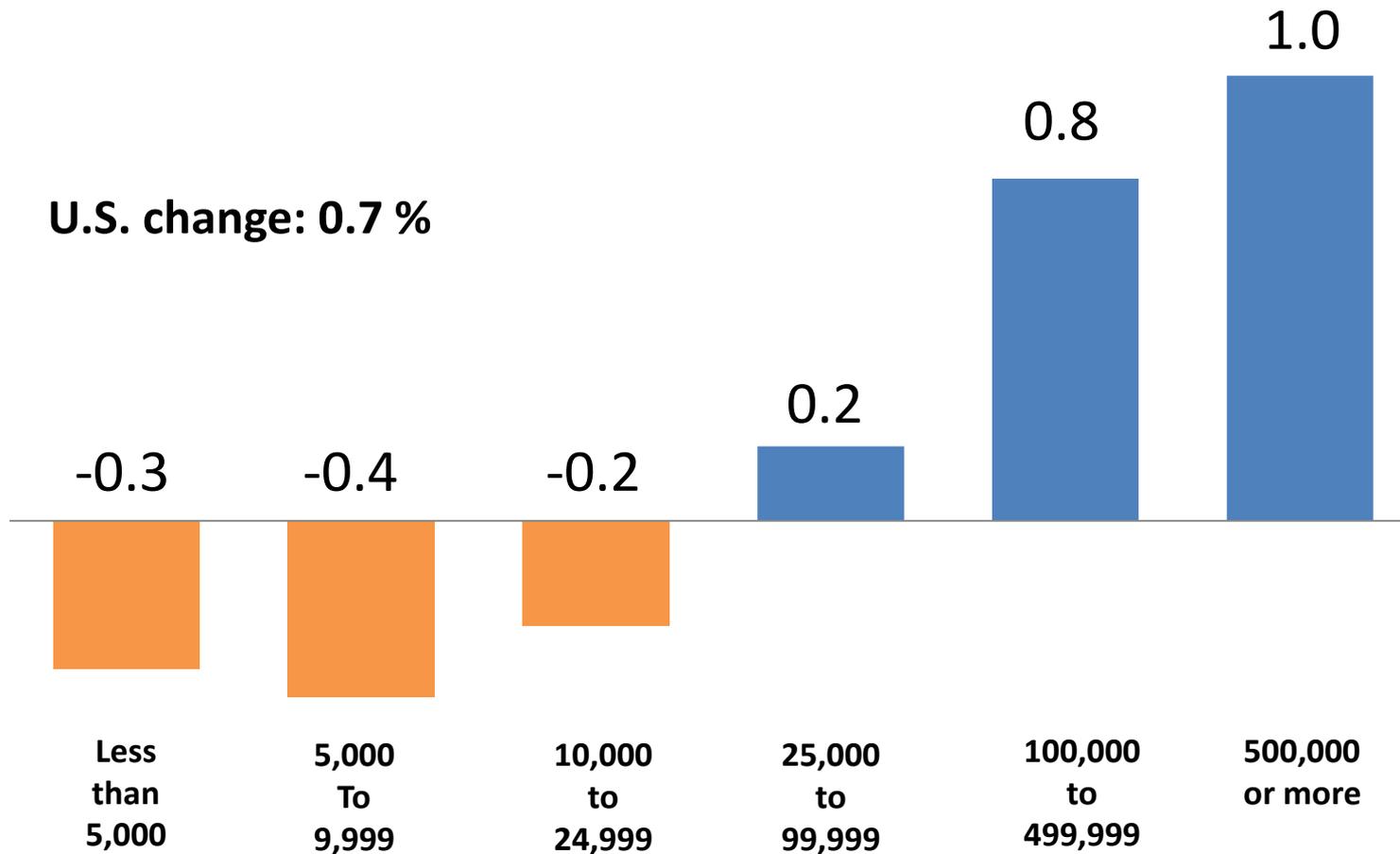
# Percent Change in Population by County: 2011 to 2012



