BEARFACTS 1992 – 2002
Houston , Minnesota [27055]

Houston is one of 87 counties in Minnesota. It is part of the La Crosse, WI-MN (MSA). Its 2002 population of 19,836 ranked 48th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2002 Houston had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of $26,732. This PCPI ranked 28th in the state and was 80 percent of the state average, $33,283, and 87 percent of the national average, $30,838. The 2002 PCPI reflected a decrease of 0.4 percent from 2001. The 2001-2002 state change was 2.0 percent and the national change was 0.8 percent. In 1992 the PCPI of Houston was $17,620 and ranked 29th in the state. The 1992-2002 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.3 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.5 percent and for the nation was 4.0 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2002 Houston had a total personal income (TPI) of $530,251*. This TPI ranked 45th in the state and accounted for 0.3 percent of the state total. In 1992 the TPI of Houston was $332,325* and ranked 45th in the state. The 2002 TPI reflected a decrease of 0.7 percent from 2001. The 2001-2002 state change was 2.7 percent and the national change was 1.8 percent. The 1992-2002 average annual growth rate of TPI was 4.8 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.6 percent and 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 Houston. In 2002 net earnings accounted for 65.7 percent of TPI (compared with 67.2 in 1992); dividends, interest, and rent were 18.4 percent (compared with 18.1 in 1992); and personal current transfer receipts were 15.9 percent (compared with 14.8 in 1992). From 2001 to 2002 net earnings increased 3.4 percent; dividends, interest, and rent decreased 17.7 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 7.3 percent. From 1992 to 2002 net earnings increased on average 4.5 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 5.0 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 5.6 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Houston increased from $173,137* in 2001 to $181,435* in 2002, an increase of 4.8 percent. The 2001-2002 state change was 3.2 percent and the national change was 2.1 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1992 estimate of $129,644* to the 2002 estimate was 3.4 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.8 percent and 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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