



BEARFACTS 1988 – 1998

Lafayette , Arkansas [05073]

Lafayette is one of 75 counties in Arkansas. It is not part of a Metropolitan Area. Its 1998 population of 8,778 ranked 71st in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 1998 Lafayette had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$16,535. This PCPI ranked 62nd in the state and was 81 percent of the state average, \$20,489, and 62 percent of the national average, \$26,883. The 1998 PCPI reflected an increase of 4.6 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 Lafayette was \$10,067 and ranked 65th in the state. The 1988-1998 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 5.1 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 Lafayette had a total personal income (TPI) of \$145,147*. This TPI ranked 72nd in the state and accounted for 0.3 percent of the state total. In 1988 the TPI of Lafayette was \$98,670* and ranked 67th in the state. The 1998 TPI reflected an increase of 3.1 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 3.9 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 Lafayette. In 1998 net earnings accounted for 58.9 percent of TPI (compared with 63.0 in 1988); dividends, interest, and rent were 15.4 percent (compared with 16.7 in 1988); and personal current transfer receipts were 25.7 percent (compared with 20.3 in 1988). From 1997 to 1998 net earnings increased 0.1 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 12.0 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 5.4 percent. From 1988 to 1998 net earnings increased on average 3.2 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 3.1 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 6.4 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Lafayette decreased from \$78,400* in 1997 to \$77,873* in 1998, a decrease of 0.7 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 \$55,338* to the 1998 estimate was 3.5 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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