



## **BEARFACTS 1988 – 1998**

### **Lafourche , Louisiana [22057]**

Lafourche is one of 64 counties in Louisiana. It is part of the [Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux, LA \(MSA\)](#). Its 1998 population of 89,454 ranked 13th in the state.

#### **PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME**

In 1998 Lafourche had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$20,713. This PCPI ranked 14th in the state and was 95 percent of the state average, \$21,772, and 77 percent of the national average, \$26,883. The 1998 PCPI reflected an increase of 7.0 percent from 1997. The 1997-1998 state change was 5.3 percent and the national change was 6.1 percent. In 1988 the PCPI of Lafourche was \$11,235 and ranked 25th in the state. The 1988-1998 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 6.3 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.3 percent and for the nation was 4.5 percent.

#### **TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME**

In 1998 Lafourche had a total personal income (TPI) of \$1,852,823\*. This TPI ranked 12th in the state and accounted for 1.9 percent of the state total. In 1988 the TPI of Lafourche was \$972,409\* and ranked 12th in the state. The 1998 TPI reflected an increase of 8.0 percent from 1997. The 1997-1998 state change was 5.7 percent and the national change was 7.4 percent. The 1988-1998 average annual growth rate of TPI was 6.7 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.6 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 Lafourche. In 1998 net earnings accounted for 65.8 percent of TPI (compared with 66.2 in 1988); dividends, interest, and rent were 17.9 percent (compared with 19.4 in 1988); and personal current transfer receipts were 16.3 percent (compared with 14.3 in 1988). From 1997 to 1998 net earnings increased 9.1 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 9.2 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 2.4 percent. From 1988 to 1998 net earnings increased on average 6.6 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 5.8 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 8.0 percent.

#### **EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK**

Earnings of persons employed in Lafourche increased from \$961,066\* in 1997 to \$1,083,433\* in 1998, an increase of 12.7 percent. The 1997-1998 state change was 6.2 percent and the national change was 7.8 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1988 estimate of \$526,787\* to the 1998 estimate was 7.5 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.3 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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