

Slumps in world commodity prices has put a damper on some states.

The wealthier states, measured by per capita income, are in the northeast, Illinois, Colorado, Nevada and California. Agriculture-based economies in the mid-west and south-east generate the least wealth (Fig.3). The recent worldwide slump in commodity prices has hit the American mid-west hard. Growth of regional centres has stagnated. In addition, the oil price slump has atrophied much of Texas, particularly Dallas.

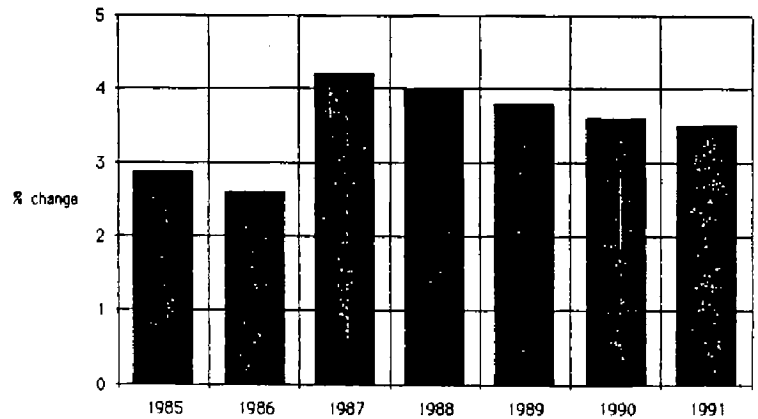


Figure 2: Per Cent Change in Real GNP
Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, International Trade Administration

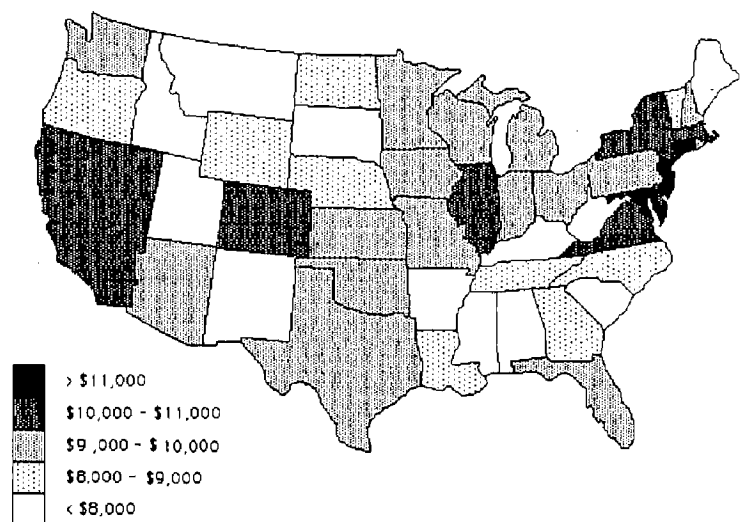


Figure 3: Per Capita Income by State 1984
Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census