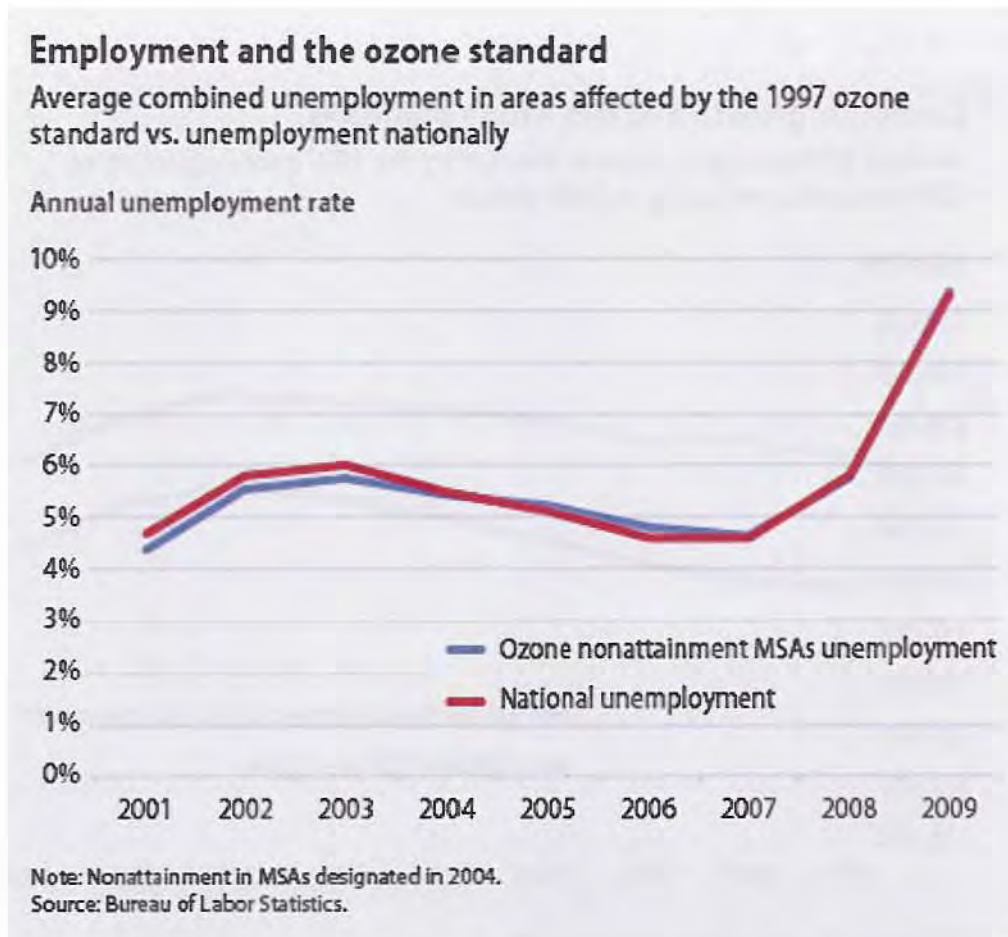




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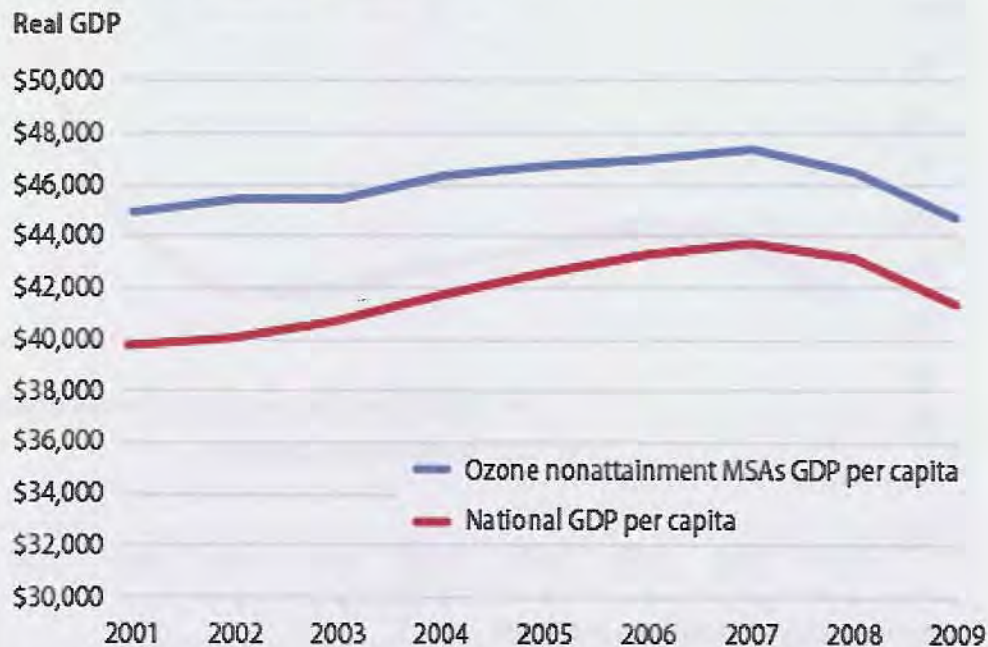
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### Economic growth and the ozone standard

Average GDP per capita in areas affected by the 1997 ozone standard vs. GDP per capita nationally, in 2005 dollars



Note: Nonattainment in MSAs designated in 2004.  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, University of Chicago, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

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