



BEARFACTS 1989 – 1999

Washington-Arlington-Alexandria (MSA) [47900]

Washington-Arlington-Alexandria is one of 363 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in the nation. Its 1999 population of 4,723,005 ranked 7th in the nation.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 1999 Washington-Arlington-Alexandria had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$37,777. This PCPI ranked 5th in the United States and was 135 percent of the national average, \$27,939. The 1999 PCPI reflected an increase of 5.4 percent from 1998. The 1998-1999 national change was 3.9 percent. In 1989 the PCPI of Washington-Arlington-Alexandria was \$25,656 and ranked 4th in the United States. The 1989-1999 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 3.9 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 4.2 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 1999 Washington-Arlington-Alexandria had a total personal income (TPI) of \$178,422,955*. This TPI ranked 5th in the United States. In 1989 the TPI of Washington-Arlington-Alexandria was \$104,888,650* and ranked 5th in the United States. The 1999 TPI reflected an increase of 7.4 percent from 1998. The 1998-1999 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 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 Washington-Arlington-Alexandria. In 1999 net earnings accounted for 75.9 percent of TPI (compared with 75.7 in 1989); dividends, interest, and rent were 17.6 percent (compared with 18.8 in 1989); and personal current transfer receipts were 6.6 percent (compared with 5.6 in 1989). From 1998 to 1999 net earnings increased 8.9 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 2.2 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 5.2 percent. From 1989 to 1999 net earnings increased on average 5.5 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 4.8 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 7.2 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Washington-Arlington-Alexandria increased from \$145,986,440* in 1998 to \$158,976,092* in 1999, an increase of 8.9 percent. The 1998-1999 national change was 6.8 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1989 estimate of \$92,639,356* to the 1999 estimate was 5.5 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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