BEARFACTS 1994 – 2004
Fort Bend , Texas [48157]

Fort Bend is one of 254 counties in Texas. It is part of the Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX (MSA). Its 2004 population of 438,744 ranked 10th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2004 Fort Bend had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of $34,832. This PCPI ranked 13th in the state and was 113 percent of the state average, $30,948, and 105 percent of the national average, $33,123. The 2004 PCPI reflected an increase of 4.3 percent from 2003. The 2003-2004 state change was 5.3 percent and the national change was 5.1 percent. In 1994 the PCPI of Fort Bend was $23,049 and ranked 17th in the state. The 1994-2004 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.4 percent and for the nation was 4.1 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2004 Fort Bend had a total personal income (TPI) of $15,282,359*. This TPI ranked 9th in the state and accounted for 2.2 percent of the state total. In 1994 the TPI of Fort Bend was $6,350,212* and ranked 9th in the state. The 2004 TPI reflected an increase of 9.7 percent from 2003. The 2003-2004 state change was 7.0 percent and the national change was 6.1 percent. The 1994-2004 average annual growth rate of TPI was 9.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 6.4 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 Fort Bend. In 2004 net earnings accounted for 82.4 percent of TPI (compared with 81.9 in 1994); dividends, interest, and rent were 11.5 percent (compared with 12.5 in 1994); and personal current transfer receipts were 6.1 percent (compared with 5.6 in 1994). From 2003 to 2004 net earnings increased 9.9 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 10.9 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 5.3 percent. From 1994 to 2004 net earnings increased on average 9.3 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 8.3 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 10.1 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Fort Bend increased from $5,912,893* in 2003 to $6,508,334* in 2004, an increase of 10.1 percent. The 2003-2004 state change was 7.9 percent and the national change was 6.5 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1994 estimate of $2,486,279* to the 2004 estimate was 10.1 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 6.8 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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