

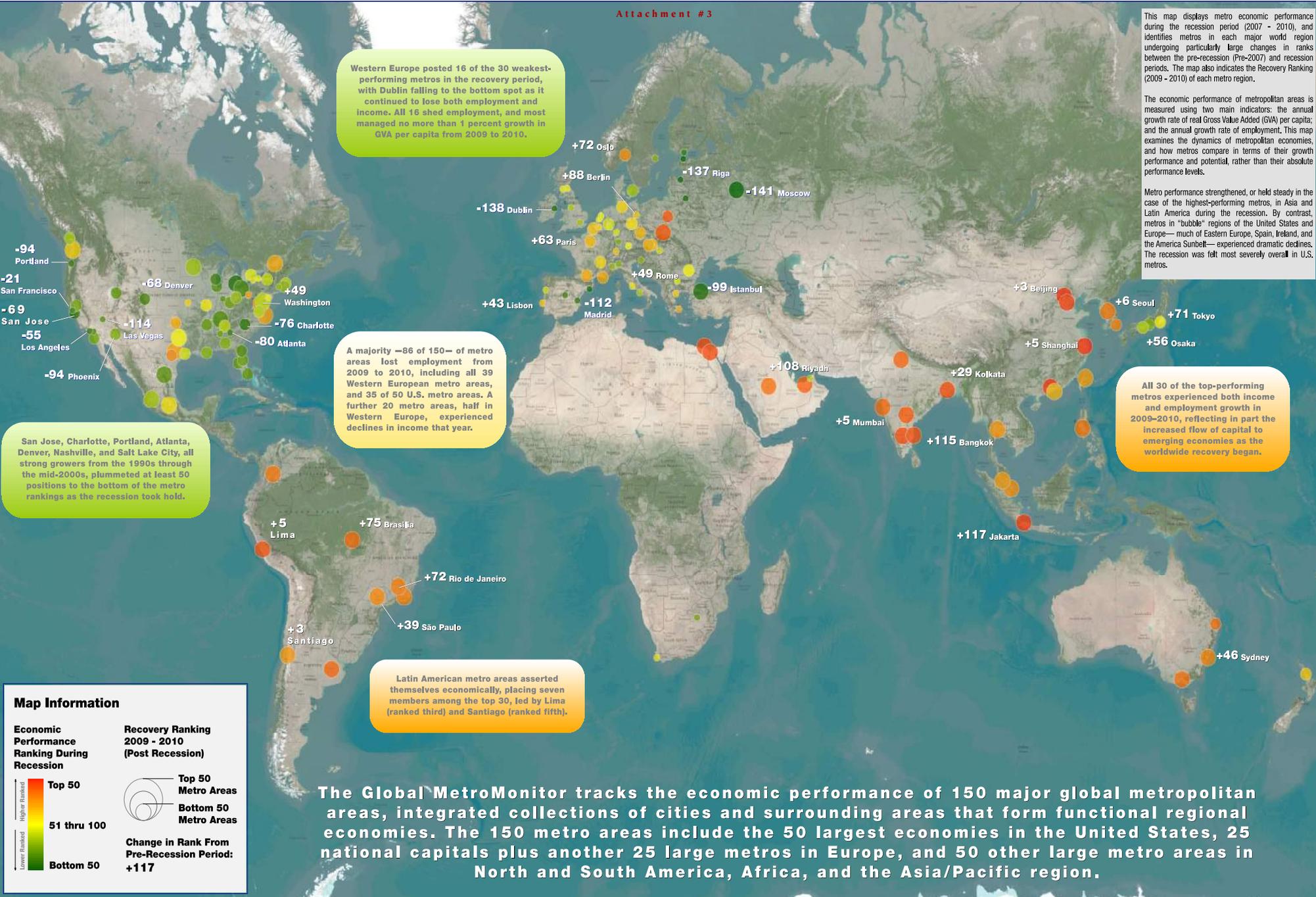
Metro Economic Performance During The Great Recession and Change in Ranking (Pre-Recession to Recovery)

Research and Demographic Unit

Map of the Month: December 2010

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Attachment #3



This map displays metro economic performance during the recession period (2007 - 2010), and identifies metros in each major world region undergoing particularly large changes in ranks between the pre-recession (Pre-2007) and recession periods. The map also indicates the Recovery Ranking (2009 - 2010) of each metro region.

The economic performance of metropolitan areas is measured using two main indicators: the annual growth rate of real Gross Value Added (GVA) per capita; and the annual growth rate of employment. This map examines the dynamics of metropolitan economies, and how metros compare in terms of their growth performance and potential, rather than their absolute performance levels.

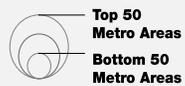
Metro performance strengthened, or held steady in the case of the highest-performing metros, in Asia and Latin America during the recession. By contrast, metros in "bubble" regions of the United States and Europe—much of Eastern Europe, Spain, Ireland, and the America Sunbelt—experienced dramatic declines. The recession was felt most severely overall in U.S. metros.

Map Information

Economic Performance Ranking During Recession



Recovery Ranking 2009 - 2010 (Post Recession)



Change in Rank From Pre-Recession Period: +117

The Global MetroMonitor tracks the economic performance of 150 major global metropolitan areas, integrated collections of cities and surrounding areas that form functional regional economies. The 150 metro areas include the 50 largest economies in the United States, 25 national capitals plus another 25 large metros in Europe, and 50 other large metro areas in North and South America, Africa, and the Asia/Pacific region.