



BEARFACTS 1989 – 1999

San Luis Obispo , California [06079]

San Luis Obispo is one of 58 counties in California. It is part of the [San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles, CA \(MSA\)](#). Its 1999 population of 243,480 ranked 24th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 1999 San Luis Obispo had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$25,675. This PCPI ranked 21st in the state and was 86 percent of the state average, \$29,828, and 92 percent of the national average, \$27,939. The 1999 PCPI reflected an increase of 3.9 percent from 1998. The 1998-1999 state change was 5.1 percent and the national change was 3.9 percent. In 1989 the PCPI of San Luis Obispo was \$17,126 and ranked 27th in the state. The 1989-1999 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.1 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 3.8 percent and for the nation was 4.2 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 1999 San Luis Obispo had a total personal income (TPI) of \$6,251,436*. This TPI ranked 25th in the state and accounted for 0.6 percent of the state total. In 1989 the TPI of San Luis Obispo was \$3,653,296* and ranked 24th in the state. The 1999 TPI reflected an increase of 5.4 percent from 1998. The 1998-1999 state change was 6.8 percent and the national change was 5.1 percent. The 1989-1999 average annual growth rate of TPI was 5.5 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.2 percent and for the nation was 5.5 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 San Luis Obispo. In 1999 net earnings accounted for 60.2 percent of TPI (compared with 58.9 in 1989); dividends, interest, and rent were 26.6 percent (compared with 28.8 in 1989); and personal current transfer receipts were 13.2 percent (compared with 12.2 in 1989). From 1998 to 1999 net earnings increased 6.6 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 3.4 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 4.3 percent. From 1989 to 1999 net earnings increased on average 5.7 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 4.7 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 6.3 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in San Luis Obispo increased from \$3,710,716* in 1998 to \$3,949,945* in 1999, an increase of 6.4 percent. The 1998-1999 state change was 8.7 percent and the national change was 6.8 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1989 estimate of \$2,281,564* to the 1999 estimate was 5.6 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.2 percent and for the nation was 5.6 percent.

**Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.*

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