



BEARFACTS 1988 – 1998

Forsyth , Georgia [13117]

Forsyth is one of 159 counties in Georgia. It is part of the [Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, GA \(MSA\)](#). Its 1998 population of 84,787 ranked 21st in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 1998 Forsyth had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$32,310. This PCPI ranked 4th in the state and was 128 percent of the state average, \$25,279, and 120 percent of the national average, \$26,883. The 1998 PCPI reflected an increase of 3.5 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 Forsyth was \$17,992 and ranked 6th in the state. The 1988-1998 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 6.0 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 Forsyth had a total personal income (TPI) of \$2,739,505*. This TPI ranked 13th in the state and accounted for 1.4 percent of the state total. In 1988 the TPI of Forsyth was \$721,300* and ranked 27th in the state. The 1998 TPI reflected an increase of 16.8 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 14.3 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 Forsyth. In 1998 net earnings accounted for 76.9 percent of TPI (compared with 79.7 in 1988); dividends, interest, and rent were 18.0 percent (compared with 14.0 in 1988); and personal current transfer receipts were 5.1 percent (compared with 6.3 in 1988). From 1997 to 1998 net earnings increased 16.3 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 21.6 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 9.0 percent. From 1988 to 1998 net earnings increased on average 13.9 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 17.2 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 11.8 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Forsyth increased from \$971,473* in 1997 to \$1,128,400* in 1998, an increase of 16.2 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 \$306,705* to the 1998 estimate was 13.9 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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