



BEARFACTS 1992 – 2002

Cowlitz , Washington [53015]

Cowlitz is one of 39 counties in Washington. It is part of the [Longview, WA \(MSA\)](#). Its 2002 population of 94,270 ranked 12th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2002 Cowlitz had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$24,658. This PCPI ranked 18th in the state and was 76 percent of the state average, \$32,606, and 80 percent of the national average, \$30,838. The 2002 PCPI reflected a decrease of 1.4 percent from 2001. The 2001-2002 state change was 0.9 percent and the national change was 0.8 percent. In 1992 the PCPI of Cowlitz was \$18,076 and ranked 19th in the state. The 1992-2002 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 3.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.2 percent and for the nation was 4.0 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2002 Cowlitz had a total personal income (TPI) of \$2,324,508*. This TPI ranked 12th in the state and accounted for 1.2 percent of the state total. In 1992 the TPI of Cowlitz was \$1,542,207* and ranked 12th in the state. The 2002 TPI reflected a decrease of 0.7 percent from 2001. The 2001-2002 state change was 2.0 percent and the national change was 1.8 percent. The 1992-2002 average annual growth rate of TPI was 4.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.8 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 Cowlitz. In 2002 net earnings accounted for 62.0 percent of TPI (compared with 64.6 in 1992); dividends, interest, and rent were 15.6 percent (compared with 17.0 in 1992); and personal current transfer receipts were 22.5 percent (compared with 18.4 in 1992). From 2001 to 2002 net earnings decreased 0.4 percent; dividends, interest, and rent decreased 9.7 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 5.9 percent. From 1992 to 2002 net earnings increased on average 3.8 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 3.3 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 6.3 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Cowlitz decreased from \$1,716,975* in 2001 to \$1,698,967* in 2002, a decrease of 1.0 percent. The 2001-2002 state change was 2.0 percent and the national change was 2.1 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1992 estimate of \$1,207,608* to the 2002 estimate was 3.5 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.7 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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