# Percent Change in Population by County: 2001 to 2002

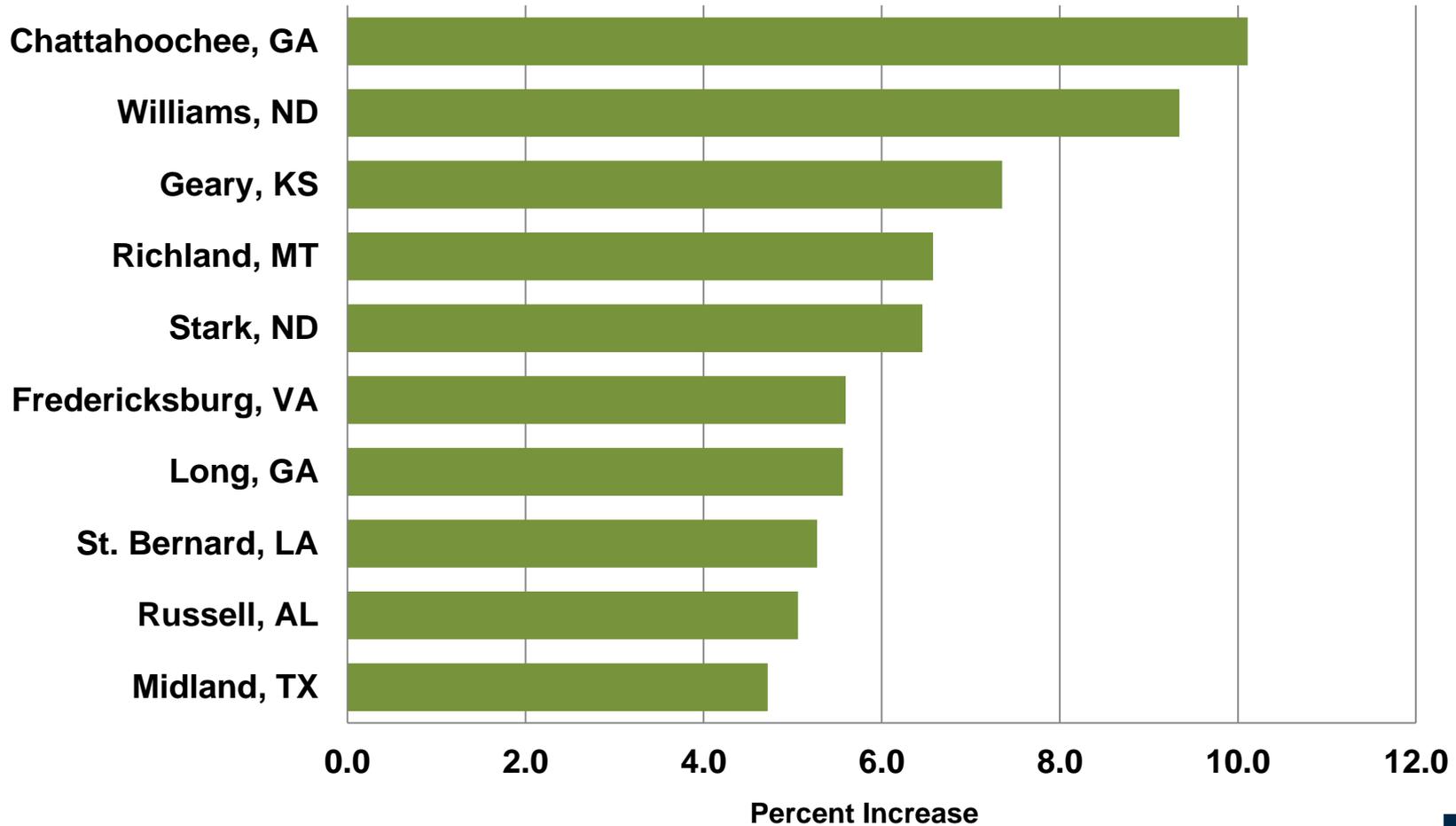


# Percent Change in Population by County Size Category: 2011 to 