BEARFACTS 1988 – 1998
Benton , Arkansas [05007]

Benton is one of 75 counties in Arkansas. It is part of the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR-MO (MSA). Its 1998 population of 142,496 ranked 3rd in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 1998 Benton had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of $23,095. This PCPI ranked 3rd in the state and was 113 percent of the state average, $20,489, and 86 percent of the national average, $26,883. The 1998 PCPI reflected an increase of 6.0 percent from 1997. The 1997-1998 state change was 4.6 percent and the national change was 6.1 percent. In 1988 the PCPI of Benton was $15,282 and ranked 3rd in the state. The 1988-1998 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.7 percent and for the nation was 4.5 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 1998 Benton had a total personal income (TPI) of $3,290,984*. This TPI ranked 2nd in the state and accounted for 6.1 percent of the state total. In 1988 the TPI of Benton was $1,422,696* and ranked 4th in the state. The 1998 TPI reflected an increase of 9.6 percent from 1997. The 1997-1998 state change was 5.6 percent and the national change was 7.4 percent. The 1988-1998 average annual growth rate of TPI was 8.7 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.9 percent and for the nation was 5.8 percent.

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Benton. In 1998 net earnings accounted for 64.4 percent of TPI (compared with 60.9 in 1988); dividends, interest, and rent were 22.6 percent (compared with 25.9 in 1988); and personal current transfer receipts were 13.0 percent (compared with 13.2 in 1988). From 1997 to 1998 net earnings increased 12.3 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 5.0 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 5.3 percent. From 1988 to 1998 net earnings increased on average 9.4 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 7.3 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 8.6 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Benton increased from $2,221,450* in 1997 to $2,474,425* in 1998, an increase of 11.4 percent. The 1997-1998 state change was 5.5 percent and the national change was 7.8 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1988 estimate of $1,034,348* to the 1998 estimate was 9.1 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.7 percent and for the nation was 5.5 percent.

**Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.*

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