



## **BEARFACTS 1988 – 1998**

### **Flathead , Montana [30029]**

Flathead is one of 56 counties in Montana. It is part of the Kalispell, MT Micropolitan SA. Its 1998 population of 72,541 ranked 4th in the state.

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

In 1998 Flathead had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$22,678. This PCPI ranked 5th in the state and was 107 percent of the state average, \$21,130, and 84 percent of the national average, \$26,883. The 1998 PCPI reflected an increase of 11.6 percent from 1997. The 1997-1998 state change was 6.3 percent and the national change was 6.1 percent. In 1988 the PCPI of Flathead was \$13,795 and ranked 7th in the state. The 1988-1998 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 5.1 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.7 percent and for the nation was 4.5 percent.

#### **TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME**

In 1998 Flathead had a total personal income (TPI) of \$1,645,051\*. This TPI ranked 4th in the state and accounted for 8.7 percent of the state total. In 1988 the TPI of Flathead was \$794,678\* and ranked 4th in the state. The 1998 TPI reflected an increase of 12.0 percent from 1997. The 1997-1998 state change was 6.6 percent and the national change was 7.4 percent. The 1988-1998 average annual growth rate of TPI was 7.5 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.9 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 Flathead. In 1998 net earnings accounted for 60.5 percent of TPI (compared with 62.2 in 1988); dividends, interest, and rent were 24.8 percent (compared with 22.6 in 1988); and personal current transfer receipts were 14.6 percent (compared with 15.2 in 1988). From 1997 to 1998 net earnings increased 15.3 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 9.2 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 8.6 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 7.2 percent.

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

Earnings of persons employed in Flathead increased from \$997,784\* in 1997 to \$1,142,176\* in 1998, an increase of 14.5 percent. The 1997-1998 state change was 6.5 percent and the national change was 7.8 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1988 estimate of \$570,794\* to the 1998 estimate was 7.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.8 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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