



## **BEARFACTS 1988 – 1998**

### **St. Mary , Louisiana [22101]**

St. Mary is one of 64 counties in Louisiana. It is part of the Morgan City, LA Micropolitan SA. Its 1998 population of 54,914 ranked 20th in the state.

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

In 1998 St. Mary had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$21,017. This PCPI ranked 12th in the state and was 97 percent of the state average, \$21,772, and 78 percent of the national average, \$26,883. The 1998 PCPI reflected an increase of 7.8 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 St. Mary was \$10,904 and ranked 29th in the state. The 1988-1998 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 6.8 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 St. Mary had a total personal income (TPI) of \$1,154,115\*. This TPI ranked 19th in the state and accounted for 1.2 percent of the state total. In 1988 the TPI of St. Mary was \$639,910\* and ranked 20th in the state. The 1998 TPI reflected an increase of 7.8 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 6.1 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 St. Mary. In 1998 net earnings accounted for 64.9 percent of TPI (compared with 63.4 in 1988); dividends, interest, and rent were 17.1 percent (compared with 20.2 in 1988); and personal current transfer receipts were 18.0 percent (compared with 16.4 in 1988). From 1997 to 1998 net earnings increased 9.8 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 7.9 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 1.0 percent. From 1988 to 1998 net earnings increased on average 6.3 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 4.3 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 7.1 percent.

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

Earnings of persons employed in St. Mary increased from \$1,079,442\* in 1997 to \$1,186,096\* in 1998, an increase of 9.9 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 \$665,005\* to the 1998 estimate was 6.0 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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