2012

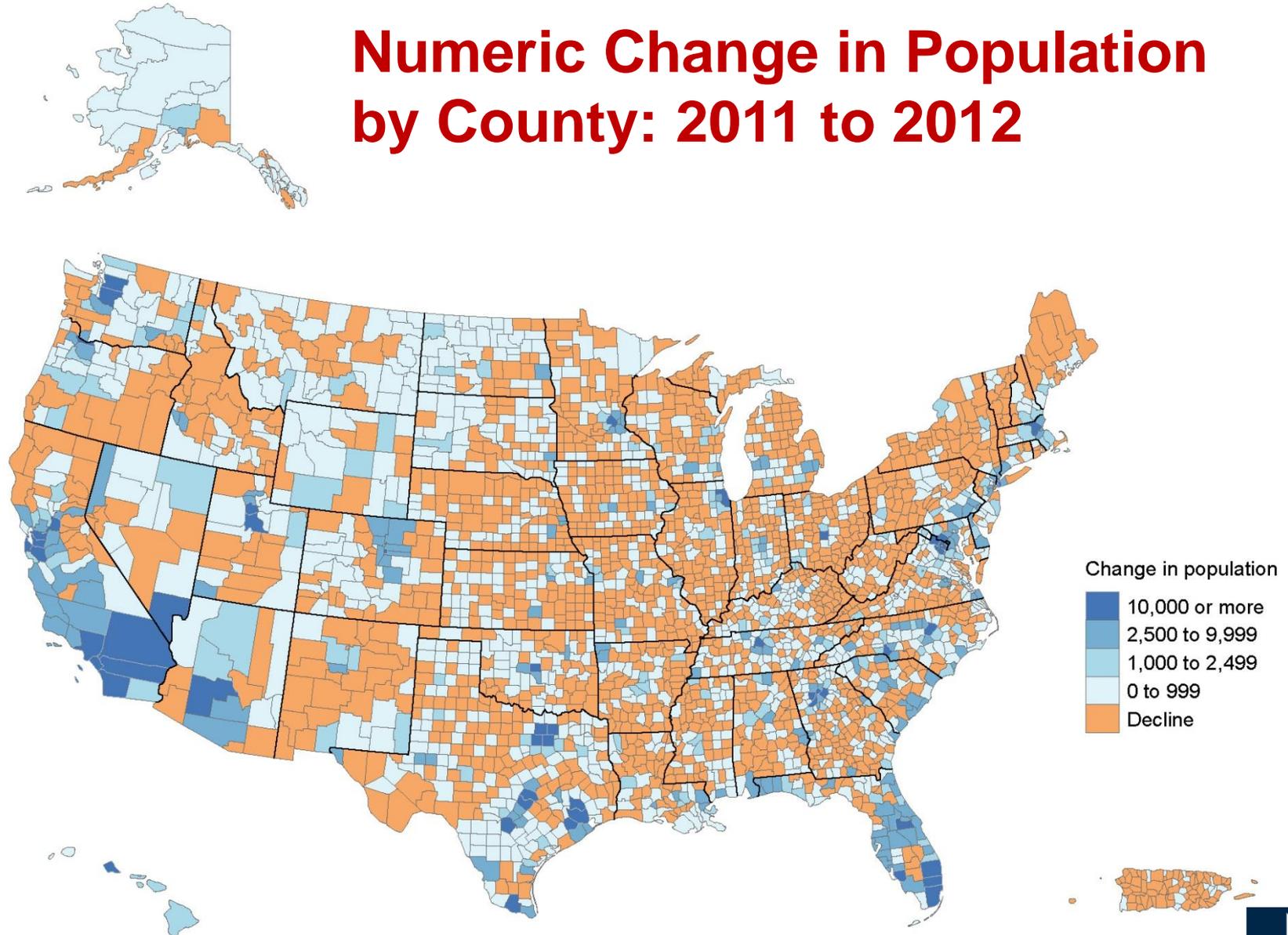


# The 10 Fastest Growing Counties: 2011 to 2012

(among counties with total populations of 10,000 or more in 2012)



