BEARFACTS 1992 – 2002
Valdosta (MSA) [46660]

Valdosta is one of 363 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in the nation. Its 2002 population of 121,373 ranked 291st in the nation.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2002 Valdosta had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of $22,392. This PCPI ranked 335th in the United States and was 73 percent of the national average, $30,821. The 2002 PCPI reflected an increase of 2.6 percent from 2001. The 2001-2002 national change was 0.8 percent. In 1992 the PCPI of Valdosta was $15,293 and ranked 342nd in the United States. The 1992-2002 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 3.9 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 4.0 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2002 Valdosta had a total personal income (TPI) of $2,717,821*. This TPI ranked 312th in the United States. In 1992 the TPI of Valdosta was $1,573,961* and ranked 331st in the United States. The 2002 TPI reflected an increase of 4.1 percent from 2001. The 2001-2002 national change was 1.8 percent. The 1992-2002 average annual growth rate of TPI was 5.6 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 Valdosta. In 2002 net earnings accounted for 64.7 percent of TPI (compared with 65.6 in 1992); dividends, interest, and rent were 15.4 percent (compared with 16.5 in 1992); and personal current transfer receipts were 19.9 percent (compared with 17.9 in 1992). From 2001 to 2002 net earnings increased 5.6 percent; dividends, interest, and rent decreased 11.8 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 14.5 percent. From 1992 to 2002 net earnings increased on average 5.5 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 4.9 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 6.7 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Valdosta increased from $1,879,257* in 2001 to $1,995,510* in 2002, an increase of 6.2 percent. The 2001-2002 national change was 2.1 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1992 estimate of $1,162,132* to the 2002 estimate was 5.6 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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