In Cape Coral-Fort Myers, real GDP dropped to $17.3 billion last year, down from $18.3 billion in 2007. Output from construction was down 3.24 percent. Increases were seen in only a few sectors: information, government, and education and health services.

In 2008, San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, Calif., had the highest per capita real GDP by metro area at $82,880. It was almost twice the national average. The ranking reflects its high concentration of businesses in the information and data processing sectors.

The per-capita rankings are based on total population, divided by the total value of economic output.

Palm Coast, Fla., had the lowest per-capita output of any metro at $11,611, more than 70 percent below the national average.

In the southeastern U.S., real GDP slowed in 65 of 108 metro areas. The steepest decline was seen in