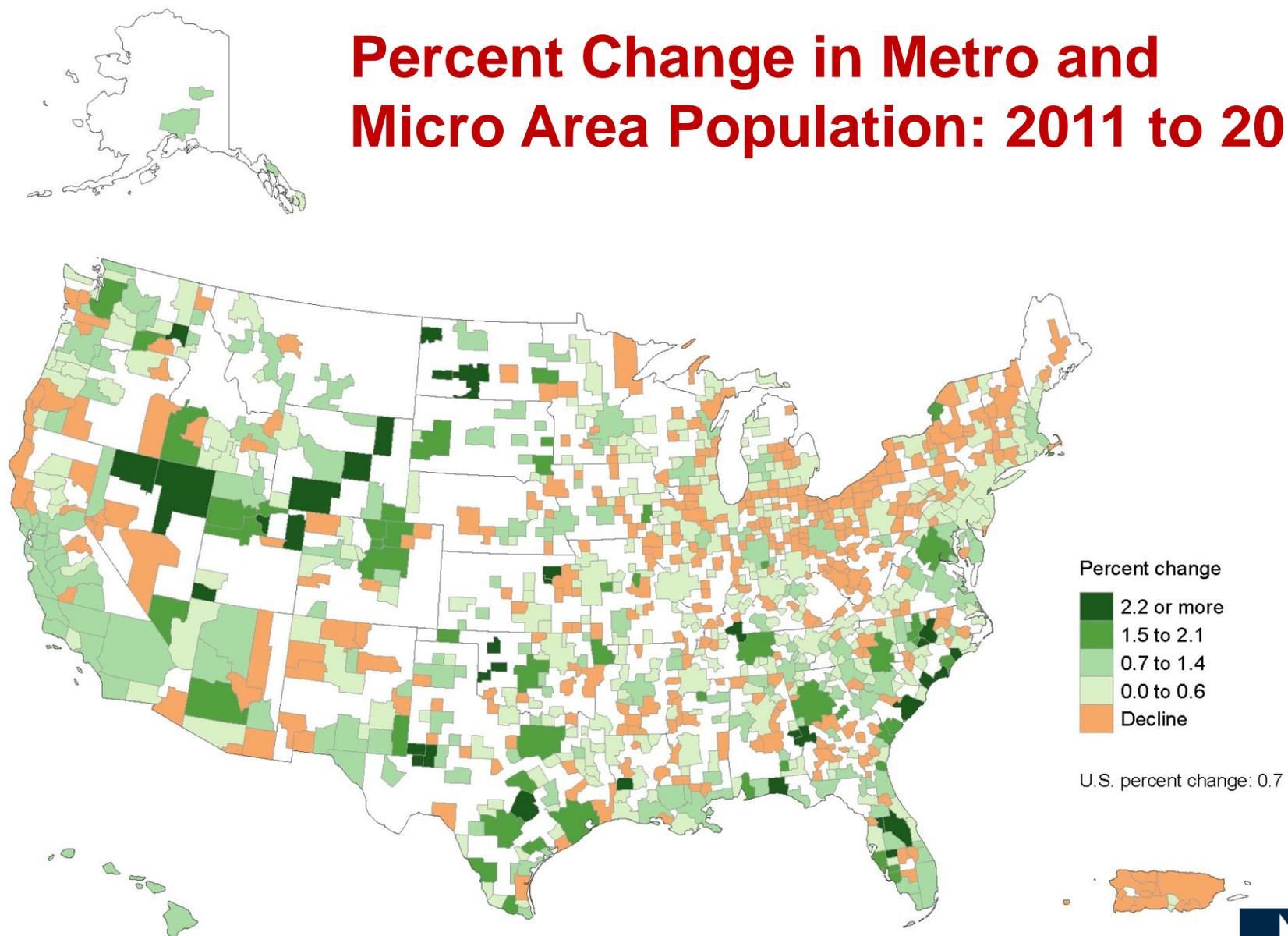
# Numeric Change in Population by County: 2011 to 2012



