



## **BEARFACTS 1991 – 2001**

### **Mercer , Illinois [17131]**

Mercer is one of 102 counties in Illinois. It is part of the [Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL \(MSA\)](#). Its 2001 population of 16,904 ranked 67th in the state.

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

In 2001 Mercer had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$25,098. This PCPI ranked 44th in the state and was 77 percent of the state average, \$32,553, and 82 percent of the national average, \$30,582. The 2001 PCPI reflected an increase of 2.3 percent from 2000. The 2000-2001 state change was 1.1 percent and the national change was 2.5 percent. In 1991 the PCPI of Mercer was \$16,205 and ranked 43rd in the state. The 1991-2001 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.5 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.4 percent and for the nation was 4.4 percent.

#### **TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME**

In 2001 Mercer had a total personal income (TPI) of \$424,256\*. This TPI ranked 63rd in the state and accounted for 0.1 percent of the state total. In 1991 the TPI of Mercer was \$279,035\* and ranked 63rd in the state. The 2001 TPI reflected an increase of 1.9 percent from 2000. The 2000-2001 state change was 1.7 percent and the national change was 3.5 percent. The 1991-2001 average annual growth rate of TPI was 4.3 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.2 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 Mercer. In 2001 net earnings accounted for 63.5 percent of TPI (compared with 65.3 in 1991); dividends, interest, and rent were 20.7 percent (compared with 19.7 in 1991); and personal current transfer receipts were 15.8 percent (compared with 14.9 in 1991). From 2000 to 2001 net earnings decreased 0.6 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 7.6 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 5.6 percent. From 1991 to 2001 net earnings increased on average 4.0 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 4.8 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 4.9 percent.

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

Earnings of persons employed in Mercer decreased from \$122,957\* in 2000 to \$117,104\* in 2001, a decrease of 4.8 percent. The 2000-2001 state change was 1.6 percent and the national change was 3.1 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1991 estimate of \$84,174\* to the 2001 estimate was 3.4 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.3 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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