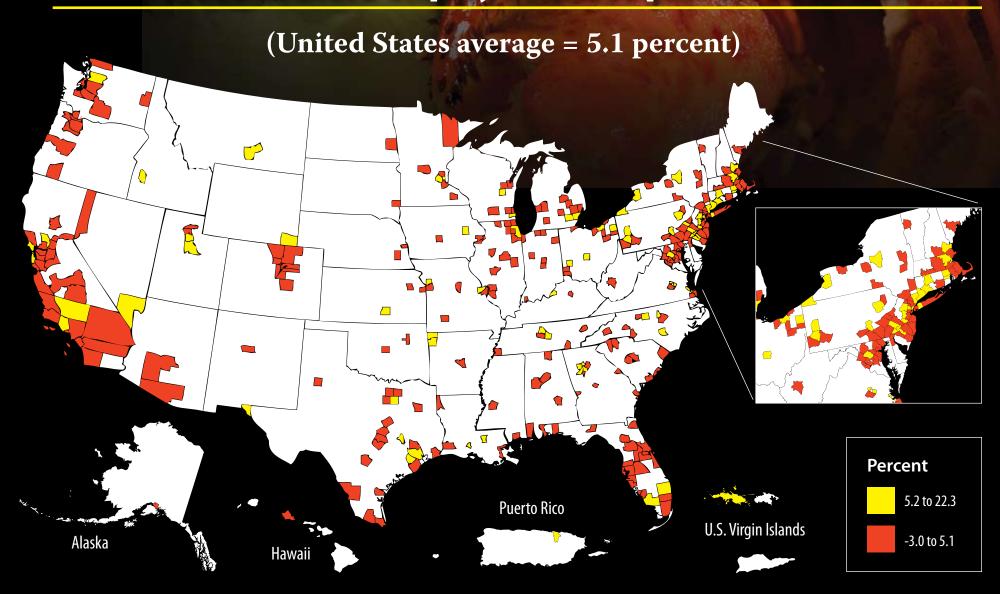
Growth in average weekly wages above the national average tended to be concentrated in the Northeast.



Over-the-year changes in wages equal to or less than the national average were distributed throughout the country.

CHART 5

Percent change in average weekly wage in counties with 75,000 or more employees, first quarter 2006-2007



NOTE: The following counties had fewer than 75,000 employees in 2006, but are included because they are the largest county in their State or territory: Laramie, Wyo., Yellowstone, Mont., and St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.