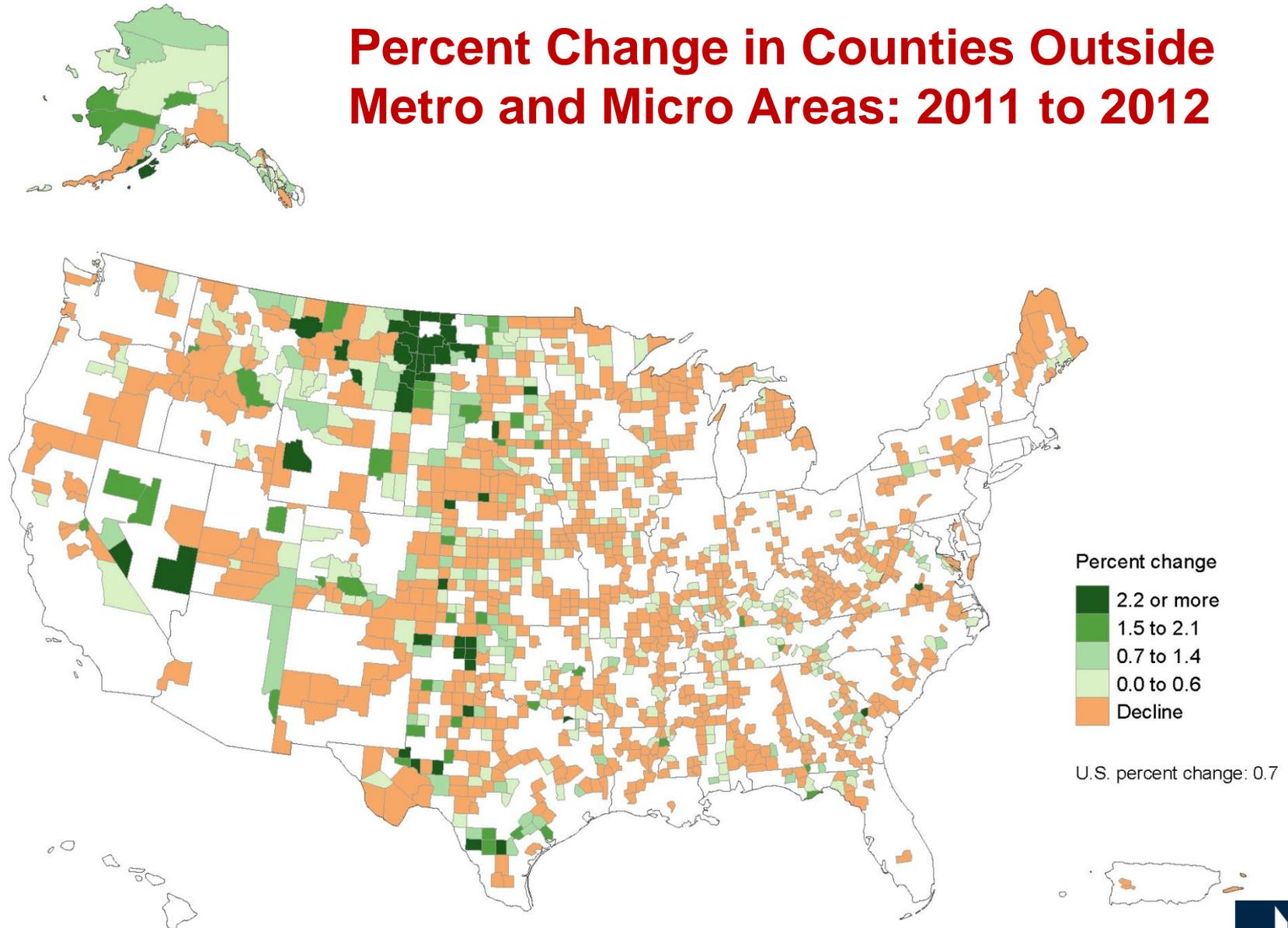
# Metro and Micro Areas

- **381 Metro Areas**
  - 85% of population, 28% of land area
  - Grew by 0.9% last year
  - 48 of the 100 fastest-growing counties
- **536 Micro Areas**
  - 9% of population, 19% of land area
  - Stable population last year
  - 20 of the 100 fastest-growing counties
- **Rest of U.S.**
  - 6% of population, 53% of land area
  - Population fell by 0.5%

