



BEARFACTS 1988 – 1998

Dawson , Georgia [13085]

Dawson is one of 159 counties in Georgia. It is part of the [Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, GA \(MSA\)](#). Its 1998 population of 14,301 ranked 103rd in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 1998 Dawson had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$23,999. This PCPI ranked 18th in the state and was 95 percent of the state average, \$25,279, and 89 percent of the national average, \$26,883. The 1998 PCPI reflected an increase of 4.5 percent from 1997. The 1997-1998 state change was 6.2 percent and the national change was 6.1 percent. In 1988 the PCPI of Dawson was \$13,934 and ranked 29th in the state. The 1988-1998 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 5.6 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.9 percent and for the nation was 4.5 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 1998 Dawson had a total personal income (TPI) of \$343,216*. This TPI ranked 88th in the state and accounted for 0.2 percent of the state total. In 1988 the TPI of Dawson was \$120,163* and ranked 112th in the state. The 1998 TPI reflected an increase of 11.0 percent from 1997. The 1997-1998 state change was 8.7 percent and the national change was 7.4 percent. The 1988-1998 average annual growth rate of TPI was 11.1 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 7.2 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 Dawson. In 1998 net earnings accounted for 74.3 percent of TPI (compared with 75.8 in 1988); dividends, interest, and rent were 15.7 percent (compared with 13.9 in 1988); and personal current transfer receipts were 10.0 percent (compared with 10.3 in 1988). From 1997 to 1998 net earnings increased 10.7 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 14.3 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 8.2 percent. From 1988 to 1998 net earnings increased on average 10.8 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 12.4 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 10.8 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Dawson increased from \$99,563* in 1997 to \$122,382* in 1998, an increase of 22.9 percent. The 1997-1998 state change was 9.2 percent and the national change was 7.8 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1988 estimate of \$41,831* to the 1998 estimate was 11.3 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 6.9 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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