BEARFACTS 1988 – 1998
Murray , Georgia [13213]

Murray is one of 159 counties in Georgia. It is part of the Dalton, GA (MSA). Its 1998 population of 34,041 ranked 50th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 1998 Murray had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of $18,048. This PCPI ranked 110th in the state and was 71 percent of the state average, $25,279, and 67 percent of the national average, $26,883. The 1998 PCPI reflected an increase of 3.8 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 Murray was $11,955 and ranked 85th 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 4.9 percent and for the nation was 4.5 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 1998 Murray had a total personal income (TPI) of $614,381*. This TPI ranked 54th in the state and accounted for 0.3 percent of the state total. In 1988 the TPI of Murray was $294,975* and ranked 55th in the state. The 1998 TPI reflected an increase of 7.1 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 7.6 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 Murray. In 1998 net earnings accounted for 75.8 percent of TPI (compared with 78.4 in 1988); dividends, interest, and rent were 10.7 percent (compared with 12.3 in 1988); and personal current transfer receipts were 13.5 percent (compared with 9.3 in 1988). From 1997 to 1998 net earnings increased 7.4 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 9.3 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 4.2 percent. From 1988 to 1998 net earnings increased on average 7.3 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 6.1 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 11.7 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Murray increased from $351,749* in 1997 to $402,493* in 1998, an increase of 14.4 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 $210,231* to the 1998 estimate was 6.7 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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