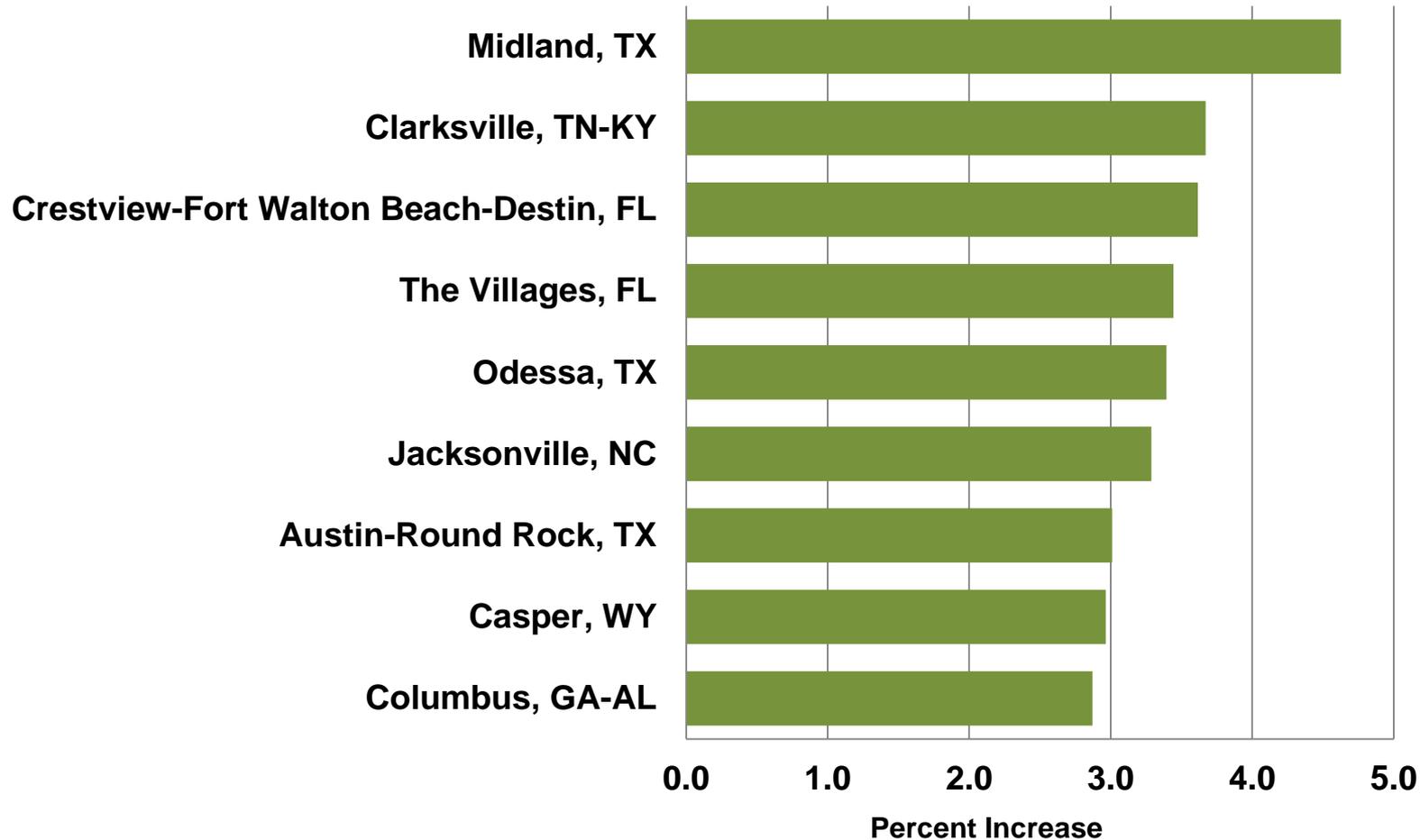
# Percent Change in Metro and Micro Area Population: 2011 to 2012



