BEARFACTS 1994 – 2004
Pleasants , West Virginia [54073]

Pleasants is one of 55 counties in West Virginia. It is part of the Parkersburg-Marietta-Vienna, WV-OH (MSA). Its 2004 population of 7,367 ranked 50th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2004 Pleasants had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of $26,648. This PCPI ranked 10th in the state and was 105 percent of the state average, $25,316, and 80 percent of the national average, $33,123. The 2004 PCPI reflected an increase of 8.7 percent from 2003. The 2003-2004 state change was 4.1 percent and the national change was 5.1 percent. In 1994 the PCPI of Pleasants was $17,227 and ranked 13th 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 3.9 percent and for the nation was 4.1 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2004 Pleasants had a total personal income (TPI) of $196,317*. This TPI ranked 46th in the state and accounted for 0.4 percent of the state total. In 1994 the TPI of Pleasants was $129,344* and ranked 48th in the state. The 2004 TPI reflected an increase of 8.3 percent from 2003. The 2003-2004 state change was 4.2 percent and the national change was 6.1 percent. The 1994-2004 average annual growth rate of TPI was 4.3 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 3.9 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 Pleasants. In 2004 net earnings accounted for 62.7 percent of TPI (compared with 59.3 in 1994); dividends, interest, and rent were 8.8 percent (compared with 13.6 in 1994); and personal current transfer receipts were 28.4 percent (compared with 27.1 in 1994). From 2003 to 2004 net earnings increased 13.0 percent; dividends, interest, and rent decreased 1.7 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 2.1 percent. From 1994 to 2004 net earnings increased on average 4.9 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent decreased on average 0.1 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 4.7 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Pleasants increased from $152,325* in 2003 to $185,928* in 2004, an increase of 22.1 percent. The 2003-2004 state change was 6.8 percent and the national change was 6.5 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1994 estimate of $111,887* to the 2004 estimate was 5.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 3.8 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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