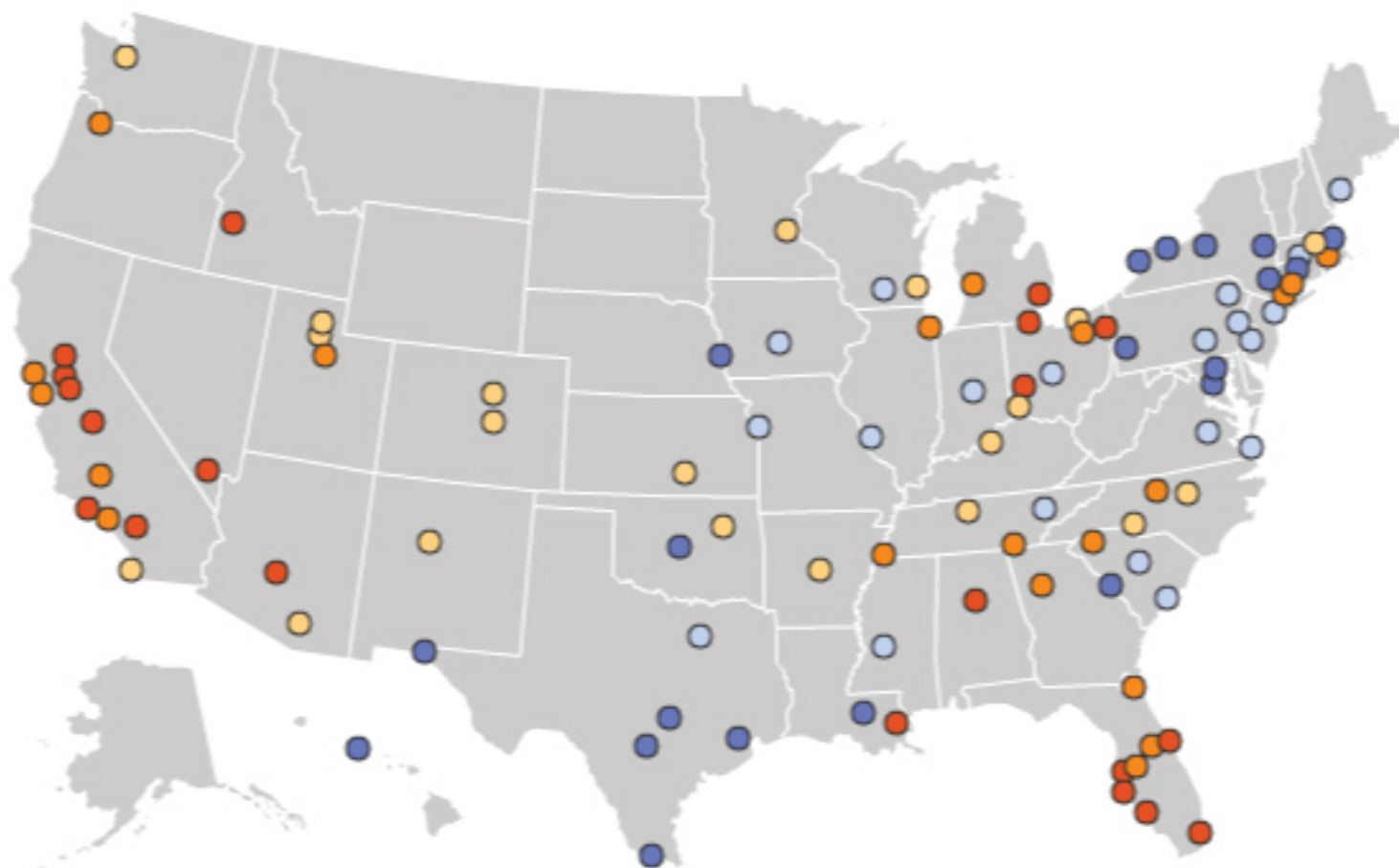


Employment Change in the Largest 100 Metros

Percent change in employment, from employment peak to the third quarter of 2010



Percent change in employment for 100 largest metropolitan areas: -6.2%

Percent change in employment for the United States: -5.6%

- Strongest 20 metros (-3.7 to -0.2 percent)
- Second-strongest 20 metros (-5.6 to -3.8 percent)
- Middle 20 metros (-7.7 to -5.7 percent)
- Second-weakest 20 metros (-9.2 to -7.7 percent)
- Weakest 20 metros (-17.2 to -9.7 percent)

Top three metro areas

1. McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX
2. Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV
3. Austin-Round Rock, TX

Bottom three metro areas

98. New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA
99. Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL
100. Detroit-Warren-Livonia, MI

Source: Moody's Economy.com