



BEARFACTS 1992 – 2002

Lea , New Mexico [35025]

Lea is one of 33 counties in New Mexico. It is part of the Hobbs, NM Micropolitan SA. Its 2002 population of 55,375 ranked 10th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2002 Lea had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$21,705. This PCPI ranked 9th in the state and was 89 percent of the state average, \$24,330, and 70 percent of the national average, \$30,838. The 2002 PCPI reflected a decrease of 3.5 percent from 2001. The 2001-2002 state change was 0.8 percent and the national change was 0.8 percent. In 1992 the PCPI of Lea was \$14,519 and ranked 15th in the state. The 1992-2002 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.1 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.1 percent and for the nation was 4.0 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2002 Lea had a total personal income (TPI) of \$1,201,896*. This TPI ranked 9th in the state and accounted for 2.7 percent of the state total. In 1992 the TPI of Lea was \$819,027* and ranked 7th in the state. The 2002 TPI reflected a decrease of 2.5 percent from 2001. The 2001-2002 state change was 1.9 percent and the national change was 1.8 percent. The 1992-2002 average annual growth rate of TPI was 3.9 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.7 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 Lea. In 2002 net earnings accounted for 66.4 percent of TPI (compared with 67.6 in 1992); dividends, interest, and rent were 11.7 percent (compared with 15.2 in 1992); and personal current transfer receipts were 21.8 percent (compared with 17.2 in 1992). From 2001 to 2002 net earnings decreased 3.1 percent; dividends, interest, and rent decreased 15.5 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 8.6 percent. From 1992 to 2002 net earnings increased on average 3.7 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 1.3 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 6.4 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Lea decreased from \$930,406* in 2001 to \$899,105* in 2002, a decrease of 3.4 percent. The 2001-2002 state change was 3.7 percent and the national change was 2.1 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1992 estimate of \$617,830* to the 2002 estimate was 3.8 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.6 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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