



## **BEARFACTS 1989 – 1999**

### **Athens-Clarke County (MSA) [12020]**

Athens-Clarke County is one of 363 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in the nation. Its 1999 population of 163,456 ranked 225th in the nation.

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

In 1999 Athens-Clarke County had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$21,936. This PCPI ranked 289th in the United States and was 79 percent of the national average, \$27,939. The 1999 PCPI reflected an increase of 2.5 percent from 1998. The 1998-1999 national change was 3.9 percent. In 1989 the PCPI of Athens-Clarke County was \$14,859 and ranked 277th in the United States. The 1989-1999 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.0 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 4.2 percent.

#### **TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME**

In 1999 Athens-Clarke County had a total personal income (TPI) of \$3,585,497\*. This TPI ranked 237th in the United States. In 1989 the TPI of Athens-Clarke County was \$1,989,552\* and ranked 251st in the United States. The 1999 TPI reflected an increase of 4.5 percent from 1998. The 1998-1999 national change was 5.1 percent. The 1989-1999 average annual growth rate of TPI was 6.1 percent. The average annual growth rate 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 Athens-Clarke County. In 1999 net earnings accounted for 68.6 percent of TPI (compared with 70.3 in 1989); dividends, interest, and rent were 19.6 percent (compared with 19.1 in 1989); and personal current transfer receipts were 11.9 percent (compared with 10.6 in 1989). From 1998 to 1999 net earnings increased 5.5 percent; dividends, interest, and rent decreased 0.1 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 6.5 percent. From 1989 to 1999 net earnings increased on average 5.8 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 6.3 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 7.3 percent.

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

Earnings of persons employed in Athens-Clarke County increased from \$2,643,170\* in 1998 to \$2,792,714\* in 1999, an increase of 5.7 percent. The 1998-1999 national change was 6.8 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1989 estimate of \$1,603,476\* to the 1999 estimate was 5.7 percent. The average annual growth rate 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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