



## **BEARFACTS 1990 – 2000**

### **Whatcom , Washington [53073]**

Whatcom is one of 39 counties in Washington. It is part of the [Bellingham, WA \(MSA\)](#). Its 2000 population of 167,726 ranked 9th in the state.

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

In 2000 Whatcom had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$24,227. This PCPI ranked 17th in the state and was 76 percent of the state average, \$31,780, and 81 percent of the national average, \$29,847. The 2000 PCPI reflected an increase of 4.1 percent from 1999. The 1999-2000 state change was 5.8 percent and the national change was 6.8 percent. In 1990 the PCPI of Whatcom was \$17,259 and ranked 17th in the state. The 1990-2000 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 3.4 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.8 percent and for the nation was 4.4 percent.

#### **TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME**

In 2000 Whatcom had a total personal income (TPI) of \$4,063,452\*. This TPI ranked 9th in the state and accounted for 2.2 percent of the state total. In 1990 the TPI of Whatcom was \$2,228,363\* and ranked 9th in the state. The 2000 TPI reflected an increase of 6.1 percent from 1999. The 1999-2000 state change was 7.0 percent and the national change was 8.0 percent. The 1990-2000 average annual growth rate of TPI was 6.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 6.8 percent and for the nation was 5.6 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 Whatcom. In 2000 net earnings accounted for 61.8 percent of TPI (compared with 66.1 in 1990); dividends, interest, and rent were 22.9 percent (compared with 21.1 in 1990); and personal current transfer receipts were 15.3 percent (compared with 12.8 in 1990). From 1999 to 2000 net earnings increased 3.6 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 11.8 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 8.5 percent. From 1990 to 2000 net earnings increased on average 5.5 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 7.1 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 8.1 percent.

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

Earnings of persons employed in Whatcom increased from \$2,651,335\* in 1999 to \$2,734,934\* in 2000, an increase of 3.2 percent. The 1999-2000 state change was 6.4 percent and the national change was 8.0 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1990 estimate of \$1,667,796\* to the 2000 estimate was 5.1 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 6.9 percent and for the nation was 5.8 percent.

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

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