



BEARFACTS 1989 – 1999

Sierra , New Mexico [35051]

Sierra is one of 33 counties in New Mexico. It is not part of a Metropolitan Area. Its 1999 population of 13,105 ranked 25th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 1999 Sierra had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$16,351. This PCPI ranked 23rd in the state and was 78 percent of the state average, \$21,042, and 59 percent of the national average, \$27,939. The 1999 PCPI reflected a decrease of 3.1 percent from 1998. The 1998-1999 state change was 1.9 percent and the national change was 3.9 percent. In 1989 the PCPI of Sierra was \$12,585 and ranked 15th in the state. The 1989-1999 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 2.7 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.1 percent and for the nation was 4.2 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 1999 Sierra had a total personal income (TPI) of \$214,283*. This TPI ranked 25th in the state and accounted for 0.6 percent of the state total. In 1989 the TPI of Sierra was \$121,850* and ranked 25th in the state. The 1999 TPI reflected a decrease of 1.0 percent from 1998. The 1998-1999 state change was 2.7 percent and the national change was 5.1 percent. The 1989-1999 average annual growth rate of TPI was 5.8 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 6.0 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 Sierra. In 1999 net earnings accounted for 40.5 percent of TPI (compared with 35.2 in 1989); dividends, interest, and rent were 26.0 percent (compared with 34.9 in 1989); and personal current transfer receipts were 33.5 percent (compared with 29.9 in 1989). From 1998 to 1999 net earnings decreased 0.2 percent; dividends, interest, and rent decreased 3.1 percent; and personal current transfer receipts decreased 0.2 percent. From 1989 to 1999 net earnings increased on average 7.3 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 2.7 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 7.0 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Sierra decreased from \$92,508* in 1998 to \$91,214* in 1999, a decrease of 1.4 percent. The 1998-1999 state change was 3.6 percent and the national change was 6.8 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1989 estimate of \$48,479* to the 1999 estimate was 6.5 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.8 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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