# Percent Change in Counties Outside Metro and Micro Areas: 2011 to 2012

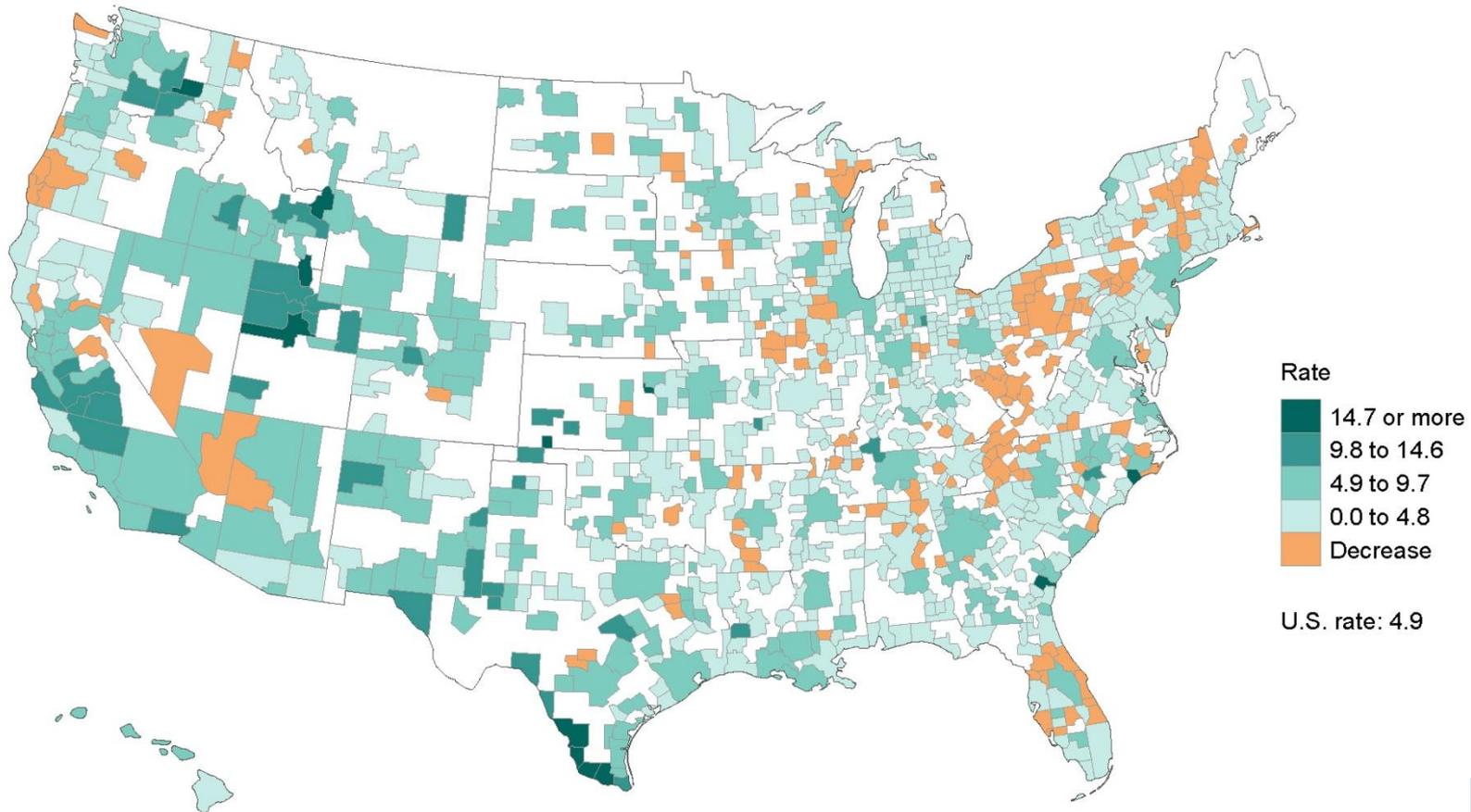


# The 10 Fastest Growing Metro Areas: 2011 to 2012

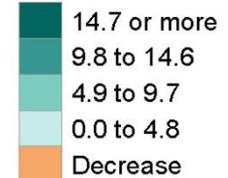


# Natural Increase (Births minus Deaths) for Metro and Micro Areas: 2011 to 2012

(Annual rate expressed per 1,000 population)



Rate



U.S. rate: 4.9

# Net Migration for Metro and Micro Areas: 2011 to 2012



(Annual rate expressed per 1,000 population)

