BEARFACTS 1994 – 2004
Essex , Massachusetts [25009]

Essex is one of 14 counties in Massachusetts. It is part of the Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA-NH (MSA). Its 2004 population of 731,560 ranked 3rd in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2004 Essex had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of $40,627. This PCPI ranked 7th in the state and was 98 percent of the state average, $41,444, and 123 percent of the national average, $33,123. The 2004 PCPI reflected an increase of 4.0 percent from 2003. The 2003-2004 state change was 5.1 percent and the national change was 5.1 percent. In 1994 the PCPI of Essex was $26,162 and ranked 7th in the state. The 1994-2004 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.5 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.7 percent and for the nation was 4.1 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2004 Essex had a total personal income (TPI) of $29,721,383*. This TPI ranked 4th in the state and accounted for 11.1 percent of the state total. In 1994 the TPI of Essex was $17,864,394* and ranked 4th in the state. The 2004 TPI reflected an increase of 3.7 percent from 2003. The 2003-2004 state change was 5.0 percent and the national change was 6.1 percent. The 1994-2004 average annual growth rate of TPI was 5.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.2 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 Essex. In 2004 net earnings accounted for 70.8 percent of TPI (compared with 68.2 in 1994); dividends, interest, and rent were 15.1 percent (compared with 17.6 in 1994); and personal current transfer receipts were 14.1 percent (compared with 14.2 in 1994). From 2003 to 2004 net earnings increased 5.4 percent; dividends, interest, and rent decreased 2.6 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 2.7 percent. From 1994 to 2004 net earnings increased on average 5.6 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 3.7 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 5.1 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Essex increased from $17,196,104* in 2003 to $17,807,420* in 2004, an increase of 3.6 percent. The 2003-2004 state change was 6.4 percent and the national change was 6.5 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1994 estimate of $10,893,104* to the 2004 estimate was 5.0 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.6 percent and for the nation was 5.5 percent.

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

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