



BEARFACTS 1992 – 2002

Boulder (MSA) [14500]

Boulder is one of 363 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in the nation. Its 2002 population of 279,832 ranked 157th in the nation.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2002 Boulder had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$40,292. This PCPI ranked 9th in the United States and was 131 percent of the national average, \$30,838. The 2002 PCPI reflected an increase of 0.2 percent from 2001. The 2001-2002 national change was 0.8 percent. In 1992 the PCPI of Boulder was \$24,162 and ranked 23rd in the United States. The 1992-2002 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 5.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 4.0 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2002 Boulder had a total personal income (TPI) of \$11,274,957*. This TPI ranked 119th in the United States. In 1992 the TPI of Boulder was \$5,809,217* and ranked 134th in the United States. The 2002 TPI reflected a decrease of 6.7 percent from 2001. The 2001-2002 national change was 1.8 percent. The 1992-2002 average annual growth rate of TPI was 6.9 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 5.2 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 Boulder. In 2002 net earnings accounted for 72.9 percent of TPI (compared with 72.8 in 1992); dividends, interest, and rent were 21.0 percent (compared with 20.5 in 1992); and personal current transfer receipts were 6.1 percent (compared with 6.7 in 1992). From 2001 to 2002 net earnings decreased 6.8 percent; dividends, interest, and rent decreased 9.5 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 5.3 percent. From 1992 to 2002 net earnings increased on average 6.9 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 7.1 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 5.9 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Boulder decreased from \$11,156,883* in 2001 to \$9,698,982* in 2002, a decrease of 13.1 percent. The 2001-2002 national change was 2.1 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1992 estimate of \$4,568,933* to the 2002 estimate was 7.8 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 5.4 percent.

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

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